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Editorials

The Scroll Welcomes Delta to the Kappa Delta Rho Fold

It is with pleasure that the SCROLL extends for the various Chapters of Kapa Delta Rho their thanks to Bro. Porter for the splendid SCROLL he has just sent them. We can see in the progress which the SCROLL has made a reflection of the progress which K. D. R. has and is to make in the future. Good work, Tip; we are only sorry that you are not to give us another edition.

The PP. wishes to extend his appreciation and sincere thanks to each one of the brothers, who have so willingly contributed for the present issue, both by articles, criticism and advice. He regrets that he was unable to acknowledge by letter the receipt to each article, but believes that each man being a student can understand and appreciate why this was not done.

From the articles published in this issue and from letters received, we believe that there are many men among our active and alumni members considering the welfare of K. D. R. We shall be pleased to publish in the next issue of the SCROLL any suggestion, criticism or letter that may be sent up for that purpose.

The programme for this issue of the SCROLL was formulated and submitted to the printer long before we knew of the Delta Chapter, and it is for this reason that we have been unable to hear from it. But in our next issue we trust they will occupy a prominent place.

S. E. HEASON, G-'18.

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The Annual Convention

The National Convention of the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity was held with the Beta Chapter at Ithaca, December 15th and 16th. Alpha was represented by Bros. Arthur Ottman, Leon Adkins, Donald Beldon, James Carroll and Harry Smith; Bros. Ottman and Adkins were the voting delegates. Bros. C. Thompson and Jack Houck, as voting delegates, represented Beta, and Ray Townsend and Stanley E. Heason, Gamma.

The Middlebury delegation came to Albany Wednesday, where they were the guests of Gamma until Thursday night, when all boarded the sleeper for Ithaca. Although all enjoyed the companionship of the journey, it was with a feeling of joy that the smiling face of Chick Wright was perceived. After a hearty welcome, all adjourned to the splendid home of the Beta Chapter, where they were at once made to feel at home and the desires of the inner man satisfied. The remainder of the forenoon and the entire afternoon was given over to visiting and inspection of the college grounds and buildings.

The first meeting of the convention was held Friday evening. At this time the convention was formally organized. The main business was the reporting of the various committees, the nominating of new committees to carry on the work of the session, and the selection of grand officers for the ensuing year. These were: G. C., Myers, Beta; G. T., Ottman, Alpha; G. P., Adkins, Alpha; G. PP., Heason, Gamma; G. G., Karr, Beta. At the second session, held Saturday P. M., extension work, common shingles, Fraternity Directory, and a common constitution were fully discussed. Full details of this discussion will not be given here as the G. P. will make a complete report of the convention to each Chapter. The Saturday evening session was mainly devoted to rounding out and perfecting the work of the previous meetings. The summary of all business done during the previous sessions of the convention was given by Bros. Thompson and Adkins for the benefit of the new officers and those members who had not been able to be present.

At this convention Beta inaugurated one new feature which should become a permanent custom for Kappa Delta Rho. An initiation of new members was held. If this were done each year

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it would add much to the similarity, perfection and impressiveness of the initiation ceremonies of each Chapter. Each one of us has some good, original ideas and it should certainly be one of the aims of K. D. R. to pass along "the good." Beta deserves much praise for making the start along this line.

As a fitting climax to the convention came a banquet, which each guest regarded as being the most pleasant he had ever attended. There was more than enough to eat, the best of entertainment—musical, comic and serious—but over and above all was an all-prevading sensation of fellowship and brotherly love, and a feeling of pride that one had the privilege of being a member of a body of such splendid young men.

Both Beta and Kappa Delta Rho have reason to feel proud of the seven young men who have just become brothers, and they in turn should be more than proud that they were selected to become members of a fraternity standing for the principles of Kappa Delta Rho, a fraternity which, in the words of Dean Mann, "fills a place in the university life which no other institution does or can fill."

S. E. HEASON, G-'18.

Extension

As the retiring head of the fraternity, during whose administration no new chapters were added to our national organization, it may seem a little out of place for me to attempt to say anything on the subject of extension. On the other hand, just because of the above circumstance, I believe I may be able to point out some of the reasons for the lack of results in recent endeavors in this direction.

In regard to the desirability of extension I do not believe anything need be said. The members of Alpha expressed themselves as favoring such a movement in the spring of 1913 when they voted favorably on the proposition of adding another chapter to the then local fraternity. The other chapters, of course, expressed their opinions on the subject of affiliating with the organ-



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ization. The only care, I believe all will agree, must be that we get chapters of the proper type, which will maintain the principles on which rest our only excuse for existence.

The only question demanding consideration is then, how to get in touch with desirable chapters or nuclei for chapters. This question has furnished the chief topic for discussion at the last two national conventions, as a result of which a definite plan has been adopted for getting into touch with as many desirable chapters as possible. Moreover, financial provision has been made for sending representatives to inspect any of these groups which warrant it. This is all the fraternity, as an organization, can do. The rest depends entirely on the individual members. The officers were selected because of demonstrated ability, and as they are full of enthusiasm there need be no fear of them not doing everything in their power.

