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The Editor's Page

With this issue The Mask finishes another year, which has been a most successful one in many respects. The co-editors have given assistance in every manner possible and have worked in harmony at all times to secure the best results for their fraternity.

Our alumni have responded to our financial needs more readily than ever before and our finances are in better condition than at any time in the history of this magazine. The editors thank you all for your kind support.

The "Agora", which is the Fraternity's secret publication, is now almost ready for distribution. The make-up will far excel anything the fraternity has ever had and will be just what each and every member has desired to see—a complete history of the fraternity from infancy to its present position. Let us not be slow in securing a copy and show our Brother Editor how much we appreciate his time and many hours of work in giving us a book that we may all be proud to call our own.

The editors of The Mask are very sorry to announce to their readers that we are about to lose the services of one of our most able and consistent workers. Bro. Goeckel has handled the Exchange Department in a manner most pleasing to all and his place will be a hard one to fill. However he has promised to contribute an article for each issue and also to devote as much time as possible to securing members for The Mask Endowment Fund.

This number of The Mask is rather late in making its appearance which is unavoidable, owing to the change of addresses of many chapter historians for the school year just beginning. The editor thought it advisable to delay publication so as to have all chapter letters included.

THE PHYSICIAN AND HIS SUCCESS

The subject of this paper was suggested to me by a remark of one of my students to the effect that possibly a knowledge might be gained on the part of a Medical student of the more important qualifications which make for success in a physician—that they might be learned and practiced, and that in the practicing of them before he enters upon his professional career, even during his student days, he might be prepared to enter upon his chosen life-work with greater assurance of success. I am free to confess my consciousness of the fact that in my manner of treating this subject many of you may take exception to my views, but I may add that in considering what factors are most servicable in making a man a successful practitioner of Medicine I found myself thinking of the many men of my acquaintance or of whom I had knowledge who were reputed to be most successful and analyzing them to discover what elements in each one of them appeared to be contributing elements to his success, and finally, building up from these factors what I myself considered to be the ideal physician. So if any of you differ from me in this consideration of my ideal physician I believe the reason will be found to exist in the somewhat different ideals which we have pictured to ourselves as constituting the sum-total of attributes which are most likely to lead to success.

The special elements necessary to insure success in the practice will vary somewhat with the locality in which a man expects to practice, and the character and habits of the people with whom he may have to deal, as well as with the particular branch of Medicine in which a physician intends to confine his efforts if he is to “specialize.” But I shall limit my attention to those qualities which I conceive as being serviceable to one who is to become a “general practitioner,” without regard to his location.

It may here be remarked in passing that the best field offered for men who desire to do the greatest amount of good in practice is in the rural districts, for in many such places there is a crying need for good, well-trained men. The men of lesser ability and training are often afraid to meet the competition existing in the urban fields, and naturally many rural

places are supplied with only one or two physicians of small calibre who cannot begin to do justice to the service which is often required, while the larger towns and cities are for the most part over-crowded with Medical men of various calibres. It may be stated, however, that there is practically always a field for a well-prepared, conscientious man wherever he may wish to locate.

The qualities I wish to consider which many successful physicians have been noticed to possess may be enumerated under the three general captions: 1st. *Knowledge*. 2nd. *Skill*. 3rd, *Personal Characteristics and Habits*.

1. The first requisite for a physician in practice is, of course, a healthy mind well-stored with the essential facts of the Medical Sciences and so systematized that they may be readily made use of to the best advantage of his patient. In general the best informed man is the one who is the most capable, and, because of this fact, the man who will be of the greatest service in the community to which his talents are to be administered. You are here in this College of Medicine to equip yourselves with a part of the knowledge which will aid you in being serviceable to your patients, and it is to your interest to make the best of the opportunities which are here and now afforded. A man who is conscientious in preparation for his profession is the man who is laying the foundations for the principal factor which will contribute to his later success in practice, and we may consider that you are already beginning to render service to your future patrons by faithful interest and sincere devotion to the duties which are now at hand. A man is just as neglectful of his future patient if he fails during his student days to make the most of his opportunity to equip himself as fully as he may with knowledge of the foundations of the Medical Sciences as is his brother in the practice, attending at the bedside of his patient stricken with disease, who fails to apply to the best of his ability all the knowledge with which his student life by closest application has equipped him.

We are just now living in what Governor Folk appropriately terms the "Era of Conscience." There has been a great public awakening of the wrongs perpetrated in the past by individuals

and corporations possessed of great wealth, and it is certain that in this era some, at least, of the grossest evils by great corporate wealth will be abolished. Coincident with this there is a marked interest manifested by the laity in learning about the great scientific discoveries, and about the great principles governing sickness and health, especially with the view to the prevention of diseases, in individuals and in communities. The work of the Committee of One Hundred of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—the so-called American Health League—has repeatedly been referred to in the meetings of this Society and its importance cannot be over-estimated. With this is coming also the knowledge on the part of the laity of some of the principles of medical practice, and the physician of to-day must be alert to the most recent advances in this ever-growing science if he would not appear to his constituents as becoming a “back number.” He cannot afford to allow his education to cease with his graduation for he will awake to the realization some day that his clients are quite as alive to some facts pertaining to the subjects with which he should be perfectly familiar as he is himself. Osler advises every young man to cultivate the habit of reading some medical literature even ten or fifteen minutes before retiring. Ex-President Eliot of Harvard states that a liberal education may be obtained by systematic reading of only fifteen minutes each day. Your patients are aware of these facts and they are striving to learn all they can of all the great concerns of life, so that you must *constantly progress* in your studies of the Science of Medicine or you will soon lose your enthusiasm for your work, and find your clients losing an interest in you as a practitioner. The medicine of the future, moreover, is *preventive medicine*, and the more eagerly you grasp at whatever tends to this worthy objective the more will you find yourself sought for and your advice valued above your less-progressive contemporaries.

2. *Skill*. It is a sound pedagogical doctrine that a man learns most readily when he employs not only his mind but his hands, for by calling into play the muscles in performing a certain work relays of nerve filaments transmit their various forms of energy here and there until finally an impress, so-to-speak, is made upon

the brain, which becomes more responsive to similar efforts thereafter, and moreover, the knowledge of what to do and how to do it comes more easily and naturally at our call when we will. So in our study of medicine we find the most skillful men, as a rule, to be those who not only *know* but who *do*, and the frequently repeated doing of a thing renders a man more skillful in the doing. In some persons skill may be present naturally, but in those who lack it skill may be acquired by practice. Therefore, apply your knowledge whenever you have an opportunity. Make use of the facts you acquire as often as possible and they will become living facts, ready for your service at your call, and not merely inactive facts stored up in your brain as grain is stored in a ware-house—for safe-keeping. Knowledge is like muscle; it grows with use, and tends to atrophy and disappear when allowed to fall into disuse.

Knowledge and skill are important factors for a physician, but a physician must depend in large degree upon his personality to attract people and interest them, else he may not be called upon so often to render such service as he is able to perform. There is no profession in which so much depends upon the individuality of the man himself as in the medical profession. We have therefore to consider the third element which tends toward success; viz: Character.

3. *Character.* I may discuss this only briefly, under sub-headings, for their importance, I think, will be obvious.

