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## EDITORIAL.

With this number we start a new year and a new volume and extend the greeting of "A Happy New Year" to every member of the fraternity both active and passive. To celebrate the completion of our first volume we appear this month in a new garb—the color of the Grand Chapter.

This number of *The Mask* will undoubtedly be read by about every living member of Kappa Psi and it is to these men that we wish to say that your old frat. is on the verge of its greatest prosperity and by the time of our next issue we will probably be able to present our readers with an interesting account of the installation of a new chapter in one of the leading universities of the country. It is through this little journal that we hope to push Kappa Psi to the topmost rung in the ladder of fraternities and it is to you, Brother Graduate, that we are looking for support in the shape of subscriptions and advertising. A loyal Kappa Psi man is he who willingly gives up a dollar for six numbers of this little journal. Right here we wish to thank the brothers who have so loyally given us their support in the past and trust that we may depend upon them for the future. Many a man has the best of intention to subscribe but puts it off till tomorrow (a day that never comes). The editor is getting out this number at his own expense and mailing a copy to every member listed in the *Agora*. Will you help the good work along by *sending in your subscription by return mail?*

Article by Robertson is omitted in this number on account of lack of space.

A STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS—At the last meeting of the Grand Chapter the Editor was elected to publish *The Mask* on his own responsibility and without any financial aid from Alpha Chapter. We published the December Number which completed Vol. I, and paid for it out of our own pockets. With this number we start Vol. II, and, at our own expense, are mailing a copy to every member of the fraternity, and we think it only fair that each and every one should know the exact condition of affairs. We have in this issue but one ad. from which we receive any payment—the others are carried over from last year. Only three chapters have paid for their last month's copies and out of between five and six hundred members we have received just seven subscriptions at \$1.00 per year. We think these statements will be sufficient to dispel any illusion that *The Mask* is "a money-making scheme." We don't want to be considered "a cry baby" yet we can't afford to make you a present of *The Mask* every month and go down into our "jeans" and pay for it ourself. *Will you not be loyal to your frat. and support The Mask with at least your subscriptions.*

The associate editors should be able to get at least one advertisement which would assist us mightily.

We would be giving chapter houses to all the chapters to say nothing of *The Mask* if we had the coin to do it, and we sincerely hope the brothers will appreciate our position and "lend a hand." We humbly present the first number of Volume II for your approval, we admit there is lots of room for improvement, but we have done our best to make it interesting, its future success remains with you.

CHANGE IN EDITORIAL STAFF—With this number E. Frederic Morris terminates his excellent service as Editor for Epsilon Chapter and it goes without saying that his interesting letters will be greatly missed. We wish to extend our thanks to the gentleman for his faithful work and trust that Epsilon may be as well looked after by his successor.

It also gives us great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, William W. Riha, Delta's new editor.

All matter for February number should be in by February second.

## Chapter Notes



### BETA CHAPTER.

Beta sends greetings of the New Year with best wishes and hopes of prosperity to all Kappa Psi, may her banners wave. More chapters is her greatest need, let extension be the watchword of every Kappa Psi man. It is with pleasure that Beta can soon give up her place as one of the chapters farthest to the South, to the one which will be called "Iota." There are other good schools far to the South, may we hope our new chapter, to be, may show them what they have missed.

Beta's men, with few exceptions have returned, report a good time and lots of Santa Claus, we hope to have a full meeting, January 7.

More than likely our annual banquet will be held some time after the middle of February. Notice will be given of exact date in next issue of The Mask. We will be pleased to have any of our brothers with us who may see fit to visit Richmond at that time, we always have plenty to eat and plenty to drink.

Before leaving for the holidays we had the pleasure of grasping the hand of Brother Morrison, one of our unaffiliated members. Also Brother J. H. Smith has been taking in the once familiar sights

of Richmond. Always make yourself known when in the city, boys, it is always a pleasure to meet a Kappa Psi man, whether he is an active, passive or unaffiliated member, or from Beta or any other chapter.

It is with deep regret we announce the departure of our much beloved brother, Dr. J. P. Proctor, G. O. Dr. Proctor's future home will be Williamston, N. C. With one accord we join in wishing him the success which his great merit entitles him to reap. Our loss is felt more because Dr. Proctor is one of the pillars of Kappa Psi,—'tis needless to give his record as every good man in the fraternity knows it.

With pleasure we report the return of Bro. Saunders, '05. After an illness of two months he has again taken his place in our ranks.

The brothers of Beta Chapter unite with me in sending their filial love and best wishes for a prosperous year to all their brothers in Kappa Psi.

C. A. CLEMMER, '05.

## GAMMA CHAPTER.

The date of the Annual Alumni Ball, to be held at The Grand Central Palace, is drawing near and all Gamma will be there with her colors. The boxes have been rented and arrangements have already been made for decorating.

