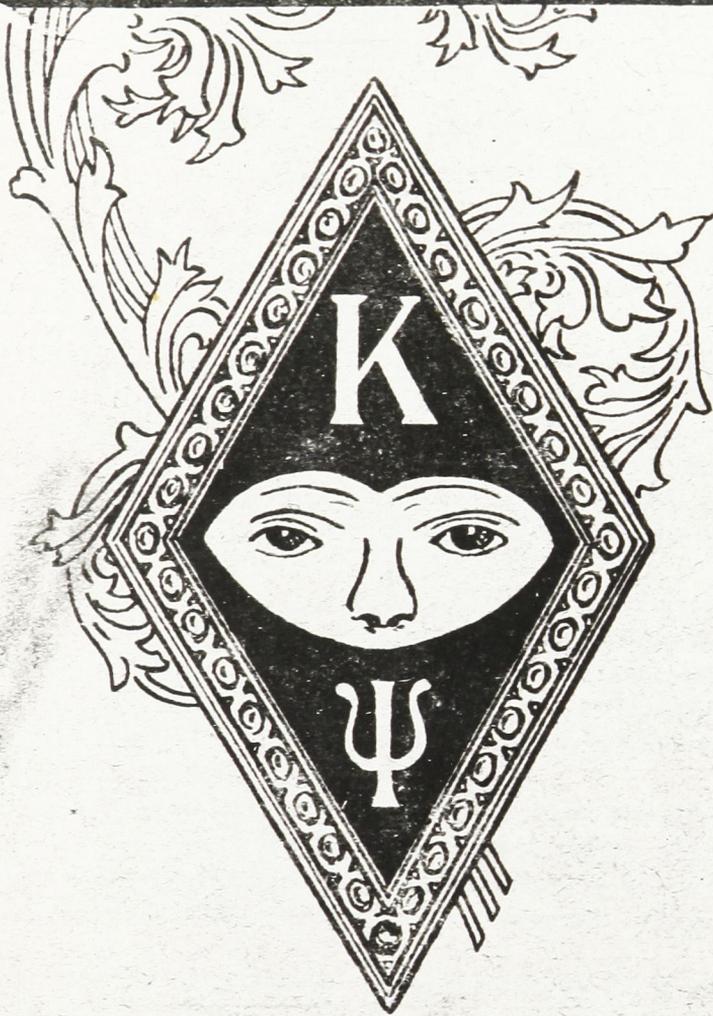


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“THE GRAND CHAPTER DELEGATES.”

(By PRESS ELDRIDGE, Jr.)

On the following page will be found a half-tone engraving of the Delegates and Graduates who attended the Annual Convention of Alpha Chapter, at Philadelphia, last November.

The Editor has requested me to write something about each man—a little New Year's Greeting in the shape of a “Brotherly Knock,” in order to afford all of us a little laugh at the expense of the Delegates and Grads—this pleasant task is assigned me, principally, I presume, because I am now a Passive Member, and not looking to any of the men to be roasted for a “year's subscription”—Foxy Editor.