The outcome of our campaign for new chapters is, therefore, solely in *your* hands. What part will you have in bringing about the success we are determined to achieve? If every member, active or alumnus, would send in the name of one group with which we might get in touch, think what the possibilities would be. Certainly that is not asking too much. Will you take it upon yourself to do that much for your fraternity, and at the same time for any college or bunch of men in whom you may be interested? If you already know of some possibility, don't wait, but send in their name now; if not, make it a point to get hold of one as soon as possible in order that they may be looked up and possibly taken in during the present college year. I feel sure that nothing you could do would be more appreciated by either the national officers or the various chapters.

C. H. WRIGHT.

Now, as to extension.

What shall I say?

First, let me ask some questions: What have we to extend? Second, do we believe in it enough to get the thing across to others? And, third, do we wish to see things accomplished badly enough so that whose ever business it is to get to work at this job will feel that it is his privileged opportunity and duty *to do things?*

I wonder if the fraternity as a whole wishes to see extension work move, and that badly enough to see to it that not a stone

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is left unturned that might lead to the establishing of a new chapter. Have our alumni everywhere been made to feel this, and that they should investigate every possibility in their respective neighborhoods and put them in touch with our extension committee? I, for one, have never heard from such a committee, and do not know who constitutes it at present. And I am frank to confess I do not understand why. For all I know now (save for a note from our new SCROLL editor, who promises to be alive) the matter of extension may have been entirely given up. I have not seen a SCROLL for nearly a year now, and no circular letters have come to keep us in touch with what few K. D. R. Chapters we now have, to say nothing of inspiring us to help look up more.

I, for example, have come in touch with three or four possibilities without much special effort on my part, right here in the Middle West; one in Michigan, two in Illinois, and possible e'er long, one in the University of Wisconsin. But, of course, it is not my business to start something. I would, however, like to put the extension committee in touch with them, if there be such a thing in existence. The local at the University of Illinois I regard as the most promising possibility that I have yet heard of. While making inquiries here at the University of Wisconsin I made the acquaintance of a fine young man, the present business secretary of the University of Wisconsin Y. M. C. A., who is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and an alumnus of the "Iris," to which I refer. If anything ever comes of this, it is just because of a little prowling around on my part just out of personal interest. Now if all of us K. D. R. alumni would do a little investigating under the direction of a supposed extension committee, we might scour up a few good chapters each year. It would be a good thing, or rather a good work going on, if some one would only take the trouble to organize and plan it. We need some sort of a prospectus or outline of dope, up-to-date, on the fraternity, and a few good house pictures, snap-shots, etc. Hersman showed me a picture of his bunch at Illinois today, and they were thirty good, clean, manly-looking fellows, of our own kind.

Let's be up and doing now and show some signs of life. It might really get some of us old mossbacked, good for nothing (heretofore), or married alumni even, interested in K. D. R., or rejuvenate their ancient interest, if some of the active members

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would keep in better touch with us. Money, even, might be drawn out of a board if zeal to obtain it were sufficiently strong. It takes responsibility and initiative to really do things anywhere in this world. Why not try to cultivate these qualities right in our fraternity work. They are the qualities the world needs and must find in an efficient member of society. We have time enough in which to grow, and are in no special rush, you may say, So far this attitude availeth us nothing. The best part of a plenty of time is the first part. Therefore, let's "do it now." "Start something" somebody to give us alumni better evidence that K. D. R. is really alive. Let her be more than a memory to her older sons.

If I have "rubbed it in" or seemed to be sarcastic, I am glad. It's no worse than I mean. Forgive me if you wish to. You need not, however, if you will only show the desired signs of life.

Will you do it? Volitional efficiency is good. The only thing that is better for us is more of it. First let's decide what to do. Then, out of *decision* (by virtue of will) will come *initiative*, *dispatch*, *thoroughness*, *patience*, *persistence*, *determination*, and with all, *industry*. Exercising these eight volitional qualities, whether it be in our everyday life, or in working for a bigger and better Kappa Delta Rho, we cannot fail.

H. SEVERY.

The extension of the influence of Kappa Delta Rho is a subject near to the hearts of all of us. I think we are justified in feeling that in our efforts in this direction we are not acting from purely selfish motives, but in so doing we are also working toward the establishment of higher ideals in fraternity life. There is a big place in every college and university for a chapter of Kappa Delta Rho, to work as a strong, organized Christian force toward the establishment and maintenance of the highest ideals of life and character among college men.

Since extension work is not only desirable, but necessary, if we are to live up to our ideals, the only question is how the work may best be carried on. It seems to me that there are two main means by which extension work may be carried on. The first and most natural method of extension is through the efforts of our alumni as they come in touch with men of other colleges. Every loyal Kappa Delta Rho man is always looking for groups

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of men who might be desirable as new chapters of our fraternity. This method of extension has every possible advantage save one. It reduces the element of risk to its lowest terms because our brothers have an opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the men who are to be the charter members of a new chapter. It gives the prospective brothers an opportunity of knowing what our fraternity stands for by intimate acquaintance with a member. It gives the new chapter a strong leader to guide its steps through the formative period. This method of extension work has been the most important in the growth of our fraternity up to the present time.

