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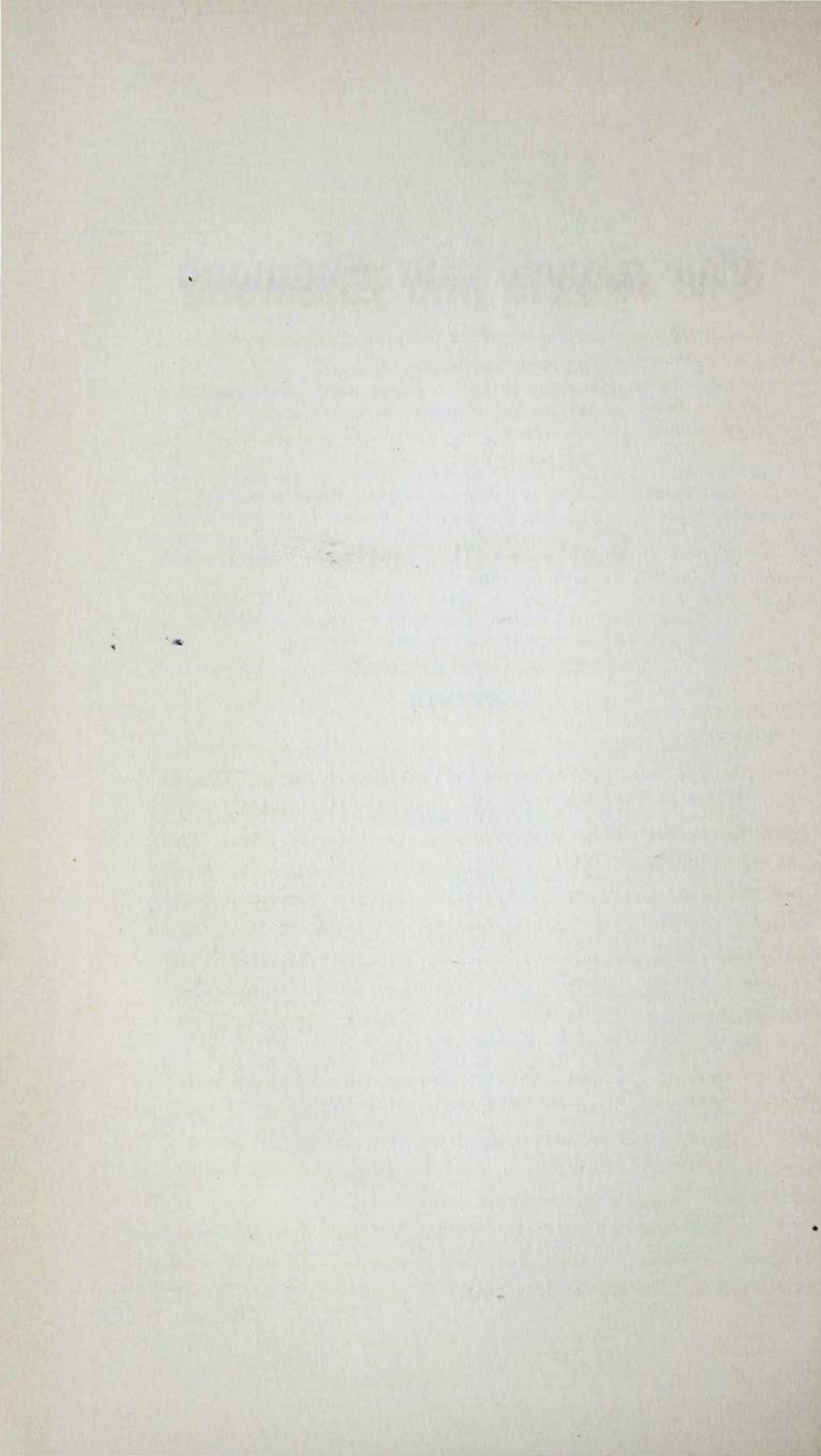
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Come to New Orleans

To the Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha:

The Π 's of New Orleans wish to take this opportunity to extend a hearty and cordial invitation to all Π 's to visit New Orleans during the coming convention. We hope that every Π will *consider it his duty to come*, and we will endeavor to make that duty a pleasure. *We want you*, and *not your excuse* for not coming. Every chapter should use their utmost endeavors to send *at least two delegates*, and those chapters that are near New Orleans *should come in a body*. We want to make this convention the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, and we can not do this without your assistance.

Our quaint old city, with its historic buildings, its old French Quarter, and its many other attractions, is well worth seeing. It attracts alike by the charm of beauty, and the glamor of romance, and its fame for the beauty of its fair daughters needs no herald.

In order that we may the better arrange for this convention I want to ask that the chapters will each and every one let me know how many delegates they are likely

to send, and that every Alumnus II will let me know if he can come. *A prompt response* to this request will greatly facilitate our work, and I earnestly request that all the readers of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND will comply with it at their earliest convenience.

We hope to meet you all at the convention.

ORLOFF HENRY,

S. C. Alumnus Eta Chapter.

1217 Peniston Street, New Orleans.



The Relation of the Chapter to the Convention

HOW many of the present active members of Pi Kappa Alpha have ever attended one of their conventions and really know what they are like and what they mean to their fraternity? Have you ever stopped to consider this, and, if so, did you realize that probably only one out of every ten of our members have ever been to one?

Of course, it will be impossible for *all* of the members to be at New Orleans in April, but did all of those who have never attended realize the benefits and pleasures accruing upon such an attendance, this percentage would be greatly increased. The opportunity alone of meeting and knowing the delegates from other chapters, and of taking part in the deliberations pertaining to the welfare of our fraternity as a whole would more than repay any one for the time and expense he was put to. But these are merely two among the many advantages to be gained. You at once gain a knowledge of what the fraternity is doing and a realization of the fact that the work and scope of the fraternity is not bounded by the walls of the chapter room of the chapter of which you may be a member. The sooner the members of Pi Kappa Alpha come to realize this fact, the better off will they be as individual members and as chapters, and the better able will the fraternity

at large be to carry on its great work, for without an intimate knowledge of what the other chapters are doing and without co-operation among the chapters, there can be no perfect organization,—and the secret of the success of any body of men, fraternal or otherwise, is perfect *organization*. What would become of the armies and navies of the great nations of the world without this quality? The first lesson to be learned by a successful soldier is that of surrender—not the surrender of his principles and his flag, but of his petty personal ideas and ambitions which do not accord with the general plan for the welfare of the service. None the less is it true that the chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha as units in our fraternal organization must learn that the welfare of the fraternity at large is of more consequence than the gratification of individual desires which may be of assistance to one chapter while detrimental to the general well being—*pro bono publico* is the spirit which should actuate each chapter in a discussion of the instructions to be given to its delegate.

Along the line of instructions to delegates, it can truthfully be said that *most* of the delegates who come to the convention of Pi Kappa Alpha, come absolutely unprepared to make any suggestions or to express their chapter's views and sentiments on salient points. This is a deplorable fact and should be corrected, and it will, to a large extent, be corrected if the various chapters will begin *now* a discussion and consideration of the important questions likely to arise, and to give their delegates instructions accordingly. One of the most vital questions likely to be discussed is how to secure a chapter house for each chapter. Can you not evolve some plan of action which is superior to the present plan and likely to secure quicker results? Many of our best chapters are now in the position that they must have a chapter house within the next few years if they expect to live. Your chapter may be put

into the same predicament before many years. Does it not then behoove us all to work together to devise some plan to meet the situation? There are many other questions likely to come up which will readily suggest themselves to you and which affect not only your own chapter, but other chapters as well. You may have some suggestion to put before the convention. If so, discuss it in chapter meeting, and have your delegate instructed accordingly. By looking after such things now you will greatly expedite matters in the convention and besides benefiting the fraternity you will lessen the burden which is put upon the officers in arranging and carrying on the business. Whatever instructions you may give your delegate along various lines, let the matter be *thoroughly discussed*, pro and con, before doing so. Some matters may well be left to the discretion of the delegate *after a thorough discussion* if there is any decided sentiment against the instructions given, by a majority of the chapters. Sometimes circumstances at the convention arise which put an entirely different light on a subject and it is well for a delegate to be free to use his judgment on the most important questions. In any event, let the chapters begin *at once* a thorough discussion so that we may have an improvement in the situation.

New Orleans has been chosen as the place for the convention and from all reports the brothers in the two chapters there, together with the alumni chapter, are preparing to give the visiting delegates a reception they will long remember. Nothing besides this information should be necessary to cause our members to make any sacrifice to enable them to attend. However, to those who have never visited New Orleans, the opportunity to see and "take in" the most interesting of all our American cities is offered. There will be seen the old French Market with quaint French women selling coffee and doughnuts, the San Louis Hotel with its famous banquet hall, the San Louis Cathedral between two old civic buildings, significant, it is said,

of Religion supported on either hand by Law and Justice. There, in the French Quarter, will be found those old French and Spanish houses with courtyards and curious iron-work railings to the balconies, each having some tradition. There also will be seen Audubon Park with its famous and historic dueling oaks, and the Mississippi River and the levees, of which we have all read so much, and hundreds of other interesting sights. And last, but not least, in New Orleans will be found the choicest of foods, for the people there know how to live and live well. What more interesting place could have been chosen for our convention, and who, with all this, in addition to the convention itself, is going to let such an opportunity pass if they can possibly arrange to get there. Make many sacrifices if necessary to get there, but get there somehow; not only for your own sake, but for that of Pi Kappa Alpha for she needs you.

W. R. McMURRAN,
Alumnus of Pi.



Cultivate a Big Heart

IN the December issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, a brother from Tau favored us with an excellent article relative to our proper position to the non-fraternity man. His ideas are clear and his heart is in the right place.

It seems that when the average person first hears about fraternities that hated synonym "clannishness" is towed alongside. In this way the majority of people go into their argument prejudiced, refusing to be enlightened. So it depends upon us to show them that every time it does not necessarily follow that it is "us four and no more." Wherever a frat has won that name by its exaggerated exclusiveness, I say it deserves condemnation, and is certainly detrimental to the growth of the institution in which it may exist.

Now, this is our most vital spot and it is here that we get our hottest criticisms. A few may say that we should hold aloof from the rest of the crowd, but that is, of course, the worst policy in the world. For, not only do we fail to make friends outside of our own circle, but we are also in sad ignorance when we want new men. The effect is obvious to all as it has been proved by every "clan" of self-centered egotists. At the start we lose all the prestige which we may have accumulated, and in the long run we earn the hatred of those outside the ring. When such a state of affairs exists in a chapter its members could not recognize a man of steel should he meet him in broad daylight. On the other hand, where is the man who would join a fraternity when no member of it has shown him any kindness or attention.

Among the "goats" in every college there are men of fine metal, yet these same men are not the kind to work for a frat in a direct way. If we but win the love and respect of these fellows they will do more good to the individual chapter than one may imagine. The recommendation of an admired and respected "Impossible" is worth more than the written certificate of an initiate. So let us throw off our several narrow ways and cultivate a heart big enough to enfold all men as brothers—for the glory of Π K A.

T. W. LEWIS, Alpha Iota.



The Past Conventions, and THE Convention

THE time is fast approaching when we will be gathering from our respective Southern homes and colleges to assemble in the second biennial convention at the place heretofore agreed upon, New Orleans. It will certainly be a pleasure to visit that place and especially so to those who have never been there.

I must arrange affairs to be present, if it can possibly

be done, for I know from my experience in attending many conventions of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, what a pleasure is in store for me and for all who will come. I first attended a convention here, in my own home town, Knoxville, in June, 1899. That was the twelfth. I have been to every convention since then, that is to say those at Spartanburg, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Nashville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and the last one at Richmond, Va.—eight in succession. The last one, as we all know, was the nineteenth in order, and the first biennial convention. Without exception, I have enjoyed these meetings. The only thing about the last one is that it is always better than the ones before it. It follows, therefore, that the next will be the best up to this date.

As to the reception that awaits us there, none of us can speak, except we know from the indications that "big doins" must be coming—for they are going on, down that way. Those alumni brothers have organized an alumnus chapter in the Crescent City, apparently for the very purpose of excelling all other alumni chapters' efforts in convention entertaining. And Eta—well, if she may be judged by the representatives she has sent to those conventions of the past—be prepared for the best time you ever had.

Those other officers of the convention who will be there—Sale, Mr. Sale, our benedict Pi! Don't you hope he will honor us with Her presence? That would be a pleasure, indeed.

And Governor Hughes! You haven't met him, have you? Write to him at Union, S. C. about that carriage drive to the Governor's mansion in Richmond.

And the old war horse, the man who has held office since—well, for twenty years! And the same one—Grand Treasurer, "Colonel" Robert Adger Smythe, G. T. Perhaps, if you have never met him, you may have heard from him by correspondence. You know when the con-

vention elects its other officers it is made an express condition precedent that they shall not correspond with the chapters; it is understood that Smythe will do all that could be done and should be done. He has done enough in the last twenty years to pave the way from Knoxville to New Orleans with letter paper—overland route. How much the fraternity owes to him, no one can tell; but some of us know, and our beloved fraternity stands a monument to his painstaking labor. His has been a hard position, and a difficult one to fill; yet he has filled it better than any one could have done, and with marked ability and as little impatience as any member of the fraternity would have shown. Could I take time to speak of the beloved brothers, Floyd and Robert M. Hughes, and C. W. Underwood, who has, since his election as Grand Secretary, won the hearts of the Supreme Council; and Arbuckle and all those who have been leaders in Pi Kappa Alpha I would cheerfully do so. They are men with hearts full of love for the fraternity, and that means love for their brothers. May they all meet with us when the time comes!

