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## THAT NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PAN HELLENIC

We, The Greek World, are more and more realizing that we have a greater and more far reaching duty to perform than that which we owe to our brothers in our own fraternity bonds; and that is what we owe to our fellow Greeks and the college.

More than two years ago I made some advances toward other Greek Letter Fraternities looking to the formation of a National Pan Hellenic, but was not given very much encouragement, for two reasons.

First: I did not discriminate between General and Professional Fraternities.

Second: The Professional Fraternities were too young and not yet far enuf advanced to realize that much could be learned from mutual experiences to the advantage of all. In short, they lost sight of the *Brotherhood of Man* in their own particular Fraternity Brotherhood.

But two years have brought about a wonderful change in point of view. The Men's General Fraternities have formed a Pan Hellenic, and we have also inaugurated a movement among the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Fraternities, which we believe will result in the formation of a Professional Pan Hellenic.

Having been asked to take the initiative by members of other National Fraternities I agreed to do so, and since having written some of the parties known to be interested in such a movement the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity has independently advocated this very same idea, in their journal *The Quarterly*, thus giving an official agreement to join in such movement.

I have received favorable endorsement of the plan by Dr. J. Guernsay Taylor, Grand Secretary of the

Alpha Mu Pi Omega (Medical) Fraternity and unofficial endorsement from members of Alpha Kappa Kappa (Medical); Nu Sigma Nu; Pi Mu; and Delta Sigma (Dental), the other Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Fraternities written to have not, up to the present writing, replied to my letter.

Surely, if the Men's General Fraternities, among many of whom such strong feeling exists, could get together in Pan Hellenic to their mutual benefit, the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Fraternities who are so very closely related by natural circumstances, and between whom very little if any such animosity exists, should have no trouble to meet on common ground in a National Professional Pan Hellenic Council.

Any information desired will be cheerfully furnished by

GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN,  
Grand Regent Kappa Psi.  
529 N. 8th St., Lebanon, Pa.

Editor THE MASK,

Dear Brother:

My article relative to the movement for the establishment of a National Professional Pan Hellenic was conspicuous by its absence from the July issue and your subsequent explanation is satisfactory, altho I am very sorry that it occurred, because it does not place Kappa Psi in its proper position, and would make it appear that the article was an after thought, coming as it does some time after a similar item was published in the *Phi Chi* (Medical) *Quarterly*, but the accompanying letter is in itself a refutation of any such thought, might it occur.

(Exact Copy of Letter)

Phila., 4-21-1910

Mr. GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN,

Dear Sir:

Dr. J. Gurnsey Taylor (Grand Sect'y Alpha Mu Pi Omega Fraternity) has handed me your letter to him dated 3-25-1910. In answer I would say that we have been asked to join with other professions than that of the practice of medicine, and the Grand

Chapter has refused to do so. At the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, I will ask for directions in the matter, and if they desire to take up with your proposition, our Grand Sect'y, Dr. Taylor, will let you know.

Very courteously yours,

ROLAND G. CURTIN,

Gr. Pres. Alpha Mu Pi Omega.

Note:—Part in parenthesis inserted by myself.

Also note reference to previous invitations in support of what I state in my article. I also want to add that I am not looking for any personal honor in connection with this attempt to organize a Professional Pan Hellenic, but having made a systematic start and having been in communication with the presiding grand officers of a number of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Dental Fraternities, I feel unwilling to let my work go for naught through any partisanship. Greeks, especially of the professional variety, should be far above that and willing to meet the other fellow half way.

Sincerely,

GEO. L. HOLSTEIN.

### NOTICE TO DELEGATES

The following Brothers have been appointed by the Grand Regent a *Committee on Credentials*: Press Eldridge, Jr., Past Grand Regent, Chairman; Dr. A. Richard Bliss, Jr., Ex-Gamma, and M. P. James, Kappa. The Committee will hold its meeting in the Hotel Hillman at 8 a. m., Thursday, November 24th, and all Delegates will present Credentials from their Chapters at that time; Delegates-at-Large will present their Letters of Appointment from the Grand Regent.

No Delegate will be seated unless his Chapter has paid in full all Per Capita Tax and Assessments by or before November 15, 1910.

Headquarters for Delegates and visiting Brothers will be the Hotel Hillman. Delegates, upon arrival, will report to Brother Press Eldridge, Jr., or Brother Richard A. Bliss, Jr., who will see that they are assigned to rooms reserved by the management for the use of the Members of Kappa Psi.

**KAPPA PSI IN THE FAR WEST****Beta Gamma Chapter Installed at the University of California**

Beta Gamma Chapter is now one of the Favored Band ready to help Kappa Psi make her mark in the Fraternity world. All members have ridden the goat and trod the paths that make good members, and we feel sure you will be glad we came.

Instructions to install Beta Gamma Chapter came just as College was closing last year, so this was impossible and the Chapter was not officially installed until Friday evening, Sept. 23d, 1910.

If space permits I offer a little history of your baby Chapter.

Being a graduate of California before going to Columbia, where I became a member of Gamma Chapter, I was very anxious to have a Chapter here. It was a pleasure when two members, Brother Ralph Head and Brother Ivory Rodda called on me to find out about starting a Chapter at College. Knowing the faculty personally, I visited the College and looked over those that were behind the movement. Everything was fine, and I told the boys to "go to it." Mr. Len. Stone was elected Regent temporarily, passwords were selected and things went with a vim. Ten of the Junior class, the very cream, were rushed. A room was secured in the College and partly furnished. No debts were contracted. Everything secured was of good quality and paid for. A banquet with a spread that was the equal of any that I have sat down to was served in the College Room of the Bismarck Cafe, on Market and Fourth Sts. Twenty-two were present and we were visited later by Prof. F. T. Green and Prof. F. W. Nish. Considering the short time the boys did well.

The Ritual was not received until College was over, and those of the faithful ones that were leaving, not to return, were given the secret work.

Everyone graduated, and our Bro. Patterson won the Scholarship.

College opened with a bang. Two of our graduates came over a hundred miles to help the start.

The boys added to their room and secured a piano. On Friday evening, Sept. 23d, in Polito Hall, the goat was worked overtime, and by morning the Chapter was installed and everyone knew the lessons to be learned and the difficulties thereof. Brothers, I want full credit for this. Every member was initiated. No class initiations, no cuts, no outside help.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Regent, C. Robinson; Vice-Regent, Pennington; Secretary, F. Carlisle; Treasurer, Woodson; Historian, V. Rodda.

Friday evening, Oct. 7th, we initiated six juniors. The goat did his duty and all are satisfied and good members of Psi. The prospects for the future are bright.

W. BRUCE PHILIP,  
Ex-Gamma, California State Chairman.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

The following petition for a Chapter has been received and acted upon since the last issue of THE MASK: By *Union University (Department of Pharmacy)*, Albany, N. Y. Endorsed by Brother Henry J. Goeckel, Ex-Gamma, State Chairman for New York, and Legislative Committee. Charter granted, will be installed as *Beta Delta* Chapter.

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**KAPPA CHAPTER invites all Kappa Psi  
to the 12th National Convention**

*The* **BIRMINGHAM ALUMNI CHAPTER seconds  
the motion**

**Do you need any heartier invitation?**

**November 24, 25 and 26, 1910**

**COME!**

**THE 1910 AGORA****Explanation and Suggestions by the Editor**

In reply to our worthy brother from Xi, Professor Justin F. Grant, the editor of the 1910 edition of our directory wishes to explain the reason why a State, County and City Directory was not included in the 1910 revision. It was because the resources of the Grand Chapter would not admit of a greater outlay of funds, and that the prospect of making good on a publication of too great a cost was not an assured fact.

The editor, realizing that an extensive addition of material was necessary and having to decide between the State directory and the alphabetical index, decided that the latter was the more important, as it answered a more urgent need of our Active Chapters than the former would have done. It was deemed more necessary to have a ready means of ascertaining a man's rights to the privileges of THE AGORA when claiming the privileges to Chapter, than to know who the brothers are who live in one's immediate vicinity. Another reason for giving the alphabetical index was because it enabled us to fix the extent of our membership, and to show at a glance to which Chapter or Chapters a man belongs. There has been a considerable number of transfers from one Chapter to another during the past few years.

The writer does not wish it to be understood that he in any way minimizes the importance of a State directory, as the same is now becoming of importance, due to the establishment of the Graduate Chapters. The inclusion of such an arrangement will do more than any other factor to stimulate the organization of such Chapters. Our Chapters are still more or less provincial in keeping the men informed of their functions and activities. The State directory will aid in overcoming this, as it will enable each to send notifications to the graduates of other Chapters who reside within the province of the Chapter. It is hardly necessary to call attention to the effect this will have in

keeping the members, distant from their initiate Chapters, interested in the Order.

At the last convention of the Grand Council, not being able to attend, in rendering his report the writer made several suggestions, among which was one to make THE AGORA a pent-annual publication, a supplement containing only necessary additions and changes to be issued on each of the years intervening between the appearance of two issues. This suggestion was either misunderstood or did not appeal to the fraternity pride or vanity of our delegates as it was voted down. As a partial measure it was decided to make it a bi-annual publication. This decision to make THE AGORA a bi-annual is almost valueless as far as permitting extensive improvements in the same. The time has passed when a two by four pamphlet will answer the needs of Kappa Psi. The book must more and more become "A HAND-BOOK OF KAPPA PSI INFORMATION."

Such a book will require a far greater outlay of funds than have the past editions, and to re-issue this mass of material each year or even every two years is unreasonable folly and a waste of the resources of the Fraternity, which can be put to far better use. Another factor which should be taken into consideration is that our Passive members have not sufficient use for THE AGORA to warrant them to invest a dollar or more for the same each year.

A pent-annual edition furnished at a price sufficient to include the cost of the four annual supplements will be more likely to meet the response and be of more satisfaction and use than a book bought for curiosity's sake once every few years and then found to be out of date when occasion calls for its use.

Another reason why the writer suggested that THE AGORA be made a pent-annual is that it will enable the Fraternity to establish an endowment fund for this, the same as has been done for THE MASK. By fixing a life subscription for THE AGORA at FIVE DOLLARS, the capital to be invested and the interest alone to be used to meet the costs of publication, will ulti-

mately make this a self-supporting institution of the Fraternity.

It is the writer's opinion that a special office should be created, by electing a member to have complete charge of revising and issuing the publication. And that provision should be made to supply him with suitable blanks to be sent to the Chapters each month. It should be obligatory to fill these blanks with the desired information. All changes of address, etc., should be brought to this officer's attention for record. Such a person might appropriately be termed the REGISTRAR of the Fraternity.

It is also the opinion of the writer that some person should be designated to preserve the records of the Fraternity. All half-tones used in our publications, etc., should be turned over to said party as well as all original petitions for Charters, etc. It is at present the nominal duty of the Grand Historian to do so, but it is more advisable to have a permanent property man than to trust to luck in our officers elect, knowing the duty of their offices to the detriment of the records of the Fraternity. The present method of preserving records is very unsatisfactory—in fact there is no method.