The feeling has been growing among our members that this method has one serious disadvantage—its slowness—and that it should not be our sole dependence for extension work. This has brought us to a consideration of other means by which extension work may be carried on, i. e., by correspondence, either with local fraternities, or with men such as secretaries of Christian Associations, who should be able to put us in touch with men or groups of men of the right type who would be desirable nuclei for the eventual establishment of new chapters. Correspondence with local fraternities has many disadvantages, the most serious of which, I believe, is that many would not hesitate to violate the secrecy of a confidential letter. The latter method, it seems to me, offers great possibilities. Our proposition will interest them and they will be glad to put us in touch with the right kind of men—men of the true Kappa Delta Rho type. If we can interest such men in our fraternity the road is clear.

The Extension Committee of the local Chapter, of which Bro. Thompson is the chairman, has prepared a uniform letter for this purpose and has sent individual letters to secretaries in about ten colleges. As a result of these letters we have, at present, five prospects, from which we hope something definite will develop. By allotting a number of colleges to each, this work may be carried on up to a certain point by local committees in the different chapters, thus effecting a division of work. If this is done, all correspondence should be preserved to turn over to the national officers when the group is ready to apply for a charter.

Let us not forget, however, in our desire for extension that quality is more important than quantity. Our growth must be sure, even at the expense of speed. Our ideals are high. They must never be changed, except to be raised higher. We must not

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be satisfied with ourselves as we are. Self-satisfaction is the first symptom of dry rot and moral decay. Kappa Delta Rho stands for the best in all departments of college life. If we are to exert the right kind of an influence on the fraternity life of our colleges, every man in every chapter must strive constantly to live up to the highest Kappa Delta Rho standards. Only by this can we be worthy of the pins we wear.

G. MYERS.

Delta of Kappa Delta Rho

One of the leading ambitions of our fraternity for the past few years has been growth, i. e., extending the Kappa Delta Rho name and spirit into groups or organizations in other colleges. Growth, to be sure, has been slow, but then the best and most lasting things do not mature in a night. Beta Chapter was chartered in 1913, Gamma in 1915, and Delta in 1917.

In October, 1916, Alpha Chapter at Middlebury received a copy of the Colgate University paper, *The Colgate Maroon*, from Bro. Hough, formerly an Alpha man, who transferred to Colgate last fall to pursue courses in the seminary there. In this paper was a plea for more and better fraternities at Colgate. In his letter Bro. Hough told of the possibilities there and of the clean, upright type of man that made up the University. He wrote also of the large per cent. of neutral men in Colgate, many of whom were non-fraternity men simply because the type of fraternity there did not appeal to them as approaching their ideal of what a fraternity should be. An interest in the proposition was aroused and it was discussed considerably, but no definite action was taken.

However, at the fifth national convention of the fraternity, held at Ithaca, December 15th and 16th, 1916, extension work was made the keynote of the whole convention. The possibility of a chapter at Colgate, as suggested by Bro. Hough, was favorably discussed. Before the convention closed Bro. Adkins, who was the only available man at that time, was elected to go to Colgate directly from the convention to confer with Bro. Hough concerning the outlook there for a new chapter of Kappa Delta Rho.

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Bro. Adkins was at Colgate from Monday, December 18th, until Thursday, December 21st. During this time he came into personal contact with many men of the University through Bro. Hough and through visiting classes and other college activities. On the evening of December 20th six of the most promising men, met in this short time, were called together in a room, where Bros. Hough and Adkins set forth the opportunity that Kappa Delta Rho held open to them and to Colgate University; telling them as much as was expedient concerning the history and principles of the fraternity. The men for the most part were favorably impressed, and determined to meet again immediately after the Christmas recess to decide whether or not they desired to form a nucleus for a new chapter of the fraternity. The time, perhaps, was rather inopportune, for the very day that Bro. Adkins arrived at Colgate a new chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha was established there; nevertheless the efforts of Kappa Delta Rho did not falter.

After the Christmas recess certain of the men saw fit to organize a club, with the end in view of becoming a Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. Through the efforts of Bro. Hough and Ward Browning, a charter membership of eighteen, including Bro. Hough and two members of the University Faculty, was secured. The Faculty members showed their live interest in the fraternity by joining as active members.

On February 5th, 1917, Bro. Adkins, as Grand Praetor, received petition from the club to be granted a charter as a Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. The petition was accompanied by a wonderful letter of recommendation from Dean Greene of Colgate. Immediate action was taken, and on February 12th Bro. Hough, representing Alpha, Bros. Houck and Hultzen from Beta, and Bros. Burns and Doyle from Gamma interviewed the men of the prospective Chapter. Their reports to the active members of the Chapters was so enthusiastic that the petitioning organization was immediately voted through. The date, February 22nd, was then decided upon for installation.

The initiation and banquet were held at Colgate, Thursday evening, February 22nd. In the ceremonies G. C. Myers was Consul, G. T. Ottman was Senior Tribune, Bro. Walker acted as Junior Tribune in the absence of G. PP. Heason, G. P. Adkins was Pontifex, and Bro. Bolgiano acted as Centurion in the

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absence of G. Q. Karr. After the initiation the banquet was held at the Hamilton House. After the cravings of the inner-man were satisfied the following program was carried out:

TOASTS

John Ward Browning, Toastmaster.

Invocation—Leon Adkins, "Alpha."