First, *Disposition.* A man who is cheerful and unselfish and sympathetic will usually fit into any company and be generally liked and respected in his community—a man whom we used to speak of in College by the term—“a good mixer.” He will always be welcomed by his acquaintances, and a man of this disposition is much more likely to be called into the sick room than his colleagues of opposite disposition. Can a kindly disposition be cultivated? Most certainly. Meet a man half way and he will come his distance. But be assured he will not care to if he does not find you cordial.

Secondly, *Carefulness in all your undertakings.* A man may expect to be careful in his Medical work but just a little neglectful and careless in his other pursuits, but you will find that a

man who is careful in everything he does will not be so apt to slip up on his surgical technique or make a hap-hazard diagnosis. He will be thorough in his Medical practice because it is his nature, through habitual training, to be so. Is it possible to learn to be careful? Without any doubt, and the man who is known to be always precise and accurate, without going to the extreme, will inspire confidence in his patient and be successful in his work, because he gives the *best* service of which he is capable.

Thirdly, *Enthusiasm*. Be interested in your work—increase your interest—and others will admire and honor you accordingly. Can interest be developed? If you are not now interested you have already gone too far in your course. The more you gain in knowledge the more acute should your interest become.

Fourthly, *Associations*. A man's associates may add to or detract from his value in his profession. Have a few close friends in whom you may confide and who will add to your enjoyment of life. A large circle of acquaintances will perhaps increase your field of usefulness also. If you train yourself to remember people—remember their names, where you met them, their interests, etc., you will naturally enlarge and hold your number of acquaintances. This may easily be cultivated, and it is a good asset for any man.

Fifthly, *Habits*. No class of men is more exposed to the dangers of falling into vicious habits than the physician, and as each one of you will recall some example of a physician who has thrown away his chances for success by yielding to various forms of temptation it is not necessary for me to dwell upon it. The only way to maintain integrity of character is to avoid the *first* performance of anything which may compromise it. If you follow this rule you will avoid some of the pitfalls which have been the ruination of many otherwise brilliant and successful men in Medicine.

You will maintain, perhaps, that you have in your own experience noted some physicians—accounted successful, too—in whom many of these qualifications I have mentioned have been absent. Very true. So have I. But have you not al-

so heard those same men discussed, and have you not also observe people to marvel at the success of those same men because of their lack of these very essentials I have outlined? They best serve, then, as proofs of, rather than exceptions to, the general law, and no one will maintain that he wishes to emulate their examples, for you would not compromise your integrity nor in any way deface your character to buy success as it is measured by some.

I firmly believe my inquiring student, quoted at the beginning of this article, was correct—that many of the qualifications which successful practitioners possess *may* be attained by the student by diligent attention to them during his Medical course, and that the practical application of his knowledge in all the affairs of his daily life may make these attributes to become so habitual with him—so much a part of himself—that he may be prepared to enter his chosen field with greater assurance of success.

If you are pursuing your Medical studies with the view of attaining great wealth and affluence it is safe to say that most of you will be disappointed, just as is the man who does his work in the class-room or in the shop or in any other pursuit who exerts himself with the end in view of obtaining some prize or reward; he loses all interest in the actual doing of his work, by striving with all his might *only* for the end which he has in view, and if he fail at the end to win the reward which he has striven to gain his disappointment clouds and befogs the pleasure and satisfaction he should feel in having wrought faithfully and conscientiously.

Success in my opinion is only a relative term, for one man may have a lesser store of knowledge than his neighbor, but may have a greater amount of skill in applying that knowledge and thus make it more effective. Then also one may have as an asset a great store of knowledge and information and be skillful in his application, but if there are found in his liability column the detracting features of questionable or at least undesirable personal character, he will doubtless be less often called upon to minister to the sick than the man of

cheerful disposition and unimpeachable personal character though he possess a lesser degree of scholastic attainments. His success will often come naturally as a reward for faithful service cheerfully performed when it might not be gained if he coveted only the reward without proving himself deserving of it, by earnest persistent and conscientious devotion to the best interests of his patients, whether it be during the years of study in College or attending the patient at his bedside.

The whole profession has a reputation made up of the character of every constituent part of it. Elevation of the regard in the public eye of the profession as a whole depends upon the integrity of a large majority of individual physicians. Anything which tends to increase the respect which is due the profession is surely worthy of notice and is still more worthy of the earnest consideration of all students who are engaged in preparing for a profession which is, and should be, the greatest factor in the world to-day for the promotion of the happiness of man by creating, preserving and restoring the health of the human race.

The inculcation of all the noblest virtues and principles tending to the upbuilding of manly character of sterling quality should be just as much a part of the education of the student of Medicine as are any of the courses outlined in the curriculum. I appeal to you as students—I appeal to you in the highest sense of the word as *men*—to whom is to be intrusted the responsibilities of the Medical profession of the near future—to train your hearts as well as your hands with finer sympathy and more delicate feeling, to equip your every-day life as well as your minds with the knowledge and practice of all the things which will contribute to high character as well as to professional skill, and to endow your conscience as well as your intellect with the power to alleviate wrongs and sufferings—in a word, to dedicate your lives to the service of the distressed human heart as well as the body, to the end that you may achieve the *highest success* to which man may attain. Do not tell me that you count success by the number of your patients nor remind me of the base and

false notion which regards the measure of success by the size of a bank account. Success as I understand it consists in the fulfillment, to the extent of a man's ability, of his mission in this life with the greatest amount of happiness to himself and with the greatest amount of beneficent service to his fellow-men.

Paper read before the students of the College of Medicine, West Virginia University, May 3, 1909.

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SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Since the last issue of *The Mask* we have been making a strenuous effort to interest the Passive Members in our official magazine and have sent every graduate a circular setting forth in detail the condition confronting us and asking their support and subscription. To a great many were mailed a free sample copy of the July number and a card of inquiry was sent to all who had not responded to the first circular—in fact every effort has been made to arouse the interest of the old timers and to call to their attention that they were not doing their share towards the present future prosperity of the Fraternity, when they neglected to support the official paper of Kappa Psi.

The replies received were most hearty and apologetic for having forgotten their duty to the Fraternity and without exception thanking us for reminding them of the oversight, which was most encouraging, but the replies were too few in numbers, and if it had not been for the encouragement of the men who sent in their subscriptions we should have felt that we were not carrying on a campaign that would bring results and that the graduates were forgetting all about Kappa Psi and what she stands for.

We have started with the idea of securing 500 new subscribers; at present we are a long way from the mark set, but we

have determination and energy on our side and we think that by keeping everlastingly at it, our work will bear fruit in the end, therefore we appeal to those men who have neglected to subscribe either through thoughtlessness or indifference, to give this matter serious consideration and then do the "right thing."

To the Brothers who have subscribed we offer our thanks and have a request to make, and that is that they write to at least *one* of their old classmates and urge him to send in his subscription.

To the chairmen of the different State Extension Committees who have enlisted in this fight for more subscriptions, we ask you to keep up the plan of operations decided upon, and at frequent intervals remind the men on your list that they are still on the outside.

Secretaries of active Chapters can help the good cause, if they will write the men who have graduated from their respective Chapter, especially those who left last June, and request them to subscribe at once. We have a good fraternity, a good publication, good ideals and good active and passive members, but we need 500 *good subscribers and if everybody helps we can get them*. It is only a question of arousing that old time Kappa Psi spirit that has never known defeat in the past and that will not stand for defeat in this campaign, and that spirit will be awakened if we all—Actives, Passives, State Chairmen and Secretaries—pull together and *do it now*.

PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR.

Bus. Mgr. of The Mask.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA CHAPTER

Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 1st, 1909.

Dear Brothers in Kappa Psi, Greetings—

“Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.” (Kappa Psi). By renewed activity, in college circles and out.

The “spirit of Kappa Psi” is gaining momentum and great will be the force thereof. But what is Kappa Psi spirit? is a question frequently asked. I don’t see it; I can’t hear it: so how can I describe it and instil it into our new members, unless it be something practical and tangible instead of figurative. Give us something that will bring the problems of our chapter to a successful issue. Well here it is.

Kappa Psi spirit is felt, not seen; compels activity, not idleness; promotes sociability, not snobbishness; helps the weak; exalts the strong, in short it is that great something which binds our hearts close and applies to our every action our beautiful motto “One for all and all for one.”

Too often it is made use of by members of individual chapters to gratify a personal ambition in class politics.

While the honors gained in college politics are not to be despised yet Kappa Psi has placed herself on record; the bonds of our fraternity shall not be strained in order that personal ambition be gratified. We have a far more useful sphere of influence in guarding our brethren from all pit falls in pronouncing a higher degree of efficiency in scholarship.

Let us so choose our members that when the ballot is announced Kappa Psi men shall lead, because of merit and ability and not only because of organized strength; let us not parade our victories as the result of “ward politics” when it would be better to avoid such an issue for the best interests of the majority of our membership.

Let our politics be a higher grade of scholarship and the

social honors will come to us unsolicited which is after all a far more glorious honor, and have it said of us by rivals that Kappa Psi may *not* have the *quantity* but she certainly has the *quality*.

Fraternally your Grand Regent,

GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Columbia University New York.

The first regular meeting of the term was a good one for Gamma. Four men who were pledged last term were admitted to the Ranks of Kappa Psi.

The active Brothers turned out in good force and the number of passive men was surprisingly large.

After the regular business session refreshments and "Smokes" were indulged in and many Gamma and Kappa Psi songs were sung.

Brother Rugg from Portland, Me., and Bro. Ferrier of St. George, were on hand. Of course the old standbys, Goekel, Eldridge, Duckworth and Neilson, were there and their presence means considerable to the active Chapter.

On Friday, Oct. 29th, we deviated from the usual smoker and gave a theatre party for a few promising men of the new class. Things look good for us this year.

Many regards for the Frat. Brothers.

Fraternally, H. Y. McMULLEN,

Bro. Aykenpaugh seems to have his time pretty well taken up with the ladies.

I wonder who the two young ladies were at the theatre party. Two of our number know something about it.

The meeting room at noon seems to be pretty full of Kappa Psi boys, and a jolly lot too.

Cole never touches the floor when moving around these days. He's too busy working for Gamma.

Bro. Benson had his hair short on his head and now has grown some on his lip. He's just too cute for anything.

"Snug Harbor" has his hands full when relieving men of their dues. They all have the C. Q. D. sign out.

Fraternally, C. A. McBRIDE.

DELTA CHAPTER

University of Maryland.

Delta held its first meeting Saturday, Oct. 9th, 8 P. M., at 730 W. Baltimore street our new hall for the year. There was quite a turn out, most all the boys being present and full of enthusiasm. On October 16th we had another good turn out also, a visit from a great many of Sigma's men to see us initiate into our chapter two new men, Bros. Spees and Nichols, of the Junior class. We also had with us J. W. Robinson, M. D., who is now a passive member and is on the Medical Staff of University Hospital. He made a short address in which he made a few suggestions for the good of Kappa Psi, and advised the men of the different classes to get busy now and form class quizzes. He also suggested that it would be a good plan for Sigma & Delta to appoint a joint committee to look after a suitable place for a Frat House, which would be a good card for Kappa Psi. So far everyone seems to have the fraternal spirit and we expect to have several more good initiations before the month is over.

Our treasury is in very good shape and we hope to make this a still better year for Delta than it has had yet.

With best wishes for a good year for Kappa Psi.

Fraternally yours,

V. H. McKNIGHT, Historian.

ETA CHAPTER

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Well, to begin with, we are back once more, thirty strong, within the palatial and somber walls of P. C. P. We sadly miss the familiar faces and happy hails of last year's graduates. Let us hope they are with us in spirit, for they are

each fondly remembered by us for the best of well-met fellows and brothers.

Events at the college have quickly been shaped and we have settled down to a steady pace.

The Senior Class election has been held. We regret to announce that Eta does not hold the president, but from our midst was chosen the vice-president, one reporter, and four of the executive committee.

We did not get our Fraternity House started as originally intended, but we are happy to report partial success, in as much as we have started a fund to go toward starting and maintaining a Fraternity House, as soon as the opportunity offers. We have also provided means whereby said fund will increase quite rapidly.

We intend holding a Smoker and Euchre on Nov. 3rd. We hope for the success of Eta's previous smokers.

Some proposals of candidates have already been made and everything looks promising for a successful year for Eta.

The fellows all seem to have enjoyed themselves during the summer months, and none look the worse for the wear.

Harting especially, has returned from working (?) at Long Branch, N. J., in fine condition. He has gained some avoirdupois, and now has hair $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, which after all, does not require much combing. He sure is proud of it too. Reports are that he was quite a sport at the shore and it is even rumored that he wore a cane.

Our Regent has had two weeks of typhoid fever in Long Branch Hospital, but happy to say has recovered with no ill effects—not even a nurse. Pretty good for Huns.

Not so our short friend Schobacker though. He has come out of the summer with a nurse to the good (maybe bad). At this writing though we are sorry to say she is nursing—can't be found in Philadelphia. If any one finds her please return to Shorty, in care P. C. P. He is suffering unutterable torment with that serious, yet not fatal madady called love-sickness.

Some of the fellows have returned without their Fraternity

Pins. We notice that Bose's is missing and that he receives a bulky letter most every day. How about it Bose?

Have you noticed that dreamy far-away look of Lonsbury's? Faint reports are floating that Bill is married. Bill wont affirm or deny it. At any rate he don't look henpecked (yet).

Bost has that dreamy far-away look too. Have you noticed it in the lecture room? Have you? No! No! he is not in love. He's dreaming of stocks and bonds—promoting some new oil company or gold mining company. We are very proud (?) to have a broker in our midst.

Pettyjohn is wearing a Sorority Pin—Guenthers is not.

Emlit is president of our athletic association. He attempts to play foot-ball, but eats too much to be a fast player.

Sorry to say that Hosfeld has not learned to walk like a human being after all the practicing he did this summer. Poor boy, will he ever learn?

Wishing a successful year to all brothers of Kappa Psi.

Fraternally yours,

ROY DECK, Secretary.

IOTA CHAPTER

University of Alabama, Medical Department, Mobile, Ala.
Meets every Saturday at 3:00 p. m. Odd Fellow's Hall.

Once more the Halcyon days have passed into oblivion and the medico-larvae are reassembled imbibing such facts as are necessary for pupae and further evolutionary developments. The summer birds are relegated to the rear and the young gallants are resuming "unfinished business" of the previous collegiate year.