Trusting that the Grand Council of 1910 will see to it that THE AGORA is hereafter a pent-annual publication, and that a life subscription and endowment fund be established for its maintenance, I am,

Fraternally,

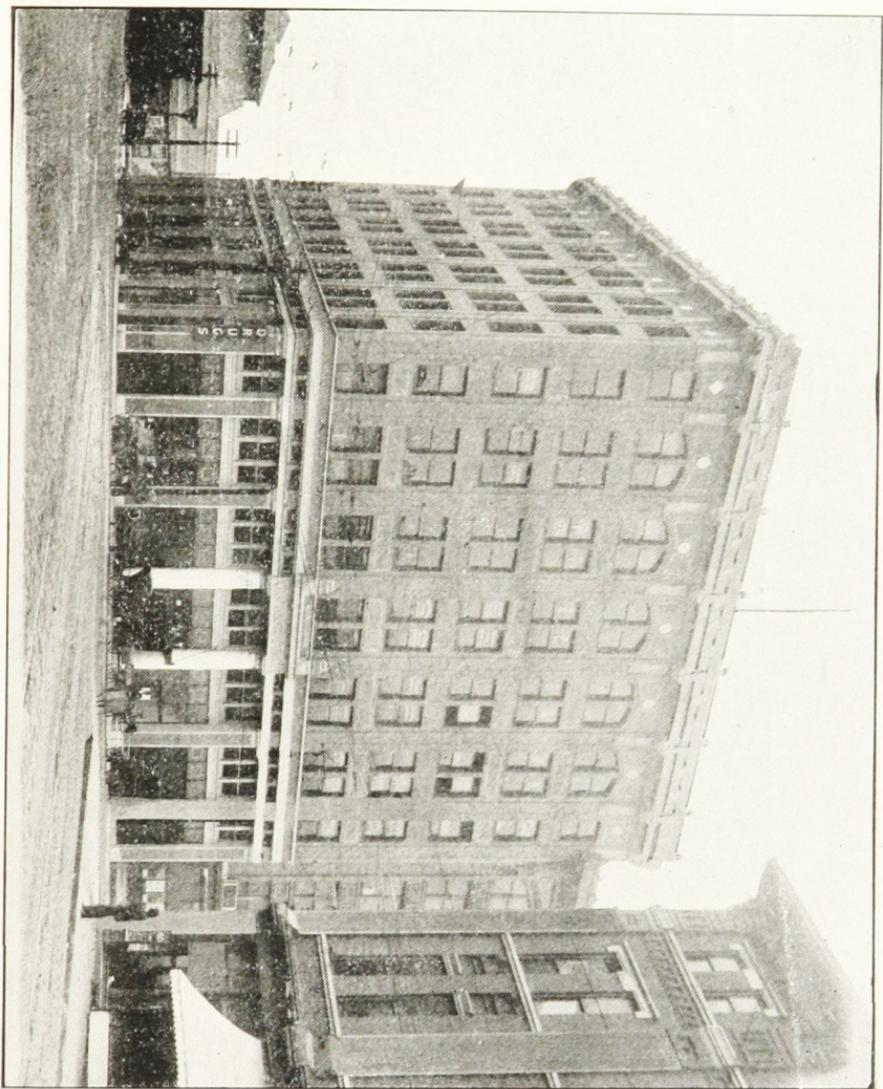
HENRY J. GOECKEL,  
Past Grand Historian and Editor.

## **"BIRMINGHAM FOR MINE**

### **Can't Miss that Great Convention "**

**"That's what they all say"**

**Don't YOU Miss it!**

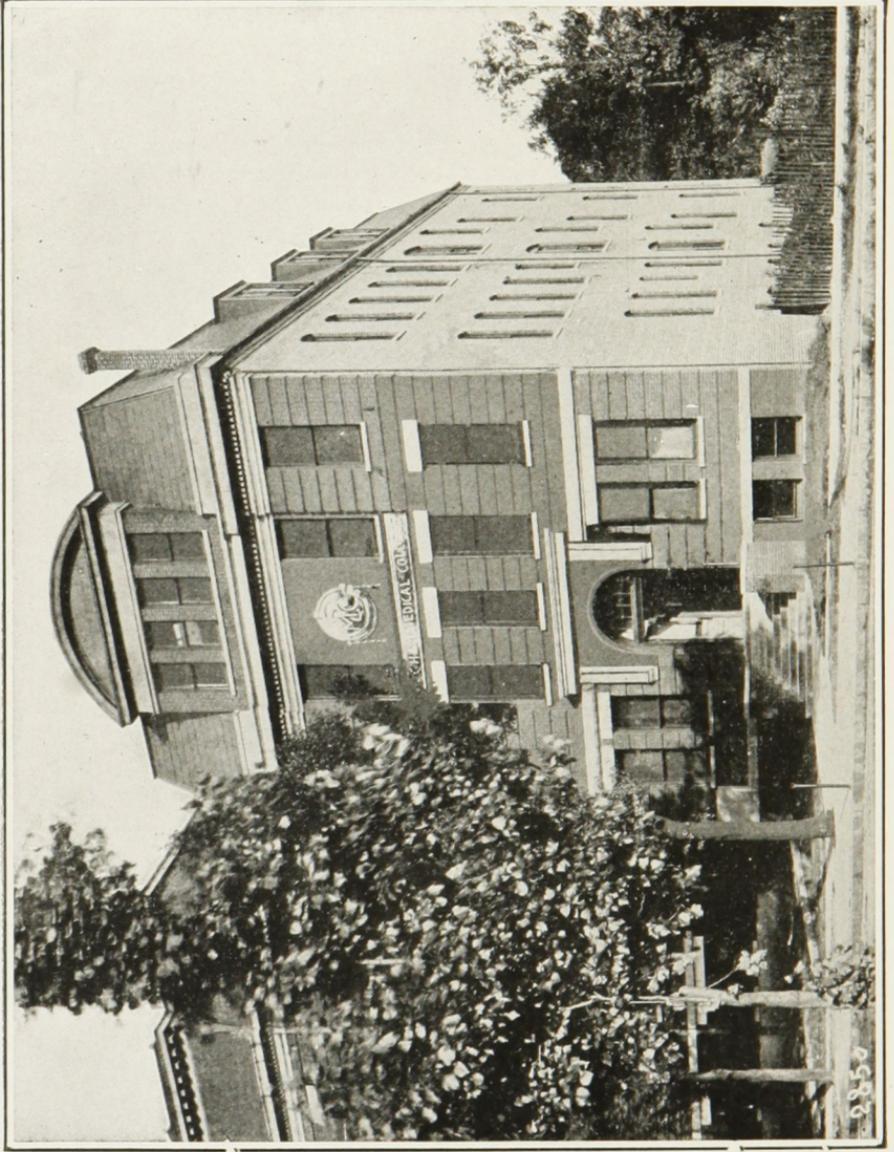


CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Birmingham, Ala.

Business Sessions Here







BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL COLLEGE, Birmingham, Ala.

## THE BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL COLLEGE

### History

The Birmingham Medical College and College of Pharmacy, situated in Birmingham, Ala., a city of approximately 140,000, was incorporated under the laws of Alabama, and a charter was granted June 9, 1894. It was opened for the admission of students the following October. The 1896-97 session of the Legislature of Alabama passed a special act confirming and amending the charter and granting additional powers.

The founders of the college were physicians in the City of Birmingham who had reached distinction in their profession in the State, and who were eminently qualified by learning and experience to become teachers of the healing art. Several of these distinguished physicians have finished their labors upon earth and have passed to their reward. Among them, all of whom were instrumental in organizing and shaping the policy of the institution in its early years, and who contributed largely to its success, may be mentioned the names of the lamented Drs. H. W. Johnston, W. E. B. Davis and J. H. McCarty.

After perfecting a complete organization a modern four-story brick and stone building, located on Twenty-first Street, in the heart of the city, was rented, remodeled, equipped and made ready for instruction. This equipment included two large lecture rooms suitable for didactic instruction and demonstrations, and one clinical amphitheatre for all of the minor and major surgical operations. In addition there were chemical, histological, bacteriological and pathological laboratories fully equipped for laboratory instruction, and a large dissecting hall on the top floor. There were faculty rooms, rooms for the college dispensary, and a few rooms reserved for operative cases.

A full faculty was elected, composed of the most prominent and distinguished physicians and surgeons in Birmingham. Dr. William H. Johnston, an eminent physician, and one of the leading practitioners of the city for many years, was elected Dean. This office, as

well as that of professor of obstetrics, he filled with conspicuous ability until his death, which occurred in March, 1898. Dr. Johnston was greatly beloved by his students, and imparted many valuable lessons gained from his long and varied experience as a practitioner. As an obstetrician he had few equals, and his knowledge of practical medicine and therapeutics was of the very highest order.

The work on the part of the members of the faculty during the first few years demonstrated their fitness for the responsible and laborious work which they had undertaken. While there were many obstacles and hindrances, due to the want of an endowment fund, the college prospered and increased in usefulness, as shown by the annual increase in the number of students and its rapid growth in professional and popular favor. The college has always from the beginning stood for high scholarship, thorough and practical methods of instruction, and a high standard for graduation, and has kept pace with all the demands of modern medical education. During the first few years the course of instruction leading to the doctorate degree covered a period of three years of six months each. In the year 1900, in conformity with the rules of the Southern Medical College Association, the course was lengthened to four years.

The college occupied the rented building on Twenty-first Street from its organization until the fall of 1902, when the new college building was completed. During all of these years, in addition to the regular college work, a free outdoor dispensary for the poor was in successful operation.

After the close of the session of 1901-1902 the Board of Directors was reorganized, with increased capital, with a view of securing a permanent home for the college. This was absolutely necessary on account of the increased attendance of students. There was a great and growing need for more room, larger and more modern laboratories and increased clinical facilities. To carry forth the work and meet the demands, the Board of Directors purchased a lot on Avenue F,

near Twentieth Street, immediately adjoining the Hillman Hospital, then in course of erection, and upon it erected during the summer the present modern college building, and thoroughly equipped the same. This marked a distinct epoch in the history of the institution. The session of 1902-3 was the first in the new building.

In 1904 the Department of Pharmacy was added and the Pharmaceutical Laboratory equipped. The Department has improved and increased from year to year. Beginning with the session 1909-10 the Department complied with all the requirements of the Department of Education of the State of New York, and is now among the best schools in the country. A two year course of 32 weeks each, leading to the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy (Ph.G.) is offered. Beginning session 1911-12 a three year course leading to the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist (Ph.C.) will also be offered.

The requirements for admission to the Medical Department have been raised. Beginning with session 1910-1911 a candidate for admission must present fourteen units of high school work (the same as those required for admission to the College of Arts and Science of the University of Alabama). Hereafter the sessions will be of 32 weeks duration.

It is gratifying to the Faculty, Alumni, friends and students of the Birmingham Medical College that in the recent report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching the report advocates Birmingham as the feasible and proper location for the Medical Department of the University of Alabama.

### Location

The college is located on the corner of Avenue F and Twentieth Street, in a most desirable section of the city, and adjoins the Hillman Hospital. The site is a particularly fortunate one on account of the close proximity of this hospital, where most of the clinical instruction is given.

### College Building

It is a modern, four-story brick structure with a large and well ventilated basement. There are three amphitheatres with a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty each. Large, well lighted and well ventilated Histological, Bacteriological, Pathological, Clinical, Microscopical, Physiological, Anatomical, Chemical, Pharmaceutical and Surgical laboratories have been provided. The very best structural facilities are afforded for Chemical and Microscopical work. These laboratories were constructed with a view of teaching these subjects according to the most modern laboratory methods, and no expense has been spared in equipping them.

The Faculty Room, Secretary's and Dean's Offices, the Pharmaceutical Laboratory, a reading and lounging room and a Lecture Hall are on the first floor. The Bacteriological, Histological and Pathological Laboratories, stock rooms and a Lecture Hall are on the second floor. The laboratories occupy one-half of the floor; are lighted from three sides and are well equipped for practical work in these branches.

