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THE CONVENTION.

The Minutes of the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, held at Indianapolis, Ind., in the 32d year of the Fraternity, Oct. 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th.

GRAND HOTEL, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26th, 1880.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Bro. C. J. Reddig, Penna. Beta, at 8 P. M., in Grand Hotel.

Bro. Rob't Morrison, one of the charter members of the Ohio Alpha, the parent chapter of the fraternity, opened the meeting with prayer.

The President then made the opening address as follows:

In obedience to the imperative impulse of my own heart, and the old-time, well-established precedents of Conventions, it is my official duty and personal pleasure to add another link to the golden chain of associated ideas—binding the past to the present, and bringing the crown of contested victory, gained during my official term, to lay it at your feet as my humble tribute of devotion to the cause I have espoused.

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Tested by the oppositions and conflicts of thirty-two years, we stand to-day on the same common platform—the same principles as those developed by our beloved founders—one of whom we rejoice to welcome among us to-night—principles as old as the ages, universal as the race, and which have been recognized by the noblest men in connection with all kinds of faith. Measured by this rule, ours was a noble fraternity at its beginning. The men who had toiled “for gems of thought in the mysterious recesses of the mind” and composed the little band who first breathed devotion to each other and the cause they had espoused, were “high-minded men—men of one aim, one purpose, one ambition.”

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When Phi Delta Theta was founded, the domain of its influence was confined to a small portion of the college world stretched along the banks of the Ohio and containing a little more than ten colleges; now it stretches across the continent, from ocean to ocean, and counting in its grasp forty-two chapters, exerts a powerful influence on the 190 col-

leges of our glorious Republic. We have become a mighty power in the fraternity world—standing among the front ranks and shoulder to shoulder with the oldest of the clan.

The progress of this work was not confined alone to the halls of Miami, or the limits of the Buckeye State, or the banks of the Ohio.

Like the circle produced by the pebble cast upon the waters, it has enlarged and enlarged until its refreshing waves of love and good will have swept over the lands of the Ohio Valley; welcomed beautiful Indiana; touched upon the shores of sunny Virginia; cast a halo of glory over the Carolinas; mingled with the gentle zephyrs of Georgia; played upon the classic hills of Kentucky; warmed the frozen land of Michigan; infused new life and energy in the land of Penn; and, boldly marching forward, scaled the hitherto impregnable walls of selfish New York, dethroning in a measure the idols of the East; swaying through the Hudson Valley, leaped upon the mountain heights of Vermont, casting the shadow of its banner over the Green Mountain boys, and is even now scattering its good seed in the Valley of the Connecticut and upon the fertile plains of California, where ere long it will bloom in all its beauty, thus completing the golden chain binding the Atlantic to the Pacific, the North to the South, the East to the West, heart to heart, soul to soul, and all to God.

To speak of our prominent members is but to show forth a record of the lives of the heroes of our Republic—lives whose whole existence was one of nobility, in its truest sense—and who departing, have left to us, as a precious boon, the example of a noble life well-spent. We boast as proud a line of noted men as any rival fraternity can dare claim. And in art, science and literature, our members stand in the foremost rank of devotees and toilers.

The "SCROLL" has filled a long felt want of intercourse, and though in size and shape it does not fully represent the wealth of the Fraternity, of its editorial and managing ability we have no reason to be ashamed, and it will favorably compare with the publications of other fraternities.

In music, the muse has favored Phi Delta Theta's noble sons in setting forth the poet's thoughts in gentle words of love, as shown in our song-book and sheet-music.

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During the two years just past, your Executive Committee have learned to know each other better and study the needs and interests of the order and endeavor to devise some new plans for the development of the fraternity's resources.

We have performed the work committed into our hands at the Wooster Convention, and whether faithfully performed you shall be the judge. Perhaps we have erred—but it has been not of the heart, but of the head.

We have endeavored at all times and under all circumstances to do what we thought best for the fraternity; have labored to give every portion a share of our co-operation; have striven to be impartial in all decisions; have regarded all as brethren, and have consulted and advised for the best interests of the majority.

With the sanction of the Wooster Convention, we have granted charters to the following :

1. North Carolina—Alpha, Trinity College P. O., N. C.
2. Texas—Beta, Trinity University, Tehuacana, Texas.
3. Illinois—Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.
4. Michigan—Alpha, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
5. Alabama—Beta, Agricultural and Mechanical College, Auburn, Ala.
6. Virginia—Epsilon, V. M. I., Lexington, Va.
7. Virginia Alpha Alumni, Richmond, Va.

During the fall of 1878 the only important event was the appointment to the position of Business Manager of the "SCROLL," Brother Millard F. Troxell, of Pennsylvania Beta, Gettysburg, Penn., vice Brother Geo. Banta, of Franklin, Ind., resigned.

The year 1878 had closed with a splendid addition to our chapter list, and augured well for the new administration.

The year 1879 opened with a grand "boom" for Phi Delta Theta, which, ere its close, gave us a prestige and a stronghold in Eastern Institutions.