Among the incentives to retake college work is the meeting and greeting of the brothers in Kappa Psi. When our first session of the current year was held there were several unoccupied chairs in the family circle owing to the preferred leave of absence of our senior brothers. Knowing that this must be and that the acorn is for perpetuating the progeny of the oak, we set doggedly to work bring what, at hasty gleaning,

seemed good fruit to Kappa Psi nursery where the tares were rejected and the sound fruit sown upon fertile soil where it will flourish with beauty and splendor.

Eleven eligible characters have stood the test of their courage and consequently been declared brothers in Kappa Psi. This swells our ranks beyond former rating yet we are not satisfied and still have Kappa's eyes aglow for "the firstlings of the flock."

As the preclinic course at the academic department was discontinued, Tau chapter is no more, but threw her support to Iota. We are glad, indeed, to have with us Tau brothers R. R. Duke and H. C. Chambers. We also have from Rho brother C. C. Collins, and from Kappa brother Toxey Box.

Upon making inquiry at The Southern Infirmary, information was gained that brother Baldwin S. Stutts will never make a good interne so long as the nurses are amable young ladies.

Brother John R. Oswald wishes to announce through The Mask that had he been his mother's oldest daughter, he'd rather be a "Sister" than house physician at St. Margaret's.

Kappa Psi will entertain at a "smoker" the 22nd instant in honor of her recent offspring. Symptom: Anxiety. Prognosis: Good things a-comin'. Sequelae: Troubles forgotten.

Brother Ralph C. Williams, our present Regent, during the summer drafted a very appropriate side degree explaining more fully the meaning and intent of the emblems of Kappa Psi, all being vividly portrayed by an enlarged plate. All new members have been beneficiary to this degree.

With best wishes to all the chapters and each individual member, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 18, 1909.

A. D. COWLES.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Birmingham Medical College.

Good fellows, we're back. See the smiles, the tight hand clasp, hear the words slip from the lips straight from the heart.

Glad to see you. You can bet. Gladder to be on the line once more. Ready to win the scrappiest fight in the history of Kappa. Boys we've got to win. There *is* no path going back for us, ours is narrow, so narrow that to turn back would mean destruction. To go onward gaining in numbers, in strength, great good strength, proud heads held erect—True Knights, good soldiers following the scarlet banner held high, a vision of courage, until we are the mightiest in all our land, I point you onward.

The curtain rose on another year at our Med. on Aug. 30th. I felt proud as I looked them over. Our men, and there were a goodly number seemed to stand out in bold relief. As I marked each familiar face I saw the light of conquest burning with a flame so bright, my heart quickened and I was glad all through.

Brother Silvery, our own Vice-Regent, has gone back to Nashville, his old Alma Mater. A good soldier, gentle, yet firm, his charm was loyalty to the best frat I know.

Brother Hughes who has grown old in the service has cast his lot elsewhere. He was our last year's historian. Several times an officer, one of our trustees. We miss you dear brother at every turn.

Three meetings were had, spicy ones too. Six sturdy sons have passed the test and are "Knights." We welcome and congratulate them. They are new recruits, but when we see you next trained soldiers will have developed. We already see success beckoning to us this year. There are many promising would be's. And who with a ghost of a chance could resist "Kappa."

Our plans are not quite ready to give to you yet. We are after big games, and mean to get it too.

And now I have reached the end of a happy service. I am going out for a year, actively out. My heart will as always be with our work. My interest will never lag. Never grow less even though some one else, and a better man, fill the chair, that I have only in a way occupied. There is one joy that remains. I am, and always shall be, a part of Kappa Psi.

ROBERT GOODLOE McGAHEY, Past Regent.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., meets every Saturday night at Kappa Psi House., 2100 West End.

Greetings to all members of Kappa Psi.

Lambda opened this year with eleven old men back.

Brothers Shoulders and Nunnery of Omicron entered Vanderbilt Medical this year and have affiliated with us.

Our old charter member "Boots" Ph. C. ('07,) has decided to add the degree of M. D. to his name and is with us again this year.—(Nor did he come alone, for Mrs. Bootenshou is with him.) Boots is first of the charter members to marry. Next?

We are thinking of entering Brother Mack in the hurdle race as he has acquired great skill in jumping banisters and getting over fences. Our Regent, Brother Foster, commonly known among us as "Jingling Johnson" stands in some danger of losing her title to our new member Brother Glaze who is some jingler of rhymes—especially on the love question. The beauty of our Nashville girls is often remarked upon by Brother Oliver who hails from Georgia, in this manner: "Gee! She is what I would call a "Georgia Peach!"

Smokers—one September 24th and one October 8th. The song—"And the Smoke Goes up the Chimney Just the Same"—went its rounds.

We are in communication with Memphis and Louisville in regard to new chapters.

We have cut our dances to a minimum this year and are proceeding to do the society stunt in other lines.

Brother Norman, although rather light, is a speedy football player and is on Varsity's reserve list with a good chance of making Varsity next year.

Fraternally,

J. B. WRIGHT, Secretary.

NU CHAPTER

University of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C.

Meetings every first and third Tuesdays at the Chapter hall, Roper Hospital, Franklin street, at 8:30 P. M.

Nu Chapter once more communicates with the brothers over this great country of ours, through the pages of our smart little paper, The Mask. We always consider the day The Mask is received in our Chapter as one of the red letter variety; can any blame us? All hail! to our present editor, long may he live.

Nu held her first meeting for this session Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at 9:30 P. M. It made us feel lonely for a moment, as the meeting started, to look around our hall and see but ten men where we had been accustomed to seeing twenty and twenty-five. Graduation last year sadly depleted our ranks. It was not long, however, before we forgot our numerical weakness and grew strong in the anticipation of the work before us. It was Regent Andrews' first night in the chair and he conducted the meeting in a most creditable manner. We were fortunate in electing two such capable officers as Regent Andrews and Secretary Jas. S. Fouche, as in them we have energetic and enthusiastic men who have the interest of the fraternity at heart and around whom we all rally.

Brothers, we are going to try to make this the most successful year Nu has ever had. We are busy at present scouting for new material, and as we have a number of new men to pick from, am sure we will soon have many good members. Then we want to beautify our hall. We are proud of it as it now is but we are not satisfied. Before the year is over we mean to have a carpet on the floor and several other improvements. We have two or three plans under consideration now to raise the necessary cash.

We will entertain the officers of the other fraternities in the college and a few of our fellow students at a smoker, Tuesday evening, Oct. 12. It is not necessary to say we will have a good time, we always do at Nu's smokers. The utmost con-

genialty exists between the four fraternities in our college, and also a good-natured rivalry. We mean to make Kappa Psi as formidable a rival this year as she has been in the past.

We heard during the summer that our college was to have its interior remodeled. Naturally we expected to see many things changed on our return. As we entered the building on the first day and looked around us we were almost speechless in admiration, the improvements were beyond our wildest dreams. Why, it was with difficulty we found our way around the old building we knew so well, everything had been changed so. It was a wise move on the part of the institution as already the enrollment of new students has far excelled any previous year.

Vic Roberts, Ph. G., '09, is back to study medicine. We are glad to have him back with us.

Brother J. H. Barr, Ph. G., '09, Ex-Nu, has joined the benedicts and is living in Ninety Six, S. C. Jim Fouche passed through there on his way to Charleston and our old pal Johnny sent us his best regards, a dollar for a year's subscription to *The Mask*, and a beautiful sofa pillow. Many thanks and the best wishes of the brothers.