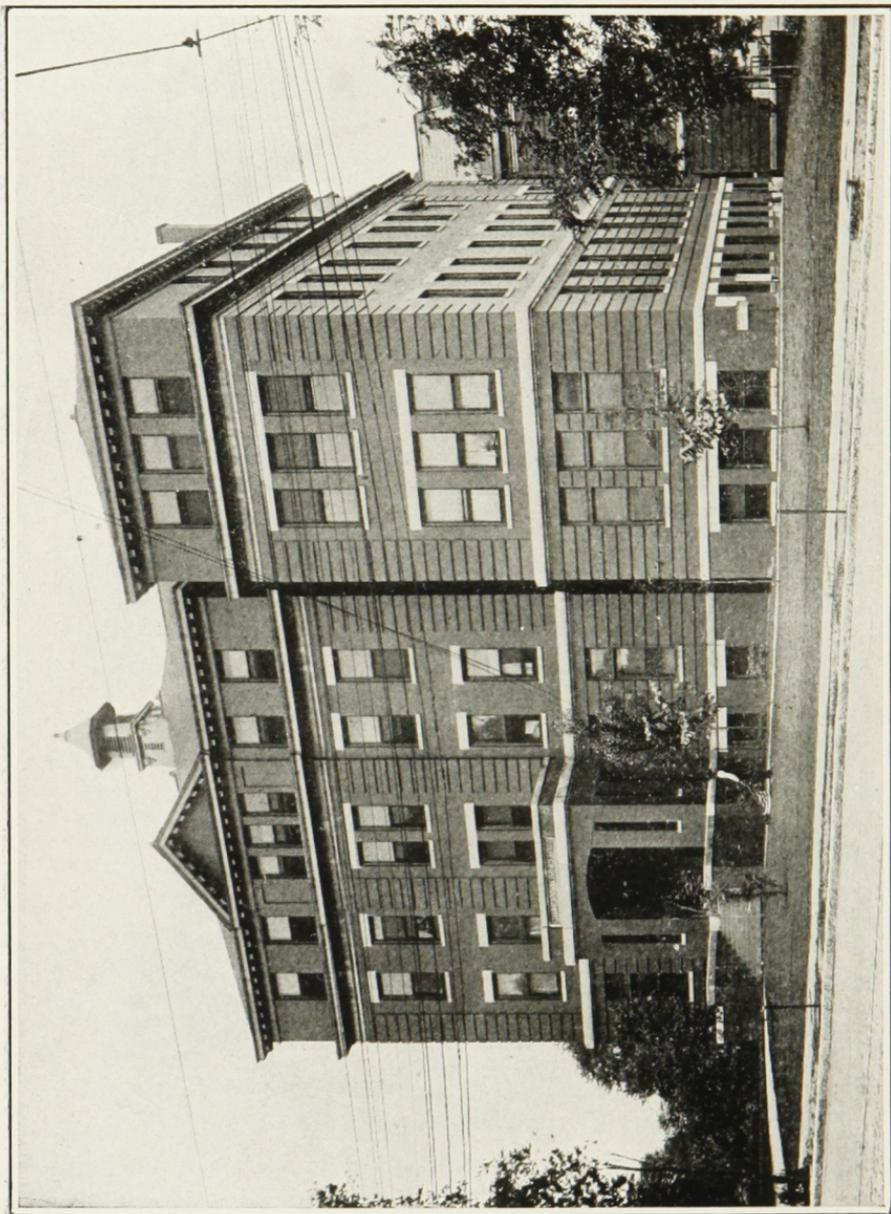
The Chemical Laboratory, the Physiological Laboratory, stock rooms and a Lecture Hall are on the third floor. The Trustees have spared no expense in fitting up and equipping these laboratories and making them complete in all their appointments for the most thorough practical work in these departments. Each laboratory occupies a third of this floor.

The Anatomical and Operative Surgical Laboratory Departments occupy the entire upper floor of the building. This story has a solid concrete floor, is abundantly lighted and ventilated by sky-lights and side windows, and has electric and gas lights and modern lavatories. It is heated by steam, as is the entire building. The Experimental Department, engine room, and storage rooms are in the basement.

### The Hillman Hospital

The Hillman Hospital, under the management of the County Board of Revenue, adjoins the college





HILLMAN HOSPITAL, Birmingham, Ala.

building. It is a modern four-story brick and stone building, and has been built according to the most modern plans for hospital construction, and affords accommodation for a large number of patients. The Medical College has arrangements with the management of the Hospital to have charge of the wards and clinics during the sessions of the College. Members of the faculty are attending physicians and surgeons to the Hospital, and give daily clinical instruction in the wards and also hold clinics in the amphitheatre of the Hospital. This Hospital also has an out-door dispensary service, which is conducted by the Medical College Faculty.

In addition to the Hillman Hospital, the students of the Medical College have access to and receive instruction at the following institutions: The Davis Infirmary, the Copeland Private Hospital, The Talley Infirmary, and the McAdory Infirmary, the hospitals of the T. C. I. & R. R. Co., at Pratt City, and the Jefferson County Alms House. Members of the Medical College faculty are connected with all of these institutions, and the students are invited to the clinics.

On or before January 1st, 1911, the Faculty of the Birmingham Medical College will transfer the College, property, equipment, etc., in toto to a Board of Trustees. This will place the institution on a basis for its greatest development and usefulness.

### Fraternities

Two medical fraternities have chapters in the College, Nu Chapter of Phi Chi and Kappa Chapter of Kappa Psi. "Kappa" has shown wonderful growth. She had thirty-five members on roll last year, which was the most successful year of "Kappa's" history. Chi Zeta Chi (Medical), Omega Upsilon Phi (Medical), Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta and a number of other fraternities are represented by individual students. One of our four Graduate Chapters is located in Birmingham. KAPPA PSI HOUSE is located at 1027 South 18th Street, in one of the best residential districts in Birmingham.

A. R. B., JR.

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

Headquarters: Hotel Hillman, Fourth Avenue and Nineteenth Street. Business Sessions: Auditorium, Chamber of Commerce, First Avenue and Nineteenth Street.

**Wednesday, November 23d**

Evening: 8:30, Smoker at Kappa Chapter House.

**Thursday, November 24th**

Morning: 9:00 to 12:00, Business Session of Grand Council. Address of welcome by the Mayor of Birmingham. 12:30, luncheon, Hotel Hillman.

Afternoon: 2:30, Autos around city and to Foot-ball game between University of Alabama and Washington and Lee University.

Evening: 6:30, Dinner, Hotel Hillman. 8:30, Theatre party at Jefferson Theatre.

**Friday, November 25th**

Morning: 9:00 to 12:00, Business Session of Grand Council. 12:30, Luncheon, Hotel Hillman.

Afternoon: 2:00 to 4:00, Special Surgical Clinic at Hillman Hospital, Prof. J. D. S. Davis in charge. 4:00 to 6:00, Business Session of Grand Council.

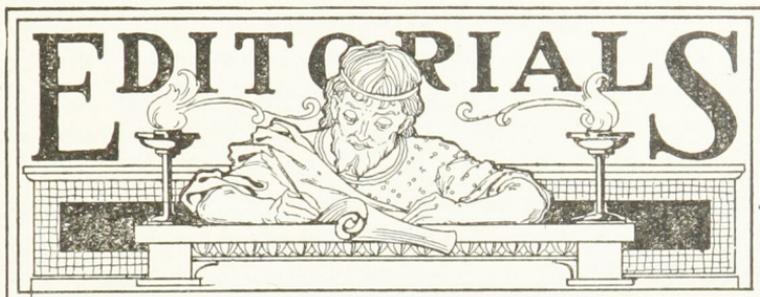
Evening: 6:30, Dinner, Hotel Hillman. 9:00, Convention Dance at the Country Club.

**Saturday, November 26th**

Morning: 9:00 to 12:00, Business Session of Grand Council. 12:30, Luncheon, Hotel Hillman.

Afternoon: 2:30, Visit to the Steel Plants at Ensley. 6:30, Dinner, Hotel Hillman.

Evening: 9:00, Convention Banquet, Hotel Hillman.



With the publication of this issue of THE MASK, completing Vol. VII., our term of office as Grand Historian and Editor comes to an end, and we lay aside the green eye shade, throw the paste pot in the waste paper basket and return to our "better half" the shears borrowed last January, thus divesting ourselves of the emblems of our office, and return again to our usual vocation of collecting the Per Capita Tax and "cussing out" the Chapter Secretaries for not answering our letters more promptly.

When Brother Ralph S. Johnson resigned as Grand Historian and Editor, we assumed the duties of the office at the urgent request of the Grand Regent at very short notice, and have tried to justify the wisdom of his selection and give you a good paper. We believe we have improved the *appearance* of THE MASK, even if the quality of the editorials has been poor, at any rate we have worked hard, had a lot of fun out of it, and now tender our resignation to the Grand Regent, thanking him at the same time for the confidence reposed in us, and you, for your great forbearance.

The task of editing THE MASK is not an easy one, there are a lot of things we would like to have accomplished, especially along the line of subscriptions,

before rendering our final report to the Grand Council, but we had not the time; however we are confident that our successor will be benefited somewhat by our experiences. We wish him the very best of luck, will be glad to warn him of the many pitfalls of an Editor's life, and give him a few pointers on how to pacify subscribers who swear they have received only *one* copy of THE MASK in a year instead of *four*, and how to return to an erring, but well meaning Brother, the article he has contributed but which is entirely unsuited for our use, especially in these days when the cost of white paper is prohibitive.

We leave THE MASK with some feeling of regret, but know that the Delegates at Birmingham will elect a good man to carry on the work of making our Magazine one that will bring to it the respect of the Fraternity world at large, and we are content.

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And now for the Convention, with its many opportunities to legislate wisely for the future success of Kappa Psi. The Delegates will find much work to be done, and while little of it is revolutionary in character, still there are a great many technicalities to straighten out, unwritten laws handed down by time-honored traditions to be put into laws, reports of Grand Officers and Chapter Delegates to be read and approved, and other ideas to take up, consider and vote upon, so that all in all the business sessions promise to be fairly strenuous, and last but not least is the election of Grand Council Officers—a new Grand Regent must be selected to succeed our present Leader, who feels that he has served long enough and is entitled to a well earned rest.

It will be difficult for any man to excel Brother

SOME  
CONVENTION  
NOTES

Holstein's excellent record, but the newly elected Grand Regent will enter upon the duties of his office with the advantage of taking over an organization that is a harmonious whole, and it seems to us that his principle work will be to encourage and promote the harmony that now exists, strengthen if possible, every single Chapter on our roll, encourage a higher scholarship among our men, promote good feeling and make Kappa Psi a monument of credit to the Medical and Pharmaceutical Professions.

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It has been proposed to introduce a resolution at the Birmingham Convention to divide the Chapters into Districts or Provinces for the purpose of conducting the work of the Fraternity in a more business-like manner and bringing the Chapters into active touch with each other; the plan being, as we understand it, that each District shall be under the jurisdiction of a District Chief to whom the Chapters shall report, and who will visit the Chapters at least once each year, the District Chief in turn to report to the Grand Regent and be responsible to him for the work of the Chapters in his District.

THE  
DISTRICT  
PLAN

There is much to be said pro and con on this subject; other Fraternities have tried this same plan; some claim it works most satisfactorily, while others condemn it as being too cumbersome and unwieldy; at any rate it is something each Chapter should think over carefully, and their Delegates should be instructed to express the views of their Chapter at the Convention. It means a big change if adopted, and we want to go at the subject carefully and with the thought always in view, "will it improve Kappa Psi?"

The Brothers of the Birmingham Alumni and Kappa Chapters who will act as Hosts to the Grand Council Convention have perfected all their plans and only await the arrival of the Delegates and visiting Brothers to start in motion the machinery that is to make the Twelfth National Convention the greatest event of its kind in the history of Kappa Psi.

By courtesy of the Birmingham Board of Trade the business sessions will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, and the Delegates will be officially welcomed at the opening session by the Mayor of the city.

