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Tristis ego jam et solus;  
Amatorem enim me  
Reliquit Amata mea  
Dolore.

Uti Venus est formosa,  
Suavis ut Eurynome,  
Melle dulcior—Minerva  
In mente!

Infaustissimus et tale  
Spoliatus quid ego  
Sum facturus? quo victurus  
Postero?

Meditationi mihi  
Die, et insomnio  
Nocte erat, neque minus  
Pabulo—

Potuique: propter ea  
Puto me miserrimum.  
Esset eam non vidisse  
Melium.

Sed inanes hae querelae  
Sunt. Amavi—perdidi!  
*Primus amor*, fons insontis  
Gaudii,—

Lapsus est et res peracta.  
Non videtur, autem, me  
Posse aliam amare  
Candide.

A. W. EXIGUUS.

## OTHER FRATERNITIES.

ALPHA DELTA PHI convenes in Utica, May 24, with a historical address by Dr. Storrs.

THE ARTICLE on Yale College in *Scribner's* for April has an illustration of the Yale society halls, Skull and Bones, Psi Upsilon, Scroll and Keys and Delta Kappa Epsilon.

“THE MOCKING BIRD” is the title of a delightful poem by Rev. Walter Mitchell, read before the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity in Harvard chapel, July 1, 1875, and published in *Scribner's* for December.

THE Delta Tau Deltas present at the Indiana Oratorical Contest, at Asbury, March 2, indulged in a fraternal feed at the Grand Central Hotel after the exercises. Toasts, songs and gab prolonged the fun to a late hour. The fair Kappa Alpha Thetas held their annual convention at Greencastle on the same date.

THE *Chi Phi Quarterly*, edited and published by Fred. E. Keim, 219 North Third street, Easton, Pennsylvania, is about the size of THE SCROLL and also has an associate editor in each chapter. Its personals are excellent. Not being *sub rosa* it is sent to any one who has a surplus dollar and fifty cents about his garments.

THE ALPHA DELTA PHI, one of the oldest and most aristocratic of Eastern fraternities, was organized in 1832 and now has chapters in the following colleges: Hamilton, Amherst, Brown, Hobart, Bowdoin, Michigan, Dartmouth, Rochester, Williams, Manhattan, Middletown, Union and Cornell. Its badge, a star and crescent, is considered by some the handsomest fraternity badge made. The motto of the Order is, *Manus multæ, cor unum*.

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SEVERAL distinguished members of Psi Upsilon attempted to establish a chapter at Cornell last year. Their convention immediately repudiated the act, requesting their respective chapters to expel the would-be founders, and now the Cornellian Board has decided not to recognize the bastard, and will hereafter refuse admission to any new chapter of any fraternity.

SIGMA CHI was founded at Miami University, June 28, 1855, by Thomas C. Bell, Isaac M. Jordan, James P. Caldwell, D. W. Cooper, Wm. L. Lockwood, Ben. P. Runkle and F. H. Scobey. Its chapters have been consecutively located as follows: Miami, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Columbia (Washington), Washington, University of Mississippi, Pennsylvania College, Washington and Jefferson, Lewisburg, University of Indiana, Dennison, Asbury, Dickinson, N. W. C. University, Princeton, Roanoke, Philadelphia Polytechnic, Lafayette, University of Virginia, North Western, Hampton Sydney, Purdue and Wooster.

PROBABLY the oldest fraternity in the United States is the Phi Beta Kappa, which was organized by students of William and Mary College, in the memory-haunted "Apollo Room" of the old Raleigh Tavern at Williamsburg, Virginia, on the 5th day of December, 1776. Not many American institutions can boast of so remote an antiquity—even the Declaration of Independence can do no more. The ancient room above mentioned saw, at one time or another, all that was brilliant and graceful in the Virginia society of the eighteenth century, and its social importance was supplemented by a high political renown. When William and Mary College was suspended in 1781, the fraternity records were carefully sealed up and placed in the hands of the

college steward, and on their examination in 1850, it was discovered that only one of the old members, Mr. William Short, of Philadelphia, was still living. Mr. Short, who had been president of the Phi Beta Kappa when the college was closed, was at once communicated with, the society resumed its existence with this connecting link, and is now in full operation—its list of members before and since the Revolution numbering some of the most eminent names in the history of Virginia and in that of other states. It also has a chapter at Harvard.

PHI BETA KAPPA was founded at William and Mary College in 1776; Kappa Alpha at Union in 1823; Chi Phi at Princeton in 1824; Sigma Phi at Union in 1827; Alpha Delta Phi in 1832; Beta Theta Pi at Miami University in 1838; Chi Psi at Union in 1841; Delta Kappa Epsilon at Yale in 1844; Theta Delta Chi at Union in 1844; Delta Psi at Columbia in 1847; Zeta Psi at University of New York in 1847; Phi Delta Theta at Miami University in 1848; Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi both at Jefferson College, the former in 1848, and the latter in 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma at University of Pennsylvania in 1850; Sigma Chi at Miami University in 1855; Black Badge at Roanoke in 1859; Alpha Tau Omega at Richmond in 1865; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies' fraternity), at Asbury in 1872, and has already eight chapters. Chi Phi and Theta Delta Chi have chapters in British and Continental Colleges. Chi Phi has thirty chapters and is probably the largest fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon being its chief rival and claiming five thousand members. Kappa Alpha has three live and three dead chapters; Sigma Phi six live and two dead chapters: Chi Psi has had

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about twenty-one chapters, quite a number of which are dead; Delta Psi has ten; Alpha Delta Phi has thirteen; Beta Theta Pi has thirty-three; Zeta Psi has twenty-two chapters and three thousand members; Phi Gamma Delta thirty-three chapters and one thousand five hundred members; Phi Delta Theta forty-five chapters and two thousand members; Phi Kappa Sigma thirteen; Sigma Chi twenty-five; Delta Kappa Epsilon twenty-nine; Black Badge eight; Alpha Tau Omega ten.

THE BETA THETA PI was organized at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1838, by eight students of that institution. Preceding us at Miami by ten years, it may almost be said to be the mother of the Phi Delta Theta. "*O matre pulchra filia pulchrior!*" The society has spread rapidly through the colleges of the West and South. Its last catalogue was published in 1870, when it had chapters as follows: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Washington and Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania; Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana; Centre College, Danville, Kentucky; Hampton Sydney College, Hampton Sydney, Virginia; Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee; Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; Indiana State University, Bloomington, Indiana; Washington College, Lexington, Virginia; Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois; Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa; Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri; Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois:

Dennison University, Granville, Ohio; Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia; Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Some of these chapters have "Pi-ed." There are alumni chapters in Chicago, Nashville, Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Richmond, Virginia and Evansville, Indiana. As is now the case in our own Order, each chapter bears the name of a Greek letter, so that a chapter's priority of organization can be told from its numerical standing in the Greek alphabet. The fraternity has a *sub rosa* newspaper published at Chicago, by O. B. Browne and D. H. Cheney, No. 83 South Clark street.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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##### HON. JOHN W. FOSTER.

THERE was rejoicing in the Foster family over the birth of a male child, at Petersburg, Pike county, Indiana, in 1835. The neighbors knew the child as "Johnny;" the world now knows him as Hon. John W. Foster, Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico. Though never robust in health, the brightness of the youth gave early promise of the honorable attainments of the man. When about sixteen he entered the Indiana State University, where he graduated in 1856. He became a member of the Indiana Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta in 1853. His classmates remember him as an ambitious and untiring student and a brilliant speaker in the literary societies. After graduation he studied law at Harvard, but feeble health prevented the pursuit of his chosen profession. His temperament is of that delicate, nervous order which seems to exist and labor from mere force

of will alone and in spite of physical weakness. For a long time he was one of the editors of the *Evansville Journal* and greatly contributed to the reputation and influence of that paper. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Union army and was repeatedly promoted for his gallantry in action. In 1874 his services and ability were substantially rewarded by the Administration with the appointment of Minister to Mexico, which position he has since held. During the holidays he paid a flying visit to his home in Evansville. He has improved much in personal appearance and health since going to Mexico, though his hair and whiskers are already quite grey. With his family he resides near the center of the city of Mexico, close by the government buildings and the other legations. On Washington's birth-day he gave a reception and ball at his residence which was attended by President Lerdo, members of the Cabinet and foreign legations and the elite of society. His diplomatic policy is decidedly friendly to the Mexican administration and he is consequently a great favorite there.

DAVID BITTLE FLOYD

WAS born March 15, 1846, in Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland, whence he removed to Noblesville, Indiana, in 1858. At the early age of fourteen years he left home to seek his own fortune. His grand-father had been in the war of 1812, his father in the Mexican war, and when the Rebellion broke out he entered the Union army as a private and served with distinction until the close of the war. He was about the youngest soldier in his regiment, being but sixteen years old. He was commissioned to the rank of lieutenant by

Governor O. P. Morton, of Indiana, for meritorious conduct. In May, 1874, he met General Sherman at Gettysburg, and, on leaving, the general took him by the hand and made the following significant remark: "You are my son; you were one of my brave boys; you will have harder battles to fight in the profession you have now chosen than you had in the army under my command." And so he has had, but that same noble and daring spirit which characterized his actions through the war has not deserted him in his later need. In the winter of 1866-67 he was a student in the medical department of the University of Michigan, and there first saw the necessity of being classically educated in order to succeed as a physician. He entered Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1867 and became a charter member of the Indiana Eta. He removed to Roanoke College, Virginia, in 1868, and here established the Virginia Alpha, from which sprung, through his exertions, all the other chapters of Virginia and Georgia. He graduated in 1872 with the second honor of his class, having paid for his tuition, clothing and books by teaching and selling books during his vacations. He is a self-made man. He entered Bellevue Medical College, New York City, in the winter of 1872-73, but a few months before graduation he was convinced that it was his duty to abandon his medical studies for those of the Lutheran ministry. Many friends, among whom was Hon. J. L. Evans, United States Congressman from Indiana, offered pecuniary assistance if he would continue at Bellevue, but he refused. In consequence of this decision he left New York City and taught a school in Martinsburg, West Virginia, until the opening of the session of 1873-74 of the Theological Seminary at

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he graduates in June of this year. He is the champion chapter founder of the Order, the Pennsylvania Betá, established in May, 1875, being the eighth which he has brought into the world.

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OBITUARY.

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ROBERT O. STRONG.

ROBERT O. STRONG was born and lived in and near Cincinnati all his life. At the time of his death, January 8, 1876, he was in his thirtieth year. At an early age he showed a fondness for public life, and being ready and eloquent, he was foremost in the literary societies. When a boy he determined to be a lawyer and never afterwards, for a moment, changed his determination, but in all his studies had his chosen profession in view. He was for some time at South Salem (O.) Academy, where he is yet remembered as a prominent character in the school, and an excellent speaker. After leaving the Academy he entered Miami University, at Oxford, O., from which institution he graduated with honors in the class of '67. At Oxford Bro. Strong joined the Phi Delta Theta and greatly contributed to the popularity and power of the Order during 1866-8. Immediately after graduating he began studying law, and when admitted to the bar made rapid progress in his profession. He served one term in the Ohio Legislature. For two years he was very successful as Prosecuting Attorney of Hamilton county, but declined to be a candidate for re-election. At the time of his death he was City Solicitor of Cincinnati. His death was sudden, snatching

him from the threshold of a life that promised to be a very brilliant and successful one. W. E. EVANS.

CHILlicothe, O., JANUARY 23, 1876.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GRAND.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise purpose, to remove by death Brother Robert O. Strong; and

WHEREAS, He hath taken from our number one who was an earnest and enthusiastic Phi Delta Theta, beloved and respected by all who knew him; who won bright laurels in his short career of public life; who had the promise of a glorious future, and was a true man in every particular; be it

*Resolved*, That we, under whose jurisdiction he was at the time of his demise, do deeply deplore our loss; and also

*Resolved*, That as a whole the Fraternity has reason to mourn and regret the sudden death of one of her most prominent and rising members; and further,

*Resolved*, That this our action be submitted to THE SCROLL for publication.

M. G. EVANS,  
G. E. PATTERSON,  
ED. BROWN,  
J. M. HULL,  
ROBT. BALLAGH,  
*Committee.*

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MOSES JAMES MORGAN.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE OHIO EPSILON.

THROUGH the inscrutable dispensation of Providence, we are once more bereaved. Our dear Brother, Moses J. Morgan, has been taken from us. We mourn. When such sore bereavements come upon us we can but look askantly toward Him who disposes, toward God, yet dare not doubt His wisdom or His justice. We

feel that it is for us to submit humbly to His divine will, not questioning His motives nor doubting His goodness. After years of incessant toil the germ of youth had expanded into the full-grown, noble manhood in which the fondest hopes of life must, if ever, be realized. The respect and confidence of the world had been won; the road had been paved to achievements worthy the adoration of a world, the smiles of a God who looks with commendation on the feeble yet determined efforts of His children laboring in darkness. And now the cold hand of death has stilled the active energies of our brother, chilled the warm life blood that coursed his veins and paralyzed his powers for accomplishing those grand conceptions which could only emanate from a mind eminently active and disposed to good. But we dare not speculate. God's ways are past finding out, and while we would submit with due contrition to His dispensations, we would

*Resolve,* That in the death of Brother Morgan we have lost one of the first in heart, soul and intellect that has done honor to our Fraternity. We would further

*Resolve,* That we extend to his relatives and friends our tenderest sympathy, trusting that they will seek consolation from the only true source, from Him at whose throne we trust our spirits shall be reunited in harmony and peace with his whose death has so saddened our hearts. We would also

*Resolve,* That, as a token of respect and in compliance with the constitution of our Order, we wear the badge of mourning thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented for publication to THE SCROLL, the *College Mirror* and the *Jackson Standard*.

M. F. PARRISH,  
J. M. TRIPP,  
J. H. CHARTER,  
*Committee.*

• PERSONAL.

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BRO. D. H. PATTERSON, Indiana Gamma, is principal of the Academy at Fairfield, Indiana.

REV. BRO. S. J. TOMLINSON, of Indianapolis, recently made a flying visit to Florida.

BRO. FORREST HULINGS, Pennsylvania Alpha, '76, is rustivating in Venango County, Pennsylvania.

BRO. J. F. GOOKINS, Illinois Alpha, has been appointed director of the Chicago Academy of Design.

BRO. CLARK, Pennsylvania Alpha, '78, is traveling through Europe and the East for the benefit of his health.

BRO. CHAS. M. SHIELDS, founder of the Virginia Delta, recently graduated at the Baltimore Commercial College.

BRO. W T MASON, Indiana Gamma, is president of the Indiana State Oratorical Convention for the coming year.

BRO. A. GWYN FOSTER, Indiana Alpha, is a nephew of Hon. John W. Foster, a sketch of whom we publish in this number.

BRO. P. V G. OTT, an alumnus of the Pennsylvania Beta now residing at Stone Church, Pa., has taken unto himself a wife.

BRO. CHAS. H. SCHUREMAN, New York Alpha, is with his father in the "black diamond" business in St. Louis. Pious as ever.

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REV. BRO. W. E. DEREINER, Wisconsin Beta, '62, is a Congregational missionary to Ceylon, and a frequent contributor to his church papers.

BRO. S. E. SMITH, of the Pennsylvania Beta, was one of the speakers at the biennial anniversary of the Phrenakosmian Literary Society, February 22, 1876.

BRO. J. C. JACOBY, of the Pennsylvania Beta, recently married an Indiana lady. Wake up, ye Western Phis, or else look out for your ladies.

BRO. EDWARD F. STEARNS, Illinois Beta, '69, is principal of the Wisconsin preparatory department of the University of Chicago, located at Beaver Dam, Wis.

BRO. A. B. THRASHER, recently of THE SCROLL board, gave his pupils their diplomas and tuition bills March 24, and now proposes to have some fun. Centennial?

BRO. EDGAR M. WILSON, Ohio Delta, will soon be admitted to the Chicago bar. He is an enthusiastic Phi and thinks the Illinois Alpha can be resurrected at Douglas College.

BRO. HENRY NIXON, Tennessee Beta, has just been elected valedictorian of the class of '76, Vanderbilt University, and Bros. Lytton Taylor and Ed. Gannoway, as two of the four orators.

BRO. CHAS. B. GASKILL, the well-known founder of the Phi Delta Theta in Georgia, is probably the most indefatigable correspondent in the Order. He has a large collection of Phi photographs at his home in Atlanta, Ga., and would go ten miles at any time to shake hands with a brother in the Bond.

BRO. HERBERT C. JONES, of the Ohio Beta, recently graduated at the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, taking one of the prizes offered. His shingle will be agitated by the atmosphere of Athens, Ohio.

PHI DELTA THETA is represented in the present United States Congress by General John F. Philips, Kentucky Alpha, of Sedalia, Mo., and Hon. A. H. Hamilton, Indiana Beta, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Both are Democrats.

BRO. L. P. TIER, class '74, Cornell, is assistant superintendent of the Toledo division of the L. S. & M. S. R. R. "Pete" is said to look hale and hearty, and proposes to visit his alma mater in June. He will probably take in the Centennial on the same trip.

BRO. T. S. GRAVES, Indiana Gamma, and Miss Emma Sells, both of the N. W. C. University, were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Indianapolis, February 23. Bro. Graves is now engaged in the hardware business at Greencastle, Indiana.

BRO. W. S. YEATES, of the Virginia Gamma, is at present a student of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va. He reports that the authorities of that institution emphatically "sit down upon" any attempts at secret societies within its walls. Their loss is our gain.

BRO. CHAS. W. GARFIELD, M. S., honorary member of the Michigan Beta Class of '70, was married January 6th, 1876, at the residence of the bride's father in Jackson, Michigan, to Miss Alice Rockwell. His chapter tenders its congratulations and expresses the wish that the happy couple may long enjoy a union which seems so admirably formed.

BRO. J. S. SIMS, of the junior class at Asbury University, has offered himself as a missionary of the Methodist Church to the East Indies, "where every prospect pleases and only man is vile." May the howling heathen have him often at their table but never on it.

BRO. R. S. BLOUNT, Indiana Gamma, is the candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Independent ticket of Indiana. Nobody need poke fun at Bob because he is not out of college. He is sound on the greenback question, though a trifle shaky on "public instruction," and will make a lively canvass.

AT THE Marion County Republican nominating convention, held at Indianapolis, March 11, Hon. Byron K. Elliott, of the Indiana Gamma, received the nomination for Judge of the Superior Court, and A. C. Harris, also of the Gamma, was appointed to run for State Senator. Judge Elliott has long been at home on either side of the bar, as well as in politics, and Bro. Harris is regarded as one of the rising men of the State.

THE New York Alpha mourns one of its most active and genial members in Bro. Herbert Hackney, who left Cornell at the end of the fall term to accept the position of assistant superintendent of the Milwaukee Rolling Mills. Soon after his return home he realized a long-cherished dream by his marriage with Miss May L. Todd, also of Milwaukee. THE SCROLL tenders its heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

BRO. ALBERT R. DYER, of the Wisconsin Beta, is now in Denver, Col. He writes: "The southern portion of Colorado has a large Mexican population which has to be indulged every biennial with a rendering of the Gov-

ernor's message and the laws passed by the General Assembly into their own Spanish vernacular, and your correspondent is one of the translators appointed for that purpose." Bro. Dyer was for ten years a professor in a Spanish college in Cuba. He is a poetical writer of no mean ability.

AT THE Christmas exercises of the Ninth Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, the members of the congregation presented their pastor and our honored president, the Rev. L. F. Walker, an elegant gold watch and chain, and the railroad employes belonging to the church added a purse of one hundred dollars. Bro. Walker expressed his thanks in a feeling and appropriate response. He has been very successful in his ministerial labors.

SPEAKING OF a distinguished member of the Ohio Alpha, the Indianapolis correspondent of the *New York Sun* says: "The opposition to Morton only wanted some acceptable man to concentrate on. They have found him in the person of Gen. Ben. Harrison. His friends say all manner of good things of him. 'His name will be a tower of strength in Indiana and the West,' says one. 'It will be a relighting of the camp fires of 1840,' responds another. 'His candidacy would revive the enthusiasm of the times of 'Tippecanoe and Tyler too,' and he would sweep Indiana and Ohio by swelling majorities,' cries a third, and so one hears wherever he listens. It is no twenty-four hour joke, this announcement of little Ben. Harrison for a Presidential possibility." Yes, and every Phi, without regard to politics, would mount the stump and vote early and often for "Little Ben."

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## CENTENNIALWARD.

THE SCROLL comes down to the foot-lights with a proposition. Arrangements have already been made for a Phi reunion at the Centennial, July 6. Why not change our national convention to the same place and date and have the grandest Phi reunion that could possibly take place at any time or under any circumstances? Every consideration favors the plan, and it has been greeted with the wildest enthusiasm by those Phis to whom presented. With the combined attractions of Reunion, Convention and Centennial, the Phis registered at the Colonnade Hotel, July 6, would be numbered by hundreds, and each one would have an opportunity of seeing for once in his lifetime what the Fraternity looks like as a whole. Our members are so scattered that nothing but an occasion of this kind could bring any considerable number together, and because we are so separated just such a meeting is needed to mould the Fraternity into a homogeneous whole. The aggregated wisdom of so many old and young heads

assembled in convention together would give the deliberations of that body a wonderful vigor and potency. Our conventions have generally been held in small provincial towns, a plan not followed by most fraternities, and not calculated to enhance our reputation as a fraternity or the enjoyment of those attending. Our recent rapid growth in the East, particularly in Pennsylvania, renders it almost obligatory that a convention be soon held there. It would greatly encourage and assist our Eastern chapters and open the eyes of Eastern fraternity men generally to our real size and importance. Every possible advantage of convenience and cheapness of travel will be given those who visit Philadelphia this summer. In this connection the communication of Bro. Mason will have a special interest to Western Phis. It would be a waste of ink to say one word about the attractions of the Centennial itself to the ardent young Americans who read this magazine. To many of them, however, our plan opens the only possibility of seeing the greatest assembly that will ever take place on this continent. Our chapter reports show an extraordinary interest in the Centennial Reunion; will not the next reports be unanimously in favor of combining Convention and Reunion? The National Grand may not look with favor on the plan, but their hospitality is warm enough to last until a succeeding occasion. No technical quibble should stand in the way if it is the will of the Fraternity that the change be made. Let every chapter take action in the matter at once and forward its official request and vote for the change to the National Grand and *THE SCROLL* for publication, and our June number shall blush with pleasure away down to its toe nails, at the good news it carries.

## THE RIGHT HAND.

DEARLY BELOVED: There are several different kinds of right hands, as the right hand in the right place, the right hand man at a wedding, the right hand to kiss (which may be left or right, as she thinks best), the write hand and the rite hand, which are usually the right hand, but the right hand of our text is the one so significantly alluded to in Matthew v. 30. One cause of the downfall of the Roman Empire was the great number and miscellaneous character of its provinces, and lesser organizations may profit by its example. Those fraternities the membership of which is most highly prized and which have the best reputation for fraternal affiliation and distinguished alumni are invariably most jealous of their additions to membership or roll of chapters. An alumni member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon was asked how many chapters that order had, and answered that he did not know, but there were altogether too many for its own good. The remark will apply much nearer home. It was the policy of unlimited inflation which proved so disastrous to the frog in the fable, and yet we go on planting chapters as the wind scatters the Canada thistle. Our growth has been too exogenous. Its latest phase is the request to found a chapter at a little "uni-equine" reform school at Richmond, Ind., called by courtesy Earlham "College." Our degradation must no farther go, and it is refreshing to know that a committee has been appointed to investigate the condition of certain of our chapters and the standing of their respective institutions, with a view to calling in their parchments. They are mere hangers on, not pulling, not pushing, but acting simply as dead weights to impede and disgrace the

Order. Our ship will be large enough and sail better when the barnacles are removed. THE SCROLL has not taken this position rashly or on individual opinion, but only after careful deliberation and the sanction of the best thought in the Fraternity.

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“O, REFORM IT ALTOGETHER.”

The names of chapter editors, so far as elected, will be found appended to their reports. To these gentlemen THE SCROLL has a word to say. It renders hearty thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have furnished pecuniary support. The chapter reports, however, are not yet entirely what they should be, little alumni news has been furnished and no editorial matter. News, not sentiment, is the desideratum in a chapter report. A small amount of good, honest work is expected and will be necessary in collecting information and putting it in proper shape, but the very effort is its own reward for, not to mention other considerations, the ability to compile and write a lively, readable news-letter is an accomplishment shared by few. It is a lamentable comment upon our American system of education that many of its graduates who are entirely at home with Sophocles, Plato and Euclid are unable to say what they think or know in a direct and forcible newspaper paragraph. Our correspondents may have no ambition to become journalists, but as educated men they should know how to express themselves in plain English. The material is abundant. From conversation and correspondence the alumni news of a chapter can easily be worked up; chapter personals and occurrences are always at hand, and many amus-

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ing and interesting things in regard to other fraternities and the institution in general can be gathered up in three months. Send in occasional copies of your college newspapers and magazines, and whenever you have anything of interest give THE SCROLL the benefit by postal-card telegram. Those correspondents who have approximated these results THE SCROLL sincerely thanks and congratulates and it will assist and insist that all others do the same. "O, reform it altogether!"

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SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the assessment proclamation of His Perpendicular Highness, the Grand Banker.

A LITTLE ONE has been "summoned to appear in this World," as Carlyle has it, and they christened it the Pennsylvania Delta, the New York Alpha being god-mother. May it wax fat and kick.

WE CAN not go to the Centennial venerable with the hundred years of the Phi Beta Kappa, but each Phi can point to the other four hundred and ninety-nine ranged around the festal board and remark, "these are my jewels."

"SONGS OF the Phi Delta Theta" will be ready for delivery by the time this is read and every Phi should get a copy and use it. Even if you do not warble yourself, think how sweetly the fraternal echoes would ring from *her* dear lips and how she would rise up and bless you for a gift of such elegance and beauty. Bro. Search has spent much time and money in its compilation and has a right to expect for it a ready and extensive sale.

ALUMNI MEMBERS would confer a favor on THE SCROLL and the cause of enlightenment in general, by sending in notices of their residence, occupation, advancement, etc., and reminiscences of their college and fraternity days, with any information they may have regarding other Phi alumni. All letters should conclude as follows: "Enclosed please find five dollars, for which send me your valuable quarterly and insert my card for one year. Yours in the bond," etc.

"IN THE SPRING a young man's fancy," etc. Chapter reports and personals show that a large number of Phis have lately paired and flown away to bask in the entrancing, though uncertain, light of the honey-moon, while many more are anxiously examining their pin-feathers thereto. As some compensation for this ursine growl we tender them a bear's wish, that they may get all the honey with none of the stings. And when, finally, their honey-moon turns to a gob of green cheese they can still subscribe for THE SCROLL and be perfectly happy.

THE DELAY in the publication of the catalogue has been unavoidable on account of the tardy manner in which funds have been sent in, but, that objection having been finally settled, it will soon be in the hands of the printers and will probably reach the chapters in advance of the next number of THE SCROLL. It will be published by Baker, Schmidlap & Co., and higher commendation of their work is not needed than that furnished by the page which lies before you. All recent additions will be inserted if sent in at once. New chapters are requested to report. Address all communications to the Grand Banker.

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WILL THE next Convention be kind enough to define its own powers and those of the National Grand a little more distinctly, and provide for contingencies which arise between meals? A compact Executive Committee would meet the demands of all such cases, and its decisions could be sanctioned or changed by the Convention. If biennials prevail something of the kind seems absolutely necessary.

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#### EDITORIAL FREE LUNCH.

Walk right up, gentlemen, and help yourselves to anything that suits your fancy. It's all free—to our patrons. Don't cost you a cent and is worth every cent it costs. That bologna is from Cat-alon-ia and the cheese has a mite y nice flavor. This hash has been manufactured expressly for your trade, and contains ingredients from every table in the city. Any gentleman finding a chromo in his soup will confer a favor by furnishing a written testimonial thereof for publication. We respectfully request that all complaints of the pabulum provided, or of inattention on the part of the waiters, be reported at the desk and the plaintiff will be kicked out at once. . . . Well, THE SCROLL is out again, making one of its "angelic visits," as a brother in the Bond had the kindness to denominate them. Perhaps he intended a sly allusion to their tardy coming, and if so, he will please "report at the desk," as above. The fact is, we have been waiting for the thews and sinews of war before beginning the campaign, but the three following numbers will be issued promptly on or about the first of June, September and December. All reports and news must be in by the 15th of the previous month. Editors take notice. . . . It will be seen that THE SCROLL has changed its printers and donned a new pink dress (a pin-back) as well as modified its editorial staff and general make-up since the last issue. How do you like it now? . . . The Grand Banker will still receive sealed proposals to furnish one or more copies of the catalogue at \$1.00 for the paper edition, and \$1.50 for cloth binding. . . . "Centennialward the eyes of Empire look their way," sings the poet of that naughty sheet, the *New York Clipper*. They will probably be fixed with a look of respectful astonishment at the number of Phis at the Colonnade Hotel, July 6, and expand with terror at their capacity for sustaining large quantities of nourishment. The Colonnade is one of the four or five leading hotels of Philadelphia, however, and will easily stand the strain. . . . The girls all

say the Onondaga Waltz is "real nice" . . . Bro. Reddig can furnish some interesting reading on the constitutional history of several fraternities . . . Does anybody know of the whereabouts and doings of Bro. Eugene Field, actor, editor, poet, and good-fellow generally? If alive will he stand up and testify? . . . Mohammed made his hegira from Mecca July 16, but the Phis should start for Philadelphia a little earlier, say about the first. . . One brother thinks THE SCROLL should publish more solid literary articles and another takes us to task for not running it on a dignified basis. We cheerfully recommend any of our rising contemporary literary quarterlies of England or America to the former, and for the benefit of the latter will add an owl to THE SCROLL staff. Special attention is called to the sentimental Latin sonnet, "Solivagus," on the first page. It is by brother A. W. Little, Illinois Delta, and is written, not according to quantity, but after the manner of modern versification. It is to be hoped that the very doleful sentiment of the concluding verse is a poetical exaggeration, and that Bro. Exiguus may find a fitting substitute for his lost Lenore. He is respectfully advised to "let her slide" and write again. . . Bro. Brick Pomeroy rises to explain that the November SCROLL was mistaken in attributing the founding of the Virginia Delta to him, that honor rightfully belonging to Bro. Chas. M. Shields. . . Rev. David Swing, the great liberal preacher of Chicago, writes: "I once was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Society, but withdrew from it after I became a teacher in the Miami University. The Society disappeared from that school for several years and, as in the meanwhile I joined the Alpha Delta Phis, I was by that act exiled from your rolls." Bro. Swing is too large-hearted and liberal to belong exclusively to any order, and we are willing to divide him with our distinguished sister. . . The poem of "Life," by Judge Underwood was a translation from the German, and has been translated by others. The Judge is not a Phi.

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### COMMUNICATIONS.

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#### SONGS OF THE PHI DELTA THETA.

We take pleasure in announcing that the work which has been so long in preparation is at length completed. From time to time we have received letters from all over the country asking why we were so slow, but we have avoided issuing the work until we were thoroughly satisfied with it. In answer to the demand of many chapters we have endeavored to issue the best edition possible, and believe that Phi Delta Theta has the finest song book of any fraternity in existence. We have prepared the work at great labor and expense and respectfully ask that chapters and members support us promptly by sending in their orders as soon as possible.

P. W. SEARCH.

**FRATERNITY JEWELER.**

The Committee appointed for that purpose have selected as our fraternity jeweler CHAS. COOK, of Cincinnati. This has been done in consideration of his superior skill as a workman, his central location and the price which he has fixed on his badges. He will give prompt attention to all communications from members of the Fraternity. We advise all who desire badges to obtain his price list and descriptive circular, which will be furnished upon application. Very respectfully,

A. C. GREENE,  
W. A. KEENER,  
J. S. KLINE,

*Committee.*

**A GRAND PHI VICTORY.**

The second annual Oratorical Contest of the Indiana colleges took place at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., March 2. It was an occasion of rejoicing to every true Phi, because it was the greatest victory we have ever won in Indiana. All of the five contestants were fraternity men, and three were Phis. One year ago four of the seven contestants were Phis and then we took second honors, but in the recent contest we began with the first honor and took them in regular succession as long as Phi Delta Thetas lasted. Bro. Edwards, of Franklin College, carried home the brightest laurels of the occasion, the first honors of the contest. He was not only excellent in thought, composition and delivery, but was also the admiration of all who heard him. We expect much from him at Chicago next May. Bro. Woodward, of the North-Western Christian University, stood next to Bro. Edwards. His speech was the favorite in thought and showed great originality. Bro. Hulbert, of Wabash, stood third in the roll of honor.

A. M. LYSTER.

**OUR CENTENNIAL REUNION.**

The Committee on the Reunion of all Phi Delta Thetas at the Centennial have decided that it take place on the afternoon and evening of July 6, at the Colonade Hotel, corner of Chestnut and Fifteenth streets, Philadelphia. It is proposed to devote the afternoon to the usual "love-feast" and the hearing of short and spicy reports from the several chapters represented. The evening will be given to the banquet and its festivities. The large-hearted generosity of a Quaker City Phi, Bro. F. H. Moon, has not suffered our preparations to rest here. He proposes to hold a reception at his home, for all the Phis in attendance. Full arrangements have been made for the complete success of the occasion, and the expenses will be so light that a universal participation

is confidently expected. It is very important that all Phis who intend to be present should send their names, on postals, to Bro. T. W. Leard, Easton, Pa., that arrangements may be made for their reception. A failure to comply with this request will occasion great inconvenience to the proprietor of the Colonade and the committee, as the city will be crowded at that date. All Phis will be expected and thrice welcome.

EASTON, PA., March 25.

W. J. ALEXANDER.

#### PHILADELPHIA OR WOOSTER ?

Everything moveable seems under the influence of Centennial gravitation, and there are many reasons why the proposal of THE SCROLL to change the place and date of our next convention to Philadelphia and July is a good one. Philadelphia will be the eye of America during this year and whatever is of sufficient importance to attract notice will go there. Again, the growing influence of our Fraternity in the East will soon demand that a convention be held there, and it is but due to them that we should grant the claim, since it would go far in giving them strength among their own colleges. When, unless we wait until the next Centennial, will we have the chance of doing it so successfully and cheaply as now? Hundreds of our alumni and active members will go, whether we have a convention or not, who, if the convention were held there, would make their arrangements to go at that time. Our permanent fund has not been growing very much of late, and here would be a fine opportunity to make a handsome addition to it. Perhaps there is not a chapter which will not have men, and good ones, too, who will go and who will as soon as not act as delegates while there, and the assessment for railroad fare that has been made can be added to the permanent fund. There is another point of special interest to visiting members. The colleges of Indiana will, in all probability, run an excursion sometime in July, not later than the 15th, on which both railroad and hotel fare will be at the lowest possible rate. The movement is on foot with every prospect of success. Now we may be able to effect a combination by which all Phis West and South may reap the benefits of the excursion. I think we can bring the cost of a ten days' trip, including railroad fare and hotel accommodations, within thirty-five dollars at farthest. What say you, brethren? Shall the answer be an enthusiastic acceptance?

W. T. MASON.

#### NOTES FROM THE GRAND BANKER.

I wish to give notice: 1, That I am busy. 2, That I have made an assessment upon all attendant members of one dollar per capita to be paid in April, 1876. I made this assessment according to the order of our last convention, (see July No. SCROLL, page 121.) I made it one dol-

lar instead of two dollars, because I thought it best. We have had an assessment of one dollar per capita for the catalogue. I reduced the April assessment one-half, so as not to oppress any chapter, and get a prompt payment of the money. We need about this amount to pay our debts that have been running so long that I am getting ashamed to put them off any longer. We owe for the publication of the minutes of '74 about one hundred and sixty dollars, which must be paid at once. The appropriation made by the last convention to THE SCROLL I paid by money borrowed from bank on my own account, which I have carried in bank and by private loan ever since. It must be taken up. This assessment will put us square, I think, and I hope the chapters will see the importance of keeping our credit good as well as gaining reputation in other things. 3, There is such a thing as forfeiture of charter for failure to comply with orders of the Fraternity in convention assembled. I will be remiss in duty if I don't announce some failures to comply with authorized regulations. 4, The minutes of '74 can be had at this office by remitting postage, eight cent-. Anyone having those minutes will find good, wholesome reading on pages 26, 30, 32, 35, 42, 44 and 47; see also page 128, July number SCROLL. 5, A few copies of the minutes of '73, Athens convention, may be procured here on the same terms as above stated. Finally Brethren, let your communications be brief and prompt and I will try and do the same. The catalogue is delayed on account of Greek type, but we hope to have it in the hands of members soon. Be patient, the work has fallen upon one man to prepare it, and the necessary duties of professional business leave but a brief time to devote to this work.

INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL 1, 1876.

C. D. WHITEHEAD,

*Grand Banker.*

## CHAPTER REPORTS.

VIRGINIA DELTA—This chapter was organized at Richmond College in October last, under very flattering circumstances. We have on our roll at present the names of ten good men. A majority of them are seniors. Our chapter stands well, both in class average and in the literary societies, and numbers several medalists. We deeply regret that Bros. J. F. Heneberger and H. M. Cohaling are with us no longer. They seem to have caught the epidemic so prevalent among Phis and are now at home making all necessary preparations. As many of our chapter expect to attend the Centennial we are extremely anxious that some arrangement be made by which the Phis may be brought together. Will you not propose a plan?

J. W. HUGHES.

OHIO DELTA—There are only five members in the Delta now, but we propose to “spike” several good “barbs” in college before they “go off” to other fraternities. We got left on a man recently but have since found that he would have been an elephant on our hands. C. J. READ.

OHIO BETA—We return to college this term with nine members. A sophomore left us for this winter, but his place was occupied by a junior. Report says that C. A. Wilson, Ohio Eta, will soon return to us. Prof. White, principal of the preparatory department, says that ours is the best fraternity in college. J. M. TRIPP.

OHIO ETA—We were greatly reduced in numbers and strength by so many of our members failing to return to college last term, but we still live, and have initiated a man. We hope during this term, by good management and well selected additions to place our chapter on a sound and substantial basis. CHARLES R. PENCE.

VIRGINIA DELTA.—This chapter, organized at Richmond College in October, 1875, has on its roll twelve good Phis, nearly all of them seniors. It was grieved to lose two of its best members, Bros. Heneberger and Whaling, about the middle of the session, but they seemed to be seized with that mania so prevalent among Phis, and will doubtless do credit to the Fraternity wherever they go. W. F. SMITH.

INDIANA GAMMA—We now number sixteen and Bro. D. H. Patterson, who has been absent from college during the present term, will be with us soon again. Bro. Woodward took the second honors in the Indiana Oratorical Contest, March 2. Twelve of our members attended with Bro. Woodward and were well entertained by Bros. Sims, Boston and Tevis of the Eta. The Gamma returns her thanks and will reciprocate a year hence. A. M. LYSER.

MISSOURI ALPHA—Columbia is the Athens of Missouri and it is here, in the second story of the Boone County National Bank building, that the den of the Missouri Phis may be found. We are twelve, and in this number we claim to have the bone and sinew of this University, notwithstanding that the “Phi Kap’s” and the “Zeta Phis” are still on the war path. We initiate none but the best, and men with long coats and no brains are not greatly in demand. N. W. HALSTEAD.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—We have initiated one senior, two sophomores and four freshmen this college year, and they are good men, too. Bro. Bixby visited the New York Alpha during vacation and found them a fine set of men. He was much pleased with their hospitality and surroundings. Our chapter loses nine seniors this year, all zealous workers. We are all much interested in the Centennial reunion, a report of which I send you. We had a banquet not long since.

W. J. ALEXANDER.

OHIO ZETA.—We have a membership of twenty-three, twenty collegiate and three preparatory. We recently censured an alumnus for violation of the bond. A great religious awakening has taken place among students, professors and fraternities of the University. A charter was recently granted the Tennessee Beta. ROBT. BALLAGH.

INDIANA DELTA—We are ten in number of whom five are preachers and three subs and all as jolly as boys generally get to be. Bro. C. C. Edwards was recently "lifted" for life by one of the finest ladies in America, and now comes back to us with renewed energy and thinks he can take four studies this term. May all his troubles be "little ones." Bro. Elgin was made the victim of a similar occurrence a short time before. D. A. OWEN.

ILLINOIS DELTA—I take pleasure in reporting for our chapter an evident revival of the enthusiasm that every true Phi ought to feel. For the past year our prospects have not been very flattering, but at our last meeting all the members exhibited a spirit that I am sure will raise the Illinois Delta to the place she formerly occupied. We have eight attendant members, having initiated one this term, and have strong hopes for the future. E. W. WOOD.

GEORGIA GAMMA—The material to select from being unpromising, we have but slightly increased our numbers this year, having now fourteen. Our fraternity opponents are the Kappa Alphas and Chi Phis. In quantity they excel us; in quality we hold our own. We are certain to get three of the four honors given to the seniors, and one of our men was the orator of his literary society on Washington's birthday. We have a new hall which we are fitting out in elegant style and are certain that it is the handsomest hall in the place. W. B. PALMER.

MICHIGAN BETA—Our college year opens late in February, hence we have only just commenced our year's work. Our wise Sophs are as full of tricks as mule colts. The other day while one of them was calling upon a brother it was rumored that a Fresh had left his room unlocked. All parties rushed to the scene, to have a hand in stacking up the Fresh's room. But the visiting Soph thought the better end of the joke would be to stack his host's room, so he silently stepped back through the open door, and was just completing a magnificent stack, when his host returned, pounced upon the lad, floored him, and after a violent struggle, bound him hand and foot, then tied him to a post, where he had the pleasure (?) of enjoying the smiles of his fellows to their hearts' content. Bro. Shilling is now thoroughly "posted" on the system of stacking rooms. F. J. Dunn, '78, will probably not be back this year on account of sickness. H. H. MILLS.

INDIANA ALPHA—In common with the other fraternities here, we are doing little fraternity work this term. Phi Kappa Psi still sticks to her motto "numbers, not men," having some twenty of the former. Beta Theta Pi has ten men and is reported to be on the decline. Sigma Chi has seven men and Phi Gamma Delta, three. We are trying the benefits of chapter correspondence and recommend it to sister chapters. Al and Will Durborow are no longer members of this chapter or of the Fraternity. The former we requested to resign; the latter, taking offense, left.

A. G. FOSTER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—The deep threats of vengeance which lately filled the air of this locality have evaporated. After expelling five rogues we have still nine good fellows and are prospering accordingly. When the knife is the only remedy plunge it deep and you will be the better for it. Pennsylvania will soon have its Delta chapter, and when we meet in the "Old Quaker City" it will not be as strangers in a strange land but with brothers and the word welcome on every hand. We enter a new hall April 1, which will be the largest and finest in town.

J. C. REDDIG.

KENTUCKY GAMMA—As the boys return to Georgetown from vacation more than one breathes the long drawn sigh of love and sends forth the sweet-scented epistle, filled with expressions of undying affection to the one

"To whom the better elements and  
Kindly stars have given  
A form so fair that, like the air,  
'Tis less of earth than Heaven."

Our chapter steadily advances. We are still in our swaddling clothes, having been in existence not quite a year, but we yet hope to wear the full dress of maturity. We propose ere long to make a grand debut before the Blue-Grass public, in the form of an entertainment.

L. L. BRISTOW.

NEW YORK ALPHA—The new hall described in our last report has been occupied during the past term. The chapter has prospered in the new quarters in every respect and feels very proud of her standing in the University. We have eighteen excellent men, four post-graduates, two seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen. We have, however, worked more with respect to the *kind* than the *number*. We will probably be represented by *three* men on the Freshman Crew at Saratoga this year, and expect to have a man at the Inter-Collegiate Contest at New York next year. February 18, we initiated H. C. Wilson and Austin Ferrell, of Lehigh College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the old Keystone State may soon have another daughter. Bro. J. K. Cady, '76, is our Cornellian editor. Are we to have a place of rendezvous for all this at Philadelphia? SAM. J. FLICKINGER.

**TENNESSEE BETA**—Near the city of Nashville, Tennessee, is situated the now infant, but soon to be the giant of instruction in the South. It is the organ of the Methodist church at the South. The institution takes its name from the donor, Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York, who has subscribed one million dollars, and more is expected. Ten conferences are pledged to support it, and with its present capital the total endowment may be placed at five millions of dollars. The importance of this chapter will be seen at once. Every one of the eight members of the Upsilon Deuteron will be a subscriber to THE SCROLL, and the banners of that infant chapter are now flying from Wisdom's hill as the sun of knowledge casts its first rays upon it. We will be the Joshua, and command it to stand as we conquer our foe and common enemy—ignorance.

LYTTON TAYLOR.

**IOWA ALPHA**—The old Iowa Alpha still blows her horn, and freights the moonlight nights with her war-whoop. We have initiated seven men this year, and have now sixteen members. The Iowa Alpha will stake her last dollar that she can show more variation in size, form, temperament and tastes than any other Greek chapter in America. But while I write I am filled with the happy conviction that we have not a man in the chapter who does not do credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity at large. We have worked Phi Delta Thetaism up to the esteem and confidence of faculty and citizens. We have a reading circle composed of both sexes in connection with the chapter, and think it the nicest thing we ever had here. It meets every two weeks in a splendid hall, donated for the purpose by a citizen of this place, and enters into a thorough discussion and criticism of the life and works of some author, after which a little fun and feasting follows. Try it for yourselves.