We have added a number of excellent men of late, men who will be of great assistance in making the coming convention in New York a banner one.

At the last meeting Bro. Goekle proposed the establishing of a Kappa Psi prize to be awarded to the man having the highest standing throughout the entire course. The writer thinks this a good idea as it would be an added inducement to the new men.

Gamma regrets very much to announce that Bro. Broemell, because of outside business, has resigned his office as A., but we are consoled by the fact that such a man as Bro. Brewer is now at the head. Bro. Rocheleau was elected to succeed Bro. Brewer as O.

The new banners were pronounced excellent and almost every Gamma man's study is now decorated with the scarlet and the purple.

A large number of passive men were present at the meeting of December 19. They all "got busy" and the good old days of Gamma were soon recalled to their minds.

We are sorry to know that brother Sapp is not back with us this year. He was unable to attend college because of a severe attack of typhoid fever.

H. O. VON WEDELL.

## DELTA CHAPTER.

At our last meeting we had three members of the Freshman Class, among them their president, execute a few acrobatic feats on the rocky back of the goat. Interviewing the goat after the meeting, the noble quadruped said, "did I enjoy it? Don't mention it. I'm tickled to death."

A report on our annual banquet to be held in February was submitted by the Banquet Committee. The prospects for an enjoyable time are bright.

The reports that Delta's A. and O. gave, appertaining to the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter at Philadelphia caused the Green-Eyed Monster to come forth from his den. We had to get the services of an A. S. P. C. A. to shoot the beast, or else we would be jealous still for having missed what our A. rightly termed "the grandest time of his life."

"Every dark cloud has a silver lining." The jealousy created within us soon melted away into complete oblivion, when news of brother Bowen's election came to us. We thank Kappa Psi for the honors so unexpectedly bestowed upon us. Delta will concentrate its strength, and with the aid of G. A. Bowen will prove by deed rather than by pen that it has been worthy of your trust.

We have neither optimists nor pessimists among us. We have

all sworn allegiance to the Order of Ameliorists; and we, therefore, believe that even though Kappa Psi is progressing with wonderful strides and is maintaining one of the highest positions among the fraternities of the world, still she can be made to progress even higher. Let us not harbor the thought that, in overcoming the stumbling-blocks of life, strength is indispensable; but rather let us think that constant, uninterrupted perseverance will be the David to kill the Goliath. The Romans, who always had a sweet way of telling things, were often wont to quote the following:—"Gutta cavat lapidem, now vi, sed saepe cadendo." Let us therefore, be like this little drop with its feeble strength and constant perseverance hollowing out the stubborn and seemingly unyielding rock. Let us be the owners of that bull-dog tenacity which alone is responsible for most of the terrestrial advancements for aeons past.

We do not want to be deemed hypercritical, yet we must give utterance to our sentiments. We think that our official journal is dangerously neglected by the fraternity body. Each and every one of us ought to feel a personal and unwavering interest in our journal; and all ought to unite for its speedy edification, and it can be done by contributions of original articles. We beg to offer this as a suggestion to our sister chapters, as a remedy for the condition about which we are writing. Developing upon its own suggestion, Delta Chapter has made a brave but humble start in that direction. We feel certain that every article contributed will promulgate exceptional interest, and bring with it as much joy to us, as a newly-found oasis in Sahara Desert brings to the parched lips of a Bedouin. So come along Beta, Gamma, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta and Theta, keep up in the race.

#### TO KAPPA PSI.

When e'er my listless eyes  
 Look towards the cloudless skies;  
 When e'er they fall upon a pond  
 Strewn with lillies sweet and fond;  
 When e'er they rest upon a rose  
 As queen of flowers she grows;  
 When e'er the haughty King of Day  
 Hurls thick to earth his golden ray;  
 When e'er the modest Queen of Night  
 Sends down to us her silv'ry light;  
 Where e'er through battling life I go,  
 In summer's sun or winter's snow;

What e'er my grief, what e'er my joy may be,  
My wand'ring thoughts will turn to THEE.

And when old Time, old gray-haired Time  
Shall sing to me his last sweet rhyme,  
And send the cold, dark-robed Death  
To rob me of my last-drawn breath;  
In that, life's greatest moment shall I cry,  
Farewell, Earth's best! Farewell, dear Kappa Psi!

WILLIAM W. RIHA, '05.

## EPSILON CHAPTER.

The election of officers, for another year, is near at hand and as the old officers retire from the arena as active members to those of passive, it is with a feeling of great satisfaction that they look back over the year and realize what has been accomplished by Epsilon. The fraternity as a whole may congratulate itself that it will be able to put into office, for the coming year, men who will guard well the high standard which Epsilon has aspired to in the past, and perpetuate, thereby, the staunch record of the days gone by, and leave, as heirloom to those who shall fill the places of the men who have or shall this year go out into the world as physicians and men whom the world shall delight to honor. Initiations are plentiful and of the best material in the college, and we bespeak for Epsilon Chapter a most successful future.