With the earnest work of Brother Charlton DuPont, Georgia Beta, and Walter B. Palmer, Tennessee Beta, the South Carolina Alpha, was organized at Wofford College, Spartansburg, S. C., and in March, following, Brother A. Z. McGogney, Ohio Zeta, now at Cochran, Pa., organized the Pennsylvania Epsilon, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., with twelve members.

In September, 1879, Brother Walter B. Palmer, of Tennessee Beta, organized the Tennessee Gamma, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and on the 9th day of October it was my privilege to carry our standard to the Green Mountains and plant our banner o'er the shadows of the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt., and initiate ten noble youths into our "mystic" ways, thus forming the Vermont Alpha—the nucleus of our future Eastern victories.

Scarcely had this conquest been recorded, ere Ohio, taking up the shout, Marshall(ed) (C. W.) her host before the walls of Delaware and rescued the Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, from the hands of the enemy, and restored the dead to life.

Brother George Banta, Franklin, Ind., organized the Indiana Beta Alumni, at Indianapolis, Ind., and to close the year successfully, Brother C. L. Goodwin, Sellersburg, Clark County, Indiana, gave us the Kentucky Alpha Alumni, Louisville, Ky., in December.

The last event of 1879 was the infusing of new life into the Illinois Delta, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., which I accomplished by personal correspondence, though the Delta had been reported as dead for two years.

Eighteen hundred and eighty opened with the chartering of the Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, at Madison, through the efforts of Brother Walter B. Palmer, Tennessee Beta, and in February I initiated six members, and formed the Pennsylvania Zeta, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

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Brother Weatherby, Ind. Alpha, and Brother Ford, Ind. Gamma, succeeded in successfully reviving the Indiana Eta at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., with twelve members.

During the past vacation our brethren have not been idle, as is proven by the Maryland Alpha Alumni, organized at Baltimore, Md., by Brother Harry H. Weber, Pennsylvania Beta, and the Alabama Alpha Alumni, organized by Brother Alva Fitzpatrick, at Montgomery, Ala.

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While we have thus made such rapid progress in our effort to extend the bounds of the fraternity, we have also learned that discretion is the better part of valor, and have tried to be conservators of the interests of the order, and have felt it necessary to refuse the applications for charters at the following institutions:

1. Central University, Richmond, Ky.
2. Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky.
3. Mount Union College, Mount Vernon, O.
4. Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.
5. Indiana Zeta, Indiana State Normal School.
6. Georgia College, Milledgeville, Ga.
7. Muskingum College, New Concord, O.
8. North Georgia Agricultural College, Dahlonegha, Ga.
9. Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Thus, my brethren, though we must fight our way to victory, we are continually gaining new strength and influence. New chapters, whose present high standing is the best assurance of a bright future, are being added to our roll, and the Alumni Chapters are a powerful aid in making known our cause.

The hearty support your Executive Committee have received from the fraternity at large evinces a strong desire on the part of the members to stand by those in authority, and the willing hands and devoted hearts of those brothers who have aided us in obtaining the grand results of the past two years shall be held in grateful remembrance, as their efforts have been of inestimable value.

In our struggle for supremacy as the great National fraternity, we must cling to that Bond which has brought us through the dark clouds of the past, and placed us where the noonday sun shines in all its brightness.

If we would succeed in our ambition to obtain that end we must be true to the cause, and true to each other; be knightly in our defense of the right, and hatred of the wrong; be manly and outspoken for truth and virtue; be stern in our detestation of all that is false and base; be kindly and tender toward the weak and the erring.

Thus, my brethren, build up your lives heroically, holding this firmly: That success gained at the sacrifice of principles is in reality failure, and failure while maintaining the right is in very deed success.

Your labors may be irksome and the pathway toilsome and thorny, but it will grow brighter at every step you take. The road that leads to the Infinite abode may be steep, but it is starry, too. Climb the

steep bravely, then, my brothers, and the stars shall yet flash on your brow.

Urge on your way with hearts that falter not, because faith in the right upholds and cheers you.

“Keep pushing, 'tis wiser than standing aside,
And dreaming, and waiting, and watching the tide ;
In life's earnest battle they only prevail,
Who bravely press onward and never say fail.”

“Be good, my brothers, and let who will be clever ;
Do noble things—not dream them all day long—
And so make life, death, and that vast forever
One grand, sweet song.”

March on, march on, ye mighty host,
Nor think the journey done ;
Nor stop of future deeds to boast,
Till we've the victory won.
Then when we hear from time to time,
Phi Delta what of the day !
We'll thunder back alone the line :
Our cause speeds on its way.

Phi Delta Theta.

“ * * * Grandly let it ring !
* * * Proudly let us sing !
* * * Let the chorus rise !
* * * Greeting to the Phis !”

On motion of Bro. Dysinger, the reading of the minutes of last convention was indefinitely postponed.

The President then announced the convention to be ready for business.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, the President appointed the usual committees on organization as follows :

On Official Delegates, { M. F. PARRISH, Ohio Epsilon.
H. L. VAN NOSTRAND, Vermont Alpha.
ALVA FITZPATRICK, Alabama Beta.