J. S. KLINE.

**CALIFORNIA ALPHA**—Since our last report we have initiated one new man, Bro. Frank R. Whitcomb. He is small but "powerful cute," and a good fellow all around. Quite a number of interesting meetings were held but, as a rule, we have been resting on our oars. With the commencement of the term and cool weather we expect a revival, to be characterized by all that is ardent and noble in Phi nature. It is the custom here to give what is called a "University Party" at the holidays, the affair being managed by the students. It was held this year in San Francisco, and was, to use a slang phrase, a "stunner." Bro. Chamberlain, our party man, officiated as floor manager. The seniors are spending this, the short vacation, in looking up material for theses. As this is being written (January 4), the hills are covered with grass, the skies are blue, the north wind blows cold, and the garden is gemmed with flowers. This is quite a contrast with the prospect of most Phis, but if you are "out in the cold," don't hesitate to let your relations in California know of your existence. We receive everything in a warm and friendly manner. Now, pray don't all write at once. D. P. WALL.

# CHAS. COOK, OFFICIAL JEWELER

OF THE

PHI DELTA-THETA FRATERNITY,  
*North-east Corner of Fifth and Smith Streets,*  
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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I would hereby respectfully inform the members of the PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY that I have been elected "Official Fraternity Jeweler" by the Committee on Badges appointed by the Convention at Danville, in consideration of my superior workmanship, quality of badges, responsibility and prompt attendance to the filling of orders.

Having had ten years experience in the manufacture of these badges, I am enabled to make them superior to any in circulation, as well in design as in finish and elegance. Positively no other but 18 k. gold is used.

## LIST OF BADGES.

**No. 0.**—Raised center and scroll, with blue, black and white enamel; four garnets (red stone) and four pearls distributed along the scroll, and a diamond in the eye, with set in the hilt of sword. This badge is larger and heavier than the following. All sets warranted genuine.

**No. 1.**—Raised center and scroll, with blue, black and white enamel, and a set in the hilt of the sword.

**No. 2.**—Raised center and scroll, with blue, black and white enamel.

**No. 3.**—Same as above, without enamel work.

The sword and chain attached to each badge are of solid 18 k. gold, fully finished and highly polished.

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**Studs and Sleeve Buttons made to order.**

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## INFELICISSIME.

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Gone! Gone!  
And I am alone—  
Alone!

Gone—and alone!  
O saddest words in grief's refrain;  
Gone—and he will not come again.  
And never a voice to call him back,  
Nor power to follow the viewless track  
Of the ship he sails upon.

Gone—oh! forever gone!  
And far through the sorrowful night  
Far over the boundless waves  
He is lost to my sight  
In the fading light,  
As the dead are lost in their graves.

And the white-winged ship is dim  
On the far horizon's rim:  
With every sail unfurled,  
Away o'er the ocean's heaving breast,  
To another world  
Of alien skies,  
The vessel flies  
With a freight unguessed.

A. E. SINKS.

## THE QUIET HOUSE.

Every college man will enjoy this genial little piece of word painting from an Eastern newspaper :

“Frank Moriarty has sold out the Quiet House to Oliver Abell for twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars. The business will be conducted by Abell on the plan established by Moriarty, who will still keep a share in it.”—*Yale Record*.

Frank Moriarty's house in New Haven has been one of the features of life at Yale College during the last dozen years or longer. All sorts and conditions of educated men frequent the place, but chiefly college students. Situated aloof from the main thoroughfares, on Court street, it combines freedom from noise with opportunities of access without the knowledge of a curious world. Its title of the “Quiet House” is most appropriate. Its great attraction in the old days was the host and hostess. Students beguiled themselves by saying that they were going after ale and Welsh rabbits, but they were really going to see Moriarty and his wife. The worthy couple were of English birth and build—stout, comely and cheerful; and they contrived to give to their little parlor a thoroughly household aspect. Unlike the little hostelry which Tom Brown, of Oxford, visited, there was no Polly there. The bar was near the door; in cold weather there was an open grate fire; several birdcages in the room contained curious birds; files of the English illustrated journals were on the tables; and always in the evening one or more groups of students or townsmen were sitting around the tables eating, drinking ale or sipping “hot Scotches,” smoking and talking. The presence of Moriarty and his wife pervaded the entire room, unconsciously repres-

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ing boisterous conduct and indecent jests, and giving to the place a respectable, home-like air. Naturally such a place had many attractions for students. The mild atmosphere of dissipation, which necessarily belongs in some degree to any place where intoxicating liquors are sold, undoubtedly at first attracted some; but it soon came to be the rule that the men who frequented Moriarty's house went there to avoid dissipation. Sitting at one of the round tables through an evening one would see the bashful Freshman, the impudent Sophomore, the conceited Junior and the dignified Senior enter in turn and in groups. Frank welcomed all with a personal recognition, and ten chances to one if his wife did not bring the savory cheese on toast and the ale which the new comers ordered. There was where college politics were discussed and coalitions arranged; where prize essays and "sick excuses" were meditated; where the "fizzle" of to-day was languidly regretted while most effective preparations were made for the "flunk" of to-morrow; where "societies" and "society" and incipient and most sapient love affairs were considered under the breath and with an immense consumption of tobacco. There was where all classes in the college world stood upon a common level—the Faculty alone excepted. College deacons, the sons of missionaries, irreverent scientifics, devout theologues, society men and neutrals, high-stand and low-stand men, teachers in mission Sunday-schools, *Lit.* editors and *Courant* penny-a-liners, all met at Frank's, and drowned their differences of pursuit and belief in Bass' ale, of the same brand and quality as that manufactured in the days of "Ivanhoe" at Burton-on-Trent. Of course Moriarty's house was one of the places always visited

by graduates of the college whenever they returned to New Haven. The "old times" of their own college life were revived more effectively there than anywhere else, because the establishment remained practically unchanged. No one ever discerned any signs of growing old in Moriarty and his wife. As a matter of fact, Frank did become more gouty, but his face still retains its old good-humored smile, and his portly wife still fills a tumbler as quickly as she did many years ago. So they have gone out of business. Not strictly connected with the college, they still have incorporated themselves in the minds of many educated men as a part of the venerable seat of learning in New Haven. Fortunately they enter upon their long vacation in prosperous circumstances; and, although we can not commend their occupation, yet justice requires us to say that few could extract a better influence than they did from a business which an educated moral judgment and statistics alike condemn.

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#### A PHI GIRL'S LETTER.

STRAWS show which way the wind blows. This straw shows in what repute Phi Delta Theta is held by the fair of Indianapolis. The following was received by one of our Indiana Gamma boys in response to an invitation sent to a lady (through a friend) asking her company to a banquet given by the Indiana Gamma :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., APRIL 26th, 1875.

*My Beloved:*

My heart is broken beyond repair by sealing-wax or sticking plaster. I am a ruined tower; my wings are clipt; I shall no longer soar the ethereal depths of heaven, and pour out my joy in sublime cachinnations. My hopes are dashed to the ground; they lie gravel-

ing in the dust, chewing the bitter end of disappointment. Impenetrable darkness envelops my auburn cranial poll (and my pen scratches like the Dickens). But why speak in parables? The great question agitating your mind is, "go I to the Phi party or go I not?" And out of the darkness and despair a sepulchral voice answers: "*Go thou can not.*" I shall clothe myself in my sackcloth polonaise with a bias band of ashes, and go into the valley of Hepsedam, where the young lion roareth and the whangdoodle mourneth for the loss of true love. There will I lift up my voice and mingle my cries with the mournful murmur of the leviathan, and my tears with the crocodile, and draw sweet sympathy from the Mithorynchus. But if my sorrows prove too much for my snowy, dew-dropy, rose-budy spirit, I will lay me down in peace 'neath the spreading branches of the noble telegraph pole and close my eyes in sweet repose: and the turkey buzzards will cover me with burdock leaves and weave a chaplet of pennyroyal for my brow, and the beasts of the forest and the fishes of the aqueous vapor and the birds of the atmosphere will chant a requiem over me, and strew golden sun-flowers over my lowly couch; and the steam cars and the Massachusetts avenue depot, and the little lop-eared, lantern-jawed, bow-limbed, darling scholars and the crazy lunatics will miss me, and will cry aloud for me, but the sons of men will know me no more; and the cold unfeeling world will erect a lofty memorial, saying that I was a victim of unrequited affection and *yaller jandis*. But thou wilt know better. To the noble brave who was to guide my faltering steps to the party, I send greeting. Tell him to go with some fairer maiden and be happy. I am now and forever a blighted being, a shattered bark.

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## BLIND BARTIMEUS.

Lonely I sit by the wayside  
To rest me, weary and worn;  
And the tide of my woe sweeps over my heart,  
Till I sigh that I ever was born.

Heaven bless the kind hand that would slay me,  
For my life is worth not a song.  
O! God, how oft I have wished I were dead;  
Forgive me if it be wrong.

I am poor, and blind, and friendless,  
With no home to shelter my head;  
Is it strange one so helpless and hopeless as I  
Should wish that he were dead?

Not a heart nor a hand to help me,  
Life's bitter burden to bear,  
I might die like a dog, and the pitiless world  
Would never know nor care.

The path has been long and weary,  
That I have trodden to-day;  
Through a scorching sun and a burning sand,  
With no one to lead the way.

But I've staggered on in my blindness,  
Still hoping some friendly hand  
Would give me a pittance, for charity's sake,  
To stifle my hunger's demand;

But all in vain, and my burden  
Is greater than I can bear.  
Were I not such a coward this soon might end;  
But ah! I do not dare.

O why are thy gifts so unequal,  
Thou Ruler of all the earth?  
Every cup hath in it some joy, save mine;  
My cup hath been bitter from birth.

O, God! for one ray of thy sunlight,  
To cleave this thick darkness of mine,  
To scatter the midnight of gloom from my soul,  
By its wonderful power divine.

But no; all is dark and hopeless;  
I can only grope on and on;  
My future will be what my past hath been—  
A night with never a dawn.

The beauties of bounteous nature  
Unfold for other eyes.  
The pleasure of home, and kindred, and friends,  
Are not for me to prize.

The flowers that bloom on the hillside,  
The glittering stars in the sky,  
May glow with God's light, but they give not a ray  
Of joy to my sightless eye.

To have seen the fond face of my mother,  
With its tenderest look of love,  
I would almost have given—God pardon the thought—  
My hope of Heaven above.

But stop; I think I remember,  
As I plodded my weary way,  
Some one by the wayside, as I passed by,  
Strange words began to say.

Yes, yes; I do remember  
That I heard, as I traveled my way,  
That a prophet had risen, more wonderful far  
Than any of ancient day.

A descendant of David, called Jesus,  
A man of miraculous might,  
Who can cure all diseases; would God he were here,  
He might even restore my sight.

Hark! a sound as of some one approaching;  
Heaven grant that it may be a friend,  
Who, in my distress and my hunger and want,  
May timely assistance lend.

Hark! again? 'Tis the voice of many,  
 And the hum of their voices I hear.  
 May they pity the woes of the poor and blind.  
 They come nearer, and yet more near.

Oh, God, that it might be the Prophet.  
 Ah! hear. They are coming nigh.  
 Lord help me, in some way, a blessing to gain,  
 Before they have passed me by.

Ha! Jesus is there, for I hear Him;  
 That voice could be none but his.  
 Oh! heaven, may the Prophet but open mine eyes;  
 This only, I ask but this.

O! Jesus, thou son of David,  
 Have mercy, have mercy on me.  
 No, no; I will not, I can not be still,  
 While yet one hope there may be.

Thou son of David, have mercy.  
 Light! light! O grant me light!  
 O pass me not by without thine boon;  
 My sight, O give me my sight.

They are leaving me. Help, O Heaven!  
 Hath the Prophet not heard my cry?  
 Is his heart as hard as the cruel world?  
 Will he leave me here to die?

Joy, joy, the Master is calling;  
 He hath heard me, he pities my woes.  
 Lead me to the Prophet. Ah! can it be  
 That all my anguish he knows?

Hark! what is the Master saying  
 To me; yes, even to me?  
 "Speak; what wilt thou have me to do unto thee?"  
 O! Lord, that I might see.

"Arise, go thy way," he tells me,  
 "Thy faith hath made thee whole."  
 O, raptures! What heavenly radiance is this  
 Pouring in on my darkened soul?

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Light, glorious light, is streaming  
Into these blind eyes of mine.  
O! thanks be to God that I have lived  
To behold this light divine.

Kind Heaven, forgive my complaining,  
And pardon the wish to die;  
I am no longer poor, I am rich, *rich*, RICH;  
Glory to God most high.

CHAS. GROENENDYKE.

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GEN. THEODORE READ.

The following sketch of General Theodore Read, which appeared in a Cincinnati paper soon after the close of the rebellion, is furnished by Bro. A. G. Foster, Indiana Alpha, of which chapter General Read was a member :

In the whole history of this dreadful war of the rebellion, which has cost such hecatombs of precious human lives, a more gallant and accomplished soldier had not been offered upon the altar of his country than General Theodore Read, the late Adjutant-General of the Army of the James. His fall seems to be more sad—to his friends heart-rending—as after having encountered hairbreadth escapes almost without number, having borne all the horrors of the various campaigns toward Richmond, in which no officer of his rank had been more conspicuous, and suffered from wounds all that human nature could endure, he should at last have fallen in the desperate closing struggle. General Read had not yet attained his thirtieth year, and was in person and bearing, as nearly as is ever found in an individual man, the impersonation of perfect manhood. Prompt in action, eloquent in language, cultivated in literary

taste, with a moral and physical courage which never quailed, and with a power of dispatching business which rendered him invaluable in the Adjutant-General's department, he was withal wholly free from vice—more free from all vicious or wrong habits, a prominent General with whom he long served declared, than any young man he ever knew. General Read was the son of Professor Daniel Read, formerly a Professor in the Ohio University at Athens, where the subject of this sketch was born; a nephew of the late Judge N. C. Read, formerly of the Ohio Supreme Bench; also of Captain Abner Read, commander of the famous New London—the Black Devil, so called by the rebels—who was killed on the Mississippi in the summer of 1863, and likewise of Colonel Sheridan P. Read, who fell at Murfreesboro. It will be seen that he belonged to a family which has poured out its blood as water to maintain our nationality. He graduated in the Indiana State University at Bloomington, in which his father had become a professor, and studied law with Judge Hughes, late of the Court of Claims. Before he was twenty years old, he was appointed by Governor Joseph A. Wright, the State's Attorney for an important district of counties in Indiana. Soon after he accepted an appointment in the General Land Office at Washington, where he spent some three years, during which time he saw the practical workings of our Government and greatly extended his professional and general reading. Having now completed the discipline which he contemplated for professional and public life, he visited Texas and spent some months there with a view of ascertaining the advantages it offered, but finally concluded to settle in Illinois, where the war found him—at

Paris, in Edgar county, having resided there a little over a year in association with his uncle—Sheridan P. Read, Esq. It was from this place that, upon the President's first call for men for the three month's service, he enlisted as a private soldier. There is another touching part of this history. It was only in November last that General Read was married to a young lady, in every grace and accomplishment of mind and person worthy such a husband—Miss Mary Vincent, only daughter of John A. Vincent, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio. Very soon after his marriage he went to the front, but upon his being appointed to an important military commission to sit at Norfolk, and which would require some weeks, the young wife joined him there. She was still there to receive her husband upon his return from a short and final campaign when the dreadful tidings of his death reached her and smote her to the earth. The following obituary sketch was published in the Richmond Whig of the 13th inst. It is from the pen of a distinguished military officer who has been conspicuous in the great events which have just occurred, and it will not fail to move the heart of every reader :

Having entered the three months service, General Read was, in October, 1861, appointed Captain and A. A. General per Gen. W. T. H. Brooks. On the 2d of July, 1864, he was promoted to Major, still in the Adjutant-General's department. In the march down the Peninsula, he was wounded, also at Chancellorsville and Cold Harbor. His energy, intelligence, courage and devotion elicited the warmest commendation from the Generals, who prized his services in those trying times, and in General Orders his merits were frequently recognized for deeds that splendidly illustrated our nation's history. Recommended for the rank of Brigadier General by Generals Sedgwick, Franklin, Smith, Brooks and other commanders, his career was opening with a promise all the more bright, that his ardent youth and the graces of his accomplished mind, were adorned by a justifiable and ennobling ambition, when he was summoned away. The manner of his death exhibited

a prominent consistency with a life at once useful and distinguished. On the 6th of April, in order to impede, if not arrest Lee's retreat, it became necessary to destroy the high bridge crossing the Appomattox, east of Farmville, Virginia. A force of eighty Massachusetts cavalry and six hundred infantry, that had the day before marched twenty-seven miles, started at four in the morning to accomplish this object. At six A. M. Gen. Ord determined to render the bridge simply temporarily useless. An officer of intelligence, to discern the propriety of carrying out certain orders, and one who possessed qualifications required in a commander, was immediately wanted. The crisis was important. Read volunteered, and galloping a weary way to the front, found himself, at four in the afternoon, in command of this small, tired but gallant force, opposed to two divisions of rebel infantry and some cavalry, who, quite aware of the vital value of the position, in overwhelming numbers had cut off the Federal forces, and were proceeding to annihilate them. Then commenced, according to rebel accounts, one of the most gallant hand-to-hand contests of the war: on one side to delay their retreat; on the other, to gain a place of safety. To say that General Read distinguished himself is not all; so fearless, so energetic and animated was his leadership, that the enemy themselves caught the enthusiasm of his own troops, and presented the curious anomaly of combatants cheering for a gallant opponent. Some of the Confederate generals subsequently captured gave the particulars of this closing scene, and spoke of him in the highest terms of admiration. He was shot through the body, and, dying on the field, was buried by the enemy, who held the ground. Thus while the salutes of the fall of Richmond and Petersburg were falling on his ear, and the air was ringing with a nation's glad shouts of joy and thankfulness for dangers past and glorious peace to come, and while the heart was swelling with a prospect of a final and assured success, he closed his eyes in a soldier's death—not permitted to behold the promised fulfillment for which we have fought and toiled so long.

There is an account of the particular manner of Gen. Read's death from the New York Times' correspondent, which has been extensively published—that Gen. Read and the rebel Gen. Deering met in the midst of the desperate contest here spoken of, and in a personal rencontre Gen. Read fell dead and Gen. Deering mortally wounded. In any such contest Gen. Read would be at a disadvantage, as from a wound in the

shoulder by a shell, which carried away the acromion process and deltoid muscle, he had no power of raising one arm. This account, by any direct information, is, however, not known to be authentic. The correspondent of the New York *Herald* speaks of the fighting on this occasion as probably the most desperate of the war. All the accounts, public and private, agree in this, that Gen. Read exhibited a sublimity of daring and self-devotion which has never been surpassed in the annals of warfare. He died the last hero-martyr in the overthrow of Lee's army.

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WILLIAM T. STOTT, D. D.

Wm. T. Stott was born near Vernon, Jennings county, Ind., May 22, 1836. In 1853 he entered Sardinia Academy, and studied there the greater part of three years. In 1856 he entered Franklin College. He met the realities of work with a will, studying and laboring for his own support—house-painting, teaching extra classes in college, and classes in music throughout the country. He joined the Fraternity in his eighteenth year. Graduating in June, 1861, he entered the army in August of the same year. After serving two years as a private, he was promoted to a captaincy, assuming command of Company I, 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was in fifteen battles, and commanded his regiment at Cedar Creek, Shenandoah Valley. While absent in the service of his country he felt called to the Christian ministry, and entered Rochester Theological Seminary in 1865, where he graduated in 1868. After the manner of students, he took unto himself a wife from among the daughters of the place where he was educated—Miss

Arabella R. Tracy, of Rochester, whose head, hand and heart have ever been in the most sympathetic activity with her husband in all his undertakings. After graduation and marriage, he returned to the West, and settled as pastor of the Baptist Church, at Columbus, Ind. Remaining there a year, he was called to the Chair of Natural Sciences in his *alma mater*, and also to act as president. Subsequently, in 1872, having shown himself a good officer, he was fully installed in the presidency, the honors of which he now bears with distinguished fidelity. Dr. Stott is a venerable young man. His thinness of hair indicates a wisdom that is without years to correspond. His gravity is incident to his position, and not innate. Congenial associates find him lively and sociable. With a preference for the Natural Sciences, his mind engages itself considerably with fundamental truths. The teaching faculty with him is natural. As a disciplinarian, his steady nerve, firmness and faithfulness make him equal to all requirements. As a Christian and preacher he is straight and plain, not wavering in faith or doubtful in doctrine.

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#### JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

In 1870 John E. Johnston came to the University of Missouri. He entered the Senior Class, which at that time consisted of quite a number of talented young men besides himself. He graduated in June, 1871, taking the first three honors of his class. Possessing a genius that never flagged for an instant, he was endowed with all those elements calculated to make a man useful and brilliant in society. He was alike able in the literary society and class-room, and by his perseverance and an

unimpeachable character, he won the love and esteem of both faculty and students. Bro. Johnston joined the Phi Delta Theta while in the Missouri University, and aided greatly in giving power and influence to the chapter. After graduating he went to Holden, Mo., and was shortly afterwards admitted to the bar. He continued in the work of his profession until the time of his death, April 15, 1876. By his energy and industry, his faithfulness to the profession, and all those qualities which had characterized him while in college, he became "the rose and expectancy" of the profession there. He died when, according to our mere mortal thinking, he should have lived.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE MISSOURI ALPHA.

WHEREAS, It has seemed good in the mysterious providence of a beneficent God to call from among us our beloved brother John E. Johnston; therefore, be it resolved by the Missouri Alpha:

I. That in the death of this our brother, whose memory we fondly cherish, and whose death we sincerely lament, we have lost a true friend, and an honored, distinguished and worthy member, and society a bright and shining ornament.

II. That we extend to the bereaved family and home-circle of the deceased brother, our heartfelt sympathies, and that we lament with them the loss of one so worthy, so promising, so noble, and so true.

III. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE SCROLL for publication.

N. W. HALSTEAD.

PERSONALS.

D. F. GARD, Ohio Delta, is farming near Springfield, O.

W. E. SHERWOOD, Missouri Alpha, is practicing law in St. Joseph, Mo.

SAM. RICHARDS, Indiana Beta, is fast becoming famous as an artist.

T. C. EARLY, Missouri Alpha, is local editor of the *Sedalia, Mo., Democrat*.

GEN. BEN. HARRISON is spending the summer among the Northern lakes, fishing.

DR. S. T. QUICK, Indiana Alpha, has taken up his permanent residence in Edinburg, Ind.

H. W. COULTRAP, Ohio Beta, is a member of the aspiring legal fraternity of McArthur, O.

ELDER WALTER TINGLEY, Indiana Gamma, and wife have migrated from Ohio to Kansas.

S. C. ROGERS, Missouri Alpha, is principal of the high school at Kneiptow, Mo.—if there is such a place.

EUGENE FIELD, Missouri Alpha, is wielding the keen shafts of his gray goose quill as assistant editor of the *St Joseph Gazette*.

EMMITT TOMPKINS, Ohio Beta, is practicing law in Athens, Ohio. He is pleasantly remembered by many old chums as “the funny man.”

WM. T. VILAS, Wisconsin Alpha, Madison, Wis., a leading lawyer of that city, took a prominent part in the St. Louis National Democratic Convention.

FRED. G. ANDREWS, New York Alpha, is studying law in Chicago, and may be addressed at 44 Portland Block. He is *sub ala* of Bro. Wilson of the Ohio Delta.

IT is not generally known that the first honor man, at the Inter-State Collegiate Oratorical Association contest, held at Chicago, last April, was Bro. Noland, a Phi Delta Theta from the Missouri Beta. The representatives from Illinois and Indiana were also Phis.

BRO. GRISWOLD, Michigan Beta, '75, is a rising apiarist of Northville, Mich. May his sweet little friends never make him rise with undue precipitation.

THE Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity hold their National Convention in Philadelphia, on the 12th and 13th of July. The Sigma Chi at the same place in October.

SOMEBODY says that L. L. Bristow, our poetical sub-editor in the Kentucky Gamma, is a relative of ex-Secretary Bristow. If so, we congratulate both of them.

GEO. S. HAMMOND, Ohio Delta, '76, has recently entered the book business in Dayton, Ohio, under the firm name of Sullivan & Hammond. He is at 430 East Fifth street.

BRO. CRANE, Michigan Beta, '75, we are told, spends his time in examining the qualifications of school marms. He should carefully confine his researches to their mental attainments.

IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana Gamma, '59, is vice-president of the Shaw Carriage Company, of Indianapolis. He delivered the alumni address at the recent commencement of his *alma mater*.

CHAS. A. MURRAY, Indiana Zeta, '75, has been principal of the Connersville Graded School for the past year, but has an ultimate hankering for Blackstone. He recently paid THE SCROLL a flying visit.

SOMEBODY asks if President Buchanan and the orator Breckinridge were not members of the Kentucky Alpha? Just as likely as not. That chapter has turned out hosts of distinguished men. Will the boys down there investigate?

THE editor of THE SCROLL celebrated his Fourth of July by taking a little balloon trip one hour and twenty miles long and three miles wide. It was a balloon wedding, but he is happy to state that he was not one of the high contracting parties.

CHARLEY C. BROWN, New York Alpha, has been in the office of Prof. Smart, Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction, since leaving Cornell, and will probably retain the situation another year. Charley has a genius for good, faithful work that will always command success.

FRED. J. STANLEY, Indiana Beta, '73, and lately of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, was married, June 7th, to Miss Lena Armstrong, of Prescott, Wis. The readers of THE SCROLL may remember a paragraph in regard to Bro. Stanley's excellent success in preaching at Prescott last summer. It seems that he made one convert, at least. He will probably settle at Prescott, as the pastor of a flourishing Presbyterian Church. He has the heart-felt congratulations and good wishes of THE SCROLL.

W. S. YEATES, of Emory and Henry College, sends THE SCROLL some interesting notes from Washington, where he is stopping a few days with his father, Jesse J. Yeates, M. C. He met our congressmen, Brothers Hamilton, of Indiana, and Philips, of Missouri, and speaks of them both as splendid gentlemen. The latter has a son who is a Phi. The former has been re-nominated for congress by the Democrats of his district. Bro. Yeates can be addressed for the summer at Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

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### THE NEW YORK ALPHA.

The New York Alpha has fallen—fallen like Lucifer, never to rise again, and for similar reasons, pride and selfishness. To say that it was the best chapter in the Fraternity might do injustice to others, but a brighter prospect and better surroundings were possessed by none. The chapter was born and nurtured amid difficulties and discouraging circumstances, but at the beginning of the late college year these had yielded to earnest work, and not one of the eight fraternities at Cornell had a better reputation for scholarship or good-fellowship. The members were numerous and mostly in easy circumstances financially, and a new and handsome hall, with suits of rooms annexed, had been fitted up. A reference to page one hundred and forty-seven of last year's SCROLL will show that the danger was not altogether unforeseen, but the warning was unavailing. The story of the decline and downfall is long and unpleasant. It may be summed up in this: incompatibility of temperament and tastes, with an intense and stubborn selfish-

ness which refused to yield anything to the general good and pleasure. There were wheels within wheels, and matters went from bad to worse, until early in April, one faction determined to overthrow the chapter, and carried the thing through by storm at the next meeting, many of the members being ignorant of any trouble until they reached the hall. The sole opposing voice to the proposition to send back the charter—and to his lasting honor be it said—was that of Charley Cooper, and he resisted long and well and filed his solitary protest with the National Grand against the proceeding. Though unsuccessful, he has the proud consciousness of having acted a manly and honorable part, and he richly deserves the respect and plaudits of his brothers in the Order. Perhaps it were best to stop just here. We have no words of censure for the younger and less influential members who were persuaded and frightened into taking a step which they soon bitterly regretted. H. A. Rueppele, '76, was the active cause of the trouble, because he wished to join another fraternity, and he met a merited reward in expulsion by the National Grand. But what can be said in defense of his action whose influence in the chapter was almost absolute, by reason of long membership, distinguished ability, and a most persuasive manner? To whom could the members look for aid and strength in time of trouble, if not to the senior founder of the chapter? William E. Lucas, by his own confession, threw his influence in favor of sending back the charter, prepared and urged the resolutions to that effect, and now takes considerable credit to himself for not immediately joining another fraternity. Further comment is unnecessary.

## ABOUT OURSELVES.

The convention will be asked to take some definite action in regard to the future of *THE SCROLL*. The present board hardly feel willing to continue its publication longer than for the present year. Having developed the idea of the magazine, and established it on a firm footing, it would seem but simple justice to all parties concerned that they be allowed to retire and active members take their places. It undoubtedly requires some work to issue such a publication—work which active members have more time and interest for performing, and which, coming as it does within the scope of their literary training, might be made the means of much valuable culture. There is, also, another change which should be made. The publishers have assumed the pecuniary responsibility of the magazine so far, and any one who has had much experience with college publications will not need be told that the work is far from light, and the excess of assets over liabilities at the end of the year is not enormous. A much more satisfactory arrangement, and one calculated to extend the field of its usefulness, would be for the Fraternity to subsidize *THE SCROLL* and send it to all members. With its present size the cost of publication is quite moderate, and the undoubted benefit of such a magazine would seem sufficient inducement to expend the amount required. It is, therefore, requested that a new board of publication be appointed, and recommended that a change be made in the financial basis. As to the number to be appointed on such a board, the convention must decide for itself, only remembering that sad experience teaches that the amount and quality of work varies inversely with the number of workers.

## VACATION.

If there is any fun to be subtracted from the hot summer months of vacation, the Phis are certain to get it out. Hunting, fishing, rowing, riding, playing croquet with the girls, or dozing away the sultry afternoons in a hammock, over Bret Harte's latest, getting robbed at Niagara or scalped in the Black Hills—it's all the same just so you have a good time and tell *THE SCROLL* all about it in the fall. Seems as if we had forgotten something. Why, of course—politics and the Centennial, the very biggest things out. May everybody's party come out ahead, and the Phis descend on Philadelphia like bears on a bee gum.

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**BEFORE** all things else we should have an effective and competent executive committee. Its powers should be extensive and subject only to the national convention.

**THIS** time it is the Missouri Beta that puts in its first appearance, under the auspices of the man who "scooped" the Chicago oratorical prize. Shake, Bro. Noland!

**THE SCROLL** sincerely congratulates the Fraternity on the change of the convention from Wooster to Philadelphia, and believes that the increased attendance and interest will prove the wisdom of the choice. It will try to be there.

**BRO. SHIPMAN**, a member of the committee on ritual at Danville, very sensibly suggests that individual members work up something they like and present it to the convention for consideration, rather than that the matter be left to a necessarily hasty committee meeting. The desirability of some action is apparent.

PARTICULAR attention is called to the little gem "Infelicissime," on the first page of this number. It is an imitation of the Greek, and the incident on which it is founded really transpired, as the bleak shores of Nahant might testify. Mr. Sinks, the writer, is an artist of Indianapolis who excels alike with brush and pen.

THE catalogue has not yet been issued and THE SCROLL is a day or two behind schedule time. Yes, we are all "poor miserable sinners," but the brothers will please bear in mind that the stern requirements of active business often leave but slender opportunities for anything else. A strong effort will be made to get the catalogue out immediately after the convention, as it is expected that a large number of corrections and additions will be made there.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

*Songs of the Phi Delta Theta: Edited and published by P. W. Search, Marion, O.* It would be difficult indeed to find fault with the mechanical excellence of the dainty book of songs which Bro. Search has just issued. A thin 12 mo. printed on a heavy, tinted paper, handsomely bound and in full gilt, it is a real credit to the Fraternity. The songs themselves will average well with similar publications of other fraternities. They have been almost all written by members yet in college and while they may lack, somewhat, the polish and melodious flow of more mature efforts, many have indications of that true poetic flame which finds its fittest expression in song. Particular mention may be made of the "Good Night," by our deceased brother, J. E. Taylor, California Alpha. It is not too much to say that it is worthy of being the production of Tom Moore and has much of Moore's melodious adaptation of sound to sense. "Prospective Retrospective," by W. D. Shipman, Ohio Eta, is good, and Bro. Search himself has contributed several ringing additions to the collection. The book will be a valuable addition to chapter meetings and we bespeak a liberal support for it financially. The member who does not buy a copy, inflicts a loss on Bro. Search and a greater one on himself.

*The Index: Published by the Fraternities of the University of Wooster.* If this attractive volume, which Bro. J. W. Taylor, Ohio Zeta, has laid on THE SCROLL table with his compliments, is a fair index of the fraternities of Wooster, they certainly are prospering. R. V. Hunter is the Phi member of the board. The chapter cut of our coat of arms facing the list of members, is the most elaborate and beautiful combination of our emblems yet made.

*The Virginia University Magazine, edited by A. M. Robinson and W. S. Perry.* Here is a college magazine which anybody of culture and taste could read with interest—a statement that would not hold good of the vast majority of college publications. The editors are not only good writers, but also (which is rarer) good editors. The description of an old Virginia gentleman, in the article entitled “F. F. V.,” is worthy of a place in the *Atlantic Monthly*—or anywhere else.

To Bro. W. S. Yeates, THE SCROLL is indebted for copies of the *Southern Collegian*, published at Washington and Lee University, and the initial number of the *Emory and Henry Casket*. The latter has yet to learn what the former has not fully realized, viz: that the mission of a college paper is to give college news and leave literary efforts to the quarterly magazines.

*The College Transcript: Published at O. W. University, Delaware, Ohio.* A lively and readable fortnightly paper, which must be better supported than many college papers, for it has a good variety of excellent contributions, and the selections show good judgment. Charley Read sent it.

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#### THE CONVENTION.

The work of the convention need not consume much time. We have a few rules, the effect of which we have not had time to learn. There is need of but little change of our present system. The choosing of an executive committee who know the wants of the Fraternity, and the investing of them with complete power to act in certain specified matters, is the most needed of anything. We should take some action which will afford material aid to THE SCROLL. We can do that in this way: appoint the next convention for some time in 1879; then devote our means to building up THE SCROLL. There is nothing to hinder this. THE SCROLL will be the means of keeping us informed and united. The executive committee can take charge of all business not provided for at the convention. The system of reports of initiations to the Grand Banker, will keep a full record of all members. Thus

we can build up THE SCROLL and tax the chapters less; allowing them more means to provide and adorn their chapter halls. I hope the convention will see the importance of these things, viz: An executive committee; aid to THE SCROLL; triennial conventions; prompt chapter reports to the Grand Banker; less taxation and more money devoted to chapter interests. This is a brief of our work as I see it. Others may have different ideas and better. But allow me to submit these.

Yours ever truly,

In the bond,

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

## CHAPTER REPORTS.

### INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, INDIANA, MAY 7—We have nine members in regular attendance, viz: One Senior, one Junior, four Sophomores, one Freshman and two Senior Preps. A Phi took the honors of every class except the Junior and Senior, and they took second honors, so I think that will leave us in a good condition. We have *the* chapter of Hanover. Hope we will see you all at Philadelphia in July.

LOUIS SCHLOSS.

### IOWA ALPHA.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, MAY 22—Since our last report, we have initiated four men. We have a chapter now of fifteen. We graduate three men in June, all good fellows, our "sun-beam" being one of the number. One of our Seniors withdrew from the Fraternity about three weeks ago; just in time to save some of the boys the trouble of preferring charges against him. As a chapter we are doing well. Our last man initiated, C. A. Roads, is a cousin to Clarence Roads, one of the charter members of the Nebraska Alpha. Our Roads is a fine fellow, and I am sure he is on the roads to future greatness, as is every true Phi.

J. S. KLINE.

### OHIO BETA.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, OHIO, JUNE 15—There are eight men in the Beta this time. Since our last report, C. A. Wilson has stepped down and out and is no longer a member of the Fraternity. Other than this we have undergone no changes. THE SCROLL received a hearty welcome. We toast it in the expressive language of a Hibernian, "May it live long and never die. When it does die, may it not die, but pine away like a daisy." The boys here are enthusiastically in

favor of holding the convention in Philadelphia. We are confident that the assemblage of Phis there would excite more admiration than a successful exhibition of the Keeley Motor. First, last and all the time for Philadelphia.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 24—The banner chapter of the East is still flourishing. Since our last report we have augmented our numbers by two excellent men, and have moved into a new hall. On last evening we had our "hearth-warming," and it was a glorious revival of true fraternal spirit, and a pledge of our future prosperity. Our new hall is attractive and cheerful, and we are all elated over our success during the past three years. We all favor the holding of the convention at the time of our re-union. We now number twenty-nine, distributed as follows: ten Seniors, six Juniors, eight Sophomores and five Freshmen. In our late Junior oratorical contest, Bro. F. H. Moore carried off a prize.

W. J. ALEXANDER.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA.

CENTER COLLEGE, DANVILLE, KENTUCKY, MAY 19—The standard of Phi Delta Theta still proudly waves o'er the "blooded" band of the Alpha chapter of the bluegrass state. I fear that the sportive God of Love has shot his poisoned arrows from the laughing eyes of some fair smiling lass into the hearts of our members, and that they are fast drifting down the stream of time, soon to be dashed to pieces on the rocks of Hymen's glittering strand. But you, O boys, "know how 'tis yourself," with the maids of "Kaintuck!" What we lack in quantity we gain in quality of our boys. The opposition fraternities here are not doing much, with the exception of the Beta Theta Pi, which society seems to try to gain in numbers what it lacks in other respects. We expect to be represented at Philadelphia and are anticipating a "feast of reason and flow of soul" at the re-union.

E. E. PHILIPS.

#### OHIO ZETA.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER, OHIO, JUNE 1—A few weeks ago we received the charter of the New York Alpha, together with the news that they could not maintain the organization longer, on account of dissatisfaction among the members; also, the resignation of two of the members. After receiving the charter we expelled Messrs. Rueppel and Kappes. We have also expelled a former member of the Ohio Alpha, Withrow; and all this on the ground that he that is not with us is against us. We believe in a general overhauling and

casting out of the worthless. We are fighting the Phi Kappas, Sigma Chis, and Betas combined, and will come off victorious. Will have three or more members at the convention. Have ordered song books from Bro. Search and would ask all to do likewise. We hear on all sides much interest manifested in the convention. **BRICK.**

#### MICHIGAN BETA.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LANSING, MICHIGAN, MAY 8—Prosperity continues. "Philadelphia or Wooster?" After discussing the subject thoroughly, our chapter thinks the change to the interest of the Fraternity at large, and we send our vote of approval accordingly. But to get the consent of this chapter, to increase the permanent fund with the addition Bro. Mason speaks of, would be a difficult task. Will some brother be kind enough to preach a sermon to the Michigan Beta, from the text, "Permanent Fund, its present and future benefit," and prove to us that it is better to put *needed* capital, where we only get a small per cent., than to use the principal itself? We are making strong efforts to get our new hall started this year. If we succeed, well; if we fail, we can survive only by hardships. Finance is the bugbear. May she explode. THE SCROLL has received many compliments from this quarter. **H. H. MILLS.**

#### GEORGIA DELTA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA., MAY 15.—We sorely regret that we have failed to put in an appearance in previous issues of THE SCROLL, and have resolved that our punctuality in the future shall prove our zeal. We have not flown off at the southern tangent from the grand old circle of the Phi Delta Theta. We are enjoying an unexcelled fraternity feeling; we sustain a high college standing, and have a respectable number of attendant members. We don't boast of the *quantity* but delight rather in the *quality* of our membership. Among the five rival fraternities in the University we recognize no peers. We expect to carry off a goodly part of the honors at our approaching commencement. Our highly esteemed and talented young brother, C. L. Moses, will deliver the anniversary address at the celebration of the college literary societies of the University, on the 26th of May. We most cheerfully approve the Centennial re-union. **J. S. BARFIELD.**

#### KENTUCKY GAMMA.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY, MAY 24—The Kentucky Gamma still holds its fort, and the interest among our boys is unabated. Commencement is upon us, and with its coming we lose, as graduates, four of our best members, one taking the A. M. degree.

We will still have seven members left—and of the best material in college—to hoist the colors of Phi Delta next year. We want to send a good delegation to the re-union in Philadelphia, four, at least. Last week the genial face of an old Phi, of last year's class, brightened our city. He stopped but a moment to give us a word of cheer and departed. But from an abundant growth of whiskers, and a happy look out of his eyes, we predict a speedy farewell to "single cussedness." Before parting for the year, we propose giving a grand farewell banquet. We have appointed a committee of arrangements, and will spare neither time nor money in making it a success. The Gamma favors the change of place of the convention.

L. L. BRISTOW.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, MAY 20—This chapter has been progressing since our last report. We have taken in a man of '78. We are feeling jubilant over Phi Delta Theta's oratorical victories. We had six old war horse Phi visit us within two weeks. The song book has made its appearance, and we wait patiently for the catalogue. We are sorry to see THE SCROLL so small, and would rather have the reports unabridged, because then we know more fully of the different chapter workings. The Phi Kappa Psi chapter here, their Indiana Beta, had a banquet on their anniversary, May 12th. Their chapter from Greencastle (the Indiana Alpha), attended. Their orator, Sam. E. Harwood, referred them to their brilliant prospects, etc., and said that while they had been progressing an enemy had visited their camp and stolen their laurels, referring to the number of representatives and the honors taken by Phi Delta Theta at the state and inter-state contest. Bro. McCoy, Indiana Alpha, '57, recently paid us a visit from his home in Dallas, Texas. The Kappa Kappa Gamma, a ladies' fraternity, held an anniversary banquet here, on April 28th. Their chapter from Greencastle was in attendance. Their banquet was quite a success, as about fifty Kappas attended. Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded at Monmouth, Illinois, and has at present twelve chapters.

A. GWYN FOSTER.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, MAY 23—I think we have accomplished a good work this term. When school commenced in September, we numbered only four; we now have fourteen attendant members. Bros. M. E. Sherwood and C. B. Sebastian having graduated in the law school, are trying the sweets of professional life. We have six of the graduating class and two in the medical department, and in the academical department two Seniors, three Juni-

ors and one Soph. We can see no good reason, not even the shadow of one, why the Phis should not have a grand reunion at Philadelphia some time in July. As for the publication of THE SCROLL, we consider that absolutely necessary to keep soul and body of Phi Delta Theta together. We have established a Missouri Beta at Central College. They have six members at present, though it is not more than two weeks old. N. B. Noland, the champion orator at Chicago, is one of the charter members. It was understood with him before he represented the state that he should become a member as soon as we could establish the chapter. There is no other literary society in the institution, but some stunning good boys, and we have struck a few. For the founding of this chapter we are especially indebted to Bro. T. P. Lee.

N. W. HALSTEAD.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 25—Your "sub-editor," not having received instructions, telling him how to proceed in making his report, will run on as usual. In my last, a slight hint of trouble brewing was given. The storm broke upon us, but we weathered it safely, and the sunlight of prosperity never shone more brightly upon us than at the present writing. An unfortunate choice of one man, who drew several others in his footsteps, was the cause. Too much of a desire on their part to run affairs generally after their own liking, led to a separation. Those resigning are as follows: Peter T. Riley, Reginald H. Webster, J. Q. Brown, Alex. H. Bailey, Frank Whitcomb and Fred. Zeile. Riley was the ring-leader and Whitcomb was a little "too cute," and somewhat different from what we had anticipated. While I am writing, Bro. Henderson comes in, overwhelms us with a bundle, and lo! THE SCROLL has arrived. Well! It is extra neat and tasty and full of meat, otherwise lots of good things in it. It is smaller than formerly, but like condensed milk, richer. To continue; we feel badly at having so many leave us, not knowing exactly what our sister chapters would think of it, but upon finding that similar occurrences had happened elsewhere, do not feel so despondent. We are glad that a reliable jeweler has been decided upon; but why are garnets (red) used? We thought the fraternity colors were blue and white. Bro. Reinstein, of '73, has one with turquoise and pearls, which is very handsome. The officers of class day have been elected. We have the president, orator, poet and historian, viz: president, T. G. Yager; orator, J. N. E. Wilson; historian, A. C. Bradford. The competition for commencement parts takes place May 19th; two of our boys "will be thar." Bro. Lenfirth, '74, is in Salt Lake City, pursuing his vocation of assaying. Arrangements are being made to hold a banquet at the close of the

term. If the convention is this year held at Philadelphia, it is more than probable that quite a number of our boys will be there. It would make it very pleasant for us. And now with a thesis, an oration and poem on hand and under way, your sub-editor must, for the time, cry out, "quits."

BENJ. P. WALL.