I sit here and think of the faces I have seen in these different years: what a noble crowd of men!—I would love to meet every one of them again in New Orleans.

A Pi Kappa Alpha convention is a busy convention. We only meet every two years, and we meet to do things! We do not waste time; every moment is filled with much to do, be it pleasure or work. Yet it is all pleasure.

But now is the time for every chapter to begin to arrange to have its delegates on hand. Not a chapter on the roll absent in Richmond! If we do better this time, there must be at least two men from each chapter—I mean, now, from the standpoint of attendance. We can do this, will we do it? Not an officer absent in Richmond; will they all be there this year? Let us come if we force things aside to do so. If I come, something, probably many

things will have to wait, but I am going to come if not absolutely impossible.

That's as strong as I can safely put it.

I want every brother in the fraternity to commence right now to look around him to some of those accredited institutions we have talked about in times past, and see if we can't extend our influence enough to be able to report something good to the convention; we haven't done our work yet—not all.

There has been a little lull in the midst of us—the calm before the breezes blow. I think 1909 ought to be the banner year in Π K A.

It will be twelve years next June since I left the college walls, and my love for Pi Kappa Alpha is undiminished. I thought of this last week, when one of my friends, a most estimable man, standing among Tennessee's foremost men, himself a fraternity man, said to me: "I never could see anything in a college fraternity." I felt like saying to him it was because he joined the wrong one; but, I only said I could not agree with him in that, and we changed the subject.

There are great numbers of great and good men in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and when they meet together in convention there is bound to be good in the meeting. There are many orders, secret societies, etc., and it may be some fraternities that amount to nothing. Ours is not the largest by any means, but I know there is good in it, and lots of it, and it will crop out in conventions. With me, it wells up in me every time I see a Π . Every time I meet "Sinner" White, (I mean Dr. W. H. Landon White), on the streets of our city I think of the time I initiated him into Alpha Chapter. But I know I am wasting time to argue along this line to a Π .

And, furthermore, Smythe doesn't want me to monopolize the next issue, so I stop here abruptly, hoping to meet you near the Mississippi delta—in the spring.

Fraternally,

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., Grand Princeps.

The Inactive Chapter Member

NOTHING can have a more demoralizing effect on a chapter than to have on its roll members who do not keep themselves informed as to the inside workings of the fraternity. In every successful business organization of magnitude, we find that the control rests in the hands of a comparatively small number of those interested and this is as it should be because business men do not have time to go into the minute details of every venture in which they are concerned, and it is best that some one man be given the responsibility which falls upon those who aspire to places of prominence. The stockholders in our large banking institutions are not supposed to know very much about the workings of the bank in which their capital is invested, and often even the directors are woefully ignorant as to what is best to be done for the advancement of their institution. This does not affect the popularity or stability of the bank, however, because the banking public understands that the president and cashier are the ones upon whom responsibility rests and to whom they will look to see that everything connected with the bank is carried on in modern, up-to-date business methods. The officers of the bank are paid for their services and if anything goes wrong they are held accountable under our banking laws. In the chapters of our fraternity, however, and in any other organization whose membership is small, it is essential that each member be well acquainted with every rule, regulation and law under which we work. We can not afford to elect our officers and leave to them the labor and control of our chapter, because, if we do, there will soon come a session when no one has returned who knows what to do or how to do it, and our chapter will be like a ship without motive power. When this condition comes about in a chapter, affairs will go from bad to worse, and in less than one session THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND will let us know

that a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has become extinct. This is something which we, as a fraternity, wish to avoid, but there is no chapter so strong as to be able to live if its members are ignorant in regard to the constitution, by-laws and local regulations by which their chapter is governed.

In nearly every chapter there are some who fail to live up to the obligations which they took when going through the initiatory ceremony. This should not be the case. Every Pi should study our constitution and secret ritual as earnestly and as conscientiously as he studies his lessons for class-room recitation. No man can be influential in a chapter unless he is thoroughly conversant on every question liable to come up in a discussion of the fraternity. We have men in our fraternity who know how much the dues are and at what time their chapter meets, but who are absolutely ignorant of everything else. There are men who don't know the names of more than one member of our supreme council, and know nothing at all about the duties or requirements of the council. The result of such ignorance as this is obvious. No man can feel interested in securing good men for his chapter unless he is in close touch with every movement of the chapter so as to feel a personal interest in it. Neither can a man feel under any obligation to meet the financial requirements of his chapter unless he understands just what the expenses of the chapter are and that they are necessary. If we allow our members, or if we allow *one of our members*, to become indifferent and uninterested in the fraternity he will unconsciously do more to prevent us from securing new members than will the combined efforts of a dozen members of another fraternity, no matter how hard they may work. Any sensible man who is being rushed by rival chapters is going to learn just as much as possible about the individual members of these chapters and naturally he will not be favor-

ably inclined toward the chapter in which he sees men who seem to take no interest in their fraternity save to wear the badge and attempt to pose in society as fraternity men. These men are a great injury to us even after they leave college for sometimes they may undertake to tell a prospective student something about his fraternity, and will nine times out of ten leave the impression that his fraternity is little more than a local club organized solely for social purposes.

Not all of these inactive active members are the society lads, however. We often find in this class of indifferents the fellow who attends the meetings as a matter of habit without caring anything at all about what is done and then returns to his room thinking no more about his fraternity until time for the next meeting. A man of this kind rarely does stunts in society, is never seen with a badge, and is of no service at all in rushing new men. It may be that he will win some college honor, which is effective in the eyes of the outside world, but the benefit derived from this is more than offset by the amount of hindrance which he unconsciously exerts against the efforts of those who desire to see their chapter placed on the highest plane of fraternity life.

If we wish to see our fraternity classed among the best college fraternities we must *put every shoulder to the wheel* and push together. We must *make our meetings so important and so interesting that no member can afford to miss them*, and we must *so arrange our fraternity work that every member will be eager to take an active part in it*.

There should be in our constitution an article which would compel every initiate to become thoroughly familiar with every clause and sentence in the constitution. When these indifferents in our fraternity can be induced to study our constitution and ritual they will become so enthused with the true fraternity spirit that they will be

of more value to us in one year than they have been during their entire college course. We must, by some means, *instill* into these figure-heads *the mysterious breath of life* which will convert them into *live fraternity men*. This can best be done by placing responsibilities on others save the ones who are elected as officers. In arranging committees our ruling officers should place those who are inclined to shirk where they will be forced to do the business which has been assigned to them. They must be made to feel that *unless they perform their duty well their fraternity will suffer direct injury*, and then perhaps they can be induced to work as they should. Our new men should be used as much as possible where special work is to be done so as to get them in close touch with the fraternity. *If a man goes through Freshman and Sophomore years before he is called upon to take any active part in the guidance and management of his chapter he will get so in the habit of letting others have control of affairs that in his Junior and Senior years he will be of no more real benefit to his fraternity than a wax figure.*

The process of elimination in fraternity circles is similar to that in business life. The business venture which falls into the hands of indifferent, unenthusiastic men is soon forced to take advantage of our bankrupt laws and the chapter of any fraternity, which is composed of men who are ignorant and uninterested in regard to the real and true meaning of their fraternity, will soon be forced to return its charter and call itself a chapter no longer.

TOM A. STENNIS, Alpha Iota.



Co-Operation

ONE of the greatest things to encourage the active members of a fraternity is the hearty co-operation of the alumni. The fraternity's work must be carried on by the active members, but the alumni must help by ad-

vice and interest. The active members could, by hard work, accomplish much, but how much more could they accomplish with the co-operation and supervision of the alumni?

Many alumni lose interest in their fraternity as soon as they leave college. They think that they are no longer members of the fraternity. But they are very much mistaken. The fraternity should feel able to call upon them at any time for their advice and should expect to find them ready and willing to render it, and, if necessary, to do some active work also.

Above all things an alumnus, as well as an active member, should wear some emblem of his fraternity, and should recognize the emblem when he sees it worn by another. By no means is it meant by this that the frat man should wear the emblem of his fraternity in a conspicuous place, as if he were advertising something.

One of the main opportunities of the alumnus for helping his fraternity is to look out for men who intend going to college, and to report on the advisability of initiating these men into his fraternity. He should, if he does not know the men well enough, find out about them and report to the chapters of his fraternity at these men's prospective colleges, either favorably or unfavorably, according to his judgment.

If a man recommend another to a chapter and he is not taken, the man should not be discouraged, but if he have the opportunity he should recommend another. This man might be biased in his opinion of a friend, and the chapter to whom he recommends this friend might form an entirely different opinion of him.

If anything is to be accomplished by a fraternity, the active members must take the initiative and as soon as the alumni see what is being done, they will willingly and cheerfully fall into line and give all of the assistance pos-

sible. May the active members and alumni, ever, as heretofore, unite in their efforts for the forward movement of Pi Kappa Alpha!

HENRY J. WHITFIELD, Chi.



The Convention and the Fraternity

THE second bi-ennial convention of the fraternity will be held in New Orleans some time during the coming spring. It should be expected that as long as the fraternity continues to grow and prosper each succeeding convention will be of increasing importance in numbers attending and in work accomplished. But some conventions will take greater prominence than others before or after them by reason of the problems they solve and the policies they adopt or reject. Whenever the fraternity passes from one stage to another in its development, the convention which accomplishes this passage will not soon be forgotten; whenever a convention modifies an old policy, or lays it aside to accept a new one, history is being made for us, and the future prepared for ruin or glory according to the wisdom or folly of the plans adopted or rejected.

Most of us feel that our fraternity is on the eve of great and important changes. The experiences of the past few years have shown the inability of the fraternity to grapple with some of the problems which growing colleges and universities have presented. And the increasing interest of the general public in fraternities, with the universal belief that they can and will be made to serve some really useful purpose in college life, and afterwards, have set all loyal fraternity men to thinking over ways and means of permanent advancement. So we may expect the delegates at the next convention to thrash out many new ideas, and to fight over some of the old questions which have been with the fraternity longer than many of its members.

In the first place, New Orleans is the most western point at which the fraternity ever assembled in convention. It is in one extreme corner of the fraternity's territory, and about as far from Virginia as we could get. As a result of this location, the next convention will be composed largely of Western members and alumni. There will be less representation of the old Virginia and Carolina membership, so long and so justly dominant in the affairs of the fraternity, and more of the newer element, men from the comparatively new chapters in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. The attendance of Western men will also be augmented by the knowledge of the fact that the convention is held in New Orleans largely out of compliment to them, and in pursuance of the fraternity's policy of entering all States west of the Mississippi River. And, also because this is the first real opportunity many of the new chapters have had to attend a convention in a body.

From the foregoing it readily appears that the coming convention will be one of the greatest importance, and that the mere location of the place in which it is held, may have great weight in determining the future action of the fraternity. Policies may, like morality and religion, be merely relative, and matters of place after all.

At any rate, every chapter should do its best to have a large delegation in New Orleans. The Eastern chapters will have here the best opportunity of meeting the Western men. They can ascertain how the fraternity stands in this part of the territory, and they can study at first hand, the opportunities for further advancement westward. No one doubts but that we will have a large membership west of the Mississippi within a few years, and it behooves the Eastern membership to accept this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the situation there, so that they may intelligently meet its problems in the future.

And after all, the one great opportunity of the fra-

ternity convention is that of getting acquainted with each other. No man is really a capable fraternity worker until he has attended at least one convention. It is beyond me to set forth fully the pleasure of a convention as a social event, but to attend is to find out, you come away with a fuller appreciation of the fraternity, you know more of it, your respect for it is increased, and your doubts as to its future are cleared away. Any ordinary sacrifice that you make to be present will be more than justified. And we must remember that this convention is to be at New Orleans, a city among cities, and that very able alumni there are planning the best entertainment that any convention ever received.

W. G. RIDDICK.



Echoes from the Loving Cup

Letters of Presentation and Acknowledgment

ATLANTA, GA., November 28, 1908.

MR. GRAHAM SALE,
WELCH, W. VA.

My Dear Sale: One of the most agreeable offices that it has ever been my good fortune to fill and one which has given me much sincere pleasure, has been that of the last few days, acting in behalf of your fellow members of the Supreme Council, the Chapters and many of the Alumni of Π K A in the purchasing of a gift to present you at your approaching wedding, as a token of the high esteem and love in which you are held by Π K A , as well as a testimonial of the good work that you have done for her.

In making the selection of the article, I have chosen the Loving Cup not only because of its own beauty, but as symbolic of the spirit in which the gift was made. I trust that whenever you gaze upon it, it will remind you of the high regard, personally and as an officer, in which every

member of the fraternity holds you, as well as bring to you a sense of the gratitude which they feel towards you for all that you have done in her behalf.

I know that this symbol of love from your brotherhood will also be in keeping with that which will prevail in the happy home which I know will be yours.

You have, my dear Sale, my most sincere congratulations and my heart-felt good wishes.

Most cordially yours in Π K A,

ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Grand Treasurer.



LYNCHBURG, VA., December 21, 1908.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,

ATLANTA, GA.

My Dear Smythe: Would that I had the ability and the vocabulary to even inadequately express to you, and through you to the other officers and members of our fraternity, the deep appreciation which Mrs. Sale and myself have as the recipients of the most beautiful Loving Cup presented to us at the time of our wedding. I can not do so. It is no use to try and I can only say, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and shall always feel grateful to the fraternity for it.

The wonderful beauty of the cup, the great intrinsic value and the rare taste with which such a thing was selected, for which I know we are also indebted to Mrs. Smythe, would of themselves make it among our most valuable and appreciated possessions, but when I think for what it stands and of the spirit with which it was given, as was so beautifully expressed in your letter to me, I am powerless to even partially tell you of my emotions and of our deep appreciation.