Welcome to our new Brothers—William Myers, "Beta."

The Response—George Daniels, '18.

The Past of Kappa Delta Rho—Arthur Ottman, "Alpha."

My Expectations—Arthur Cook, '19.

Our's is the Task—Carlos Fuller, '20.

The Future of Kappa Delta Rho—Joseph Walker, "Gamma."

The Place of Kappa Delta Rho in Colgate—Dr. Pleasant Lee Powell.

The following are the charter members of the Delta Chapter:
John Fiske Hough, '18 (ex-Middlebury)

In Facultate—Frank Carman Ewart, Pleasant Lee Powell.

In Universitate—Vernon Llewellyn Allen, '17; Millard Brandt, '18; John Ward Browning, '18; Albert Bertram Davis, '18; George Henry Daniels, '18; Walter Louis Strait, '18; Arthur Norton Cook, '19; Charles August Fraytag, '19; Leon Reynolds Streeter, '19; Baldwin Wright Callahan, '20; Carlos Greenleaf Fuller, '20; Otto Carl Pressprich, '20; Milo Follett Winchester, '20; Charles Ulrich, '20.

On February 23rd the organization was completed by the election of local officers and committees.

It is the firm belief of the fraternity as a whole that in Colgate she has the material for one of her strongest chapters. The men who form the Delta Chapter are men full of spirit and healthy ambition. One of the most favorable indications of success to the new Chapter is the fine spirit with which the faculty members coöperate with the student members. Surely Kappa Delta Rho has a Chapter in Colgate of which she may justly be proud.

LEON ADKINS.

It surely is the desire of us all to see Kappa Delta Rho become a larger fraternity, that is, to have more chapters than she has at present. We want Kappa Delta Rho to be growing all the time, for it is only growing things that are alive. If

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we are not pushing ahead, we are in reality going backward or letting others go by us.

The Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity is going to find or organize groups of fellows in different colleges and it is going to make them into chapters with Kappa Delta Rho ideals. She must do it by perfect organization of every member, with a committee at the head of the work whose chairman has power to act.

I think it is proper to put before the fraternity, through the SCROLL, an outline of the organization by which we mean to carry on extension work that we may all understand it and work together. At the national convention in Ithaca the extension work was put in the hands of the national officers, that is, Bro. Myers of Beta is at the head of all the extension work of the fraternity, with a committee to help him, composed of Bros. Ottman, Adkins, Heason and Karr. This committee in turn is to look for help to extension committees in each chapter, each of which has been assigned a definite territory to work. The local extension committees are to work with prospective groups of men until they apply for a charter, when the work is to be turned over to the national committee. Each individual is to work in conjunction with the committee in his local chapter, whether he be active member or alumni. For the convenience of alumni, let me say that Bro. Smith has charge of extension work at Alpha, Bro. Karr at Beta, Bro. Hohaus at Gamma, and Bro. Hough at Delta.

If we all work together on this plan and each man feel his responsibility for part of the extension work, we surely can hope for results.

W. SLADE, A-'19.

Though I surely feel that there are many other men in Beta Chapter who could do better justice to a big subject like this, yet I am surely mighty glad to have this privilege and opportunity to express through the SCROLL my ideas of national extension, and it is with the hope of trying to help stir up every brother as to his individual responsibility in this work that I write.

Of course, we are all most anxious to get as many chapters as possible, provided they are of the right kind, because looking at it from a selfish viewpoint, we want to have our fraternity

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be as large a national as possible, and then, too, I think by becoming a large national it will often help us get many men that we would not get unless we were a good-sized national. Also, in years to come, it would help all of our chapters very materially in their rushing, because we would have Kappa Delta Rho alumni from the various chapters all over the country who would be able to recommend men to the various chapters as of being able to live up to our principles and ideals.

Yet I think that there is a more important reason than all these for our wanting to get chapters in other universities, and that is, I think, that all the chapters of our fraternity, of course provided they are living up to our foundation principles, are rendering a distinct good and the right sort of helpful service, first to the brothers within the chapters, second to the parents of the brothers, third to the university in which they are located, and fourth, and perhaps most important of all, to our country.

First let us consider the good our fraternity does for the brothers within the chapter. I think that everyone will grant that when a fellow is at college he is at the most formative period of his life, and I don't believe that any of us can be thankful enough for the privilege, during this critical period of our lives, of belonging to such a fraternity, which has not only for its principles "the highest ideals of life and character," but which also has men who are holding up these principles in their everyday lives, and strong as some of us may feel to resist the temptations of life that we all know are lowering and degrading and enslaving other college men, yet I am prone to believe that at least some of us might have dipped our colors to these low and degrading things if we had not been so fortunate as to belong to a brotherhood which inspired us to try to live the biggest and finest and most noble lives possible, at least, even if we had been strong enough to withstand the temptations of a college man, I am sure we would not have been able to go out into the world so well grounded and prepared to stand for these highest ideals of life and character if we had not been in Kappa Delta Rho. And so I say that we can't be thankful enough for the part that our fraternity has played in molding that most important thing in our life, namely, character.

