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Harvard Chapter  
of Phi Beta Kappa.

## PREFACE

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This catalogue of members of the Yale Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (1853-1898) is based on a list carefully prepared by the late Professor H. A. Newton, Graduate President of the Society.

The few important facts in the life of each member have been gathered from the class records deposited in the University library, to which Mr. Van Name has kindly given us access. The incompleteness of some of these records, both of entire classes and of individuals, has made adequate treatment of such cases impossible, but for all other shortcomings of the catalogue the Committee alone is responsible.

The last catalogue (1780-1852) contains the names of 1640 members: the present one 1300 members—a total of 2940 in the 118 years of the Chapter's existence; of this number about 1240 are now living.

The Committee have found the work extremely interesting and only regret that the short time allowed for its completion prevented them from re-editing the years 1780 to 1852 and incorporating these with the present issue. It is expected that the complete catalogue will be published in 1901, and in order that it may be as accurate as possible, it is urged that notification of errors in the present catalogue and notices of deaths, changes of residence, etc., be sent to the "Catalogue Committee," Phi Beta Kappa, Box 1496, New Haven, Conn.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Franklin B. Dexter, Assistant Librarian of the University, for advice and assistance, and to Mr. George Dwight Kellogg, who has written the history of the local Chapter.

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Phi Beta Kappa is now a firmly established institution at Yale. It has graduate and undergraduate officers, sends delegates to the meetings of the United Chapters, secures distin-

guished men to speak before the University, and holds bi-weekly meetings of the undergraduates during their Senior year. These have been held in the rooms of various members, with an attendance varying from 25 to 45 men. After the business of the evening is disposed of, a paper is read or talk given by one of the members, generally on some book, with readings, followed by a general discussion. Hereafter the Juniors who are admitted to membership at the annual banquet in the spring, will meet with the Seniors for the remainder of the college year.

The Chapter at Yale rests entirely on a scholarship basis, the only qualification of membership being the attainment of a certain rank in the appointments, announced by the Faculty at the beginning of Junior and end of Senior year. As was decided a year ago, beginning with the class of 1900 the appointment required will be that of Philosophical Oration. This will raise the standard of the Society and enhance the honor of membership. At the same time, the large number of students in each class, the steady improvement from year to year in preparatory and college work and the added attractions the Society now offers, insure a sufficient membership to make a strong, active organization.

While everything is being done to strengthen the undergraduate part of the Society and although it will continue to be the active, legislative body, it has seemed very desirable that the large number of graduate members should keep up their interest in the Society and have some influence in its doings. The catalogue is only the first of the steps taken to secure this result. A Graduate Committee has been appointed to raise money for and have control of a Graduate Fund. An amendment is now before the Society, with every probability of its being passed, requiring that this same committee shall be consulted with regard to any change in the constitution, and shall act as an advisory board generally.

This committee, furthermore, is to have control of the new quarters of the Society, assigned to it by the University, rent free, which are now being fitted up in White Hall. The room will be primarily for the meetings of the Society, but undergraduates will be supplied with keys and graduates may make use of its privileges at any time on application. The entire cost of fitting out the room is borne by a graduate member, who wishes his name withheld.



In 1901, during Yale's 200th anniversary celebration, a re-union of Phi Beta Kappa men will be held and everything will be done to make it an enthusiastic gathering. The question of a society house will come up at that time, and if it is answered in the affirmative—as there is every reason and need that it should be—it is expected that several large subscriptions will be immediately pledged. The year 1901 will be also the 125th anniversary of the founding of the society.

It is not only at Yale that the possibilities of Phi Beta Kappa are being realized. Among the 39 other Chapters there are fresh signs of activity, and 15 new colleges will apply for charters at the meeting of the United Chapters to be held at Saratoga, September 7, 1898.

A Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association was formed a few years ago in New York City, and now has a membership of several hundred graduates of the various colleges. Its gatherings are said to be most successful in the character of the addresses delivered and in the subsequent discussion. This example might well be followed elsewhere.

In these ways is the Society realizing the ends set forth in its early charters; an "institution founded on literary principles," to promote "friendship and union" among its members.

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NEW HAVEN, May 1898.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF PHI BETA KAPPA

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Over a quarter of a century has passed since Mr. Bagg pronounced what he doubtless intended for the funeral eulogy over the Yale chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.<sup>1</sup> As the commencements continued to come and go without the usual oration and poem, it became clear to all, that after nearly a hundred years of honored activity, the society had fallen asleep.

But there must have been cherished at Yale, as there had been in 1781, at the College of William and Mary, when dissolution threatened that patriotic institution, "a sure and certain hope, that the Fraternity would one day rise to Life everlasting and Glory immortal." That the Yale chapter at present supplies a real need, is amply evidenced by the genuine and ever increasing interest displayed by the members since the revival of initiations fourteen years ago.

The story of the inception of the Virginia chapter has been often told. Dr. Edward Everett Hale's account in the Atlantic Monthly (July, 1879), entitled "A Fossil from the Tertiary," is a peculiarly genial and sympathetic treatment. The fullest history of the Yale society down to 1871 is in Mr. Bagg's "Four Years at Yale;" while in the sixth chapter of "Harvard College by an Oxonian" (1894), Mr. George Birbeck Hill presents an Englishman's impressions of what he naively terms our "aristocracy in a democratic country." The publication in the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine (April, 1896) of the early minutes of the parent society, together with many facts of biographical, historical and antiquarian interest, has at last made accessible abundant material for the examination of this subject. Lastly should be mentioned the publications of the secretary of the United Chapters, Rev. E. B. Parsons, D.D., of Williamstown, Mass., particularly that of 1897, which gives the officers, constitution and minutes of the United Chapters, and the present officers, customs and statistics of the forty separate branches.

<sup>1</sup> Bagg: "Four Years at Yale," pp. 224-235.

<sup>2</sup> Closing words of the original record of the William and Mary parent society, published *in extenso* in the William and Mary College Quarterly, April, 1896.