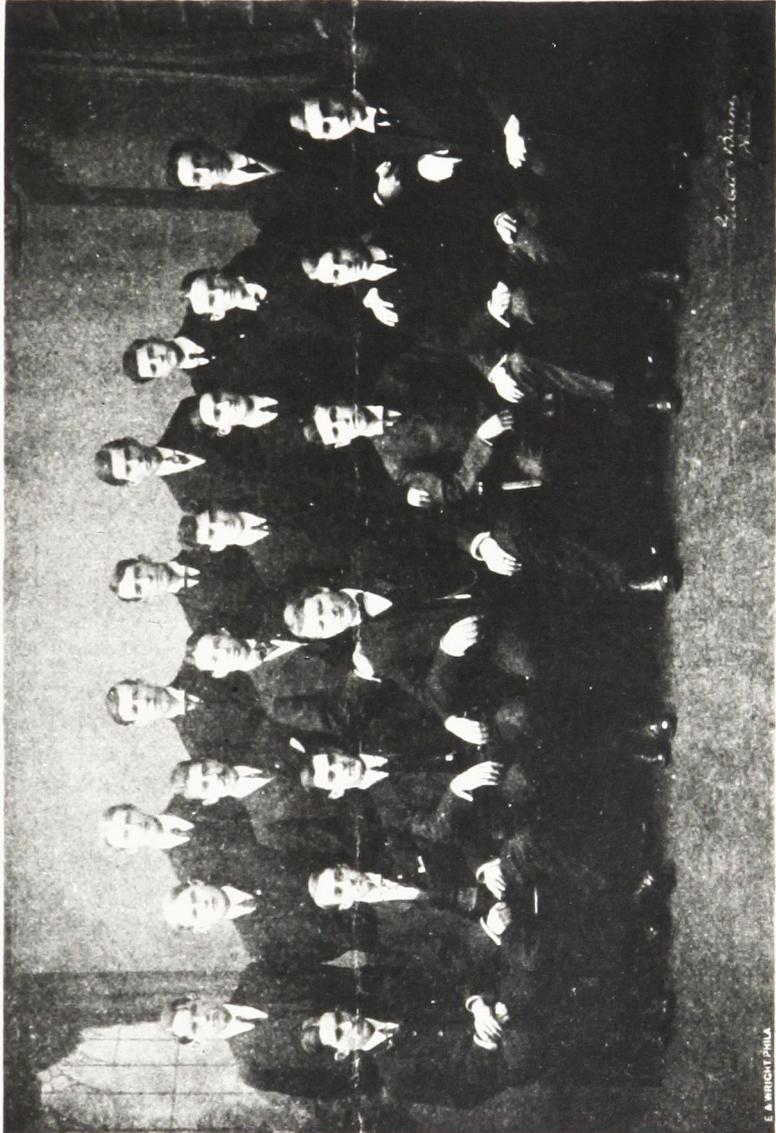
The first man to come under the hammer will be Brother Bowen, our G. A.—Just look at him, 312 pounds net, and, as has been said in a former issue, “the inventor of the smile that won't come off.” However we all think a great deal of him, even though he does stand in with some one in Wilmington, Del., who holds his telegrams until 8.15 P. M., before sending them.

Next is Bro. Rugg, Editor of The Mask, the man who thinks that Maine is the only state in the Union, and Kappa Psi the only “Frat.” on earth. Fred has that pure New England manner of speech, and hailing from a Prohibition State, is a strong advocate for the W. C. T. U. (?)

Then there is Geo. Holstein, the newly elected G. S. and T., a “Pennsylvania Dutchman,” who doesn't say much, but somehow manages to get there just the same. I trust he will be just as successful in collecting the yearly Per Capita Tax.

Look at “Hank” Smith, the man from Elmira, N. Y. “Hank” certainly can make a good speech, even though he does write down his notes on a cigarette box. He has promised us a chapter, this year, at

Harmening, (Graduate) Everts, (Graduate) Sweeney, (Zeta) Blackwell, (Delta) Phillips, (Eta)
 Mulvanity, (Zeta) Gilliland, (Eta) Goodall, (Epsilon) Brewer, (Gamma) LaFever, (Delta) Adair, (Beta) Connelly, (Beta) Ferrier, (Graduate),
 Nottingham, (Epsilon) Smith, (Graduate) Holstein, (G. S. & T.) Bowen, (G. A.) Rugg, Editor Rocheleau, (Gamma) Eldridge, (Ex-G. A.)



Delegates to Grand Chapter Convention, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 24 and 25, 1904

Buffalo—let's all remind him of it. Next we have Nottingham and his fellow conspiritor Goodall—they came to Phil. in a quiet unassuming manner and left the town in the same way. Epsilon has sent noiser delegates to former conventions, but these brothers were not advance agents for a boiler factory. At the other end of the "Curio Hall" we have the Siamese Twins—Adair and Connelly—the men who led the charge on Thanksgiving night. They certainly were the bell cows, and the bunch followed wherever they went.