Now just a word as to the service a chapter renders to the parents of the brothers. Some of you may think that this is too sentimental, but just kindly stop and think of whether there is

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anything that would cut and sadden the hearts more of our dear fathers and mothers than to see their son or sons slip away from their own home influence and then gradually, step by step, go down in the scale of real manhood and character, and on the other hand think of what an organization means to them that takes their sons for four years and molds their lives in such a way that they come back to them finer, more honorable, bigger, and more real Christian men.

As I feel that the services to our universities and to our country go hand in hand, we will try to consider them jointly. I feel very strongly that an organization such as ours that is trying to help men to prepare themselves to stand always for the biggest and highest and noblest things in life, and thus use their education to the best possible advantage to all, is doing a tremendous work for their university in turning out alumni who will not only be big in a business way, but who will also be big as regards the big and vital things in life, and that is just what this old world of ours needs—men who will go out and stand four-square on the big things of life, men who from youth up have been taught to have the moral courage and backbone to stand up against wrong and also fight for right with all their might. And so I say that Kappa Delta Rho is rendering a distinct service to the universities in which she is situated, and to our country in turning out men who can live up to these highest ideals of life and character.

I imagine that I can already hear some fellows saying, "This is not a national extension paper, but rather a paper on the possible good coming from Kappa Delta Rho." Yes, perhaps this is true, but I have tried to bring out concretely these resulting possibilities, in the hope of stirring Kappa Delta Rho men to a dominant desire to want to do all they can to help add chapters to Kappa Delta Rho, and when a dominant desire possesses a life it usually causes action, and surely I don't know of any action that offers greater and finer and more lasting returns than being able to establish a chapter of Kappa Delta Rho; and I dare say that old Hal Severy and Bleeke Marquette and Jack Hough look back with the keenest sort of pleasure to the big parts they have played in establishing chapters of Kappa Delta Rho, and the good that is resulting from their work is inconceivable.

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Just a word further, and it is this: I hope and trust and pray Almighty God that in some wonderful way He will always help the active brothers to strive to be an uplift in their house, rather than excess baggage, which is always dragging down their respective chapters, and further, that the desire for more chapters will never become so great that we will be willing to sacrifice our foundation principles for the sake of more chapters, because I think I express the sentiment of practically all the brothers when I say that in after years when I have the privilege of meeting a Kappa Delta man, no matter from what chapter he comes, I always want to be able to feel as soon as I meet him, "Here is a man putting honor before all things. Here is a man standing for the highest ideals of life and character."

I realize only too well that I need to practice more what I preach, and so I am going to ask you if you won't resolve with me that from henceforth, realizing the great and far-reaching results of our little work along this line, that we will all try harder than ever before to do what we can to help add a chapter to our Kappa Delta Rho.

With the best of wishes to all the brothers and with sincere appreciation of the opportunity to express to you my views of national extension.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JACK HOUCK, C-'17.

The last year has seen a strong movement for extension created in Kappa Delta Rho. It became obvious that in order for Kappa Delta Rho to maintain and strengthen the position it has attained in fraternal circles, it would be necessary for us to branch out into other colleges and prove that we are progressive. This feeling was especially noticeable at the national convention at Ithaca, where the main topic of discussion was extension work. The result of this was the installation of Delta at Colgate. The results of the movement having assumed concrete form so quickly have been very favorable. The brothers have taken an active interest in the work and we hear of many prospects being located in various parts of the country. In the discussions concerning this work there have been two points which I regard as important which have been overlooked.

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There is an inherent tendency in mankind that when they embark very zealously into any project that they will go too far and disregard caution. I mean by this that we are liable to cast all thoughts of possible danger to the winds and proceed to "leap before we look." Let me show the application of this to our own conditions. In our search for new chapters we are apt to have as our sole object only the acquisition of new chapters. If we are not careful, we may not hesitate sufficiently to look carefully into the standards and the character of the men we are investigating. We cannot have the fortune that in every college we will have one of our men, as at Colgate, who has become acquainted with the prospects so that he may vouch for them. We cannot judge in a day or two whether the men have a high enough plane of morality and standards of living to justify their affiliation with a fraternity which declares "Honor super omnia."

A brother wrote to me recently concerning a prospect in a Brooklyn college and said that the men there told him that all the fraternities at that institution subscribed to the same principles we do, but that they did not live up to them. Now, it is very possible that we will meet a group of men who think that Kappa Delta Rho is the same as other fraternities in this regard. They will think that the subscribing to numbers of principles is only a formality, and consequently will sign the pledge with no intentions of ever maintaining it. The subsequent evils resulting from such an action are very evident and need no elucidation. The familiar proverbial story of one bad apple getting in a barrel of good ones would then apply to our case perfectly and our fraternity would probably sink to ordinary level of other fraternities. Let us then be aggressive in our search for new chapters, let us scour the country for prospects, but in our search let us keep predominate the thought that Kappa Delta Rho places honor before all things. Do not let us forget that a bit of caution is necessary. Keep prominently in our mind the adage, "Look before you leap."

The second point I wish to bring out is the share which we may expect the different chapters to take in extension work. The alumni members are expected, of course, to keep watch for openings and to take an active interest in the work.