We shall always value it as one of our very dearest possessions and to me it will ever be a beautiful token of that

regard and great fraternal affection which each member of our dear old fraternity holds for every other, which affection is always so evident in Pi Kappa Alpha and which makes it the best society in the world.

It shall also serve to strengthen those strong ties of love which I have for the fraternity and for the members of it.

Again thanking you and the other members not only on my behalf but also for Mrs. Sale, whose appreciation, if possible, is as great as mine and with my kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Always fraternally yours,

GRAHAM SALE.



College Spirit

IT is often asked, not only by new college students, but by outsiders, what is college spirit? It is the union of the majority of the students to stand up for their college, and let unity be their chief aim.

A college without spirit to back it is no college. College spirit is the means through which a college is enlarged. It is the means of cheering the troubled, casting aside the blues, and many other such perplexing troubles a college man encounters.

Daily on the campus the college student comes in contact with his fellow students, and through their fraternity, classmates and other fraternities, select their favorite companions, advisors, and also sometimes enemies—still this is a rare occasion. These conditions exist in every college, male or female. But college spirit, when existing as it should, makes all the above conditions contain more life. Therefore it is our duty to develop this feeling.

The question that requires hard and much thinking is, how are we to develop this feeling among the student body, and how are we to plant it for it to remain?

To develop college spirit the first thing essential is unity.

To have unity we all have to be congenial. With this as our constant aim gradually the atmosphere required will succeed in reaching the bottom of each and every man's heart. College spirit is also developed by the victories on the gridiron, on the baseball diamond, on the track, and through all athletics. With college spirit back of these it will encourage our athletes on to victory, resulting in playing much harder in the future for their dear old school.

To plant this feeling of college spirit that it will remain, is to have plenty of it, and keep it a constant duty. As each year rolls around, and the graduating class goes out to fight its hard battle in the world, all alone, the members will look back to their dear old Alma Mater and dream of the good old times—the various championship games. How we used to yell the good old yells, and sing our songs. Yes, these feelings ought to remain in every one of our hearts until our very last day on earth, and with this feeling the college is helped wonderfully. What is better than when a game is played in some town where a graduate from the visiting team is located in some profession or occupation, whether he is young or gray, to see him rooting for his dear old Alma Mater? College men! that is the case where college spirit was planted with good seed and the benefits reaped.

Each and every college man should think of college spirit as a duty, not a present pleasure, and after he is out in the wide, wide world for himself, let it drop—no, fellows, let's all bear it with us to our graves.

LEWIS K. RILEY, JR.,
Alpha-Eta.



Are You Going?

BROTHERS, have you made your plans to attend the New Orleans Convention? It is going to be a great time and a great convention and you will be needed. Pi Kappa Alpha has become a power in the Greek world, and

it is our work to fortify our position and take another step forward. There are yet great duties to be performed, new plans to be discussed, new ideas to be worked out, and perhaps a few old ones to be laid aside. No one is going to do this work except members of the fraternity. None can do it but ourselves and every one should be there to do his part.

It has been but a short time since some of us became members of the brotherhood. Others came within the circle years ago. But we are all members of one family, scattered near and far and with few opportunities of meeting to revive the memories of the good old days. At New Orleans, we are going to tell those old jokes, sing the old songs and repeat the stories that never grow old. Let us gather, as many as can, around our own fireside, to talk of the past and plan for the future, and to further cement over a pipe or by a hand clasp the bond that has made true friends of true men.

Because of many obstacles of the past overcome, we have everything to be proud of. But the days that are coming are to be the best and it is our work to warn, to advise and to help. Many of our alumni are working now, shoulder to wheel, and using every opportunity to further strengthen our position. But more active enthusiastic men are needed, and a visit to this convention will bring to you a feeling of pleasure and pride that will linger long.

Alumni, let's all be there for the sake of the vows we have taken, for the sake of the friends that were but are gone, for the sake of the true ones we have yet, let us every one, professional or business man, lay aside for a little while the petty, every-day cares and each with a free heart and spirit, go to New Orleans prepared to give the best that is in him to Pi Kappa Alpha.

ROBERT R. TAYLOR,
Alumus of Alpha-Alpha.

A Few Suggestions

WHEN you were initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity did you ever stop to think just what it meant to you or what it would mean? So many fellows do not know what their fraternity stands for and seem not to care. If the strictest attention is given to the reading of the ritual I think you will find there something pretty near what a $\Pi K A$ ought to be, and every one should sufficiently familiarize himself with this ritual in order to get these lasting impressions.

We need more men in $\Pi K A$, and when I say *men* it is something that means so much. Let the initiates be careful that they shape their characters in the right direction, have a mind of your own and do not be afraid to say that something is right or wrong. While in college you will be pointed out by some or possibly many as an example. Be sure that you do not bring disgrace upon yourself in any way, and when you lower yourself you bring disgrace and shame upon every member of your fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha upholds nothing of the kind, but nevertheless a fraternity to a large extent is blamed by outsiders, especially by non-fraternity men. This is where anti-frat feeling commences and of course everything is overdrawn, and so fraternities get to be to many the worst things imaginable.

As a matter of fact none of us are perfect. We all have our ideals, and all we can do is to live as near those ideals as possible. Every one has a conscience and that must dictate to him what he must or must not do. So, very often if we will stop to think for a moment our actions would be far different.

I do not mean to say what any one should or should not do, but I think a few suggestions along this line is not amiss. So let us all remember for what noble principles Pi Kappa Alpha stands and the kind of a man it takes

to make a true II. See if you can not work to put your fraternity on a higher plane and to do nothing that will lower the standard.

JOHN WILHOIT,
Omega.



A Convention Suggestion

IT is only about two months now until our convention meets and it seems that this is the proper time to suggest legislation which might be considered by the fraternity when it meets in New Orleans. For this reason and the fact that my suggestion would, I believe, if acted upon, be of inestimable benefit, not to our fraternity alone, but to the fraternity world at large, that I bring up this question, which to our regret, has been called to our attention before.

It is a deplorable fact, but none the less true, that in many, if not all the pawn shops in the larger cities there may be found fraternity badges, sometimes a large number of them, ranging in value from a plain pin worth only a few dollars to a large and sometimes costly jeweled badge. It is not necessary to attempt to learn how they got there, but it is decidedly to our interest, and I mean every fraternity man in the country, to see that they are removed from the supply of unredeemed pledges. When a non-frat man sees a fraternity badge in a pawn shop, he does not take the time to learn, if he doesn't know, what fraternity it is an emblem of, for he would not remember if he did learn, but he immediately forms opinions in regard to fraternities and fraternity men which would not be to our advantage.

Many plans have been suggested, if I am not mistaken, to remedy this condition, but is it not time for our fraternity to take some action along this line?

The best plan, it seems, is the one already in vogue among several fraternities, whereby every member of the

fraternity, when he sees one of his badges in a pawn shop, is expected to purchase it, and if he can not use it himself, has only to forward it to the fraternity offices and the purchase-price is returned to him immediately. I don't know what the result of this plan has been with those fraternities who have tried it, but is it not reasonable to believe that if every fraternity should adopt some such plan, the number of badges on display in these undesirable places would be reduced to a minimum and kept there?

The only way this unfortunate condition may be altered is for every man to do what is expected of him, and to do it promptly, whenever he finds a *Shield and Diamond* in such a place. There will, no doubt, be those who will object to any such plan or movement on our part, and say that it is impossible to achieve the end. Of course if all the frat men were of that opinion it could not be done, for those knockers are the ones who would not redeem the badge if they saw it, alleging either that it took too much time or for fear the fraternity would not reimburse them. But the knockers are always with us and we must do our work in spite of them.

P. T. ATKINS,
Omicron.



The New Orleans Convention

WHY should I go to the convention? is, perhaps, the question a great many of us are asking ourselves at this time. The alumnus member will probably say, "I am a busy man; I can not afford to take the time from my business. Will I gain anything? Will I derive any pleasure or benefit by going? Can I do anything to help my brothers in their work for the fraternity?" And the active member may think, "Can I afford to lose the time from my studies? There will be others there to take my place." All will probably ask the question, "Is it worth the expense?"

In this article I shall endeavor to answer some of the above questions, and shall strive to show *why* we should attend the convention.

Little need be said as to each chapter being represented. The convention is the legislative body of the fraternity as a whole, and is the supreme tribunal in the fraternity, to which all matters affecting the chapters and members may be finally referred. Each chapter, both active and alumnus, is entitled to a seat and a vote in the convention; and all members of the fraternity, not delegates, have an equal right in proposing and discussing measures brought before the convention. No one, therefore, who is a member of our organization, is excluded from active participation in the legislation of the fraternity.

Without laws, man could not live in a civilized and cultivated state of society; nor could a fraternity exist without laws for its government. These laws are made in a convention, and each member of our fraternity has a right to express his views as to what the regulations should be with reference to the government of our order. A convention is, therefore, no small matter, but a great organization and a mighty one, for by it our laws are framed and our policy determined. Whether we shall go backward or forward is largely determined at a convention.

It is provided by law that each active chapter must have at least one representative; but it is far better that as many members of each chapter as possible attend. One man can not represent his chapter always, and it is well for more than one man to have the experience of a convention, so that he may, another year, better understand the workings of the convention, and be able to work more satisfactorily.

It is the active members who are most vitally affected by legislation, and they should undertake to be represented as largely as possible in order that their needs and desires might the more fully be set forth.

Our laws provide that each alumnus chapter shall have

a vote in the convention. The power the alumnus can wield is tremendous, if they care to take advantage of their opportunity. Naturally the alumni are older and more experienced than the active members. Of much benefit is their wise and sagacious counsel. They can look from a high elevation as it were upon the struggles and needs of the active men; and can suggest what changes in existing laws, or what new legislation is necessary for the betterment of general conditions. The fraternity needs the advice of these sons who have traveled the road before; and the fraternity looks to them for assistance in the settlement of the problems that confront it.

To the young man, ambitious for a place in the halls of legislation of the State and the nation, the convention offers unsurpassed opportunity for a practice ground. Here he may debate to his heart's content, without fear of wasting his eloquence on the desert air.

The social side of the convention is, of course, not the most important, but to some it is perhaps the most interesting. Here we renew old friendships begun in the far off college days; here we meet again those brothers whose hands we clasped in the halcyon days of yore; old memories are revived, old scenes recalled to mind, and we live again those happy days when we were care-free college boys.

Is it not worth it, you alumni, who have long since left the college walls? Come, and bring your wives and daughters, to enhance our happiness by their kindly presence! Come, and lend us your aid in the discussions of the problems that confront us, and be assured that your advice will be given careful and thankful consideration, and your interest will be more than appreciated.

CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD,
Grand Secretary.

Chapter Letters



Alpha

University of Virginia

Since our last letter not a great deal of interest has happened in the life of Alpha Chapter, and as we believe that the floor of the convention is the most proper forum for the discussion of matters of moment to the fraternity as a whole, this letter must of necessity be brief.

Our football season closed with the great game in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day, when we defeated our old rivals from Chapel Hill by the decisive score of 31 to 0. The season was in many ways the greatest that Virginia has known in her whole football history. Through it all we sustained not a single defeat and rolled up a total of 106 points to our opponents' 9. Alpha was ably represented on the team by Brother John Neff, at half-back, who played in every game, save the one against the North Carolina A. & M., out of which he was kept by injuries that confined him to the hospital.

Practically all of us went home for the Christmas holidays and all, save one, have returned, each reporting a happy time spent with the "home folks" and all bringing back pleasant memories of good times. One of our number, Brother C. G. Barr, did not return because of ill health. Brother Barr was one of the most promising of the new men we initiated last fall and we all deeply regret his absence. We hope to have him with us again next year.

Our university has just finished the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allen Poe, who was a student here during the session of 1826.

The celebration was a most elaborate one, continuing through three days, and the various exercises were participated in by some of the most eminent scholars of Europe and America.

During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of being visited at different times by several of the alumni members of the fraternity. Among these were Brother W. B. Newcomb, Gamma '06, who is now studying medicine at Hopkins; Brother J. Flint Waller, Alpha, now doing departmental work in the Louisa High School; Brother Garth, who came up as a member of the William and Mary basket-ball team, and Brother Robert A. Stewart, now professor of modern languages in Richmond College. Brother Stewart came to attend the Poe Centenary Celebration and was among the number of those who were awarded memorial medals for having, in their literary work, materially aided in furthering Poe's reputation as a man of letters. Dr. Stewart is a Ph.D. of Virginia, and while here rendered valuable assistance to Dr. Harrison while the latter was editing the famous *Harrison edition* of Poe's works.

With best wishes to all Π 's.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.



Beta

Davidson College

The rushing season at Beta is over, the exciting day has come, and as a result of our labors, we take great pleasure in making open announcement of the addition of two more men to the ranks of our grand and noble order. We introduce to the brotherhood of Π K A Messrs. John Andrew Scott, of Statesville, N. C., and William Lawrence Bentz, of Greenville, S. C. These men bid fair to take a prom-

inent place in the student body of Davidson, and are in truth worthy additions to our chapter.

We have the half-year rule here which forbids one approaching a new man until after Christmas, with respect to joining a fraternity. There was consequently a merry scramble, and much rushing around on Monday morning early, January 11th. Out of a Freshman class of one hundred and thirty, only twenty-two men were taken in by the five frats there. This shows clearly the kind of material that the fraternities here take in, and so the high standard upheld. Some interesting fights were made for the men on account of the lack of first-rate frat material.