#### OHIO GAMMA.

O. W. UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, OHIO, MAY 15—Since our last report was forwarded we have made an addition of three new men, and an old Phi, who has just returned to graduate with '76, giving us ten members. We expect to have possession of a new hall in about a week. THE SCROLL has been gladly received and eagerly read. We have the new song book, and think it does honor both to the Fraternity and to its compiler. The Chi Phis here have seventeen members; the Betas, fifteen; the Phi Gammas, twelve; the Phi Kaps, nine, and the Sigma Chis, three. Of our own men Bro. Newell is a senior, and is kept busy making up back studies, in the intervals when he is not perambulating the house. He is not very young, but still has a fondness for the opposite sex, and has never been known to cut on a meal. Fosdick and Wright (the gentlemen with incipient mustaches), are the base ballists of our tribe and, having serious doubts as to the propriety of studying between meals, give the doubts the preference. The latter hears from her regularly, but "'sdhill he don't was 'appy." Percival is married and fully believes "it is not meet for man to be alone;" at any rate, he does not leave her long or often. Richards has been there, too. Idleman is the champion declaimer of the University, and also holds the belt as a contortionist during prayer in chapel. Mefford is a nice fellow, and might make a heart-smasher if he would show himself more. Stewart is a real nice little fellow, also, and does not bother the ladies much. Cook minds h's own business and always has his lessons.

CHARLIE J. READ.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA.

EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD, GEORGIA, MAY, 19—Our number is one greater than it was when we last reported. There seems to be more interest taken in the Fraternity now than there has been for some time, and we are all animated with many hopes for the future. Our policy is to lay more stress upon morality and sociability than upon class standing. Our three seniors, who have about figured their last in the Greek arena, have always enjoyed a lion's share of college distinctions, and the class of '76 can truly be said to have added much to the glory of the Phi Delta Theta at this institution. All of them are natives of the orange-growing and musquito-infested peninsula of Flor-

ida. Bro. Saunders is a gentleman of the cloth, and should his alumnus days be as successful as his college days have been, there can be no doubt but that he will be one of the few who leave "footprints on the sands of time." Bro. Woodbury hails from the piney woods region bordering on the stream made famous by the poet in the lines—

"Way down upon the Sewanee river,"

He is also clerical, and will produce much good fruit in the gospel field. Bro. Barker, our veteran, is the most amiable member we have. It is thought by many that he will bid good bye to college and bachelor days at the same time, and that he will soon require "tickets for two" to the distant port of Key West. The "Captain" has long delayed taking the fatal step, but it is well known that about everything, he will take his own and plenty of time. Another Phi has been honored by being elected public speaker in one of our literary societies. We can also, without doubt, say that a splendid little brother at the "Prep." will, for highest class standing this year, be awarded the "scholarship;" in other words, a year's tuition in the college gratis. We recently spoiled a "little game" of the Chi Phis to "stuff" the ballot box, that they might elect one of their men to a position in a literary society. The proceeding was fully shown up, and brought disgrace upon the fraternity throughout the whole community. The song book has been received and it is very much liked, as is also the new "get-up" of THE SCROLL. We are in favor of the convention being held in Philadelphia, and we will try to have two men there. We send our best wishes to all who are ready with the golden shield and dagger to battle for the rights of the Phi Delta Theta.

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A Poem read before the Twenty-eighth Annual Reunion of the Phi Delta  
Theta at Philadelphia, July 13, 1876.

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BY WM. O. BATES.

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Oh! sylvan-mountained home of Penn,  
The nations gather at thy beck  
And shower their kingliest gifts to deck  
Thy halls and make thee known of men;

And must I come with empty hand,  
Nor add my offering to the feast?  
No, though of all it be the least  
Of these fair tributes to your land.

The ancient minstrel ever found  
In Scotland welcome where he went;  
He sang their heroes' deeds and lent  
An added charm, the sway of sound;

And so I sing of one you own,  
A Quaker-poet, mountain taught  
To seek the sky, oh! æronaut,  
What splendors shine for thee alone!

'Twere better if thy need had won  
A better pen to write thee "friend;"  
For this the wish must make amend  
And time will right thee, Donaldson.

Hast thou no place beside the tomb  
 Where laurel laden Franklin lies!  
 One called the lightning from the skies,  
 The other tracked it to its home.

A son of nature, mother-taught,  
 He worshiped nature face to face;  
 The trappings off of time and space,  
 Reveal the man by nature wrought.

Oh! ye who knew him as ye should,  
 Was ever knightlier hero born!  
 A man of iron to the storm  
 A child might lead him where it would.

Within his veins a fever burned  
 That scorned the drugs which drown the soul;  
 He held the heaven of the bowl  
 Of little worth and dearly earned.

Upon his brow the blighting ban  
 Of wasting sickness never came.  
 Ye courtiers, worshiping a name,  
 Come bow to nature's nobleman.

A head that Byron might have worn,  
 A strength that Ajax could not stay,  
 A soul that, like the soul of Ney,  
 Knew not the hour when fear was born.

What poet's fancy wildly free  
 Had thought to soar above the brine!  
 He dared the trial, and the shine  
 Was in his eyes of what will be.

At rest a nature genial, kind,  
 As tender-hearted as a girl;  
 In action fiercer than the whirl  
 Of torrents leaving naught behind.

Self-centered, silent and alone,  
 Not sooner does the thunder's crash  
 Succeed the blinding lightning's flash  
 Than action made his purpose known.

And is this *all*, oh! is *this* all!  
 A reckless ox Daedalian taught;  
 Must muscle triumph over thought  
 And impulse reign by reason's fall?

Ah! nature, how art thou maligned,  
 Our sagest sneering at thy law:  
 A lion in a cage of straw  
 Were better housed than such a mind.

"A ruddy drop of manly blood,"  
 'Tis said, "the surging sea out-weighs;"  
 Than this what needs he other praise  
 Whose life-tide ebb'd ere at the flood.

Oh! rarest union, *sana mens*  
*In sano corpore* was thine,  
 A wit that shamed the wit of wine.  
 A grasp of thought that, like the lens,  
 Revealed what others failed to see;  
 A poet of unwritten song;  
 An artist sighing at the throng  
 Of glowing creatures yet to be.

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The street is swaying with a throng  
 That asks and answers "will he go?"  
 And answer echoes "none may know  
 The end." A monster, giant-strong,  
 Is struggling, bowing to the gale;  
 Ye liliputians, now beware!  
 A fettered draggon pants for air,  
 Who rides him surely should be pale;  
 Yet he, of all least undismayed,  
 Returns in kind the merry scoff;  
 The word is given, he is off,  
 And cleaves the heavens like a blade.

"His life," they whisper, "pays the price  
 Of this rash act;" the lessened ball  
 The cloud engulfs, to them a pall.  
 To him the gates of Paradise.

What matter though the storm-clouds form  
 Above their heads an arch of gloom,  
 There shines the splendor of the noon  
 Above the storm, above the storm!

And so, a year ago, he passed,  
 Like kingly Arthur, from the sight  
 Of mortals, through the storm and night  
 To that first bourne which is the last.

We know not, no, nor ever can,  
 Or how or when he met the end;  
 For this I answer as his friend,  
 He died as he had lived—a man.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EDUCATED MEN.

An Oration Delivered before the Twenty-eighth Annual Reunion of the Phi  
 Delta Theta, at Philadelphia, Pa., July 13, 1876.

BY REV. J. M. WORRALL.

*Gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta; Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I have the honor of addressing an association whose members are, to a greater or less degree, men of letters. The origin of these societies whose grand Fraternity is represented in this meeting, is the literary institution, the college, or the university. Its members are first students, then members of the Fraternity. It is to be presumed that most of them are graduates of some institution of learning; and this bond which gathers them in fraternal conclave is one not only of college memories, but more especially of a literary nature; a sort of scholastic bond, holding together those who have enjoyed a like privilege and become possessed of a common treasure, whose object may be expressed as the fraternal culture and mutual encouragement of all its members in making greater advances and higher attainments in learning. There is a sphere and an atmosphere in which this life moves, and which it has attained through familiarity with letters, that is deemed sufficiently distinct to justify a fraternal organization based on its rights and relations. In an address before such a company it has seemed to me to be eminently proper to discuss some theme peculiarly related to the nature of the organization. I have therefore selected for the theme of discussion to-night, *The Responsibilities of Educated Men*.

Nor do I mean to assume here the high standard that so many have, I think arrogantly, claimed, that none are educated until they have mastered all the higher sciences, and become proficient in all the departments of learning. There is a display of pride, if not of pedantry, often

in this that unduly exalts the little that the boaster has learned, and wrongfully depreciates what has been fairly won by a less advanced learner. Knowledge is beautiful and wonderful in all its developments: when first it imparts its simplest lessons to the curious and awakened interest of the boy; when it leads its young votary still deeper into its mysterious recesses; or when it opens its higher treasures to the long, patient and successful searcher for its hidden wealth. But it is not true that he only is a learner, or that he only is educated who has grasped the higher lesson. Education is progressive, and while the young student or early graduate has much before him yet to learn, he that has mastered most and studied longest has not by any means mastered all: so that by the term educated men, I would admit all who have fairly and honestly mastered the early stages of progress and been admitted to the degrees of honor which are conferred by proper institutions of learning.

What now are the responsibilities that belong to men claiming these places? For be assured, my friends, that every gift conferred, and every place or position of advantage attained in this world, brings with it corresponding obligations; and he is unworthy of the favor of place or power or fortune who is not able to recognize its responsibility. How readily we admit this in regard to wealth or power—to personal influence or exalted station! And how easily it is forgotten by many when the obligation rests on talent or mental culture! Yet far above all other privileges that can be attained by men is this gift of reason, and these resources of education. These things at last make the great distinction among men. One is great and powerful, not for beauty, or wealth, or physical strength, but because of mental endowment and mental culture. One man affects his age and nation and writes his own history among the undecaying records of his country's purest glory; not by accidental gifts, or physical force or courage, but by the power of intellect, and with the pen of cultivated genius. Now is it right to judge that the accidents of wealth and station impose corresponding obligations; that position and power demand a rightful consideration; and that only the son of genius, the child of refined culture, is set free and all his wealth of endowment given for selfish gratification or idle pleasure? Does every domain of earthly power afford its tribute to the common wealth and the common benefit, but this highest of all save the gifts of the Divine Spirit? No, my friends, the expression '*Responsibilities of Educated Men*;' implies a noble heritage; and expresses a corresponding obligation!

It seems to me that this responsibility begins with the subject itself; and our consideration may be, first, The obligation of educated men toward literature itself. Among these first and most patent is the duty to cultivate it for itself. It is a great privilege to be brought to the

knowledge of letters and to have acquired the habits of study. It requires time and patience and industry to accomplish even this much, to say nothing of the outlay of wealth. Now if any men are bound to pursue the advantage gained, it must be those who have done so much already to attain it. If any are to be expected to go still deeper into the pleasing mysteries of knowledge, who reveals herself only to the diligent and devoted, it would be those who have learned the way and come to love the paths that lead to her hidden stores. Who shall be guardians of the temple of learning but her own initiated sons? Yet how often in the history of literary attainments in the past has the child of poverty and neglect, the student of the garret, he of the pale torch and of the few books, surpassed the graduate of the college, and pressed on in discovery, in learning, in invention, until the most brilliant triumphs, and the most masterly results have been won by these orphans of literature; while the favored child of opportunity has thrown down his vantage, and abandoned the struggle in idleness or pleasure. Noble and honorable for the hard-working and self-helping student! But shame on the one who had received the first gifts of learning so easily, only to abandon them so readily.

Of course there are demands of business, and profession, and family that may claim most of the time and thought of some or many of these that have passed the early college course; but besides all these claims are there not hours and opportunities when literature might have been cultivated? And when its culture would only have made the cares and duties of professional and domestic life more easy and agreeable? This great domain of letters is committed in part to each one who has been advanced to these literary honors; now who shall care for this rich kingdom, if not they?

Another part of the care of men of literature is to *preserve it pure*. The power and influence of learning have often been sung by the poet, and exalted in eloquent speech. It is powerful! Best by the daily press, the periodical weekly, monthly, or more stately quarterly; or, by the elaborate book or eloquent tongue, he who wields the pen, or utters the well spoken word, exerts a power that hardly knows a measure or limit. But it must be remembered that this mighty influence is as potent for evil as for good. The current of this mighty stream, at whose flood the great multitude hasten to drink, even though they are not able to produce the flow, may be made turbid with the filth of a foul mind; or fetid with the pollutions of moral decay, and all that drink shall grow weak, or wicked, or impure. Now the adulteration of bread, or the corruption of the waters of yonder beautiful reservoir that sends its welcome streams to the millions that are surging through this city, would be fearful crimes; yet, what worse is this to pollute the supplies of the

frail body that must so soon perish, than the act that corrupts the source of mental life and moral existence. I know the temptation is great; the demand for that style of literature is wide-spread and urgent; the poor crowds that come to take it at your hands are mighty throngs; the intoxication of wealth and of a species of renown, is powerful to dull the better sensibilities and hush the conscience. Yet how can these repay for honor lost, for a mighty power misused? How shall such a man answer the responsibility that a great gift laid upon him, when he remembers that he sowed poison for mental food, and abused his high gift to the injury of thousands less fortunate than himself? To you, men of education, I appeal, that, both in what you may produce of your own, and what you may patronize in another, you may ever remember that this much you owe to the special favor you have received, that you will always try to keep the literary atmosphere pure and clear around you.

One other duty it seems to me rests upon men of letters in reference to this: That they should preserve the *freedom of literature*. I know not how better to indicate my thought than by these terms; but I may give it force by illustration. Sometimes the rage among professed leaders of thought is to pursue only the lines of study that belong to the arts and sciences; and that too, mainly, what are called the natural sciences. The notion then is that laws of formation, and principles of relationship, specially among the material things of this world, that these and these only are worthy of study. The great science of mental development, or of ethical culture; these that make us familiar with the nature and laws and powers of our own matchless mental organism, and that teach us why right is right, and how to discern and follow the good, and hate and shun the bad; these great, wide and real fields of study are ignored, or placed on a lower scale. Then the culture of language, the science of words, and their power to express thought and feeling; all that belongs to that wide field of culture that fits us to communicate our thoughts and feelings with beauty and force to others, or fits us for a subtile and tender appreciation of their utterances; this that was the first gift to man and must have been among the very first of all that engaged his study; this science of language is to be relegated to old fogies, or at least put away one side, that men may study things and the laws that control them. Indeed, there seems to be an arrogant assumption by many leading scholars, and the crowd is fast following, that all true learning must have a materialistic tendency, and that that only is worthy of a scholar that rests on natural facts. Science, with them, is the knowledge of tangible things. It must deal only with facts and figures that can be seen and measured and counted. This tendency is appearing in the peculiarities of the curriculums of our institutions of learning. They are extending the discussion and consideration of the material, and

making more optional, or even neglecting the old-time studies that gave them solid men and honored alumni. It is found in the reason and manner of study by many; seeking only to know what they suppose will fit them for their particular profession or business, and loudly clamoring that the schools shall conform to their limited wishes. The tendency appears in the treatment of ethics and metaphysics by many of the writers of the day; dealing with them as if they were out of the proper field of science, and not to be known as certainly as the subjects which they have chosen. Now, is this true of what is thus discarded? That it is not subject proper of knowledge? Can nothing be known, and hence is nothing worthy of the scholar's devotion, but what is tangible or cognizable by the senses? Can we not study and comprehend much of many things that rise out of the sphere of measurement and elude the familiar grasp of human fingers? Is not the way of thought a traceable thing? Can we not enter into and know much of human feeling and wishes and purposes? Are not the sighs of grief and tears of sorrow as real matters of human consideration as the muscles and bones of the body? Are not the ways of truth and right, of purity and goodness, legitimate subjects of study, and is he not a real scholar who has mastered the laws and principles of these grand things, although they can not be weighed or measured or handled? Nay, is not the unseen world constantly affecting our visible world? And are not the causes of these effects that lie largely beyond our full grasp as much a matter of study as these things that lie along the lower plain? Can we not study things or influences by their phenomena or their effects as often as by their actual touch or measurement? Is not, then, the effect of these unseen causes—call them, if you will, supernatural—as frequent, real and powerful as effects from any other causes? And shall we call that science *par excellence*, and the only science, that leaves so vast a part of what is passing in us and all around us unaccounted for?

I would have science free, that she may go and inquire where she will for knowledge. I would demand that she be recognized as in her true sphere as much as when she is looking up above the material, and trying to know the great things that belong to the mind, the spirit, the supernatural, as when she is pounding the fossils out of the lime-stone, or analyzing the manures or soils of the field. I would have science love to seek for knowledge, whether it offers payment in professional or business success, or only enlarges the mind and heart, and reveals new and distant truths that may not yet be harnessed to machinery, or be made to enrich the soil. I would have the world of literature like the world around us—with its solid material of earth indeed, and its many growths from her bosom, but also with its blue and bending heavens; and that vault full of lights and stars; and the far-off world, into which we gaze

and think, and feel the exaltation that comes from communion with grand and real things, though they be as high as the planets, or as far off as the distant stars, or even among the unseen realities that lie beyond the stars. Let this be a grand, free republic, where no assuming lords of a moment shall dwarf the powers of mind, or circumscribe the limits of culture to gratify a system or a theory.

II. I would employ the occasion to suggest what the very fact of education demands of cultivated men as towards religion. A few words should suffice for this part of our subject, and in the form of these propositions:

1. Religion is a fixed thing in this world. It has been here from the beginning and has come to stay. You may suppose that you can pursue your course independent of and apart from any consideration of this subject, but you will be mistaken. It will meet you in all fields, and confront you at every turn. It is everywhere modifying opinions, giving shape and direction to thought, and specially interpenetrating all literature. Henry Rogers, in that masterly production of wit and logic, "The Eclipse of Faith," has supposed a singular calamity. That God should, in his displeasure, in one night blot out all that was ever written in the Bible, wherever found. He supposed that men should turn to other books to recover the lost Bible by gathering up all quotations from it in these writings. "On inspection it was found that every text, every phrase which had been quoted, not only in the books of devotion and theology, but in those of poetry and fiction, had been remorselessly expunged. Never before had I had any adequate idea of the extent to which the Bible had moulded the intellectual and moral life of the last eighteen centuries. It was almost impossible to look into any book of any merit, and read ten pages together without coming to some provoking erasures and mutilations. Many of the sweetest passages of Shakspeare were converted into unmeaning nonsense, from the absence of these words which his own all but divine genius had appropriated from a still diviner source. As to Milton, he was nearly ruined." Now the idea of all this becoming blank by the expunging hand of God is indeed a piece of curious imagination; but the existence of those truths that lie at the foundation of religion, the knowledge of which is all derived from what is called a divine revelation, and whose statement permeates all literature is a great and ever present fact. You can not be a scholar and not come constantly in contact with the subject of religion, and that, too, with a deep conviction that it has modified, in a wonderful manner, all literature that it has touched.

2. In regard to this subject, we do not ask literary men to become mere partisans as such. We do not ask that one fact of science well established, shall be denied or rejected. We do not desire that the most

earnest and fervid pursuit of all legitimate science should not go on. Read nature as well as you can; get down deep into her hidden laws and facts; ascend to her purest and highest revelations, compare, collate, and draw just deductions. We would have you here as elsewhere, free men in the great republic of letters. For we that love this great cause are sure that when all science is pushed to its legitimate result; when all facts have spoken their true language; when creation has uttered her manifold voices, they will all concur and harmonize with the voice of truth recorded in the great book; and all shall re-echo and prolong the voice that was lifted from the lips of the Son of God, in the mid-night vale: "Thy word is truth."

Nor, on the other hand, do we think it right for a true scholar to make himself the opponent and enemy of this religion. I am not now arguing from the stand-point of a religionist, but from that of educated men. What does true scholarship require of her sons when they meet a great, pervading and prominent principle in the world, modifying literature and all mental culture and mental processes? Shall the true man of letters turn against it, and at once set himself to injure and destroy it? This has been the peculiar history of much that is found in the past. Men have undertaken to oppose and overthrow religion, not because they had first discovered it to be false, but determining it must be false, they have set themselves only to oppose. In this struggle they became bitter and prejudiced; and instead of the free and successful student, they become the narrow and bigoted partisan. Truth, with such, loses its power; argument, its force; and persuasion, its gentle influence. They are no more worthy representatives of a liberal education, but of a one-sided learning. Hume is a case in point. He had been arguing "that no amount of human testimony was sufficient to establish the truth of a miracle." But when pressed so hard in regard to the real and accepted power of human testimony, he admits "that such testimony might be sufficient to establish the truth of the miracle, unless the miracle were *designed to sustain the evidence of religion*," and then no amount of testimony is enough. Why not? Does the nature and use of a proof change its reliability to a just mind?

What, then, does education demand of her sons as towards this great subject? I answer, simply justice and fair-dealing. Treat this matter as you would any other in the broad field of mental work, not in the spirit of blind subjection trample on facts and truths that wise men can not deny or afford to ignore; nor yet as an enemy, determined that this long-established thing must fall, for you will so become narrow and unjust, and then you are quite likely to be disappointed, for it will not go away at every bidding. Treat it fairly, honorably, and in the end it may hang a crown of jewels about thy neck, and deck thy brow with an unfading crown.

III. Gentlemen, I will detain your patience to suggest but one more direction in which this obligation resting on men of letters bears, viz: *Toward the State*. The first consideration here is as to the duty of educated men toward the state. Very many have tacitly assumed that as education is advanced the scholar may withdraw from all concern about civil matters. As a consequence, the scholar is deprived of one great source of culture, and shuts himself off from a large field of practical knowledge. There are some of the grandest problems of science connected with the consideration of the civil relations of men, and some of the greatest questions for thoughtful minds lie in this broad and fertile field. Nor does it answer to say that these are made the subject of deep and quiet mental reflection in the solitude of the study. What we need is not mere dreamers and theorists, not men to hide away and think about the problems of social and civil science, but men who, having thought and matured their ideas, can come forward and put them into active exercise. Try your political economy not only in fine essays, and on astonished boys in the class-room, but follow it out to the world and see how it really works. Why is it that the opinions of literary men are thought so little of by the great, pushing world? Why do these men of letters and culture exert so little influence in the great actualities of statecraft and the practical matter of governing the nation? Is it not because these men of thought and education are content to take it out in thinking, and stand back from any earnest effort to effect results by their opinions? While the bold, bad man, the brazen ignoramus, or the subtle and unscrupulous partisan presses right on to the front, and carries things according to his liking. The peculiar privileges and the special powers that belong to educated men do seem to lay upon them the obligation to use these greater advantages for the good of the state and nation, whose weal or woe affects alike all classes and touches all interests.

2. Men of learning are responsible to a far greater degree than they are aware, perhaps, for the opinions and sentiments that do affect all legislation and government. Some men will write for the masses, and the masses will read in the daily press or the fugitive periodical, if no more, what these writers have to say. There is thus going on a gradual but steady process of forming opinions, and accepting theories and principles, which these masses will soon go forth to put into irresistible exercise. Somebody must and will do the thinking and express the thoughts by which the great mass will be moved to act in civil matters. The vicious, the corrupt and the wrong-thinking are always ready to express their thoughts, and the people are just as ready to catch and devour these baneful morsels. Thus almost every great State in the past has met its overthrow or come to its decay. When Greece seemed

confident of her liberties, then her evil writers and speakers poured forth their false notions of morals and philosophy, and a tyrant grasped the reins of power with a ready consent from the already enslaved people. In Rome the wane of the Republic was preceded by the prostitution of her men of letters, and the flooding of the city and army with false literature. Much later this same Italy, under the Papal Church, was held in the deepest, most abject servitude, by the baneful and false teaching of the only literature they had—as was indeed all Europe—until the dawn of the Reformation gave them another kind of letters. Then, under this new and invigorating mental food, the nations awoke to self-consciousness and at once assumed civil freedom. In France the terrible days of the Revolution were preceded by a perfect deluge of false and corrupt writings. Who then could hinder the awful harvest when the seed was so widely scattered that must produce it? One of the most powerful writers of Scotland, James Douglas, has expressed my thoughts condensed into one of his briefest paragraphs. Said he: “The prevalence of atheism may be considered as a political presage; it is symptomatic of the decay of states as well as of the corruption of individuals, and of the dissolution of society as well as of morals.” True, he alludes to the effect of the spread of atheism mainly, but characteristic of all these times was the great activity of the scholars of that day in disseminating their false opinions, taking rise, indeed, in their wrong notions of a God, but extending out and affecting all their opinions on all social and civil questions.

Now what one Paschal was to France; what one Junius was to England, are our educated men to the life of the nation. Can we think of the most glorious period of Roman history without remembering the bright galaxy of scholars that adorned her Augustan age? Can we talk of Britain’s renown and not at once revert to the glorious men and women of the age of Elizabeth? At last, the glory of a nation is not its wealth, its army, its navy, its wide-spread commerce, or its broad and fertile fields, or abundant harvests, but its men; and these men as they add to her honor and renown by lifting up the forms of intelligence; by spreading light and truth over the land, thus shedding a glory over her name that shall not perish with mouldering marble, or grow dim with the rust of years. You to whom the great trust of mental culture is given, you are the priests of the altars of knowledge, and the guardians of high and pure truth; to you this special honor is committed. It requires good, brave, patient men who love learning more than praise, and who can afford to watch, and wait, and work until this higher reward is gained.

We are here in this ancient city whose name is symbolized in part by our Order, to pay honor to the one hundredth anniversary of the

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independence of our nation on whose behalf I have been invoking your best energies. As we gather about the emblems of her greatness and prosperity, let us think of her future—think of it as we seem to stand in the presence of the great men who helped to give it birth and being. Allow me to suggest how appropriate here are the words of the great Webster on another interesting occasion. He had supposed the very presence of the great head of the Republic, whose memory they were celebrating: “And now fellow-citizens,” said he, “if this vision were a reality—if Washington actually were now among us, and if he could draw around him the shades of the great public men of his own days—patriots and warriors, orators and statesmen—and were to address us in their presence. would he not say to us: ‘Ye men of this generation, I rejoice and thank God for being able to see that our labors and toils and sacrifices were not in vain. You are prosperous, you are happy, you are grateful. The fire of liberty burns brightly and steadily in your hearts, while duty and the law restrain it from bursting forth in wild and destructive conflagration. Cherish liberty, as you love it; cherish its securities as you wish to preserve it. Maintain the Constitution which we labored so painfully to establish, and which has been to you such a source of inestimable blessings. Preserve the union of the States, cemented, as it was, by our prayers, our tears, and our blood. Be true to your God, to your country, and to your duty. So shall the whole eastern world follow the morning sun to contemplate you as a nation; so shall all succeeding generations honor you as they honor us; and so shall the Almighty Power which so graciously protected us, and which now protects you, shower its everlasting blessings upon you and your posterity.’” Let us join with the Sage of Marshfield, the orator, statesman and patriot, as he adds: “Great Father of Our Country! we heed your words; we feel their force as if you uttered them with lips of flesh and blood. We can not, we dare not, we will not, betray our sacred trust. The bow that gilds the clouds in the heavens, the pillars that uphold the firmament, may disappear and fall away in the hour appointed by the will of God; but until that day comes, or so long as our lives may last, no ruthless hand shall undermine that bright arch of Union and Liberty which spans the continent from Washington to California.”

LITERARY EXERCISES AND BANQUET.

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At ten o'clock the members of the convention assembled in the grand dining room of the Colonnade Hotel, around a magnificently spread table. All the delicacies of the season were served up in the masterly style which has given that hotel such an enviable reputation. After an invocation by Bro. Worrall, and a short address of welcome by the president, the members proceeded at once to the discussion of what was before them. For a while there was an eloquent silence, conversation giving place to consumption. The president then announced the poet of the occasion, Bro. Wm. O. Bates, who proceeded at once to read the poem published elsewhere. All united in singing the "Tribute to Phi Delta Theta" on page six, of the song book. Bro. J. Worrall then delivered the masterly address which we give in this issue of THE SCROLL. It was received with marked attention and applause. The president then called for toasts, asking Bro. James Robinson to respond to "Our Alumni," which he did in his own happy and earnest manner. Bro. Reddig came up smiling in answer to "Our Centennial," and took occasion to agree with the general verdict, that it was "a big thing." Bro. Norris responded to THE SCROLL, relating its many hard struggles for life and something of the work the managers had to keep it going. He was made happy in the thought that this convention had placed THE SCROLL on a basis that was as firm as the foundation of the Fraternity itself, and closed by urging a cordial support of the new editors. Bro. Worrall being called up, talked to "the boys," pointing out to them the best ways of becoming useful

and effective members of society and urging them to earnest, hearty endeavor, in order to bring about the desired result. Bro. Scheeline was overwhelmed with the call for a response to "The Ladies." He felt sure that if they were present he would be inspired to do the subject justice. He could only add the sentiment, "The Ladies, God Bless Them." Charley Groendyke's rallying song "Upidee," was given with such a will that the thousand Centennial guests of the hotel rushed down stairs to see what was the matter. A general love-feast followed, in which every member present joined. Mrs. Worrall, the only lady present, was wished a long and happy life by the convention. Bro. Worrall returning her thanks. Admonished by the lateness of the hour the reunion was brought to a close, by singing the following song, written for the occasion by Bro. Reddig :

## PARTING CENTENNIAL SONG.

*AIR: "Auld Lang Syne."*

Once more dear Phis, before we part,	Our cause has prospered in the past,
Let us in accents praise	And destined still to win
The Lord, the Mighty One above,	The laurels for the heads of all
The Author of our days;	Who wear the Shield—our pin;
To Him an offering we bring,	And though we meet no more on earth,
The grateful thanks of all,	Our hearts will still be bound
That we have met our Brethren dear,	By that most sacred link on earth,
At this Centennial.	Our e'er inviolat Bond.

And now in solemn, sacred song,  
 We pledge our heart and hand  
 To spread our cause of Truth and Right  
 Across this mighty land;  
 And when in future time we meet  
 In unity to join,  
 Then think of happy days gone by  
 At the Centennial.

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## ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

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The Centennial Convention differed from its predecessors in several particulars. It was located farther to the eastward; most of the conventions have been held in provincial places; there was the additional attraction of a great exhibition; the attendance at the literary exercises and banquet was limited to members of the order, and, last of all and explaining all, the convention was managed entirely by the younger members of the order. It will be valuable as an experiment, whether its example be followed or not. In all the above particulars it will be seen that there is a nearer approach to the methods of the older eastern fraternities. It is doubtful whether the absence of the Eves from the festive temple of Phidom will ever find much favor in the eyes of an order strongly given to heroine worship. It is the opinion of Dio Lewis and other learned common-taters, that food digests better when eaten by the side, and under the inspiration of a pretty woman. Of the propriety of public literary exercises

there can be no question. In other respects, however, the convention was a complete success. It cost the order at large very little and the attendance was quite as large as that of previous reunions. That it was not five or ten times larger, was due to the late change in date from the sixth to the eleventh of July, producing confusion and misunderstanding. Many Phis were at the centennial on the fourth, with the intention of staying until the sixth, but could not remain so long as the eleventh. The work of the convention speaks for itself and can not but be satisfactory, particularly the provisions in regard to the executive committee and for THE SCROLL. The managers showed exceedingly good judgment in locating the convention at that palace of rest and enjoyment, the Colonnade Hotel. Every possible attention and kindness was shown the delegates, and the banquet furnished would have honored Delmonico and set Sancho Panza wild with delight. In addition to the other attractions of the occasion they *do* say that there was quite a respectable side-show going on at the same time in Fairmount Park which some of the members strolled off to see. This may be merely a rumor, however

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BRO. FOSTER, of the Indiana Alpha, suggests that if there is one thing more than another it is a fine steel engraving of our coat of arms, and we agree with him. It is needed for college annuals, THE SCROLL wants one, every Phi letter should bear its imprint. Let the executive committee beware about this business.

CAN our complacent subscribers watch THE SCROLL getting thinner and thinner, like a sick calf in a snow storm, and not remember that some of them owe us for two year's subscription and most of them for one?

## EDITORIAL FREE LUNCH.

To young men getting an education, and to those who have, in a measure, attained that object, the masterly address of Bro. Worrall, printed in previous pages, will be alike valuable, supplementing, as it does, the address of the previous convention. It is the production of a ripe scholar, and is particularly valuable from the judicial standpoint taken. It produced a marked impression upon those who were fortunate enough to hear it . . . A word about the poem. It was not meant to convey the impression that Washington H. Donaldson was a saint, for he had some very serious faults. In every respect he was a most remarkable man; in many, a most admirable one. He was a brave, brilliant, healthy, hearty, genial, unregenerate gentleman. There have been—there are those yet—who assert that Donaldson saved himself that tragic night on Lake Michigan, by sacrificing his youthful companion. To show that he was by nature utterly incapable of such an act this poem was mainly written. It appeared in the *New York Graphic* shortly after the convention. . . . The California Alpha boys have bought and broken ground for a hall. . . . The plan of having a general reunion and banquet of the different fraternities of Indiana colleges at the intercollegiate oratorical contest at Indianapolis, in March, has been started and is meeting with great favor. It would do much to break down the petty and unreasonable jealousies so generally existing between college fraternities, and *THE SCROLL* heartily endorses it. . . . Parties knowing themselves to be in arrears to *THE SCROLL* must pay up at once. We are proud of approbation, but we hunger for pelf. A truly generous nature is not willing to accept something for nothing, and we couldn't afford it if he were. . . . To any one wanting Fraternity printing or stationery of any kind we can cordially recommend our publishers, Baker, Schmidlap & Co. The mechanical execution of *THE SCROLL* vouches for the excellence of their work; for their promptness, reliability and reasonable charges we will stand surety. . . . All chapter reports, etc., must be in by December 1. . . . Any member wishing a handsome badge on reasonable terms will find it to his advantage to communicate with the publisher. . . . A correspondent proposes the conundrum, "When will the catalogue be out?" We give it up. Probably when Peter Cooper is elected president. . . . *THE SCROLL* is indebted to Bro. Search for several fine pieces of music. . . . Ladies and gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta, allow us to introduce to your distinguished consideration our successors, Bro. M. F. Parrish, the editor-elect of *THE SCROLL* and Bro. J. B. Pomeroy (better known as "Brick, Jr."), publisher of *THE SCROLL*. May they do better work and get more pay for it than we have.

## CHAPTER REPORTS.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IND., October 11—We have at present a chapter of seven men, having brought out two men this year. We have two Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore and two Freshmen. When our worthy candidate for Governor, Gen. Ben. Harrison, spoke here a month ago we badged him. Bro. Wilson, Indiana Beta, spent a month with us at our law school, but receiving a tempting offer from a law firm in LaFayette, he resigned his scholastic duties. By a change in our faculty we have another Phi, Prof. Ballantine, Indiana Beta. We met Bro. Fullerton the other day on one of his election tours. He is the same Phi as of yore. At the late college elections Phi Delta Theta received her share. Cyrus K. Drew, Kentucky Beta, is in the insurance business at Evansville, Ind., in the firm of Drew & Bennett. Wilbur F. Yocum, Wisconsin Beta, is Professor of Natural History and Geology at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis. John A. Owens, Wisconsin Beta, a trustee of Lawrence University, is living at Chicago. I would suggest, as an agreeable way to advertise the Fraternity, that our music, of which we are justly proud, be presented to some of the larger river boats. These boats have many passengers, especially in winter, and the music would be played by many. This would be agreeable to all, and especially to the ladies. We think the Fraternity should have a printer. The arguments used in favor of a Fraternity jeweler could be employed in favor of a printer. Select a first-class printer and the work will be better and cheaper done, and with less confusion. Geo. Banta, '76, Indiana Delta, is teaching at Fortville, Ind. R. C. Duncan, '79, Indiana Alpha, is teaching at Duncannon, Pa. D. H. Ellison, '76, Indiana Alpha, is teaching at Rockville, Ind. Eli Edwards, '69, Indiana Alpha, is teaching at Ellettsville, Ind. John C. Orchard, '58, Indiana Alpha, is doing a flourishing mercantile business at Bloomington, Ind. A. C. Fullerton, '74, Indiana Alpha, is practicing law at Spencer, Ind. Hon. E. R. Hatfield, '58, Indiana Alpha, has been working-up Democratic interests in the southern part of this State. R. A. D. Wilbanks, '63, Indiana Alpha, is practicing law at Mt. Vernon, Ill. Rev. C. B. H. Martin, '52, Ohio Alpha, is pastor of Grace Church, at Evansville, Ind. Judge Geo. A. Bicknell, Indiana Alpha, has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats in the third district of Indiana. Rev. Dr. Stuart Robison, Kentucky Alpha, has been elected a delegate to the Edinburg Presbyterian Alliance in 1877. A. GWYN FOSTER.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LANSING, MICH., October 16—We were much surprised the other day, to learn that the Michigan Beta was soon to be the object of a funeral ceremony; but that is not so, in fact the man that says we are almost dead lies, and we will defy the most sensitive olfactories to distinguish any signs of dissolution about us. We did not need many men this year, so have not added many, and to those outside, this may look like we

were busy making our will, and of course our rivals, the Delta Tau Deltas, would be glad to construe it in that way. If they could have been present at some of our meetings, especially the last one on October 14, they would be likely to change their minds on that subject, whether they vote for "Reform" or the other candidate. "In this our Centennial year," several of our boys are absent from college and I presume this is another shadow, which—to them—foretells our death. Deluded boys! "We are little, but we are strong." We will graduate five at commencement in November. We anticipate a good time October 28, as we expect to be entertained at Dr. Kedzie's. The doctor is an honorary member of ours. Literary exercises, music and fun, form the programme for the occasion. The delay of the catalogue is a conundrum; who will explain? Bro. Crain, of '75, informs us that "single cussedness" is, with him, a thing of the past; may his fair partner, to us unknown, share with Bert. many of the joys and few of the sorrows of life. Bro. H. E. Owen, '74, has left us to teach. Bro. C. B. Charles, commences teaching to-day.

H. H. MILLS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM, PA., October 7—It is with great pleasure that we avail ourselves of the columns of THE SCROLL to submit to our sister chapters and alumni the progress of our chapter from its establishment to date. We started out with three members, two of whom were initiated at Cornell. We spent several days with the members of the Phi Delta Theta there, and were sumptuously entertained. Upon returning we initiated Bro. Seamen, and then immediately applied to the Pennsylvania Alpha for a charter. They kindly invited us to Easton, where they gave us a banquet, and during the evening several short speeches were made, and finally one of the members proposed that a charter should be granted us. The proposal, however, was deferred to the next regular meeting. About two weeks afterward we were made extremely happy by a letter saying that a charter had been granted us, and that henceforth we should be known as the Pennsylvania Delta. With the class of '80 Bro. Hogg came from Washington and Jefferson College (Pennsylvania Gamma) and joined our ranks, and we immediately commenced our attack upon the Freshmen. We have initiated three already and have some more pledged, and I think we shall have two more Juniors before long. As we stand now we consist of one Junior, two Sophs and four Fresh. We have as yet no hall, but expect to have one by our next meeting. We should be glad to hear from any or all of our sister chapters and alumni, and we will not be backward in answering.

H. C. WILSON.

#### INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, FRANKLIN, IND., October 21—The Delta has again gathered together in her usual place. Some are absent, but not forgotten. We opened with only six this year, but expect another to return soon, and have also added two more to our honored roll. Prof. Moncrief, of the Delta, has returned from Germany, where he has been studying the Greek and German languages during the past year. He is now Professor of Greek literature in Franklin College. Bro. Richards is a member of the Indiana Delta, and not of the Beta, as was stated in the last SCROLL.

D. A. OWEN.

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CHARLES O. PERRY, *A. M.*, President.

C. F. KNOWLTON, *A. B.*, 1st Vice President.

W. N. PICKERILL, *A. M.*, 2nd Vice President.

H. G. BRADFORD, *A. B.*, Secretary.

C. M. BECKWITH, *A. B.*, 1st Assistant Secretary.

J. G. LANSING, 2nd Assistant Secretary.

M. J. MORGAN, *A. B.*, Marshal.

MINUTES  
—OF THE—  
SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
AND QUARTO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,  
—OF THE—  
PHI DELTA THETA SOCIETY,  
Held at Athens, Ohio, May 14th, 15th and 16th, 1873.

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The 7th Annual Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society was called to order by the President, Charles O. Perry, A. M., of Indianapolis, Ind., in the Odd Fellows Hall, Athens, Ohio, at 8 1-2 A. M. Wednesday May 14th, 1873.

After the reading of the minutes of the Convention of 1872, the following committee on credentials was appointed by the chair: Bro's. Emmet, Tompkins, J. H. Gilmore and G. M. Lambertson.

Brothers C. A. Atkinson, H. G. Armstrong and C. F. Knowlton, were appointed a committee on visiting delegates.

After a short recess the committee on credentials reported the following official delegates present:—

Bro J. H. Gilmore, Ohio Alpha, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

M. J. Morgan, Ohio Beta, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

A. W. Fullerton, Ind. Alpha, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

C. D. Whitehead, Ind. Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.

“ R. S. Blount, Ind. Gamma, N. W. C. University, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bro. G. M. Lambertson, Ind. Delta, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

" T. C. Potter, Ind. Epsilon, Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.

J. G. Lansing, Ills. Beta, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ills.

C. M. Beckwith, Georgia Beta, Georgia University, Athens, Georgia.

D. B. Floyd, Va. Alpha, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia.

" C. F. Knowlton, Iowa Alpha, Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

On motion of Brother Beckwith the report was adopted.

Report of  
Committee on  
visiting dele-  
gates.

The committee on visiting delegates reported as follows as to the number and names of delegates:—

J. A. Robinson, Greenfield, O.	H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Ind.
W. N. Pickerill, Clinton, Mo.	Ind.
J. R. Woodward, Daleville, Ind.	P. D. Rathbone, Parkersburg, W. Va.
T. S. Graves, Chaplin, Ky.	W. Va.
J. L. Fletcher, Franklin, Ind.	H. G. Armstrong, Jackson C. H. W. Va.
J. J. Pearson, Kokomo, Ind.	W. Va.
J. J. Withrow, Jacksonburg, O.	Alex. Lachey, Louisa, Ky.
J. A. Connell, Clinton, Ky.	H. W. Stiers, Haydenville, O.
B. L. Gregory, Brooklyn, Ind.	V. C. Stiers, Logan, O.
W. S. Moffet, Hillsburgh, Ind.	J. W. McGuire, Jackson C. H. W. Va.
L. M. Lyster, Thorntown, Ind.	W. Va.
J. A. Burton, Milroy, Ind.	G. M. Sheppard, Trimble, O.
M. Clifford, Indianapolis, Ind.	G. S. Welsh, Athens, O.
E. A. Hamilton, Bloomington, Ind.	E. D. De Steigeur, Athens, O.
D. H. Patterson, Jerome, Ind.	M. F. Parish, Hebbardsville, O.
E. H. Warner, Indianapolis, Ind.	D. V. Dowd, McArthur, O.
C. W. Granger, Noblesville, Ind.	F. Coultrap, " "
L. H. Reynolds, Greenfield, "	C. A. Atkinson, Jackson, O.
E. Marsh, Greenfield, Ind.	E. Tompkins, Athens, O.
	M. F. Lewis, Nelsonville, O.

Committee on  
permanent or-  
ganization.

The following committee on permanent organization was appointed by the President: Brothers R. S. Blount, Ind. Gamma, C. M. Beckwith, Ga. Beta, D. B. Floyd, Va. Alpha, C. D. Whitehead, Ind. Beta, and J. G. Lansing, Ills. Beta.

Report of  
Committee on  
permanent or-  
ganization.

Committee on permanent organization reported as follows:

For President, Bro. C. O. Perry A. M., Indianapolis, Ind.

" 1st Vice President, Bro. E. Marsh, B. S., Ind. Zeta.

For 2d Vice President, Bro. W. N. Pickerill, A. M., Ind. Gamma.

“ Secretary, Bro. H. G. Bradford, A. B., Ind. Alpha.

“ 1st Asst. “ C. M. Beckwith, A. B., Ga. Beta.

“ 2d “ E. Tompkins, O. Beta.

“ Marshal, “ M. J. Morgan, A. B., O. Beta.

Brother Pearson moved the report to be received.

Brother Marsh moved that the name of E. Marsh be stricken out and Brother Knowlton's be inserted, which was adopted. The report as amended was then adopted, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on publication being called on, reported as follows: Report of  
Committee on  
publication.

To the Phi Delta Theta Convention. The committee, which was appointed by the late annual Convention held at Danville, Ky., May 8th, 9th and 10th, 1872, was instructed by a resolution to enter into an arrangement, or contract with some book or book and publishing house for the purpose of securing books at reduced rates, providing the same could be done advantageously.

The Committee regret that it has been detained and delayed in the prosecution of the work on account of the great distance at which the members of the committee reside from each other. But they have finally decided, after consultation, to defer any further work till after the present Convention, as they find it not expedient to enter into such an arrangement at present. They have corresponded with several houses and interviewed others, and find that any of them are willing to go into such an arrangement, furnishing members at wholesale rates, namely; 20 per cent. discount on all professional books and 25 per cent. on all others, provided they could be assured that none but members would be supplied with books. To this the committee could give no assurance that such an arrangement would be faithfully and honestly executed by every member; consequently, the committee has determined to make no arrangement till after the present convention, and report the same to your honorable body, hoping that you will devise some means whereby members will be debarred from using these privileges for the benefit of friends and persons outside of the order. The desire is that you will take action on this matter at an early day, inventing some plan that will meet the requirements of the case, by giving the committee the assurance that any arrangement will be faithfully executed by every member of our brotherhood.

PHILIP S. GOODWIN, *Chairman.*

New Com-  
mittee on Pub-  
lication.