It is very obvious that roles which the various chapters must play in the movement are necessarily different. In my opinion,

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the brunt of work must fall on Alpha and Beta, as they are organized thoroughly and have already successfully conquered the pitfalls which accompany the establishment of a chapter. The work of these two chapters has become a matter of routine, as far as local management is concerned. Gamma Chapter as yet has not been able to place itself on a sufficiently solid foundation to go very strongly into outside work. It requires at least two years to place a chapter on a sound, permanent basis, and I hardly think Gamma will be able to take a large part in this work until next year. By that time the State College men ought to be able to devote much more attention to extension work. Delta, of course, will be troubled for the next year at least with the problems of organization, and cannot be expected to take a very active part in the work. We see then that the burden of the labor of the movement must be taken by Alpha and Beta, with Gamma joining her forces next year with the Middlebury and Cornell brothers.

To summarize what has been said, we must consider in our discussions concerning extension work two phases which are liable to be forgotten. We must exercise proper caution in our quest for new chapters in order that any body of men which becomes affiliated with our fraternity will be of the same high standards of honor and morality as the other chapters of Kappa Delta Rho. We must also realize that for the present Alpha and Beta must do most of the work, with the probability that next fall Gamma will be able to coöperate as fully as Alpha and Beta.

R. HOHAUS, G-'17.

A Letter

To Grand Pro Praetor:

Albany, N. Y.

For the benefit of those who did not have the opportunity of attending the national convention at Cornell, I will relate some of our experiences. Thursday afternoon the Middlebury delegation arrived in Albany, and we began to make preparations for departure. We started on a midnight train for Auburn, sleeping accommodations, of course. That ride to Auburn will be long remembered by us all. We would advise that Alpha train her men not to talk in their sleep. It was somewhat annoying to hear a certain brother rave, "She is a sensible girl, such a sensible girl." Probably she is, for Dan Belding ought to

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know, but "Pop" Heason and myself think sleep at midnight is more congenial to good nature than to hear about the qualities of a girl—except Adele.

We arrived at Auburn at break of day and breakfasted at a hotel recommended by "Scotty." An accident happened at Auburn. The porter forgot to wake "Whispering" Smith, and as the conductor told him it wouldn't be proper for him to get off without his trousers, "Whispering" had to go on to Geneva. We missed him terribly, for he had the plans and speculations of our trip.

At Ithaca we forget the trials and tribulations of our journey and had the greatest time in our lives. To me the benefits of the convention were many. My idea of fraternalism became a different thing. Formerly, my conception of brotherhood did not extend beyond the limits of our chapter. The convention gave to me the assurance that every man who wears a Kappa Delta Rho pin is a man to be trusted, a brother. Then, too, I learned of the customs of Beta and their methods of doing business. I will not go into detail concerning the meetings of the convention, for the minutes do that, but will proceed to things the minutes do not mention.

When the convention was not in session the delegates enjoyed walks about the campus and compared the co-eds at Cornell with our own at State and Middlebury. Now, before going any further, our conclusion is that State and Middlebury have it all "over" Cornell when it comes to co-eds. I am sorry we started that, for during our investigation, "Scotty," with his mind too intent on "hair, eyes, and flapping arctics," stepped into an Ithacian gorge and sprained his ankle. It was a bad accident and we were sorry for "Scotty," for this curbed his activities and limited him to the parlors and dining-room. "Scotty" ought to be pretty adept at parlor entertainment and table etiquette after so much practice.

The climax of our enjoyment was reached at Beta's banquet, to which we were invited. There will always remain with me the memory of those songs, those toasts, and those mandolin solos. In fact, the memory of this convention will be everlasting.

My one last advice to every Kappa Delta Rho man is that sometime or other during his active membership he strive to attend a national convention.

Yours fraternally,

RAY TOWNSEND.

Financial Management at Beta

Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, and the financial management of the fraternity is in the hands of the corporation officers, the organization of which is made up as follows:

The President is an alumni member and holds office for three years. The Vice-President is the Consul of the fraternity and is also chairman of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the corporation is the Praetor of the fraternity. Then there is a Board of Directors, made up of the Vice-President of the corporation and four active members of the fraternity, who are upperclassmen; and a Board of Trustees, made up of the President of the corporation, the Secretary of the corporation, the Treasurer of the corporation, one alumnus elected for two years, and one alumnus elected for three years.

While the Board of Directors has no definite powers in the administration of affairs, it is nevertheless an important body, for it is through the directors that the fraternity is represented in the corporation. They make recommendations to the Board of Trustees, and make nominations for corporation officers. They meet twice a month with the fraternity Quaestor and talk over questions of receipts and disbursements of money, and audit the accounts of the Quaestor.

The Board of Trustees is the real administrative body. They are responsible for payments of interest and principal on bonds and mortgages, payment of taxes, insurance, etc., and can authorize repairs or permanent improvements on the house or property. The organization of fraternity and corporation can be shown in diagram.

In actual practice the system works about as follows: The Board of Trustees meets sometime before or during the college vacation and outlines a budget for the corporation for the coming year, which includes an appropriation for the running expenses of the house and includes a limit to the amount that can be spent for chapter expenses outside of the regular house expenses.