Beta now numbers twelve. With the crowd which she has, her social interests will be well taken care of this spring. Junior speaking, one of the greatest social functions of the year is just one month off. Beta will be in the forefront with the ladies during the time that this lasts. The $\Pi K A$'s have won a reputation here for the manner in which they take care of the ladies. It is safe to say that she will maintain it during the coming social season which is so near.

The baseball season opens in one month, and Beta has a good chance of being represented on the 'Varsity team. Five or six of our men will try for positions, with good prospects for, at least, one making good.

Class football games are now being played, and six of our men have made positions on their respective class teams. These games develop material for the 'Varsity team of the next fall. It is safe to say that we will have one or more representatives on this next fall.

We were glad to have with us on the night when Billy bucked around, Brothers Preston Buford, of Salisbury, and Jack Beall, of Charlotte. Brother Dr. Robert Lafferty, of Charlotte, was also up one day this week.

We read eagerly the last issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND*, and will always welcome such an interesting issue.

We send our best wishes to all the brothers.

D. M. DODGE.

Gamma

William and Mary College

Gamma wishes to introduce to the fraternity E. C. Jones, of Urbanna, Va., and W. E. Miller, of Norfolk, Va. Gamma has only nine active members thus far, but they are nine good substantial men, and I think, are fully capable of upholding at William and Mary College, that banner which is so dear to us all.

When the roll was called at the frat meeting, just after the Christmas holidays, Brother McCandlish was found to be absent. He has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. All of us hated to see him leave as he was one of our most substantial men. May his career be filled with the sweets of life, is the hope of all of his friends.

We were made glad a few days ago by a short visit from Brothers E. F. Shewmake, of Newport News, Va., and G. G. Hankins, of Richmond, Va. We are always glad to see our brother II's, and I take pleasure in extending them an invitation to stop in whenever traveling this way.

It is with a feeling of pleasure that we note the many and marked improvements which are taking place at this old college. The new library is completed, and it is the pride of both the student body and the faculty. It is indeed a building of which any college might be justly proud. The athletic field is nearing completion, the high board fence has already been put up, and carpenters are working rapidly on the grandstand. Both of these are great improvements for heretofore the field has not been inclosed, nor has there been a grandstand to accommodate the crowds.

This is the time of year at old William and Mary that the students begin to look grim and determined. Midnight oil begins to burn freely; no joking and very little laughter. The casual observer might ask why do all the students look so pale? The answer would be, examinations, the bugbear of our college life, are upon us. We are being

weighed in the balance, and I feel some of us will be found wanting, yet I hope that such will not be the case. Gamma extends best wishes to all Π 's and hopes that they will pass successfully their examinations. B. T. NEWTON.



Delta

Southern University

The dark clouds of examinations have been hovering over us for several days, and the storm of doubts and fears is still raging. These feelings are soon mastered, however, when we think of the festal days that are to follow, for behind each cloud there is a silver lining.

Delta has good reason to be proud of the results of last term's work, and the bright prospects of 1909.

The enthusiasm she is displaying and the spirit and cooperation with which we are beginning things this year can not help but bring good results.

The outlook of Delta is very encouraging; we have a representative bunch, our men figure prominently in every department of college life.

C. A. DeBardeleben will represent his literary society as Junior speaker and anniversary debater; J. A. Deaner, Sophomore speaker and anniversary debater; J. W. Webster, Sophomore speaker; B. C. Preer, ladies' debate orator, joint debater and Sophomore speaker.

There will be other elections held in the near future for more important occasions. We will have brothers to try for these.

C. A. Grote, a brother of Delta, has had a serious illness, but we are glad to say that he will be able to resume his work in a few days.

Nothing exciting outside of examinations seems to be happening, and preparations are being made for a second plunge into the great sea of knowledge.

We are sure that Eta Chapter will entertain the convention royally, and that the brothers who attend will have a great time. We wish a successful year to all.

CARLTON PREER.



Zeta

University of Tennessee

School opened on the Hill January 6th and found all our men back, our chapter roll swelled to twelve—two by initiation and one by the return of an old member, Brother Gene Wade, of Kenton, Tenn. It is with pleasure we welcome him in our midst, and introduce to the fraternity, H. C. Kirk, Attalla, Ala., and J. C. Witherington, Munford, Tenn., these being our last two goats, good men of whom Zeta is justly proud.

There is little of interest to write about on the Hill. Everything is quiet and every one settled down to work again after a most pleasant vacation.

In the "exams." Zeta held her own, her men all passing in their studies with good grades, several making the honor roll, and of these men we are very proud, for they rank among the best students in school.

Basket-ball is well under way here and bids fair to be a success this year. Brothers Johnson, Phipps and Morgan are out and will very likely play on their class team, while Brother Johnson will undoubtedly make the 'Varsity.

Track work will also be taken up soon. Brothers Phipps, Vogt, Porter and Morgan will be on the squad.

Branch will win a place on the baseball team this spring, so $\Pi K A$ will be well represented in athletics.

Brother Morgan was elected vice-president of the University Guitar and Mandolin Club at its first regular meeting this year.

Already Zeta has thoughts of the coming convention—

an event to which we look forward with great anticipation and interest. We will elect our delegates soon, at our next meeting, no doubt. Great things will be done, we hope, and steps taken which will do much to expand and further the best interests of Π K A.

The University Glee Club, on which we have five Π 's, is preparing for their annual entertainment in the form of a concert to be followed later with several trips and end the season here at home with an opera, the Mandolin Club will assist. The girls of Pi Chapter, Chi Omega, gave a very nice affair in the early part of the term at the Blount, consisting of a dinner, followed by dancing. Zeta was represented by no less than four men, a fact which speaks well of our "society butterflies"—who all reported a most enjoyable time. The writer spent the holidays in Mississippi, where he encountered many Π 's who did much to add to his good time. All the men in fact seem to have met Π 's during the holidays, and bring in such good reports it makes one glad to know our brothers are really the kind of fellows we think them. KARL R. MORGAN.



Eta

Tulane University

After looking over the non-fraternity men around college, we found a good man that had been overlooked. This man is, at present, our brother, Sam Storm, whom I take great pleasure in introducing to chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha. He has already shown great interest in all matters concerning our fraternity, and promises to become one of its most zealous workers.

We are looking forward with regret to the losing of several of Eta's best men. We have three men in the Senior class. These men have spent their college years in upholding the good name of our fraternity. They were successful, for at present our fraternity is one of the best

up here. This will be a case where "What's Eta's loss is Alumnus Eta's gain." The only hope we have is that the work of the new men taken in this year will be equal to that work done by the men that Alumnus Eta will take from us this coming May.

The chief topics of conversation around college are exams., gymnasium and the future rowing club. Tulane is going to have a gym. and a crew and EXAMS. Didn't you hear about it? Yes, contracts have already been given out for our gym., and we will have it next fall. Our rowing club is under way and will soon be organized on a solid basis. Training will begin in a short time.

Hope all II's are thinking about coming to the convention that is to be held in New Orleans this coming spring. Brothers let me give you a tip—if you want a good time, come down to the convention. Meet some of our frat sisters—they are dreams. Ask any brother who has been down here and met them, and see if he won't second what I have just said. We are getting ready so that when the time comes every thing will go off all right. This will be our last chance to invite you to come, so be sure and come to the convention.

PIERRE JOHN DELBERT.



Iota

Hampden-Sidney College

With the last faint glimmers of our holiday existing only in pleasant memories, the old chapter once more gathers up her tangled skein. Since the return of her men few things worthy of note have occurred, and with minds for nothing except thoughts of loved ones left behind they have accomplished little deserving of mention.

On "the hill" basket-ball now holds sway, and for the first time in her long history it seems as if the college will be represented in this phase of athletics during the coming

season. Coach Reiss, to whom is largely due Hampden-Sidney's success in football, is fast working into shape the material at his disposal. The student body expects great things from his team and experience has taught them that if success depends mainly upon proper training, their highest anticipations will be realized. Iota has several aspirants for basket-ball honors, and at the recent award of football monograms, she came in for her share—Brothers Buchanan and H. W. Blanton both winning the coveted letters.

The college Dramatic Club is hard at work in preparation for their initial appearance here during the intermediate celebrations. This presentation is always looked forward to as the feature of that gala occasion. Brothers Blanton, Walker, Brown, and Atkinson, T. T., are the quota furnished by the chapter to this cause. Brothers Mann and Brown also represent us as Senior orators for each of the literary societies, with Brother Walker as Junior orator for the Philanthropic society in their joint celebration of the societies on February 19.

The suggestion recently offered in *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* concerning visiting brothers on athletic teams, meets with our hearty approval, and Iota wishes here to ask that those chapters having representations on the various ball teams scheduled to play at Hampden-Sidney during this spring will *please notify us beforehand*. This done we will do all in our power to render your stay among us a pleasant one. Hoping that we may have many opportunities to corroborate these statements in the next few months, we close, wishing each and every Pi merited success.

P. TULANE ATKINSON.



Kappa

Transylvania University

Kappa has been at work and so has "billy," for two more fine fellows have trod the mystic ways into Pi Kappa

Alpha. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternities at large our two new men: Robert I. Cord, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Harry V. Wilson, of Tennessee. Brother Cord is a member of the Senior class, and is also business manager of *The Transylvanian*, the university monthly publication. Brother Wilson entered the Freshman class at the beginning of the new year—and he, too, hopes to be a Senior some day.

Our fall term examinations are now going on, and on completion of them we begin the spring term.

All of Kappa's men are laboring faithfully to overcome the lost opportunities, and the roll inquiry is "Will you pass?" Each member of the chapter is doing active and ardent work.

The fine spring weather that the students are now enjoying brings all aspirants for baseball honors on the field. Kappa has excellent prospects for having several men to represent her on the 'Varsity team. Brother Cord was a member of last year's team, and expects to be a "star" this year. We will have other fellows who will try for the team.

Kappa and Omega will give their annual dance January, the twenty-ninth, and we expect to make it one of the grandest occasions that the Pi's have ever had in Lexington. Our dances in the past have given us a great reputation, and we propose to make this one surpass any we have ever given.

Everything is moving quietly, with very little happening in college life to vary the humdrum of incessant study.

Our chapter is very much interested in the coming convention, and we would like to have every one bear this in mind—that this is to be our greatest convention.

With best wishes,

D. J. HOWARD.

Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

For the past few months nothing of especial interest has happened on the college campus. Everything has been moving along smoothly with the exception of a few very bold attacks by the non-frat fellows. They have made a fierce fight, and while they have not been able to prove that the frat boys, individually or collectively, have been guilty of any misdemeanor that should be dealt with either by the faculty or student body, there seems to be a growing sentiment that the frats should be put out. Those students who do not unite with the non-frats say they think it might be better for the institution if there were no fraternities here. All the frat boys have acted as they thought best, keeping their mouths shut as much as possible, but if any one can suggest a good plan to pursue they will be doing the chapter a favor if they send these thoughts to one of our men. However, nothing can be done until the board of trustees meets in June.

Two public inter-society contests will be held during the month of February. One, the oratorical contest to choose the representative for the State inter-collegiate contest which will be held in Greenwood the last of April. The other contest will be a debate on the query: "Resolved, that the tariff of the United States should be only for revenue."

Mu Chapter is represented in both of these contests. Both of these members have represented their society before, and we are sure they will do well on these occasions.

Brother Smith was detained at home a few weeks after the Christmas holidays on account of the sickness of his father. He has returned to college, and we are glad to say that his father is improving very rapidly.

With best wishes,

D. W. A. NEVILLE.

Omicron

Richmond College

The campaign to raise \$350,000 for the endowment fund for Richmond College and The Woman's College of this city, was brought to a successful end on December 31, and not only the friends of the two colleges but the citizens of Richmond are rejoicing in the fact that in the near future there will be in Richmond a college which will not be surpassed in point of standard, faculty, or equipment by any college in the South. The General Educational Board of New York promised \$150,000 if the Baptists of the State of Virginia would raise the remaining \$350,000. The entire sum will be used to increase the endowment funds of the two institutions, which, when the new location is chosen and things made ready, will be run jointly. It is the intention to secure about 100 acres of ground in the vicinity of Richmond for the site of the new schools. All of the buildings will be erected in the most approved style, and when the day of dedication arrives it is the hope and intention of those who are in charge of the movement that the whole will be the most complete and perfectly arranged educational institution in the South. It certainly marks a new era in the history of Richmond College.

Things are unusually quiet around the campus at present. Everybody seemed to come back after the holidays for good hard work. Coach Dunlap, however, has about fifteen candidates out every afternoon working for the track team. Manager Byrd has arranged the heaviest schedule the team has ever attempted, being entered in meets almost every week during February and March, besides making arrangements to hold a big indoor track meet here in Richmond. All the men are working hard and the prospects are that Richmond College will have the fastest relay team in the history of the college with good chances of winning a large majority of its races and the

championship of the State. There is much material in college for the sprints and field events, and every one has hopes of giving U. of V. a hard fight for points at the Richmond, Va., meet.

Captain Lodge has issued his first call for candidates for the baseball team, about thirty responded. There are seven of last year's men back to form the nucleus of this year's team. Many of the new men have had valuable experience on high school and prep. school teams, and are expected to give some of the older men a hard fight for their places. A good schedule has been arranged and every one is waiting for the warm days of April to come so that the umpire's "play ball" may be heard again.

Denny Wright, who has been in college for the past three years did not come back to school after the holidays and will be sorely missed by the fraternity. He, however, is at work in Richmond, and expects to be about the campus and help us in any way possible. George Wright left this month for his home in Louisiana and will not return to college to get his degree in the law department. Both of these men were members of the baseball team, and their presence will be missed as much on the diamond as on the campus and in the frat hall. George was also captain of the football team during the past season, but owing to injuries received early in the season was not able to play but two games with his team.