On motion of Brother Tompkins, the report was received, and on motion of Brother Blount the committee was discharged, and a new committee appointed, consisting of Brothers Blount, Perry and Whitehead, to whom the whole matter was referred,

On motion the Convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 14th, 1873.

Further re-  
port of Com-  
mittee on Cre-  
dentials.

The Convention was called to order at 2 p. m. The Minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion of Brother Beckwith it was decided not to issue the printed invitations for the banquet and literary exercises, owing to their many imperfections.

The Committee on credentials reported the arrival of official delegates as follows: E. Campbell, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and E. M. Wilson, Ohio Delta, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

Committee on  
revision of rit-  
ual.

On motion of Brother Potter a committee of three was appointed to revise the ritual of initiation, and Brothers Lambertson, Pearson and Marsh were appointed the committee.

Committee on  
signs of recog-  
nition.

On motion of Brother Blount a committee of three was appointed on signs of recognition. The committee was composed of Brothers Beckwith, Morgan and Potter.

Committee on  
Monograms.

On motion of Brother Tompkins a committee of three on monograms was appointed, Brothers Tompkins, Whitehead and Lansing were the members composing the committee.

Committee on  
Music.

On motion of Brother Potter a committee on Music was appointed, Brothers Potter, Gilmore and Wilson composing the committee.

A letter from the New York Alpha was received and read, which stated the reasons why a delegate had not been sent; also a communication from the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity thanking us for and accepting our invitation to the literary entertainment.

The New York Alpha, Georgia Gamma and Georgia Delta having incurred the penalty of forfeiture of Charter by failing to send a delegate to the Convention, were, on motion of Brother Marsh, allowed to retain their Charter, good and sufficient reasons having been given why delegates were not sent.

Motion excusing New York Alpha & Georgia Gamma & Delta.

The following resolution was offered and adopted by a unanimous vote; Whereas, at the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society, held at Chicago, Illinois, in May, 1869, a rule was passed laying a penalty of forfeiture of Charter upon any Chapter failing to send a delegate to the succeeding National Conventions of the Society; and whereas the Kentucky Alpha, the Missouri Alpha and the Illinois Gamma have neither sent delegates nor excuses for not sending to the present Convention, be it resolved that the cases of the above named Chapters be referred to a committee composed of the Secretary as chairman, and two others appointed by the chair for investigation, and said committee be ordered to report at our next National Convention. To complete the committee the chair appointed Brothers C. D. Whitehead and J. P. Roth.

Resolution & investigation of non-represented Chapters.

The following communication was received from the Ohio Beta:—

ATHENS, OHIO, May 13th, 1873.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta Convention.

The Ohio Beta extends an invitation to your honorable body to visit the time honored University of this place *En masse*, Thursday, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

EMMETT GOMPKINS, *Cor. Sec.*

On motion the invitation of the Ohio Beta was accepted.

On motion of Brother Floyd a committee of three was appointed to draw up a series of resolutions defining what is meant by moral character in the bond of the Phi Delta Theta. Brothers Floyd, Beckwith and Lambertson were appointed as such committee.

Committee on Moral Character

A committee on the progress of the order was appointed as follows: Brothers James Connell, Whitehead, Beckwith, and by request of the convention, the President was added to the committee.

Committee on progress of order.

Finance  
Committee.

A Financial committee was appointed as follows: Brothers Whitehead, Lansing and Marsh.

Committee on  
Greek Numerals.

On motion of Brother Wilson, a committee of three was appointed to devise some method of denoting by Greek Numerals, Professions, dates of initiation and Class. Brothers Wilson, Bradford and Potter were appointed such committee.

Resolution in  
regard to rules  
adopted by for-  
mer Conven-  
tions.

On motion of Brother Fullerton the following resolution, by Brother Marsh, was passed: "Be it resolved by the Phi Delta Theta Society in Convention assembled, that the Secretary be instructed and required to submit to each Alpha Chapter of the fraternity all rules and regulations passed by the former National Conventions of the Society for the government of Chapters; and that the Alpha Chapter of each State transmit the same to Chapters within its jurisdiction."

The delegates reported the state of their respective Chapters, all of which were reported as flourishing and in a high state of prosperity. After much mutual intercourse and conversation the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

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## EVENING SESSION.

MAY 14, 1873.

The Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m., by the President.

Report of  
Committee on  
publication.

The Committee on publication reported as follows: "Arrangements hereafter will be made to enable all members of this order on the presentation of a certificate duly signed by the President to obtain books of such publishing houses as shall be agreed with, at reduced rates. Certificate to be as follows: This is to certify that———has been duly initiated into, and is privileged to all the immunities of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. (The certificate to be signed by the President.)"

On motion of Brother Fullerton the report was received and the committee discharged; and on motion of Brother Marsh the report was adopted.

The committee on finance was called upon and reported as follows:—

Report of  
Finance com-  
mittee.

We, your committee, recommend the adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved that Sec. 1, Art. 3, of the constitution of the Phi Delta Theta be so amended that the officer, Grand Banker, be added as one of the officers of this fraternity; and be it resolved by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in National Convention assembled, that we do hereby institute the office of Grand Banker of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds of the fraternity, both the general fund and the permanent fund; to make estimates of expenses; to lay assessments upon the differend Chapters for general expenses; to collect the same, and pay out monies upon the order of the Convention signed by the President and Secretary.

He shall be elected by the delegates in Convention assembled BY BALLOT if there be two or more delegates, otherwise by acclamation, and his term of office shall last two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

It shall take a majority of all the votes cast to constitute an election.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Banker to manage the permanent fund of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in such a manner as will, in his judgement, produce the largest possible income consistent with safety.

He shall pass to the credit of the General Fund, all the earnings of the Permanent Fund, and at no time and under no circumstances shall he use it, or any part of it, more than the earnings of the same in payment of claims against, or of expenses incurred by the fraternity.

He shall execute a satisfactory bond to the Society for the faithful performance of his duties and the proper disbursement of the Society's funds.'

On motion of Brother Marsh the resolution was adopted, and the committee discharged.

Vice President Knowlton then offered the following resolution:—

Resolution  
providing for  
the assessment  
of Chapters.

"Resolved, that the Grand Banker be instructed to make an assessment *per capita* upon the attendant members, to pay expenses of the next Convention, including railroad fare for one delegate from each Chapter of this Society; that he shall collect the same at his earliest convenience and shall furnish to each Chapter upon payment of said assessment a certificate which shall entitle it to draw from the General Fund the expenses of the same; and no Chapter shall be entitled to a delegate which has not paid its assessment."

On motion of Brother Beckwith the resolution was adopted.

Report of  
the Treasurer  
of the perma-  
nent fund.

### Report of the chairman of the permanent fund:—

To the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta. Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report. At the Convention held at Danville, Ky., in 1872, a resolution was passed authorizing the raising, by individual donation, of a permanent fund, or endowment to be invested, the earnings of which should be used to defray the general expenses of the Society, but at no time should any part of the principal be used. A Committee was appointed to solicit donations, and I had the honor of being chosen Treasurer of the fund, and Chairman of the Committee. Whether the other members of the Committee ever did anything I can not report, for none of them ever reported to me. I wrote frequent letters to them urging co-operation, but was never answered by anything substantial. The following shows the amount subscribed, the amount paid in, the interest received and the amount expended:—

Amount subscribed.....	547 00	
"    paid in.....		355 00
"    unpaid.....		292 00
	547 00	547 00
Amount paid in.....	355 00	
Loaned at 10 per cent.....		225 00
Cash in bank to be invested.....		130 00
	355 00	00
Interest collected.....	21 25	
EXPENSES.		
Postage.....		21 00
Journal and Ledger.....		1 16
Note and Receipt books.....		1 25
Check book and stamps.....		1 00
100 blank reports.....		15 00
1000 Annual Greetings.....		8 50
1000 Envelopes.....		3 50
	21	51 41
Balance due the Treasurer.....	\$30 16."	

On motion of Brother Beckwith the report was received.

On motion of Brother Whitehead the report was adopted, and a vote of thanks, and remuneration was tendered to Brother Perry, and the money ordered to be paid as it accrues from the earnings of the permanent fund.

On motion of Brother Lambertson the Convention went into an election of Grand Banker, Charles O. Perry of Indianapolis, was chosen Grand Banker by acclamation, there being no other candidate for the position.

The committee on Morality was then called upon, and reported as follows:—

Report of  
Morality Com-  
mittee.

“We believe the bond makes a distinction between Christianity and Morality, only considering the latter as necessary. We think a man should possess three qualities before he comes up to the requirements of the bond; 1st, morality; 2nd, social culture; 3rd, literary attainments. We name them in the order of their importance. We think a Chapter just in expelling a member for habitual drunkenness, lying, stealing and prostitution. We do not regard swearing as a less offense, but it is so general, we think we should first use entreaty and kindness, after that the member refusing to reform may be censured and even suspended. This we respectfully submit.”

On motion of Brother Marsh the report was received, and adopted, as the sense of the convention.

On motion of Brother Lambertson a committee of three was appointed to confer with the Athens Chapter, concerning the banquet. Brothers Lambertson, Marsh and Pickerill were the committee.

The Convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

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8 A. M. MAY 15th, 1873.

The Convention was called to order by the President. The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

The committee on Monograms was called and reported as follows:—

Report of  
Committee on  
Monogram.

“We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:—

Through the deficiency of artistic skill on the part of the committee we find it necessary to refer the design and drawing of the frontispiece cut to more practical hands and cultivated tastes. In consideration of the same, we have chosen James F. Gookins, now in Europe, and M. M. Graham, of Monmouth, Ills., as individuals who are competent to execute the work in a skillful manner. Deeming it highly essential and in keeping with the dignity of this Society; that each Chapter provide itself with an appropriate monogram to be hung in its hall, and that all the chapters may be uniform in this, we have constructed the following design: The back ground shall be of black velvet and shall be made the shape of our shield, in the center of the shield there shall be an anchor of silver gilt, stamped with the three Greek initial letters of our motto—— Beneath the anchor the Greek numeral indicating the number of the chapter as, Alpha, Beta &c., shall be placed, and on either side of it a star.

The motives of this design were the promptings of no mean spirit; The shield is to protect us from the darts of our enemies. The anchor, is the emblem of hope, the stars are the emblem of purity and the shining light in the night of the future that shall guide us into the land of peace, hapiness and prosperity.

We trust that each Chapter will have the Monogram hung on the walls of its hall, so that when dark and foreboding shadows envelop its heart in gloom and the sound of contending arms is heard along the cas.le walls, it can in this hour of trial look to the glorious en- sign, which shall call to the members' aid the better instincts of their nature and lead them safely through the battle of life."

On motion of Brother Blount the report was adopted.

Committee on  
Greek Numer-  
als.

Report of the committee on Greek notation was called for, when the following report was offered:

We, your Committee on Greek Notation beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. That each class be separated, and represented by the Roman characters denoting the year of its graduation.

2d. That the order of the initiation of members in any year be denoted by the small Greek alphabet, designating the first as A, the second as B, etc.

3d. That the year of initiation be denoted by the capital letters, the first year by A, the second by B, etc., and in case the Chapter's existence extends over twenty-four years, the twenty-fifth shall be denoted by AA, the twenty-sixth by A. B, etc.

4th. The year of the establishment of any Chapter shall be denoted by the Greek numerals.

5th. The Professons shall be denoted as follows:

Artist, A; Banker, B; Civil Engineer, C. E; Druggist, Drug; Editor, E; Farmer, F; Lawyer, L; Minister, M; Doc. Med., M. D.; Doc. Div., D. D; Doc. Laws, L. L. D; Merchant, Mt.; Professor, Prof; Student of Medicine, Stu. M.; Student of Law, Stu. L.; Stu- dent of Academy, Stu. A.; Student of Theology, Stu. T., Teacher, T; Deceased denoted by a Star; Expelled —; Resigned by dagger. The courses of study thus: Classical, C; Scientific, S; Irregular, Ir.

On motion of Brother Campbell the report was received.

It was moved to amend the report so as to authorize the use of English at the heads of the columns of names and residences.

The amendment was taken by consent, and the report was then adopted as amended.

Committee on  
Badges.

On motion of Brother Potter a committee of three was appointed to investigate the making of badges. Messrs. Potter, Perry and Blount composed the committee.

Brother Gilmore offered the following report :—

Total expenses of Publishing Catalogues.....	\$209 20
Amount received for tax.....	172 26
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Balance due.....	\$ 36 95

Report of  
Catalogue  
committee.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted.

“Resolved that this portion of the report to be received, and that the Grand Banker be instructed to pay the balance due out of monies received by him, and further that such monies as are at present on hand and shall hereafter be received by the Grand Alpha for such purpose be transmitted to the Grand Banker.

On motion of Brother Floyd a committee was appointed to devise some means of publishing a Phi paper. The committee was composed of Brothers Steirs, Pickerill and Floyd.

Committee on  
Paper.

On motion of Brother Campbell the following resolution was adopted :—

Badges.

“Resolved that all chapters hereafter be allowed to have their badges manufactured in such places as they may select, providing the badge, chain and dagger shall not weigh less than 3 pwt., and the badge alone less than 2 pwt.”

On motion of Brother Beckwith the following resolution was adopted :—

Proof Sheets  
of Catalogue.

“Resolved that the proof sheets of the report of each Chapter be transmitted to the chapters for criticism, and returned before being printed in catalogue form.”

Report of the committee on the publication of a Phi Monthly :—

Report of  
Committee on  
publishing  
Monthly.

“Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the publication of a periodical to represent the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, would recommend the project of publishing a monthly organ, but mindful of the unfortunate experience of the literary newspaper enterprises in the past, and the danger such enterprises are likely to encounter in the future, when unsupported by sufficient capital; your Committee would recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, consisting of at least one practical newspaper man, and centrally situated, to which committee shall be referred the work of ascertaining the amount of patronage from subscriptions and advertisements, that can be obtained in support of the periodical; and to enter into and have power to close an arrangement with some publishing house, upon which said committee can agree for the publishing and circulation of the same, providing always that the cost of such periodical shall receive its support from subscription, advertisements and voluntary donations. Your committee would also recommend that the committee on publication also

have power to select the editors for such paper, to be selected from the fraternity, and to retain their editorship until the next annual convention, at which time the editors for the ensuing year shall be selected by the Convention.

On motion of Brother Lansing the above report was adopted.

Executive  
Committee.

The President appointed as executive committee Brothers J. B. Roth, Knowlton and Morgan.

Report of  
Committee on  
Initiation.

The committee on initiation then offered the following Report:—

“The Warden stands out-side, with Candidate blindfolded, and knocks three raps. He is answered inside by two raps, and he then raps once. Question from inside—“Who art thou?” Ans.—“A brother in the mystic bond of the Phi Delta Theta.” Ques.—“Whence comest thou?” Ans.—“From wanderings abroad.” Ques.—“Art thou alone?” Ans.—“Nay, a stranger seeks admission.” Ques.—“Be he worthy?” Ans.—“Verily.” Then the man inside opening the door says, “Then welcome.”

REGULAR INTRODUCTION. President—“Dost thou in the presence of these renew the solemn pledge of secrecy?” Ans.—(Yes or no.) The President raps once and all rise repeating the motto. The President then reads the 133 psalm, after which prayer is offered. The President raps twice and all sit, except the warden and the candidate. Both advance to the Secretary’s desk, and immediately the President raps twice and all rise repeating the motto again. The President raps twice and as members take their seats all say, “Cursed be he that revealeth.”

The President then says “Let the bond be read.” All members answer, Amem, Amen! Reading of the bond. The President then asks the candidate, “Do you accept this the bond of the mystic order of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and promise to keep its pledges forever inviolate and inviolable? The blindfold is then removed and the candidate signs the bond.

The Candidate is seated and the Constitution is read. The President says, “Do you accept this the Constitution of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity? Answer (Yes or no). The Candidate signs the Constitution They then advance to the President’s desk and he pins on the badge and says, “I hereby invest you with all the rights, priviledges and immunities of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; may you ever wear this badge with the pleasure to yourself, and honor to the fraternity. The President then takes him by the hand and says, “And now I congratulate you most cordially on your accession to our fraternity, and with the best wishes for your prosperity, I commend you to the friendship and love of your brethren. “After all have welcomed the brother, the warden advances with him to the President’s desk to recieve the grip and signs of recognition &c.”

On motion of Brother Beckwith the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Brother Campbell the assessment per <sup>Assessment of</sup> capeta of \$1.50 made by the Ohio Beta was ratified and <sup>1873.</sup> ordered to be sent to the Grand Banker.

On motion the Convention adjourned till afternoon.

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2 P. M. MAY 15th, 1873.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The executive committee was called and reported as <sup>Report of</sup> follows:— <sup>Executive</sup> <sup>Committee as</sup>

“We your Executive Committee report as follows:—1st. We recom- <sup>to time and</sup> <sup>place of hold-</sup> <sup>ing next Con-</sup> <sup>vention.</sup> mend as a suitable time for our Convention to be the 20th, 21st and 22d of May 1874, and as a proper place, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., at which place the Indiana Beta is established.

2d. We would recommend:—

For Orator—Col. J. F. Phillips of Sedalia, Missouri.

‘ Alternate—Hon. Thos. H. Neison of Terre Haute, Ind.

“ Poet—James F. Gookins of Chicago, Ills.

“ Alternate—Prof. W. M. McFarland of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

On Obituaries—Rev. T. J. Morgan of Peru, Neb.

For Chorister—Chas. Groenendyke of Lafayette, Ind.

On motion of Brother Knowlton the report was recieved and on motion of Brother Blount adopted.

On motion of Brother Tompkins a committee was appointed to which was referred the comunication which had been received from Terre Haute. Brothers Tompkins, Bradford and Atkinson were the committee.

On motion of Brother Pickerill a committee of three was <sup>Committee on</sup> <sup>Archives.</sup> appointed to look up the lost archives. C. T. Jameison, F. C. Harvey, Ohio Alpha, and G. W. McKinstry, Ind. Alpha, were the committee.

On motion of Brother Lambertson the report on secret signs was recieved and adopted. Chapters and members can obtain copies of either the President or Secretary, at Indianapolis.

The President appointed as a committee on publication of a Phi monthly Brothers Pickerill, Blount and Harry Jones.

Resolution of  
Thanks.

On motion of Brother Blount the following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved that a vote of thanks from the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta is due and is hereby tendered to J. W. Pillsbury, General Ticket Agent M. & C. R. R., and to Samuel Stevenson, General Ticket Agent C. H. & D. R. R., for accommodations and kindness recieved at their hands by the Western delegates; and also to the Superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car Co., at Cincinnati, for the special car from that city to Athens, placed at the disposal of the delegates; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of these gentlemen, and that it be published in the leading papers of Cincinnati and Indianapolis.”

Report of  
Committee on  
Music.

We, your committee on Music, beg leave to submit the following report:—

1st. That Brothers P. W. Search of Wooster, Ohio, H. A. Caldwell of Hanover, Indiana, A. M. Shewey of Minneapolis, Minnisota, and C. P. Jacobs of Indianapolis, Indiana, be appointed your Committee on Music and that each be requested to write a song or ballad for the Fraternity, and that of each Chapter containing one or more poets shall request them by special act to write ballads and send them to the Chairman. Col. C. P. Jacobs of Indianapolis, Indiana, for selection.

2d. That the Chairman be delegated to publish such of the same as he may deem proper in the Fraternity Monthly.

3d. That the Chairman shall select those ballads meeting in his judgment the requirements of the Fraternity, and present them at the Convention of 1874 for approval and publication.

On motion the report was adopted.

Gen. Morgan's  
Expenses or-  
dered paid.

On motion of G. M. Lambertson the indebtedness of this fraternity to Gen. Morgan was recognized and ordered to be paid.

Expenses of  
Delegates or-  
dered paid.

On motion of Brother Blount the board bills of the official delegates was ordered to be paid by the fraternity, and that those who had paid their expenses should be reimbursed.

Brother C. D. Whitehead was called to the chair when Brother Perry offered a resolution by which the expenses of the Secretary were ordered to be paid. Passed.

Resolution of  
thanks.

On motion of Brother Blount the following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved that this Convention extend its most sincere thanks to the Ohio Beta for the able manner in which it has discharged its duty respecting those delegates from a distance.”

On motion the business session of the Convention adjourned until the next morning at 8 1-2

8 P. M. MAY 15th, 1873.

The audience which assembled in the evening at the Anthæum Hall was appreciative, the hall being filled to its capacity. The meeting was presided over by Brother W. N. Pickerill, of Clinton, Missouri, the Vice President of the Convention.

The exercises were opened with prayer, by Dr. Scott, President of Ohio University, after which came the oration of Brother Smith.

Subject: "The Origin of Law; its growth and development historically considered."

Brother Smith said:

The origin and development of almost everything is just now a subject of popular controversy among students of science. Why not discuss, then, in a manner suitable to a non-professional audience, "The origin and development of law?"

Looking to the origin of the idea of law, we find that, like the State, it has its beginning in the patriarchal system. Thus: The father is the head of the family, and governs it. And it must be remembered that in the beginning there is no rule that children shall be emancipated at an age representing their maturity, nor indeed at any time. The head of the family governs his children, their wives and husbands (if they remain in the family), his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The transgression comes first, the punishment afterwards; and cases being similar, one rule or law is evoked after another. Here we have the germ of customary law, the great body of the law of every people.

The family grows. It becomes a tribe, and tribal wars ensue. The aged patriarch is unable to lead in the field. The exigencies of war compels his abdication. He chooses as his successor a young man, capable and ambitious, his favorite among his decedents. And the young man henceforth is ruler.

Tribes combine in defensive or offensive wars. Their ruler chooses a leader, and henceforth the leader is *King*. But he is not absolute in his powers. The other tribal rulers are jealous of him and prescribe a rule that he must consult them. Here we have the germ of a Senate or House of Lords.

The war is over. The leader retains his power. He and his Senate are in sympathy, for they are all rulers of tribes.

But the people, they have grievances; in one neighborhood of one kind, in another of another. They send committeemen from the different neighborhoods to the King and Senate. The King com-

mands these committeemen to meet together and resolve upon their grievances. Here we have the germ of the House of Representatives or Commons.

After they have resolved, the matter or matters are submitted to the Senate. If the Senate agrees with the House, the matter is called to the attention of the King, who approves, except in rare instances. The committeemen act and vote without reference to the numbers of their respective constituencies.

Here we have developed one of the modern systems of government in its executive and legislative departments, a King, a House of Lords and a house of Commons.

Behold the British Constitution, rotten borough system and all.

After tracing the origin of Courts, the speaker enlarged upon the province of Constitutional law—instancing its growth from history, and noticeably taking ground that the Constitutional Convention now in session in this State should abolish the *State Senate*, and have but one legislative branch, that to be elected every year, that it may be fresh from the people.

The speaker then claimed that law is developed by both addition and subtraction—addition by custom and legislation; subtraction mainly by legislation. And the man who satisfies the Legislature that it is best to repeal a law, has done as much towards its improvement as he who satisfies it that a law should be enacted. The tendency of all growth, whether by addition or subtraction, is to equalness—which in its analysis means justice.

The oration occupied an hour in its delivery.

Brother Charles O. Perry, A. M. followed in a concise statement of the history of the Order of the Phi Delta Theta.

We have only room to publish in part. He said:—

What student, whether he be Greek or Barbarian, can not recall his first experience at College? The strange faces, the unfamiliar voices of the students, the grave and dignified faculty as they file slowly by and take their seats upon the rostrum at morning prayers, and that strange feeling of loneliness that comes over him, akin to that experienced by one lost in the great desert or intertainable wilderness. Who of you has not felt the cold but indulgent hearts of the faculty incline toward your youth, from that natural bias that makes the love of the aged descend upon the youthful as the streams of snow covered sumits flow downward to the plain.

We have all felt these hoary heads shed their snows on us and our youth waste away in the ungenial atmosphere of age, because too great a space of years lay between their hearts and ours.

O! what would we not have given to have had one friend of our own age, by the contact of whose warm heart, we might have dissolved the thoughts that froze within us as the dew of morning con-

geals upon plants that grow too near the mountain. It was to meet this want, to provide this friend, to supply the father's care and brother's counsel, that the Society of the Phi Delta Theta was organized. How well it has performed its mission let our works attest.

It was in the year 1848 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, that beautiful and classic city of the hills, reflecting its benign rays upon the whole Western World, that it occurred to the minds of Robert Morrison, John Mc. M. Wilson, Robert S. Drake, Adrian W. Rogers, Andrew W. Rogers and J. W. Lindley to organize an association for mutual improvement in friendship, literature and morality. It was there they entered into pledges of perpetual binding, to treat all as friends and brothers who should accept the bond of the Phi Delta Theta, to perform to each member the duties arising from that relation, to consult and advice with him in regard to his true interest, to act as a conservator of his morals, to guard his character from calumny, to abstain from the commission of crime and the cultivation of vices, to endeavor each in his own sphere of action to attain to the highest intellectual character, and cultivate a love of truth for its own sake, to seek after it in every department of study; to endeavor to attain a high standard of moral character, to make that standard the only infallible rule of morality the Bible, and to admit to membership no one who does not sustain such a character.

It was upon these broad, firm and deep laid principles they built, and the foundation stones cut from the granite of Gods eternal truth, sustain a structure that has in the last quarter of a century gathered beneath its protecting roof nearly two thousand, who rejoice in the name of Phi Delta Theta.

With feelings of brotherly love they aided and assisted each other in every laudible effort for moral, intellectual and social improvement; appreciating the fact that the honor, success and prosperity of the Society depended upon the honor, success and prosperity of each individual member. Peace and harmony were their constant attendants, and success was already theirs in the accomplishment of good.

So well were they accomplishing their work that they resolved to extend their influence and erect other Colleges of the society. Accordingly on the 27th of October, 1849, the Indiana Alpha was established by R. G. Elliott, S. S. Elliott and J. W. M. Wilson as charter members. Then followed the Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan Alphas. Other colleges were erected in these and other states up to the breaking out of the late war. The war destroyed the Southern Colleges, and with them our records, so that all the reliable information we are able to obtain in regard to our southern brethren has been gleaned from their official reports on file with the Grand Alpha. Since the war however a number of these Southern Chapters have been reconstructed and we are glad to be able to say that they are now in a more flourishing

condition than ever before, and are among our most enthusiastic and worthy brothers. They love the cause and cheerfully respond to every call of duty.

It was the custom of the Grand Alpha to celebrate its anniversary each year with an oration, poem and a supper. We think we have improved somewhat upon the style and manner in which our founders conducted these anniversary exercises. It was their custom to feed their audience upon oratory and poetry, after which they would feed themselves upon roast turkey and other palatable luxuries of the season. Our strict adherence to our pledge to seek truth in every department of study has led us to institute the public banquet in the place of the private supper. For one of the great truths we have learned is that our influence with men and women is powerful in proportion to our hold upon their affections. And further, that the most direct avenue to the affections, is through the musculo membranous reservoir. Besides it is more agreeable and courteous to the ladies, more congenial and pleasant to the gentlemen to have the better half of society enter with us into the festivities of the occasion.

The first of these anniversaries consisted of a re-union of the members of the Grand Alpha College, but after they had other Chapters in successful operation they took the shape of Conventions, and were held for the purpose of consulting together upon matters of interest to the entire Society. These were kept up pretty regularly until 1866, since which time they have been held regularly each year on the second Wednesday in May.

Our last report shows the following distribution of callings among our membership; 8 Artists, 16 Bankers, 18 Civil Engineers, 27 Druggists, 27 Editors, 38 Farmers, 14 Doctors of Divinity, 93 Doctors of Medicine, 140 Professors and Teachers, 88 Merchants, 283 Ministers of the Gospel, 487 Lawyers and 292 who have not yet decided upon their calling or profession—of these nearly nine-tenths have pursued a regular classical course in College.

One word in conclusion in defense of our origin. We do not claim Eastern origin or influence for our Society, we are decidedly Western in origin, influence and energy. We think it a thing to be proud of. For the West to-day is the pride of our nation, the garden spot of the most progressive land on the face of the earth. It has more energy, more life, more practical knowledge and more available talent than all the other sections of the country combined. We claim for our society those live principles which are but characteristic of its origin and which must insure its ultimate victory over such institutions as depend too much upon prestige and not enough upon work.

Our influence is no longer confined to the West and South—we are penetrating the East, and to-day some of our most flourishing colleges

are established in Eastern institutions, where five years ago it was almost considered a disgrace to be known as a western man.

During the last two years, our Society has increased more in Chapters and membership than during any six years previous. The interest, zeal and influence of the Society has been widened and deepened, until we have now established nearly 40 Chapters with a membership of almost two thousand.

Our hearts, filled with the spirit of the principles set forth in our Bond of Union, mingle with the heart of every true brother and we, feel proud of our kindred with him. A people, who should adopt the principles set forth in the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta as their political gospel, would rise above the common station of nations. Such a people would enact before God the drama of mankind in all its grandeur and all its majesty. In conclusion let me urge upon you, brothers in the bond of the Phi Delta Theta, to always be found strictly adhering to the motto "Onward and upward and true to the line."

After the literary exercises the delegates and their invited guests repaired to the Warren house where was prepared a Grand Banquet of one hundred covers, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and interspersed with toasts and responses. The occasion was enlivened with the presence of a goodly number of the ladies of Athens. The toasts at the banquet were:—

Our Orator—Response by Ransford Smith, Hamilton Ohio.

Ohio Beta—Response by G. E. Campbell, Delaware Ohio.

Our distinguished Guests—Response by Emmet Tompkins, Athens Ohio.

The Press—Response by W. N. Pickerill, Clinton, Missouri.

The Ladies—Response by G. M. Lambertson, Franklin, Indiana.

American Colleges—Response by C. D. Whitehead, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Our Order—Response by C. M. Beckwith, representing the Order at Athens, Georgia, resident of Petersburg Virginia.

While it would be invidious to make distinctions, we would say that notable for grace and eloquence in the responses were those of C. M. Beckwith, of Petersburg, Virginia, and G. M. Lambertson, of Franklin, Indiana.

After the banquet the spacious parlors of the Warren House were thrown open, to which the entire party repaired, and in social intercourse, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, the hours passed so swiftly away that two o'clock was announced before any one took a

single "note of time." The party then retired, each assuring the other that he had had a thoroughly enjoyable season.

8 1-2 A. M. MAY 16th, 1873.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Report of  
the Executive  
Committee.

The executive committee reported the following expenses incurred for which the Society was indebted:—

For Band.....	\$20 00
For Hall for Literary Performance.....	10 00
For Invitations.....	36 00
	\$66 00

On motion of Brother Beckwith the report was received and the amount was ordered to be paid.

Resolutions  
of thanks.

On motion of Brother Bradford the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved that the thanks of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity are due and are hereby tendered to the different orders in this city, for allowing us the free use of their hall, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each of the orders.

Resolution of  
thanks to Ora-  
tor and Histor-  
ian.

On motion of Brother Beckwith the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Orator of the occasion, the Hon. Ransford Smith, for his able and eloquent address.

Further—Resolved that the Convention do hereby tender its thanks to the Historian, Brother C. O. Perry, for his clear and accurate sketch of the brilliant career of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Further—Resolved that the Convention do order the payment of the expenses of these gentlemen.

Both the Orator and Historian declined to receive any remuneration for expenses incurred in attending the convention, both stating that they had been amply repaid by the pleasure and profit it had afforded them.

On motion of Brother Lambertson the Convention adjourned to meet at Crawfordsville, Indiana, on the 20th, 21st and 22d of May, 1874.

C. O. PERRY, *President.*

H. G BRADFORD, *Secretary.*

# REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We, the Committee appointed by the National Convention of The Phi Delta Theta Society, to effect arrangements whereby members may procure books at a uniform discount from publishers prices, report the following arrangements perfected with the wholesale house of Bowen, Stewart & Co., Indianapolis, Ind. They will furnish books at the following rates of discount from publishers' prices:

Regular Text Books, Miscellaneous and Scientific,	30 per cen
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C. D. WHITEHEAD,       )

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“ “ “ (very heavy)	25	“ “
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CHAS. O. PERRY, *Grand Banker*

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

## MINUTES.

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The Twenty-sixth Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was called to order by the President, Chas. O. Perry, of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Good Templars' Hall, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, May 20th, 1874.

The Secretary began the reading of the Minutes of the former Convention, and continued until, upon motion of Bro. S. W. Carpenter, the further reading was dispensed with.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Bros. W. T. Mason, Ind. Gamma; G. D. McCulloch, Ind. Beta; and G. C. Cohen, Ky. Alpha.

The President instructed the Committee on Credentials to make their report in the manner and form found on page 3 of the Minutes of 1873, and to accept credentials from those Chapters only whose delegates had the Grand Banker's receipt in full for their assessment for 1874.

Bros. C. D. Whitehead, of Indianapolis, Ind.; P. S. Hulbert, of Crawfordsville, Ind.; and J. G. Parks, of Athens, Ga., were appointed a committee on visiting delegates.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, the Convention then adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M., to hear the reports of the above committees.

CHAS. O. PERRY, *President.*

H. G. BRADFORD, *Sec'y.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 20th, 1874.

Called to order. The Convention was called to order by President Perry at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Credentials was called upon and made the following report, which was adopted by unanimous consent:

Report of Com. on Credentials. We, the undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, would respectfully submit the following report of official Delegates present:

S. W. Carpenter, New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

J. C. Irwin, Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

W. H. La Monte, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

C. A. Atkinson, Ohio Beta, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

C. T. Jamieson, Ohio Delta, University of Wooster, Wooster, O.

C. W. Sheldon, Michigan Beta, State Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

G. C. Cohen, Kentucky Alpha, Center College, Danville, Ky.

J. G. Parks, Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

B. E. Anderson, Georgia Gamma, Emory College, Oxford, Ga.

A. A. Marshall, Georgia Delta, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

S. H. Showalter, Virginia Alpha, Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

F. M. Briel, Virginia Gamma, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

G. D. McCulloch, Indiana Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.

W. T. Mason, Indiana Gamma, North Western Christian University, Indianapolis, Ind.

T. C. Early, Missouri Alpha, State University, Columbia, Mo.

J. A. Mitchell, Illinois Beta, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

S. C. Scheeline, California Alpha, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

A. W. Fullerton, Indiana Alpha, State University, Bloomington, Ind.

G. H. Elgin, Indiana Delta, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

B. L. Duckwall, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

W. T. MASON,  
G. D. McCULLOCH,  
G. C. COHEN,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Visiting Delegates was called upon and offered the following :

We, your Committee, would respectfully submit the following report of Visiting Delegates present :

J. W. McBroom, Hillsboro, Ind.	C. H. Remy, Indianapolis, Ind.
W. L. Morey, Clinton, Ind.	R. S. Moore, Franklin, Ind.
W. F. Ringland, Kansas, Ill.	W. S. Moffett, Steam Corners, Ind.
C. D. Ellis, Bridgeport, Mich.	E. S. Booe, Steam Corners, Ind.
J. F. Strange, Arcana, Ind.	J. R. Tomlinson, Indianapolis, Ind.
J. P. Roth, Dayton, Ind.	Henry Eitel, Indianapolis, Ind.
C. C. Applegate, Bridgeport, Ill.	Prof. A. G. Alcott, Indianapolis, Ind.
Edwin C. McLain, Franklin, Ind.	Emmett Tompkins, Athens, O.
Prof. H. R. Thompson, Crawfordsville, Ind.	Col. C. P. Jacobs, Indianapolis, Ind.
Prof. M. M. Whitford, Crawfordsville, Ind.	Judge B. K. Elliott, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jos. Brown, Chase Station, Ind.	Chas. O. Perry, Indianapolis, Ind.
C. O. Hastings, Crawfordsville, Ind.	Ira M'Connell, Crawfordsv'le, Ind.
W. H. Ripley, Terre Haute, Ind.	W. H. Ristine, Crawfordsv'le, Ind.
S. J. Tomlinson, Indianapolis, Ind.	T. H. Ristine, Crawfordsv'le, Ind.
J. R. Woodward, Daleville, Ind.	P. S. Hulbert, Nova Scotia.
W. L. Spence, Pleasant Run, O.	G. D. McCulloch, Centre Square, Ind.
Z. T. Jones, Oxford, O.	W. P. Willson, Crawfordsville, Ind.
H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Ind.	L. L. Todd, Southport, Ind.
Jas. B. Haines, New Albany, Ind.	H. Savage, Covington, Ind.

C. F. Carson, Wooster, O.	J. A. Brown, Oxford, Ind.
Chas. Groenendyke, Lafayette, Ind.	C. D. Whitehead, Indianapolis, Ind.
J. S. Watson, Covington, Ind.	John M. Withrow, Lafayette, Ind.
	C. D. WHITEHEAD, P. S. HULBURT, J. G. PARKS, <i>Committee.</i>

The report was received, and adopted by unanimous consent.

Com. on reor-  
ganization.

A Committee on Reorganization was appointed by the President to nominate candidates for the offices of the convention for the ensuing year, consisting of Bros. G. D. McCulloch, Indiana Beta; W. T. Mason, Indiana Gamma; G. C. Cohen, Kentucky Alpha; J. G. Parks, Georgia Beta; and S. C. Scheeline, California Alpha.

After a recess of ten minutes, the Committee on Reorganization submitted the following :

Report of Com-  
mittee on reor-  
ganization.

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Reorganization, ask leave to submit the following report :

*For President*—Chas. O. Perry, A. M., Indianapolis, Ind.

*For 1st Vice President*—C. D. Whitehead, A. B., Indianapolis, Ind.

*For 2d Vice President*—C. M. Beckwith, A. B., Sewanee, Tenn.

*For Secretary*—H. G. Bradford, A. B., New Albany, Ind.

*For 1st Assistant Secretary*—B. E. Anderson, A. B., Oxford, Ga.

*For 2d Assistant Secretary*—C. T. Jamieson, Wooster, Ohio.

*For Marshal*—W. F. Ringland, Kansas, Ill.

G. D. McCULLOCH,  
W. T. MASON,  
G. C. COHEN,  
J. C. PARKS,  
S. C. SCHEELINE,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Marshall, the report was received. Some objections were made to Bro. Perry holding the offices of Grand Banker and President at the same time, whereupon he declined the nomination, thanking the committee for the honor.

On motion of Bro. W. H. La Monte, the report was re-committed, without instructions.

The President here made an order that all motions, resolutions and reports should be made in writing, and handed to the Secretary, and properly signed.

The Committee on Reorganization retired, and after a few moments' deliberation returned and submitted the following:

We, your Committee on Reorganization, to whom was referred back the report of candidates for the offices of the Convention for the ensuing year, would respectfully submit the following:

*For President*—C. D. Whitehead, Indiana Beta, Indianapolis, Ind.

*For 1st Vice President*—C. M. Beckwith, Georgia Beta, Sewanee, Tenn.

*For 2d Vice President*—S. W. Carpenter, New York Alpha, Cincinnati, Ohio.

*For Secretary*—H. G. Bradford, Indiana Alpha, New Albany, Ind.

*For 1st Assistant Secretary*—B. E. Anderson, Georgia Gamma, Oxford, Ga.

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G. D. McCULLOCH,

W. T. MASON,

G. C. COHEN,

J. G. PARKS,

S. C. SCHEELINE,

*Committee.*

There being no objections, the report was received and adopted by unanimous consent.

ADDRESS OF C. O. PERRY.

Before leaving the chair, the retiring President, Bro. Chas. O. Perry, of Indianapolis, addressed the Convention as follows :

*Delegates to the Twenty-sixth Annual National Convention  
of the Phi Delta Theta Society:*

Address of C. O.  
Perry.

DEAR BROTHERS:—It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to be permitted to greet you on this occasion. Twice have you done me the honor to call me to preside over the deliberations of this body, and as often have I been permitted to be present at your opening sessions. Whether success or failure has been the result of my efforts to serve you, you alone must judge; but of one thing I am assured, and that is, that my *heart* has been in the good work. If I have failed it must be attributed to the head, and not the heart.

During the two years that I have had the honor to be your President my labors have been varied and interesting although somewhat arduous. Communications have been received from both correspondent and attendant members upon every conceivable subject which affects the interests of the Society. One writes for a catalogue, another, for information concerning suspended Chapters, a third wants a Phi song, a fourth wants to know what is to be done in regard to publishing a Phi monthly, a fifth asks if intemperance is a sufficient ground for the expulsion of a member, a sixth, with an air of despondency and uncertainty, asks if he can be compelled to read as official communications to his chapter, certain letters just returned to him by his lady-love, written upon paper bearing the insignia of the Society. And so on through the whole catalogue of interests, until the number of communications received and answered during the past two years have reached nearly three thousand. For the benefit of those whom I have apparently neglected I desire to make an explanation. My business during the past year has required my presence at the East a great deal of the time, and during my absence letters were laid away to

await my return and occasionally were misplaced, which accounts for delay in many cases, and in some, failures to receive replies at all. I hope none will deem me guilty of willful neglect, but that all will open their great kind hearts to forgive, since you have to-day selected one who can find time to stay at home better than I have done.

Our progress during the two years just closed has been somewhat gratifying. We have erected six new Chapters. We have instituted a uniform system of reports, furnishing each Chapter with blanks for that purpose. We have made arrangements whereby members of the Society may procure books and stationery at greatly reduced rates. We have worked up a system of intercommunication among the various Chapters, which is doing much to unite them in fellowship and develop that community of interest which our organization implies. We have planted our banner on the Pacific coast, and to-day Phi Delta Theta spans the continent. From ocean to ocean, from the Gulf to the lakes, our colors are unfurled. We have adopted a system of equal assessments, whereby we bear each others burdens financially, thus enabling Georgia and California to be represented in our National Council, at no greater expense than the Chapter where the Convention is held.

Owing to the suspension of the Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, the duties of the Grand Alpha have been performed by the Ohio Delta at Wooster, Ohio. We are glad to know that the work has fallen into willing hands, and, considering the age of the Chapter, that it has been done surprisingly well.

It has been the custom heretofore for the Secretary of the Convention to furnish the Grand Alpha one copy of the minutes; they in turn furnish to the Alpha of each State, and the State Alphas to the other Chapters in their respective States. This has not only required a great deal of work, but has occasioned great delay; so much so that even months, and in some cases years, have passed away before all the Chapters were supplied.

The result has been that the Chapters have grown cold and indifferent, and the work of the Conventions in a great measure has been lost. I therefore thought best to print the minutes of the

last Convention, and thereby overcome that very serious objection. We are by this means enabled to put a copy into the hands of every attendant member, so he may have it for reference at any time, and thus become familiar with the work of the Society in Convention.

One objection to printing the minutes has been that it was expensive and the boys were poor. No one felt the force of that objection more than I, when I determined to print the minutes of last year. So I went to our jeweler and stationers, and asked them to advertise with us. To this they readily assented, and the account stood, receipts for advertising, \$50, printer's bill, \$52, leaving the Society in debt to the printer in the sum of \$2.00, which amount is equal to the actual cost to the Society of printing 800 copies of the minutes of 1873. We may not be able to do quite so well again, but if properly managed we can have our proceedings published at a very small expense to the Society.

One of the good things we are doing is, the sending of our annual greetings to every member of the Society. It has re-kindled the fires that have been smothered by the cares of business, and has awakened in the hearts of hundreds a new love for the brotherhood. Many are the words of cheer and thanks we receive for our kind remembrance of them. They are always glad to hear from us, and many are not only rejoiced, but surprised to hear of the wonderful spread and prosperity of the Order. Besides it awakens in their minds pleasant memories of bygone days, when hand in hand they struggled together for that education which has enabled them to succeed in the world and become more than ordinary men.

Time and distance, it is said, destroy these emotions, but it is not a truthful saying. The love and life is all there, but sleeping, and it is ours to quicken them, by letting our correspondent members know each year what we have done, and that they are still remembered. The poet speaks of

"A magical isle up the river of time,  
Where the softest of airs are playing;  
There is a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,  
And a voice as sweet as a vesper's chime,  
And the Junes with the roses staying."

And when these annual greetings shall come to our brothers each year, they will stop for a moment at least, and look up the river, only to find no fairer isle than their own Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta, and no sweeter voices than those that spoke words of love and counsel when they "fought the fight together, and struggled side by side."

I need no better evidence of the truth of what I have just stated than the many letters I have received acknowledging the receipt of our annual greeting. Here is one from a brother who graduated with distinction at the Indiana State University, and was initiated into the Indiana Alpha in 1863, and who is now a prominent member of the bar at Mt. Vernon, Ill. .

" MT. VERNON, ILL., April 18, 1873.

"Chas. O. Perry, Esq., Pres. Nat. Con. Phi Delta Theta :

" DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Thanks for the notice of the annual gathering of our dear old *Phi Delta Theta*. It is my present intention to attend, and I have written to those of the clan with whom I associated at college to meet me there.

" Yours in the Bond,

R. A. D. WILBANKS."

Another writes from

" ST. PAUL, MINN., April 11, 1873.

"Mr. Chas. O. Perry, Indianapolis, Ind. :

" DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The annual circular of the Convention of our beloved Society has just come to hand.

"I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure than to attend the Convention and reunion of the Phi Delta Theta, but distance and press of business will make it utterly impossible for me to do so at the time specified.