The plans for entertaining the Delegates include a Smoker, Dance, Theatre Party, Football Game, Automobile Trip, special Clinic and the Grand Council Banquet. Headquarters for Delegates and visitors will be at the Hotel Hillman.

The Committee expects a big attendance of out of town visitors and promise to make it attractive to all who come, especially "the ladies." Birmingham is one of the leading cities of the South, Kappa is one of the best Chapters in Kappa Psi, and with the backing of the Birmingham Alumni Chapter the combination is bound to make a great success of the Convention, and any one who can attend and fails to do so will miss one grand event. *Everybody come! Everybody welcome!*

**Don't Lose the Grip**

**Show Up at BIRMINGHAM**

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## ALPHA CHAPTER

Lebanon, Pa.

Oct. 1, 1910.

Dear Brothers:—In writing this, my last official letter for THE MASK as Grand Regent of our dear Fraternity, I realize how small and unimportant is the individual as compared to the greater importance which must necessarily be attached to the position itself, and what it represents. Also that in the very rapid growth and progress of Kappa Psi has been developed a still greater responsibility and scope for good work.

Upon entering the chair as your Grand Regent, there were but six Active Chapters to call upon my time, and ask for the advice which experience alone can give; while now, as I write these lines, after having almost completed my fourth year in the office, we find that we have grown to twenty-two Active Chapters and four Alumni Chapters, while in our hands are two applications for charter as Active Chapters, and the first inquiries from two other colleges interested in having Chapters of Kappa Psi Fraternity placed in their colleges; truly a remarkable record, which proves the perfect harmony and co-operation with which my efforts have been supported, and also shows that I certainly am entitled to withdraw from the highest honor it is possible for the Fraternity to bestow, both with credit to myself and faith in the continued prosperity and growth of our dear Fraternity.

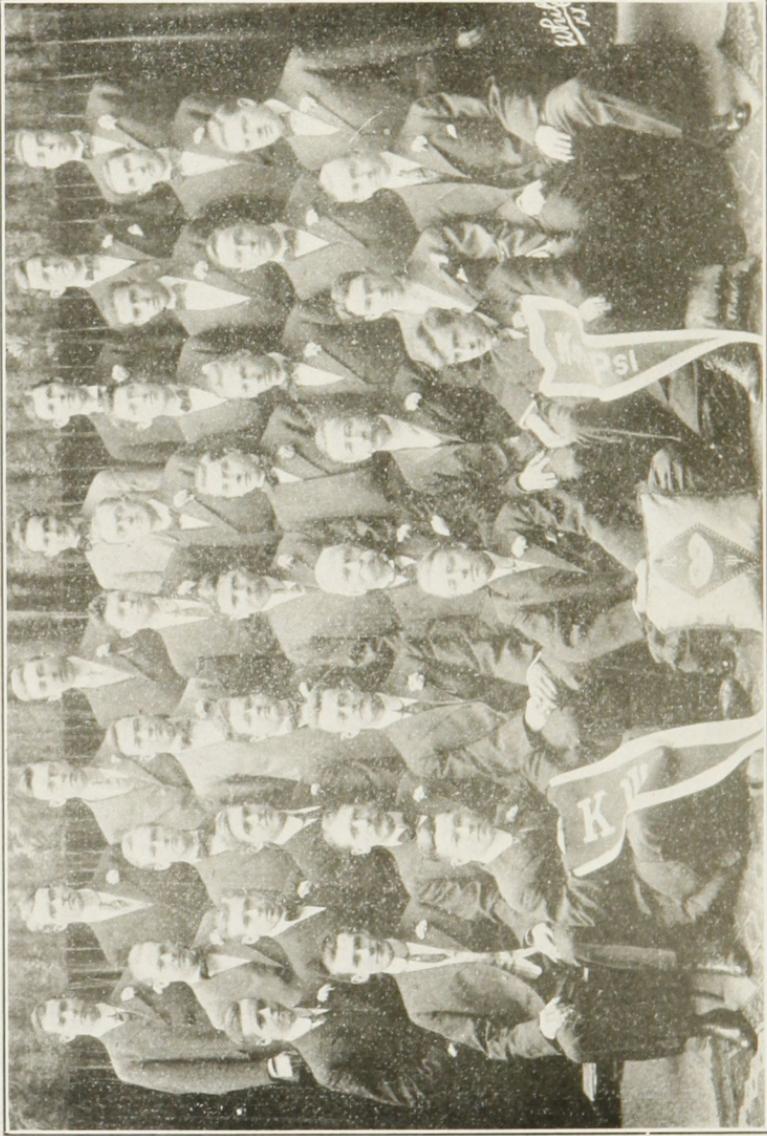
The coming convention, to be held in Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 24th, 25th and 26th, 1910, will undoubtedly surpass anything the Fraternity has ever witnessed and will mark the beginning of a new era in Kappa Psi history.

By a wise provision of the Grand Council, when revising our Constitution, every Active Chapter having a full complement of officers, and not being in arrears to the Grand Treasury for Grand Chapter dues, is entitled to send one representative to the convention, with all mileage and hotel expenses during actual attendance of the Grand Council, paid by the Grand Treasury, thus securing actual equality of all Chapters and insuring a large attendance of delegates. Furthermore, all Active Chapters entitled to representation may send one additional delegate at the expense of the individual Chapter so electing, and wherever it is possible, without crippling the Chapter Treasury, we earnestly urge Chapters to do so, as the advantages are many and the points gained by the watchfulness of two delegates will bring returns to the Chapter sending them.

By far the most important pieces of legislation proposed are the election of the Legislative and Executive Committees, instead of being appointed as heretofore, and the division of the country into five or six districts in order that a closer relationship may be fostered and a better watch be kept over the fortunes of the various Chapters; in this manner also the efforts of a larger number of Passive members will be enlisted and the objects and purposes of Kappa Psi be more nearly brought to actual accomplishment.

The time has come when both the best interests of Kappa Psi and my own personal desire make it imperative that I retire from the Grand Regency with the close of my term after the coming session of the Grand Council; my interest and zeal will not be lessened one whit, only the base of operations will be changed, and the new blood infused into the Grand Council will have a wholesome effect on the growth and prosperity of the future, and all





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who hold the best interests of the Fraternity at heart will agree that a man may remain the head of a fraternal organization, such as ours, too long for the general good.

Let us on to Birmingham for a greater, better and stronger Kappa Psi, resolved, whether leading or in the ranks, to push our banner to the very forefront of ethical endeavor.

Fraternally, your Grand Regent,  
GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN.

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**GAMMA CHAPTER**  
Columbia University, New York

At work again and "then some!" Glad to say however, that all the boys have succeeded in entering the Senior Year.

During the summer we have sustained a great loss. A loss which is felt very keenly by all the boys in the Chapter, namely in the death of brother William Yester McMullen. Brother McMullen had been ailing all winter but nothing serious was thought of it. When he left college in May he seemed to be in the best of health and spirits. Consequently we were greatly shocked as you can imagine, when we learned of his death late in August.

In our last letter we mentioned the fact that we were seriously considering a house. Well, to make a long story short, we have succeeded. As many of the boys who find it convenient are now living together, those who live at home or in other parts of town however, take their meals at the house. By its location, 115 West 64th Street, you see the house is conveniently close to the college. We would be glad to have all Kappa Psi men who happen to be in New York at any time, make this house their stopping place. Besides all Kappa Psi men are most cordially invited to spend their leisure hours at the Gamma House in New York.

Hoping to be able to welcome you all,

Fraternally,

OTTO BRANDT, JR., Historian.

## DELTA CHAPTER

University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brothers of Kappa Psi:—Delta Chapter held its first meeting of the year to-night with the initiation of Brother Allgood of the Junior class. The future prospects of Delta Chapter never looked better. We have a goodly number of members to begin with and a prospect for many more as the year advances. As we have a Freshman class this year numbering about ninety, we expect to get many of them into our Fraternity during the year. We have with us this year an active member, Brother W. M. Scott, who last year was Secretary of Rho Chapter of Kappa Psi, at Atlanta, Ga. We were pleased to have with us at our meeting to-night Brothers Gracie and McKnight, two officers of the past year, who each gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on the interests of Kappa Psi.

Last year closed one of the most successful years in the history of Delta Chapter. Every Kappa Psi man in the Senior class graduated, and not only did they graduate, but Brother Owens received the University prize—the gold medal—and two others, Brothers Gracie and Hoffmann received honors.

A great part of the good record that Delta made last year was due to the unceasing and untiring energy of Ex-Regent Brother Gracie, who very faithfully fulfilled his duty, and who holds the record of not having been absent a single meeting night during his four years in school. The other past officers of Delta Chapter were very faithful in performing their duties too. As they are residents here in the hospital we expect to have them with us frequently in our meetings to render their valuable assistance.

Our treasurer, Brother Speas, who was so much interested in the little article in one of the previous copies of THE MASK, entitled "The Chemistry of Girls," during the summer months worked on the suggestions offered by the author of the article, and proved the reaction to be positive. As proof of this he boasts of the fact that "he is married now."

Fraternally, G. T. WHIMS, Historian.

## EPSILON CHAPTER

Maryland Medical College, Baltimore, Md.

Here we come again at the beginning of a new session of our work, filled with new life, new energy and new fraternity spirit.

Most of our old boys are back with us, each one eager to relate some experience he has had during his vacation, putting into practice some of the things he has learned in the past three years of his college career in medicine. It fills our heart with joy and a good feeling for all to take our brother by the hand and listen to his little experience as he relates it in his own way, more enthusiastic over some simple case he has treated during his vacation than possibly he will be over the gravest case or most difficult operation which he may be engaged in after he has once launched his boat out on the medical sea. But let us keep our enthusiasm up and see that our little crafts are not upset and our lives blotted from the medical roll by the waves and storms that are sure to beat against it when we have once been set adrift in the great medical sea to steer our craft alone.

We have the largest Senior class we have had for several years, and we expect to land some good men before many weeks roll by, and land old Epsilon back among the leading Chapters of the Fraternity.

Wishing each Chapter greater success than ever before, and kindest regard and good wishes for the success of all the Brothers of Psi, I am,

Fraternally,

W. F. BECKNER, Regent.

## ETA CHAPTER

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, Pa.

There is not much new as yet to tell. We have had our first meeting and everything looks sanguine and optimistic.

The Freshman class looks extremely hopeful, as far as new candidates are concerned. The outgoing

class this year took many of our promising brothers.

We are planning our annual banquet for Moseback's Grotto, to be held sometime in November.

Brother Moeschline, '09, is still with us, taking special chemistry. Brother Schlenker is taking up medicine at Medico-Chi, and our friend, Brother Deck, is at Jefferson, not, as he expressed it, "going to college and working, but, working and going to college."

Again have our ranks been depleted by death, Alfred M. Harting, of Maryland, died shortly after leaving college upon his graduation. He fought a brave fight, having hereditary tuberculosis to combat with, and despite this handicap finished a very creditable course at college. Resolutions of condolence were sent to his family. Fraternaly,

C. F. SHOEMAKER, JR., Secretary.

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## IOTA CHAPTER

University of Alabama, Mobile, Ala.

We have met again for another year's training in our chosen profession, after which eight of us will expect to be promoted from the domain of students to a field of greater responsibility, where application to books will be referential research and not because "it may be a question on final exam."

It is a pleasure to say that all of our boys are back, except one deceased and one other who deemed his duties at home more obligatory, owing to deaths in the family. Further, it is gratifying to state that all were able to matriculate. Requirements are being raised so much in this school that one with conditions, stood a very poor chance to resume his course of studies. Several less fortunate ones have had to seek their fate elsewhere.