It is certainly the hope of Omicron Chapter that the approaching convention will be the best in the history of the fraternity. It is highly important that every chapter have a large delegation there, and that every delegate present get as much benefit as possible in order that they may go back to their chapters with a spirit that is bound to promote the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha. Omicron Chapter, through her representatives and yours, hopes to meet and exchange greeting with every Π in the Southland at New Orleans this spring.

P. T. ATKINS.

Pi

Washington and Lee University

All the members of Pi Chapter but two have returned to college after spending a pleasant Christmas vacation in their respective homes.

The men who did not return are W. R. McMurrin, who is now at his home in Norfolk, Va., and J. M. Arnold, who is practicing law at the same place. We feel the loss of these two men severely, but we are assured that in them Pi Chapter, as well as $\Pi K A$ at large, has two good representatives. Although Brothers Arnold and McMurrin have left college, we are sure that they will still keep alive their interest in $\Pi K A$.

We take great pleasure in introducing John David Ankrom, of New Martinsville, W. Va., who was initiated into the mystic bonds just before the holidays. He makes nineteen on our roll.

The prospects for a good baseball team are bright. Several of last year's team are back again and the new material is promising. Pi hopes to be represented at first base by Stras, who has played great ball on the Roanoke College team for the past two seasons.

On January 22nd, our basket-ball team defeated the University of Virginia five by a large score, and from the present outlook W. & L. will have a team that will be second to none on her schedule.

We enjoyed very much the visit of J. C. Dillon, who was one of the charter members of Pi. Brother Dillon gave us a short but very interesting talk on the chapter as it was when he was in college. We are always glad to have our alumni visit us and we take this opportunity of extending to them all a cordial invitation.

D. W. EARWOOD.

Tau

University of North Carolina

The new year has opened very quietly at the university. Very few, indeed, have dropped out and only twenty new men have come in. The weather since the opening has very well typified the spirit of the university in receiving these new men—a little cold at first, but after a while as warm as a day in June.

The present warm weather has caused the appearance of the candidates for the baseball team. Carolina's prospects in this line are very bright for the coming season. Several of last year's team are out for another season and some excellent new material has come in.

The next event in college social life is Junior week, which is to have as its climax, the Junior promenade, to take place on February nineteenth. During this week the Junior class will be the guests of the Seniors at a reception. The fraternities will also entertain at an afternoon hop.

The usual ceremonies of Washington's Birthday will take place at this time, and the holiday will be granted on Friday instead of Monday. On the whole, Junior week promises to be very enjoyable.

The State legislature is now in session and a great deal of interest is being shown in the appropriations which will be granted to the university. We are in need of a new dormitory as well as a physics building. It is hoped that the legislators will be awakened to our needs and that the relief will be found during the present session of the legislature.

In our chapter we note the return of all of our men except James M. Wiggins, the star football end on last fall's team. Brother Wiggins is in business at his home, Suffolk, Va.

JOHN H. BOWSHALL.

Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Our much looked for Xmas holidays are over. We have returned, after a pleasant recreation period, determined to make 1909 a banner year in our college career.

Most of our men came back on time and all were here in the course of two or three days, excepting J. H. Gunn, who will not return. Brother Gunn, a transfer from Delta Chapter, came to Auburn last September. Upsilon will miss him for he has proved himself to be a hard worker.

The Senior class of Auburn must be complimented. In a recent meeting the class elected J. G. Hanlin, editor-in-chief of the annual *Glomerata*. Brother Hanlin is a zealous fraternity man and possesses great business-managing ability.

The basket-ball season is in progress, and, though Auburn's team has not been very successful thus far, the prospects for a winning team later in the season are good. Brothers Hall, Parker and Major are on the 'Varsity squad. All of these men have shown up well and during the remainder of the season we can safely expect great things of them.

Brother Lanford is still working diligently with us on our chapter house proposition. He deserves the praise of every Π and especially is our chapter indebted to him.

Brothers, we must have a fraternity song book. Brother Smythe has written that there has been lack of interest on the part of the chapters in this work of collecting and composing songs. We must have the song book by the next convention. Every man must do his part and especially those men who are gifted in this line. So get to work and send your songs to John McSween, Jr., chairman of committee, Timmons ville, S. C.

W. C. OLIVER.

Chi

University of the South

The University of the South has recently suffered a great loss in the death of John Bell Henneman, Ph. D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He was not only a great teacher of English, but he was one of the foremost educators of the South, and was much beloved by all who knew him. Not only this university, but the whole South, bemoans his loss. Dr. St. George Leakin Sioussat has been appointed his successor as Dean.

Chi is still capturing her share of honors. Berry was co-winner of the inter-society debate and was awarded the J. B. Rylance medal for the best debator. Following right in the steps of this he was elected president of the ΣE Literary Society. Ellis and Whitfield are representing the chapter on their respective class basket-ball teams.

With best wishes,

HENRY J. WHITFIELD.



Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

Psi introduces James Arthur Hollingsworth, of Tifton, Ga.

In the December issue most of the chapters gave a list of the honors received by their men during the fall term. Psi is not behind the others, as the following partial list will attest: Galloway is cadet captain of Co. "A," treasurer of Phi Mu Literary Society, prophet of Senior class, and captain of the football team, which latter honor brought him a broken leg about the middle of the season. Willingham is cadet first lieutenant and battalion adjutant. He is also a member of the first class to receive the E. M. Degree from this college. Akers is 'Varsity third baseman for the third year. Henderson is a veteran member of

the football team, having played two years at guard and two years at tackle. Harley and Ellison are cadet sergeants, and Barnes a corporal. Power is cadet first lieutenant of artillery, manager of football team, and business manager of *Cyclops*, the college annual.

We have one pledge, and will probably have more in the near future.

We were all greatly gratified by the excellence of the December issue. Let every man contribute his part towards making this the best fraternity magazine published.

Best wishes to each and every II.

CHAS. E. POWER.



Omega

State University

It is almost incredulous to think that two months have passed so rapidly since our last letter. The holidays have gone and we have all resumed our class work, but 1909 finds us no stronger in numbers. We regret that we have not had more men to introduce, but we uphold quality before quantity.

Although football season has been over for some time, yet we still have fresh in our memory the achievements of the season and more especially our overwhelming victory Thanksgiving Day. We entertain high hopes for a very successful season next year and hope to have a team second to none in the South. Only one man is lost from this year's team, so prospects are indeed bright. The entire football squad was tendered a banquet by the Athletic Association, besides many students who were not aspirants for football honors, giving it a decided tone of a strictly college banquet. The small hours of the morning found many college folk wending their way home.

Basket-ball is quite a topic with us at present. Being a Co-ed institution, the State supports two basket-ball

teams. Our boys' team has not been quite as successful as it might have been, yet it will be one of the best in the State; Brother Kelley is a member. As for the girls' team, we have, perhaps, the best in the State, and expect to carry away the championship of the entire State.

The Gym. team is hard at work, and before long we expect to again win the Inter-Collegiate Gym Tournament; Brother Hedges is a member of the team.

Recently a Glee Club has been formed and rapid improvement has been made in their singing. Several short trips have been planned and the club is expected to delight their audiences.

Baseball is now beginning, yet at times we are tempted to sometimes say "snowballs" instead. Most of our work has been on the inside, but occasionally a bit of outside practice is mingled in during the short mild spells. We expect to take a Virginia trip or one farther South. At any rate we expect to see something of our "sunny Southern" brethren in the spring.

Following our annual custom, Kappa and Omega are to give their dance on the 29th of January. Practically all the arrangements have been arranged and every thing is in readiness for it. Several hundred invitations have been issued and no expense has been spared in making it a complete success. Many out-of-town II's are co-operating with us and a pleasant time is assured. The chapter regrets that we have had no opportunity to extend invitations to the II's at large, as we would have been more than glad to have any of them with us at any time and especially for *the* social event of our year.

Omega extends her best wishes to the chapters.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha

Trinity College

We introduce B. S. Hurley, of Troy, N. C., and T. B.

Harris, of Concord, N. C. We take great pleasure in this introduction of two new brothers. They have already proven themselves to be great workers, and Alpha-Alpha considers herself fortunate in getting these men. Brother Hurley is a member of this year's Glee Club.

We will be able to introduce some new men in our next letter. We have three men pledged, and our eyes are on some others. Our regular initiation will take place on February 6th. We are making a special effort to have as many of our old alumni with us at the initiation as possible.

Things are rather dull at present as the mid-year examinations are now on. But after the first of February things will take on new life. The baseball practice will begin then. The college considers itself very fortunate in securing again the services of Dr. Atkins, of Cleveland American Club. The prospects for a winning team are good.

Stewart is a member of this year's basket-ball team. The team has just returned from a tour over the western part of the State.

Arrangements are being perfected for a new one hundred thousand dollar gymnasium and athletic field.

We were glad to have a visit from a number of brothers from Tau Chapter recently.

The December issue was a very creditable one and was received with great pleasure by us all. The work of $\Pi K A$ is very gratifying.

Wishing best success to all Π 's,

W. S. STEWART.



Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

Since Alpha-Delta's last letter to the fraternity, three good men have been added to our roll. They are as follows: John Ginhan Gilliam, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Frank

A. Stivers, Chattanooga, Tenn.; William Heber Thames, Hattiesburg, Miss. It also gives us great pleasure to know that Brother Mac Trotter Robertson, who left us in 1907, will be with us in February.

Alpha-Delta is well pleased with this year's efforts, and hopes to continue her good work for the fraternity.

Athletics at Tech are rather on the quiet, except for a few games of basket-ball. Her record for the year was not an all-winning one, but was good enough, considering that this year was practically her beginning in basketball. We look forward to a good baseball team for this season, and, although we are not over-confident, hope to show up well beside our competing teams.

Foremost in the minds of Tech students at the present time are the coming term examinations. That these will be difficult is not an idle dream. We can therefore sympathize with other brothers in the same predicament.

Tech's glee club this year was a success in every sense of the word. A concert was given by its members, at the Grand Opera House on January 23rd. Several fraternities and girls' schools were represented in the boxes. The club entire is composed of the chorus (including a double quartet), an orchestra, and a mandolin club.

Alpha-Delta is represented in the chorus and in the orchestra.

SAM N. HODGES.



Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

It is with a willing hand that the scribe of Alpha-Gamma daubs his quill in the blackish fluid from the river Styx, and relates the happenings of the past two months, this being the most prosperous session that Dame Fortune has ever bestowed upon us.

The session was commenced with a gallant band of old-

timers, who soon had united with them in the bonds of $\Pi K A$ several "prospects" of the past session, and a transfer from Sigma.

The old-time and battle-scarred matter of building a chapter house was taken up, and as the drops of honest toil and perseverance did crown our brows, success vindicated the adoption of our plans, and if naught happens to mar our way, within a few months another monument to the Knights of the *Shield and Diamond* will deck our campus, a monument which we may well feel proud of. We hope it will eclipse anything in its line in the university, and will always have open portals wide to welcome any wandering Π whose path may lead our way.

The standing of the five fraternities represented here at the present time is $K A 7$, $K \Sigma 11$, $\Sigma A E 11$, $\Sigma N 10$, and $\Pi K A 14$. The second term has just commenced and ere long we intend to use "Billy" and introduce a few more brothers into the realm of Mystic Wonders.

To our honor list for this session of '08-'09 let me now add a few more items: S. E. Mary, captain '09 'Varsity baseball team; H. V. Moseley, humorous editor *Gumbo*, and P. J. Miller, assistant surgeon of hospital. More are yet to come.

We hope to see a rousing delegation at the convention to be held in New Orleans, and assuring our brothers a warm and hearty welcome to our Pelican State.

THOS. M. WADE, JR.



Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

The winter term at this institution is now on and the students have dropped back into the routine of college duties very much refreshed after the holidays. All the members of this chapter have returned, each one bringing pleasant memories of the holidays so happily spent.

The thoughts of college are now centered on the approaching spring athletic season. Already the crack of bat and the thud of mit are heard. Although it has not been definitely decided who will coach, it is safe to say that they will be placed in the hands of men thoroughly fitted to give them the best possible instructions.

The ties between this chapter and Alumnus Sigma were recently strengthened by a joint banquet held by them at Café Giersch, in Raleigh. Many pleasing and appropriate toasts were given and responded to by the members of both chapters and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Alpha-Epsilon has recently been very seriously discussing the probability of building a chapter house. None of the other fraternities at this college have houses here and we fully realize the great benefit the chapter would derive from such a house. Plans are now being formulated to raise the necessary funds to erect a handsome and suitable home for the chapter.

The coming convention has already raised a great deal of interest among the members here, and we hope to have a worthy representation from Alpha-Epsilon, but owing to the great distance at which this convention will be held it will be very hard for many members to attend.

The General Assembly of the State are now in session here, and the college authorities are working very hard to get an appropriation for the erection of a new dormitory, which is so greatly needed here.

The college battalion recently took part in the inaugural parade of the new governor and made a most creditable showing.

D. W. HILL, JR.



Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

All our members returned after the holidays with the

exception of Brother Bortleson. He has entered Stetson University, at DeLand, Fla.

We have a man pledged and will take him in on January 25th.

Captain Cox and his engineering students are now spending two days out of each week making surveys to determine the best route for a good rock road to connect Gainesville and Ocala. Brother Riley is our representative in this surveying party.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, of Nashville, Tenn., traveling secretary of the student Y. M. C. A., paid the university a visit the early part of this month. He made several talks about the best methods of carrying on the work of the association here, and his visit has undoubtedly added greatly to the effectiveness of the workers among the students.

Prof. S. M. Tracy, the botanist, of Biloxi, Miss., will shortly pay the university a visit. He is engaged in experiments intended to show what food and forage plants can be successfully and profitably introduced into the South.