On Visiting Delegates, { H. G. BRADFORD, Indiana Alpha.
FRANK N. DRANE, Texas Beta.
CONWAY R. SANDS, Virginia Delta.

On Permanent Organization, { J. C. SHIRK, Ind. Alpha.
W. B. PALMER, Tenn. Beta.
W. W. OWSLEY, Jr., Ky. Alpha.

On motion of Bro. C. D. Whitehead, the above committees were instructed to be ready to report at the next session, and the convention devoted this session to an informal conference and to the hearing of the reports from the chapters.

Each chapter presented very encouraging reports of progress, the roll being called by the Secretary.

Bro. Morrison made some very interesting remarks, relative to his pleasure at being present.

On motion of Bro. Norris, Bro. Pence was appointed press Secretary.

On motion of Bro. A. Gwyn Foster, Bro. Floyd was appointed Sergeant at Arms *pro tempore* of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. Dysinger, Convention adjourned until 9. 30 A. M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 27th, 9.30 A. M.

The Session was called to order by the President. Opening prayer by Rev. Bro. Rob't Morrison.

Bro. Foster moved that a committee of three be appointed as a Business Committee, with Bro. M. F Troxell, chairman, to whom all matters of importance shall be referred, and that they shall report the time of hearing same.

President appointed Bros. Troxell, Drane and Banta.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, the convention adjourned to the parlors on the second floor of the Grand Hotel.

The delegates who did not report last evening made encouraging reports.

Bro. Parrish reported the following official delegates present, and entitled to seats in convention being square on the Grand Banker's books :

Milo C. Summers, Ill. Delta.	J. A. Fullinwider, Ill. Epsilon.
W. B. Palmer, Tenn. Beta.	E. M. North, Georgia Gamma.
J. C. Shirk, Ind. Alpha.	W. W. Owsley, Jr., Ky. Alpha.
I. W. Christian, Mich. Alpha.	J. C. Rich, Miss. Alpha.
Robt. A. Brown, Ind. Delta.	F M. Lee, Ind. Epsilon.
C. B. Sebastian, Missouri Alpha.	A. C. McCauley, Penn. Alpha.
L. H. Bailey, Mich. Beta.	W. L. Lewis, Virginia Beta.
S. L. Thompson, Ohio Eta.	Holmes Dysinger, Penn. Beta.
C. R. Sands, Virginia Delta.	Frank N. Drane, Texas Beta.
Alva Fitzpatrick, Ala. Beta.	C. W. Miner, Penn. Epsilon.
H. L. Van Nostrand, Vt. Alpha.	Scott Bonham, Ohio Delta.
Dan. S. McArthur, Wis. Alpha.	C. J. Reddig, Penn. Zeta.
S. B. Grimes, Indiana Eta.	C. L. Goodwin, Ind. Gamma.
S. B. Eccles, Indiana Beta.	Emmett Tompkins, Ohio Epsilon.
Geo. Banta, Ind. Alpha Alumni.	A. Gwyn Foster, Indiana Beta
M. F Troxell, Md. Alpha Alumni.	Alumni.

On motion Bro. Summers report was received and adopted.

Bro. Bradford reported the following visiting delegates present.

Rev. Robt. Morrison, Ohio Alpha, '49, Fulton, Mo.

C. D. Whitehead, Ind. Beta, Maryville, Mo.

M. F. Parrish, Ohio Epsilon, New Lexington, Ohio.
J. C. Norris, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
C. A. Ritter, M. D., Ind. Alpha, Indianapolis, Ind.
Judge B. K. Elliott, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
Chas. M. Cooper, New York Alpha, Indianapolis, Ind.
Frank E. Hunter, Ind. Alpha, Bloomington, Ind.
C. R. Pence, Ohio Eta, Peru, Ind.
A. B. Kirkpatrick, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
W. H. Ripley, Ind. Beta, Indianapolis, Ind.
F. B. Day, Ind. Delta, Franklin, Ind.
Amos W. Butler, Ind. Alpha, Brookville, Ind.
W. C. Whitehead, Ind. Beta, Yountsville, Ind.
J. L. Converse, Ohio Eta, Plain City, Ohio.
H. G. Bradford, Ind. Alpha, New Albany, Ind.
W. M. Floyd, Ind. Gamma, St. Paul, Ind.
J. B. Kuhns, " " Greensburgh, Pa.
A. H. Kuhns, " " Greensburgh, Pa.
S. T. Burgess, " " Sun Prairie, Wis.
A. Newton, " " Clifford, Ind.
O. M. Pruitt, " " New Harmony, Ind.
C. B. Vawter, " " Franklin, Ind.
O. P. M. Hubbard, Ind. Gamma, Dublin, Ind.
W. R. Blair, " " Fredericktown, Ohio.
W. U. Wright, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
L. D. Guffin, " " Rushville, Ind.
W. U. Morrison, " " Frankfort, Ind.
J. B. Landers, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
W. A. Black, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
H. J. Landers, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
W. B. Sullivan, Penn. Alpha, Dayton, Ohio.
B. L. Gregory, Ind. Alpha, Brooklyn, Ind.
J. B. Blount, Ind. Gamma, Irvington, Ind.
Geo. S. Hammond, Ohio Delta, Dayton, Ohio.
Albert Weatherly, Ind. Alpha, Spencer, Ind.
Harry L. Woodburn, Ind. Epsilon, Hanover, Ind.
G. L. Spencer, Mich. Alpha, Lafayette, Ind.
Coleman Rogers, Ind. Epsilon, Madison, Ind.
C. M. Carter, Ind. Delta, Livonia, Ind.
A. F. Armstrong, Ind. Gamma, Irvington, Ind.
A. C. Harris, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
W. R. Worrall, Ky. Alpha, Chicago, Ill.