From the beginning we are endeavoring to induce our younger brothers to apply their time diligently, that they may not be "weighed in the balance and found wanting" when the roll of the faithful and deserving is called. In the first place we are trying to

select such offspring as will manifest the necessary mental strength and vigor without encouragement. However, we know that thoughtlessness is constantly preying on all minds, and that it is helpful to all of us for some maturer guide to point out the slippery shoals of the future.

I think very much can be done along this line for our Fraternity. Encouragement from those who have not the power to dominate is often much more readily accepted than that from some untactful remonstrator.

We shall entertain at a "Smoker" about the first proximo. We expect to have the faculty and representatives of the three brother "frats" as guests of honor. A wide-a-wake committee has been appointed to arrange for the festivity, having such dainties as will appease the hunger and ease the troubled mind.

Brother I. C. Bates is the only Iota whose wits were fit to outwit the wits of an Alabama "Blondie," initiating himself into his senior year accompanied by the first article of "home comforts." May she add joy and happiness to a useful career.

Four star babies have been added to the family roll, and we compliment ourselves that our tact and expediency made the labors of the other fraternities avail them nothing.

Wishing every brother a pleasant and successful year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A. D. COWLES, Historian.

### KAPPA CHAPTER

Birmingham Medical College, Birmingham, Ala.

"Welcome to our city!" says Birmingham. "Welcome to our Convention!" says Kappa Psi. "Welcome to our Chapter house!" says Kappa Chapter.

We are looking forward, Brothers to our convention, to the day when we shall give you the Kappa welcome and make you forget for a little time that there is any trouble in your lives, or the world, but convinced that you *are* happy because you are one of the wheels in the best old Fraternity in the world.

The Goddess of fortune has smiled upon us once again. Our Alumni here came forward with the invincible Kappa Psi spirit, opened up the way for our Chapter house, and we are very enthusiastic over the result. Just the coziest sort of club rooms, and all the conveniences that go to make home life we have in our Chapter house.

Everybody is happy and old "Kappa" is growing stronger and stronger. We returned about 35 with prospects of 6 more.

I feel very proud to report that we haven't a member who has not the spirit. We have accomplished too many wonderful things to place here. Our house is on a firm foundation, running with the smoothness of a well oiled machine, and we are here to stay, fellows, until we move into something still bigger and better.

At our last meeting, held in our Chapter meeting rooms, Oct. 8th, we initiated four splendid fellows, making them Knights of Kappa: Brothers, Alex. W. Graves, D. M. Collier, H. A. Harris, C. S. Harris. All of these youngsters attested that they are in the land of their hearts' desire, and the Chapter is richer for their presence. There are two other candidates wearing a scarlet and grey pledge, who will be fledglings after Saturday evening next.

This year we are going to keep you posted and show you what a live Chapter can do.

Kappa Chapter entertained at a matinee dance Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8th. The young ladies expressed their delight at the beauty of the house, and the general sentiment was expressed in the one word, "Darling."

Now, my Brothers, we know we can't have you all come, although we wish sincerely that it were possible. But we do want *you*. Just as many as can possibly get to Birmingham to come, and I assure you, we will be most happy to entertain you, and make the Sunny South a sunny memory sure enough when the deep, deep snows make you hug the fires.

Trusting that Thanksgiving will bring you to our midst, I am,  
R. G. MCGAHEY, Past Regent.

## LAMBDA CHAPTER

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Vacation over and we find ourselves again ready for another year's work, although it has been somewhat difficult so far to even think of studying, for every one has his share of true stories of his own summer's experience. Some of which would almost make one's hair stand on end. For example, one Brother (no longer a freshman) tells of a rap upon his door one dark night to summon him to the bedside of a patient five miles distant in the hills, and after a hurried ride, endangering his own life, he found the patient tossing upon his bed thinking life near an end with a pulse of sixty-five per minute and temperature of  $106^{\circ}$ , but by the treatment of such a skilled physician, the patient was able next morning to resume his labors in the field.

I could relate a number of tales just as interesting and remarkable, some of the same character and some where Dan Cupid was the star performer. Indeed, all the boys had a number of thrilling experiences during vacation.

We miss, very much, all those who are not back with us this year; however, most of those absent from our ranks have gone out in the world to make their fortune and be a living honor to Kappa Psi. We had not expected to lose Brothers Ramsey and Wright and hate it very much, but are indeed glad to know that Brother Ramsey will be with Kappa Psi boys, and we hope to have Brother Wright with us next year.

The time is short since the opening, but every indication is that this will be a very successful year for Lambda Chapter. On last evening we initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Psi Brothers Brown, of the Pharmacy department and Wilson, Arnold and Rogers, of the Medical. Brother Rogers is one of last year's graduates but he is now devoting his time to that very interesting subject Pathology.

We are very glad to welcome into our ranks Bro. R. L. Crawford, of Kappa Chapter

So far we have only had our smoker, at beginning

of the term, which was quite a success and the boys expressed themselves as satisfied with it and we are looking to Thanksgiving, when something is likely to take place more interesting to some than a smoker.

Let us all get busy to make this year the best of all in Kappa Psi history.

Fraternially,

J. B. SCOTT, Historian.

### MU CHAPTER

#### Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Mass.

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy has opened for the session of 1910-11 with men who are now members of Kappa Psi and who are enthusiastic in the work and the progress of the Chapter.

This year, from what can be observed, looks like a prosperous one, and the banner year since the inauguration of Kappa Psi in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1907.

Our men are not only diligent workers for the Chapter and their fellow brothers but in the various courses prescribed at the College and for this reason our brothers have been held in highest regards by the Faculty.

In the Senior class the majority of fraternity men are members of Mu, and at graduation we trust that our men turned out will be above the standard, and they, as passive men, will strive for the good of the Chapter and boost Kappa Psi along by their activity and attendance.

Many of the Junior men of last year, who are with us this year, have already given their intentions of entering the Agora and at our next meeting a large initiation is sure to take place.

Our first meeting for the year 1910-11 took place at the College where our Chapter was well represented. Those present showed not only ambition in the present work of the Chapter but to strengthen and fortify it for the future.

Our meeting was one of much importance and

several things that had been neglected, from time to time, were thrashed out.

The proposition in regard to the Scholarship, which is not to exceed \$50, was given due consideration, and in the course of time we trust we will be successful. This will illustrate to those connected with the College, especially the Faculty and Trustees, that we are not only working for and interested in our own men but the men and work of the College in general.

A "Smoke Talk" was proposed by some of the Brothers, and at their suggestion we have decided on one for the near future. Such a thing is advisable, bringing the new men in closer contact with our Brothers and getting them interested, and adding more vim and spirit to our College life.

After deep discussion on Convention affairs, Bro. Wm. J. Patten was unanimously elected as Delegate to represent Mu Chapter at Birmingham, and we have made no mistake in appointing Brother Patten, as he is one thoroughly interested in our work and one capable of revising the work of Kappa Psi in the interest of Mu.

#### "KNOCKS AND BOOSTS"

"Here's luck to Patten at Birmingham."—"Wit and Humor." Breen is like Jefferies; he can't come back.

Murphy, the defeated candidate for S. Boston representative, says it's easy for next year.

McKeough prefers the ozone of the country rather than that of the city, and is now in Reading.

Congratulations to McTaggart in the Department of Chemistry. Upton is now dispensing in Marblehead.

Dodd, Jones, and Jackson say there is nothing to the Ph.C. course.

Lewis enrolled as a clerk of the La Pierre Drug Co.

Merrill's invitation will, no doubt, be accepted when it matures.

Thanks to Bro. Merrill.

McCormick's shoes won't fit Mooney.

Peckham says he is at your service with the receipt book when you have the coin.

Bro. Bartel's presence at our meeting was much appreciated.

"Strive on brother."

We welcome the return of Bro. Shea.

Any Brother desiring sleeping apartments over night, call at Wingate's Club Room, 102, Huntington Ave.

HARRY B. McCORMICK, Secretary.

### NU CHAPTER

Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C.

Vacation is over and we are beginning another year's work. It is a pleasure indeed to shake hands again, for everybody seems to have had a nice summer, and we are beginning what we hope will be a banner year for Nu.

We will have a much better place to meet this year, but one thing is lacking, "it's not owned by the Chapter."

There are several good men here that we hope to land in the ranks of Kappa Psi before long.

Best wishes for a successful year to all Kappa Psi.

Fraternally, H. B. SENN, Historian.

### XI CHAPTER

University of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va.

At the beginning of the school year Xi numbers only seven members, but even though our number is small, each man is a loyal Kappa Psi and is working hard for the Chapter and in the interests of the fraternity as a whole. The Chapter misses greatly the men who finished last year and have gone to other schools to complete their remaining two years of medicine.

We regret to report our loss of Dr. J. F. Grant, Honorary Xi, our former Professor of Anatomy, who is now Professor of Anatomy in the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons. But we may well congratulate Rho Chapter on having Dr. Grant with them. He is considered by us as an invaluable man, and every member feels his absence most strikingly in both fraternity and class room.

As yet this year we have pledged no men. The Freshman Medical Class is unusually small on account of the new rule instituted by the University requiring one year of college work for entrance to the Medical School. However, we have prospects of pledging some men in the near future.

With best wishes to all brothers in Kappa Psi, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. J. PRICKETT, Historian.

## OMICRON CHAPTER

University of Nashville and Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn.

On Sept. 5th the curtain rose on another act in this medical drama. We are constrained to say, with a trace of sadness, the last for many of us, as undergraduates. The fact is Omicron was represented almost entirely by Seniors at the beginning of the session, but with some persistent and cautious efforts among the underclassmen, her roll now embraces representatives from the other classes.

Thru some cause our usual letter was missing from the July MASK. Possibly our brother Historian, Luther Davis, was thrown into such a spasm of ecstasy over having passed two State Board Examinations that all other matters found no share of his attention.

While we are aware of the fact that the custom of allowing undergraduates to stand the State Boards is rather a pernicious one, according to most critics, we cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that five Omicron Juniors passed the Tennessee examinations last May.

Omicron also contributed six to the graduating class last year, and the first honor man, Brother Stephen F. Harper, who is now serving his internship at the Nashville City Hospital.

Seven new faces are to be seen among Omicron's ranks, the following brothers having been initiated since the opening of the session: L. T. Davis ('11), L. C. Harris ('11), L. E. Wheat ('11), W. S. Johnson ('11), L. C. Connor ('12), Wm Moore ('14), Milton Moore ('14).

The outlook is most promising for this year. We have secured most comfortable quarters on Fourth Ave., South, corner Ash St., where the Kappa Psi spirit now reigns supreme.

Yours fraternally,

G. F. AYCOCK, Regent.

## PI CHAPTER

Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

Here we are again pushing the cart up the hill towards the goal—that of a full-fledged M.D.—but we have a little more in the cart than we had at this time last year—four new brothers. We feel real proud of this, as it gives us a sort of new lease on life. New stock always improves a herd, and especially when the stock is of the first grade, such as ours.

Our new brothers, Broax Cleveland Garrett, of Grove Hill, Ala.; Thomas Jefferson McHugh, of Baton Rouge, La.; Will K. Logsdon, of Beeville, Texas; and Leonard W. Willis, of Bainbridge, Ga., were taken over the rough and mysterious road to fraterdom on the night of Friday, Oct. 14. We must confess that they stood the trying ordeal with exceedingly great bravery, and the latest word from their physician is that they are able to be up and take light nourishment. We hope they will be completely recovered in time for our next meeting.

But wait, we must mention the banquet that Pi Chapter indulged in on the eighth of this month at the "Old Hickory." A number of friends were entertained and we had a "larapin" time—even Brother Harry Fenn, who has never been known to smile.

We are sorry to mention the loss of several of our brothers this year, but we ought not to expect all things to be according to our wishes. Brother McPhearson entered at the Louisville P. & S. for his last two years. Brothers Pipes and Farris were unable to return to Tulane and Pi this year, and we understand that "Happy" Harry Fenn has decided to take his last year at Mobile.