On January 19th, the ladies of the Kirby Smith Chapter, U. D. C., presented portraits of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee to the university.

We have moved our chapter rooms across the square into the Gainesville National Bank building. We are now better located than we have been since we came to Gainesville.

Baseball is beginning to be heard once more among our fellow students, but we will have to say more about it in our next letter. Prospects are fair though.

Best wishes to every II.

E. PECK GREENE.

Alpha-Iota

Millsaps College

Inter-collegiate athletics at Millsaps have now been permanently abolished. The members of the Mississippi Methodist Conference, which met at Yazoo City in December, decided that we must not play with other colleges, so an edict issued several years ago by this same body was re-affirmed and we must now confine ourselves to inter-class contests. This blow came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky to the students for we had been led by those in authority to believe that conference would not pass any measure condemning inter-collegiate athletics. Our enthusiasm has by no means abated, however, for as our new athletic field is nearing completion the schedule for a series of inter-class baseball games is being arranged, which will in a measure compensate for the loss of the inter-collegiate features.

B. C. Buck, who came to us from Phi Chapter at the beginning of this session, did not return to college after the Christmas holidays, but has accepted a position at Birmingham, Ala. We are sorry indeed to lose Buck for since being here he has impressed us as being one of the strongest and most enthusiastic workers we have ever seen.

Neill, Mullins and Williams were sent as delegates from our Y. M. C. A. to the students' conference, which was held at Ruston, La., during the holidays. They must have had a very pleasant time while in Ruston for they are already making arrangements to visit again the place which they insist on calling the garden spot of the world.

Rumors are afloat here to the effect that there will soon be another fraternity represented on our campus. We have been unable to obtain any authentic information, but we know that a secret club has been organized and there seems to be no doubt that a charter has been applied for. At present there are three fraternities represented here, K A, K Σ, and Π K A, but there is ample material for another, so

we feel that we will in nowise suffer because of the new chapter being put in.

Our Junior class has recently begun the publication of a weekly newspaper, *The Purple and White*. Alpha-Iota is represented on the staff by Neill, business manager, and Kelly, assistant business manager.

The work on our college annual is being rapidly completed, and from all indications the *Bobashela* will be better this year than ever before.

Brother E. J. Mohler, of Gulfport, was with us for a short while just after the holidays. Mohler was present at one of our meetings and gave us some sound and wholesome advice in regard to fraternity matters.

Brother D. N. Glass has returned to college after an enforced absence of several months. Glass is a member of the Sophomore class and is one of our hardest and most consistent workers.

TOM A. STENNIS.



Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

Alpha-Kappa takes great pleasure in introducing Eugene Harding Broughton, Jefferson City, Mo., who has just entered school after several years' practical experience in the West.

Since our last letter Alpha-Kappa has lost three members. Siegmond has finished his work in the Special Electrical Course, and has entered Purdue University to take advanced work in Telephone Engineering. Purcell has decided not to return to school, and Radcliff has left for the East, where he will accept a position in the engineering line.

Alpha-Kappa men all weathered the Christmas exams in good shape, and are now well started on the second term's work.

The only excitement in Rolla during the winter is the basket-ball games. Rolla is having a fair share of luck and has turned out a very good team.

The fellows are now working hard on a minstrel show, which will be given in March for the benefit of the *Rollamo*, the school year book, the work on which is progressing nicely, and the board of editors expect to publish the best year book ever yet gotten out.

The chapter is doing considerable talking about the convention and its probable date. Alpha-Kappa is located in a school where the year's work is done in three terms, and if the date set is early in March or later than April 30, it will be practically impossible for the chapter to send a delegate, as it means that the delegate will probably be flunked in some of his studies, even though he might succeed in getting a leave of absence from school. Alpha-Kappa believes that the last week in March or the first week in April would be the best time for the convention, and we hope that the date set will be during this time.

The new men entering the school at the beginning of the second term have made the attendance the largest in the history of the school, and, if the funds asked for by the school are appropriated by the next legislature, the school will be enabled to carry out its plans next year on a much larger scale.

T. S. DUNN.



Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

Of all the loyal and faithful II's who graced the roll of Alpha-Mu during the early part of the present collegiate year, only six returned. These are Hulen, McClellan, Smith, Stephens, Townsend and Small, and now Brother Smith is with us no more. He decided that he didn't want to be a lawyer and, consequently, that there was no use taking law. A thing, however, of which we are justly

proud and which is a great consolation to us in our "hour of bereavement" is that in every instance the "withdrawal" was voluntary, not compulsory.

The eyes of all are at present turned towards basket-ball. "Georgia" has a strong team, and has, at least, a "look-in" for the championship. Our percentage is now .750, having lost one and won three games. We suffered our only defeat at the hands of the Atlanta Athletic Club, who beat us by the remarkably close score of 32-30. Our old rival Tech has already suffered two disastrous defeats.

Prospects for a good baseball team are bright. There are several "dark horses," who are expected to do wonders on the diamond. Arrangements have already been made for the class games and they are being universally looked forward to with great pleasure.

There is a movement on foot among the fraternities to co-operate with the faculty in the matter of delinquent students, each fraternity exercising personal supervision over its men. This plan has already been tried at several institutions and has met with great success.

C. C. SMALL.



Alumnus Alpha

Richmond, Va.

A called meeting of the Alumnus Alpha Chapter was held on the night of January 14th in the offices of Cabell & Cabell, Shafer Bldg., Richmond, Va. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and was well attended.

It was decided at this meeting to hold a banquet at Richmond on the night of March 1, 1909, same being the forty-first anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. It was also decided to invite to this meeting a representative from each active chapter in the State, and we are also making an effort to have with us on this occasion Brother L. W. Tazewell, of Norfolk, Va., one of the surviving

founders. A number of out-of-town Π 's are expected to join with us on this occasion and we are all looking forward to it with much pleasure. It was also decided to make this an annual custom with the chapter and from now on Alumnus Alpha will celebrate Founders' Day in an appropriate and fitting manner.

There are between thirty and forty Π 's living in Richmond, and, together with the out-of-town men whom we hope to have with us, the gathering promises to be a very enjoyable one.

SAM W. LACY.



Alumnus Tau

Salisbury, N. C.

In the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND we were pleased to note the presence of several new alumni chapters. Let the good work continue brothers, as it is evidence of our rapid growth, and of abundance of true fraternity spirit. To each one Alumnus Tau extends her heartiest greetings.

No doubt every Π is looking forward with pride and pleasure to the biennial convention in New Orleans. Let us have a large attendance this time. It certainly would be pleasing to have every alumnus chapter represented as well as the active ones.

We have not had a meeting lately as some of our members are absent, but we hope to meet soon and discuss some important matters.

Let us see how many of us can meet in New Orleans for the convention. Every man should make it a point to try to go and if he does I am sure he will never regret the time and expense it cost him.

Best wishes for all the Π 's.

PRESTON BUFORD.

Alumnus Upsilon

Charlotte, N. C.

Alumnus Upsilon, the Charlotte alumni chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, entertained its members and a number of visiting college men at an elaborate banquet on the night of December 29, 1908, in the banquet hall of the Gem Hotel. About twenty of the local fraternity men, together with many from nearby towns, gathered at 9 o'clock and for three hours strengthened old ties, and formed new ones of friendship and good fellowship. Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, now holding the chair of moral philosophy at Washington and Lee University, was the guest of honor of the local association, Rev. Charles E. Raynal acting as toastmaster. Between the courses the men around the table told of their experiences in the old college days, and each proved himself an interesting and delightful speaker.

Those present were: Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, Lexington, Va.; K. B. Cline, Concord; E. M. Shenk, Concord; Joe S. Wray, Gastonia; T. B. Harris, Concord; Frank Lee, Monroe; A. Campbell Cline, Concord; O. Lee, Monroe; Lee E. Foil, Mt. Pleasant; and Robert H. Lafferty, J. J. Misenheimer, M. E. Williams, T. W. Kendrick, Rev. Charles E. Raynal, Rev. Frank D. Jones, Ronald B. Wilson, W. S. Stewart, Pierce Wyche, A. J. Beall, Jr., Ralph C. Sadler, D. F. Hunter, Archie Wakefield and W. C. Rucker, of Charlotte.

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 the Editor or Assistant Editor, *any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.*



—J. T. McAllister, Alpha and ex-Grand Secretary, is the local representative of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, at Hot Springs, Va., and has recently put through a deal for her in the purchase of 250 acres, about two and one-half miles from the famous Homestead Hotel, at Hot Springs. This property is to be divided into villa sites and sold to fill in the void between Newport and Tuxedo seasons.

—J. M. Arnold, Pi, flung out his shingle the first of the year in Norfolk, Va., where he will practice law and will be glad to see all Pis. His address is rooms 507-508 Board of Trade Building, and the best wishes of all the Pis will follow him.

—The General Office received the following invitation to the marriage of our brother of Alpha. The best wishes and hearty congratulations are extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Joseph Sheppard
request the pleasure of your company
at the wedding reception of their daughter

Elise
and

Mr. James Adam Bear
Wednesday evening, January the sixth
at half past six o'clock
Four hundred and twenty-six Summit Street
Winston, North Carolina.

—Rev. Theron H. Rice, Theta, Alpha and Iota, our Grand Chaplain for so many years and one to whom the fraternity owes so much for the reorganization of the plan of government, which was adopted at the Hampden-Sidney convention, December 20th-23d, 1889, entered this fall upon his work as Stuart Robinson professor of the English Bible at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. His resignation from the pastorate of the large Central Presbyterian Church, of 1,000 members at Atlanta, was announced in a previous issue. Brother Rice has richly succeeded in this important work and the last issue of the *Union Seminary Magazine* contains his address delivered to the graduating class of this seminary last May. The same issue of this magazine contains also a sermon on *Eternity, the Proper Standard of Measurement*, from the pen of Rev. J. Gray McAllister, our Grand Chaplain.

—M. J. Malamphey, Alpha-Theta, spent several weeks this fall at Hot Springs, Va., as the private secretary of Hon. W. E. Glasscock, governor-elect of West Virginia. The governor has been heard to declare that Malamphey "is strictly all right."

—The following announcement post marked Indian Neck, Va., will be read with interest by all IIs regarding our brother of Omieron:

Mrs. Frank Brown Beale
announces the marriage of her daughter
Susette Garnett
to
Mr. Walter G. Tyler
on Tuesday the twenty-ninth of December
Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

Brother Tyler is extended very hearty congratulations and good wishes.

—W. Harrison Jordan, Alpha—'08, has announced that he has begun the practice of law in the city of Lynchburg, Va., in the Krise Building, commencing January 1st, '09. We hope that great success will attend his efforts and con-

gratulate him on the very tasty announcement which he has sent out.

—Rev. Henry A. Young, Iota, who, for a number of years has been at Goshen, Va., is now pastor of Cook's Creek Church, Mt. Clinton, Va. The church is said to be one of the most important in the Virginia Synod and has a membership of 316.

—The General Office had the pleasure of a visit last month from Prof. Jno. I. Armstrong, Iota, who occupies the chair of the Bible History in Agnes Scott College, Decatur.

—The General Office had a charming visit on January 28th from Rev. Jno. S. Foster, Theta, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Va., who was en route to Sherman, Tex., in response to a call from the First Presbyterian Church of that city. This congregation was so anxious to have Brother Foster consider this call that they sent him his ticket and expenses. Brother Foster spoke of frequently seeing Dr. Rice in Richmond and also of his visit last year to New York, where he staid in the apartments of Brother D. Asa Blackburn, pastor of the Church of the Strangers. Brother Blackburn is extremely popular and much beloved by his congregation and is doing a good work.

—We clip the following from *The Fort Mill* (S. C.) *Times* regarding our Brother of Mu:

Fort Mill people will be interested to know that Mr. James D. Fulp, a son of Mrs. A. O. Jones, of this place, has purchased the interest of Mr. A. E. Davis in the gent's furnishing business in Winnsboro and is now conducting the business as sole owner. James is a clever young man and that he is meeting with success in Winnsboro is gratifying to his many friends here.

—F. O. Carver, Tau, of Roxboro, N. C., is the representative from Person County in the North Carolina legislature this session.

—In a recent copy of the *Charlotte* (N. C.) *Observer*, there appears a very interesting article regarding our Brother Oscar W. Underwood, who was initiated January 22, 1882, into Alpha Chapter at the University of Virginia, and the following excerpts will be read with interest:

Upon the convocation of the Forty-Eighth Congress in first regular session at the Capitol, in December, 1893, there appeared at the bar of the House of Representatives a rather youthful man, who was sworn in as a member from the State of Alabama. He bore an illustrious name, and the young statesman disclosed a capacity for work and a mastery of detail that was simply prodigious. Dry statistics, that appalled your genius were his study, and he reveled in them. A strong, a forcible, a logical, and even a ready public speaker.

Oscar W. Underwood was born in Louisville, Ky., May 6, 1862. He was educated at the famous Rugby School, of that city, and at the University of Virginia, where he so greatly distinguished himself as to be chosen president of the Jeffersonian Society of that institution.

At Charlotte Oscar Underwood became well grounded in the teachings of Jefferson and cordially embraced the precepts of the great apostle of American Democracy. In 1884, when Birmingham, Ala., was a village in the midst of a forest, he settled there and engaged in the practice of law. He saw that small community grow to be a mighty industrial centre and take rank among the great iron and steel centres of the world. In one of his first speeches in Congress he made the declaration that his district could produce pig iron at less cost than it could be made anywhere else in the world.

