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Dear Norris,

I found this in an old writing box that belonged to my grandmother. Her father was a proffessor at the University and lived on the lawn.

It was good to see you again.

Sincerely, Roge

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#### Preface.

A Catalogue of Eli Banana, with other statistics of the Mystic Order, has long been desired by its members, as a souvenir of that part of their college life, in which they took most pride and pleasure. The wonder is that the work was not undertaken long ago. While the present effort has been marked by much labor and painstaking care, it can yet lay no claim to completeness and accuracy, especially as regards the Alumni of the Chapter and their present addresses. Therefore, O worthy Banana, if in the following pages thou makest detection of any error, see to it that thou send immediately the correction thereof to the Chapter of Eli Banana at the University of Virginia; and we do promise thee that in the final and more pretentious edition of the Directory of Eli Banana, whereto this present edition is but the proof-sheets, it will all be recorded.

## The Order of Eli Banana.

By CHARLES A. BRADY.

O SEEK for the true source and origin of the order of "Eli Banana" is to lose oneself in the mists of an antiquity too remote for human ken. At the same time it opensup to the student of comparative mythology and philology a field of speculative research inviting in From the very nature of the order itself, its vastness and of the philosophic principles upon which it is founded it seems beyond doubt that it must date its existence from the introduction of our First Parents into the Garden of Eden. The evidence of the fact is found not alone in the Mosaic account of the creation and the events subsequent thereto; the Talmud, the Chaldean records, and other early writings of the Semitic Races; the hieroglyphs of the monuments and papyri of the Turanian Races, as well as the Vedas and Avestras of the Aryan Tribes, all teem with indisputable proofs of the existence of the order in concrete form amidst the principal nations of the East from the very earliest dawn of civilization. A careful examination and analysis of the modern rites, ceremonies, and workings of the Order, taken together with its traditions, in the light of the records of these long-vanished ages, show conclusively to the scientific and philosophic mind that the same were known and practiced by the priests Ra and Khew, of Athor and Astarte in Egypt; even as far back as the days of Menes, as well as by the Brahmans who first drank soma and sang the songs of the Rig Veda in the sunny southern slope of the Himalayas in India, or poured libations of the sacred harma

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Order in Europe, and these not of a sufficiently strong character to satisfy one that it ever attained a foothold amongst these hardier nations. Interesting as these facts as to the antiquity of the order may be to the initiate, and satisfied as he must be of their correctness, to those without the pale of the Order, they are probably too strongly tinged with speculation to be convincing, so it will be best to confine this recital to the more definite facts and traditions of the Order, especially to those connected with the cause and manner of its introduction into this country.

About the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine Thomas C. Terrell,\* a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, on duty at the National Capital, had the good fortune to render a slight social service to one of the members of the Japanese Legation, which the latter deemed fit to magnify into one of great importance, and as he proved to be a gentleman of culture and refinement, besides speaking the English language perfectly, an acquaintance of some intimacy sprang up between them. Some time after the return of the Japanese to his native country, Lieutenant Terrell was on sea duty with the Pacific Squadron, and when they dropped anchor in the Bay of Yeddo, he made known his presence in the Island to his whilome friend. The latter at once responded and made his American friend welcome with all the courtesy of his race, and at once set out to show the gratitude he owed by doing all in his power for his gratification, amusement and instruction. As he was a two-sword Daimio of high rank, a man of wealth and social importance, this was a very great deal, and Terrell was given opportunities to enjoy to the fullest all of the advantages of Japanese society to an extent rarely, if ever before, permitted to a foreigner.

As the greatest of the many favors shown him his friend \*Died at Pensacola Navy Yard, Fla., May 16, 1881.

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tically entering into the spirit, Terrell mastered all of the details and intricacies of ritual and ceremony and on leaving was, as a parting favor, given by the Mikado the high commission of establishing the order in this country. This he determined to do as early as possible, but duty and circumstances both combined to prevent the carrying out of his intention until the summer of 1877 when ill health took him for recuperation to the Jordan Alum Springs in Rockbridge County, Virginia, when he found the leisure and opportunity of perfecting his designs. The Jordan Alum was at that time an independent summer resort, but at this date is incorporated with and known as The Rockbridge Alum Springs, and to it must the votaries of The Banana ever look as the true birth-place of the order on American soil. Here too the same summer, chance and the pursuit of pleasure brought Messrs. Horace L. Dufour, a lawyer of New Orleans, La., and Charles A. Brady, a Civil Engineer of Virginia and they with Terrell had the good fortune to secure quarters in what was known as Lake Cottage, a small building remote from the larger hotels and situated on the shore of a very small but beautiful lake. The lower floor of this cottage was devoted to Bacchus whilst the upper was devoted to Morpheus. The trio quickly assimilated and in the intimacy thus formed it was not long before they were all equally indoctrinated in the mysteries of the order and the mystic song of Eli Banana awakened the mid-night echoes that were slumbering in the hollow sides of old Mill Mountain.