The Convention.

Chas. Banta, Ind. Alpha, Franklin, Ind.
 J. E. Crews, Ind. Zeta, Greencastle, Ind.
 W. H. Holland, Ind. Alpha, Leesville, Ind.
 Milton Hotto, Ind. Alpha, Kokomo, Ind.
 D. C. Brown, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Lora C. Hoss, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Noble B. P. McKee, Ind. Epsilon, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Prof. Alston Ellis, Ph. D., Ohio Alpha, Sandusky, Ohio.
 V. E. Tomlinson, Ohio Eta, Chicago, Ill.
 S. J. Tomlinson, Ind. Gamma, Shelbyville, Ind.
 W. J. Elston, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
 S. L. Stevenson, Ind. Delta, Franklin, Ind.
 J. S. Mugg, " " " "
 W. H. Hawley, Ind. Alpha, College Corner, Ohio.
 W. A. Pickerel, Ind. Gamma, Indianapolis, Ind.
 R. S. Blount, " " Irvington, Ind.
 W. S. Tingley, " " Indianapolis, Ind.
 Judge Thos. B. Ward, Ohio Alpha, Lafayette, Ind.
 Gen. T. J. Morgan, D. D., Ind. Delta, Chicago, Ill.
 S. W. Bradfute, Ind. Alpha, Bloomington, Ind.
 M. S. Miller, Ind. Eta, Greencastle, Ind.
 A. P. Burnside, Ind. Zeta, Snoddyville, Ind.
 E. E. Stevenson, Ind. Delta, Kirkwood, Ill.
 N. A. Whittaker, Ind. Zeta, Alaska, Ind.
 J. S. White, Ind. Zeta, Greencastle, Ind.
 E. H. Sweet, Ind. Delta, Newport, Nova Scotia.
 W. H. Jordan, Ind. Zeta, New Manchester, Ind.
 J. B. Bridges, Ind. Zeta, Bainbridge, Ind.
 J. A. Wilson, Ind. Zeta, Newport, Ind.
 Chas. Vagent, Ind. Zeta, Indianapolis, Ind.
 E. W. Cone, Ind. Zeta, Mishawka, Ind.
 H. U. Brown, Ind. Gamma, Oaktown, Ind.
 Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. Alpha, Franklin, Ind.
 L. B. White, Ind. Alpha, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Chas. Bridges, Ind. Zeta, Greencastle, Ind.
 M. S. Miller, Ind. Zeta, Greencastle, Ind.

On motion of Bro. Bradford, Bro. L. H. Bailey, Mich. Beta, was admitted as official delegate, upon payment of present Convention expenses, the payment of delinquent dues to the permanent fund being suspended for the present.

On motion of Bro. Banta, Ky. Alpha was excused from payment of

the Convention expenses of 1878, the Chapter having been defunct at that time.

On motion of Bro. Banta, Bro. Goodwin, Ind. Gamma, was admitted as official delegate.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, Ind. Epsilon was excused from payment of the Convention expenses of 1878.

Bro. Shirk presented the following report of Committee on permanent organization :

- For President*..... GEO. BANTA, Franklin, Ind.
- “ *1st Vice* A. C. McCAULEY, Easton, Pa.
- “ *2nd* “ J. C. RICH, State Line, Miss.
- “ *Secretary*..... A. GWYN FOSTER, Indianapolis, Ind.
- “ *Ass't Sec'y* ... M. F. TROXELL, Gettysburg, Pa.
- “ *Grand Banker* C. J. REDDIG, Shippensburg, Pa.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, each name was acted on separately.

On motion of Bro. Sebastian, Bro. Banta was elected President by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Dysinger, Bro. A. C. McCauley was elected 1st Vice President by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Hunter, Bro. J. C. Rich was elected 2nd Vice President by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Foster, Bro. Van Nostrand was elected Secretary by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, Bro. A. Gwyn Foster was elected Assistant Secretary by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. McCauley, Bro. Reddig was elected Grand Banker by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Dysinger, Bro. Morrison was elected Chaplain by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. A. Gwyn Foster, the Convention went into an election of 2nd Ass't Secretary, and Grand Marshal.