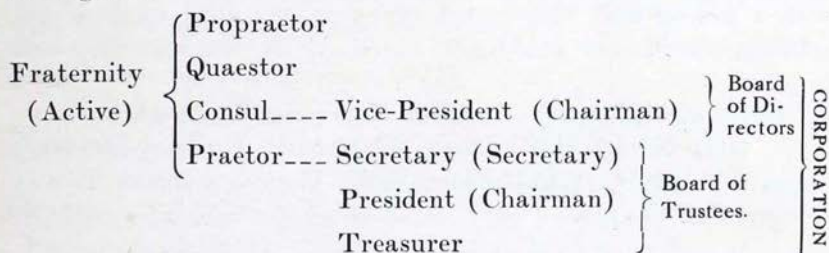
The Quaestor collects all room rent, dues and board, and runs the fraternity store. Out of these receipts he retains enough

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to run the house, as specified in the budget, and turns the rest over to the corporation Treasurer. In other words, the Quaestor is the business manager of the fraternity and acts as a sort of agent for the corporation. He must keep the expenses of the house within the budget, see that all dues and room rents are paid promptly, and is supposed to make a profit on the dining-room and on the store. The Board of Directors advise him in this and handles any cases of delinquency in payment of room rent, dues, or board.

So far this plan of organization has worked in a very successful manner and has kept the chapter in a sound financial condition through the early days of the new house, when our liabilities of \$22,500 were a big financial burden. Much of our success has been due to the devotion and sacrifice of the splendid men who are guiding the affairs of our corporation.

The organization of fraternity and corporation can be shown in diagram:



H. KARR, C-'18.

Alpha Notes

On March 17th, Alpha gave a formal dance in the McCullough Gymnasium. It proved a great success. We were pleased to welcome at the dance Bros. George Darrow, '10, and William Hagar, '09. The patrons and patronesses were: Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Howard, Professor and Mrs. L. I. Bonney, Professor and Mrs. C. F. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hagar, Miss E. S. Ross, Mrs. K. S. Holbrook.

Bro. William Hagar, '09, has been visiting Middlebury. He recently returned from the Philippines. For the next few months he expects to be in Washington, D. C.

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Bro. Davison, '13, has been promoted to an assistant professorship in German.

Bro. G. E. Darrow has accepted an assistant professorship in Biology in Middlebury. He will begin his work in September.

Alpha has pledged Cecil Plumb, '19, of Malone, N. Y.

Old Home Week in Middlebury at Commencement time! We want every Kappa Delta back. There are a large number who have already said that they will help us celebrate. Send in your name as soon as possible.

Beta

ELECTIONS.

The Beta Chapter has had a recent election of officers. Though sorry that the control of the chapter should pass from the hands of those brothers who have so ably guided us through our past year, nevertheless, the house selected the new officers with a feeling that they would carry on the good work of the retiring officers and would give the K. D. R. the best they had to give.

Officers elected were: C., Hal Karr; S. T., Spence Sisson; J. T., Gilly Gilchrist; P., Swede Hultzen; P. P., Mert Mertens; Cent., Bill Eldrige; Custodian, Spike Corby; Current Events Reader, Ock Chapin.

SCHOLARSHIP

Cornell University has "busted" 240 men this past term—twice as many as last year—in an endeavor to raise the scholarship standard. When many of the fraternities have "busted" several of their men, we think we have a right to feel justly proud of the fact that we have all our brothers with us this term.

RUSHING

On March 16th we closed our second term rushing. Rushing this term has been carried on in an able and expeditious manner, and since the beginning of the period we have had twenty freshmen and one sophomore around as our guests. We have picked seven men whom we feel will make good Kappa Delta men, and we are at present endeavoring to pledge these men. The currycomb sweeping of the frosh class last term by the various fraternities has made our task a difficult one, but we feel, however, that we have picked well.

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THE FORMAL DANCE

The Beta Chapter added another link to its chain of accomplishments on Friday evening, March 23rd. The first formal dance which the house has had was run off at that time. The mere fact of having the formal dance has done the fellows a world of good, for immersed in the more fundamental side of life, we are often apt to neglect the social side. Apart from the pleasure obtained from dancing, the dance serves to develop a more finished man; tends to increase the reputation of the house and to bring us before the eyes of others as a well-balanced body of men.

SPRING DAY HOUSE PARTY

Plans are already well under way for our Spring Day house party on May 25th. Spring Day is Cornell's big event of the year, and we always have guests from out of town—fathers, mothers, best girls, and the like—and we expect this year to give them a better time than ever.

WHAT BETA MEN ARE DOING—1917

What men have done and are doing since you last heard of them through the preceding SCROLL:

Punch Loudenslager, '17—Made Eastman Debate Stage; assistant coach of college crews.

Ted Townsend, '17—Married and now working and living in New Jersey.

Duke Bolgiana, '18—Elected Circulation Manager of Cornell *Countryman*.

Ock Chapin, '18—Prohibition Stage.

Swede Hultzen, '18—Manager of Debating.

Herb Adams, '19—Is back with us again.

Count Brady, '19—Chem. Basketball Team; initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma.

Duff Duffies, '19—Now First Lieutenant in Cadet Corps.

Mert Mertens, '19—Varsity Debating Team; won Prohibition Stage.

Doc Shackelton, '19—Varsity Track Team; fourth in broad jump at Indoor Intercollegiates, March 3rd.