We are glad to hear that H. P. ("Susie") Doles has been promoted to interne in the Shreveport Sanatorium, but we hate to lose such a good Kappa Psi. At present our membership numbers seventeen, just one more than we had at the close of last year, and if activities keep up as they have started, we will have

some twenty-odd good fellows by the end of this year. Sure, hope so.

McKneeley says that the pigs at home are doing well and getting fat, and that he is going to make a big "hog-killing" some time this fall. Go to it, Mac!

Regent Roberts swears he is married, but he doesn't show the symptoms.

Johns still finds attraction at Baton Rouge, and we are all looking for something to happen soon.

Sellers continues to play the "heavy" among the lady folks.

Prosser and Odum are staying in their rooms more than usual. Someone ought to advise them that excessive studying is injurious to health.

Lee, McLeod and Johns are booting the university pig skin around the field. Three Kappa Psis on the team sounds pretty good, don't it?

"Freshie" Johnson hasn't forgot how to dance, with no chance of his ever getting over it.

Reed still uses Tinsley's thin plug. Will he ever quit it?

Houer is still attending the dances at the Phoenix. Must be having a glorious time as he won't put the rest of us "next." Well, so long.

Fraternally, W. A. REED, Historian.

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## RHO CHAPTER

Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, Atlanta, Ga.

For the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten, some where in October, we are living, having a good time and enjoying our college work. Pretty good for us, don't you think?

Well, we have been busy, quite busy with the "Freshy's" this year, from them we have already plucked G. W. Fuller. "He was quite full after partaking of the water of life."

Jno. G. Burch. He is a very studious kind of a fellow, especially on Saturday afternoon, and then he becomes so weary of them "osteology benes" (as he calls them) he gives up and sleeps until Monday a. m.

Wm. Lee Wood, of the "Cherry Tree" type, and of the first year type, is some cowboy, he rides a Texas Mustang to a perfection.

Thos. J. Blackshear: Just a big, fine Freshman, and noted for his great vocal powers, when pressed to sing.

The next to cast his lot with us, is Brother J. S. Bush, of the Junior Class, who spent his first two years at Johns Hopkins. I expect we will have to nickname him and call him "*Rose Bush*," of the American Beauty variety.

We have more good material in sight, and we will probably tell you about them later.

Brother Wm. Moote Scott, our much loved Historian and Chaplain, whom we regret very much to loose, has gone to Baltimore. Rho's very best wishes go with you, and may you be as active up there as you were down here.

Brother J. R. Manley's pleasant face we will find with Kappa at Birmingham. "Brer John," we *spects* to see you in November, if all goes well. Our best regards to you.

Rho is delighted, most happy and overflowing with joy, to have with us Dr. Justin F. Grant, honorary of Xi, who has the Chair of Anatomy here in the A. C. of P. and S. It is certainly a great pleasure to have him with us.

Brother Wm. Byrd Hunter, of Sigma, is here and fills the Assistant's Chair in Anatomy; he always has something good to say, and it is very encouraging to have him with us and in our meetings.

Notice, Eta Chapter! We have one of your good members, Brother Wm. Dale Bost, of Mathews, N. C. He is connected with Cox's Prescription Shop, 4626 Prior St., this city. Brother Bost has got the Kappa Psi spirit and he will always be accorded a hearty welcome from Rho.

Now for the grand Convention. We fellows are looking forward to our meeting a great number of you Kappa Psi men, so don't fail to come, but be there, and let's give Kappa something to do. "I wonder if she can hold us down?" E. H. McRAE, Regent.

## PHI CHAPTER

Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

It was only a week ago that the Northwestern University opened another scholastic year, and everybody has been busy making himself acquainted with the environments and surroundings. We are now permanently engaged in our daily routine, and feel satisfied that what we did last year we can just as easily duplicate this year in regard to success.

The Phi Chapter of the Kappa Psi Fraternity was greatly deserted last commencement, when more than one half of the Chapter graduated, and with their sheep-skins over their shoulders, started on the beat of life.

But we are glad that we have six active members to begin with this year; members that are workers and that show the proper enthusiasm.

We have been doing much in what we call rushing the juniors, picking out the cream of the class and making them active members of the Kappa Psi Fraternity.

A smoker was held last Friday evening in the Students' Assembly Hall for the purpose of becoming acquainted with prospective members. A very good attendance was shown, and we are positive every one enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Fraternity spirit again prevails, and this is surely the main spring of the watch, figuratively speaking.

This spark, no doubt, was very low during vacation months when our thoughts were all centered toward the family circle and also friends, but the soft breeze of new acquaintances and the renewal of old acquaintances quickly revived the remaining spark, and now it is again a burning coal producing among us that warm brotherly love.

We are bound to realize a pleasant and successful year of fraternalism with the existing spirit and with the loyal members that constitute the Phi Chapter of the Kappa Psi Fraternity. Yours fraternally,

J. B. VURPILOT, Sec. and Hist.

## CHI CHAPTER

University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.

Yes, I had a great vacation. Did you? But even this is awarded to memory; yet the way the hearty grasps were exchanged for the first few days bespeak the ever true and real fellowship of Psi spirit, making each realize that the pleasures of vacation had not robbed us of the least love and energy we had for Chi.

As but comparatively few of last year's members are back in rank and the Chapter is yet practically in her infancy, we are compelled to begin the new year's work under no few disadvantages, the present officers being installed at last meeting. But the little band of ten members has the energy and push, mingled with earnestness to make Chi Chapter a live one ere many weeks. Already the work has begun and in another week the team will be ready to do its best.

Much to the Juniors' delight we have with us two former Kappa Psi and ex-Phi Gamma Sigma members: Mr. Colson of last year's Ph.G. class, who is taking Ph.C. work, and Mr. Govrio, of Class of '09; each of whom have shown their real interest in the work.

Then we have the advantage of Faculty co-operation, as five members were initiated in the mysteries of Psi last year, and each have always shown their real interest in our meetings and guarding the prospective candidates as to moral and class rating, thus assisting in raising the standard of membership and making it a desirable credit.

The 1910 Class was honored by the capture of four of the five Class honors, viz: Bro. W. C. Siebret, Valedictoria and Becker prize; Bro. H. W. Colson, A. Ph. A. Membership, Excellence in Pharmacy; Bro. F. Hindman, A. Ph. A. Membership, Excellence in Pharmacognocny and Bro. Bryce Carpenter, Excellence in Scholarship. The Juniors captured only two of the five for Excellence, viz: Bros. L. A. Watson and A. E. Anderson. This bespeaks much for the record of Chi members in Class rating, bringing the standard

of Kappa Psi membership higher each year in Class work.

We might say that 11's lost only one member from our ranks; Maynard, who will resume work next year. And we may add, vacation was not in vain. We raise our hats to "Wiss," our efficient Treasurer, who found he must not return alone.

"Leander had no fear—he cleft the wave,  
What is the peril fond hearts will not brave?"

For the next few days our Chapter will be busy and no energy will be reserved in making Chi a live one; striving to occupy our spare time among the Greeks with credit.

J. A. NOONER, Sec. and Historian.

## PSI CHAPTER

Baylor University, Dallas, Tex.

We are back again, and the happiest bunch to be found. Every brother has had a great big vacation, has done everything he pleased and everybody he could, and then come back to Baylor simply because it is the best place in the world. Our first Chapter meeting was an occasion almost too hilarious to transact business. You see we are happy because we are Kappa Psi's, happy because we had a vacation and are back in Baylor, and happy because—well, some more 'cause we are Kappa Psi's. Isn't it great.

We are delighted with prospects this year. Good men (*wise men*) are flocking to Baylor, and some good material is matriculating—splendid fellows. Already we can see a stronger Psi Chapter for the future.

Our Chapter was but a few weeks old when vacation temporarily disbanded us. The vacation has given us time for serious reflection, the general trend of which has been more Kappa Psi spirit and greater means of promoting the best interests of the order. We know that Kappa Psi wasn't born for our simple amusement, that it's mission is not limited to our college days—that it has a broader, deeper, greater significance. What it is and will be to us, what it signifies and will signify—all is governed by our own invest-

ment of energy and earnestness in the order. We are a happy bunch, bound by ties which have grown beyond the stipulations of our vows; yet with all our hilarity comes the thought that in our own hands rests the destiny of this link of the great Kappa Psi chain; and the thought is serious.

Psi Chapter extends greetings to all the brothers everywhere.  
E. L. MILLER, Regent.

### BETA-BETA CHAPTER

Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Beta-Beta has done but little during the summer, most of our members being scattered over the country for the vacation period, but college has opened again and we are back with bright hopes of making Beta-Beta a bright and shining light.

Some new men have been looked over and these will be sorted and chosen from to keep up the Chapter when those now active leave the school to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

We will fight for victory the coming year, and hope to report great progress in the next issue of THE MASK, and wish good luck to every member of Kappa Psi in his respective Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. HARRINGTON, Sec'y.

### BETA-GAMMA CHAPTER

University of California, San Francisco, Cal.

Beta-Gamma is just a few months old, but we feel as though we were in the fold of Kappa Psi as many years. We open the new year with much rejoicing. Five of the best juniors have been added to our roll, and have received the mysteries with due ceremony. The new members are Pennington, Hume, Fretes, Munson and Liebick. Mr. Allen, a senior, was also received.

We have a room in the college building which is beautifully decorated and furnished comfortably for

the Brothers. Everything is attractive and home-like.

Brother Philip has, no doubt, told you of the installation and officers of the Chapter. The boys all have a deep regard for him. He has been a self-sacrificing and diligent worker.

Brother Head will be with the delegates at Birmingham and tell them of our Chapter and our glorious State. He goes well fitted to represent us.

The Chapter has had many difficulties to face, but it has surmounted them. We want the Brothers to keep a watchful eye on Beta-Gamma. She will succeed.

With best wishes for a successful year for all the Chapters of Kappa Psi,

Fraternally,

VERNAL L. RODDA, Historian.

## Twelfth Grand Council Convention

### B I R M I N G H A M

### THANKSGIVING

Good Event - - Good Place

Good Day

Be there?

Good Boy!!

# Alumni Chapters

## PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI CHAPTER

Philadelphia, Pa.

Now that college has begun I presume Kappa Psi will soon begin to look alive. The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter has not resumed work from her vacation as yet, but notices have been sent out calling our first regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, October 26th. The active Chapter has had one meeting and from reports made to the writer they are preparing for a lively and vigorous campaign.

Some of our members are talking about attending the convention, and it is quite likely one or two will eat their Thanksgiving dinner in the good old South land.

Brother Earl has disposed of one of his stores and now is devoting his entire attention to his magnificent 46th and Sansom Streets establishment.

Brother Davy has promised to shoot a lot of hot air and European ideas among us, so we are looking for a warm time on the 26th.

Hoping the ensuing term will be the most prosperous one our order has ever had, and that the convention will be a decided success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

F. B. KELTY, Historian.

## NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER

New York City

Well, fellow-citizens, "here we are again" planning for a big year's work and looking forward to several good times. First of all let me report that last August we had a little "party" in the form of a Shore Dinner, which was served at Manning's Restaurant on Columbus Ave., and while only about a dozen men attended, we had a mighty good time and an excellent "feed."

We are now beginning to plan for our Annual Dance. Each year we hold one, and like old wine they seem to improve with age. We thought we had reached the limit of perfection last year, but already the Committee wishes it to be known that this season's affair is going to be "some dance." Each year the attendance has been growing larger, and we expect to break records in this respect and have the largest attendance ever. Several of us have visited Gamma Chapter in their new Chapter House. They certainly are comfortably fixed for the winter.