Brothers Bailey Felder, Hiers, Walker and Stone, all Ph. Gs., '09, are working here in the city. We would like to see them up to every meeting.

Earle and Hutchinson '09, are in Newberry, S. C.

Brother Ogilvie, Ph. G. '08, is in Anderson, S. C., with West End Drug Store.

With best wishes for a banner year for Kappa Psi.

J. M. DUNCAN, Historian.

XI CHAPTER

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Brother Johnson—

The brothers of Xi are more enthusaistic than ever as the work of the term progresses. Last year some of our number began to agitate the matter of our having a Fraternity House, and in the early stages the suggestion was made in a sort of

apologetic and faltering tone, for the loss of several of our strongest members at the end of the year did not make the outlook for the fall term appear any too bright. But with the opening of the College this fall the subject was taken up with renewed and augmented vitality, and although our number was reduced to only six members, we all put our shoulders to the wheel with the determination to hold together and see our hopes consummated. The result has borne its fruits speedily and with better success than any of us dared to prophesy. The Kappa Psi House for Xi Chapter is a reality, and its location on the corner of Spruce and Willey streets is one of the most desirable in the city. The only serious difficulty which we can anticipate is that it may be difficult to keep all our men together in the House much of the time, for we are directly across the street from the Woman's Hall! Six men have signified their intention of moving into the House as soon as they can obtain a release from their present rooms, and we expect others to come in after the holidays.

Four loyal men have recently been initiated into the mysteries of our Greek Holy of Holies: Prickett, Goff, Coffman and Vass, all of the class of '13. Professor F. L. Kortright, D. Sc., of the Department of Chemistry has also been added to our Honorary Roll. We are all proud of our new men, and also to report that we have other pledges who will come in later. The initiation took place in our own hall in the Fraternity House.

During the term we have enjoyed the hospitality of Brothers Arch Weaver (now in Western Reserve at Cleveland) and "Ace" Adkins, both of whom entertained the Chapter and its friends at "Smokers." Early in the term Dr. and Mrs. Grant also entertained the Chapter in honor of the pledges, at which time a dainty luncheon was served. Post said: "Thank you. Yes, I'll come again—often!"

Kappa Psis rank high in scholarship, but our proud position is threatened, for Brother Stilphen's recitation hour is divided between Simpson's Drugology and those bulky epistles from Maine which come so often that they constitute a serious handicap to our Brother from the near-North pole.

Dr. Simpson: "Mr. Brindley, where is lactic acid formed?"

Brindley: "In the lacteals, Doctor!"

An explanation is due on account of the fact that Goff suddenly decided to move into the House at 6:45 Saturday morning. Here's the reason:

Goff (to landlady): "I think I'll move into the Frat. House next Tuesday, Mrs. D.

Landlady: "Oh! Is that so! Well, if you're going to move you might just as well move now!"

Exit Goff 6:30 A. M.

With best wishes to all the brothers,

Yours Fraternaly,

SAMUEL J. MORRIS, Sec'y and Historian.

OMICRON CHAPTER

University Nashville, Nashville, Tenn.

Once more we resort to our faithful quill, and bid it chronicle various and sundry events, which, we hope, may be of interest to readers of *The Mask*. However, if we allow matters of personal interest to become burdensome to our patient brothers, we crave their indulgence on the grounds of exuberance of elation whatever that may be. We never were gifted in the art of giving information, calculated to produce a profound impression without creating somewhat of a shock, so that if we do not lead up to our subject in a gradual manner, we trust all may be prepared, even if the preparation is for a shock.

When Brother Barnette ('10), bade adieu to this historic village on the Ides of last May, he was sound of body and to all appearances, of mind. Therefore, no communication from him within a month elicited no more than a casual notice. But three and one-half months of the vacation having elapsed without a word from him caused the gravest apprehensions. Inquiries concerning him were made by all the brothers, but of no avail. The day for opening the new session arrived but still no tidings. Finally, a message was received, which, though indefinite, gave us ample reason to believe that the most pessimistic views would be substantiated. Then came a definite

statement, in the form of a direct message, that he was no more ———, a free and independent being. Dan's arrow had pierced and the deed was done.

Personally, we cannot speak from experience, but from all accounts we are persuaded, that to pass into this state of double blessedness is to pass into a new and higher realm of life. For this reason, we are all rejoicing with Brother Barnette, and only looking forward to the time when his fate shall be ours.

Whether Brother Barnette caught the spirit of the University or the University caught his spirit, we are unable to state, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the Medical Department of the University of Nashville escorted the Medical Department of the University of Tennessee to the Hymenial altar and now they are declared one and the same. It was a union which has met with general satisfaction, carrying out the idea as it does of sacrificing the number of medical colleges in favor of one school with high standard and good equipment.

We regret the loss of Brothers Coe, Plunkett, Bransford, H. S. Shoulders, Waters and Nunnery. However, all of them except Brothers Coe and Plunkett have gone to schools where Kappa Psi is represented, and we confidently believe they will do a good work toward introducing a new Chapter. Inasmuch as these brothers have gone any way, we are glad of the fact that our Sister Lambda will get such good members as Brothers Shoulders, Nunnery and Waters.

We are pleased to announce that Brother G. E. Silvery, ('10), of Kappa Chapter is with us. Brother Silvery is filled with the genuine old Kappa Psi spirit, and we know he will be a distinct power in the onward progress of Omicron.

On October 9th, we received Brother Luther Davis ('11), he being the first new member to receive initiation this session. Brother Davis will make an enthusiastic member, and it is a distinct gain to Kappa Psi to have him with us.

Omicron's outlook for the coming year is bright. We have been handicapped somewhat on account of removing to our new Chapter house, which was opened with a smoker on the evening of Oct. 2nd. The smoker was a success in every respect, a lot of fine boys being present all of whom appear deeply impressed

with Kappa Psi. Having settled down, we are all at work in earnest and are sure that the year will bring forth a fruitful harvest.

Fraternally yours,

G. F. AYCOCK, Historian.

PI CHAPTER

Tulane University, New Orleans.

Meets first and third Saturdays at 8:30 P. M., Odd Fellows Hall.

When school opened on October the first, it was a great pleasure for us all to be able to shake hands with every Kappa Psi man we told good bye when school closed last session. It really means great things for Pi to have every man back this year. It is with great pleasure that we note every man here made good last year and advanced with his class—knowing how the requirements here have been raised and how rigidly they have been enforced and what a large per cent. fell by the way-side from every class, it surely shows the quality of our men here when we say “every man went over with colors flying.”

Since school opened we have secured four men, Foster Johns, William Arthur Reed, Allen Lie and L. B. Sellers. We are justly proud of them because we know they are men of worth. We wish to thank Bros. Foster of Lambda and Williams of Iota for the assistance they gave us last summer.

Our new Brothers declared after going through the initiation, that Pi had a way that is long, dark and exceedingly ghost-like with a goat that is a most vicious animal. As a bucker he surpasses any broneo that ever crossed the Western plains, for those trying to ride him always find themselves victims. However all of our candidates for membership were plucky fellows, so after resuming their seats many times they rode successfully on through the dark and winding way that leads on toward the throne; where all Knights of Kappa Psi hold forth in Agora land.