The graduates from Maryland Medical College are showing up fine, before the boards of the different states, being neck and neck, almost, with Johns Hopkins University. It is only a question of a little time when the M. M. C. will be the envy of the other colleges of the country. With this report, my duties as assistant editor of "The Mask" close, and I wish to extend my deep appreciation for the many courtesies shown me in such capacity, and my one wish for my successor, is that he may profit by my many mistakes and shortcomings, and fill to a far better degree, the position which I have in my weak way endeavored to fill (to myself, most unsatisfactorily) and that he may have the undivided support of the entire fraternity. Again wishing "The Mask" all success, and also the new Editor, I will bring this to a close.

E. FREDERIC MORRIS, '05

## ZETA CHAPTER.

Just at present, things are rather quiet about Georgetown Medical, due to the fact that most of the men are enjoying the holidays at home, but after vacation is over the "Zeta Express," on the Kappa Psi Line will pull out on the main track for a through run, stopping only at Success and Prosperity. Bros. Sweeney and Mulvanity still have a few stories concerning their Philadelphia adventures, which they relate to their less fortunate brothers who did not attend the meeting. Our P. A. Coleman is still holding down his hospital appointment at the Washington Asylum Hospital and calls on us occasionally. Bro. Hamilton wishes to inform his fraternity brothers that he is still picking on "de ole banjo," and has learned a new song with which he will be pleased to entertain them at any time they happen to be in Washington. The rumor of a new chapter in the South was received with great pleasure and further developments are awaited with much interest at Zeta. We wish to extend a Happy and Prosperous New Year to our sister chapters and all brothers in Kappa Psi.

LEO F. BYRNES.

## ETA CHAPTER.

Under the new manager, I think "The Mask" certainly did justice to itself and upheld its standard. We should all do our duties and help make "The Mask" the best that ever was," not only through the chapter reporter's letter, but individually contribute some little anecdote or poem or alumnus note. Eta wishes to thank her sister chapters for their kind words. Bros. "Jack" Lehman, Andy E. Spalding and Dean B. Crawford were elected, respectively, President, Vice President and Secretary of the Athletic Association, and Bro. Wm. J. Phillips is President of the College House Association.

On December 21st, we had a smoker, and also took into the mysteries of Psi, two worthy men whom I take great pleasure in introducing to our fraters, F. B. Moore and A. L. Bastin. Bro. G. Coville Davy was elected O for the rest of the term, and next year will be the A., so the good work of Eta will be continued without any doubt. The boys are mostly at their respective homes for the holidays. All are expected back to renew the onward march of Kappa Psi. This and the next month's letters will, no doubt, be the last of my letters as Eta's reporter. Bro. Norman Hoffman has left Phila.

for the western part of Pennsylvania. Good luck to you, Norman. We will certainly miss Norman's smiling face and assistance.

Eta's chapter roll consists of 27 active members, now the largest in our history. In closing, Eta hopes you all had a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year's.

E. M. HOLROYD, '05.

## THETA CHAPTER.

We men, down here at the Medical College of Virginia, are not acting the Rip Van Winkle part even though we didn't send a man to Philadelphia. Of course we were very sorry not to have been represented in person at the Convention, but when it opens up in New York, next Fall, we will be there. The pleasant social events and enthusiastic meetings, given account of by Beta's delegates, make us feel that we missed a rare treat. Well this is what we have done since our last communication: three great big "goats." In the mysteries of Kappa Psi were initiated: G. T. Hogg, Richmond, Va.; G. N. Noff, Washington Co., Va.; R. E. Wood, Hampton, Va. Since our initiation, Bro. Hogg, who undertook to study medicine and at the same time hold his position in the city, found it too much of a burden, and, therefore, had to resign college. It is hoped that he may rejoin us at some future time. Theta has eleven men in the chapter at present.

Notwithstanding the Christmas holidays, Theta is up and doing, and we hope to have several "goats" before we leave for home. Bro. Stryker was elected president of the Sophomore class. We are proud to have one of our members chosen a class president during the first year of our existence. We were pleased to welcome Bro. Press Eldridge, Jr. into our midst, and regret that he could not stay longer. Theta is grateful to the retiring Editor, Bro. Eldridge, for his successful efforts in editing "The Mask." Just a word for our new Editor, Bro. Rugg: Kappa Psi stands to-day a living monument to the combined support of its enthusiastic individual members; just so should the fraternity publication, "The Mask." Let each individual feel his responsibility to co-operate; let each member endeavor to get advertisements; let each talented member contribute in a literary way and, finally, it is each member's duty to subscribe to "The Mask."

G. TYLER HUNDLEY, '07.