" Hoping the future of our Fraternity may grow brighter and brighter, and its usefulness increase,

" I remain, yours in the Bond,

A. B. JOHNSON."

An old graduate from Center College, Ky., writes from

"LOUISVILLE, KY., April 9, 1873.

"*C. O. Perry, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind.* .

"DEAR BRO.—I received the 'Annual Greeting' of the Phi Convention to be held in Athens, Ohio, in May next. I regret very much that I will not be able to be present, owing to the fact that my business requires my constant attention, otherwise it would give me great pleasure to meet with and renew the many pleasant acquaintances of last year.

"Very truly, yours in the Bond,

LOGAN MCKEE."

The following was received from a warm-hearted, patriotic brother, who has been for several years, and is now, both a lawyer and editor. Upon making his acquaintance he told me that he had not heard anything from his Chapter nor the Society since he graduated, which was in 1860, until he received the Annual Greeting of 1873. He was agreeably surprised to find that the Society had grown to the extent it had, and he at once determined to attend the Convention. He writes me from

"CLINTON, HENRY Co., Mo., April 26, 1873.

"*Chas. O. Perry, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind.* :

"DEAR SIR—I acknowledge receipt of your circular invitation to attend the 25th anniversary of the Phi Delta Theta, at Athens, Ohio, May 15th. My arrangements are now made to attend, and shall do so unless much bad luck intervenes before that time.

"Yours in the Bond,

W. N. PICKERILL,

"*Indiana Gamma, Class of 1860.*"

It is due to our worthy brother to say that he was present, and was one of our most enthusiastic and efficient workers in the Convention. But the best part of it is, when the Convention was over he continued to work. The machine had been put in motion and he could not stop it. We hope that many who are here to-day will be afflicted in like manner when this Convention is over.

Only a few days since I received from him a lengthy report, which I will present for your consideration at the proper time.

I can not forbear giving here a short extract from a letter received a few days since from one whom some of you know personally. Some of you have listened to his eloquent words as they fell upon the ear, and dropping down into the heart, stirred up its lowest depths, and made you admire and love him. You who have known him personally, though briefly, can never forget his gentlemanly bearing, his pleasant, affable manner, his strict adherence to the principles of right, his enthusiasm and zeal for the Society, and the earnest and eloquent account he gave of the prosperity of the Phi Delta Theta in the South. May 5th, 1874, he writes:

"If possible I will make a more determined effort to be with you at the Convention. I do want to meet the old boys. There is Lambertson, Potter, Whitehead, Perry, and, good gracious! a host of others rise in my mind whom I could never forget, though we never meet again. I will be with you if possible. I have written to all the Chapters; can't say how many delegates we will send. I think you can count on Macon and Athens. I know very little of Oxford. Write me how matters are progressing; you know I am interested in all your movements. Let your letters be long, and enter more into particulars.

"Love to all Phis.

"Ever yours,

C. M. BECKWITH."

I might occupy your time for a whole day reading such letters, full of the spirit of Phi Delta Thetaism and encouragement to us all, showing conclusively that our Society consists of something more than a mere badge and an indefinable something that no "follah can find out." It consists of principles, and men actuated by them. But before I leave this subject, I must ask your indulgence while I read one more letter lately received. It is from one of the oldest members of the Society. He graduated at Oxford, Ohio, in 1853. Was a member of the Ohio Alpha at the same time Gen. Ben Harrison was, and is now a practicing physician at Carthage, Ill. He writes me from

"CARTHAGE, ILL., May 9, 1874.

*Chas. O. Perry, Esq. :*

"DEAR SIR—Your circular invitation to the Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta is received. It would afford me great pleasure to accept of your invitation, but a prior engagement will prevent. I hope to celebrate my father's golden wedding on the 20th inst.

"Having been acquainted with the founders of our noble Order, and having been among the first, if not the first, initiated, I have always felt a deep interest in the advancement of the Order. Has there been a catalogue of the Society published recently? If so, to whom should I apply for a copy? If the minutes of the Convention are published I should like very much to have a copy.

"Bro. Edward Cherrill, of the Bloomington, Ind., Chapter, is located at Quincy, Ill. He is the only other member of the Order I know of in this vicinity.

"Hoping that you may have a large attendance and a 'good time,' I remain,

"Yours in the Bond,

S. K. BOUDE."

I answered this communication and sent him a copy of the Minutes of 1873, in reply to which I received the following :

"CARTHAGE, ILL., May 16, 1874.

*Chas. O. Perry, Esq. :*

"DEAR BRO.—Your letter of the 13th inst. came to hand a few days ago. I also received the copy of Minutes of the Convention of 1873, for which I am much obliged. I am very glad to learn of the prosperity of our Order, and hope that soon a Chapter may be established in every college in the land.

"In reading your sketch of the history of our Order, I noticed two errors in the names of the founders. Robert S. Drake should be Robert T. Drake, and Adrian W. Rodgers should be Ardivan W. Rogers. This last name brings many pleasant memories. He was like a father to us younger members, and his counsel and advice were sought for when we were in any difficulty or trouble. He was a man of most noble and generous impulses, and had a

heart as tender as a woman's. He, alas! died early, and sleeps near Piqua.

"Wilson was a man who never passed for his real worth, for his quiet, retiring disposition, and his careless attire, led many to pass him by; but when once the acquaintance was made, he was found to be a genial companion, and one of the best informed men on almost every subject, whether ancient or modern, that it was ever my fortune to meet. I am under the impression that he, too, is dead.

"Andrew W. Rogers was a colonel of an Illinois regiment during the last war, and is now residing in Missouri. I do not know of the residences of the remaining.

"At one time we had so many members at the Miami University that we had two Chapters organized there, as we could not find rooms where we could all meet together secretly.

"The existence of the Society was kept a profound secret from all outsiders until in 1852, when the first badges were openly worn. Just before this we had our first and only cases of discipline. Two members were expelled for drunkenness, and for refusing to obey the citation of the Society.

"As morality is one of the foundation stones of our Order, and care was taken to select for membership only those known to possess that qualification, we were free from those annoyances which gave other organizations so much trouble and such ill repute with college authorities.

"But I must close, as I began this letter with the intention of correcting an error, and thanking you for your kindness.

"Yours in the Bond,

J. K. BOUDE."

I have just received the following from a brother who graduated at Centre College, Danville, Ky., sixteen years ago:

"LOUISVILLE, KY., May 6, 1874.

"DEAR SIR—Yours of April 22, 1874, calling attention to the 26th annual meeting of the Phi Delta Theta at Wabash College, on May 20th, *et seq.*, is at hand. I exceedingly regret that profes-

sional engagements will render it impossible for me to be present. Having spent now some years in the world of active business, it would give me a peculiar pleasure to throw off all thoughts of business and mingle for a few days with the 'boys.' I trust the meeting will be in all respects such as will make those present remember it with delight, and tie closer the mystic bond. Another year I hope to be with you.

"Yours Fraternally,

THOS. W. BULLETT.

*"Chas. O. Perry, Esq., Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind."*

I have many others I would love to read to you, but I forbear lest I occupy too much of your time from business. I have read enough to show that time nor distance can ever destroy the love they bear the Society, nor eradicate the many pleasant memories that cluster around Phi Delta Theta. We fear not for their affections and feel no dread lest time should efface them. There is neither to-day nor yesterday in the powerful echoes of memory. There is only always. There are two memories, the memory of the senses, which wears out with the senses, and in which perishable things decay, and the memory of the soul, for which time does not exist, and which lives over at the same instant every moment of its past and present existence. Time has power of the hours; none over the soul. Then shall we, to whom has descended a society which binds us in a common brotherhood, be less zealous, less earnest, in the good work than they? We have the advantage of their experience, counsel, and encouragement; let us profit by it, take higher grounds, and make Phi Delta Theta an honored institution in the land.

You will see by comparing the present programme of public literary exercises with the one that was arranged by the last convention, that not one of the speakers then selected will appear on the stand. I am sorry it has occurred so, yet we can congratulate ourselves on having a full programme, and I can promise you an able and interesting literary exercise, from each of our brothers next Friday evening.

August 8th, 1873, I wrote the orator, the Hon. J. F. Philips, in-

forming him of his election, to which he replied that he then knew of nothing that would be in the way of his coming, but if any thing should intervene to absolutely hinder his coming he would give me timely warning. In fulfillment of this promise to notify me in case he could not come, he wrote me from

“SEDALIA, MO., January 15, 1874.

“*Hon. Chas. O. Perry, Pres. Nat. Convention Phi Delta Theta Society:*

“DEAR SIR AND BRO:—I now see that it will be impossible for me to meet my engagement with your convention at Crawfordsville, Ind., on May 22d next. The session of the U. S. Circuit Court for Missouri, fixed for that week, in which court I am engaged in cases that I dare not desert, will enforce my presence here for that and the ensuing week.

I beg to assure you that it is with the greatest reluctance and sincerest regret that I make this announcement, for I had looked forward to that reunion with an almost boyish impatience and enthusiasm. I bow to my inexorable profession with a keener and deeper sense of disappointment than you and the Brotherhood can feel, for I doubt not that my loss will prove your gain.

• “Yours truly and fraternally, .

“JOHN F. PHILIPS.”

The following from that superior minded, pure hearted poet and artist, the mere mention of whose name will call to the mind of many of you most pleasant recollections, explains why he is not with us on this occasion :

40 MAXIMILIAN STRASSE, MUNICH, BAVARIA. Dec. 11. 1873.

“*Charles O. Perry, Esq., Pres. late Nat. Con. of the  
Phi Delta Theta, Indianapolis:*

“DEAR BRO. IN THE BOND:—Your favor of September 23d announcing the honor conferred upon me by the convention reached me in October last. I should have replied sooner but my prospective movements have not yet become so definitely shaped that I could say that I would certainly be on hand to prophesy before you. I freely confess it would gratify me were it possible. but I do not now

think it probable that I shall return home before next May, and I must beg you therefore to extend my thanks to the beloved Order and make my declination patent to the Brotherhood more gracefully than I can do. That I should be in this wise for the third time honored certainly makes me debtor to you all in grateful remembrance, and as certainly do I wish that it may be my lot to pay that debt. In a not far distant future; when your Country's, God's and Fame's good commendations are offered to you severally, I want to spat my hands among the loudest.

"With kindest and unfailing regards to yourself and the Brothers, and with towering good wishes for that good day in May, I am,

"Yours very faithfully,

J. F. GOOKINS."

The Hon. Thos. H. Nelson, Gen. Morgan, and Prof. McFarland, were each written to, but no replies were ever received from them, and at a very late day I was able to secure Hon. B. K. Elliott, Col. C. P. Jacobs, of Indianapolis, and C. D. Whitehead, of Ohio.

I can not point out the work to be done by this Convention, as you know best what that will be who are by active membership best acquainted with the present necessities of the Society. One thing, however, should be done, and that is to arrange for the publication, as early as possible, of a complete and perfect catalogue. But whatever we do, let it be done in earnest, and in the true spirit of the Bond. Let our deliberations all be honorable, dignified and harmonious. Lamartine, in commenting on Tacitus, asks: "Would you make crime impossible to your sons? Would you inspire them with the love of virtue? Rear them in the love of Tacitus. As to me, I owe to his writings more than the fibers of the flesh—I owe all the metallic fibers of my being. Should our vulgar and common-place days ever rise to the tragic grandeur of his time, and I become the worthy victim of a worthy cause, I might exclaim in dying, 'Give the honor of my life to the master and not to the disciple, for it is Tacitus that lived and dies in me.' Likewise would I say, Would you make crime impossible to the members of this Society? Would you inspire them with a love of vir-

tue? Inspire them with the love of the grand and glorious principles on which our Society is established. Then would every brother exclaim in dying, "Give the honor of my life to the master and not to the disciple, for it is Phi Delta Theta that lived and dies in me."

Thanking you, my Brothers, for the honor you have conferred upon me in twice calling me to this chair, for the confidence you have placed in me, for the able manner in which you have sustained me in all my efforts to advance the cause of the Society, with a mind filled with bright hopes for the future, and a heart full of best wishes for you all, I now deliver my trust to him whom you have selected to succeed me. May his work be fraught with rich results, and under his guidance may Phi Delta Theta take still higher grounds and accomplish in the future greater things than in the past.

On motion of Bro. B. E. Anderson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks of the Phi Delta Theta Society is due and is hereby tendered to Bro. Chas. O. Perry for his efficient and devoted services, both as Grand Banker and President, and that we request a copy in full of his address, just read, for publication in the Minutes of the Twenty sixth Annual National Convention of the Society.

Vote of thank  
to the retirin  
President.

On motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson, the Chair was instructed to appoint a delegate from each State, as a correspondent of the principal daily papers of his State, who shall communicate to them daily such information of our proceedings as would be compatible with policy.

Committee on  
Newspaper Cor  
respondence or  
dered.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Newspaper Correspondence, brothers

Emmett Tompkins, Cincinnati Commercial.

C. T. Jamieson, Cincinnati Gazette.

S. J. Tomlinson, Indianapolis Sentinel.

J. R. Woodward, Indianapolis Journal.  
 J. A. Mitchell, Chicago papers.  
 J. C. Irwin, Pennsylvania papers.  
 S. C. Scheeline, California papers.  
 A. A. Marshall, Georgia papers.  
 C. W. Sheldon, Michigan papers.  
 W. H. La Monte, Iowa papers.  
 G. C. Cohen, Kentucky papers.  
 S. H. Showalter, Virginia papers.

Invitation to visit Wabash College.

President Whitehead read a communication from Dr. Tuttle, President of Wabash College, inviting the Convention to visit the College.

On motion of Bro. C. O. Perry, the invitation of Dr. Tuttle to visit Wabash College was accepted.

Invitation to the faculty to the Literary Exercises and Banquet.

On motion of Bro. C. O. Perry, the faculty of Wabash College was invited to the Literary Exercises and Banquet to be held on Friday evening, May 22d, and the Secretary was instructed to send a special invitation to each member of the faculty.

The committee on lost archives made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson, was received:

*To the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Phi Delta Theta:*

Report of the Committee on Lost Archives.

At the last Convention a committee was appointed, consisting of C. T. Jamieson, G. W. McKinstry and F. C. Harvey, to find lost records. Mr. McKinstry is now a Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Harvey said he would see what he could do. I have written some fifty or sixty letters to which few replies have been received.

The undersigned begs that the names of Harvey and McKinstry be exchanged for some other members, or that the present committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed.

C. T. JAMIESON.

On motion of Bro. McCulloch, the names of G. W. McKinstry and F. C. Harvey were stricken from the committee on lost archives, and those of J. H. Gilmore, of Eaton, Ohio, and A. W. Fullerton, of Bloomington, Indiana, were substituted.

Bro. Wm. T. Mason moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the thanks of this Convention to Bro. C. O. Perry for his zeal and efficiency as President of the Convention; also that a copy be printed in the Indianapolis *Journal* and *Sentinel*.

Com. to draft resolutions of thanks to C. C. Perry.

The motion was adopted, and a committee appointed consisting of Bros. W. T. Mason, Emmett Tompkins and J. P. Roth.

On motion of Bro. Chas. A. Atkinson, a committee on signs of recognition was appointed, consisting of Bros. Chas. A. Atkinson, J. G. Parks and S. W. Carpenter.

Com. on signs of recognition.

The Secretary of the Convention of 1873, who was appointed a committee on compilation of the rules of former Conventions, submitted the following:

*To the Phi Delta Theta Convention:*

I have accomplished nothing, owing to my inability to procure copies of the minutes of former Conventions, the records seeming to have been lost by carelessness or otherwise. I would suggest that the committee on lost archives and this committee act in conjunction.

Report of Com. on Compilation of Rules of former Convention.

H. G. BRADFORD.

On motion of Bro. B. E. Anderson, the report was received and three members added to the committee, and instructed to act in conjunction with the committee on lost archives.

The President appointed, as the three additional mem-

bers, W. H. Ripley, Terre Haute, C. F. Knowlton, Oska-  
loosa, Iowa, and Jno. C. Robinson, Spencer, Ind.

Bro. C. O. Perry read the following report of Bro. W.  
N. Pickerill, a member of the committee on publication of  
a Phi monthly :

Report of the  
Phi Monthly  
Committee.

*To the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society :*

The undersigned, one of your committee on the publication of a  
Phi monthly, to whom was referred the question of such publica-  
tion by the *National Convention* of our Society held at Athens, Ohio,  
in the month of May, 1873, would respectfully report that owing to  
the long distance he is separated from his brother committeemen,  
and the uncertainty of the mails, he has been unable to hold any  
satisfactory conference with his fellow committeemen upon the  
subject referred to the committee, and this separate report em-  
bodying the views of the undersigned is submitted for the con-  
sideration and action of the convention.

The financial crisis has made the publication of a Phi monthly,  
at any time since the meeting of the last Convention, an utterly  
futile project, and the undersigned does not believe the time has  
yet arrived for the successful carrying out of such a work unless  
there is guaranteed at least eight hundred paid up subscribers at  
two dollars per copy.

This would give us a sixteen page paper, 18x24 inches. I do  
not estimate anything at this price for editorial work. Sixteen  
hundred dollars would procure the material, the mechanical exe-  
cution and mailing of the papers for one year. I would count  
little or nothing on the advertising patronage of such a paper. My  
plan for the establishment of such a paper as contemplated by the  
Society would be to circulate a pledge among the Chapters, where-  
by each Chapter bound itself by the 1st day of October, 1874, to  
forward to a designated depository the money for a certain num-  
ber of copies at two dollars each; and if the amount comes up to  
the estimate of a respectable printing firm, to issue the first num-  
ber in November, 1874.

My further plan would be for this Convention to appoint editors

for the paper for one year, two of them at least residing at the locality where the paper is published, and to whom would be submitted the supervision of all articles and the reading of proofs, with authority to reject unsuitable matter, either editorial or contributed, and to call upon their co-editors and fellow members of the Society for a sufficiency of suitable matter to fill up each number of the paper.

The Convention could, by resolution, instruct the depositaries of funds paid in for paper purposes, to refund to the Chapters the amount forwarded by them in the event of the funds not reaching the necessary amount to carry the paper through for one year.

The undersigned is sensible of the advantage to be derived from such a paper, and also has some conception of our disgrace should it fail, but believe it will succeed if the plan herein submitted, or one similar, can be adopted. Journalism is a distinct profession, and new papers should only be brought to life when they are wanted by enough patrons to keep them alive, and they can only be kept alive by a prudent use of money and brains. These we have, and we hope the Convention will use them to the honor and goodly fame of our well-beloved Phi Delta Theta.

W. N. PICKERILL.

CLINTON, Mo., May 7, 1874.

On motion of Bro. Carpenter, the report of Bro. Pickerill was received and laid on the table till the morning session.

It was moved by Bro. S. W. Carpenter that the Chair appoint a Standing Committee of three on the Constitution, to act during the sessions of this Convention.

Standing Committee on the Constitution.

The President appointed on the Committee, Bros. S. W. Carpenter, W. H. Ripley and W. H. LaMonte.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Ripley, a Committee of five, consisting of Bros. W. H. Ripley, Chas. O. Perry, J. C. Irwin, S. C. Scheeline and T. C. Early was appointed to

Com. on Incorporation.

investigate and report upon the expediency of incorporating the Society.

Com. on Permanent Fund.

On motion of Bro. A. A. Marshall, a Committee of five was appointed to report upon the best method of increasing the Permanent Fund of the Fraternity.

The President appointed on this Committee Bros. C. O. Perry, A. A. Marshall, F. M. Briel, G. C. Cohen, and C. W. Sheldon.

Com. on Order of Business.

On motion of Bro. McCulloch, a Committee of three, consisting of Bros. G. D. McCulloch, J. A. Mitchell and W. H. LaMonte was appointed to draft an order of business for the Convention.

Catalogue Committee.

On motion of Bro. W. T. Mason, a Committee was appointed to report upon publishing a catalogue for 1874.

The Chair appointed on this Committee Bros. W. T. Mason, C. T. Jamieson, and H. G. Bradford.

Finance Com.

On motion of Bro. S. W. Carpenter, a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. C. O. Perry, S. W. Carpenter, and J. C. Irwin.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

MAY 20, 1874.

Called to order.

The Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by the President.

The Evening Session was devoted to hearing verbal re-

ports from the official delegates, of the condition and prospects of their respective Chapters. All reported favorably, and much enthusiasm was displayed.

On motion of Bro. W. T. Mason, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Convention extend to the Indiana Alpha its heartfelt sympathy in its troubles, and that the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to, Bro. A. W. Fullerton, for his unremitting efforts to lift its fallen banners.

Resolution of thanks to A. W. Fullerton.

On motion of Bro. Carpenter, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock A. M.

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## MORNING SESSION.

MAY 21, 1874.

The Convention was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. by the President.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Bro. C. T. Jamieson moved to strike out the word "Society," wherever it occurred in the Constitution, and substitute the word "Fraternity."

Motion to substitute Fraternity for Society.

Referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

Bro. C. A. Atkinson offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, We believe the interest and welfare of the Society would be promoted by having a uniform initiation fee throughout each and every Chapter; and,

Bro. C. A. Atkinson's resolution on initiation

WHEREAS, We believe that our Society would grow in numbers

and in power by having part of the initiation fee applied to the Permanent Fund; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the initiation fee of each Chapter be three dollars, and that one-third of this shall go toward increasing the Permanent Fund, and the remainder of it shall be for the use of the Chapter.

Referred to the Committee on Permanent Fund.

Com. on Badges.

On motion of Bro. J. C. Irwin, a committee, consisting of the mover of the motion, Bros. C. T. Jamieson and W. T. Mason, was appointed on badges, to whom all business pertaining to the same should be referred.

The Committee on Constitution made a partial report as follows, which was adopted:

Partial Report  
of the Com. on  
Constitution.

We, your Committee on the Constitution, to whom was referred the question of substituting the word "Fraternity" wherever the word "Society" occurs in the Constitution, would respectfully recommend that the proposed change be made.

S. W. CARPENTER,  
W. H. RIPLEY,  
W. H. LAMONTE,

*Committee.*

Bro. Carpenter offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Constitution Committee:

Resolution asking  
for Grand  
Seal.

*Resolved*, That Art. I, Sec. 4, Part 2d, of the Constitution be amended by inserting therein the word "arms" for "seal."

*Resolved*, That Art. I, Part 2d, of the Constitution be so amended that sec. 5 shall be numbered 6, and sec. 6 be numbered 7; and the following section inserted as number 5: "The seal of the Order, the right to use which shall reside in the Grand Alpha alone, shall consist of the arms of the Order, and the words, 'Grand Seal of The Phi Delta Theta,' in a circle about the same."

The committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks

to our retiring' President, Bro. Charles O. Perry, reported as follows:

We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to Bro. C. O. Perry, would respectfully submit the following:

Report of Com.  
of thanks to C.  
O. Perry.

WHEREAS, At the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, assembled at Crawfordsville, Ind., May 20, 1874, Prest. Charles O. Perry retired from the Chair; and,

WHEREAS, He has for two years efficiently and faithfully discharged the duties devolved upon him; and,

WHEREAS, The rapid growth and present prosperity of the Fraternity is, in a great part, due to his earnest and well directed efforts; be it

*Resolved*, That we, as a Convention, regret to lose him as our presiding officer, and on retirement we return our sincere thanks for his devoted services as an officer, and shall ever hold him in grateful remembrance for his unswerving fidelity to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

EMMETT TOMPKINS,

WM. T. MASON,

J. P. ROTH,

*Committee.*

The report was received by consent, and, on motion of Bro. B. E. Anderson, was unanimously adopted.

The committee appointed to draw up an order of business reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to draft an order of business for the National Convention of the Fraternity, deem it impracticable in the present state of the Convention, and the committee begs leave to submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Convention:

Report of Com.  
on Order of  
Business.

*Resolved*, 1. That a committee be appointed to draft a Constitution for the general government of National Conventions.

2. That the Grand Alpha be dispensed with. \*

3. That this National Organization be permanent and subject to this Constitution. That said Convention assume the office of Grand Alpha, and take an appropriate name.

G. D. McCULLOCH,

J. A. MITCHELL,

W. K. LAMONTE,

*Committee.*

The report was referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

**Com.on Regalia.** On motion of Bro. A. A. Marshall, a committee on regalia was appointed to report whether it would be expedient to adopt an uniform regalia throughout the different Chapters.

Bros. A. A. Marshall, Emmett Tompkins and G. D. McCulloch were appointed as the committee.

**Executive Com.** On motion of Bro. C. A. Atkinson, the usual Executive Committee was appointed to report a programme for, and to select a place of holding the next Convention.

The President appointed the following to constitute the committee: Bros. Charles A. Atkinson, A. A. Marshall, B. L. Duckwall and W. H. LaMonte.

On motion of Bro. Emmett Tompkins, it was decided to visit, *en masse*, Wabash College at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the Convention assemble at the Hall at 1½ P. M., for that purpose.

Brother S. C. Scheeline reported the California Alpha Chapter in a very flourishing condition, and promised that the good seed sown west of the Rocky mountains should grow and bring forth much fruit.

Brother Groenendyke, an Alumnus of Wabash College, made some interesting and well-timed remarks, closing by bidding the cause God speed, and by assuring the Brotherhood that his best wishes were for the success and prosperity of the Phi Delta Theta.

On motion of Brother S. W. Carpenter, the Convention adjourned to meet at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 21, 1874.

The Convention was called to order by President Whitehead at 1½ o'clock P. M. Called to order.

On motion of Bro. Chas. O. Perry, it was ordered that no persons except members of the fraternity and their ladies, and the members of the faculty of Wabash College and their ladies, be admitted to the banquet, except by a special resolution of the Convention. Order respecting invited guests to the banquet.

The Convention then proceeded *en masse* to visit Wabash College. Dr. Tuttle and Prof. Harvey received the delegation and conducted them through the building and grounds. When they reached the hall of the "Lyceum," one of the Literary Societies of the College, President Whitehead called the delegation to order, and introduced Dr. Tuttle, President of the College, who made an eloquent and polished address of welcome, speaking in very complimentary terms of the representation and also of the Chapter in this College; "*He had never yet had occasion to correct a 'Phi' for breach of discipline.*" When in the hall Visit to Wabash College.

of the other literary society, the "Caliopean," Mr. Tompkins, of Athens, Ohio, recited in a masterly manner, "Shamus O'Brien."

After visiting the Cabinet and Library, all went to the Gymnasium, where Col. Carrington made a short speech, setting forth the practical advantages of the department of Military Science. All were delighted with the visit. Col. Carrington had intended to have battalion drill this afternoon for the entertainment of the representatives, but was prevented from doing so on account of ill health.

The Convention then returned to the hall and reopened its business session, when—

On motion of Bro. J. G. Parks, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution of  
thanks to the  
Faculty of Wa-  
bash College.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Phi Delta Theta Convention be and are hereby tendered to the faculty of Wabash College for their kind invitation to visit their institution, and for the courteous manner in which they welcomed and entertained the delegation.

Com. on Publi-  
cation of Min-  
utes.

On motion of Bro. W. T. Mason, a committee of three, consisting of C. O. Perry, H. G. Bradford, the third to be appointed by the President, was appointed to attend to the publication of the minutes of this Convention. The committee was instructed to publish only such things as if known to persons outside would not be injurious to the interests of the fraternity. The President added to the committee Bro. S. J. Tomlinson.

Bro. C. O. Perry offered the following preamble and request:

*To the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in National Convention assembled:*

Report from  
Grand Banker.

WHEREAS, No money can be paid out of the treasury except upon the order of the Convention, and,

WHEREAS, I have advanced the sum of one hundred and fifty-five (\$155) dollars for the following items, I therefore ask your honorable body for an order to reimburse me for the same :

July 13, 1873, for postage.....	\$6 00
Aug. 3, ' " " " .....	12 00
" " " " 1,000 certificates of membership.....	12 00
Sept. 20, " " postage.. .. .	6 00
Oct. 30, ' " stationery.....	6 50
Dec. 4, " " postage.....	6 00
April 24, 1874, ' 1,000 envelops.....	4 50
" " " " postage.....	10 00
" 25, " printing minutes and 1,000 circulars...	57 00
" 27, " " R. R. fare to Crawfordsville and return	3 50
" ' " " postage.....	1 75
" ' " " stationery.....	2 75
May 8, ' " postage.....	3 00
" ' ' " 1,000 circulars and annual greetings....	9 00
" ' ' " clerical work and copying.....	15 00
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	\$155 00

The above items have been included in my report.

Yours, respectfully,

CHAS. O. PERRY, *Grand Banker.*

On motion of Bro. B. L. Duckwall, the Convention granted the petition of the Grand Banker, and ordered him to retain the amount, \$155, out of the general fund.

On motion of Chas. D. Ellis, the Rev. John Safford and lady were invited to attend the literary exercises and banquet.

Invitation to Rev. John Safford and lady.

On motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson, the following resolution was received and laid on the table.

*Resolved,* That a committee of five be appointed to design a form for charters, making it both appropriate and ornamental, changing

Com. on form of Charters.

and revising the present form, omitting the full motto and making such other changes as will be deemed necessary or beneficial.

2. That on adoption, the design shall be handed to the Grand Banker, who shall have fifty copies printed and forward them to the Grand Chapter, who shall, on the receipt of \$5.00, forward them to the different Chapters, the blanks to be filled by the names of the original charter members. All moneys received by the Grand Chapter for charters shall be forwarded to the Grand Banker for the Permanent Fund.

The President appointed on the committee on form of the charter, Bros. S. C. Scheeline, S. W. Carpenter and Emmett Tompkins.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Tomlinson, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

MAY 21, 1874.

Called to order. The Convention was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, consisting either of the Committee on Catalogue Publication, or one to act in conjunction with it, who shall ascertain the location and date of the establishment of all the Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta, both living and defunct, and also the members of that Chapter, their date of initiation, class and present position. Having arranged the members, each under his own Chapter's title, they shall rearrange the Chapters, giving them the double title of—

I. (1) The name of the State in which they are located. (2) The

letter of the Greek alphabet signifying the order of establishment in the State.

II. The letter of the Greek alphabet indicating the order of establishment in the fraternity, as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc. When the number exceeds 24, the 25th to be known as Alpha deutron, Beta deutron, etc., etc.

The President appointed the following Committee: Bros. E. M. Willson, C. T. Jamieson and J. H. Gillmore.

The Committee on Publication of Catalogue offered the following report:

We the undersigned, your Committee on Publication of Catalogue, respectfully submit the following:

Report of Com. on Publishing Catalogue.

1. We recommend that a standing committee of three, to be called Committee on Publication of Catalogue, be appointed, to act in conjunction with the Lost Archive Committee, in publishing catalogue.

2. That the delegate from each Chapter be constituted a committee of one to send immediately to the committee, upon his return home, all the information he can with reference to the Alumni of his respective Chapter.

W. T. MASON,  
C. T. JAMIESON,  
H. G. BRADFORD,  
*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. J. G. Parks, a committee of three, consisting of Bros. J. G. Parks, J. C. Irwin and A. W. Fullerton, was appointed on initiation.

Com. on Initiation.

On motion of Bro. S. C. Scheeline the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Chair appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to suggest methods of improving our charters in uniformity, beauty and shape.

Com. on Revision of Charters.

The President appointed as a committee on revision of

charters, Bros. S. C. Scheeline, S. W. Carpenter and Emmett Tompkins.

Com. to institute the office of Historian.

On motion of Bro. A. A. Marshall, a committee of three was appointed to prepare a resolution instituting the office of Historian. The committee was composed of Bros. A. A. Marshall, B. L. Duckwall and G. D. McCulloch.

On motion of Bro. S. C. Scheeline, the committee on arrangements was instructed to reserve seats for the delegates and their company, and furnish ushers for the seating of the audience at the literary exercises.

On motion of Bro. J. G. Parks the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., Friday.

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## MORNING SESSION.

MAY 22, 1874.

Called to order. The Convention was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock A. M.

Reading minutes. The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted.

Office of Chaplain in initiatory exercises. On motion of Bro. J. G. Parks, it was ordered that the office of Chaplain in the initiatory services be instituted.

The committee on the Terre Haute Chapter investigation reported as follows :

Report of Com. on Terre Haute Chapter. We your Committee on the Terre Haute Chapter Investigation, respectfully submit the following report :

After considering the matter the committee have come to the

conclusion that they have nothing to do in regard to it, its charter having been resigned by its delegate at the Convention of 1872, at Danville, Ky.

E. TOMPKINS,  
C. A. ATKINSON,  
W. H. RIPLEY,  
*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. J. G. Parks, a committee, consisting of Bros. Chas. O. Perry and Emmett Tompkins, was appointed to arrange toasts for the evening. Com. on Toasts.

The Committee on Permanent Fund reported as follows:

We your Committee on the Permanent Fund respectfully submit the following report: Report of Com. on Permanent Fund.

We recommend, 1. That every Chapter, through its Treasurer, be required to collect from every candidate for initiation the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) which shall be forwarded at the end of each college term to the Grand Banker, to be added to the Permanent Fund, who shall return to the Treasurer of the respective Chapters a receipt for the same.

2. That this Convention do authorize every Chapter to appoint annually an agent for the Permanent Fund, who shall solicit contributions from both its attendant and correspondent members, and who shall be allowed to receive interest bearing notes of a not longer time than ten years, to be made payable to the Grand Banker or order, for the use of the Permanent Fund.

3. That the interest, and the interest only, of said money, excepting by unanimous consent of all the active Chapters, shall be expended in such way as the Convention may authorize.

4. That the articles herein proposed shall be binding on every Chapter from May 20, 1874, and for violation of the same, shall be subject to forfeiture of Charter.

C. O. PERRY,  
A. A. MARSHALL,  
F. M. BRIEL,  
G. C. COHEN,  
C. W. SHELDON,  
*Committee.*

Report of Com.  
on signs of re-  
cognition.

The Committee on Signs of Recognition then made a report, copies of which can be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Convention, Bro. H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Indiana.

The Committee on Revision of Charters reported as follows :

Report of Com.  
on Revision of  
Charters.

We your Committee on Revision of Charters respectfully submit the following :

We recommend, 1. That the Chapters be allowed to retain their present Charters as relics.

2. That charters be reissued to the respective Chapters by the Permanent Grand Chapter to be elected.

3. That a committee from the Grand Chapter be appointed by that Chapter to draft a design for charters, taking into consideration beauty, shape and taste.

4. That the Secretary of the Grand Chapter transmit particulars of such design to each Chapter.

5. That each Chapter, through its Secretary, indicate its approval or non-approval, and that on the approval of two-thirds of the number of Chapters, the submitted design shall be accepted.

6. That the expense of new charters be met by an equal assessment on each Chapter, which shall not be more than the actual cost of the charter.

S. C. SCHEELINE,  
S. W. CARPENTER,  
E. TOMPKINS,

*Committee.*

The above report was adopted on motion of Bro. Scheeline.

The Committee on Constitution made the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted :

Report of Com.  
on Constitution.

We your Constitutional Committee offer the following amendments to the Constitution :

*Resolved*, That Art. I, Sec. 4, Par. II of the Constitution be amended by substituting the word "arms" for "seal."

*Resolved*, That Art. I, Par. II, of the Constitution be so amended that Sec. 5 shall be numbered 6, and the following section be inserted as No. 5. Art. 1, Sec. 5—The seal of the order, the right to use which shall reside alone in the Grand Alpha, shall consist of the arms of the Order, and the words "Grand Seal of the Phi Delta Theta" in a circle about the same.

*Resolved*, That Par. II, Art. I, Sec. 1, shall be so amended that the phrase "such institutions" shall be changed to "such collegiate institutions."

*Resolved*, That Art. I, Sec. 1, Par. II, of the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause: "The Chapter to which is delegated the jurisdiction over all Chapters in the State in which it is located shall be nominated the 'State Grand Chapter,' and that the words 'State Grand Chapter' shall be substituted for 'State Alpha' whenever they may occur in this Constitution.

*Resolved*, That Par. II, Art. II, Sec. 1 be so amended as to read: "The Chapter organized at Wooster University, the Ohio Delta, shall be called the National Grand of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and shall have the following mentioned powers: 1. To grant charters to Grand Chapters of other States; 2. To grant charters to other Chapters in Ohio; 3. To decide all appeals from the Grand Chapters of other States, or the Chapters of Ohio; 4. On the resignation or decease of any State Grand Chapter, to grant its powers to such other Chapter in that State as may seem best qualified.

S. W. CARPENTER,

J. A. MITCHELL,

W. H. RIPLEY,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Incorporation reported the following:

Your committee to investigate the expediency and policy of incorporating our organization into a body corporate, armed with the requisite legal powers of offense and defense, do unanimously report that it is expedient and politic to have our organization in-

Report of Com.  
on Incorporation.

corporated, to possess all the rights, powers and privileges given to corporations by common law; to sue and be sued, to rent, lease, purchase, hold, sell and convey such real and personal property as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of erecting buildings, renting the same, and for other proper objects of any such corporation.

As the proper means of effecting these ends, we think it proper that our National Grand shall appoint suitable persons, *within* the Fraternity, as a committee to fulfill the requirements of the law to incorporate the Fraternity of the Phi Delta Theta, in the State in which it is situated; and that each Chapter, when it receives from the National Grand its charter, and each officer and agent of the National Grand receiving his power of attorney and authority to act, shall fulfill the requirements of the law, in order that it may be entitled to all the powers and authority of an agent of said corporation. In most States the duties required by the law are as follows: Each Chapter or agent not in the same State with the National Grand, before entering upon the duties and privileges, shall deposit in the Clerk's office of the county where they propose acting, the charter, commission, appointment or authority to act as an agent of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Said Chapters or agents shall procure from our said incorporated National Grand, and file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court where they propose acting, a duly authorized order, resolution, or other sufficient authority of the Board of Directors or managers of the corporation, authorizing citizens or residents of the State having claim or demand against the corporation, arising out of a transaction with said Chapter, to sue for and maintain an action in respect to the same in any court in that State, of competent jurisdiction, and further authorizing serving of process in such action on such Chapter to be valid service on such corporation, and that such service shall authorize judgment and all other proceedings against the corporation.

That the necessary expenses incurred by the National Grand in performing the requirements of the law in incorporating the Fraternity, shall be borne by the Fraternity at large, and the expense

of recording charters of Chapters shall be borne by said Chapters doing the same.

The above report was received and laid on the table until next Convention, to give the members time to discuss the matter in their respective Chapters.

The Committee on Badges made the following report :

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Badges, respectfully offer the following: Report of Com.  
on Badges.

We would further recommend that this Convention adopt, in addition to the badge described in the minutes of the Convention of a badge of convenient size to be worn as a shirt pin, and that 1873, this pin shall be in weight not less than one pwt., and the attachment not less than eighteen grains.

We would recommend that a committee of three be appointed, who shall investigate the making of badges, and make arrangements with some jeweler to furnish badges to all the Chapters at uniform prices, and that the badges shall not be less than sixteen carats fine.

J. C. IRWIN,  
C. T. JAMIESON,  
W. T. MASON,  
*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. A. W. Fullerton the report was received, and on motion of Bro. B. E. Anderson, adopted.

The Chair appointed Bros. J. C. Irwin, S. J. Tomlinson and B. L. Duckwall, a committee to investigate the making of badges. Com. on investi-  
gating the mak-  
ing of badges.

The Committee on Historian made the following report :

We, your Committee on Historian, offer the following: We recommend that Sec. 1, Art. III, of the Constitution, be so amended that the office of Historian be added as one of the offices of the Fraternity; and be it Report of Com.  
on Historian.

*Resolved*, That the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity do hereby institute the office of Historian of the several Chapters and of the Convention.

That the duty of Chapter Historian shall be to collect all information he can in regard to his Chapter, and write out a complete history of it and biographies of its members, and all information that would be of interest to after members.

2. That a Historian of the Convention be also elected, who shall write out a history of the proceedings of the Convention, and make such notices of members as he may think proper, this history to be read at the subsequent Convention.

3. The Chapter Historians shall be elected at such times as the Chapters shall provide in their By-Laws. The Historian of the Convention shall be elected at the same time as its other officers.

A. A. MARSHALL,  
G. D. McCULLOCH,  
B. L. DUCKWALL,

*Committee.*

Motion excusing the Illinois Beta.

Bro. J. A. Mitchell moved that the Illinois Beta be excused from its unpaid assessment of 1873, amounting to \$17.00. After some discussion of the question, and satisfactory explanations and statements by Bro. Mitchell, the motion was carried.

Motion excusing the Missouri Alpha.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Tomlinson, the Missouri Alpha was excused from its back assessments of 1872 and 1873, amounting to \$51.00; and from the penalty of forfeiture of charter for failure to send a delegate to the last Convention, satisfactory excuses having been offered.

Bro. Chas. O. Perry, a member of the Publication Committee, offered the following:

Report of Publication Com.

We, the committee appointed by the last National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society, to effect arrangements whereby members may procure books at a uniform discount from publish-

ers' prices, report the following arrangements perfected with the wholesale house of Bowen, Stewart & Co., Indianapolis, Ind. They will furnish books at the following rates of discount from publishers' prices:

Regular Text Books, Miscellaneous and Scientific.....	30 per cent.
Law Books (except reports), \$50 worth or more in one order.....	25 " "
Law Books (except reports), less than \$50 in one order,	20 " "
Medical Books.....	15 " "

Subscription Books, Cyclopedias and other Specials, from 20 per cent. to list prices.

Terms—cash with order, or books will be sent C. O. D., when the order contains a guarantee remittance.

In order to secure to each member the privilege of this arrangement, and to protect Messrs. Bowen, Stewart & Co. against fraud and imposition, a certificate in duplicate will be issued by the President, as was ordered by the Convention, for which each member will be charged the sum of 20 cents. This amount is charged to defray the expense of printing the certificates and to pay postage on return, and must be sent in with your applications for certificates.

One of the certificates you will retain, and on the back of the one marked "duplicate" you will write your name, and send to Messrs. Bowen, Stewart & Co., with your first order. This they will keep in their possession that they may have your signature and thereby protect themselves from fraud, should your certificate be lost or fall into other hands.

Orders from a distance must be directed to Bowen, Stewart & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Should any one call in person, he will ask for either S. T. Bowen, J. G. McDowell or A. D. Clark, one of whom will wait on him in person.

This arrangement is strictly confidential, and no member has any right whatever to speak of it to any one outside of the membership except to the three persons mentioned above—S. T. Bowen, J. G. McDowell and A. D. Clark.

The obligations and bond of secrecy made at the time of initiation extend to this contract with Messrs. Bowen, Stewart & Co. the same as to any transactions had in the secret sessions of the chapters, and any violation of this rule will forfeit all rights and privileges under the above agreement.

R. S. BLOUNT,  
CHAS. O. PERRY,  
C. D. WHITEHEAD,

*Committee.*

NOTE.—Since the above report was made, I have succeeded in perfecting arrangements with the house of Robert Clark & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, to furnish books to the members of the Fraternity, subject to the same restrictions as in the above report, at the following rates of discount :

Regular Text Books,	30 per cent.
Miscellaneous and Scientific,	25 “
Law Books, except reports,	25
Medical Books,	15 “

Subscription Books, Cyclopedias and other special 20 per cent. discount from list prices.  
CHAS. O. PERRY.

On motion of Bro. McCulloch, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 22, 1874.

Called to order. The Convention was called to order by the President.

The following preamble and resolution offered by Bro. S. W. Carpenter, on his motion, was adopted as the sense of the Convention :

Alumni Associations.

WHEREAS, We are of the opinion that associations of the Alumni of the Phi Delta Theta, in the large cities of our land, would be highly beneficial to the prosperity of the Order, not only in keeping up, by occasional meetings, the old Phi Delta Theta spirit, which is so apt to languish when connection with the organization

is severed, but also in the influence an organized Alumni would have on undergraduate chapters in sympathy and in counsel; and further, believing that such organized associations, by giving Phi Delta Theta visitors at our larger cities information as to where they can find those whom they may be able to know and at once trust, would greatly extend the benefits of the Order; be it

*Resolved*, That this Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity urge upon its Alumni, in each of our large cities, to effect an organization in their respective cities for the purposes herein mentioned.

On motion of Brother Perry, the Convention ordered the expenses of the speakers of the evening, the Chorister and Secretary, to be paid; also the expenses at the church and a donation of five dollars to the Good Templars' Society for the use of their hall.

Expenses of speakers ordered paid.

The Executive Committee made the following report:

We, the undersigned, your Executive Committee, would recommend that the next Convention be held at Danville, Ky., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 19, 20 and 21, 1875, and the following be the programme of public literary exercises:

Report of Executive Com.

*For Orator*—Thos. W. Bullett, Louisville, Ky.

*For Alternate*—Jno. C. Robinson, Spencer, Ind.

*For Poet*—W. P. Black, Champaign, Ill.

*For Alternate*—T. M. Findly, Monmouth, Ill.

*On Obituaries*—C. M. Beckwith, Sewanee, Tenn.

*For Chorister*—A. M. Burbank, Danville, Ky.

C. A. ATKINSON,  
W. H. LAMONTE,  
S. C. SCHEELINE,  
B. L. DUCKWALL,  
G. C. COHEN,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. S. W. Carpenter, the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. L. Duckwall, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution requiring Grand Banker to assess for Convention expenses.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Banker be instructed to make an assessment *per capita* upon the attendant members sufficient to pay the expenses of any Convention, including railroad fare for one delegate from each Chapter of this Fraternity, and other expenses necessary in conducting the Convention.