The prognosis for Pi is very favorable. Everything in the future looks bright and having gained so much strength

in so short a time, there is nothing to retard our progress or keep us from now going directly on toward the goal of success.

A smoker will be held soon, when we expect to entertain our new initiates and some friends.

Fraternally,

J. C. ROBERTS, Sec. and Treas.

RHO CHAPTER

Atlanta College of P. & S., Atlanta, Ga.

The fifty-fifth session of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons began on the twenty-second of September and the outlook is the best in the history of the college, there being one hundred and eleven enrolled in the Freshmen Class. In all we have something over three hundred students, which is the largest attendance the A. C. P. & S. has ever had.

Rho held its first meeting on the second of October, several of the members being absent on account of a misunderstanding as to where we would meet.

Most of the members of Rho returned but some have cast their lot with other schools. Bro. H. P. Movin and C. C. Collens are now at University of Alabama. Bro. H. S. Edmonnon and L. A. Griffin are in Baltimore at Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons. We are sorry to lose such good men.

It gives me great pleasure in saying that Rho is now on a solid foundation, the rain may flow, the wind may blow, but I think she will stand. She is not built on a sandy foundation, but on a foundation of rock, and is still growing.

Last Saturday night Bros. Minor and Gwoodin were initiated into the mysteries of the Chapter; think they were charmed with riding the goat.

Rho wishes every chapter much success this year.

Fraternally yours,

W. M. SCOTT, Historian.

TAU CHAPTER

In regard to Tau Chapter, I'd say that Tau, at present, is in a dormant state. The facts are these: The medical department of Alabama is at Mobile, (where Iota is located), and that medical course at the Main University at Tuscaloosa was only a pre-clinical one at which a man could take the first two years of medicine. At the last meeting of the trustees, in June last, it was decided to discontinue the pre-clinical course at Tuscaloosa, but with the permission though that they would consider the advisability at their next meeting, so I understood, of moving the first two years' work in toto from Mobile to Tuscaloosa. In fact, the President of the University told me that he hoped to bring about this move in the near future. So after all, I'm happy to say, there is a chance for the revival of Tau. However, in that Tau is not an active chapter, at present, and due to my present location I can not send in any write-up, I'm sorry to say. I thought Bro. Bliss or Tau's only Regent, Bro. Durrett, had communicated these facts respecting Tau to the Grand Council.

I have landed at Virginia to finish up medicine—to do which I'll have to span the space of three years.

I suppose you have the location of the different ones of my charge, to send The Mask to them.

I'm "against the wall" at present, but will send you \$1.00 shortly to renew my subscription.

With best wishes for both you and "The Mask," I am,

Fraternally yours,

WM. H. SLAUGHTER,

Alumni Chapters

NEW YORK ALUMNI

Everything points to a busy and prosperous year for us "Old Grads." here in New York, and that means that between co-operating with Gamma Chapter with their entertaining and getting ready for our own annual dance, we will give our entertainment committee a chance to display their ability and keep up the interest of the members of the Chapter in the work at hand.

Our "Third Annual Dance" will be held late in January or the early part of February; the exact date will be announced in the January "Mask." This is merely to serve notice on the Passive men in and around New York that if interested they can write Brother R. Duckworth, 51 West, 106th street, the secretary of the Chapter and he will reserve tickets for them and keep them posted on all the details.

Brother H. W. Ferguson has accepted a position with T. H. Grossmith and is visiting the trade with a complete line of Ess. Oils, etc. Brother Pfaff is the New York City man for Eli Lilly.

Brother Fetterly is mighty busy taking care of his stores in Bound Brook and Sommerville, N. J. Brother Hamilton is working in the Sommerville store.

Brother F. W. Rugg, ex-G. H. and E., came on from Portland, Me., to take in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, but found time to visit Gamma Chapter and assist the boys in initiating four men into the mysteries of the Agora. He was ably assisted by Brothers Ferrier, Duckworth and Pullem.

There are quite a few Passive men who have not as yet subscribed to "The Mask," but we hope to round them up before long.

Brother Goeckel reports that the material for "The Agora" is now in the printer's hands, and the book will probably be

out the early part of November. Send in your orders for it now. It will be the finest thing Kappa Psi has ever published. Price 50c the copy. PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR., Historian

BETA CHAPTER

Brother Charles A. Clemmer writes to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer and states he is still loyal to old Kappa Psi. There was never any doubt of that. Brother Clemmer is located at Middlebrook, Va.

Brother John E. Hughart is now at Cliff Top, W. Va., and is progressing finely in his new field.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI

The regular meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter was held in the Grand Fraternity Buiding, 1414 Arch St., on Wednesday evening, Oct. 27th. It being the annual meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Regent—Dr. Richard Cuthbert, Jr.; Vice-Regent—Dr. G. Covell Davy; Secretary—Dr. H. S. Godshall; Treasurer—Dr. F. B. Kelty.

Two new members joined the Chapter and all those present seemed enthusiastic over the prospects for the year.

After the routine business was finished the members adjourned to another room and enjoyed seeing two initiations by Eta Chapter.

AMONG OUR GRADUATES

Russell B. Hunt, '06 has opened a large store in Mt. Airy, Pa. From Bro. Hunt's past record we are sure he will make a success of his new venture and our best wishes go with him.

F. P. Van Inwegen has taken a position with Geo. B. Evans who operates five of the largest drug stores in Philadelphia.

Wm. Mathewson, '08, of Coatsville has accepted a position as manager of the large drug store in Lansdowne which was recently purchased by Bro. Jessup.

The Alumni members all extend their sympathy to Bro. Earl because of the recent death of his father. Only those who have met with a similar loss can realize the depth of his sorrow.

With the next issue Bro. Godshall will begin reporting the Philadelphia Alumni chapter and I am sure he will have an interesting letter in The Mask every issue.

This is my "Good-bye." It has been a pleasure for me to write these notes and in parting I ask all our graduates: "Boys, support the Alumni Chapter."

Fraternally yours,

G. COVELL DAVY, P. D.

ZETA CHAPTER

Brother Charles B. Flynn is now located in Yonkers, N. Y., where he has a large practice.

The Onward March

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All publications and the number of issues of each received during the year will be acknowledged in The Mask for January 1910.

Phi Chi (Medical) installed Pi Delta Phi Chapter at Los Angeles Department of Medicine of the University of California, March 2nd, 1909. Total Chapters, 36.

Alpha Omicron Pi (Sorority) established Rho Chapter in Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., June 11, 1909. Collegiate Chapters 12; Alumnae 5.

Chi Omega (Sorority) announces the establishment of a Milwaukee Alumnae, March 20th; Alpha in University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; and Psi Alpha in the University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., on April 20, 1909. Collegiate Chapters 22; Alumnae, 14.

Zeta Tau Alpha (Sorority) installed local Theta Sigma as Mu Chapter, March 18th, 1909, in Drury College, Springfield, Mo. Collegiate Chapters, 8; Alumnae 2.

Sigma Nu installed Delta Epsilon, Feb. 20th, 1909, in the University of Oklahoma; Delta Delta, April 7th, 1909, in State College of Pennsylvania, and Zeta in Western Reserve at Cleveland, O., Feb. 22; 1909.

The May issue of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal reports the installation of North Carolina Gramma in Trinity College, and New Hampshire Alpha in Dartmouth College. Evidently dates are not of importance as we only find that the former was installed between 3 P. M. and 10 P. M., but in neither case does the writer give dates.