Fraternally,

PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR., Historian.

### BALTIMORE ALUMNI CHAPTER

Baltimore, Md.

There is not a great deal to write about for this issue of THE MASK, as the Baltimore Alumni Chapter has had no meeting during the summer months owing to the very hot weather. Now that the fall is here and College has opened again we hope to become active once more and do what we can to help the local Chapters uphold the standard of Kappa Psi.

Brother J. Dawson Reeder, our Acting Regent, has closed his old office and opened a new one in the Professional Building on North Charles St. We all wish him the best of luck. Fraternal yours,

JAMES A. BLACK, P.D., Secretary.

### BIRMINGHAM ALUMNI CHAPTER

Birmingham, Ala.

The Birmingham Chapter held no meetings during the summer. The Convention Committee, however, has been very busy getting things in shape for the Convention in November. The program of "events" will be found on another page in this number of THE MASK. The outlook is good for a great time. The spirit and enthusiasm of both active and passive men and the way in which the boys are "coming across" is very encouraging indeed. The annual election of

officers of the Birmingham Chapter will take place within the next two weeks. The meeting will be held at Kappa Psi House, 1027 South 18th Street.

A number of the passive men visited "Kappa" in her new house on South 18th Street on the evening of October 1st. It was a great surprise to see the way in which the house is furnished. "Kappa" has started the year with a rush in the right direction and the indications are that this year will be the greatest success in "Kappa's" history. During the evening refreshments were served. Any Kappa Psi man who comes to Birmingham will find a hearty welcome at 1027 South 18th Street.

Dr. Anthony has successfully finished his term as Superintendent of the Hillman Hospital and is now visiting his home in Mississippi. Brother Farley W. Harris, M.D., has been appointed Assistant to the Chair of Surgery in the Birmingham Medical College. Drs. Martin, Black, Moore, Goodwin, Glenn, Fields and Farrar are all practicing in town. We want every passive man present at the annual election of officers. The Secretary will notify all members concerning the date.

Brother R. C. Williams, M. D., ex-regent of "Iota," visited us last week and was most welcome.

A. RICHARD BLISS, JR., Historian.

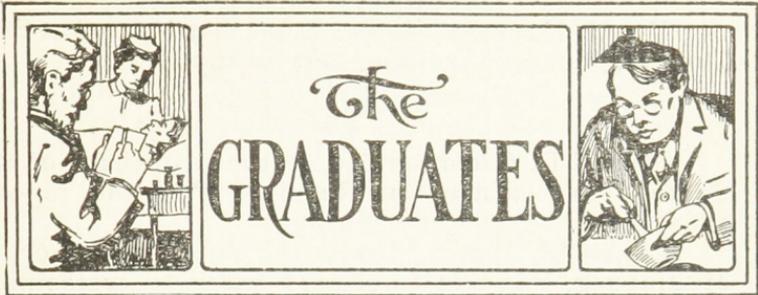
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**"SOMETHING DOING" EVERY MINUTE**

**Twelfth Grand Council  
Convention**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

**November 24, 25 and 26**



## ALPHA

The two-year old daughter of Grand Regent George L. Holstein died suddenly in September. Each member of the Fraternity extends his deepest sympathy to Brother and Mrs. Holstein.

## GAMMA

J. Francis Burt, '03, has forsaken the automobile business and is once again dispensing medicine, this time with the Hegeman Corporation in their New York City store, located at 125th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Past Regent Roscoe Miller Annis, '07, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Miss Maud Barbiery were united in bonds of matrimony on August 31st, 1910. Congratulations.

Charles H. Fetterly, '04, was recently elected President and General Manager of the Merchants' Drug Corporation with laboratories at Westfield, N. J.

Oakley A. Morhous, '05, is chief chemist of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York.

Vincent T. Whalen, '10, is with the Allen Millbrook Drug Company at Millbrook, N. Y.

Charles W. Robertson, Ph.G., M.D., has removed to Lowell, Mass., where he is associated with Dr. E. W. Trueworthy. Charles is also receiving the congratulations of his friends upon the birth of a son and heir, George Monroe Robertson.

**DELTA**

Dr. G. Hampton Richards, '08, has located at Port Deposit, Md., and is doing very nicely.

**ETA**

Harold D. Guenther, '10, is the proprietor of the South Side Pharmacy at Reading, Pa., and reports prospects are most encouraging.

Lionel W. Hall, '07, owns the finest pharmacy in Mifflinburg, Pa., and is always ready to welcome a visiting Kappa Psi.

Humphrey M. Beaman, '09, Past Regent, is with White & Jones, druggists, at Newark, N. Y.

**IOTA**

Ralph C. Williams, '10, B. S., M. D., acted as Assistant Chemist in the Alabama State Laboratory during the past summer, and is now in private practice at Farley, Ala.

John R. Oswalt, '09, is practicing in Pensacola, Fla., and has made a fine start.

**LAMBDA**

W. E. Oliver has accepted a position with the Seaboard Railroad with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala.

Alex. D. Ramsay, Ph. C., B. S., has taken up his residence in New York City and next year will enter Columbia P. & S. for the M. D. degree.

**MU**

Leopold Bartel, '07, is with the La Pierre Drug Company of Cambridge, Mass.

**NU**

M. Robert Willis, '10, is employed by the Denmark Drug Company of Denmark, S. C.

Albert E. Butler, '08, visited New York this summer and was a most welcome visitor of the Managing Editor.

## TAU

J. J. Durrett, B. S., M.S., Ph. G., has been elected Instructor in Biology at the University of Alabama.

W. B. Slaughter, B. S., has forsaken medicine and entered the Law Department of the University of Alabama.

## UPSILON

John B. Hatfield, '09, on October 1st, 1910, opened his new Pharmacy at 1511 South Preston Street for the Louisville public.

## PHI

Carson H. Porter, '10, is with John R. Porter & Co., druggists at Rockford, Ill., and extends an invitation to all Kappa Psi men to look him up if anywhere near his town.

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**Headquarters in Birmingham****FOR****Delegates and Visiting  
Brothers****HOTEL HILLMAN**

**Send word to the Committee to reserve  
YOUR room**

# In Memoriam

## William Yester McMullen

*Whereas*, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call away from Gamma Chapter of Kappa Psi Fraternity William Yester McMullen, our esteemed and devoted member, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That he our beloved brother, who was taken away from our midst so suddenly, will be remembered long for his kind acts while with us.

Be it also

*Resolved*, That we express to his family our deep sorrow and our sympathy with them in their bereavement; yet while the Fraternity has sustained a great loss in the death of Brother McMullen we all know that He who knoweth best has called him from us to a land of higher brotherhood where sorrow is unknown.

J. T. BONGARTZ,  
G. W. ALLITON,  
OTTO BRANDT, JR.,  
GIFFORD B. NOBLE,  
Ex Officio.

## Alfred Martin Harting

*Whereas*, It has pleased God in His allwise and infinite providence to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother Alfred Martin Harting, who, by his amiable personality and brotherly love endeared himself to all, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we are deeply grieved in the loss of our dear brother. We bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

*Resolved*, That our most sincere, heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this their hour of trial, assuring them that the departed one is not forgotten by his brothers in Eta Chapter of Kappa Psi Fraternity, who extend to them their sympathy.

*Resolved*, That this testimonial of our sorrow be forwarded to the bereaved family of our beloved brother; also to be published in the Alumni Report and THE MASK, and to be recorded on the minutes of our Chapter records."

CLAYTON F. SHOEMAKER, JR.,  
JAMES H. ENNIS, JR.,  
Committee.

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### James McHathy Herlong

Moved to profound sorrow and regret by the untimely death of our beloved brother, James M. Herlong, we, the members of Iota Chapter of Kappa Psi Fraternity, do most tenderly offer to his bereaved mother the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in Brother Herlong we had a fraternal brother whose ideals were lofty, whose kindness was unlimited, and whose efforts were well directed for the integrity and uplifting of the brotherhood.

*Resolved*, That we realize by his death we have lost one of our most potent factors of moral weight; that losing him is losing an influence much needed in our midst.

*Resolved*, That each received the stern truth of his death with reluctance and sorrowful resignation.

*Resolved*, That the bereaved mother and relatives share our sincerest sympathy that one so much loved by all, and one whose life of usefulness and character-forming influence should so prematurely be called from the offices of duty; that we find condolence in our knowledge of the thoroughness of preparation for his soul's welfare.

A. D. COWLES,  
J. F. PEAVY, JR.,  
C. W. JONES,  
Committee.

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The following publications have been received since the July number went to press:—

FEBRUARY, 1910—*Dragma*, Alpha Omega Pi.

MAY, 1910—*Triangle*, S.S.S; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*; *Record*, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Palm*, Alpha Tau Omega; *Garnet and White*, Alpha Chi Rho; *Annual*, Pi Mu.

JUNE, 1910—*Lyre*, Alpha Chi Omega; *Adelphian*, Alpha Delta Pi; *Beta Sigma Omicron*; *Palm*, Alpha Chi Rho; *Rainbow*, Delta Tau Delta; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *Shield*, Phi Kappa Psi; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Pi Kappa Phi Journal*.

JULY, 1910—*Themis*, Zeta Tau Alpha; *Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *Arrow*, Pi Beta Phi; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Journal*, Phi Rho Sigma; *Bent*, Tau Beta Pi.

AUGUST, 1910—Alpha Xi Delta; *Eleusis*, Chi Omega; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *Shield*, Phi Kappa Psi; *Desmos*, Delta Sigma Delta.

The Thirteenth Convention and Quarter Centennial Celebration of the Engineering Fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, was held at Lehigh University June 9th to 11th.

The Dental Fraternities, Delta Sigma Delta and Psi Omega, held their annual conventions in Denver, Colo., in June.

The Twelfth General Convention of the Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi was held in New York City December 28th and 29th, 1909.

Theta Kappa Nu, an honorary legal fraternity, which was founded at the University of Illinois in 1902, has established a chapter at the University of Virginia.

Tau Kappa Alpha, the national oratorical and debating fraternity, has granted a charter to five petitioners at Denver University.—*Rainbow.*

The Convention of Alpha Chi Rho in New York City February 20-21 registered 144 members in attendance. It was enacted by the convention that each resident chapter shall have a scholarship committee consisting of at least one faculty member, if possible, and two upperclassmen or graduates, to be appointed by the head of the chapter, who shall investigate the monthly scholastic standing of the members and report this to the National Instruction Committee.

The *Lyre* recently offered a prize of a locket and chain, presented by one of the fraternity jewelers, for the best contribution to the "Eklekta." The prize-winning article, an allegory, was so acceptable that it is to be embodied in the ritual of Alpha Chi Omega.—*The Key.*

Kappa Sigma offers a trophy cup to the chapter sending the largest delegation to the Grand Conclave. Distance traveled, total membership, etc., are considered in making the award.

A fraternity has recently been established at Kansas University whose object is to create a fraternal spirit among newspaper men and to promote their interest. This is the second fraternity of this kind to be organized in the United States.—*To Dragma.*

Alpha Chapter of Xi Psi Phi (dental), at the University of Michigan, has started a stock selling plan for raising funds to buy or build a chapter house. Other chapters contemplate taking the same step. The par value of the stock is to be placed at ten dollars, and the shares subscribed for may be paid for at the rate of ten dollars per year.—*Desmos*.

Fraternities of the University of Nebraska have introduced the honor system into the University. Under the terms of the code any fraud or false report which contemplates credit is a dishonorable act. The code further provides that it is not a mean or unworthy act for one student to inform against another who has been guilty of infringements of the code rules.—*Palm*.

The following data was compiled by six members of the faculty of the University of Missouri showing the relative scholastic standing at their school:

The average of the Greek-letter men as a whole is below that of the non-fraternity men. Failures among fraternity men, 26 per cent.; non-fraternity men, 22 per cent. The Greek-letter girls were reported as 22 points ahead of the non-fraternity women.—*To Digma*.