The Grand Banker then offered his report, as follows:

*To the Twenty-sixth Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society :*

Report of Grand Banker.

Your Grand Banker begs leave to make the following report: At the Convention of 1873 the office of Grand Banker of the Phi Delta Theta Society was created, and I had the honor to be chosen to fill the same for two years from that time. It became my duty to lay assessments upon the different Chapters for general expenses, to collect the same, to pay out money upon the order of the Convention, and to manage the Permanent Fund of the Society.

I am glad to be able to say that the assessments have given general satisfaction, and have been promptly paid with but two or three exceptions. It has amounted to a tax of one cent per day during the year. The journals of a new machine are usually rough, and it takes some time to get them in good working order. I am of the opinion, however, that when this plan is fully understood and appreciated, there will not be a single jar anywhere.

Your honorable body has seen fit to excuse the Missouri Alpha and the Illinois Beta from their delinquency for 1872. This I regard as a deserving act, since they have responded so promptly to the call of duty during the last two years. In my report of delinquent Chapters you will find only those owing on assessments of 1873 and 1874. These amounts I hope to collect soon.

The indebtedness of the Society consists of a balance due Wrightson & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, of \$55.00, for publishing the catalogue of 1872. The Ohio Alpha, to whom was intrusted this matter, reported at the convention of 1873 a balance on hand of Catalogue Fund, \$18.00.

I have received \$13.00 of that amount, which is included in my report below. We have cash on hand, \$26.55; outstanding indebtedness, \$55.00, leaving a balance against the Society of \$28.45. I hope soon to collect from the delinquent Chapters sufficient to pay this amount, when we will be entirely free from the cloud of debt that has been hanging over the Society for over four years.

I am glad steps have been taken at this Convention to make a systematic effort to increase the Permanent Fund. I shall be relieved of many of my other duties, so I can make a greater effort in that direction this year than ever before. The following is the condition of the finances of the Society at this date, May 22, 1874.

I have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully,

CHAS. O. PERRY,

*Grand Banker Phi Delta Theta Society.*

## PERMANENT FUND

### SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID.

Chas. O. Perry, Indianapolis, Ind.....	\$ 25 00
F. M. Griffith, Vevay, Ind.....	10 00
S. S. Bergen, Eranklin, Ind.....	8 00
J. D. Goodloe, Danville, Ky.....	10 00
S. J. Tomlinson, Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
H. C. Darnell, Greencastle, Ind.....	5 00
Wm. M. D. Bent, Danville, Ky.....	5 00
A. M. Burbank, Danville, Ky.....	5 00
W. S. Tingley, Anderson, Ind.....	5 00
Logan McKee, Danville, Ky.....	5 00
Wm. M. Duncan, Lancaster, Ky.....	5 00
H. C. Guffin, Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
Harvey Lee, Indianapolis, Ind.....	15 00
A. B. Thrasher, Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
W. O. Bates.....	15 00
Robert P. Parker, Indianapolis, Ind.....	10 00

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Carried forward.....\$198 00

Brought forward.....	\$198 00
Dr. W. J. Elstun, Indianapolis, Ind.....	20 00
Jas. C. Norris, Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
Elam Fisher, Eaton, Ohio.....	15 00
Henry Eitle, Indianapolis, Ind.....	15 00
C. H. Remy, Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
John B. Elam, Indianapolis, Ind.....	15 00
R. S. Blount, Worthington, Ind.....	25 00
James T. Darnell, Indianapolis, Ind.....	15 00
N. W. Cady, Indianapolis, Ind.....	5 00
B. L. Gregory, Brooklyn, Ind.....	5 00
Fred. B. O'Neal, Indianapolis, Ind.....	5 00
H. G. Armstrong, Jackson C. H., West Va.....	5 00
H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Ind.....	5 00
James L. Mitchell, Indianapolis, Ind.....	5 00
W. N. Pickerill, Clinton, Mo.....	1 50
Charles Groenendyke, Lafayette, Ind.....	5 00

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SUBSCRIPTIONS UNPAID.

J. A. Rankin, Oxford, Ohio.....	\$ 10 00
S. S. Bergen, Franklin, Ind.....	2 00
J. D. M. Hamilton, Galesburg, Ill.....	5 00
W. O. Rodes, Danville, Ky.....	5 00
B. V. Marshall, Terre Haute, Ind.....	5 00
Noble B. McKee, Hanover, Ind.....	5 00
J. C. Finelle, 80 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.....	5 00
A. W. Ringland, Winfield, Iowa.....	5 00
D. S. White, Allertown, Iowa.....	5 00
Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga.....	5 00
James Robinson, Crawfordsville, Ind.....	5 00
S. B. Alderson, St. Charles, Mo.....	5 00
R. L. Irwin, Danville, Ky.....	5 00
Wm. Turner, Jr.....	2 00
Thomas Hartley, Indianapolis, Ind.....	5 00

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Carried forward..... \$74 00

Brought forward.....	\$74 00
John R. Miller, Greencastle, Ind.....	10 00
J. T. Albin, Greencastle, Ind.....	5 00
J. K. P. Hurst, Mt. Meridian, Ind.....	5 00
M. Whitlock, York, Ill.....	5 00
C. A. Murray, Bentonville, Ind.....	5 00
C. E. White, New Palestine, Ind.....	5 00
J. W. Cook, Warsaw, Ind.....	5 00
J. M. Withrow, Oxford, Ohio.....	10 00
J. L. Fletcher, Franklin, Ind.....	10 00
E. Marsh, Greenfield, Ind.....	5 00
	<u>\$139 00</u>

Add to this amount—

H. C. Darnell (withdrawn).....	\$ 5 00
John Clifford (deceased).....	20 00
	<u>\$25 00</u>
	\$164 00
May 22, 1874, Cash on hands.....	\$179 50
Invested at ten per cent.....	210 00
Subscriptions unpaid.....	164 00
	<u>\$553 50</u>

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Interest accrued on notes not due.....	\$ 9 00
Interest collected on notes not due.....	12 00
Interest collected on notes due.....	14 30
	<u>\$35 30</u>
Interest collected .....	\$26 30
Passed to the credit of the general fund.....	<u>\$26 30</u>

#### THE GENERAL FUND.

##### RECEIPTS FROM ASSESSMENT OF 1872 AND 1873.

1873.		
May 16.	Of Ohio Alpha per J. M. Withrow.....	\$15 00
July 1.	Indiana Alpha per A. W. Fullerton.....	\$2 10
July 31.	Indiana Alpha per H. G. Bradford.....	7 95
July 31.	Indiana Alpha per A. W. Fullerton.....	1 87
		<u>11 92</u>
	Carried forward.....	<u>\$26 92</u>

Brought forward.....		\$26 92
Oct. 8. Of Ky. Alpha per G. C. Cohen.....	10 50	
Oct. 18. Of Ky. Alpha per G. C. Cohen.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	13 50
June 20. Of N. Y. Alpha per S. W. Carpenter...	15 00	
Oct. 9. Of N. Y. Alpha per N. W. Cady.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	16 50
July 10. Virginia Alpha per Wm. McK. Murrel.	19 50	
Dec. 2. Of Virginia Alpha per G. L. Atkins.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	22 50
May 28. Of Iowa Alpha per C. F. Knowlton.....		18 00
May 16. Of Ohio Beta per Beeler & Curry voucher		35 25
June 20. Ind. Beta per H. W. Jones.....	13 00	
1874.		
Jan'y. 4. Ind. Beta per P. S. Hulburt.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
1873.		
May 16. Of Ga. Beta per C. H. Beckwith.....	22 50	
1874.		
Feb'y. 2. Of Ga. Beta per C. M. Cohen.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	40 50
Feb'y. 24. Of Ill. Beta per J. Ross Hanna.....		19 50
1873.		
May 28. Of Ind. Gamma per W. S. Tingley.....	8 60	
August 9. Of Ind. Gamma per E. H. Warner.....	10 50	
1874.		
Jan'y. 6. Of Ind. Gamma per E. F. Taylor.....	3 40	
	<hr/>	22 50
May 15. Of Ohio Gamma per G. E. Campbell...		18 00
1873.		
June 26. Of Ga. Gamma per Claud A. Saunders.		19 50
May 15. Of Ohio Delta per E. M. Wilson.....	13 50	
June 24. Of Ohio Delta per E. M. Wilson.....	6 00	
Oct. 15. Of Ohio Delta per J. Connell.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	22 50
1874.		
March 2. Of Ga. Delta per A. A. Marshall.....		22 00
1873.		
May 15. Of Ind. Delta per G. M. Laulbertson...		9 00
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Total cash receipts.....		<u>\$327 17</u>

## RECEIPTS FROM ASSESSMENTS OF 1874.

May	18.	Ohio Beta per Chas. A. Atkinson.....	\$47 40	
May	20.	Ohio Beta per Chas. A. Atkinson.....	14 65	
				----- \$62 05
May	21.	Ohio Gamma per B. L. Duckwall.....		43 80
May	18.	Ohio Delta per Jas. G. Connell.....	40 00	
May	22.	Ohio Delta per C. T. Jamieson.....	22 05	
				----- 62 05
May	21.	Ind. Alpha per A. W. Fullerton.....		10 95
May	6.	Ind. Beta per P. S. Hulbert.....	47 45	
May	20.	Ind. Beta per P. S. Hulbert.....	7 30	
				----- 54 75
May	20.	Ind. Gamma per W. T. Mason.....		51 10
May	21.	Ind. Delta per G. H. Elgin.....		21 90
May	18.	Ky. Alpha per Wm. McD. McClure.....		40 15
May	12.	Va. Alpha per Wm. McK. Murrell.....	30 00	
May	22.	Va. Alpha per S. H. Showalter.....	2 85	
				----- 32 85
May	18.	Va. Gamma per Jas. H. Dalby.....		36 50
May	22.	Ga. Beta per J. G. Parks.....		51 10
May	12.	Ga. Gamma per W. E. Keener.....	31 10	
May	22.	Ga. Gamma per B. E. Anderson.....	20 00	
				----- 51 10
May	14.	Ga. Delta per A. A. Marshall.....		58 40
May	7.	Iowa Alpha per W. H. LaMonte.....		40 15
May	18.	Ill. Beta per J. R. Hanna.....		40 15
May	14.	Mo. Alpha per T. C. Earley.....	15 00	
May	22.	Mo. Alpha per T. C. Earley.....	17 85	
				----- 32 85
May	22.	Cal. Alpha per S. C. Scheeline.....		80 30
May	7.	Michigan Beta per C. W. Sheldon.....		25 55
May	22.	N. Y. Alpha per Chas. H. Schurman...		47 45
May	19.	Penn. Alpha per J. C. Irwin.....		51 10
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		Total.....		<u>\$894 25</u>

## RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES:

1874.	
May	2. Placed to the credit of the General Fund receipts from the following sources:
	Beeler & Curry, advertising..... \$20 00
	Keifer & Son, advertising..... 20 00
	Clifford Bros., advertising..... 10 00
	Sale of certificates of membership..... 13 20
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	Interest on Permanent Fund..... \$63 20
	From sale of copies of Minutes of 1873. 7 00
May	19. From Ohio Alpha, part of Catalogue Fund per Z. T. Jones..... 13 00
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	Total..... <u>\$109 50</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1873.	
May	16. Paid board bill of delegates at the Warren House, Athens, Ohio..... \$32 97
May	16. Paid board of Ohio Alpha delegate..... 3 37
May	16. Beeler & Curry, for 300 invitations..... 35 00
May	16. Paid expressage on same..... 25
May	16. Paid Athens Cornet Band..... 20 00
May	16. Paid for use of Athanæum Hall..... 10 00
May	16. Railroad fare of Ransford Smith to Cincinnati.... 5 50
July	13. Balance due Treasurer on 1873 report..... 30 16
July	13. Paid for postage stamps..... 6 00
July	15. Paid railroad fare of H. G. Bradford, Secretary... 8 50
July	31. Paid T. J. Morgan, balance due him for traveling expenses..... 22 00
July	31. Paid balance of H. G. Bradford's traveling expenses ..... 7 95
July	31. Paid board bill Ind. Alpha Delegate..... 1 87
Aug.	3. Paid for postage for June, July and August..... 12 00
Aug.	3. Paid for 1,000 certificates of membership..... 12 00
Sept.	20. Paid for postage..... 6 00
Oct.	30. Paid for stationery..... 6 50
Dec.	20. Paid for postage..... 6 00
1874.	
April	20. Paid for 1,000 envelopes..... 4 50
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	Carried forward.....\$230 57

Brought forward.....	\$230	57
April 20. Paid for postage.....	10	00
April 25. Paid for printing minutes and 1,000 circulars.....	57	00
April 27. Paid railroad fare to Crawfordsville and return...	3	50
April 27. Paid for postage.....	1	75
April 30. Paid for stationery.....	2	75
May 8. Paid for postage.....	3	00
May 8. Paid Randall, Long & Co. for 1,000 circulars.....	9	00
May 8. Paid for clerical work and copying.....	15	00
May 20. Paid Bates House debt of 1871.....	75	00
	<u>\$407</u>	<u>57</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1874 TO MAY 22.

Paid railroad fare of delegates as follows:

1874.

May 22. Ohio Beta, Athens, Ohio, Chas. A. Atkinson.....	\$19	55
May 22. Ohio Gamma, Delaware, Ohio, B. L. Duckwall.....	14	55
May 22. Ohio Delta, Wooster, Ohio, Chas. T. Jamieson.....	21	75
May 22. Ind. Alpha, Bloomington, Ind., A. W. Fullerton..	6	00
May 22. Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind., W. T. Mason.....	1	75
May 22. Ind. Delta, Franklin, Ind., G. H. Elgin.....	3	35
May 22. Kentucky Alpha, Danville, Ky., G. C. Cohen.....	19	05
May 22. Virginia Alpha, Salem, Va., S. H. Showalter.....	44	25
May 22. Virginia Gamma, Ashland, Va., F. M. Briel.....	37	65
May 22. Georgia Beta, Athens, Ga., J. G. Parks.....	73	15
May 22. Georgia Gamma, Oxford, Ga., B. E. Anderson.....	64	00
May 22. Georgia Delta, Macon, Ga., Alexis A. Marshall....	62	95
May 22. Iowa Alpha, Mt. Pleasant, Ia., W. H. LaMonte...	18	70
May 22. New York Alpha, Ithaca, N. Y., S. W. Carpenter.	33	75
May 22. Illinois Beta, Monmouth, Ill., J. A. Mitchell.....	11	50
May 22. Missouri Alpha, Columbia, Mo., T. C. Early.....	25	70
May 22. California Alpha, Berkley, Cal., S. C. Scheeline...	246	80
May 22. Michigan Beta, Lansing, Mich., C. W. Sheldon....	18	05
May 22. Pennsylvania Alpha, Easton, Penn., J. C. Irwin...	43	95
	<u>\$766</u>	<u>45</u>

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

May 22. Speakers and chorister.....	\$9	45
May 22. Ribbons and expressage.....	3	55
May 22. Stationery for Convention use.....	3	50
May 22. Janitor for services at church.....	3	00
Carried forward.....	<u>\$19</u>	<u>50</u>

Brought forward.....	\$19 50
May 22. Incidentals.....	2 50
May 22. L. H. Miller & Co., for printing songs.....	6 50
May 22. Banquet for faculty and band.....	16 00
May 22. Crawfordsville string band .....	19 00
May 22. 500 cards of invitation and expressage.....	51 85
May 22. H. G. Bradford. secretary.....	10 00
May 22. For use of Good Templar Hall.....	5 00
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	\$130 35

## CASH ACCOUNT.

	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To receipts from assessments of 1872 and 1873...	\$327 17	
To receipts from assessments of 1874.....	894 25	
To receipts from other sources.....	109 50	
By expenses per disbursements of 1873.....		\$407 57
By railroad fare as per report .....		766 45
By general expenses, as per report.....		130 35
By cash balance on hand.....		26 55
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	\$1,330 92	\$1,330 92

## BALANCE DUE FROM CHAPTERS.

Ohio Alpha, delinquent for 1873.....		\$4 50
Indiana Alpha, delinquent for 1873.....		4 58
Ohio Gamma, delinquent for 1873.....		6 00
Indiana Delta, delinquent for 1873.....		4 50
Indiana Epsilon, delinquent for 1873.....	\$13 50	
Indiana Epsilon, delinquent for 1874.....	41 15	
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		\$54 65
Illinois Gamma, delinquent for 1874.....		18 25
Virginia Beta, delinquent for 1874.....		10 95
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		\$103 43

On motion of Bro. S. C. Scheeline, the report was received; and, on motion of Bro. C. A. Atkinson, it was referred to the Finance Committee as an Auditing Committee.

Com. on Initiation continued.

On motion of Bro. G. D. McCulloch, the Committee on Initiation was continued until the next Convention, with

instructions to prepare a ritual for opening and closing Chapter exercises.

S. W. Carpenter offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Bros. A. B. Thrasher and S. J. Tomlinson of the Indiana Gamma, and W. O. Bates, of the New York Alpha, be hereby authorized to act as a Board of Editors in the issuing of a quarterly paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; that the management of the paper be left in their hands exclusively, as a purely business transaction, they to decide on the size and style of the paper, and then find out what can be raised by advertisements and subscriptions, and then to use their own judgment in regard to whether the paper will succeed or not, assuming the pecuniary responsibility of its success or failure if they decide to issue it. Phi Quarterly.

If one of the Board appointed refuses to serve, the other two shall have power to choose some other one to serve with them; and if two or three refuse to serve, the President of the Fraternity shall have power to appoint editors to the vacancy.

On motion of Bro. Wm. T. Mason, a committee of three was appointed to report at the next Convention the feasibility of holding our Conventions once in two years instead of yearly, as now. Com. on holding biennial Conventions.

The President appointed, as the committee, Bros. W. T. Mason, S. H. Showalter and B. E. Anderson.

The following resolution was, on motion of Bro. S. C. Scheeline, adopted :

*Resolved*, That in case the California Alpha Chapter desires to send a delegate to the succeeding Conventions, and they inform the Grand Banker thereof four months before the time of holding the Convention, the Grand Banker shall make the assessment as provided in a former resolution; but in case they can not send a Action in regard to the California Alpha.

delegate, they shall be excused from their proportion of railroad expenses only, and from the penalty of forfeiture of their charter.

Bro. S. W. Carpenter offered the following rules for the government of future Conventions, which, upon motion of Bro. C. A. Atkinson, were adopted :

Rules Govern-  
ing Conventions

1. The Committee on Reorganization shall consist of the official delegates of the Grand Chapter of each State; and if the Grand Chapter of any State be not represented, then the delegate from the next Chapter of that State, in the order of enumeration, shall be appointed.

2. Visiting delegates shall have all the parliamentary privileges of official delegates, except the right of voting other than *viva voce*.

3. No official delegate shall be received from any Chapter which has not paid in full its convention assessment.

4. No vote of the Convention shall be valid without a majority of the official delegates being present.

5. Motions for previous question, to lay on the table and to postpone, shall be decided without debate.

6. Cushing's Manual shall be authority when not otherwise provided for.

On motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolution of  
thanks to the  
Indiana Beta.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the Indiana Beta for the able manner in which they have conducted the local affairs of the meeting, and for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates.

Special Com on  
board bills

On motion of Brother B. E. Anderson, a committee of three, consisting of the Grand Banker, as chairman, and Brothers J. G. Barks and F. M. Briel, were appointed, to whom was referred the payment of board bills of the delegates. The committee was ordered to report in five minutes.

On motion of Bro. C. T. Jamieson, the Grand Banker was ordered to investigate the non-representation of the Indiana Epsilon, Illinois Gamma, and Virginia Beta Chapters, and report at the next Convention.

Grand Banker a  
Com. on inves-  
tigation.

The Committee to whom was referred the payment of board bills offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The board bills of the delegates were not included in the estimate of expenses, we would therefore respectfully recommend that each delegate pay his own bill.

Report of Com.  
on board bills.

C. O. PERRY,

J. G. PARKS,

F. M. BRIEL,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. C. A. Atkinson, the Kentucky Alpha was excused from the penalty of forfeiture of charter, for failure to send a delegate to the convention of 1873, they having paid their assessments in full for this and all previous Convention expenses.

Motion excus-  
ing Ky. Alpha.

The following telegram, received at 4 o'clock P. M. was read by Bro. C. O. Perry:

MT. VERNON, ILL., May 11, 1874.

*Chas. O. Perry, President National Convention Phi Delta Theta :*

My business is such that I can not be with you to-day. I send my fraternal greetings to my brethren, and bid them God speed in their glorious work. Give my special regards to our most worthy poet, James F. Gookins.

R. A. D. WILBANKS.

The Committee on Finance then made the following report:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Banker, would respectfully report that we have examined the same, and find his accounts and vouchers all correct, and recommend its adoption.

Report of the  
Finance Com.

S. W. CARPENTER,

J. C. IRWIN,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee was adopted, also the report of the Grand Banker which was submitted with it.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Tomlinson, the following resolution was adopted:

Vote of thanks and allowance of \$10 to Sec'y. WHEREAS, Bro. H. G. Bradford has rendered valuable services to this Convention by his prompt and unswerving devotion to the duties devolving on him as Secretary of this Convention; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we tender him our thanks for his labors as Secretary, and that he be paid the sum of ten dollars.

Election of Historian. Vice President Carpenter was called to the Chair, and the Convention went into the election of Historian, which resulted in the selection of Bro. A. A. Marshall, of Macon, Ga., for the position.

Vote of thanks to the President and Chorister. A vote of thanks was tendered our worthy President, C. D. Whitehead, and our energetic Chorister, Charles Gronendyke, for their services during this Convention.

On motion of Bro. C. D. Whitehead, Bro. Chas. O. Perry was chosen to act as Master of Ceremonies at the evening's literary exercises and banquet.

The business being over, the Convention engaged in singing songs prepared for the occasion. They were led by our Worthy Chorister, and entered most heartily into the sentiments of the occasion and spirit of song, and for a short time pleasure was unlimited.

The Convention then adjourned its business session to meet at Danville, Ky., on May 19, 20 and 21, 1875.

C. D. WHITEHEAD, *President*.

H. G. BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

THE CLOSING  
LITERARY EXERCISES  
AND  
BANQUET

OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE



PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,

*HELD AT CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.*

MAY 20, 21 AND 22, 1874.

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INDIANAPOLIS:  
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1874.



## THE LITERARY EXERCISES.

At an early hour on Friday evening, May 22, 1874, a large and intelligent audience had filled the pews of Center Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to listen to the literary exercises before the Twenty-sixth Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

After listening to some stirring strains of music by the Crawfordsville Band, Bro. Chas. O. Perry, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the Hon. Byron K. Elliott, LL. D., of Indianapolis, Indiana, the orator of the evening, who addressed us as follows :

### THE IMAGINATION AND ITS HYGIENE.

As a freshly kindled fire blazes, sparkles, and having blazed a time dies down to a bed of coals, and these the ashes cover and obscure, so often it happeneth of the human mind. In youth it sparkles and flashes with ambition, and vigor, and hope; and finally, over what had flashed and sparkled, there falls a mass, dull and leaden. If the bed of embers be stirred, the ashes lift, and the coals glow with a ruddy light, though they neither blaze nor sparkle. And so with the human mind. Let but some well-remembered thing of the days of the early vigor be presented, and the smoldering mental fire lights and brightens. As the breeze arouses the bed of smoldering coals, so does some association of the past, not unforgotten but long obscured, arouse and renew the

slumbering mental fires. That principle of association, marvelous and potent, has, doubtless, this day sent many thoughts back to the walls of the *alma mater*. As a single note of a strain of music once loved and familiar, but long slumbering unheeded in the memory, causes the entire strain to flow through the mind, so does the meeting of those once intimately associated, but long separated, bring to mind, in no shadowy outline, the time, place, and occupation of that association. The thoughts kindled by the touch of association are of the intellect and of intellectual things; and it is but in obedience to the rule of natural logic, that our spoken thoughts are of the intellect and the intellectual life.

It has, with truth and strength, been said :

"On earth; there is nothing great but man,  
In man; there is nothing great but mind."

Whether it be true, as some philosophers strongly and with plausibility maintain, that the enlargement and cultivation of the human intellect is that which most fits men for the enjoyment of the life of the great hereafter, certain it is that in this life the cultivation, in its correct sense, of the intellect is the noblest work to which the powers of man can be given. The intellect can only be truly and rightly enlarged and improved by cultivating also the moral nature, for it is impossible to conceive a broad and high intellectual development as existing in a thoroughly debased and vicious man. Instances of genius, transcendent and marvelous, there have been coupled with base habits; but how infinitely greater, how infinitely grander, had been the work of such men had theirs been refined and virtuous lives. If, pausing for illustration, "He who touched his harp, and nations heard entranced," had been in morals as in genius admirable, what a mighty work had been his? Paramount in importance is the mind; and the care required for its health and improvement should be in just proportion. There are many who pass the intellectual life as the "merchant journeying from Medina to Damascus," a weary waste of way—on either hand a desolate and unbroken desert. These have chosen the desert, because they would not, though they might, travel in paths surrounded on every side by the things that

please, strengthen and gratify. Others pass the intellectual life as one who journeys through bright and sunny lands, finding on every hand, flowers of radiant hue, fountains of crystal waters, food of delicious taste and of life-giving power; the one has either violated the laws of the mental hygiene, or has buried the intellectual in the rubbish of the material; the other has rightly exercised the great faculties which, in some degree, make him "like unto Divinity." There are healthful pleasures and food for the intellect as for the body; poison and evil for the mental as well as for the physical nature. Many things there are that strengthen and invigorate the mind, and for the "noblest part of man," a system of hygiene is as essential as for his material nature. There are laws of health as well for the intellectual as for the physical life. The most meagre outline, the slightest skeleton of a system of mental hygienics, would require far more time than now at command, and it will be prudent, therefore, to imitate the example of some of those who write upon the abstract sciences, and speak of one only (and, of necessity, briefly and generally) of the component parts of the intellectual organization.

Where the parts of a complicated piece of machinery are nearly alike in power and usefulness, it is often impossible to assign to the one or the other of its important parts the chief place; and of the human mind this is true. To give to each part of this wonderful system of mechanism its appropriate place in the entire system is not difficult; but to determine which is the chief is, at least, exceedingly difficult, if not impossible. To take from any one mental organization one of its principal parts, would leave an imperfect piece of mechanism, sadly marred in beauty and much impaired in usefulness. The imagination or representative faculty, exerts a most potent influence both upon the moral and intellectual nature. The pure in imagination are pure in life. Those whose imagination presents chaste and noble images, are the doers of chaste and noble things. The artist, with his *camera*, catches only a faint shadow of the sitter; but exposed to the rays of the sun and the picture is fastened in unfading colors. And so first the imagination presents, in shadowy lines, the image of some

act, and seizing this, the elaborative powers make fast a strong and abiding picture, and this colors and controls the act. All acts, pure and impure, evil and good, have their prototypes in that mysterious and wonderful thing—the human imagination. Our Savior taught the importance of a pure imagination, for unlike the false teachers, he placed evil in evil imaginings, as well as in the evil overt act. He pronounced against the impure in mind, as well as the wicked in deed. The great apostle said, “Unto the pure all things are pure.” The imagery of evil is the magazine and arsenal of wicked and evil things. Stir such a mind by the passion of anger or revenge, and straightway evil images crowd the mind prompting the wicked act, and the magazine and arsenal furnish the means and weapons. Never yet was an atrocious homicide but had a prior representation in mental vision. Dream, youth and manhood (for our day musings are but mere fantasies), but dream good and pure things, for they and *they only* who dream good and pure things do them. Dream not of vile and evil things, for of such come evil and wicked acts. The life of that person whose imagination is peopled with pure and glorious images shall be known of fame. At the portal of imagination, that potent power which more nearly than any other of earth approaches omnipotence, stands a sentinel strong and well armed, ready to oppose the entrance of evil things, that sentinel the *will*, and wise indeed is he who invokes the sentinel’s opposing aid. Upon the promptness of the call may often depend one’s safety.

It is not an uncommon error to attribute to the imagination a useful place only in the minds of authors, orators, divines, speculative philosophers and poets. There could not be a greater and more complete error. To the mechanic, the mariner, and, indeed, to every trade or profession requiring any mental power, a lively and sensitive imagination is essential. No great discovery had ever been made, had there been no prior presentations of the representative faculty. When Columbus walked in dreamy silence the moonlit shores of Andalusia, the grand images which thronged his imagination led to the great discovery which opened to civil-

zation the grandest country beneath the sun. That grand system of astronomy, demonstrating the immensity of God's works, and the design of Omnipotence, was but the realization of the imagined worlds of the astronomer.

The mighty imagination of Newton, extending over the great amplitude of nature, drew forth mighty truths, practical and substantial in their character. Morse, surpassing the wild imagination of the poet's fairy, has indeed girdled the earth; and, before the magnetic telegraph in substance, was the magnetic telegraph of the imagination. The representative faculty presents to the mental vision the machinery first in its parts, then in its combinations, and then the understanding and the hand perfect in substance what before had been created by the imagination. The machine is but a copy of the mental picture. The sculptor's imagination presents to him the ideal figure, and the creature of his imagination becomes, by the work of his hands, the beautiful statue, challenging the admiration of centuries. The explorer of the buried cities of antiquity, as he unearths a piece of statuary, if it be chaste in design and excellent in execution, concludes that its author possessed a fertile and cultivated imagination, for he knows that in the imagination lies the germ of all the great and beautiful work of man. The magnificent pictures which fascinate and charm are but copies, and feeble in comparison, of the grand visions that crowd the painter's brain. The works of the hand and of the elaborative mental powers, never equal the grand and mighty presentations of the imagination. The thing imagined is beyond the *thing done*, or *the thing substance*. It is well that this should be so, for a higher, nobler aspiration is born of it. To the utilitarian a strong and clear imagination is necessary, else he is but a servile imitator, trudging basely in the rut of the past. To achieve great things, to accomplish new things, and to do well in the most homely and ordinary affairs of life, one must be gifted with a quick, vigorous and powerful imagination. As unborn forests lie in the acorn, so in the human imagination lies the germ of all the great things within the limits of finite power.

The magnitude of the subject warns that a still narrower field

be taken, that the consideration of even the one faculty be narrowed. More directly, perhaps, is a powerful, vigorous, and lively imagination essential to those who lead a strictly intellectual life, than to those who deal with the material. To the imagination all things are tributary:

"Above, below, in ocean and in sky,  
Thy fairy worlds, imagination lie."

From imagination come the grand flights of poetry and the sublime bursts of eloquence. Of this were born the

"Immortal dreams that could beguile  
The blind old man of Scio's rocky isle."

To this faculty is attributable the power "of them that resistless fulminated over Greece." Our own great orator, describing his condition at the time of his memorable answer to Hayne, said, "I felt as if everything I had ever seen, or read, or heard, was floating before me in one grand panorama, and I had little else to do than reach up and grasp a thunderbolt and hurl it at him." A strong and vivid representation the orator gives of his imagination, less strong and forcible, however, than the products of that faculty in the speech itself. All the grand in poetry, the sublime and powerful in oratory, the beautiful and fascinating in the essayists, are the offspring of the imagination. Addison, with his exquisite allegories, Bunyan, with his vivid and powerful pictures, are read always with delight, because the imagination of the reader is aroused and gratified by that of the writer. The beautiful and touching parables of Holy writ, pure and grand in their imagery, thrill and move as no mere argument could do.

A strong, cogent argument may doubtless be stated without the aid of the imagination. The argument, like the oak blasted by the lightning, may be strong; but it will be bleak and bare. The argument, adorned by the aid of the imagination, is like the oak in the fullness of its midsummer dress; the strength is there, and there, too, the exquisite beauty of color, and symmetry of shape. And the wayfarer, attracted, stops and admires, while the bleak and barren tree neither attracts nor gives pleasure. The powerful argument of Bishop Butler, grand in its creative imagery, if adorn-

ed by figurative words, would have a thousand readers where it now has one. Compare the frigid style of the Analogy of the cold Butler with the warm and glowing composition of the imaginative Chalmers, and the superlative importance of the imagination upon style is conclusively established. It has been said by a philosopher of no mean parts, that "Belief consisteth in the liveliness of our ideas," and while this statement is not to be taken as altogether correct, it is yet expressive of much truth. To inspire belief, the author or writer must convey a lively and glowing idea, otherwise his argument falls heavy and lifeless, as stones upon soft clay, in some cases, and in others rebound as small pebbles cast against great rocks. To the want of imaginative power is often to be attributed the failure to induce well-disposed persons to adopt the correct course. The orator who would persuade to action must be able to awaken and keep on the stretch the imagination. The assembly which the unimaginative orator addresses, is like the calm and placid lake; a stone cast now and then causes the waters to recede a little, and the stones sink; no lasting impression is made, but with the disappearance of the stone the waters close, become still and unruffled. That addressed by the orator of towering imagination is as the lake when moved by the mighty wind, the surface is lashed into fury, the waves roll, and for many days the agitation continues. The latter, moving the imagination, enlists the judgment and the passions, and impels to action. The power of the imagination is strongly illustrated in the effects of a written fiction upon the reader. The recital of the sorrows and griefs of the imaginary hero moves us more than the biography of a real person, although of the one we believe not a word, and in the other believe implicitly. The power of the imaginative orator is shown in the case of Chalmers, whose sermons upon astronomy abounding as they do in the most stupendous and magnificent imagery, called to the church men from every condition of life: the learned savaan and the illiterate laborer were thrilled and entranced by the power of a mighty imagination. The one would have understood the principles of the science, if stated without the aid of the imagination: to the other the statement would have been

unintelligible, yet both comprehended and enjoyed the lofty imagery of the great preacher. The Arab of the desert is sometimes powerful in his imaginative discourse; the American savage in his orations often rises to sublimity, and the greatest orator of civilization can do but little more. This proves that the grand chord which shall thrill and move humanity, as the master key moves the strings of the instrument, is the imagination, and he who would be a master spirit among men, must himself possess that power, for lacking it, he lacks that which links him to the grand chain which controls his fellows.

Were one to give the usual definition of lightning to a person who never saw the phenomenon he would convey but a very inadequate notion of its power, force, and effect, and so, should one attempt to define the human imagination, the notion conveyed would not be more adequate and comprehensive. The varied power, the mighty effects, of this, the electric force of the mental powers, are best conceived from a statement of its nature, its works, and its effects. Briefly and imperfectly these have been sketched, and imitating the physician who has made his diagnosis, the next step is to consider the treatment, the system of hygienics.

The surroundings of one, in a very great degree tone and color, and dwarf or enlarge his imagination. The human mind is like a blank and colorless sheet of paper, it may be tinted and colored by the surrounding objects. The dull leaden atmosphere of the drizzly and cloudy day is apt to tinge the imagination with dark and sombre shadows, the golden sunlight of the genial day paints upon the imagination in brilliant hues, and all its images are colored by the amber light. One walks "the silent city of the dead," and his thoughts are of death and the grave. The spirit stirring airs of martial music and the moving columns of soldiers produce visions of war, of victory, and of fame. The boundless prairie and the trackless ocean inspire the most sublime imagery. The "cloud capped" mountains, the huge piles of massive rocks, people the imagination with images of vast and wild magnificence. The rushing torrent, the mighty cataract, the crystal streams, and

the silver lakes, furnish vivid and delightful visions. Nature in all her moods, in the calm sunshine, and in the mighty storm, moves the imagination with mighty force.

Of all the methods of improving and vivifying the imagination, it is obviously not now possible to speak, and it is, therefore, necessary to limit our consideration to one within the reach of all, *books*. In the study of the written thoughts of others, much of what they thought and wrote is by some mysterious process blended and intermingled with the reader's thoughts. Cicero makes Antonius say, "For as when I walk in the sun, though I may walk for another purpose, yet it naturally happens that I gain a deeper color, so when I have read these books attentively, I can perceive that my mind acquires a complexion, as it were, from my intercourse with them." The mind of the reader wrestling with the written thoughts of the author, follows in the train. and here, by the way, is necessary a word of caution. It is unwise to read too much of one author, or of one class of authors; the danger is that originality of imagination be lost, and the reader become a slavish imitator, than which there can be scarcely a greater intellectual evil.

It is a singular fact that the loftiest and sublimest heights of imagination find expression in poetry. There may be unexpressed imagery greater than that ever given tangible form, but the grandest expressed is found in poetry. Why the grand in imagery should seek expression in the measured cadence and rhythm of poetry, hedged about as it is by arbitrary rules, is not easily explainable. Even in oratory, the loftiest flights are expressed in language approaching, in its measured cadence, the rhythm of the poet. A remarkable instance is found in Erskine, an orator of Attic taste, rigid and severe in his simplicity, who, when giving wings to his imagination, in describing the imaginary savage, falls into the rythmus of poetry. The desire, or the intuition, which impels one whose fervent and glowing imagination creates grand images to give them form in poetry, is almost, if not quite, universal. Nations who can have had no intercourse with others, had poets and poetry, without the possibility of having acquired the power by

imitation, unless, indeed, at an age so remote as to be completely shrouded in darkness.

It is generally, indeed, almost universally conceded that the ancients excelled in power, vigor and beauty of the imagination. The works of the ancient Greek chisel have never been equaled by any modern hand. The wonders of the Acropolis have remained throughout centuries, unequaled in beauty and excellence of design as well as in workmanship. The ancient poetry, in power, and sublimity of imagery, excels that of modern times. It is true of all poetry, ancient and modern, that that which has for its themes the sublime, the mighty and the supernatural, does most elevate and strengthen the imaginative powers. Regarded solely as a means of improving the intellectual powers, the sublime poetry of that great line of prophets which culminated

"In rapt Isaiah's wild prophetic fire"

is incomparably superior to that of any other age or nation. The mightiest objects are presented by, and the most sublime and lofty flights of the imagination are found in sacred poetry. The immortality of the soul, the attributes of the great Omnipotent, are the themes, and these carry the imagination to the utmost verge of human power. The God of the Hebrews, unlike the gods of other nations, was one that mortals could not look upon, and of whom no material image could be formed. The Greeks, indeed, raised altars to the "Unknown God," and some of their great minds shadowed forth grand ideas of immortality; but the Hebrews dealt with the Omnipotent as a known God, all wise, all powerful, and one to be feared, honored and loved. No image of the "Mighty One" is shadowed even in faintest outline, but to the very presence of Deity the imagination is conducted and there left to attempt the creation of some image of the mighty Jehovah. In the awful presence the power fails: the mighty presence may be felt, but it is unseen. The wildest stretch of the imagination fails utterly to present an image of the Almighty Being. A mighty whirlwind, a consuming fire and a still, small voice we may imagine, but the mighty and awful Being we can not personify. In comparison with the God of inspiration, how utterly insignificant, how

contemptible the gods of Homer and Virgil. To the gods of heathen mythology we may give shape and form, but to the God of Scripture no human power can give ideal form, though it may invest the "Unseen" with the mightiest and noblest attributes. Of God we may imagine; the personification in ideality is impossible. The imagery which constantly lifts the faculty to the utmost height must, of necessity, foster and develop the faculty in the highest degree. It is to the loftiest heights that the prophets of the Old Testament conduct the imagination. The reader is required to put forth all his power, and as physical exercise strengthens the body, so does mental exercise strengthen and improve the intellect. In the imagery of the Bible there is a magnificence, a majesty and a sublimity that can be found in no other writings, sacred or profane. The images used to suggest, not to form, an image of the Deity are those which excite the most profound emotions. So mighty, so awful the God of inspiration, that the sacred poets never attempt to create an ideal image, and thus constantly is the imagination strained to the highest power to catch some outline of the Great Being. To give a presentation of the representative faculty, a material form lowers the imagery. The material debases, the spiritual elevates, and the God of inspired poetry is the spiritual.

The supernatural always kindles the imagination and arouses it to exertion; for as the eye has never seen these things, no representation is furnished by the perceptive faculties, and the imagination exerts itself to present some phantasy that shall represent the supernatural in ideality. That which the eye of mortal has never seen, the imagination tasks itself to create in the intellect. The divine poem of Milton's abounds in sublime and awful imagery. The immensity of chaos, the great legions of fiends, the mighty numbers of the good angels, the grandeur and beauty of the celestial world, the awful fires of hell, fill the imagination with the most colossal imagery. The battle in heaven, the expulsion of the rebellious angels, their terrible fall, are gigantic images. Few but potent the words which picture the fall—

"Nine days they fell,"

The image created by these words taxes the imagination to al-

most its extremest limits. How immense the chaotic space through which the Satanic legions fell. Imagination itself shrinks appalled from the awful gulf. Terrible the phantoms that flit through the imagination, as one reads the description of the meeting of Satan, Sin, and Death at the gate of hell, where—

“The one seemed woman to the waist, and fair,  
But ended foul in many a scaly fold.”

And the other,

\* “Shape, if shape it might be called, that shape had none,”

disputed the progress of the Arch Fiend. The flight of the fallen Arch Angel until he encounters the grim Anarch, are pictured in awful and vivid imagery. The scene which met the view of him, who

“Raised impious war in heaven, and battle proud,”

is an image tasking the imagination to its utmost strength;

“At once as far as Angel’s ken he views  
The dismal situation, waste and wild,  
A dungeon horrible on all sides round  
As one great furnace flamed, yet from these flames  
No light, but rather darkness visible  
That served only to discover sights of woe,  
Regions of sorrow, doleful shades, where peace  
And rest can never dwell, hope never come,  
That comes to all.”

To borrow something of expression and of thought from the burly and ponderous Johnson, one may advise that, “He who would cultivate a broad, exalted and pure imagination must give his days and nights to the volumes of Milton and the prophets.

The stupendous in nature, the strong and great in man, are images that awaken and invigorate the imagination. The descriptions of men in battle, animated by valor, and putting forth great strength, is always a powerful incentive to the imaginative powers. The grand battle scenes of Homer thrill and agitate the imagination, hurrying it on, as a resistless torrent the freighted bark, to grand and lofty creations. Ossian, in the Homeric grandeur of his poetry, keeps ever alive and in healthful exercise, the imagination.

The poetry of modern times, more subdued in imagery, yet

abounds in that which will enliven. If poetry did nothing more, it would do much in adding harmony and elegance to style. All the figurative language which causes the page to sparkle, as the grass wet with the morning dew, the imagination supplies. The finished and symmetrical literary effort pleases the mind, as the masterpiece of the sculptor the eye. The marble may be strong and massive, but not until the chisel has carved the "waving lines of beauty" does it kindle enthusiasm.

In poetry the flights of imagination are higher than in eloquence, yet in the latter they are both elevated and bold. The strong, mighty imagery of the masters in eloquence, rouses and elevates, and gives a more practical color to the products of the representative faculty. The writings of the essayists such as Addison and Irving soften and mellow the rugged imagination. In fiction, too, is much that will enliven and improve. The true reason why the reading of romances is beneficial is that assigned by England's acutest philosopher, Lord Bacon. In the realms of romance the characters are higher and better than the people of actual life. One rises from the reading of "Anne of Gerstein" and "Wilfred of Ivanhoe" with a crowded imagination, and in the throng no base images, but noble ones, abound. In speculative philosophy the imagination can wander almost without limit. There are no material things to set it bounds, for it deals with the powers which, though marvelous and mighty, are unseen.

It is, after all, not so much what books we read as how we read them. It profiteth one but little to push his way through books, as a courier traverses the well-known road: rather should the reader imitate the explorer of unknown lands, ever vigilant, and treasuring in memory the sublime and beautiful that his way presents. Finding something noble or beautiful, he should fasten his mind upon it, and as the traveler upon whose view there bursts some magnificent scene, turns to it again and again as he journeys past, so should the reader's mind return again to the good and beautiful in the written thoughts of others. Naturally it happens that the imagination of the reader travels with that of the writer, and even as the exercise of walking is beneficial, so of itself is, in some de-

gree, the mere exercise of following. One may climb a mountain, and the exercise benefit, but to receive full advantage of such a work, eyes and mind must be brought into use, and so should the reader bring into work every mental faculty, as in imagination he climbs with the writer.

The stroke of conflict dents and permanently impresses the shields and blades of warriors, and so does a mental combat impress the contending minds. Comparisons are a sort of contest, as are all contests a sort of comparison. The knights of old, in their chivalrous and knightly encounters, compared strength and prowess, and so a mind comparing the thoughts of others with its own, makes a sort of conflict, and thereby impresses strongly upon itself the thoughts placed in comparison with its own. The reader should, by effort, compare what he finds written with the thoughts furnished by his own mind, and allow a fair combat and to the victor yield. It were ever better to combat a writer's thoughts than to yield slavish, unreasoning obedience, but the better course is, by fair comparison, to decide which shall be deemed the better, and to that yield.

One should not read books prepared to yield an unreasoning assent to censure or praise accorded by others. Books should be read as unknown seas are traversed by the mariner; each mind should rely, in the voyage through the ocean of books, upon itself, as the seaman in mid ocean relies only upon his own compass. Nor should one read without attempting discoveries for himself. In the great ocean of written thoughts there are bays and inlets "which oar has never vexed or plummet sounded." Many great ideas have been shadowed in the imagination, but so faintly traced on paper that only the closest scrutiny discloses the outlines. A suggestion rude and shadowy dropped by one is seized and amplified by another and another, until at length some great thing takes distinct form in the imagination; and this, at length, assumes form in substance.