On motion of Bro. Hunter, Bro. A. W. Butler was elected 2nd Ass't Secretary by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Shirk, Bro. Floyd was elected Marshal by acclamation.

On motion of Bro. Sands, Bros. McArthur and Summers were appointed a committee to conduct the new President to the chair.

The following telegram was read by Bro. Palmer :

GALVESTON, Texas, Oct. 26th, 1880.

W. B. PALMER, Grand Hotel.

Texas sends greeting and good wishes. I regret absence greatly.
GEO. WM. CONE.

Bro. Troxell reported the following order of business for the afternoon session:

- 1.—Case of Mo. Gamma, Fulton, Mo.
- 2.—Appointment of Official Jeweler.
- 3.—Report of Grand Banker.
- 4.—Permanent Fund.
- 5.—New Catalogue.

Committee { TROXELL,
DRANE,
BANTA.

On motion of Bro. Foster, adjourned until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Oct. 27, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by the President. The President then withdrew from the Committee on the order of business and appointed Bro. A. G. Foster in his stead.

The case of Missouri Gamma was then called up. On recommendation of Bro. Morrison, (O. A. '49) who vouched for the good character of the institution, and of Bro. Sebastian, of Mo. A., it was moved that a charter be granted the Phis now in Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.

Bro. Summers asked that the roll of official Delegates be called on the motion.

• *Ayes:* Shirk, Owsley, Eccles, Rich, Brown, Lee, Sebastian, North, Bailey, Dysinger, Sands, Drane, Fitzpatrick, Miner, Summers, McArthur, Grimes, Van Nostrand, Fullinwider, Banta, Foster, Troxell,—22.

Noes: Goodwin, Christian, McCauley, Lewis, Thompson, Palmer, Bonham, Reddig,—8.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, the ayes and noes were ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Bro. Whitehead as Grand Banker made his report. On motion of Bro. Reddig, Grand Treasurer elect, Bros. Reddig, Sands and Fitzpatrick were appointed a committee to audit Bro. Whitehead's account and to present their views and recommendations upon our finances.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, Bros. Foster, Lewis and Summers were appointed a committee upon the time, place and speakers for the next Convention.

Bro. Reddig offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Committee on official Jeweler, Bros. A. Gwyn Foster, W. B. Sullivan and A. S. Hough, appointed by the Convention of 1878, advised and urged the appointment of Messrs. L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., of Albany, N. Y., in the following resolution:

Whereas, The work of L. G. Burgess' Son & Co. is equal in quality and workmanship to any that we have examined, and is cheaper in price, and as we have tried the work of said firm for years and know it to be good and reliable, and as there are many badges of their work distributed among the chapters, and uniformity is a desired end:

And, *Whereas*, The Executive Committee made the appointment in accordance with the above report, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention endorse the action of the Executive Committee in selecting L. G. Burgess' Son & Co. as our Official Jewelers.

Resolved, That all badges and jewelry be purchased through the National Secretary.

Resolved, That all badges now in use not made by our Official Jewelers, at the option of the members, be exchanged for badges of their workmanship.

On motion of Bro. Summers "National Treasurer" was substituted for "National Secretary."

And, on motion of Bro. Bonham, the Resolutions were further amended "that the chapters shall have the benefit of the discount."

On motion, the Resolutions as amended, were adopted.

On motion of Bro. Foster, the following Committees were appointed by the President:

Constitution: Bros. Palmer, Goodwin, Bonham, Foster and Troxell.

Scroll. Bros. Troxell, Goodwin and Sullivan.

Song Book and Music: Bros. Hunter, Bailey and Reddig.

On motion of Bro. McCauley, Bros. McCauley, Brown and Rich were appointed a Committee on the Grip and Secret Work.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, Bros. Bonham, Rich and Christian were appointed a Committee on Incorporation.

Bro. Troxell presented the following report for the Order of Business, and it was, on motion, adopted.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

1. Devote the first hour of this evening to an address from the Rev. Bro. Rob't Morrison, Grand Chaplain.
2. Catalogue and Song Book.
3. THE SCROLL.

In order to facilitate business your Committee would suggest the following as an outline of business yet to be brought before the Convention:

Thursday A. M.—Permanent Fund and Finances.

“ *P. M. & Evening.*—New Constitution.

Friday A. M.—Butler University.

“ *P. M.*—Special Charter Cases and Extension.

As we have much business to transact and scant time for work

together, your Committee would recommend that all matters be disposed of as expeditiously as is consistent with their importance.

Respectfully,

M. F. TROXELL, }
 F. N. DRANE, } *Com.*
 A. G. FOSTER, }

On motion of Bro. Goodwin, Bros. Norris, Foster, H. J. Landers and W. M. Floyd were appointed a Committee to make necessary arrangements for the Banquet and Literary Exercises, and report the same at the earliest possible hour.

Adjourned at 5 P. M. till 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Oct. 27th, 7.30 P. M.

Opened with the roll call of delegates.