Ten years after young Underwood located at Birmingham he was chosen a member of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Underwood has never served in a Democratic Congress, and consequently he has not been given a fair opportunity to fully disclose his capacity for affirmative, practical legislation, a talent with which he is certainly richly endowed, and it is disciplined by fourteen years of experience in a body where nothing in this world is legal tender but merit. A fellow that comes to the front in the American House of Representatives works his passage. There is no other way to get there.

Though a young man—but 32 when first elected—Underwood has been singularly fortunate in committee assignments—judiciary, rules, appropriations, ways and means. This is the very aristocracy of congressional life. No man gets committee appointments by chance or by favor. He must command them by the reputation he made before he got here or earn them by his meritorious service after he gets here. Sound in mind and members, correct in morals, judicial of temper, moderate of speech, industrious of habit, urbane of manner, modest of deportment, observant, vigilant, prompt—these are the qualities that made young Underwood conspicuous in that great council before he

was 40. He was not a brilliant man, not showy—he will not set the Potomac afire or knock a rival down to get into the lime-light—none of that for him—but he is a plain man of good common sense, like John Sherman or Charles A. Culberson, and these are they who are precious in councils of state.

—The following from a recent issue of *The Manilla Weekly Times* will be read with interest and pride, giving an account of heroic action of Brother Minor Lee Stephens, of Psi, who graduated in 1906:

Third Lieutenant Minor L. Stephens, First Company, Constabulary of Cagayan, is especially mentioned for courageous conduct in going to the rescue of Assistant District Engineer Judson T. Wells, Bureau of Public Works, when the banquilla on which they had embarked was dashed against the rocks and capsized in the Abulung River September 13, 1908.

When the banquilla capsized, Mr. Wells, unable to swim, was thrown underneath it and was carried thus for some distance until Lieutenant Stephens dived for him, and brought him to the shore. The place in the Abulung River where the accident occurred is a dangerous one and Lieutenant Stephens saved the life of a companion by freely exposing his own.

—The following is from the *Atlanta Journal*, January 21st, regarding the wife of our Brother of Alpha:

A delightful little affair in New York that brought together a group of Southern women, chiefly ex-Atlantians, was a luncheon given by Mrs. Augustus M. Anderson at her apartment in Ninety-first Street, Tuesday of last week, in compliment to Mrs. L. D. T. Quinby, of Virginia, formerly of Atlanta.

Mrs. Quinby is visiting Mrs. James H. Dinwiddie and receiving a number of attentions from her circle of friends in New York, where she lived for several years. Mrs. Frank B. Jordan gave an afternoon tea in her honor last Thursday and there have been bridge parties and luncheons innumerable for her pleasure.

—Hon. Franklin McNeil, Alpha and Beta, and also a member of Alumnus Sigma at Raleigh, N. C., has been re-elected chairman of the North Carolina Corporation Commission.

—Robert O. Purdy, Epsilon, who retired recently from the Circuit Court of South Carolina, is being spoken of now for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this State. Brother Purdy was one of the most popular justices in South Carolina and some time ago many resolutions adopted by the various lawyers' associations of that

State were republished in this department regarding his retirement from the bench.

—In a recent issue of the *Charlotte (N. C.) Observer* appeared the following regarding our Brother of Alpha-Epsilon:

Mr. Ronald B. Wilson, former editor of *The American Textile Manufacturer* of this city, has purchased one-half interest in *The Real Estate Record*, the newest of Charlotte's publications, and will hereafter devote his entire time to the work. Mr. Ernest M. Darlington, who founded *The Record*, will continue as editor and Mr. Wilson will look after the business interests of the paper. The progress it has made during the few months of its existence is proof positive that it will survive and become a live and influential factor in the business life of the city. Mr. Wilson is a capable and energetic newspaper man and adds to the power behind the publication. An early increase in the size of the paper is anticipated.

—G. C. Montgomery, Kappa and Omega, is with the American Creosoting Company, Springfield, Mo.

—A wedding of deep interest to all II's was solemnized at Bowling Green, Va., on December 29th last, when Miss Lusette G. Beale became the bride of Brother Walter G. Tyler, an alumnus of Omicron Chapter, better known perhaps to some of us as "Long John Tyler."

Brother Tyler was one of the charter members of the new Omicron Chapter established at Richmond College during the session of 1900-1901. He has always taken a deep interest in fraternity affairs and Omicron Chapter owes much to his loyalty and to his good judgment. Bro. Tyler was a familiar figure at the last convention and we herewith extend to him a cordial invitation to attend the New Orleans Convention and to bring his better-half. Mrs. Tyler has long been a loyal II sister and the best wishes of the fraternity will always follow this couple. We publish a clipping taken from the *Buena Vista (Va.) Times* of which Brother Tyler was editor for two years:

A wedding of much interest to the numerous friends and acquaintances of the groom in this city was solemnized at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. W. L. Broaddus, in Bowling Green, on Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, at which time Miss Susette

G. Beale, of Indian Neck, Va., became the wife of Mr. W. G. Tyler, formerly of Buena Vista, but now of New York City.

Miss Beale is a daughter of the late Rev. Frank B. Beale, of King and Queen County, and a granddaughter of Gen. R. L. T. Beale, of the Confederate Army, who was well known to all Virginians of his day. She is a lovely and talented young woman, a worthy daughter of such a family, and was educated at the Woman's College in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Tyler, who is a native of Tappahannock, in Essex County, Va., is the Southern manager for Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago and New York, with offices in Richmond, Va. He was for several years engaged in the practice of law in Buena Vista with Mr. R. H. Willis, but gave up his profession to accept a very flattering offer from the above-named company. Mr. Tyler was also editor of the *Times*, for two years, which work he carried on very successfully in addition to his law practice.

—Richard Clemmer, Phi, is attending the Ohio State University this session.

—C. W. Bentleson, Alpha-Eta, is taking a special course this year at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

—Harvey S. Gill, Omicron, has charge of a large wholesale grocery business in Petersburg, Va.

—Edwin Hugh Smith, Gamma and Alpha, has been one of the most successful young attorneys of the State for the last two years. His address is Heathsville, Va.

—R. H. Willis, Omicron, has a large law practice at Buena Vista, Va. He is the senior member of the well known firm of Willis & Robertson.

—S. W. Lacy, Omicron, is with the firm of Cabell & Cabell, Richmond, Va.

—John Martin, Iota and Omicron, is practicing law in Richmond, Va., with offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

—Henry C. Taylor, Omicron, is in the grocery business with his father in Richmond, Va. His home address is 2717 East Grace Street, Richmond, Va.

Fraternity World and Exchanges



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· Sigma Phi Epsilon has established a chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., with eight charter members.

The Crucible Club, for five years a local at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Col., has become a chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Delta Tau Delta has entered the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Phi Kappa Psi has re-established at the University of Missouri; its chapter which has been inactive for thirty-two years, absorbing for that purpose the local Zeta Chi.

The Miami Chapter of Delta Upsilon has been revived by the initiation of the members of the Delta Rho Society.

Chi Omega has entered Florida State University.

Kappa Sigma has installed a chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, absorbing the local Gamma Alpha.

Beta Theta Pi has established a chapter at the Tulane University of Louisiana, with seventeen initiates and four pledges. The Alpha Delta Xi society was absorbed.

Because it has thirty-eight active chapters, the sorority of Pi Beta Phi has been called by the magazine of a rival sorority "the most liberal expansionist in the college world." A fraternity with only thirty-eight active chapters is held to be ultraconservative by a majority of its brother organizations.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

The acquiring of permanent homes is progressing very rapidly. The fraternities have apparently reached what may be called "The age of chapter house building," and in the course of ten years we may expect to find very few chapters who do not either own or rent a home. One of the greatest arguments, perhaps, in favor of a permanent home, is that advanced by one of the fraternities at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., to the effect that a chapter is not going to die if it has a home of its own.

Within the past two months a number of chapters of different fraternities have reported that they have secured homes, a few of which are the following: The Wittenberg, Colorado Mines, and Vanderbilt Chapters of Beta Theta Pi; the Columbia Chapter of Delta Tau Delta; the University of Illinois Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi; the Marietta (Ohio) Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Other chapters have plans for the erection of houses in the near future, the most noticeable of which is, perhaps, the Oregon Chapter of Kappa Sigma, which was established in 1904, has a total membership of only forty-three, and proposes to build a house to cost \$10,000. The success of the New York City Kappa Sigma club house has caused the Pittsburg alumni of the same fraternity to make plans for a house. The California Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta some months ago issued a sixteen-page prospectus with the end in view of interesting the alumni in a chapter house. So well was the plan received that ground has already been broken for the erection of a house to cost over \$15,000. Chi Omega has appointed a chapter-house committee, the object being to solicit funds from the alum-

ni, such funds to be loaned to chapters at interest for the purpose of buying or building houses.

There are seven fraternity houses at Illinois representing values from \$15,000 to \$30,000.—*Record*.

The following from the November *Beta Theta Pi* is interesting as showing the plan upon which a chapter house is being built.

The Beloit Chapter has commenced to build its new house. Judging from the plans it will be a very pleasant and fine looking house. The land cost \$2,700 and the house will cost about \$14,000. The usual plan has been followed in financing the proposition. There is a first mortgage of \$9,000 and a second mortgage of \$5,000, the latter to secure bonds which will redeem at the rate of \$500 per annum from a sinking fund accruing from the rental paid by the chapter. The original \$2,700 was collected by notes of \$100 given by the members and payable at the rate of \$10 a year. The plan is feasible and practical.

The January number of *Beta Theta Pi* makes the statement that the Cumberland Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has died. The *Beta Theta Pi* is not quite correct in the statement; it should have been said that the chapter is suspended until the next convention, to be held this spring.

We offer the following without comment; it speaks for itself, in no uncertain language:

The fraternity creed teaches discipline by sympathy and by persuasion, holding expulsion as the greatest possible disgrace and the last resort. A fraternity man will be given many chances to redeem himself before this penalty is imposed; he will be advised, admonished and warned and if he has to be expelled it will be because every other solution of his case has been attempted without success. Even when there is no question about what ought to be done, a chapter will shift the responsibility on to the national officers, and the officers in turn will pass it along to a national convention. There will be a defender for the most degenerate and the sentence will have to be passed in the face of pleas more eloquent than Portia's on "The Quality of Mercy."

There is nothing more beautiful than loyalty, nothing more inspiring. The consciousness of a friendship that will hold in adversity even after hope is gone is a precious boon which has restored the pride of men given up for lost. Beautiful indeed is the hope of redemption, beautiful and precious, but the key to this hope is *honor*.

The man who forgets the conditions upon which he was ad-

mitted into his fraternity, who deliberately brings disgrace upon the entire organization, who is heedless and insulting to the friends who would give him another chance—this man is absolutely without honor. His name is a smear on the scroll, his presence is a stench and his influence is a putrid, cancerous fester.

Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mr. Walter James Sears, the Historian of Sigma Nu, who has done so much for that fraternity along historical lines, presents, in the November *Delta*, some remarkable tables and statements with reference to the growth of Sigma Nu. Table No. 1 shows the "historical development in detail, taking the chapter as the unit of interest, as well as of growth. The date of its birth or death, by whom founded, installed or revived, the cause of dormancy" are all shown. Table No. 2 is a "presentation in chronological order of the founding of the chapters." Table No. 3 is "a sort of genealogical tree of Sigma Nu." The above explanation gives but a poor idea of the scope of the tables, but it is not possible to publish them here.

What is this—the oldest and greatest, the dean, of college fraternities neglected and forgotten? Its discovery is due to Brother G. H. Holden, who prepares the statistics of the Greek letter societies for *The World Almanac*. A letter from its president informs us that the Sigma Pi Fraternity was founded at William and Mary College in May, 1752, by a charter from King George II. which restricted membership to Episcopalians. The society now has chapters at Vincennes University (A), Ohio State University (T), Illinois College (E), and the University of California (I), and the living members of inactive chapters at William and Mary, Lehigh, Washington and Lee, and Charlotte Hall are reckoned in an honorary chapter (B). "The policy in the past has been non-expansion, but hereafter will be expansion." Such fraternities as have hitherto been able to pride themselves on their long lists of honorable American names will be chagrined to find among the distinguished sons of modest Sigma Pi Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Richard H. Lee, Robert E. Lee, Gov. Yates, and Mr. W. J. Bryan. About three hundred and fifty-five active members are reported. The colors are lavender and white.

Alpha Chi Rho Garnet and White.

Commenting editorially upon the failure of many of its chapters to celebrate Founder's Day, the editor of the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* doesn't hesitate to express in vigorous fashion his opinion of those chapters that failed in this respect. The following, with particular reference

to Founder's Day, is equally true with general reference to all failures to comply with the law and the spirit of fraternity:

But we are frank to say that there is something radically wrong with the chapter that does not celebrate the natal day of Alpha Tau Omega. The chapter that has no time to pause once a year and to review the history of this organization is not worthy of a seat in our midst. The chapter that is so unmindful of its great obligation to Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall and to the host who have made Alpha Tau Omega in the years that have gone, is not likely to pay any regard to any other obligation, and it, *ipso facto*, forfeits its title as a loyal subordinate body of Alpha Taus. The chapter that refuses to learn a few lessons from the past as a guide for the future does not have much of a future to engage its attention.

"Strong words," possibly, but, nevertheless, the truth. The *Palm* has no patience with the spirit, entirely too prevalent among our active chapters, that deliberately annuls our laws by an international failure to comply with them and from our inward heart we protest against it. There are a number of chapters that held no Founder's Day exercises last year and will, probably, hold none this year. If there is anything like a decent excuse for such conduct, the *Palm* would be pleased to hear it. There is no excuse; failure to comply with the plain letter of the law is never excusable when the law is reasonable; failure to pay homage to the men who founded Alpha Tau Omega and failure to study its history can not be excused or palliated.