Stan Duffies, '20—Out for Coxswain of Freshman Crew.

Bob Felter, '20—Freshman Track; first place in pole vault at Underclass Track Meet.

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Queen Fenstermacher, '20—Out for Freshman Crew.

Eddie McKee, '20—Cornell *Daily Sun* Editorial Competition.

Code Warne, '20—Cornell Annuals Competition.

Men who have really done something:

“Marriage at best is but a vow,
Which all men either break, or bow.”

Butler.

The above is suggested for the meditation of those who have given away their pins and have subsequently been properly chastized through the assistance of our strong man, Ock Chapin, and the tub. The afflicted ones are: Swede Hultzen, '18; Spence Sisson, '18.

Others making good progress toward the fatal end are—well, what's the use; paper is too high now.

Gamma Chapter

Gamma Chapter again extends brotherly greetings to the members of Kappa Delta Rho.

Since the last issue of the *SCROLL*, Gamma has made many improvements, and has also succeeded in securing many honors in State College. The men are looking forward to next year, when the true vim and vigor of K. D. R. will be shown in our campaign for new members. Rumor has it that a new national fraternity will be established here, which will necessitate a keen rivalry.

We have now twenty active members, with three pledged men, and also a member of the faculty as an honorary member.

Bros. James A. Walker, Reinhart Hohaus, Tage Tisson and E. P. MacAloon are lost by graduation, and in losing these men Gamma is parting with men who have done a wonderful lot of good for her. We wish them God-speed and much success in the future.

ACTIVE MEN AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

James A. Walker, '17—Class Basketball, 3, 4; Pedagogue Board; Treasurer of Chemistry Club.

Reinhart Hohaus, '17—Varsity Basketball, 3, 4; Echo Board; Manager Football, 4; Captain of Upper Class Football Team; Newman Council; Senior Reception Committee; Soph-Frosh Rivalry Committee; Track Team, 4.

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E. P. MacAloon, '17—Press Club.

Tage Tisson, '17—Press Club; Psychology Club.

Arthur Burns, '18—Vice-President Junior Class; Chairman Junior Prom Committee; Promethian; Manager of Hockey Team, 3; Chemistry Club; Newman Council; Football Team, 3; Chemistry Club.

Ray Townsend, '18—President of Athletic Association; Press Club; Echo Board; Promethian; Chairman of Sophomore Soiree Committee; Football Team, 3; News Board.

Dewitt B. Townsend, '18—Manager Varsity Baseball Team, 3; Promethian; Track Team, 3.

Stanley Heason, '18—Promethian; President of Press Club; Manager of Football, 4; Junior Prom Committee; *State College News*.

Alfred Dedicke, '18—Assistant Manager of Basketball, 3; Manager of Basketball, 4; Cheer Leader Junior Class; Promethian; Editor of *State College News*.

Joseph Walker, '18—Press Club; Assistant Editor of *State College News*.

Walter Doyle, '18—Dramatics; Promethian.

Ralph Floody, '18—Industrial Club.

Forrest Case, '18—Industrial Club.

Arthur Woodward, '18—Echo Board; Junior Reception Committee.

Arnold Nolde, '19—Varsity Baseball; Leader of College Orchestra; Industrial Club.

Earle Sutherland, '19—Manager Track Team; Echo Board; Press Club; Class Basketball Team; Assistant Manager Varsity Basketball.

Ernest Puderbaugh, '19—Cheer Leader; Class Cheer Leader; Dramatics; Promethian.

Cassius Logan, '19—Manager Class Basketball; Varsity Baseball; Football Team.

Eli Whitney, '19—Chemistry Club.

Edward Springman, '20—Class Basketball; Varsity Baseball Team; Industrial Club.

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NEWS ABOUT SOME OF OUR MEMBERS

"Cash" Logan, '19, has joined the Benedict class, having parted with his pin to the "sweetest girl in college."

"Truck" Hohaus, '17, is now wearing a medal presented to him for service on the Varsity Basketball Team.

"Pop" Heason, '18, has reached the height of his ambition—being able to smoke a cigar without being sick.

"Owl" Sutherland, '19, has broken all previous records by staying in the house two nights in succession.

"Red" Townsend, '18, has been seriously considered of being "ducked" for contemplating parting with his pin.

"Bob" Burns, '18—At this time "Bobby" says ditto.

"Dewey" Townsend, '18, has not been able to figure out if the Hudson River has two shores or only one.

ALUMNI NOTES

Bros. Ray O'Connell, John McNeil, Sylvester McGuire, class of '16, have paid recent visits to Gamma.

It is also said that certain of the fair sex of State College came in for lots of attention from these brothers on their visit.

Go to it, brothers, and may we have your consent sometime for an active member of your chapter at your Alma Mater.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF GAMMA

On April 27, 1917, Gamma Chapter gives her first formal dance at the Albany Yacht Club. This dance is being looked forward to by every member, and each one is striving to make it a "howling" success. The dance committee consists of Bros. Arthur Woodward (chairman), Forest Case, Edward Springman and Jack Harwich.

A committee is now working on plans for the building or buying of a suitable home for Gamma.

A military company has been formed at State College, and as is the usual trend of active men, Kappa Delta Rho is represented to a man.