Bro. Morrison, as a charter member and founder of the Fraternity, spoke for over an hour, giving the Convention some highly interesting, instructive and valuable reminiscences of the early days of the brotherhood.

On motion of Bro. Hunter, amended by Bro. Dysinger, Bro. Morrison was given a unanimous vote of thanks as an expression of our regard for the information given us respecting the organization of the order, and as an expression of our appreciation of his presence and labors for the interests of our order.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, the report of Bro. C. D. Whitehead was adopted and ordered published in the SCROLL. [See Appendix A].

Bro. Banta called the First Vice President to the chair and then made a verbal report of the Committee (appointed at the Convention of '78) on the Catalogue, recommending the most complete possible, stating that much of the information is at hand, and advising that the Committee be empowered to make an assessment.

Bro. Palmer offered the following :

Resolved, First, That each attendant member in each of the chapters at the present time, shall be required to pay the sum of \$2.00 for a copy of the Catalogue of the Fraternity now in preparation. *Second*: The treasurer of each chapter shall collect the money and forward it, through the Reporter, to the General Treasurer, on or before January 1st, 1881. *Third*. Each member initiated after this time, and until the General Council and Catalogue Editors shall agree that a sufficient amount has been accumulated to publish the Catalogue without loss, shall also be required to pay the sum of \$2.00 for the Catalogue, and such money shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer with the regular dues of the chapter. *Fourth*: The names and addresses of the

members who pay for the Catalogues shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer together with the money, and when the Catalogue is issued each of such members shall be entitled to a copy of the same, and the Editors or the General Council shall forward to each chapter a number of copies equal to the number of its members that have paid.

On motion of Bro. Floyd, the consideration of the Catalogue was postponed till after the settlement of the financial policy.

On motion of Bro. Norris, a letter from Bro. Search was, without reading, referred to the Song Book Committee, with instructions to report as soon as possible.

Bro. Troxell then offered the following report :

Mr. President :

Your Committee on THE SCROLL would recommend the following changes in form and management.

1. That the words *sub rosa* be removed from the title page—this not to affect the secret nature of the journal, which shall be as heretofore.

2. That the form be changed to that of magazine of about 24 pages with title cover ; *provided*, that the cost of issuing shall not exceed the amount of SCROLL assessments and alumni subscriptions per annum.

3. (This being covered by new constitution, was, by consent, withdrawn.—SEC.)

Your Committee would also recommend that an indebtedness of \$39.07 due Baker & Randolph for printing the old quarterly SCROLL be cancelled at the earliest possible date. Also, that the indebtedness of Bro. J. C. Norris to G. B. of \$16 be excused in view of the fact that he expended a greater amount in the publication of the old SCROLL and was never reimbursed.

M. F. TROXELL, }
C. L. GOODWIN, } *Com.*
W. B. SULLIVAN, }

Bro. Summers moved to amend the report so that initiates after the beginning of the year pay for the SCROLL only for the portion of the year remaining.

On motion of Bro. Foster, this was tabled till after the settlement of financial policy.

Adjourned at 10.40 P. M. till 9 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 28th, 9.30 A. M.

Convention opened with prayer by the Rev. Bro. Morrison, G. C.

Bro. Foster presented the following (majority) Report of the Committee on the time and place of the next Convention and the speakers thereof :

We recommend that the next Convention be held at Nashville,

Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the fourth week in October, 1882, commencing at 10 A. M., Tuesday.

We recommend for Orator, Col. Wm. F. Vilas, Wis. Alpha, Madison, Wis.; Alternate, Hon. J. S. C. Blackburn, Ky. Alpha, Versailles, Ky.

Poet, W. W. Seals, Ga. Gamma, Atlanta, Ga.; Alternate, M. S. Sams, Tenn. Alpha, Decatur, Ga.

Historian, Rev. Rob't. Morrison, Ohio Alpha, Fulton, Mo.; Alternate, Hon. John A. Anderson, Washington, D. C.

Prophet, Hon. Emmett Tompkins, Ohio Epsilon, Athens, Ohio.

A. GWYN FOSTER, }
W. L. LEWIS, } *Com.*
M. C. SUMMERS. }

Bro. Dysinger moved to amend the Report to read Richmond, Va., instead of Nashville, Tenn., and on roll call of Delegates the amendment was carried. On motion of Bro. Dysinger, the Report, as amended, was adopted.

The following Report was, on motion, adopted.

We, your Committee on Incorporation, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend, *First*, That the Fraternity be incorporated.

Second, That it be known as the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Third, Feeling that to the State of Ohio and to an Ohio Institution we owe the existence of our Order, we recommend that it be incorporated in that State.

Fourth, That it be incorporated so soon as expedient.

J. C. RICH, }
J. W. CHRISTIAN, } *Com.*
SCOTT BONHAM. }

On motion of Bro. Reddig, Bros. M. F. Parrish, Scott Bonham and Emmett Tompkins were appointed a committee to secure Incorporation.

Bro. Reddig, for the Committee on Finances, offered the following Resolution which was, on motion of Bro. North, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Permanent Fund be, and is hereby, abolished, and its entire value transferred to the General Fund, to be used as the Fraternity, through its Delegates, may direct.