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska promised the fraternities that restrictions should be removed if fraternity members showed satisfactory scholarship. The registrar now reports that the scholarship of fraternity men is two per cent. higher than that of non-fraternity men, so the Regents will no longer object to the pledging of freshmen.—*Record*.

An American Universities Club has been organized in London. Membership is open to university graduates who are active members of University Clubs in America and to members of recognized fraternities.

### Abuse of the Black Ball

All active chapters have at some time or other experienced the handicap of the chronic black-baller, and every fraternity man remembers how his chapter has been crippled in its rushing and how good men have been lost through the activities of this misguided

brother. Naturally, with the relations of close brotherhood that must be sustained among the different members of the chapter, the admission of a man of the wrong type, or even a misfit, is a very serious matter, and although some fraternities require only a two-thirds vote for admission, still we believe that the only feasible manner in which this selection can be safeguarded is the requirement of an unanimous vote.

But for the type of man we have in view we have little sympathy and less patience. He is most despicable of all when he casts his black ball in secret. The least he can do is to acknowledge his position, and the only justification for him is when he can state some specific reason for his opposition to the man under consideration. In most cases his only reason is that he does not like the man and does not want to live with him. This is the weakest of all excuses, because it does not stand to reason that one man can be right in his estimate of the candidate and all the other members of the chapter mistaken. If it is really true that the candidate, who is approved by all the rest of the chapter, is personally uncongenial to him, it must mean that he himself was a mistake and is out of harmony with the rest of the chapter. It all makes his attitude more untenable. The only consistent thing would be for him to withdraw his opposition and make the best of association with the new man if all the rest of the chapter have put up with him himself in the same manner.

We have often been asked by active chapters what they could do in situations of this sort and what solution there was for the problem. Unfortunately, there is no way out of it except an appeal to the man's sense of common decency. It sometimes helps to interest various prominent and level-headed alumni in the matter and receive their opinion of the man under consideration. If they approve, it is pretty good evidence that the chapter is right and that the black-balling member himself is entirely in the wrong. We trust that none of our chapters have men of this type in their membership and, therefore, that none of them will be confronted by this problem this fall.—*Rainbow.*

At the twelfth annual convention of the National Retail Druggists' Association an anti-suicide resolution recommended the restriction of the sale of carbolic acid to a mixture of one-third each, acid, glycerine and water—"a preparation that may be taken by would-be suicides in large quantities without causing death"—while another, having for its object the suppression of the "dope fiend," demanded that proprietary medicines containing cocaine and other drugs be sold only upon prescription.

President C. H. Huhn in his address declared war on the indiscriminate sale of liquors in drug stores, emphatically announced that a reform was demanded, and that the reform must be brought about by the pharmacists themselves.

The Ohio Pharmaceutical Association later in the day presented a resolution protesting against the laws requiring druggists to take out a liquor license to enable them to sell whisky on prescription, "thus classifying the drug store as a saloon, while another law forbids the sale of intoxicating preparations without a prescription."

The Chicago delegation demands the change of the name "wood alcohol" to "wood naphtha" that "topers may not be led by the similarity of names to drink the poisonous wood alcohol instead of whisky."  
—*New York Tribune*.

Among the building improvements noted at various colleges are the following: A bequest of \$200,000 for the erection of an auditorium at Michigan; a new heating plant, a Y. M. C. A. building, and a new library to cost about \$600,000 at Texas; a hospital to cost \$500,000, a girls' dormitory to cost \$100,000, and an anatomy building to cost \$200,000 at Minnesota; a new library building at South Dakota, the gift of Andrew Carnegie; a new dormitory at Maine; a new law building at Columbia; a student building to cost \$150,000 and a veterinary building to cost \$200,000 at Ohio State; a new athletic park at Arkansas; a new ore-dressing plant at Colorado School of Mines; a new \$100,000 library at California; a new \$200,000 adminis-

tration building at Oklahoma; a new science hall at Knox College; \$100,000 by the citizens of Syracuse to beautify the campus; a \$250,000 memorial building at Southwestern University; and the Harper Memorial Library building to cost \$700,000 at Chicago.

During the past few months Columbia has received gifts amounting to \$9,000,000—\$4,500,000 by the will of the late J. S. Kennedy, \$1,500,000 to establish a clinic for the study of cancer, and \$3,000,000 to bring the College of Physicians and Surgeons to Morning-side Heights.—*Shield*.

The Chattanooga Medical College has discontinued.

*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* has a circulation of 3,000 copies, of which 1,912 go to alumni. This is probably a larger list of alumni subscribers than any other fraternity journal can boast of. The *Quarterly* also manages somehow—we wish we knew how—to secure more general advertising than any other.—*Scroll*.

### “Sorority” or “Fraternity”?

*First.* The fact that Sigma Kappa has decided upon the word “Sorority” rather than “Fraternity.” The debate upon this question was most interesting. After deciding that the word “Sorority” was a perfectly good word, consistent in meaning with what it stands for, and believing that inasmuch as the word “Fraternity” means “brotherhood,” consequently that a “woman’s fraternity” would mean a “womanly brotherhood,” which we are not, the argument was finally clinched by the fact that Sigma Kappa is chartered as a “Sorority” and incorporated in various states as “Sorority.” We do not wish to change our charters nor to be re-incorporated, hence we are a “Sorority.”—*Triangle*.

At Stevens Institute of Technology, an upperclass fraternity called “Scarab” has been formed for the advancement of good fellowship and the furtherance of

the best interests of student activity. The membership is composed of twenty men from each of the upper-classes. The organization annually presents a trophy to the point winner in the interclass track meet. A Senior society called "Rhoda" has also been established. Its membership is limited to twelve men elected at the close of their Junior year.—*Palm*.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the following newspaper clipping is founded on fact. Any student organizations so contemptible and conscienceless as to desecrate a graveyard and a church during their drunken debauches do not deserve to exist in a clean college community. The wisdom of the antagonism felt by nearly all Greek-letter societies toward Theta Nu Epsilon is vindicated in this instance. The clipping reads:

By unanimous vote of their undergraduate members Theta Nu Epsilon and Zeta Phi, the Wesleyan sophomore societies, have been abolished. The former was the parent chapter of what is now a national fraternity with 42 chapters. It was founded in 1870, and has an alumni membership of hundreds of prominent Wesleyan men. Zeta Phi was founded in 1877, and has equally prominent alumni. The abolishment, it is understood, is the indirect result of the notoriety attendant upon recent class society banquets at Old Lyme and Saybrook.—*D. U. Quarterly*.

### "Pledging"

In the selection of new men it is assumed that each Chapter aims to secure men of the highest character. A careful investigation of Greek-letter fraternity data, however, reveals the fact that in two important features, at least, the Chapters exercise too little care in pledging men. In many cases proper investigation as to the pledge's scholarship and his likelihood of completing his course, is not made. These are the two most vulnerable points in fraternity life, and it is toward them that most of the criticism of fraternities is directed. It matters little how the fra-

ternities may compare with the non-fraternity men in these particulars in various colleges; the fact remains that the percentage in the fraternities is too small. Consideration of these points in selecting men is essential to the welfare and prosperity of the Chapter and Fraternity alike.—*Shield*, Phi Kappa Psi.

It is time now to begin to think of the material that shall compose the new council. Not that any clique of us should make out a ticket, and by the detestable means known as lobbying run it through. But we all want to be thinking, and thinking wisely and fairly—not for chapter or personal honor or advantage, but for the good of the national organization. There are indispensable requisites that must be found in a good council officer. First of all, she must be a willing, unselfish and capable worker. Further than this, she must love the fraternity and desire to work for its growth. She must have, besides desire, however, strength and time to attend to work—for it takes both. She must have enthusiasm tempered by a sound and conservative judgment. And withal, she needs a gentle tact, for the problems that arise in fraternity government call often for the most delicate discrimination. She should be a woman who will make a favorable impression wherever she may go, for this means much to a local chapter when an officer pays an “inspection visit.”—*Eleusis*.

“Mummy Club and Nalanda, the two upperclass clubs at Cornell, were disbanded April 17th by decree of the faculty. These clubs were formed about ten years ago to bring about better interfraternity feeling and for the entertainment of the undergraduate guests of the university, athletic teams and the like. Both clubs wore symbols on their hats.

“The faculty held that the character of the organization and the insignia militated against the prestige of the ’varsity insignia. After investigation the committee on student affairs gave the clubs the choice of disbanding unanimously or of signing a statement before 4 o’clock on Friday that they would discourage

drinking to excess in the clubs, announce that drinking was not a qualification for membership and hand the clubs down to the next year's delegation without insignia.

"The clubs were willing to comply with these articles, but requested more time for deliberation, since only a few hours had been allowed for the decision. Furthermore, they requested to be allowed to wear hatbands instead of letters on the hats. The faculty refused the requested extension of time and disbanded the clubs without further notice."—*N. Y. Tribune*, quoted by *Rainbow*.

Some Chapter Historians are still in "hot water." Notice the distinction in the following clipping from *Desmos* before reporting "banquets," boys!—

"One letter received, was otherwise one of the best letters of the issue, was written on both sides of nice, heavy bond note paper with a cute little D. S. D. embossed at the head of the sheet. That must have pleased the compositor immensely when he came to it. It must have seemed to him just like a letter from Hortense. Another letter was so illegibly scrawled that in sheer pity I had it rewritten. The spelling of some of the names looks peculiar, but we did our level best to interpret the chirography correctly. "Bro." for "Brother" is still immensley popular with many writers, but not with the Editor, and capitals are as lavishly expended as if they cost nothing. Also, the word "banquet" is overworked to a lamentable degree. "The chapter had a banquet of pickled pigs' feet and sauer kraut last Thursday night." The word "banquet" has two meanings. The generally used and accepted one is a feast of rich, expensive viands, washed down with appropriate beverages for each course. The second and almost obsolete one is a dessert or slight refection at the close of a feast of rich, expensive, etc. A good working rule in the food proposition is the following: From five cents to a dollar will buy a lunch; from a dollar to three dollars will get you a dinner; if

you spend from three to fifty dollars a plate, you can conscientiously call it a banquet.

But to get back to the chapter letters. Do not use notepaper—scented or unscented. No one sees your letter as written, except the editor and the compositor. Write legibly, or, better still, have it typewritten, on one side of the paper only. Do not abbreviate words. Do not scatter capital letters through the letter as if you were sowing seed. "Lunch" and "dine" once in a while—you will certainly get indigestion if you "banquet" so often. See that all proper names are properly spelled and legibly written. Follow the opening and closing forms as found in this issue.

Ain't I the peevish thing? Well, boys, "whom he loveth, he chasteneth." All of you sent in good material and some of you sent it in just right for the print shop, but in order that the issue may be true to copy and in the mails in time, ALL of you should send in your copy in shape to go direct to the printer."

Perhaps there is no other single factor in a man's four undergraduate years which does so much to prevent his laying up this store of future regrets as his fraternity. It saves him from many mistakes, and it also is the inspiration for availing himself of precious opportunities which he would otherwise not appreciate at their true value, or else be too indolent to pursue. In his fraternity work itself he has a field for labor which he should cultivate to the fullest extent, or later years will bring him regrets for this omission. We can pass over those more bitter regrets which are harvested in the field where wild oats are sown, because these are accumulated by every man and are neither confined to the college man nor so particularly a feature of these four years which we are considering; but the fraternity is in this respect a very potent preventor of regrets.—*Delta Tau Delta.*

President Schurman, of Cornell, a friend of the fraternity, describes a danger: "Guard against competing to have a larger and more luxurious house than

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