Perched way up on the top row, is Phillips. I have often wondered when Phil had any time to sleep. He was the man who made sure that every delegate got back to the hotel, some time in the morning and was the first to greet you when you came down for breakfast. He acted as Chief Guide for the homeless and was ably assisted by Gilliland, his partner in crime. Sweeney and his running mate, Mulvanity, come in next for a roasting, though I don't know what to roast them about, excepting, perhaps, that they lived at the Colonade, instead of coming over to the Hanover with the rest of the bunch, but they explained this by saying they wanted to be nearer to the scene of the banquet, and didn't like having to walk for something to eat. Now comes the good looking pair, Brewer and Rocheleau, the men who carried away the next convention in their pockets. Trust a Gamma man for getting all that's coming to him.

Blackwell and LeFevre are next in order. The latter, quiet and unassuming; the former, well—the least said about him, the better. I understand he intends opening a School of Correspondence, with special preparation given to those desiring to master the art of "Reading time tables." Ferrier is next. See how proudly he stands, bidding defiance to the photographer. Ferrier's specialty is playing the piano. He plays "Dixie," in ragtime, with one hand and "My Old Kentucky Home," set to waltz music, with the other. Rugg claims he is the "Wizard of the Ivories." P. M. Everts is now in order. P. M. might stand for Peter Maher or Postmaster, but that isn't his name—instead it is "Pianola Melodian"—quite a musical cognomen. His specialty is "Horses." For information on this topic, apply to Bro Hamilton of Zeta. Everts was a much sought after man at the convention, while he lasted, but, the trouble was, he didn't stay long enough. He had the distinction of being the first man to quit. Said he had to have his teeth filled, I think it was, anyhow, he was in a big hurry to get home. Bro. Harmening, champion bowler, will now step forward. Harmening certainly stuck to the last, and deserves great

credit. He is now somewhere in the wilds of Pennsylvania, looking out for a new chapter. I think I have knocked everyone, excepting myself, and that task I'll leave to the men I have just roasted, at the same time wishing them all a Happy New Year.

NOTE—It appears to the Editor that our genial and good looking friend, Press Eldridge, is feeling a little too confident of escaping the hammer, and, in order that each and every man in the group shall receive "special mention," we feel obliged to drag "Press" before the footlights. It seems that he has a musical inclination, and a weakness for organizing "sidewalk quartettes," but his great and only disappointment at the Philadelphia meeting, was his inability to render his famous (or infamous) parody on Rip Van Winkle, owing to the fact that the publishers of the song were looking for the man who wrote the parody.—*Editor.*

THE CONVENTION IN NEW YORK.

Well, at last, "it's up to us." At the convention in Philadelphia, it was unanimously decided to hold the next convention in New York, and if it were not for the fact that the burden of expenses entailed, falls upon the local chapter, I think it would be unanimously decided to hold every succeeding convention in this grand old city of lights. Why, the very name of New York is an inspiration to those who have already enjoyed its hospitality, and, undoubtedly, those brothers who have never been to New York, will also share this opinion, when they bid farewell to old Broadway, at the close of the coming convention. Bros. Brewer and Rocheleau, the Gamma delegates to Philadelphia, have vowed to ride a "water-wagon" until next fall, so they can ride the "tank-wagon" which will be supplied during the convention, and, I have it on good authority, that Bro. Broemmel, our esteemed A. of Gamma, is going to keep early hours from now on, so that he will be ready for the Fall meeting (and this is no small concession on the part of Bro. Broemmel). Well, Gamma Chapter is certainly going to exert every effort to make the delegates and other visiting brothers, enjoy their stay in New York, and I do not think that they will fall short of their effort, for so long as the Hofbrau House, the "Tenderloin," and the theatres remain, Gamma will not worry over the manner in which the evenings are to be spent.

Great credit is due Eta Chapter for the excellent way they

entertained us at Philadelphia and the members of Gamma will be heartily glad of the opportunity to return the compliment. Now, passive men, don't be too passive, but brush up and get in line for this event, for if the affair is not a "go," all the Brothers of Gamma will away to the "Hofbrau" and drink themselves to death.

WILLARD J. FERRIER,

Past Sec'y and Treas., Gamma.

"HARMONY."

BY PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR.

There are two words in the English Language each composed of seven letters, which are synonymous, and without which Kappa Psi could never have grown, and at the same time kept her chapters in line, without a break, year after year. The words I refer to are "Harmony and Success"—without the first we could never have expected to achieve the second and to have the second it was absolutely imperative to secure the first.