On motion of Bro. Foster, amended by Bro. Bailey, the notes due the Permanent Fund were directed to be solicited or renewed; if renewed to be a part of the General Fund; if not, destroyed; the motion to be enforced only after incorporation.

On motion of Bro. Grimes, Bro. McArthur was appointed a com-

mittee to codify the General Laws passed by the various Conventions, and to systematize the name.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, Bros. Palmer, Troxell and Eccles were appointed a committee on the Permanent Form of Charter.

On motion of Bro. McArthur, Bros. McArthur, Summers and Fitzpatrick were appointed a committee to look up the subject of dead chapters and to suggest action on the name.

On motion of Bro. Brown the Catalogue Resolution was taken from the table.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, the time of payment was amended to Oct. 1st, 1881, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Banta, the General Treasurer was instructed to pay Baker and Randolph out of the first moneys coming to him.

On motion of Bro. Grimes, Bros. Dysinger and Fullinwider were appointed a committee on Special Resolutions to report at the closing session.

On motion of Bro. Bailey, Bros. Van Nostrand, Lewis and Thompson were appointed a committee on Publications, to resuscitate the report of Bro. C. O. Perry in the Minutes of '74, whereby reductions were obtained in the price of various publications, to make any further necessary arrangements, and to report through the SCROLL at their earliest convenience.

On motion adjourned till 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Oct. 28th, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

Bro. Palmer read the report on the new Constitution, and, on motion, the Constitution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, the Convention took recess to hear from Bros. Gen. T. J. Morgan, D. D., Professor in Chicago Theo. Sem., and Rev. W. S. Tingley, Ind. Gamma. Both gave many pleasurable reminiscences and expressions of interest in the proceedings.

Bro. Palmer read the new Ritual, but it was on motion remitted to a committee of Bros. Palmer, Dysinger, Bonham, Troxell and Summers, to report at the Evening Session.

On motion adjourned at 5.20 till 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Oct. 28th, 7.30 P. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

On motion of Bro. Reddig, Bros. Reddig, Parrish and Owsley were

appointed a committee to divide the chapters of the Fraternity into Provinces.

On motion of Bro. Van Nostrand, the Secretary of the G. C. was instructed to secure a book in which the Delegates, official and visiting, to each Convention shall register their names, &c., and that such book shall be part of the General Records of the Fraternity.

On motion of Bro. Van Nostrand, the Secretary of G. C. was instructed to procure a large blank record book, and to transcribe therein the proceedings of this and all future conventions, and the decisions of the General Council, and that the same be preserved as a part of the General Records.

On motion of Bro. Goodwin, it was

Resolved, That the *K. K. Γ.*, *K. A. Θ.*, *B. Θ. II.*, *Σ. X.* and *Δ. T. Δ.* chapters of Butler Univ. be respectfully invited to attend our Literary Exercises to be held at the Park Theatre on Friday Evening, 29 inst.

Resolved, That the Faculty and Students of Butler Univ. are respectfully invited to attend the Literary Exercises of this Fraternity at the Park Theatre Friday Evening, 29 inst.

Bro. Goodwin, in behalf of the President of Butler Univ., and Indiana Gamma Chapter of *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, invited the Delegates to visit Butler, and on motion of Bro. Shirk, the invitation was accepted.

The following Report, on motion of Bro. Shirk, was adopted :

Your committee on Song Book would recommend that the General Treasurer be instructed to pay Bro. P. W. Search \$100 out of the first funds at his command after the payment of the claim of Baker and Randolph.

F. E. HUNTER,	}	<i>Com.</i>
L. H. BAILEY, JR.,		
C. J. REDDIG,		

On motion of Bro. Brown the report of the committee on the (revised) Ritual was discussed, and amended, form by form.

On motion of Bro. Dysinger the Report of the committee on the Ritual as amended was adopted as the Ritual of the *Φ. Δ. Θ.* Fraternity, and the ceremonies of opening and closing meetings, installation and initiation, affiliation and reception, as therein provided for, were made compulsory with the privilege of each chapter making such additions as shall not be antagonistic to the spirit of the Bond and Constitution.

Bro. Reddig presented the following Report, which, on motion, was adopted :

Your committee on Dividing the Chapters of the Fraternity into Provinces recommend the following five Provinces:

Alpha Provinces, A. C. McCauley, President ; Vermont Alpha, Penn-

sylvania Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta (*E*), Epsilon (*Z*) and Maryland Alpha Alumni.

Beta Province, Scott Bonham, President ; Ohio Beta (*Δ*), Gamma (*E*), Delta (*Z*), and Epsilon (*Eta*), Indiana Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta (*Eta*), Alpha Alumni and Beta Alumni.

Gamma Province, Milo C. Summers, President ; Illinois Gamma, Delta and Epsilon, Missouri Alpha and Beta (*Γ*), Wisconsin Alpha, Michigan Beta, and Iowa Alpha.