Since the April issue of the Mask we have had the pleasure

of adding the Phi Chi (Med.) Quarterly and the newly christened "Aegis" of Alpha Sigma Alpha (Sorority) to our exchanges.

Alpha Kappa Kappa (Medical) installed Alpha Nu Chapter, June 5th, 1909, in the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky. Collegiate Chapters, 36.

At the 13th convention of Phi Chi (Med.) it was decided that the actual expense of transportation of one delegate from each Chapter to and from the annual meeting be shared by all the Chapters, the host Chapters being exempted. Chapters failing to send delegates are to be fined a sum not to exceed \$50.

Pi Beta Phi (Sorority) issued the third annual supplement to their 1906 membership catalogue as a supplement to "The Arrow" for July, 1909.

The college and fraternity world is fairly well agreed that Theta Nu Epsilon fills no legitimate place and, at best, represents only what reputable fraternities have always striven to eradicate from the Greek system. Born in iniquity, its course has been counter to all that is good in the Greek world and its final dissolution is awaited with more anxiety than patience. Alpha Tau Omega "Palm."

The Palm, commenting upon Alpha Tau Omega's rule prohibiting its members from joining the preceding society says: "It should have been drawn so as to include professional fraternities. Professional fraternity men have assured us that the college fraternity man is of little use to them. At any rate a divided allegiance is never a whole-souled devotion."

There are doubtlessly many Kappa Psi men who do not agree with the "Palm." We do not know why a member cannot be loyal to his academic fraternity and at the same time be a loyal and ardent worker in the fraternity dedicated to the ideals of his chosen profession. We believe it depends upon the principles and aims of the fraternities. A truly professional fraternity formed to advance professional ideals certainly has a distinctive field of activity which infringes very little upon that of the Academic Fraternity. Likewise we believe that the

aims of many academic frats. differ markedly from those of organizations such as Kappa Psi.

The stripling who comes from a chapter where appearances and frivolities alone crowd the horizon of fraternity endeavor will indeed have a rude awaking if he intends to travel shoulder to shoulder with his professional fraternity brothers.

From the Phi Beta Pi (Medical) Quarterly we clip the following of "An Old Grad's Broad Views" regarding graduate members' reluctance to contribute to the fraternity expenses:

"Money, with the most of us, is mighty scarce after we tackle life without a monthly stipend from papa.

"Why," you boys say, "is it possible that a man equipped, as we are, with the best of education, good manners, good clothes, good nerve and maybe an intimate knowledge of how other men have made successes, it is possible that he should not make a good living from the start?" Well, not wishing to frighten you too much. I will simply say that you are due for a surprise party— unless you are so situated that you will be forced into business. A fellow can, by going into a small town without competition, often make money from the start, but any ambitious man will soon tire of that, and then what? Why, he has to start all over again in a larger place, already crowded with good doctors, where the expenses of living are much higher; where he must keep up appearances and where, in order to get into families, he must be married. Expenses! Why, you have no idea to what terrific proportions they at once grow and the more you gain in practice the greater is the expense account.

It has always taken time to build up a practice but every year the length of time necessary in increasing. The principle reason, you can readily imagine, is that the number of doctors is more rapidly increasing than is the population!

But, you say, "I know lots of your doctors who are making a good living and they have done it themselves. Why, take yourself, for instance, anyone can see that you are making a good living." I will say to you: "Don't be deceived! You can't see behind the scenes. You do not know how slow my collections, how great my expenses, how heavy a

load of six per cent. I am carrying on money borrowed to make the start."

All this, boys, is simply to show you that appearances are often deceitful and that you should not too harshly judge your alumnus because he does not send back a few paltry dollars a year. Perhaps he has not any to spare, even though he might like to shower you with gold.

Undergraduates, give your alumni ten years to get on their feet and then if they don't "come over with bullion" you have my permission to judge them—but during that ten years *remember* to do your share in keeping them interested and in touch with you.

This brings me to the part of my first subdivision: "Why does the graduate cease to write back?" Sometimes, of course, he forgets, but that fellow is not a true fraternity man. More often he does write back but his letters after the first one or two remain unanswered. Are you guilty, boys, or were the mails at fault?"

More and more we note in our exchanges, that the Greek Knights are one after the other, becoming courageous enough to protest against having the official fraternity pin worn by sweethearts and others. Not to be in the least partial we must note that the ladies are also expressing their disapproval at having their prized emblems worn by persons not members of the respective sororities.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

(From the July Mask.)

That Chapter Roll looks might good—recruiting stations from our old Kappa Psi from Boston to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Mississippi.

Our editor is certainly there. Did you note the straight, clean-cut, forcible way he expressed himself in the last issue? Somehow we always find the right man for the right place. And did you notice how mixed our Chapter notes are becoming? Brothers from one Chapter reported as enthusiastic workers for or in some other Chapter. No provincialism in this.

What do you think of a man from Tennessee somnambulating

in Dreamland at Coney Island? No wonder none of the New York boys had a chance to work the pump handle on him—We'll take it back, he woke up.

One more Grand Army of Kappa Psi Post, the Birmingham, Alabama Chapter, a new aggregation of Vets. from Gamma, Epsilon, Kappa and Lambda. Hurrah! keep it up!

Even Zeta men were quite in evidence in the last issue while Bro. Seavy Highsmith, of Beta, showed up in "The Mask" card page. Its time to restore the old posts Beta, Zeta and Theta.

The war game this summer seems to have affected our Beantown brothers as Mu is buckling on its armour for the strenuous campaign this winter. Here's a bunch of Kappa Psis to you of the northern-most brigade.

So Nu captured 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place in the senior class. Second place went to a member of the fair sex. Good! Maybe we will read in this issue that some brother has captured the second prize (winner) too.

Any of our Alumni Brothers contemplating matrimony, will find the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia an excellent place to spend a honey-moon. So says Bro. G. F. Aycock. Wonder if he speaks from personal experience?

Eta looking for a Chapter house. Gamma starts a Chapter house fund. Yes thank you, progressing some.

Where were the Philadelphia Chapter notes? Is "Phily" the sleepy city after all, even though our Bostonians do go to New York when they want a complete mental rest. Maybe Dean Remington can explain this.

The Mask card list still continues to grow. A page and a half of them.

What has become of that suggestion of the Past Grand Historian and Editor to fix a Life Subscription at \$10 in one payment, the same to be placed in trust as a permanent "Mask" fund? Is the legislative committee still pondering over it? There are at least three Brothers ready to set the ball a-rolling.

ONE OF THE OLD GUARD.

AMERICAN CAP, GOWN AND HOOD.

In our own American universities in early days, gowns were not worn often, and then only by a few, but the custom of wearing a garb appropriate to one's degree gained wide acceptance and has now become so well established that it appears to have come to stay.

As American universities have adopted a single code for all, and the colors signifying the different departments are generally appropriate to those departments, the hitherto uninitiated need not find difficulty in becoming sufficiently familiar with the arrangement to decide for himself what college, department of learning and degree are represented even in a long line of apparently confusing colors.