Harmony is a wonderful thing, with perfect Harmony, every chapter must necessarily flourish, without it, discord arises, petty differences grow into open rebellion, and we are liable to forget our "Oath of Allegiance" to our Fraternity, in order that our own stubbornness and personal ideas might be gratified. All of which of course, is entirely wrong, and certainly unnecessary, still we are human and liable to err it is a weakness of mankind—but at the same time it is a sure way of breeding discontent, and discord of any nature has no place set aside for it in the ranks of Kappa Psi. Every fraternal order in the Universe is built on the one idea, from the oldest to the smallest "Prep." School Fraternity, and that idea is "Harmony," without it the mightiest will decay and fall away in a single night, with it, it will live on for ages—one bad apple in a barrel of the same fruit will spread its decay at an alarming rate, so one rebellious idea gains momentum before it is easy to check. Every chapter should have "Harmony" as its watch word and Success will follow in its wake—personal differences should not be made a paramount issue, but "Harmony" should have the right of way, and if it has and the signals indicate the chapter has a clear track to the end of the line, the Kappa Psi train will run along smoothly to the last station on which the sign will read in big gold letters "Success."



PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR.
Retiring G. A. (1897-1904)

Born in Baltimore, Maryland about 1880. He, the only son of Press Eldridge the well-known comedian and grandson of Elowise Eldridge—the Mother of Actresses.

The subject of our sketch received his primary education in the above city, but at an early date in his career the family moved to New Haven, Conn., where he first became associated with Kappa Psi. The fraternity was established at Hill House High School by F. Harvey Smith, who had been associated with Kappa Psi while still a military fraternity, and was A. of Hill House Chapter.

After graduating from this institution Bro Eldridge entered Yale where after a time he showed more inclination for business life, and went to New York City where he became associated with American School Furniture Company and held a very responsible position. In 1902, he was sent as their representative to South America and was very prosperous from a business stand.

His grandmother, Elowise Eldridge, or better known (so I am told) as "Mother of Actresses," devotes her entire life to charity work, especially among the women of this profession. His father is known to most of us as, the comedian, Press Eldridge, and his ability to entertain has been inherited by the son, Press, Jr., who possesses quite a talent, especially as a musician. He has for a number of years, been a member of the 7th New York regiment.

About 1897, Press Eldridge, Harvey Smith and W. Bulot, reorganized the fraternity into a medical and pharmacy fraternity, with Harvey Smith as A., until 1901, when he was succeeded by Press Eldridge.

The retiring G. A. has many friends in the world to-day, who once locked arms with him in the workings of Kappa Psi. By his ability to make friends, and win their confidence, he has placed the grand old frat. on a higher plane than she ever stood before, and it is with pleasure that we look back and see what strides she has made during the reign of Past G. A., Press Eldridge, Jr.

J. D. R.

DR. JOSIAH S. BOWEN.

At the last convention of Alpha Chapter, held in Philadelphia last November the delegates saw fit to elect Dr. Josiah S. Bowen to the highest office in the Brotherhood of Kappa Psi. Although he is one of the best known men in the fraternity it might not be amiss to give a short sketch of the genial Doctor.

"Josh," as he is known to his frat. brothers and warm personal friends, was born at Mt. Washington, Balto Co., Md., April 28, 1882. He received his early education in the public schools of said county and Baltimore City, and at Marston's University School—a prep. school for all colleges and universities. In 1899, he entered the University of Maryland from which he received his M. D. in May, 1903. During his college career he was Sergeant-at-Arms of his class for the year 1900-01 and it was in 1901 that he was made a member of Kappa Psi, taking the oath under Norman Higgins then A. of Delta Chapter. He served as treasurer of his chapter for the year 1902-03 and at the convention at Washington, D. C., in 1903 he was elected G. O. of Alpha Chapter. While holding this office he went abroad to study in the Liverpool hospitals. He is also a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Junior Order of the United American Mechanics.

He is a man with a pleasing personality and sterling character—jovial, earnest and sincere. A man, to whom all members of Kappa Psi can point out to the world as a *man* and their leader.