Associating other congenial spirits with them they proceeded to perfect a regular organization; so a ritual was prepared modifying and adopting the rites and ceremonies to the American mind, but in all of its main features adhering closely to the Japanese original. A constitution was adopted, officers elected, and when the end of summer brought the hour of parting, the order was fully launched

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# Some Reflections of an Old Eli.

BY WILLIAM P. TRENT.

T is a pleasant sensation that a graduate of a college has, when he finds he can be of use to that younger generation of students who are treading the same old academic paths that he himself once trod, who are, perhaps, grinding through the the same text-books, hearing the same professors, and, alas! for our peccant and erringhuman nature, cutting up the same pranks, sowing the same wild oats. Anything that brings a man back into touch with his college days when he, too, was young enough to troll (with enthusiasm) Luther's lusty lines about Wein, Weib, und Gesang, is sure to be beneficial to him, sure to stir and crack if not to break, that "cake of custom" which cramps civilized as well as primitive man. But while it is very pleasant and not at all difficult for any alumnus of feeling to give himself up in retrospective mood, to the memories of his college days, it is by no means easy for him to feel certain that he can make his reflections and impressions interesting or useful to those who are fortunately too young to have college memories, who are not yet old enough to be able to feel the sad pleasure of ejaculating "quorum pars magna fui." But unless such a sketch as I have been asked to write, is useful and interesting to those who may mainly be expected to read it, it is better thatit should not be written and that the memories it embodies should be suffered to float away with the smoke of the eigar that has inspired them.

How can I write a worthy article on Eli Banana at the University of Virginia which is the subject that has šŧ ıt g **D**a of. ıt of nas pın 1e it 1e <u>-1</u> 1e 13 to ıy 3a nve ıd ue W ynn-1y nc

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delightful thing for me to recall my associations with "Elis" who realized our ideal far more than I did-with such a specimen, for example, of all that a "good fellow" should be as "Duck" Doswell, as we called him, who was alas! cut off in his prime during the very year I learned to know him as an "Eli." Others, too, rise before me-delightful fellows who are still living but whom I see with distressing infrequency. George and Charlie Bain, "Cupe" or "Cupid" Robertson, Oscar Underwood, Davies Coxe, Cuyler Gordon, George and Rannie Anderson, George Alexunder, prince of jokers who now gets off his jokes in the Kentucky Senate—but if I go on I shall simply be giving a list of all of our members for the year 1883-4, because if there was one member of the flock who was not worthy of his place, I am sure I did not know it. I do not mean to say that we "Elis" of 1883-4 did not have our faults and grave ones too. Some were not the best of students, others were rather fond of "larking," some were inclined to waste their time at cards, others at "calicoing," some had bad habits, all had foibles—but could not, and cannot this be said of any body of students, nay, of men, the world over? Yet whatever our faults and foibles, we all of us, in greater or less degree, possessed those qualities that characterize a good "Eli"—those qualities that after all are essential in differentiating the man we like to associate with from the man we rather avoid—sympathy for one's fellows and enpacity for enjoying the good things of life. If a man have these qualities, even in a minor degree, it will be found that the world will condone his faults though they be grave ones; if a man have not these qualities, it will be found that the world will be cold to his virtues though they be great ones. And the world is right. For these two qualities that I have so insisted on, are of the essence of that "love" and "charity" of which the greatest of apostles wrote so nobly and well. It may seem to some to 1 0 ıt le ιt of.  $\mathbf{m}$ if if 18 .18 it,  $d\mathbf{s}$ 10 at at nd a reor

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age, would have graced an "Eli" banquet most admirably and most willingly with their presence. though he might not have found a sufficiently pretty youth to kiss; Aristophanes, who would have out-distanced George Alexander with his jokes; Cæsar who would have been on the lookout for able lieuteuants; Horace, who might have sighed for his old Falernian while imbibing freely of Monticello claret; Walter Map who would have been in fine trim to roll off his "meum est propositum in taberna mori;" Rabelais, who need not have searched far for a bottle; Villon who might have told naughty tales of his Margots; Shakspere and "Ben," who would not have been selfish enough to have another Mermaid meeting of their own all in one corner, but would have led the common chorus of song and jest; Prior and Gay who would have amused themselves by turning into light octosyllabics some of the funny tales told that were new to them; and finally Henry Fielding, near whom Chaucer would probably have been found sitting, Fielding who as Mr. Austin Dobson so well declares was

"No artist merely but a MAN Wrought on our noblest island plan."

all these might, I repeat, have found themselves at an "Eli" supper and not felt themselves to be out of their proper environment. Now this is but saying that "Eli Banana" brought out in the case of every one of us, more or less of those qualities that go to make those rounded men who see "life steadily and" see "it whole."

After all this praise of "Eli" it will be well for me to bring my paper to a close. Outsiders, if they read these pages, will probably think my pen has got away with me as completely as John Gilpin's horse did with him, and is not likely to bring me up at as comfortable a place; but members of Eli Banana will not think that I have exag-

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