Books are to be read, not to be imitated. In them we should expect not exemplars, but simply outlines to be filled by our own minds. From them we should expect suggestions, not commands.

To sink originality in imitation would check the advancement of science and art. One must not be content with what has been done or written, but should strive to do more. It is too often the case that the reader is content to halt with the writer, and to assume that there is nothing more to be accomplished. The exact converse should be the rule; the reader should read, believing firmly that "There is no effort of science or art that may not be exceeded, no depth of philosophy that can not be deeper sounded, no flight of imagination that may not be passed by strong and soaring wing."

The audience was again regaled with music, when the poet of the evening, Col. Charles P. Jacobs, of Indianapolis, was introduced, who came forward with his "Greeting," and read in an earnest, easy and elegant manner, the following beautiful

P O E M

When summer suns dispel the winter glooms,  
 When birds make all the leafage ring,  
 And bees make honey 'mid the odorous blooms,  
 Shall Poets fail to sing?

Shall rivers run in gladness to the sea,  
 And tiny brooklets shimmer,  
 And all the currents of the Poet's heart  
 Reflect no golden glimmer?

Shall solemn noons succeed to perfect dawns  
 Beneath the arching sky.  
 And rosy sunsets flood the emerald lawns  
 Before the poet's eye,—

Shall warmer flushes from the finger tips,  
 In friendship's mystery meeting.  
 Prelude kind words that tremble on the tips  
 Before they speak their greeting,—

And yet the poet's voice, the poet's heart,  
 Be dumb 'mid all this fervor,  
 And he refuse the welcome of his art  
 To those who most deserve her ?

No poet true could fail such time and need ;  
 He only waits the season,  
 And in the furrow drops his golden seed  
 For just the sower's reason ;

And trusts to God that in his own good time,  
 When comes the pregnant hour,  
 The germ shall conquer, in despite of clime,  
 And yield the perfect flower

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Your hearts, dear friends ! Your hands within mine own ;  
 One thought, one hope we nourish :  
 The " Greek meets Greek " around the Muse's throne—  
 Long may her altars flourish !

The marble temples built for gods of old,  
 'Gainst Time still make resistance,  
 And lift their turrets and their domes of gold  
 In Memory's purple distance.

Torn from the mighty breasts of hills  
 Their blocks took form and color,  
 Shaping the thoughts of mighty minds and wills  
 For meaner minds and duller.

So shall the Muse's temples greet the skies,  
 Her poet-priests attendant,  
 The smoke of mighty hecatombs arise  
 And make her shrines resplendent.

The " blind old man of Scio's rocky isle "  
 Becomes the weird magician,  
 Whose wand makes dust and ashes live and smile  
 As in a golden vision.

Old Calchas wrathful treads the sea-beat shore,  
 The mournful maidens follow,  
 And pray with voice heard through the torrent's roar,  
 The silver-bowed Apollo.

But Briseis, ravished from his aged arms,  
 Finds solace sweet with kisses,  
 And Agamemnon, gazing on her charms,  
 Repels the wise Ulysses.

Still Juno walks in Virgil's golden phrase.  
 And from his ancient pages  
 She shines imperial to the latest days.  
 The queen of all the ages.

Still Ajax lifts his brazen-orbed shield,  
 Achilles gleams in glory,  
 And Hector moves the hero of the field,  
 The chevalier of story.

Still Priam bleeds beside his burning hearth,  
 Still Hecuba imploring  
 Prays Pyrrhus spare the darlings of her birth;  
 Still sounds the mighty roaring

Of wind that struggles with and fans the fire  
 That flames throughout the city,  
 And cries of anguish, ever mounting higher,  
 Arouse our tenderest pity.

The gilded rafters, torn from palace roofs,  
 Hurl'd downwards on the foemen,  
 Can neither check the advance of charging hoofs,  
 Or fierce assaults of bowmen.

In vain the twinkling multitude of spears,  
 Or deeds of lofty doing;  
 The gods are hostile, and, 'mid prayers and tears,  
 Troy sinks in mighty ruin.

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Oh wondrous power of human singer's art!  
 That fills the void with glory,  
 And gently leading every eye and heart  
 Upon the bridge of story,

The mighty flood of twice two thousand years,  
 Still growing deeper, vaster,  
 We overstep as lightly, for our fears.  
 As brook in upland pasture.

And while we list the sweep of golden chords,  
 The strain that sounds forever  
 Is the deep undertone where earnest words  
 Incite to high endeavor;

And say "these lives, these forms of god-like men,  
 These deeds of love and duty,  
 Are but the models whereon tongue and pen  
 Would mould your souls to beauty."

Sir Bayard falls amid the crash of arms,  
 His well-fought warfare over;  
 And loving nature with her quiet charms,  
 The grasses and the clover,

Writes Peace in green and crimson o'er his dust.  
 And though no marbles glisten  
 To speak his fame, the Poet keeps his trust,  
 And bids the world to listen

How one high heart of man has nobly died  
 For Truth, and not for glory,  
 And through the ages, o'er the centuries wide,  
 Sounds on the magic story.

So all the heroes of immortal birth,  
 The warriors, queens and sages,  
 Whose beauty charmed, and valor shook the earth,  
 Live in the poet's pages.

His sacred art makes common things sublime,  
 The goddess of his mystery,  
 Superior stands to accidents of time,  
 Beside the muse of history.

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We rear to-night no edifice of state,  
 On mighty rock foundation;  
 We only meet in Peace to celebrate  
 Our Grecian art's creation,

And take each brother with a brother's hand,  
 And speak the recognition  
 Which binds the brotherhood in every land,  
 The symbol of our mission.

We have a work—its boundaries who shall tell?  
 Amid the greed of dollars,  
 The faithful student serves his country well—  
 The land needs all her scholars.

Needs all her students, thinkers, poets, all,—  
 Needs every noble labor;  
 And when, my brother, you shall heed her call,  
 Rouse up your sleeping neighbor.

Better the days of the Olympian gods,  
 The fires of Zoroaster,  
 Than those where flesh beats intellect with rods,  
 The slave of brutal master.

For thrift of body breeds unthrift of soul:  
 The wine-cup and the table  
 Debase the better man, and re-enact  
 The old Promethean fable:

Sense chains the deathless spirit to the rock,  
 And all her base creations  
 Torment the soul that might have filled the world  
 With loftiest inspirations.

War drops his trumpet, and his tumults cease;  
 Dies out his murderous fire;  
 And poet heralds of a nobler peace  
 Than feeds each low desire,

Re-lift the clarion, consecrate its tones  
 To war 'gainst old abuses;  
 Give it a voice that moves the stocks and stones  
 To higher, better uses.

To-night then, brothers, let our summons speed,  
 Each voice an earnest herald,  
 To all true men to rally to the need  
 Of every soul imperilled.

Where'er one lie does innocence a wrong,  
 Or gives a false denial  
 To any human right, and makes the thong  
 The arbiter of trial;

There be our power and our purpose felt,  
 And making stern resistance  
 To every evil thing, each passing year  
 Shall welcome our existence.

Nor let our motto idly stand for naught,  
 A name, a mere pretension;  
 Learning is good, but learning must be sought  
 Not for its comprehension;—

Not for the selfish heaping up of stores  
 Of wisdom and of knowledge,—  
 But rather the diffusing of the lores  
 We gather from the college:

Transmuting dead men's words to live men's deeds  
 Contriving, thinking, doing  
 The work of earnest men in earnest times,  
 And every day renewing

The lives of all true men that ever lived.  
 Brave words are good, but better  
 For each, for all, the purpose that will find  
 The spirit 'neath the letter.

And so good-night, and God be with us all  
 And needful courage send us!  
 And may our friendship, earnest, warm and pure,  
 Make all the world befriend us.

After music, the Master of Ceremonies introduced Bro. C. D. Whitehead, of Pataskala, Ohio, who spoke in memory of our honored dead as follows:

#### OUR HONORED DEAD.

*Ladies, Gentlemen and Brethren of the Phi Delta Theta:*

I feel ill fitted for the task your former President has called upon me to perform. I regret more than any one here, the absence of Gen. Morgan, the able and distinguished Brother chosen by our National Convention to perform this duty. While I can not attempt to fill the place of Gen. Morgan, yet I hope I may be able to pay some tribute to the memory of our dead, and say something worthy of this occasion

By common acceptance, I believe, all of America's sons are called "Princes of Freedom." Pliny, in his panegyric upon Trajan, says: "The fame of a prince is necessarily eternal;" and in his peculiarly terse style he suggests that a prince ought not, therefore, to desire an immortal name, which he must have, whether he will or not, but rather a good one; and that he should desire, not statues and images, but merit and virtue, to perpetuate that name. In this latter manner are the names of these, our princes, perpetuated, and we desire to linger for a moment to-night over their graves, and not unprofitably, we hope, admire and honor the monument of merit and virtue which they have here erected for us. Death is a subject from which men always turn with a shudder. It is a subject equally unpleasant, whatever may be our age or our

condition. But it becomes necessary for us, as members of an institution like ours—an institution which has been in existence over a quarter of a century—to turn our eyes from viewing a wonderful prosperity, a prosperity that has carried its benefits from ocean to ocean, from the Lakes to the Gulf, and into almost every State of the Union, and consider for a moment the lives and characters left us by those who are with us no more—those whose bodies have to the dust returned, and whose spirits have been initiated into the more glorious and grander mysteries of the sanctified brotherhood in worlds beyond the sky.

It sends a chill to every part of our sympathetic flesh, when we count the stars in our catalogue which mark the names of those who are no more on earth. Still more strange does it appear that from a band of young men, scarce numbering into thousands, we should be able to count almost four score of these death stars. These stars do not note the end of lives that have run their full allotted space of three score years and ten. They mark the close of lives just begun; the extinguishment of lights just lighted by all the bright hopes and ambition incident to youth and coming manhood. These departed ones were not those who had stood the fierce struggle with life's stormy billows. A few, perhaps, had met its tempest's storms and pushed half way over; but many more had only entered the eddies of life's unstayed current, when a mighty wave caught them and bore them away into eternity.

Our Brotherhood is now scattered throughout the several States. It is impossible to know our membership personally. Therefore the characters which go to make up this sad list are beyond my knowledge, and I can not speak of them in detail. The experience of one Chapter is very much like that of all. Each has been called upon to mourn in its turn, and their mourning has been no common lamentation. It seems right to gather into the garner the shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest; but to crush to earth the ambitious shooting blade just beginning to give promise of a bountiful harvest, is the work of death, which mankind seems loth to sanction. Each separate band of our brotherhood feels the profound truth of this saying. The ties

of college association outside of and separate from the mutually plighted vows of a brotherhood are very dear, but when these ties are doubly knit by the strong cords of a profound fraternal feeling, nurtured and sustained and strengthened by the most intimate associations and mutual struggles, who can tell the pangs when such ties are broken by the hand of Death!

Next to the loss of nearest kinsmen is the death of one of these our brethren. Have you lost a father, a mother, a brother or a sister, you can measure the sorrow that has been poured upon these several bands as these stars have been added one by one to our list. Such is the volume of our woe! Such has been our loss, but in our loss we see for them everlasting gain. They have been initiated on high. From their happy mysteries no man can remove the veil.

I forbear to speak of the individual character of any. It would be useless for me to heap encomiums upon those so well known to this audience, and beyond those I can not. No words that I could use would add anything to your estimate of the character of Wilson, of Charlie and James Rice, Post, Mills, Roderick, Bachelder and Mitchell—all have lived among you. The mention of their names calls to the minds of those who knew them such characters as we all might well emulate. It brings to your minds the extreme piety of Wilson, the genius of Post, the industry and social purity and frankness of the Rice brothers, the constant faithfulness of Mills, the patient struggles and achievements of Roderick, and like good qualities in the lives of those with whom I was unacquainted.

These are only facts of history, but nothing of history is of service to us only as we use it by way of example. This long list of stars is here we know. We see it. We recognize the solemn fact. What does it teach? It teaches the old, old lesson so often presented and so hard for us to learn, that in the midst of life we are in death. The giant oak waves his majestic head in defiance of the storm and the whirlwind; but the little creeping worm eats away at his immense trunk until his proud top is leveled to the earth. The little sapling is subject to the same destroyers. Thus we see the grand forest, gallant and proud with its waving heads

and bright foliage glistening in the sunbeam, fall equally a victim to the surging tempests and the quiet destroying worm. Thus we see proud man stand and fall. We see him spring up and pass away. We feel a great and mighty power, the power and wisdom of One whom we see not; One whose ways are past finding out. Who can answer Him one of a thousand. He removeth the mountains and they know not. He shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. He commandeth the sun and it riseth not, and sealeth up the stars, and doeth great things past finding out, yea, and wonders without number.

This list prefaced with stars truly emblematic of the celestial glory and brightness which they have attained, teaches us many valuable lessons. It teaches not only that we may be called suddenly and soon to join them; but it most forcibly suggests the need of a fitness for that inevitable calling. Have we sought for and obtained that good name rather than the immortal one? Have we sought to sustain that name by true merit and virtue and thus gain the places of princes in glory? As our privileges have not been small, so other than small things will be required of us. An ancient philosopher has said: "*As it is the highest felicity to be capable of doing all the good we will, so it is the most exalted greatness to desire to do all the good we can.*" Have we been thus happy? Have we been thus great?

This leads me to inquire how this supreme happiness and greatness are to be attained. It is evident, from what we know of human weakness, that no man can attain high excellence in any particular, alone. Man, of himself, is too weak. But there is a Savior who has wrought salvation. There is a Redeemer who can restore. There is an Arm that is Almighty, and ready to strengthen and sustain, if we only seek and accept it.

But after this has been done—the Savior accepted, which is the grand central arch, the keystone of our salvation, yet we can not thrive alone. We need the advice and counsel, the cheer and check of others about us to perfect this felicity, to aid us to true greatness. Independent seclusion is against the first principles of God himself, announced after the creation of man. God, there in the

majesty of his infinite greatness, on the eve of creation, announced a doctrine of human nature, the truth of which has ever been proved by every action of man, from that ancient day down to the present time. It has been poor feeble man's cherished precept down through all the ages of the past. Our divines teach it. Our experience and common sense attest it. Seclusion will not do in any relation of life. Dr. Charles White, whose instruction was for a long time gratefully received at this institution, and whose sayings sparkle like diamonds in our ethical literature, said: "The religious character, left in monastic seclusion, is likely to have its qualities unequally advanced. Devoutness before God may be cultivated to the exclusion of benignity toward men. Spiritual fervor may become more prominent than patience or self control. The spirit of revenge may grow to be stronger than the spirit of forgiveness; the spirit of exhortation and rebuke than the spirit of self sacrifice; a vague admiration of holiness than an intelligent desire for personal righteousness." Dr. White had examined the subject on which he spoke. He might have made a like remark in regard to the social and intellectual character.

For this reason it is true that young men, especially when away from their own homes, need some association nearer and more effectual than the church or any other public organization. To meet this ever potent need, both in the moral and intellectual point of view, was the Order of the Phi Delta Theta established. If it has failed, to some extent, in this great end, it is not the fault of the founders. Right happy are we to night that it occurred to the minds of Morrison, Drake, Wilson, Rogers and Lindley to make for themselves and us this bond and union. Greatly rejoiced are we to night that they thought to establish this fountain in the wilderness—to give to us this bond of the Phi Delta Theta, whereby we undertake to treat as friends and brethren all who accept it; whereby we agree to consult and advise with each member in regard to his true interests; whereby we agree to act as conservators of his morals; to guard his character from calumny; to abstain from the commission of crimes and the cultivation of vices; to endeavor, each in his own sphere of action, to attain to the highest

intellectual character, and cultivate a love of truth for its own sake; to seek after it in every department of study; to endeavor to attain a high standard of moral character; to make that standard, the only infallible rule of morality, the Bible. Such are the bonds under which these departed ones lived and died. May we not hope and believe their happiness is greater and grander for having taken and kept these vows! Still more does it add to our good cheer to know that at the outset these founders saw fit to draft, and ever to conform to, a resolution to the effect that invocation to a Power above for wisdom and guidance should ever be the first order of the exercises of each regular assembly of the Phi Delta Theta. Those for whom we mourn to-night have joined and led us in that invocation. May we not believe those petitions were answered; that they are now enjoying the peace and everlasting life there so humbly sought. It is very proper, I think, to call to mind these blessed privileges while we remember, with tenderness, those who once enjoyed them with us. Many of these departed ones will be remembered best and most dearly in their relations with this Society. Who is there who knew Charlie Rice, in his fraternal relations, but will ever hold, in most reverential awe, the memory of the kind words and sterling counsel he gave us in reference to all the little vexing duties that accompany a young student's life? Who, that heard them, can forget his words in answer to the objections and slurs cast at ours and other secret societies in college. Those who were with us then will remember these things gladly; for no more zealous, conscientious Christian supporter ever stood by and defended any institution than was Charlie Rice to the Phi Delta Theta? May we not, in grateful reverence to his spirit, exclaim:

To thy words sweet memories cling,  
Grand the cheer thy counsels bring.

Such are the memories which come thronging the mind, borne on recollection's wings.

The lateness of the hour, and the contemplated duties, of the evening yet unperformed, forbid that I should detain you longer. While we plant anew the ivy to their memories; while we, to-

night, strew fresh flowers over their graves, and drop thereon the twig of recollection, let us remember that where they are, we maay be also, that in our Father's house are many mansions. And as we gather together, from year to year, in our annual reunions, to enjoy our most excellent literary and social feasts, and converse and consult over our victories, let us ever be ready to pay united tribute, respect and reverence to the memory of those who have early been called away from us.

After the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Tuttle, the members of the Fraternity and their ladies, the Faculty of Wabash College and their ladies, and those who were invited by a special resolution of the Convention, repaired to the Richardson House, where was spread a grand banquet of one hundred and fifty covers.

The tables were beautifully decorated and supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and the rare beauty of the young ladies of Crawfordsville, added to the other attractions of the occasion, made the scene so charming and lovely that the shriveled hearts of the few old bachelors present began jumping and knocking about like the rattling of dry peas in a ripe pod; and some of them swelled till the old shells that had so long contained the apparently lifeless things burst, and with their bursting came an overflow of better thoughts and feelings than they had experienced for years. What will be the ultimate result, no *one* can tell.

The American flag gracefully festooned the central window of the dining room, and over it hung our beautiful monogram, with its silver stars and anchor. The Crawfordsville band enlivened the occasion with music until the Master of Geremonies, Chas. O. Perty, of Indianapolis,

called the guests to order, when Col. Carrington responded to the toast "Our Army." He closed his remarks by saying that the army was only maintained now as a "National police force." "The conflict of arms had ceased, and now it was a conflict of ideas." The future battle field would be of thought and not of blood.

Judge Elliott, in a brief and pointed speech, responded to "The Bar." He agreed with Col. Carrington that "the conflict of arms had ceased," and that the day of better things had come.

Dr. Tuttle then responded in a happy manner to the toast, "Wabash College." He said "I am somewhat surprised to find myself here, upon this occasion, when I regard the position I have heretofore taken toward secret societies in college." He said that he had been greatly impressed with the remark made by Col. Carrington and referred to by Judge Elliott, that "the conflict of arms had ceased." He thought, judging from the display of the ladies and gentlemen as they came into the dining hall, that "the conflict of arms" had *not* ceased. He closed by telling us what Wabash College was doing for the cause of education, and hoped that each delegate would carry away with him some pleasant recollections of his visit to that institution.

J. G. Parks, of Georgia, spoke of "Our Prospects" in a flowery and eloquent manner.

Charley Groenendyke, of LaFayette, a callous-hearted old bachelor, unable longer to resist the goodly influences of feminine loveliness, talked about, or rather *to*, "Our Lady Friends," in a speech brim full of humor and good

feeling. The occasion was an inspiring one, and if he should overstep the rules prescribed by that strict bachelor school to which he belonged, he hoped for pardon, for the fault would not be his, since "out of the abundance of the heart," etc.

A. A. Marshall, of Georgia, spoke in the highest terms of the fraternity North and South. He took occasion to intimate that if those annual gatherings be kept up, that some of our northern ladies would emigrate southward, and some of the dark-eyed southern beauties find homes in the north.

The company then repaired to the parlors, where the time was spent in promenading, in social conversation, and in vocal and instrumental music. The special order of the evening was for all to have a "good time."

A number of Fraternity songs, prepared expressly for the occasion by our worthy chorister, Chas. Groenendyke, were sung, with "the spirit and the understanding," and contributed largely to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The evening entertainment throughout was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and will be long remembered by all who were so fortunate as to be present. At about half past two o'clock Saturday morning the company broke up, the boys all said their good-by's, and avowed their intentions to be present at the Twenty-seventh Annual National Convention of the Fraternity, to be held at Danville, Ky., May 19, 20 and 21, 1875. Thus closed the most successful and pleasant re-union of the society since its organization.

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## NEW FORM OF INITIATION.

The Committee on revision of the Initiation, made the following report, which was adopted on motion of Brother Hammond :

The Warden enters the hall in company with the candidate, who is blind-folded ; the Chapter rises ; the Warden introduces the candidate, saying, "A stranger worthy of your friendship" ; the Chapter then repeats the motto ; the Chaplain reads the 133d Psalm and offers prayer.

The President then says, "Let the Bond be read", [reading of the Bond] after which the President asks the candidate, "Do you accept this, the Bond of the Mystic order of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and promise to keep its pledges *forever*, inviolate and inviolable?" [answer by the candidate, yes or no] the blind-fold is then removed, and the candidate signs the Bond. The candidate is then seated and the Constitution and By-Laws read. Then the President asks, "Do you accept the Constitution and By-Laws of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity ? [Answer, yes or no.] The candidate signs the Constitution. The Warden and candidate then approach the President's desk ; he, the President, pins on the badge, saying, "I hereby invest you with all the rights, privileges and immunities of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity." The President taking him by the hand, says,

“And now I congratulate you most cordially on your accession to our fraternity, and with best wishes for your prosperity, I commend you to the friendship and love of your brethren.” After all have welcomed the newly-made brother, the Warden advances with him to the President’s desk, to be instructed in the private work of the order.

## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CHAPTERS.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, made the following changes, which were adopted on motion :

ART. 2.—SEC. 1. So amended as to read :

The officers of this Fraternity shall consist of a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Chaplain and Warden.

And wherever the word Recorder occurs, the words Corresponding Secretary shall be substituted.

SEC. 3. So amended as to read :

Report to the Corresponding Secretary, instead of to the Recorder, and the last clause “act as Treasurer,” to be erased.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep a record of attendant and correspondent members, &c., as it now reads.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Historian to collect all the information he can in regard to his chapter, and write a complete history of it and biographies of its members, and all other information that would be of interest to other members

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and have charge of all the moneys belonging to his chapter, and expend the same only on the order of the President and Secretary.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct the devotional exercises of his chapter.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Warden, &c. Same as Section 6 formerly.

ART. 4.—SEC. 2. That part of this section, beginning with, “and shall not be recorded by the Secretary”, be stricken out.

ART. 6.—SEC. 1. Add the words, or give due notice through THE SCROLL.

ART. 2.—SEC. 1. Add, to affix the seal of the order to all char-

ters, and place upon the same the greek numbers indicating the chapter, in order, and to forward the same to the State Grand Chapter granting the charter.

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## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF THE ORDER.

First, the Motto of the order shall not be written in the Constitution nor on charters.

ART. 4.—SEC. 1. The words, “its Alpha”, be stricken out, and the words National Grand be substituted.

SEC. 2. To be stricken out.

SEC. 3. To be numbered 2d, and so amended as to read, to record in his book these reports, and forward a copy of them to the SCROLL, for publication.

SEC. 4 to be stricken out.

ARTICLES 5th and 6th, shall be numbered 6th and 7th and Article 5th inserted as follows :

ART. 5—CONVENTIONS.—SEC. 1. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity shall hold biennial conventions at such time and place as shall be agreed upon.

SEC. 2. Each chapter shall be required to send one official delegate to each convention, under penalty of forfeiture of charter for not sending one.

SEC. 3. The officers of the convention shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Marshal and Grand Banker.

SEC. 4. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Marshal shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, together with such special duties as may be imposed by the convention.

SEC. 5. The duties of the Grand Banker shall be, 1st, to take charge of all the funds of the fraternity, both the general and permanent fund ; to make estimates of the expenses ; to lay assessments upon chapters for general expenses ; to collect the same and pay out moneys upon the order of the convention.

SEC. 6. The convention shall have power to pass all necessary laws for the government of the fraternity.

## REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE FROM THE NATIONAL GRAND CHAPTER, ON  
REVISION OF CHARTER.

On page 36, Minutes of Crawfordsville Convention, may be found the authority of the Committee. The Charter will be symbolic, and shall be constructed at follows :

The outline shall be an arch, resting on pedestals. Each pedestal shall rest immediately upon a book on which shall be the words : "Bond and Constitution of the Phi Delta Theta," and this book shall rest upon a book upon which shall be the words : "Holy Bible." Upon the left pedestal shall be in capital Greek letters, Alpha, Omega, Mu, Eta, the date of the foundation of the fraternity, while the right pedestal shall be blank, in order that the capital Greek numerals indicating the year of the establishment of the Chapter may be written.

The left side of the arch shall be divided into four pieces, upon the lowest of which shall be the Greek word, Pistis, (Faith) ; upon the second, Gnosis, (Knowledge) ; upon the third, Hupomane, (Patience) ; upon the highest, Philadelphia, (Brotherly Love). The Right Arch shall have three divisions, upon the first, Arete, (Virtue) ; the middle, Egkrateia, (Temperance) ; the third, Eusebeia, (Godliness. While upon the Keystone shall be the word, Agape, (Charity.) Upon the upper edge of the Keystone shall be in Greek letters of the order—Phi Delta Theta. Immediately beneath the Keystone shall be an eye.

In the upper right hand corner, in the blank formed by the deflection of the curve in the Arch, shall be a Black Shield, with the Silver Cross and Stars. In the left vacancy shall be the Coat of Arms.

The form of the Charter shall be as follows :

\*.....Grand Chapter of  
the PHI DELTA THETA.

*Upon all whom these Presents may come, greeting :*

Know ye that the †.....Grand  
Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta, in full meeting, hath given and  
granted, and by these presents doth give and grant to. ‡.....  
.....and their successors, this  
Charter, in testimony that they and their successors have been con-

\*Name of Grand Chapter Granting Charter.

†Names of Grantors.

‡Names of Grantees.

stituted the ||.....Chapter of the Phi Delta Order, and that the guardianship of the interests of the Phi Delta Theta at §..... has been entrusted to them; and that all and singular, its rights, privileges and immunities have been conferred upon them, so long as they preserve inviolate and inviolable the Bond and Constitution of the Order, obey the mandates of the National Convention, and submit to the ruling of the National Grand Chapter as provided in the Constitution; otherwise it shall be null and void.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the officers of the \*..... Grand Chapter have affixed their names this.....day of.....187...

L. S

.....President.  
.....Secretary.  
.....Warden.

||Name of Chapter Organized.  
§Name of Institution.

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(Supplement to The Scroll.)

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
Twenty-Eighth Annual National Convention,  
OF THE  
PHI DELTA THETA.

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The Twenty-eighth Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was called to order by the Rev. James Robinson, of Virginia, in the parlors of the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Penn., at eleven A. M., July 11, 1876.

On motion of Bro. C. W. Bixby, of the Pennsylvania Alpha, Bro. Robinson was made temporary chairman, and Bro. James C. Norris, of the Indiana Gamma, was made temporary secretary

On motion of Bro. Bixby, the chair appointed Bros. F. H. Moore, of the Pennsylvania Alpha, M. F. Parrish, Ohio Alpha, and Hugh C. Smith, Virginia Delta, a Committee on Credentials and Visiting Delegates.

On motion of Bro. S. C. Scheeline, California Alpha, Bros. C. J. Reddig, T. W. Wylie, and S. C. Scheeline, were appointed a Committee on Permanent Organization.

On motion of Bro. C. J. Reddig, the convention adjourned to meet at half-past two P. M.

J. C. NORRIS,  
*Secretary pro tem.*

JAMES ROBINSON,  
*President pro tem.*

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at half-past two P. M. by Bro. Robinson.

The Committee on Credentials was called upon and made the following report, which was adopted by unanimous consent :

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Credentials and Visiting Delegates, would make the following report of official delegates present:

Geo. S. Pleasance, Ohio Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

C. W. Bixby, Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

C. J. Reddig, Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.

O. H. Anderson, Pennsylvania Delta, Lehigh College, Bethlehem, Pa.

J. R. Foulks, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

C. Bloodgood, Michigan Beta, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

Hugh C. Smith, Virginia Delta, Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

T. W. Wylie, Indiana Alpha, Indiana State University, Bloomington, Ind.

M. F. Parrish, Ohio Beta, Ohio State University, Athens, Ohio.

J. E. Eggert, National Grand, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

J. C. Norris, Indiana Gamma, N. W. C. University, Irvington, Ind.

#### VISITING DELEGATES.

Rev. James Robinson, Ashland, Penn.

F. H. Moore, Philadelphia, Penn.

J. R. Hogg, Philadelphia, Penn.

P. W. Search, Marion, Ohio.

Alexander Lackey, Ohio.

S. C. Scheeline, New York City.

R. T. Speck, Wyandott, Kansas

W. D. Shipman, Ohio.

G. A. McAlpine, Ohio.

Kent O Foltz, Ohio.

Edgar M. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.

Wm. O. Bates, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. J. M. Worrall, Covington, Ky.

J. R. Mitchell, Monmouth, Ill.

Hon. G. W. Hayes, Milwaukee, Wis.

F. H. MOORE,

M. F. PARRISH,

HUGH C. SMITH,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Permanent Organization submitted the following report :

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Permanent Organization, beg leave to submit the following report:

For *President*—D. B. Floyd, A. M., Uniontown, Md.

*First Vice President*—C. W. Bixby, Easton, Penn.

*Second Vice President*—Rev. James Robinson, A. M., Ashland, Pa.

*Secretary*—James C. Norris, Indianapolis, Ind.

*Assistant Secretary*—Hugh C. Smith, Richmond, Va.

*Marshal*—J. R. Foulks, Charitan, Iowa.

C. J. REDDIG,  
T. W. WYLIE,  
S. C. SCHEELINE,  
*Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, the convention decided to use the circular lately issued by the Grand Banker as a guide in transacting its business.

Bro. Bloodgood moved that hereafter no charter shall be forfeited except by action of the convention. Carried.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, Bros. Parrish, Wylie, Reddig, Eggert and Pleasance were appointed a Committee on Ritual.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. Smith, Bloodgood and Foulks, were appointed a committee to arrange for public literary exercises and banquet, on Thursday night, July 13.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, Bros. Norris, Moore and Hogg, were appointed a Committee on Newspapers.

On motion of Bro. Pleasance, Bros. Pleasance, Parrish and Reddig, were appointed a committee to report some plan for centralizing the powers of the Fraternity.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. Bixby, Reddig and Robinson, were appointed a committee to procure a better room for holding the meetings of the convention.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, Bros. Parrish, Scheeline and Bloodgood, were appointed a committee on the place, time and performers for the next convention.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. Norris, Wylie and Eggert, were appointed a committee to report a plan for the support of THE SCROLL.

On motion of Bro. Anderson, the convention adjourned to meet at seven P. M.

J. C. NORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

C. W. BIXBY,  
*First Vice President.*

#### EVENING SESSION.

The convention met at seven P. M., but most of the members being busy on committee work, the session was informal. Adjourned to meet at half-past nine A. M., July 12.

#### MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1876.

The convention was called to order at half-past nine A. M., by Bro. Bixby; after prayer by Bro. Shipman, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee on obtaining other rooms for holding the sessions of the convention, reported that they had obtained the upper parlors in the Colonnade Hotel, at a cost of ten dollars per day. Report adopted.

On motion, Bros. Moore and Hogg were added to the committee on public performances.

On motion of Bro. Pleasance, Bros. Shipman, Eggert and Speck, were appointed a committee to investigate and devise means for strengthening weak chapters.

The Committee on Centralization of Power, made the following report:

We, your Committee on Centralization, beg leave to submit the following report:

First—The conventions of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity shall consist of delegates from the several Chapters; each Chapter being entitled to one vote, and a majority of the active Chapters shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The convention in its action shall be supreme.

Second—There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the Grand Banker, Secretary, and one member of the National Grand chosen by that Chapter, which shall have the following named powers:

To fill all vacancies in offices or appointments to literary performances, occasioned in any way.

To levy, at its discretion, taxes necessary for the transaction of the business of the Fraternity.

To examine into the condition of all colleges where it is proposed to establish new Chapters, and if those colleges are found to be up to the standard required by the constitution of the Order, to recommend that a charter be granted.

Third—It shall be the duty of this committee to make out and read before each convention a report of the condition of the Order, reporting, as nearly as they can ascertain, the standing of each Chapter.

Fourth—It shall be its duty to propose to the convention matters of interest to the Fraternity, and, where important changes are proposed, to instruct the several Chapters in regard to the changes at least two weeks previous to the time of holding the said convention.

Fifth—When other powers are to be exercised or duties performed, and it is not expedient to call a convention for such purpose, this committee shall have power to act at its discretion, and all of its proceedings shall be subject to the action of the convention.

Sixth—This report, if adopted, shall go into effect immediately upon the adjournment of this convention.

M. F. PARRISH,

GEO. S. PLEASANCE,

C. J. REDDICK,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Scheeline the report of the committee was considered section by section. The report, after a discussion, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Norris the reports of delegates was made the special order of business for half-past two P. M.

On motion of Bro. Wylie the Grand Banker was instructed to take measures to incorporate the Fraternity, and to pay the necessary expenses from the general treasury.

On motion of Bro. Parrish the Executive Committee was instructed to require the bonds authorized by the constitution from the Grand Banker.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet at TWO P. M.

J. C. NORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

C. W. BIXBY,  
*First Vice President.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at half-past two P. M., by Bro. Bixby. Prayer was offered by Bro. Shipman.

The chairman announced that the special order for the hour was hearing the reports of the Chapters. Fifteen Chapters were reported in a flourishing condition by their delegates. Visiting delegates, Bros. Search, Scheeline and Shipman, offered remarks of encouragement to the Chapters.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. A. G. Foster and J. C. Floyd, of the Indiana Alpha, were appointed a committee to prepare a digest of the laws and rules of all the conventions held by the Fraternity, for publication in THE SCROLL, provided that nothing shall appear therein that would be detrimental to the interests of the Fraternity.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, Bro. Shipman was added to the Ritual Committee.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. Scheeline and Eggert were appointed a Committee on Granting Charters.

On motion of Bro. Pleasance, article two of the amendment to the constitution was changed by adding after the words "in order," the signatures of the officers of the National Grand.

On motion of Bro. Wylie, Bro. Reddig was added to the Committee on Public Exercises for Thursday night.

The Secretary presented a communication from Bro. J. B. Swing, of the Indiana Epsilon, in regard to a debt owed the Fraternity by that Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Smith, the Indiana Epsilon was excused from the debt of fifty-four dollars and sixty-five cents, provided they pay all their other back dues immediately on the opening of the college session, and on failure to do so their charter be refunded.

The committee on time and place of holding, and performers for the next convention, presented the following report :

We, your committee, would recommend that the place be Wooster, Ohio; the time, the third Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the first Thursday in May, 1878.

For orator on that occasion we would recommend Eugene M. Lambertson, of Lincoln, Neb.; alternate, Emmett Tompkins, Athens, Ohio.

For poet, Chas. Groendyke, LaFayette, Ind.; alternate, Edwin M. Kaufman, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Chorister, P. W. Search, Marion, Ohio; alternate, J. N. E. Wilson, Berkley, Cal.

Obituaries, Jno. E. Palm, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; alternate, G. A. McAlpine.

Historian, Edgar M. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.

M. F. PARRISH,  
S. C. SCHEELINE,  
CHAS. BLOODGOOD,

*Committee.*

Bro. Search made a statement in regard to the song book.

Bro. Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously :

*Resolved,* That we return to Bro. P. W. Search our sincere thanks for publishing the Phi Delta Theta song-book, and that we use our influence in our respective Chapters in selling the same.

The special committee on granting charters made the following report :

We recommend that the following addition be made to the constitution of the Order: Sec. III, Art. 2, The State or National Grand Chapter, in order to grant a charter, must have the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

S C. SCHEELINE,

J. E. EGGERT,

*Committee,*

On motion of Bro. Reddig the report was adopted.

The Committee on Banquet made the following report, which was adopted, and the committee continued, with instructions to make the necessary arrangements.

We, your Committee on Banquet, would recommend that we hold our literary exercises and banquet in the Colonnade Hotel, and we present the following programme for that occasion :

Song—"Phi Delta Theta Greeting."

Introductory Remarks by the President.

Poem by William O. Bates, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Song.

Oration by Rev. J. M. Worrall, Covington, Ky.

Song, Supper, and Toasts.

Closing Song—"Parting Centennial Song."

CHAS. BLOODGOOD,

HUGH C. SMITH,

J. R. FOULKS,

C. J. REDDIG,

J. R. HOGG,

*Committee.*

On motion, the committee adjourned to eight P. M.

J. C. NORRIS,

*Secretary.*

C. W. BIXBY,

*First Vice President.*

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#### EVENING SESSION.

The convention was called to order at half-past eight P. M. by Bro. Bixby, who opened the exercises by singing from the Phi Delta Theta song-book, page ten, "Our Cause Speeds on its Way;" page eleven, "Our

Loved White and Blue:" and page twenty-seven, "Upidee."

The convention was favored with a visit from Hon. G. W. Hayes, of Milwaukee, Wis., who was a Phi Delta Theta fifteen years ago. He gave a very interesting account of his connection with the Indiana Beta.

Bro. J. R. Mitchell, of the Illinois Beta, here put in an appearance and made a report of his Chapter.

Bro. Shipman called up the resolution laid on the table by the last convention, in regard to admitting ladies to the Fraternity.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table indefinitely.

The committee on strengthening weak Chapters, suggested that three committees be appointed by the chair, to correspond with the New York Alpha, Nebraska Alpha, and the Tennessee Beta.

At this point, Bro. C. C. Cody, a delegate from the Georgia Beta, made his appearance and gave an interesting and encouraging report of his Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Shipman, a committee from the Indiana Alpha and Iowa Alpha, was appointed to correspond with the Nebraska Alpha and Tennessee Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Eggert, Bros. Eggert and Cody were appointed a committee to correspond with the Tennessee Beta.

On motion, Bro. C. J. Reddig was appointed a committee to look after the interests of the New York Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Norris, the Kentucky Gamma was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, Bro Bixby was requested to inquire about the standing of the Chapters in Bethlehem University, Pennsylvania, and in Texas.

On motion, the convention adjourned at ten P. M., to meet at nine A. M.

J. C. NORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

C. W. BIXBY,  
*First Vice President.*

## MORNING SESSION.

JULY 13, 1876

The Convention was called to order at ten A. M., by Bro. Bixby After prayer by Bro. Search, the minutes of the three previous sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Support of THE SCROLL, made the following report :

We, your committee on devising means for the support of THE SCROLL, beg leave to make the following report:

First—We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a quarterly magazine, to be known as THE SCROLL.

Second—That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an annual tax of one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the first day of November, and to pay the same to the publishers of THE SCROLL in quarterly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on January 1 of each year.

Third—At each convention of the Fraternity, there shall be elected an editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers for THE SCROLL, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Fourth—The publishers shall be required to expend the whole amount of the tax in the publication of THE SCROLL, and at the end of each quarter they shall be required to make a full report of the cost to the Grand Banker.

Fifth—Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of THE SCROLL without further expense.

Sixth—Each Chapter shall elect a sub-editor, whose duty it shall be: (a) To make a full report of the condition and standing of his Chapter for each issue of THE SCROLL. (b.) To solicit and forward to the editor-in-chief literary articles, discussions of questions of interest to the Fraternity, and any items he may think of interest to the Fraternity. (c) He shall be required to send to the publishers the number of active members in his Chapter, and shall notify them of every new addition.

Seventh—The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from Alumni members, and advertisements, to compensate them for their labor.

JAMES C. NORRIS,  
J. E. EGGERT,  
J. W. WYLIE,

*Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Eggert, Bros. Eggert, Parrish and Reddig were appointed a committee to nominate a board of publishers for **THE SCROLL**.

The Committee on Ritual made the following report :

We, your Committee on Ritual, beg leave to submit the following partial report: We find it impossible to do the work assigned us properly in the time allotted to us here, and ask that the committee be continued, with instructions to report through **THE SCROLL**. We have prepared the following outline for initiation, which we submit to the convention, expecting, if adopted, to fill it out and send a full explanation in our report:

INITIATION.

I—Introduction. II—Motto. III—Introductory address by the Historian. IV—Reading and prayer. V—Reading acceptance and signing. VI—Song, "The Bond;" song-book, page forty-two. VII—Mystical ceremony. VIII—President's charge. IX—Song, selected. X—Chaplain's charge. XI—Song; song-book, page forty-six. XII—Instructions in the private work, and investing rights, etc., etc. XIII—Congratulations.

The committee also made a verbal report of a change in the grip.

On motion, the report was adopted and the committee continued, with instructions to complete the work as soon as possible.

The Committee on Forfeiture of Charters made the following report :

We, your Committee on the Forfeiture of Charters, respectfully submit the following:

First—That in article five, section two, of the constitution, the following words be stricken out: "Under penalty of forfeiture of charter for not sending one."

Second—That the following be substituted for article three, section two: "The convention, and during the recesses of the convention the Executive Committee, in connection with the National Grand, shall have power to annul any charter in the following named cases: (a) Upon the flagrant violation of the law of the Phi Delta Theta, sufficient proof thereof being exhibited. (b) Upon a presentation signed by all the active members of any Chapter showing that the organization is no longer necessary. (c) For failure to send an official delegate to the conventions, or for refusal to pay any assessments made by the Executive Committee, unless satisfactory reasons are given for such failure.

GEO. S. PLEASANCE,  
J. C. NORRIS. *Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Eggert, Bros. Eggert, Shipman and Parrish were appointed a committee to look into the expediency of having the charter lithographed.

On motion of Bro. Pleasance, the publishers of *THE SCROLL* were authorized to print the private work of this convention in pamphlet form, and to distribute said pamphlets among the active members of the Fraternity, and the Grand Banker was instructed to pay for the same out of the general treasury.

Bro. Foulks offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Convention instruct the different Chapters in choosing delegates in the future, not to choose men from the Senior classes.

Bro. Norris offered the following communication and report in behalf of Bro. C. D. Whitehead, the Grand Banker, who could not be present at the convention :

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE GRAND BANKER.

*Gentlemen of the Convention:*

DEAR BRETHREN—It has become impossible for me to attend the convention. I have entrusted the matters pertaining to my office to the hands of Bro. James Norris, present business manager of *THE SCROLL*, who has kindly consented to act for me during the convention. I might here say a word in regard to my report which he will present. When the funds of the Fraternity were committed to my keeping, there was but twelve dollars in cash in the treasury. Bro. Perry had allowed his zeal to plunge the Fraternity deeply in debt. The report showed an indebtedness of two hundred and nine dollars, and a large amount of delinquencies in Chapter assessments, from which I was expected to pay off the indebtedness. But this expected source has almost entirely failed to yield any revenue to pay our debts. I soon discovered that they were debts of Chapters of which the present members had no knowledge, and which they almost ununiversally refused to pay. So I made arrangement for the tax of April last, and secured an order for it from the last convention. That order provided for a levy of two dollar per capita. But when April came, we had just collected the one dollar per capita tax for the catalogue, and I took the liberty to disobey the order of the convention, and ask for only one

dollar per capita instead of two, as provided in the order. In this I think the membership will bear me out in my disregard of law. Then the proposition to change the convention to Philadelphia came; there was a loud and popular clamor for the change, and as an argument it was proposed that it be held there, and that each delegate pay his own railroad fare, or that the Chapters get a representative there of some of their attendant or alumni members, who would attend the Centennial, and thus save railroad expenses. This motion was put to the Chapters and agreed to. With that understanding I again, on June 20, levied another tax of one dollar per capita to bear the incidental expenses of the convention. Of the April tax which I intended to use in payment of debts, but about one-half has been paid. Perhaps the balance will be paid by the delegates at the convention. I have applied one hundred and forty dollars only to the payment of debts. I paid seventy-five dollars to THE SCROLL, as ordered by convention. My point is to get out of debt and keep out, and when the two last assessments are paid in full we can square up with every body, and have a balance for a rainy day. You will see that these debts are none of my making. My account don't show a single debt. These debts have been greatly to our discredit. But we are almost out of the brush, and soon can hollow. The attendant members can not complain, for the tax has been lighter this year than for any year for five years. In 1873 we paid three dollars and sixty-five cents per capita tax; in 1874 we paid three dollars and fifty cents, and this year we are only paying three dollars altogether, and we get for it something back, if the catalogue can ever be prepared for print, and put ourselves on a square footing with the world. The times are hard, but we are getting along nicely. My chief regret is, that I am not able to be with you. But I have so much confidence in those who wear the golden shield and dagger, whom I have met personally, that I have no fears but that you will do the best thing for our beloved Order.