The subject of chapter letters is always an interesting one, for it is through this medium one chapter learns of what the others are doing. The following from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, via the *Beta Theta Pi*, we recommend to the careful consideration of chapter secretaries:

A Word to Associate Editors: Won't you please read carefully the chapter letters in this number of the *Quarterly*? For that matter, all of those of last year might be persuaded with profit. It is not with the view of using them as patterns for your letters in the future but of having you see how ridiculous some of them really are that we make this request. One would think that the work of some chapters is given over entirely to society and athletics, and in many instances the original copy emphasized this idea much more than the printed statement shows. To put it mildly, the letters show that the sense of proportion on the part of the authors of these letters is but slightly developed. Society and athletic events surely have a place in the life of a chapter, but to assume that they form the background and are the centers about which everything revolves is to lose sight of the real purpose of the fraternity. A little reflection will bring any right minded undergraduate to an understanding that there are other things in the life of a chapter of importance and of more real

interest to the readers of the chapter letters than cotillions and athletic records, and let us hope that this year we shall hear something about them. For example, what is your chapter doing to raise the standards of scholarship of its members? Is it satisfied to have a proportion of its members failing in their studies or is it insisting that every man shall be first in the work which he is supposed to do? In short, let us see if the character of our letters can not be improved, for in so doing each individual chapter will be strengthened both locally and in the fraternity at large as well.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has 2,600 subscribers.

Last year was the most prosperous period in the history of the fraternity journal. The dividend to the general fraternity was more than four hundred dollars. During the nine years incumbency of the present editor and publisher, who will celebrate his tenth anniversary as editor of *The Shield* in June, more than two thousand dollars has been turned over to the fraternity treasury in profits from the fraternity journal. By the time the ten years has been rounded out *The Shield* will have contributed more than \$2,500, or an average of \$250 per year, to the general treasury.—*The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The last convention of Delta Upsilon appointed a committee for the purpose of devising plans for the organization of that fraternity's alumni.

The Supreme Court of Montana, in a recent decision, held unconstitutional a statute for the protection of fraternal badges.

The University of Mississippi has adopted an honor system which prohibits cheating, stealing, gambling and drunkenness in public places. Punishment is inflicted by class representative.—*Ex.*

The Inter-Fraternity Council at Nebraska is composed of representatives from the fraternities under the direction of a faculty member. It has charge of all matters concerning fraternities and the university.—*Ex.*

During the past college year practically all of the chapters of Delta Tau Delta issued at least one letter to their alumni. The following, from an editorial in the November *Rainbow*, gives an idea of what such letters should contain:

There are especially three features of such a production which would most interest an alumnus. He is interested in knowing the intimate details of the chapter life. Often this information can be given in such an interesting manner that it will bring him back to the chapter in a visit.

Of equal importance is the news of his fellow alumni. He will greatly appreciate being advised of the doings of his old-time chapter associates; men who are often in his thoughts, but from whom he has been drifted by the tides of life and the work-a-day world. He may not see *The Rainbow* to secure this information from the alumni notes, and it is possible to give much more intimate details in a chapter alumni letter than would be quite in place in the columns of *The Rainbow*.

Items of interest to the alumnus, which seldom occur to an undergraduate, are general news of the college, changes on the campus, and local fraternity news and gossip. Such information is not only interesting, but it gives an alumnus valuable data for judging the local standing of his old chapter.

These letters are private in their nature and limited in their circulation, and we believe they can be made most effective by a close conformity to a newsy, private, personal letter. They would be more valuable if issued two or three times a year than if the same sum were expended on only one elaborate production.

The following, from the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, with reference to the convention delegate, will be of interest on account of the approaching convention:

A perennial difficulty at fraternity conventions is the lack of concerted discussion of fraternity interests by the chapter delegates. It seems to be the desire of a majority of the undergraduate members of the annual gathering to see and be seen, to have a glorious time and to take home glowing accounts of what good fellows the entertaining chapter are, but only a few are willing to exercise their brains on the real problems of Delta Upsilon, let alone to express their own sentiments and chapter views on the convention floor. Perhaps the majority are encouraged by their chapters, by having the duty of representation thrust upon them as an honor rather than an office. The delegates can not be blamed for the shortcomings of their chapters, but it would seem as if representatives of such varied college organizations would be moved by the common divergence of their impressions of each other to bring out their ideas on fraternity topics, if they could not say anything as exponents of chapter spirit.

Too much stress can not be laid on the appreciation of the national convention by the chapters. They must remember that their expression of it is shown, often too clearly, in the choice of delegates to convention. If the convention is marked by the absence of argument and debate on the fraternity policy, resulting in a decline of vigor for the ensuing year, the chapters have to shoulder the responsibility. With the proper co-operation, there would be no responsibility to shoulder, and we could make Delta Upsilon conventions such hotbeds of fraternity interest

that the rest of the college year would be occupied in heaping fuel on the blaze.

Mr. F. V. Keesling, Regent of Sigma Nu, has the following to say with reference to convention delegates:

It has come to my attention that solicitations of a political character are being made in an endeavor to influence delegates by instructions and otherwise. This is particularly contrary to the policy of the fraternity and chapters should not only be careful to send uninstructed and uninfluenced delegates but should directly resent any political solicitation whatever. It is apparent that meetings of the Grand Chapter would be unnecessary should instructions prevail to the extreme. Consequently, let us carefully guard against any interference with delegates. They should be chosen for their qualifications to represent and a chapter should be willing to abide by the decision of its delegate, whose judgment will be more carefully formed after participating in the deliberations of the Grand Chapter, which will manifestly produce a more liberal discussion than is possible by the individual chapter.

The College World



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During the Christmas holidays the annual meeting of the Southern Educational Association was held in Atlanta, Ga. The enrollment was larger than it has been for a number of years and each department of the Association was well represented. Many papers of a very general interest were presented, among which were the following: A paper on "The Development of Industrial Education in this Country and Europe," "Education, a Business," "The Backward Child, a Psychological Study," "Testing of Eyes and Ears of School Children," "What Schools May Do in the Fight Against Tuberculosis." These papers of great practical value to all teachers can be had in the published records of the Association through Secretary H. E. Bierly, Chattanooga, Tenn.



A discussion in the Department of Higher Education of the Southern Educational Association brought out some interesting facts concerning student government. It appears that the strongest advocates of student government came from colleges for women, and the doubts as to its feasibility were expressed by professors from colleges for men. It appears that it has not yet proved a success for men, because it means the bringing of restraint and restriction upon men who have never been compelled to recognize them in college life, as students in these colleges have been permitted to do pretty much as they pleased and

no one in authority feels called upon to interfere, save in cases of gross misconduct. In colleges for women it is a success, because it frees them from a strict supervision of officers and teachers, and promises greater freedom.

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After this year three years of residence work will be required for graduation in the University of Virginia law school.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

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Sophie Newcomb, the woman's college of Tulane University, has recently come into its money, which has been in litigation for many years. A large site has been purchased adjoining the grounds of the university proper and the work of rebuilding will soon be under way. This will mean the removal of the college from its rather cramped quarters down in the city.

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Tulane already boasts the most up-to-date college buildings in the South, but the building craze is still on. A new medical building has just been completed at a cost of \$250,000. This must be a very fine building for this purpose. The removal of the medical department from its down-town location will bring the students of this splendid school more into the life of the campus. A new gymnasium will be erected this year at a cost of \$40,000. Tulane is fortunate indeed in its plans for future growth and development.

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The announcement that Agnes Scott College has been the recipient of large gifts within the last month has been received with much pleasure in the South, as the location at Atlanta, one of the great business centers of the South, favors the development of a large college for women like Vassar. The gifts at present aggregate \$225,000 and are

conditioned on the raising of only \$125,000 more. The progressive people of Atlanta can not allow such a movement to fail.

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President Eliot, of Harvard University, who will soon give up active service for education on account of increasing years, will ever remain a forceful figure in the national life of our country. He has been spoken of recently for Ambassador Reid's place at the English court. Americans would feel well assured of able representation if he could be induced to accept this high position.

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President Eliot is now planning a trip through the Southern States, which may give many of the students of the South a chance to see and hear this truly great man.

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Hampden-Sidney College has a new president. Rev. Tucker Graham, D. D., an enthusiastic and able alumnus of the college, formerly a missionary to China, and more recently pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Farmville, Va., is the man called to take the helm.

Editorial

THERE has probably never been a convention of more importance in the history of our fraternity than the coming one to be held in New Orleans, April 14th to 16th.

The fraternity has reached a point in her life when it is necessary to make many changes in her plan for work. Her growth demands more business-like method in the conduct of the chapter work and a realization on their part of the necessity of system. With this end in view a change in chapter methods has been suggested and it has been proposed that a number of other plans which have been talked of at previous conventions, and mentioned in the pages of the magazine in the past two years, be adopted.

The test of four years has proven the necessity of several changes in the constitution and many think some changes advisable in the ritual. There are also many plans for the future work of the fraternity which require the earnest, careful and deliberate discussion of the members. All of these matters are of great moment and should exact a large attendance of active and alumni members that through the counsel of many wisdom may be derived; and the best results obtained which will give the fraternity the most complete solution of these many matters and a solution, which, from its strength and efficiency will remain permanent and preclude the necessity of further discussion.



AS this is the last number before the convention, much of its space has been devoted to that subject in the earnest hope that a larger attendance than ever before may be obtained.

To the chapter members a convention offers an opportunity which nothing else can give to know the fraternity to which they belong and to see the inner workings of that organization. It is an opportunity which no chapter member should lose and as one of the writers in this issue well says, "*any ordinary sacrifice made to be present will be more than justified.*" The chapters should try to send a delegation, not just a delegate, and it should be the desire of every member to be among these representatives. There will be ample return for any expense incurred, and no experience in fraternity life will be more valuable now, or fraught with more tender memories and associations in the future, than the few days spent at one of these conventions. There will be Π 's from every chapter, every college, from every State; men of different minds, ideas, and associations, but all bound together in one harmonious body through the mystic ties of Π K A.

What a pleasure to clasp the hands and to know personally the members of the other chapters, and what a fund of fraternity spirit and knowledge will thus be given. No chapter member should miss this New Orleans convention!



ASIDE from the privilege of knowing your brother members and of serving your fraternity in the business sessions, there will be the social side to the convention, which is always a delight and a joy.

The New Orleans Π 's plan a great time for the boys of the "garnet and old gold," and the true Southern hospitality of this most hospitable old city will be poured out for your entertainment and enjoyment. You can not afford to miss it!



ALL delegates should come prepared to take an active part in the business transactions of the convention, and instructed by their chapter with regard to voting on the various subjects under discussion.

The chapters should begin now to discuss any matters on which they desire to take action, and should prepare in writing, to be presented by their delegates, such changes in the old laws or such new ones as they feel would benefit the fraternity. If each chapter would instruct its delegation fully, and discuss beforehand plans for the benefit of the fraternity, the convention could proceed much more rapidly with business and a great deal more could be accomplished.

If the chapters have any special subjects which they wish discussed, the General Office should be notified as soon as possible, so that a place may be assigned them on the Official Program.



ALL who attend the convention should be careful to *secure from their railroad agent when purchasing a ticket a certificate* so that the reduction in the return rate can be obtained. Do not fail to get this certificate with your ticket as the rate can not be obtained otherwise.



EVERY ONE should read carefully the Official Communications on pages 296 to 298 of this issue, regarding the Convention.

Official Communications



Announcement No. 1

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY.

February 1st, 1909.

To the Members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity—Greeting:

1. I hereby summon the members of the fraternity to assemble together at New Orleans, La., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15 and 16, 1909, for the Second Biennial Convention.

2. *Official headquarters* of the convention will be at St. Charles Hotel, where special rates have been made for the delegates on the European plan as follows:

Two or more in room, with bath, each person.....	\$2.25
Two or more in room, without bath, each person.....	1.25
One in room, with bath.....	2.50
One in room, without bath.....	1.50

It is requested that all IIs should come to this hotel. The business sessions of the convention will be held in a special room in the hotel building.

3. *The first business session* will convene *Wednesday morning, April 14th, at 9:30 o'clock*. Delegates should arrive in time for the first session.

4. *All alumni are cordially invited* to attend these business sessions and will be accorded all the privileges of the floor, and, in addition, will be especially welcomed to take part in the deliberations. The fraternity needs their more mature advice and counsel, and it is hoped they will attend in large numbers.

FLOYD HUGHES, *Grand Councilor.*

Official Order No. 1

To the several Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha—Greeting:

1. Chapters will immediately elect delegates and alternates and *sued their names at once to the General Office, Room 517, Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.*

2. Attention is called to Section 22, Chapter VI, of the By-laws of the fraternity, requiring minute books to be submitted to the convention for examination. Failure subjects chapter to fine.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., *Grand Princeps.*



Official Order No. 2

To the several Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha—Greeting:

Each chapter must present, through its delegates, a full report covering the two college years since the last convention. These reports must be carefully written on only one side of the paper, and must contain: The full names and addresses of initiates and members since the last convention; an account of all the honors taken, specifying in which college year; a list of those to graduate this year and those who will return next year. You are referred to the last *Dagger and Key*, which will give you a good form to follow.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., *Grand Princeps.*



Official Order No. 3

Chapters will note that in accordance with Section 22, Chapter VI, of the By-laws, their Record Books containing the name and history of each member must be submitted to me at the convention for inspection. Failure to do this will subject the Chapter to a fine.

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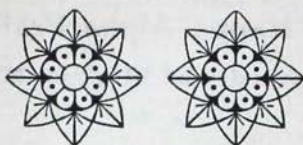
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