Bachelors of all departments wear gowns of black cloth. The gown of both Masters and Doctors may be built of cloth but are preferably of silk. In style of cut however, they differ: Bachelors' gowns having long pointed sleeves, Masters' gowns having a long closed sleeve with an opening near the top for the arm; while Doctors' gowns are faced with velvet and have full round sleeves, bearing velvet bars either of black or the color of the college by which the degree was conferred.

The caps of all degrees are a copy of the regular Oxford cap, and differ only in the fact that a Doctor may wear a gold tassel, while Bachelors and masters wear black tassels.

The greatest difficulty lies in placing the hoods. Hoods of Bachelors and Masters differ only in the length; that of the Master being a foot longer than that of the Bachelor. The Doctor, however, has a hood with a panel, which is generally outlined against the black of the gown, by an edge of silk, the color of the lining of the hood.

It is in the hoods that we are given the display of colors; and by these colors alone are we enabled to tell what faculty of learning and what college are represented.

The hoods themselves are black, of the same material as the gown, but are lined with silk, the colors of the lining proclaiming the institution by which the degree was granted; and

are faced with velvet, that color signifying the department of learning.

The colors for departments have been for the most part, selected for their historic significance or because they were appropriate to a particular department. White, for instance, is the color for Arts and Letters, and was copied from the white fur used by Oxford and Cambridge for their B. A. degree.

Theology and Divinity are represented by scarlet, the color used by cardinals for centuries, as representing the burning zeal of the church.

The purple used by the Law comes from the royal purple used in kings' courts.

Blue is the color of truth and wisdom, hence is appropriately used for the faculty of Philosophy.

Science is represented by gold-yellow to signify the wealth which that study has given to the world.

Green, the color used for the department of Medicine was probably taken from the color of the herbs used by early medicine men in that science.

The Department of Pharmacy, closely allied with that of Medicine, is represented by a particular shade of green, the olive.

The pink which represents Music is a direct copy of the color used by Oxford Doctors of Music.

Russet, which is used by the faculty of Forestry, was doubtless selected because that color was the favorite color of the merry English foresters.

The department of Pedagogy, seeking after truth and wisdom, as is the department of Philosophy, and a would-be inspiration to such seeking, has adopted a modification of the philosophy color, the light shade of blue.

Still other departments have adopted colors in an arbitrary fashion without reference to historic significance or any particular appropriateness.

As, the department of Fine Arts is represented by brown; Dentistry by lilac; Veterinary Science by gray; Library Science by lemon; and Commerce and Accountancy by drab.

In cases where the same color is used by two or more in-

stitutions, there is a real difficulty in deciding what institution has conferred the degree, but as to the degree itself and the faculty of learning, there can be no possible mistake, once the code has been mastered.

All honor to our American institutions, which have reduced the chaos of a few decades ago to such order and so near an approach to perfection!—Reprint from the Sigma Kappa Triangle.

TO A SKELETON

Three years ago while on a pilgrimage to the grave of my great grandfather, Dr. T. J. Spurlock (M. D. '30), a brakeman was hurt, and seeing me give him some attention, the conductor made himself known to me and said he was a medical student once in my father's college—Louisville Medical—and gave me from memory the following poem which he said their professor of anatomy recited for every class. Returning home my father (M. D. '79) confirmed the conductor's story.

About a year later a trained nurse furnished me a copy, with this historical sketch:

“Lines ‘To a Skeleton’ were found by the janitor in the Royal College of P. & S., London, while sweeping the floor one morning. The manuscript was lying at the foot of a mounted skeleton, the ink having scarcely dried. It was promptly published and efforts made both in the United Kingdom and in this country to find the writer. All searches and offers of reward alike failed and Lines to a Skeleton is still unidentified.”

M. H. F.

Behold that ruin! 'Twas a skull
 Once of the Ethereal Spirit full.
 This narrow cell was Life's retreat,
 This space was thought's mysterious seat.
 What beauteous visions filled this spot!
 What dreams of pleasure long forgot!
 Not hope, not joy, not love, not fear,
 Have left one trace of record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye;
But start not at the dismal void—
If social love that eye employed,
If with no lawless fire it gleamed,
But through the dews of kindness beamed,
That eye shall be forever bright
When stars and sun are sunk in night.

Within this hollow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue;
If falsehood's honey it disdained
And when it could not praise, was chained;
If bold in Virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke—
This silent tongue shall plead for thee
When time unveils Eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the mine?
Or with the envied rubies shine?
To hew the rock or wear the gem
Can little now avail to them.
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer need shall claim
Than all that wait on wealth or fame.

Avails it whether bare or shod
These feet the paths of duty trod?
If from the bowers of Ease they fled,
To seek Affliction's humble shed;
If Grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned,
And home to Virtue's cot returned,
These feet with Angel's wings shall vie
And tread the palace of the sky.

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To write a good chapter letter is like everything else. It is easier said than done. The student is often at a loss for interesting matter to write about, and then again seldom spends the time and thought necessary to produce a communication of general interest to the Order.

The first requisite is the ability of the secretary to write coupled with an interest in the fraternity which will insure his attention to the chapter correspondence. He need not be a man of any great amount of literary ability but he should be one capable of writing intelligently and in a suitable style.

Chapter letters should not open and close with flowery salutations to other chapters. The good will of one chapter towards the other is a matter of course.

Chapter letters should not be devoted to local hits. Strangers do not appreciate the points made, however witty they may be and what is extremely clever, locally speaking, is lost upon persons unacquainted with the particular chapter, college or person referred to. A chapter letter should never exploit the drinking prowess of its members, nor be devoted to individual write-ups.

It is a good plan to show other chapters what activities are being indulged in and to report honors conferred upon members.

Very rarely indeed are matters of general interest to the Order mentioned in the letters and yet they are the means best

adapted to the expression of chapter sentiment. Affairs of the Order should be freely discussed and chapter views aired. I do not believe in a spirit of malevolent and unjust criticism, but healthy criticism often leads to reform and the correction of many faults. Universal acquiescence in things as they are rapidly develops into indifference and decay.

News issues as they arise from time to time should be discussed in chapter letters, remedies suggested and new ideas advanced. What plans the chapters have on foot, what other fraternities are doing at the colleges, what difficulties the chapters are meeting with, what opposition exists—are all matters of general interest. Such things may be dwelt upon in a chapter letter with advantage. Should the chapter secretaries, after reading this letter, resolve to adopt some of the above suggestions, the Journal would read like another book.

“Piedmont,” in Kappa Alpha.

“Piedmont” in Kappa Alpha, strikes it right and I believe it hits the chapter letter writers of the Mask hard; furthermore I think some of them deserve it. Our chapter letters for some time have been far from the standard that they should be. I wish our writers could look over the Chapter letters in Phi Chi or Delta Upsilon quarterlies, and I have no doubt there are plenty others which are equally as good. The editor of one of our contemporary Greek letter journals (I forget just which one) gives notice in print that any news other than that which will be of general interest to the fraternity at large will be cut out of chapter letters. There is no reason why the Mask should not have as good chapter letters as any of our exchanges. Leave out the personal “hits” which are worse than nonsense, as most of us, not knowing the circumstances, can not even laugh over them. Our fraternity is getting large enough to become dignified.

One other thought. Why do not more of our members contribute articles for publication in our fraternity paper? Out of the large number of active and passive members it seems to me that there are very few whose names appear in connection with some original article. Let us make the Mask the equal of any of its contemporaries.

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