Yours, most truly,

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND BANKER.

### PERMANENT FUND.

Subscription notes, at ten per cent .	\$365.00
Unpaid subscriptions	139.00
Invested at ten per cent	88.00
Cash paid on note	140.00
Cash paid on initiation fees, since last report .	98.00
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	\$830.00

## GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand May 23, 1875	\$9.45
Cash received on Catalogue—	
From Chapters .	239.30
From Alumni	18.00
Cash received on April tax	178.00
Cash received on June tax	53.88
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Total received (General Fund)	\$498.63
Total expended (General Fund)	311.30
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Balance on hand July 8 .	\$187.33
Received on July tax .	14.00
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Expenses of this convention .	37.00
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Balance .	\$164.33

The committee to nominate a board of publishers for THE SCROLL made the following report :

We, your committee to nominate a board of publishers for THE SCROLL, would recommend for editor Wm. O. Bates, and for publisher James C. Norris.

Bros. Bates and Norris both declining an election, the report was referred back to the committee, with instructions to make other nominations.

Bro. Wylie offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this convention and the Fraternity at large be tendered to Bros. Wm. O. Bates and James C. Norris, for their able and untiring efforts in behalf of THE SCROLL.

On motion of Bro. Norris, the Grand Banker was instructed to use his best efforts in collecting all back taxes due from the Chapters.

On motion of Bro. Foulks, each Chapter was instructed to select a man to solicit subscriptions to the permanent fund.

The committee on lithographing the charter made the following report :

We, your committee on lithographing the charter, recommend,

First—That Bro. P. W. Search, of Marion, Ohio, be appointed a committee to have the charter, as adopted by the last convention, lithographed.

Second—That the plate be placed in the keeping of the National Grand Chapter, and that the said Chapter shall be authorized to reissue charters to the present respective Chapters.

Third—For expenses incurred in the above, orders shall be drawn on the Grand Banker.

Fourth—Every new Chapter organized on receipt of its charter shall forward to the Grand Banker the sum of three dollars, which shall be added to the permanent fund.

J. E. EGGERT,  
W. D. SHIPMAN,  
M. F. PARRISH,

*Committee.*

Bro. Bloodgood made a statement regarding the standing and condition of the Michigan Beta, and also some remarks in regard to his views on the permanent fund. Remarks were made on the same subject by other members of the convention. Rev. J. M. Worrall, of Covington, offered remarks touching his early connection with the old Grand Alpha Chapter, at Oxford, Ohio.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet at half-past seven P. M.

J. C. NORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

C. W. BIXBY,  
*First Vice President.*

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EVENING SESSION.

JULY 13, 1876.

The convention was called to order at eight P. M., with Bro. Bixby in the chair. After prayer by Bro. Moore, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bro. Pleasance moved a reconsideration of the motion excluding all persons from the banquet not members of the Order.

Bro. Scheeline moved to amend by including one member of the press.

The original motion, on motion of Bro. Pleasance, as amended, was passed.

The committee to nominate a board of publishers for THE SCROLL made the following report, which was adopted :

We, your committee to nominate a board of publishers for THE SCROLL, would recommend for editor Bro. M. F. Parrish, and for publisher Bro. J. B. Pomeroy.

Bro. Parrish thanked the convention for his election as editor of THE SCROLL.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, the deficit due the Colonnade Hotel from the banquet was ordered to be paid from the general treasury.

On motion of Bro. Scheeline, the sum of ten dollars was allowed the Secretary.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, the Executive Committee was given power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the board of managers of THE SCROLL.

Bro. Bates presented a communication from Bro. S. W. Carpenter, of Cincinnati, Ohio, which, on motion of Bro. Worrall, was referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to investigate if the causes that led to the trouble can not be removed, and report the same to the next convention.

On motion, the convention was appointed a committee of one to proceed to the dining room, and investigate the supper that was reported to be there. The motion was carried unanimously, and with applause.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
THIRTIETH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
PHI DELTA THETA.

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Wooster, Ohio, May 22, 1878.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity met in the hall of the National Grand Chapter, at 9:30 A. M., with Bro. Charles B. Gaskell, the President, in the chair.

Bro. Gaskell made an opening address.\*

Bro. James L. Matthews, of the Indiana Delta, then offered prayer.

On motion of Bro. A. Gwyn Foster, of the Indiana Alpha, Bros. Foster, Sullivan and Beardsley were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Bro. A. A. Stearns, Ohio Eta, Bros. Stearns, Evans and Bixby were appointed a Committee on Visiting Members.

On motion of Bro. A. S. Hough, Georgia Gamma, Bros. Hough, Beardsley and Reddig were appointed a Committee on Permanent Organization.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the Committee on Credentials made the following report of officers and delegates present :

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\*The Address will be found in the September number of the Scroll.

Charles B. Gaskell, President, Atlanta, Georgia.  
 C. D. Whitehead, Grand Banker, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 James C. Norris, Secretary, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 E. M. Beardsley, of Executive Committee, Wooster, Ohio.  
 George William Cone, Va. Delta, Richmond College, Richmond, Va.  
 John S. Watson, Ind. Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana.  
 Fred. H. Austin, Mo. Alpha, Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri.  
 Frank E. Hunter, Ind. Alpha, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.  
 J. L. Matthews, Indiana Delta, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana.  
 W. M. Evans, Ohio Zeta, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.  
 A. A. Stearns, Ohio Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.  
 H. U. Brown, Indiana Gamma, Butler University, Irvington, Indiana.  
 W. B. Sullivan, Penn. Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.  
 A. S. Haugh, Georgia Gamma, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia.  
 C. J. Reddig, Penn. Beta, Penn. College, Gettysburgh, Pennsylvania.  
 C. B. Charles, Mich. Beta, Mich. Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.  
 M. McClurg, Miss. Alpha, Mississippi University, Oxford, Mississippi.  
 J. R. Foulks, Ia. Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.  
 L. L. Bristow, Va. Beta, Virginia University, Charlottesville, Virginia.  
 C. H. Welch, Ohio Epsilon, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.  
 George Banta, Indiana Alpha Alumni.

A. GWYN FOSTER,

W. B. SULLIVAN,

E. M. BEARDSLEY,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Visiting Delegates reported the following present :

C. W. Bixby, Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.  
 L. D. Rogers, Bloomington, Indiana.  
 A. Gwyn Foster, Carrol Parish, Louisiana.  
 H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Indiana.  
 Ed. S. Palmer, Zanesville, Ohio.  
 H. A. Kelly, Akron, Ohio.  
 J. A. Guthrie, Akron, Ohio.  
 W. H. Pleasants, Akron, Ohio.  
 L. B. Buckingham, Akron, Ohio.  
 S. B. McClelland, Wooster, Ohio.  
 T. B. Greenlee, Wooster, Ohio.  
 J. G. Evans, Wooster, Ohio.  
 W. F. Harn, Wooster, Ohio.  
 L. H. McLain, Wooster, Ohio.  
 J. H. McLain, Wooster, Ohio.  
 J. C. Gastin, Wooster, Ohio.

V. M. Hatfield, Wooster, Ohio.  
 H. W. Luccock, Wooster, Ohio.  
 G. N. Luccock, Wooster, Ohio.  
 C. E. McBride, Wooster, Ohio.  
 F. M. Senior, Wooster, Ohio.  
 A. H. Post, Twinsburg, Ohio.  
 John C. McClaran.  
 Emmet Tompkins, Athens, Ohio.  
 Rev. J. M. Barker, Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
 C. B. Wright, Akron, Ohio.  
 P. W. Search, West Liberty, Ohio.  
 A. J. Findly, Akron, Ohio.  
 D. D. Wilcox, Akron, Ohio.  
 J. F. Brant, Orville, Ohio.  
 O. N. Stoddard, Wooster, Ohio.  
 Edwin Brown, New York City.

A. A. STEARNS,  
 WILLIAM M. EVANS,  
 C. W. BIXBY,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Whitehead, Bixby and Banta, was appointed on time and place of holding the next convention, and nominating speakers for the occasion.

On motion of Bro. Evans, a committee of three, Bros. Reddig, Harn and Watson, was appointed on Newspaper Reports.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bro. H. G. Bradford was appointed Assistant Secretary during the convention.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, Bros. Whitehead, McBride, Cone, and Matthews was appointed a Committee on Delinquent Chapters.

On motion of Bro. Foster, Bros. Foster, Bixby, Banta, Reddig, H. W. Luccock, Pleasants, and Beardsley were appointed a Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

On motion of Bro. Watson, the report of the above committee was made the special order of the morning

session of the 23d, and that the report of the committee be discussed by sections.

On motion of Bro. Cone, Bros. Cone, Norris and Evans were appointed a committee to consider the best means of publishing the Scroll, and to offer suggestions concerning it.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected and adopted.  
The Committee on the Scroll made the following report:

We, your Committee on the Scroll, beg leave to make the following report:

First, We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a sub rosa newspaper during the nine school months, which shall be called The Scroll.

Second, That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an annual tax of one dollar per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the 10th of September, and to pay the necessary part of the same to the publishers of The Scroll in monthly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on the 10th of September of each year.

Third, At each convention of the Fraternity there shall be elected an editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers of The Scroll, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Fourth, Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of The Scroll without further expense.

Fifth, Each Chapter shall elect a Sub-Editor, whose duty it shall be: (a) To make a full report of the condition and standing of his Chapter for each issue of The Scroll; (b) To solicit and forward to the Editor-in-Chief literary articles, discussions of questions of interest to the Fraternity; and any items he may think of interest to the Fraternity; (c) He shall be required to send to the publishers the number of active members in his Chapter, and shall notify them of every new addition.

Sixth, The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from Alumni members, and advertisements to compensate them for their labor.

Seventh, In each issue shall be a list of officers and trustees of the Fraternity, and the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter.

Eighth, The committee recommend as Editor, Bro. M. F. Parrish, of Athens, Ohio, and as Business Manager, Bro. Geo. Banta, of Franklin, Ind.

GEO. WM. CONE,  
WILL. M. EVANS,  
J. C. NORRIS,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Time and Place, &c., of holding the next Convention, report the following :

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report :

That the Convention shall be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 26th, 27th and 28th, 1880.

For Orator, Rev. Stuart Robinson, Louisville, Kentucky.

For Alternate, Col. C. P. Jacobs, Indianapolis, Indiana.

For Poet, Prof. James F. Gookins, Indianapolis, Indiana.

For Alternate, Prof. Chas. H. Hall, Franklin, Indiana.

For Historian, Judge D. D. Banta, Franklin, Indiana.

For Alternate, Edgar M. Wilson, Chicago, Illinois.

For Obituaries, Maj. Geo. W. Grubbs, Martinsville, Indiana.

C. D. WHITEHEAD,

C. W. BIXBY,

GEORGE BANTA.

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Hough, the Convention went into an election of officers, which resulted as follows :

For President, C. J. Reddig, Shippingsburg, Pa.,

For First Vice President, C. W. Bixby, Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

For Second Vice President, G. W. Cone, Virginia Delta.

For Secretary, James C. Norris, Indianapolis, Indiana.

For Assistant Secretary, H. G. Bradford, New Albany, Indiana.

For Grand Banker, C. D. Whitehead, Indianapolis, Indiana.

On motion of Bro. Watson, Bros. Watson and Norris conducted the President elect to the chair. The President made some remarks, thanking the Convention for the honor conferred, as also did the other officers.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead: The excess of Scroll Tax, over one dollar already collected, shall be remitted

to the Chapter having paid the same, or deducted from present assessments.

On motion of Bro. Brown, Bros. Luccock and Brown were appointed a committee to investigate and report what relief is due Bro. P. W. Search from this Fraternity.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, the reports of delegates were made the order of business for the evening session.

On motion of Bro. Evans, the session adjourned until 7:30 P.M.

Closed by a song by the convention.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

MAY 22, 7:30 P.M.

Called to order by Bro. Reddig.

The session was, as per motion, consumed in hearing the reports of Chapters. All reported Chapters in flourishing condition.

The Convention was honored by the presence of many correspondent members.

Bro. Whitehead made a very fine address, reviewing the history of the conventions, and counseling harmony and good will.

Bros. Post, Norris and Bradford also addressed the convention.

Bro. Norris read letters from Bros. Thos. C. Clark, Thad. Druly and T. J. Dixon.

Adjourned until 8 A.M., May 23d.

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#### MORNING SESSION.

MAY 23D, 8 A.M.

Called to order by the President.

Prayer by Bro. Matthews.

Minutes of previous sessions read, corrected and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Banta, it was resolved that Bro. C. D. Whitehead be appointed a committee to have the Fraternity incorporated by act of Congress.

On motion of Bro. Hough, it was resolved that all the members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity now in Congress, or who may be at the time of the presentation of the matter of incorporation to Congress, be appointed a committee to assist in it

On motion of Bro. Watson, a committee of three, Bros. Watson, Cone and Bristow, were appointed to take into consideration the whole matter of the incorporation of the Fraternity, to determine the number, manner of election and length of service of Trustees, and nominate Trustees for same.

On motion of Bro. Beardsley, Bros. Beardsley, Stearns, McClurg and Reddig, were appointed a committee to arrange for the public exercises of Friday evening.

The delegates who came in this morning made reports concerning their Chapters.

Bro. Tompkins also made a few remarks.

Bro. Evans, in behalf of Dr. Taylor, President of Wooster University, and of the Zeta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, invited the members of the Convention to visit the University at 10 o'clock A.M., Friday.

Convention adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 23D, 2 P.M.

Called to order by the President.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported a new Constitution, which was considered by sections, amended and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Banta, Prof. J. W. Moncreif, of Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, was appointed a committee to translate the form for charter into Greek.

On motion of Bro. Banta, a committee consisting of Bros. Bristow, Luccock and Bradford, was appointed to report a new grip, password and signs.

On motion of Bro. Evans, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, our Constitution heretofore contained no provision for electing honorary members ; be it

Resolved, That all members heretofore elected honorary members by legally chartered Chapters, are honorary members of our Fraternity.

The Committee on Incorporation submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

We, your Committee on Incorporation, respectfully submit the following report :

That there shall be one Trustee for each State in which the Fraternity has one or more chapters.

That the Trustees shall be elected at each Convention of this Fraternity, and shall be nominated by a committee appointed by the Chair.

That the Trustees shall hold in trust all the property of the Fraternity in various States, and shall act as legal advisors and executors in all matters pertaining thereto.

That the following Trustees shall be appointed :

Texas, John M. McCoy, Dallas, Texas.

Pennsylvania, C. W. Bixby, Wilkesbarre, Penn.

Virginia, J. W. Boyd, Buchanan, Virginia.

Indiana, W. N. Pickerill, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ohio, W. D. Shipman. Akron, Ohio.

Michigan, Charles Sheldon, Burr Oak, Michigan.

Missouri, D. D. Moss, Columbia, Missouri.

Georgia, Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mississippi, W. A. Henry, Brook Haven, Mississippi.

Iowa, E. P. Campbell, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Kentucky, J. P. Shenault, Danville, Kentucky.  
 Illinois, T. J. Morgan, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Alabama, T. M. Hobbs, Helena, Alabama.  
 North Carolina, George Bulla, ———, N.C.

JOHN S. WATSON,  
 GEO. WM. CONE,  
 L. L. BRISTOW,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Foster, Bros. Foster, Sullivan and Hough were appointed a Committee on National Jeweler.

On motion of Bro. Foster, Bros. Austin and Palmer were appointed a committee to re-establish the Michigan Alpha at Ann Arbor.

On motion of Bro. Cone, Bros. Cone, Matthews and Hunter were appointed a committee on means of distributing the new Constitution to Chapters.

Bro. Tompkins presented the following resolution, which was adopted:     **I**

Whereas, the committee appointed by the last National Convention of this Fraternity to revise the Constitution, has at this Convention reported; and whereas, said Committee has performed the work assigned to them with great credit to themselves and to the advancement of the interests of said Fraternity; be it

Resolved, That in consideration of the premises, said committee is entitled to and hereby tendered the unqualified thanks of this Convention.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

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**EVENING SESSION.**

MAY 23D, 7:30 P. M.

Convention called to order.

Prayer by Bro. Barker. Reunion song sung.

On motion of Bro. Beardsley, Bro. McBride was appointed a committee to have the ushers reserve seats

together for the members of the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternities, at the public exercises on Friday evening.

On motion of Bro. Watson, a charter was granted to the Phi Delta Theta Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Illinois.

On motion of Bro. Cone, a charter was granted to the Chapter at Trinity College, Techucana, Texas.

On motion of Bro. Norris, a charter was granted to The Chapter at Trinity College, Charlottesville, North Carolina.

Bro. Norris offered the following resolution :

That it is the sense of this Convention that no Chapter or member is authorized to initiate members into this Fraternity, who are in attendance at Colleges where there is no Chapter established, without first obtaining the consent of the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Distribution of the Constitution offered the following report, which was adopted :

That the publisher of The Scroll be appointed to supervise the printing and to print seventy-five copies of the Constitution, and that he send a copy in pamphlet form to each live Chapter and the officers of this present Convention by registered letter ; that he is to hold in his possession the remainder and distribute them as required ; that the Grand Banker is instructed to remit to him the amount of expense. Signed,

J. W. CONE,  
I. L. MATTHEWS,  
FRANK HUNTER.

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bros. Beardsley, McBride and Evans were appointed a committee to see for what price cabs could be engaged for the evening of the banquet.

On motion of Bro. Kelly, the Convention determined to be photographed.

On motion of Bro. Cone, Bros. Luccock and Greenlee were authorized to ascertain the number of photographs desired by members, and to make necessary arrangements for taking the same.

The Committee on Private Work made a report, a copy of which can be obtained from the Secretary.

The Committee on Public Exercises offered the following report, which was adopted :

We recommend that the public exercises be held in the First Presbyterian Church and the banquet be held at Townley's American House, and that the following be the

ORDER OF EXERCISES :

**Part First.**

1. Music, by Orchestra.  
Prayer. Rev. Dr. Taylor, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
2. Introductory Remarks, by President Reddig.
3. Oration. Emmet Tompkins.
4. Music. Orchestra.
5. Poem. P. W. Search.
6. History. A. Gwyn Foster.  
Music.  
Adjournment to the American House.

**Part Second.**

1. Reception Banquet, Toasts, Songs, &c.  
Bro. H. G. Bradford, Toast-Master.  
Song, on page 36.  
Toasts—
  1. University of Wooster. J. C. McClarren.
  2. Our Order. C. D. Whitehead.
  3. Captain Jack. Emmet Tompkins.
 Song, page 21.
  4. Old Dominion. Geo. Wm. Cone.
  5. National Grand. Wm. B. Sullivan.
  6. Ladies. G. N. Luccock.
 Song, page 20.

E. M. BEARDSLEY,  
M. McCLURG,  
A. A. STEARNS,  
C. J. REDDIG,

*Committee.*

The convention was entertained with some very fine recitations by Bros. Tompkins, Cone and Hunter.

Convention adjourned to meet 8 A. M. Friday.

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**MORNING SESSION.**

MAY 24TH, 8:30 A.M.

Convention called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Post.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved.

Bro. Beardsley from the executive committee, made a report of its work since the last convention.

The Secretary reported his work for the last year.

Bro. Search reported that to lithograph charters would cost one hundred dollars, which was decided by the Convention to be more than the Fraternity could now afford.

On motion of Bro. Watson, Bros. Beardsley, Watson and Sullivan were appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of receiving the resignations of, and granting letters of honorable dismissal to, certain former members of the Pennsylvania Delta.

On motion of Bro. H. W. Luccock, each member in the hall pledged himself to purchase a song book, the proceeds to be given to Bro. Search, for expenses in compiling and printing same.

On motion, adjourned to visit the University and to meet at 1:30 P.M.

The members then marched to the University, where they were met by Pres. Taylor, of the University of Wooster. The members were cordially received, and given the freedom of the buildings and campus, of which, after the chapel exercises, they fully availed themselves.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 24TH, 1:30.

Convention called to order by the President.

On motion of Bro. Cone, the National Grand Chapter was instructed to grant a charter, as soon as an application is made in the regular form, to the Chapter at the Virginia Military Institute.

On motion of Bro. Cone, he was allowed to establish chapters at Washington and Lee University, University of North Carolina, Brown College and Wesleyan University, Rhode Island.

On motion of Bro. Banta, he was allowed to establish Chapters at Northwestern College, Evanston, Illinois, at Chicago University, and at the University of Kansas.

On motion of Bro. Banta, Bro. Palmer was permitted to establish a Chapter at Amherst College, Massachusetts, and at Wisconsin University.

A. M. Shuy was permitted to establish a Chapter at the Minnesota University.

On motion of Bro. Rogers, Bros. Banta and Forbes were appointed a committee to re-establish the Indiana Zeta.

On motion of Bro. Hough, Bro. Palmer was authorized to establish a Chapter at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, he was authorized to re-establish the New York Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Watson, Bro. Reddig was authorized to establish an Alumni Chapter at Philadelphia.

The Committee on Pennsylvania Delta submitted the following report:

That the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity accept

the resignation of the following members of the Pennsylvania Delta Chapter: Byllsby, Taggart, Treharn, H. H. Wilson, Gilbert.

WATSON,  
BEARDSLEY,  
SULLIVAN,

*Committee.*

The committee advised that letters of honorable dismissal be not granted to the above.

On motion of Bro. Hough, the Executive Committee was allowed to charter Alumni Chapters at any place where, in their opinion, it would be beneficial.

On motion of Bro. Banta, the Alumni Constitution was continued in full force until the Convention of 1880.

The G. B. made the following report :

### REPORT OF GRAND BANKER.

#### PERMANENT FUND.

Subscription notes.....	\$460.00	
Unpaid subscriptions.....	139.00	
On acc't Past initiation fees .....	186.00	
Cash on note (C. O. Perry, Ex-G.B.).....	140.00	
Balance on note (C. O. Perry, Ex-G.B.).....	14.50	
First installment on note, E. M. Wilson....	5.00	
On acc't initiation fees since Inst report.....	60.90	
		<hr/> \$1,005 40

#### CATALOGUE FUND.

Cash as per last report—		
From Chapters.....	\$239.30	
From Alumni.....	18.00	
		<hr/> \$257.30
Loaned to General Fund.....	92.97	
		<hr/> \$164.33
Balance in Catalogue Fund.....		
Received since—		
From Epsilon.....	2.00	
From A. Post.....	1.00	
		<hr/> \$167.33
Total Catalogue Fund.....		
Received from General Fund.....		92.97
		<hr/> \$260.30

Paid by C. D. Whitehead (per note).....	5400.30	
Cash received from Frat. on Catalogue Fund.....	260.30	
	<hr/>	\$140.00
Due Grand Banker.....		

## RECEIPTS. GENERAL FUND.

1877.		
Jan. 24.	Indiana Beta, June Tax.....	518.00
Jan. 22.	Indiana Gamma, April Tax.....	9.00
Mar. 18.	Missouri Alpha, Part June Tax.....	8.00
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		\$35.00
1878		
May 22.	Virginia Beta, Convention Tax, '78.....	536.00
	Virginia Delta, Convention Tax, '78.....	27.00
Apr. 20.	Pennsylvania Alpha, Balance June Tax, '76,	21.12
	Pennsylvania Alpha, incidental, etc.....	29.12
May 22.	Pennsylvania Alpha, Part Con. Tax, '78...	63.88
	Pennsylvania Beta, Convention Tax, '78..	21.00
	Ohio Epsilon, Convention Tax, '78.....	15.00
	Ohio Zeta, Convention Tax, '78.....	30.00
	Ohio Eta, Convention Tax, '78.....	30.00
	Indiana Alpha, Convention Tax, '78.....	21.00
	Indiana Beta, Convention Tax, '78.....	30.00
	Indiana Gamma, Convention Tax, '78....	18.00
	Indiana Delta, Convention Tax, '78.....	39.00
	Georgia Gamma, Convention Tax, '78....	69.00
	Mississippi Alpha, Convention Tax, '78...	3.00
	Michigan Beta, Convention Tax, '78.....	30.00
	Iowa Alpha, Convention Tax, '78.....	15.00
	Missouri Alpha, Convention Tax, '78.....	27.00
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		\$552.12
	On acc't of interest.....	54.62
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	Total receipts.....	\$641.74

## DISBURSEMENTS. GENERAL FUND.

1877.		
Feby. 1.	Notices.....	\$7.50
1878.		
Feby. 12.	Five hundred circulars.....	6.75
May 13.	Five hundred postal cards.....	5.00
May 13.	Printing same, etc.....	4.25
May 13.	Postage (two years).....	16.00
May 22.	Delegate, Indiana Beta, railroad expenses.	13.00
	“ Indiana Alpha, “	15.00
	“ Missouri Alpha, “	35.70

Delegate Virginia Delta, railroad expenses,	37.00
“ Pennsylvania Beta, “	25.70
“ Indiana Delta, “	11.85
“ Indiana Gamma, “	10.00
“ Iowa Alpha, “	39.00
“ Michigan Beta, “	17.50
“ Mississippi Alpha, “	62.70
“ Virginia Beta, “	37.90
“ Pennsylvania Alpha “	28.15
“ Ohio Epsilon, “	10.80
“ Ohio Eta, “	2.00
“ Georgia Gamma, “	69.00
Georgia additional loan.....	12.00
Paid to Catalogue Fund Loan.....	92.97
Paid to E. Thompkins, railroad expenses.	10.75
Paid to Shipman, on acc't Scroll.....	12.50
Paid to A. Gwynn Foster, railroad ex....	5.00
Paid to A. G. Bradford, As't Sec., R.R. ex.	10.00
Paid to Jas. C. Norris, Sec., railroad ex..	10.00
Paid to C. D. Whitehead, G.B., railroad ex.	10.00
Paid to Cone, add'l R.R. fare, Va. Delta.	2.00
Paid to Bristow, add'l R.R. fare, Va. D..	2.00
Paid for band at banquet.....	30.00

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 \$652.02

## DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

Ohio Zeta—Scroll Tax, etc.....		\$ 4.00
Ohio Epsilon—Scroll Tax.....	\$16.00	16.00
Virginia Alpha—Scroll Tax.....	20.00	
April Tax, '76.....	10.00	
June Tax, '76.....	10.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	30.00	70.00
Virginia Beta—Convention Tax, '74.....	10.95	
June Tax, '76.....	7.00	17.95
Virginia Gamma—June Tax, '76.....	8.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	24.00	32.00
Virginia Delta—April Tax, '76.....	12.00	
June Tax, '76.....	12.00	24.00
Virginia Epsilon—Convention Tax, '78.....	9.00	9.00
Georgia Beta—Catalogue Tax.....		
April Tax, '76.....		
June Tax, '76.....		
Scroll, etc., Tax.....		
Convention Tax, '78.....		
Georgia Gamma.....	12.00	12.00

Georgia Delta—June Tax, '76.....	14.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	24.00	38.00
Tennessee Beta—Catalogue Tax.....		
April Tax, '76.....		
June Tax, '76.....		
Scroll, &c., Tax.....		
Convention Tax.....		
Alabama Alpha—Scroll Tax, &c.....	14.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	27.00	41.00
Mississippi Alpha—Scroll Tax.....	13.00	
Michigan Beta—Scroll Tax.....	34.00	34.00
Illinois Delta (Galesburgh).....		
Iowa Alpha—Scroll Tax.....	24.00	24.00
Missouri Alpha—June Tax, '76.....	12.00	
Part April Tax, '76.....	4.00	16.00
Missouri Beta.....		
Indiana Alpha—Scroll Tax.....	14.00	
June Tax, '76.....	7.00	21.00
Indiana Beta—Scroll Tax.....	24.00	24.00
Indiana Gamma—Old Initiation Fees, '75.....	4.00	
June Tax, '76.....	9.00	
Scroll Tax.....	18.00	31.00
Indiana Delta—April Tax, '76.....	12.00	
June Tax, '76.....	12.00	
Part of Scroll, etc., '76.....	12.00	36.00
Pennsylvania Alpha—Part Scroll Tax.....	18.88	
Part Convention Tax, '78.....	11.12	30.00
Pennsylvania Gamma—June Tax, '76.....	6.00	
Scroll Tax.....	12.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	18.00	36.00
Nebraska Alpha.....		
Indiana Epsilon—Balance Catalogue Tax.....	3.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	18.00	21.00
Kentucky Alpha—April Tax, '76.....	5.00	
June Tax, '76.....	5.00	
Scroll Tax.....	10.00	
Convention Tax, '78.....	15.00	35.00
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		\$547.95

## SUMMARY.

Receipts—General Fund.....	\$641.74	
Disbursements—General Fund.....	652.02	
Overdrawn.....		\$10.28
Permanent Fund.....	1,005.40	
Catalogue Fund—Due G. B.....	140.00	

Receipts on acc't Scroll.....	108.25
Disbursements.....	19.50
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Balance on hand.....	\$88.75
Delinquent.....	\$547.95

On motion of Bro. Foster, the report of the Grand Banker was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Hough, the Executive Committee was instructed to withdraw the charters of all Chapters which do not pay up all moneys due, initiation fees and convention expenses, within ten months after the adjournment of this Convention.

On motion of Bro. Watson, the Virginia Beta and Delta were excused from all back taxes.

On motion of Bro. Norris, the Indiana Gamma was excused from paying the initiation fees due previous to the Convention at Danville, Ky., in 1875.

On motion of Bro. Watson, the railroad expenses of the Orator, Poet, Historian and officers of the Convention were ordered to be paid by the Grand Banker as soon as possible.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, the Ohio Eta was allowed \$12.50, expense of publishing Scroll, incurred by Bros. Shipman and Parrish of that Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Stearns, the following resolution was received.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and hereby tendered to the members of the Ohio Zeta for their untiring efforts and generous hospitality, which have contributed so largely to the success of this Convention.

On motion of Bro. Hunter, the Secretary was instructed to publish the minutes of this Convention, and distribute them to the Chapters, and that the Grand Banker be instructed to pay for the same.

On motion of Bro. Watson, the following resolution was received:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and hereby tendered to the Grand Banker, Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties during their terms of office.

On motion of Bro. Austin, the Missouri Alpha was excused from twelve dollars, incurred in 1876.

Adjourned to meet in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 26th, 27th, 28th, 1880.



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FRANKLIN, INDIANA, JUNE 7, 1879.

## SECOND STATE CONVENTION

— OF —

## INDIANA PHI DELTA THETAS.

I. O. O. F. HALL, FRANKLIN, IND., )  
May 31, 1879. )

The second State Convention of the Phis of Indiana, met at 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday, May 31st, with Lyman E. Ott, of Wabash College, in the chair.

The following members were present:

HILTON U. BROWN, Vice President; Indiana Gamma, Indianapolis.  
AMOS W. BUTLER, Secretary; Indiana Alpha; Brookville, Ind.  
CHAS. BANTA, Corresponding Secretary; Indiana Alpha; Franklin, Ind.  
JAS. B. THOMAS, Chaplain; Indiana Delta; Alert, Ind.  
LEALDAS S. FORBES, Indiana Alpha, Mineral City, Ind.  
JOHN C. SHIRK, do do Brookville, Ind.  
D. D. BANTA, do do Franklin, Ind.  
WALTER BRADFUTE, do do Bloomington, Ind.  
J. E. McCLASKEY, do do LaGrange, Ind.  
W. H. HAWLEY, do do College Corner, Ohio.  
FRANK L. MULKEY, do do Bloomington, Ind.  
FRANK E. HUNTER, do do Bloomington, Ind.  
E. D. EDSON, do do Mt. Vernon, Ind.  
GEO. BANTA, do do Franklin, Ind.  
THOS. WILKINS, Indiana Beta; Linden, Ind.  
SAM. B. ECCLES, do do Greenwood, Ind.  
C. D. MOORE, Indiana Gamma; Clarksburg, Ind.  
J. B. KUHN, do do Greensburg, Pa.  
W. A. BLACK, do do Indianapolis, Ind.  
C. L. GOODWIN, do do Bowling Green, Ky.  
H. J. LANDERS, do do Indianapolis, Ind.  
J. C. NORRIS, do do Indianapolis, Ind.  
C. D. BOWLES, do do Midland, Ill.  
W. D. CAMPBELL, do Indianapolis, Ind.  
C. M. CARTER, Indiana Delta; Livonia, Ind.  
A. M. JELLEFF, do do Franklin, Ind.  
CHESLEY HOLMES, do do Let's Corner, Ind.  
EUGENE HALL, do do Peru, Ind.  
E. E. STEVENSON, do do Kirkwood, Ill.  
W. W. SMITH, do do Scipio, Ind.

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FRANK B. DAY,	Indiana Delta;	Franklin, Ind.
J. R. WILLIAMS,	do do	Dupont, Ind.
W. M. KEMP,	do do	Salem, Ind.
J. T. PARR,	do do	Franklin, Ind.
E. L. STEVENSON,	do do	Kirkwood, Ill.
J. L. MATTHEWS,	do do	Ellettsville, Ind.
Prof. G. E. BAILEY,	do do	Franklin, Ind.
CHAS. BOAZ,	do do	Columbus, Ind.
CAL. McCORMICK,	do do	Franklin, Ind.
R. A. BROWN,	do do	Hopewell, Ind.
J. C. SMITH,	do do	Franklin, Ind.
L. U. DOWNEY,	do do	Franklin, Ind.
T. C. DONNELL,	do do	Franklin, Ind.

After prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. Thomas, speeches on the financial condition of the Fraternity were made by Bros. H. U. Brown, Hunter, Campbell, Geo. Banta, and others. The principal topic of discussion was the Catalogue debt. Prof. Bailey took the floor, and after a short speech took a vote of the members present who were willing to take one Catalogue each. Thirty one members so pledged themselves.

Bro. Hilton Brown then offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, By the Indiana Phis:—Feeling the necessity of placing our Order on the firmest financial footing, we do hereby recommend to the Executive Committee that the funds necessary to liquidate the Catalogue debt be borrowed from the permanent fund, the same to be repaid to the permanent fund as money is received from the sale of Catalogues.

Bro. Geo. Banta then presented the report of the Constitutional Committee which was, on motion of Bro. Campbell, taken up section by section, and adopted with two amendments.

On motion of Bro. Black it was ordered that the proceedings of the Convention and reports of the Indiana Chapters be printed.

On motion of Bro. Banta a Committee of three, consisting of Bros. Boaz, Banta and Bailey, was appointed to have the minutes printed.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the next National Convention be held at Indianapolis, as decided at the Wooster Convention.

After a report from the Printing Committee, and taking up a collection from the members to defray expenses of printing minutes, it was moved by Bro. Black that the visiting delegates return their sincere thanks to the members of the Indiana Delta and lady Phis of Franklin, for their kind and hospitable treatment of the aforesaid visitors.

The Indiana Delta, through Bro. Boaz, then unanimously returned their thanks to the visiting delegates for attending the anniversary exercises of the Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Hil. Brown, a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Ott, Goodwin, and Shirk, was appointed to reorganize the Indiana Eta. Every member present was instructed to forward to this Committee all information which will be of use to the Committee in their work.

On motion of Bro. Banta, the Convention returned thanks to the Odd Fellows for the use of their hall.

On motion of Bro. Matthews, the new form of initiation was recommended to all the Chapters.

Whereupon the convention adjourned, to meet at the time and place of the next Oratorical Convention.

AMOS W. BUTLER, *Secretary*.

LYMAN E. OTT, *President*.

# CONSTITUTION

— OF —

## INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION.

### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known by the name of The Indiana State Association of Phi Delta Theta.

### ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be to effect a closer union between the Chapters and members of the Phi Delta Theta in Indiana, and establish that mutual intercourse which is necessary to perfect organization and harmonious action.

### ARTICLE III.

All active members of the Indiana Chapters of Phi Delta Theta, and all Alumni members of the Fraternity residing in Indiana, are hereby made members of this Association, and are hereby entitled to vote in its conventions.

### ARTICLE IV.

The Association shall meet at least once each year, and the time and place of each regular annual meeting shall be the same as the time and place of the assembling of the State Oratorical Association.

### ARTICLE V.

The Association shall act only through regular or called Conventions, held at such times and places as may be determined upon by the Association in Convention assembled, or through its Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE VI.

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, and Warden. Their duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

### ARTICLE VII.

Election of officers shall be held at least once each year, at regular meetings only. It is here provided that each Chapter shall be entitled to one officer, and the offices shall so rotate that each Chapter shall each year receive the office next succeeding the one in the list in Art. VI, held by it the year before. At the next election subsequent to the adoption of this Constitution, the Indiana Alpha shall be entitled to the President, the rest of the Chapters following in the chronological of their foundation, in the list of officers above. The Treasurer and Chaplain shall be chosen from the same Chapter.

### ARTICLE VIII.

The President, Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary shall constitute an Executive Committee to act in the recesses of the Convention.

GEO. BANTA,  
FRANK E. HUNTER, } Committee.  
A. H. MAGILL.

# INDIANA CHAPTERS.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.,  
June 3rd, 1879.

The Alpha boys feel much invigorated after their trip to the State Convention. The grand success of our first effort at holding State Conventions has breathed into the boys a new life, has given them an impetus to a renewed energy in raising the standard of our own Chapter. Such social gatherings have a tendency to draw us out from under the shades of selfishness, that naturally gather around a Chapter when left to itself, and allow the free light of fraternal love to shine in upon us. It makes us feel that indeed and in truth, we are all bound together in one common bond. They awake a new interest in the Fraternity at large, and broaden our views of Fraternity life. We would earnestly suggest that other States try the experiment. The Delta boys are entitled to the highest praise for the good taste and liberality they exhibited in their arrangements for the entertainment of their guests, and we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the kind manner in which we were cared for. We enjoyed the whole trip hugely, and especially the journey home through the rain. It rained incessantly all the day, but, strange to say, the Alpha boys were *water proof*, but not *mud proof*. We had ample opportunity to demonstrate this when we were called on to hoof it up the hills, with the red clay making strenuous efforts to sand-paper our tibias and fibulas. Then for once we were thankful that Alpha could not afford a genuine Chaplain, for he could not have done justice to the occasion.

Our Chapter now is just chuck full of Phis, and we are expecting on next Wednesday night to initiate one of the best men in the Junior class. Our prospects for next year are more flattering than they have ever been before; and we have no reason to doubt that old Alpha will cap the climax at the University in the coming year.

*J. E. McCleskey* \*\*

## INDIANA BETA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, (IND.)  
June, 2nd, 1879.

The season of prize orators and essayists has come. Bro. Penniman has been chosen by his class to deliver the oration on class day. Magill has written on "Junior Essay;" result not yet announced, but we are almost certain it will be favorable. We have men in the Freshmen class to get our prize. In the Preparatory Department Bro. Wilkins has been chosen, both for prize declaimer and essayist. Bro. Rogers is also an essayist. Rumor has it, and rumor is "sound"—that the Delta Taus have "busted," and a new Fraternity from the east will build up a Chapter out of the old material—the very poorest.

The Delta banquet is a thing of the past. We shall never forget our hosts. They understand how to make things pleasant for all. Everybody seemed pleased and went away thinking more of Phi Delta than before, and determined to carry some of the enthusiasm into his own Chapter. Long live Indiana Delta, and—"That girl." "So say we all of us."

## INDIANA GAMMA.

IRVINGTON, IND.,  
June 3d, 1879.

I forward this report realizing it is the last communication of Indiana Gamma that will be read by the members of the Fraternity during the present College year. There have been no new developments in fraternity circles at Butler since my last report. The difficulty with Beta Theta Pi has blown over. We retained the catalogue and thus were victorious. We elected a man to day but have not yet spiked him. We have strong hopes of securing him. We are well satisfied with the work done by Gamma during the present year. We have added to our number eight good men. Three leave us with the class of '79, one of whom will be apt to remain at Butler as tutor. Our prospects for next year are favorable. Ten or twelve enthusiastic workers will return. Our opposition are Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi. The first mentioned will be our strongest opponent. The latter will be weak. Their best men leave this year, and next year they will start with only four or five men. There is a disposition manifested by all the Fraternities at Butler to exterminate the Betas. They have made themselves extremely odious. If the Grand Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is located at Butler, as stated in last SCROLL, there will be a pressing necessity for its removal next year. The boys who visited the Delta anniversary were well pleased with their sojourn. While we are jubilant over our work as a Chapter, we are equally exultant over the progress of the Order at large. The Chapter reports have been extremely flattering. What we want is to build up the Chapters now existing, and render them permanent. We feel that a deeper interest is being taken by all the members of the Fraternity. We hail this as a propitious omen. During the past year there has been a general awakening all along the line. Forces hitherto dormant have sprung into activity. Chapter isolation no longer stares us in the face as in the past. Fraternal sympathy has widened, and the range of Chapters increased. Good work has been done. There seems to be a bright future awaiting us. While the spirit of activity permeates our Order let us work. Never let an opportunity pass. During vacation keep alive the zeal. Be on the lookout for those intending to attend College. On the opening of College let each Chapter resume work immediately. Let all work with undiminished zeal. And the prosperity of '80 of Phi Delta Theta will be as marked as that of '79.

W. D. CAMPBELL.

## INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN, IND.,  
June 3rd, 1879.

During the month of May the Indiana Delta has had the greatest triumphs and successes which have ever fell to her lot. On the evening of May 6th, A. O. Penniman, of the Indiana Beta was with us and gave us a reading. Immediately after the close of the entertainment Bro. Penniman went with us to our hall and assisted us in the initiation of Bro. Gilbert E. Bailey, who occupies the foremost place in the heart of every student in our College. We all supposed that the Prof. would be frightened, and when brought before the awfully solemn object which greets the eyes of every seeker of Phi knowledge, he saw within its narrow confines, a *papier mache* figure, used in the Physiology classes, we expected him to faint, but he merely ejaculated in a stage whisper, "Is—is he dead?" For the first time in the history of the Delta, a college Professor has been taken into the Fraternity.

During the month, active preparations were made to insure a successful celebration of our nineteenth birthday. On the afternoon of May 30th, two conveyances full of Alpha boys came in, and such questioning and hand-shaking, and petitions for soap and water were never heard of before. The petitioners were referred to the wash room in Judge Banta's office, which was the rendezvous for the occasion, and after some preparation, they were assigned their stopping places and girls, and filed out to see the latter. Scarcely were they gone when the evening train brought in a delegation from the Beta, and carriages came up with the Gamma. The rest of the evening was spent in tying white ties, donning "store clothes," and making savage rushes to find girls. At eight o'clock, the Baptist Church was crowded to overflowing, and the literary entertainment began. Bros. J. L. Matthews, '79, E. L. Steven-

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son, '81, Chas. Boaz, '80, and Cal. McCormick, '79, delivered orations, Bro. Stevenson's being in Greek. The various duties were inter-persed with music, vocal and instrumental, rendered by a number of Phi "sisters." At the conclusion of the Church exercises, the Phis, each with his fair one, to the number of a hundred or more, went to the banquet hall, where for an hour and a half, elbows flew. Dickens' immortal fat boy could scarce have equalled the capacity which was evinced for the various delicacies. The hall was beautifully decorated and crowded with tables all groaning under the weight of "goodies." The toasts were offered by Bro. Boaz of our Chapter, who officiated as toast-master. They were responded to by Bros. H. U. Brown of the Gamma, J. E. McClaskey of the Alpha and F. B. Day of the Delta and Judge D. D. Bauta, Prof. C. H. Hall and Dr. W. T. Stott. About half past eleven the crowd went up stairs to the Odd Fellows' Hall, which was thrown open for a social which lasted until three A. M.

The banquet was the social event of the year in our town, and was anxiously looked for by the young ladies of the place, who made preparations for it weeks before. Their costumes were elegant and displayed great taste on the part of the fair wearers who had used so much time and silk, satin, velvets, laces, etc., to manufacture them. Besides the ladies of Franklin, Bloomfield, Edinburgh, St. Paul and Indianapolis were all represented. Our Chapter is the central point in the society of Franklin round which the various minor affairs slowly revolve. We have had a number of entertainments this year for the ladies who appreciate us, and return in every way possible, the regard of the Phis. Our baby Phi, Prof. Bailey, marshalled us the morning after the banquet, and marched us from the College campus to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where the Convention was held. At three o'clock, Saturday afternoon, the Gamma boys left, Campbell and Black leaving a certain muscular organ behind them. The evening train bore away the Beta representatives, and next morning in the rain, all the Alphas, except Mulkey, left, Hunter like Campbell and Black, suffering from a lost heart. Bro. Mulkey, being sick, remained until Monday, as did Butler and Shirk, from Brookville. Saturday night the Alpha and Delta serenaded some of Franklin's loveliest with choice selections from *Carmina Collegensia*. Oh! the pathos and feeling in Bro. Hunters voice as he stood under the jail window, singing "*The Bull Frog on the Bank*," and "*Tobicus and Tobunkus!*"

Our year has drawn to a close, and as we look back upon it we can find little in it that we would wish otherwise. Eleven men, good and true, have come into the White and Blue, through the portals of old Indiana Delta. Three of her sons will soon shine as met like, with A. B. as a tail to their names. These are Bros. Matthews and McCormick of Franklin College and Bro. C. F. Moffitt of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. A number of others expect to return no more, but those who will be left will work all the harder for the up-building of our glorious cause.

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