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"THE ANNUAL CONVENTION"

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What was perhaps the quickest and most business-like Convention in the history of Kappa Psi has just terminated, and every delegate to Alpha Chapter should feel proud of having helped to accomplish so much, in such a short space of time.

Wednesday, November 23, marked the arrival of the advance guard, and by 10 o'clock that evening, all had come safely into the City of Brotherly Love, with the exception of the delegates from Delta and Zeta, and the "G. O." Brother Bowen.

Brother Phillips, "A" of Eta (the entertaining Chapter), assisted by nearly all the members of his Chapter, took the Delegates and Visiting Passive Men in tow and showed them the sights of Philadelphia. At 11.30, however, Brother Eldridge, the "G. A.," gathered all the Delegates together and sent them to bed with instructions to be at Eta's Chapter room at nine-thirty the next morning, and turned over the "Visiting Grads" to the mercy of "Eta's Actives" for the balance of the evening.

Thanksgiving morning saw everybody at the Chapter room, the balance of the delegates having arrived. The first business session was called with "G. A." Eldridge in the Chair, and every delegate present, excepting Brother Proctor the G. S. and T., and the delegates from Theta who had sent their proxies by Beta's representatives.

The Chair appointed Brother Frederic W. Rugg (Ex-"O" Gamma '04), as temporary Secretary. It is needless to go over the details of this business meeting. Among some of the new moves were the adoption of a form of Burial Service and a Fraternity Flag. Meeting adjourned at 12.30 P. M., and everyone went to the Hotel

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Hanover, which was the headquarters for the delegates, where we enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner, "en familie," Mr. Richardson, the hotel manager, presenting each delegate with a neat souvenir pocket pencil. Three-thirty, P. M., saw the delegates back in the chapter room, where the balance of the afternoon was spent in conducting the business of Kappa Psi. Brother Proctor tendered his resignation as G. S. and T., and Brother Eldridge stated that he could serve no longer as G. A., on account of pressure of outside work. Both resignations were accepted, and the Chair then called for nominations for the G. A. Brothers Bowen, G. O., and Proctor, ex-G. S. and T., were nominated, and Brother Bowen was elected on the first ballot by a vote of 8 to 7. Brother Proctor was elected G. O. unanimously. For G. S. and T. Brother Holstein, ex-A., Eta, and Brother Rugg, ex-O., Gamma, were nominated, Brother Holstein winning. Brother Rugg was unanimously elected Editor-in-Chief of the "Mask" to succeed Brother Eldridge who had previously resigned from that position.

Brother Bowen, the new G. A., took the Chair after being congratulated by the retiring G. A., who wished him a prosperous and happy reign. Gamma Chapter was awarded the next Convention, and their delegates promised everybody a fine time in New York next Thanksgiving.

Nine-thirty that evening everybody assembled at the Colonade Hotel, where Eta had provided a most sumptuous repast. The menus being very handsome, will be excellent souvenirs of the occasion. Everyone got through the dinner without mishap and at 11.30 P. M. the speeches began. Brother Eldridge acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers in order. Every chapter delegate was given a chance to speak, and Brothers Everts, Stallsmith, Harmening and Smith also made themselves heard. Then the newly elected officers, Brothers Bowen, Holstein and Rugg, told what they hoped to accomplish during the next year, and asked for the undivided support of the whole Fraternity.

Friday morning, everybody turned up at Gilbert and Bacon's where a group photo was taken of the delegates and visitors, Brother Stallsmith was the only absentee. For the balance of the day the delegates amused themselves as best suited their individual tastes, and at 8 o'clock attended, in a body, the box party thoughtfully provided for us by Eta Chapter. The bill was excellent and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Saturday morning found only four of the delegates in town and on Sunday, only Brothers Blackwell (Delta) and Eldridge answered roll call. Blackwell insisted on going to Reading, Pa., to visit friends, and, after three false starts (owing to Blackwell's inexperience in reading time tables), at 1.45 P. M., the last of the delegates had departed.

To Brother Phillips, of Eta, and the Entertaining Committee of that chapter is due the highest praise for the most elaborate way in which all Kappa Psi men were entertained. Eta certainly did herself proud, and through the efforts of these men, the Convention of 1904 will go down in Kappa Psi History as a great success. To Brothers Harmening, Smith, Stallsmith and Holstein (ex-Eta), Everts, Rugg and Ferrier (ex-Gamma), Kappa Psi extends her thanks for attending her meeting. Without voice at the convention, and at your own expense, you saw fit to spend your Thanksgiving with us, and we thank you.

And now for a good year. Let every man give to our new officers every bit of help and encouragement you can, and at the next convention, in New York, may we look back on our year's work and hear our G. A. say, "Well done, Good and Faithful Servants."

OUR "G. A.'S" MESSAGE TO THE FRATERNITY

Mt. Washington, Baltimore Co., Md.

December 1, 1904.

To My Dear Brothers of Kappa Psi:

At our last annual convention, which met in Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving day, under the auspices of Eta Chapter, I was elected G. A. of this, my beloved fraternity.

When I left my home that morning, little did I think that within twelve hours I would be elected to the highest office that a member of our fraternity could be the possessor of. When in the afternoon meeting, at the close of business, our beloved friend and G. A., Press Eldridge, with tears in his eyes and almost speechless, asked us to accept his resignation, little did I think that I would be his successor.

The history of Kappa Psi, as related by Press Eldridge on the night of that sumptuous banquet, alone, can tell the hard and earnest efforts he has made and the results thereof. No one likes to begin

where their father began, but rather where he left off; and many thanks to "The Almighty" that as a father of our fraternity we had Press Eldridge to begin it and push it to where it now stands and hand it over to me where he left off.

Again; few children make the success as did their parents, and, should we never make the progress that Press did, it will be because his standard was so high that it takes a "Press" to keep it there.

My ambition, this coming year, will be realized if we but keep things as they are, but should we gain more than this, my joy will know no bounds; and that is what will be my utmost endeavor and hope.

The duties of this office, the highest one in your power to bestow upon me, are many, and it is with the help of each and every one of the active and passive members that I can reasonably gain success.

The issuing of new charters, keeping in touch with every chapter, also "The Mask," the editing of "The Agora," and many others, all require the help of all, and with this help I hope that nothing but "Success" shall be our and my report next year.

With a true and affectionate brotherly love to all,
I am fraternally yours,

DR. JOSIAH S. BOWEN, G. A.

The Kappa Psi Flag

At the Philadelphia Convention, the design of a "Frat. Flag" offered by the editor, was unanimously adopted as the official flag of the fraternity. The colors of the sample shown, were those of Gamma Chapter, but it is so designed that each chapter can have its flags made, using their own colors, without changing style of the flag. Outside of his pin, what can give a "frat." man more pleasure and pride than to display his "frat." colors in his den or college room. No doubt many of the men have had flags made before, but they have been of such a variegated assortment of designs and colors, as to render it impossible to recognize any two of them as belonging to the same fraternity. This trouble has now been remedied and Bro. Lowell, of Gamma, has made full arrangements with one of the largest flag concerns in the country, for supplying the flags at very reasonable prices. The editor has purchased five for his own use, and can recommend them as being well worth the price. Further particulars in advertising columns.