Delta Province, Lyman Chalkley, President ; Kentucky Alpha, Tenn. Alpha (*B*), Virginia Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon, Virginia Alpha Alumni.

Epsilon Province, J. M. Barrs, President ; N. C. Alpha, S. C. Alpha, Georgia Alpha (*B*), Beta (*Γ*), Gamma (*Δ*), Alabama Alpha (*B*), Alabama Beta, Mississippi Alpha, Texas Alpha and Alabama Alpha Alumni.

[NOTE : The chapters are given by the revised list (from which several defunct chapters have been expunged) and the parentheses contain the old list name.]

C. J. REDDIG,	}	<i>Com.</i>
M. F. PARRISH,		
W. W. OWSLEY, JR.		

Bro. Goodwin moved that the Convention proceed to the election of Historian (as provided for by the new Constitution) and nominated for that office Bro. W. B. Palmer, who was elected by acclamation.

The Committee on Secret Work made a report which was adopted (and will be found with the Constitution and Ritual.)

On motion of Bro. Palmer, 75 copies of the Constitution and Ritual were ordered printed at once under the supervision of the General Council and one copy sent by registered letter to each Chapter and Province President, a record to be kept of each copy.

The following, offered by Bro. Palmer, was on motion adopted :

In order to guard against the possibility of the books containing the laws and ceremonies of the Fraternity from falling into the hands of persons who have no right to know their contents, be it *Resolved, first* : That each Chapter shall be furnished with one *Constitution and Ritual*, and one only, and no Chapter shall make any copy of the same. *Second*. Each Chapter shall be furnished with one Bond, and shall copy the same in a durable book, and then destroy the original, and shall not make any other copies. *Third*. The President of each Chapter shall always keep the Bond, Constitution and Ritual, under secure lock and key, except when they are in use during meetings. *Fourth* : Any Chapter that shall violate any provision of this act, or shall lose either the Bond, Constitution, or Ritual, shall be liable to have its Charter revoked.

On motion of Bro. Dysinger all copies of the Constitution of 1878 held by the chapters were ordered to be forwarded at once to the Secretary of the General Council.

On motion of Bro. Brown, Bros. W. B. Palmer and Geo. Banta were elected Editors of the Catalogue.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, the SCROLL, as a mark of our esteem and gratitude, was ordered sent, free for life, to the surviving Founders of the Fraternity.

On motion of Bro. Goodwin, Bro. M. F. Troxell was elected Editor and Manager of the SCROLL for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Bro. Palmer it was

Resolved, That, in order to secure uniformity in badges, all members are hereby enjoined from purchasing $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ badges from any other than the Official Jeweler, and that the SCROLL shall advertise no other jeweler.

On motion of Bro. Palmer it was

Resolved, That the General Convention considers that frequent meetings of chapters greatly tend to add pleasure and interest to the exercises and to arouse the zeal of the members and, therefore, it most strongly recommends each chapter to meet at least once each week.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, it was ordered that the members of

Ky. B. & I'	be transferred to Ky. A.	& that Ky. B. & I'	be expunged,
Wis. B.	"	Wis. A.	"
O. B. & G.	"	O. A.	"
Pa. A.	"	Pa. E.	"
Ga. A.	"	Ga. B.	"
Tex. A.	"	Tex. B.	"
Ala. A.	"	Ala. B.	"

That Texas B. become the Alpha, that Ala. B. become the Alpha, and that the other chapters in the States be lettered accordingly.

On motion of Bro. Palmer the resignations of the four members of Mo. Beta who have offered their resignations, is accepted and the remaining eight members of the chapter ordered transferred to the Mo. Alpha, and the Mo. Gamma be the Mo. Beta.

On motion of Bro. Banta, Indiana Zeta was ordered expunged, its membership transferred to the Eta, and the Eta henceforth known as the Indiana Zeta.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, the Report of the Committee on the SCROLL was taken from the table and, as amended, adopted.

On motion of Bro. Butler, it was decided that, in the sense of this Convention, the old charter of the Wis. A. is legal and that the one granted by the National Grand be destroyed.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, it was resolved that all members of $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ who subsequently united with other Fraternities shall be expelled from $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$

On motion of Bro. Troxell, adjourned till 10 A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

October, 29, 10.30 A. M.

The delegates visited Butler University at Irvington, where they were very cordially received by the President and Faculty, and were given the liberty of the buildings;'

Returning, the Convention was called to order at 10.30, Bro. Grimes in the chair.

The minutes of Thursday's session were then read and adopted.

The President took the chair.

On motion of Bro. Christian, Bros. Christian and Chas. Banta were appointed a committee to obtain from each official delegate to this convention his full name and address, chapter, class, exact date and place of birth, weight, height, political and denominational inclinations, and future occupation: these statistics to be furnished to the Secretary for publication in the minutes. [See Appendix B].

On motion of Bro. Palmer, the minutes of this convention were ordered published in the SCROLL.

Bro. W. R. Worrall read the following letter:

CHICAGO, ILL., October 29, '80.

To Convention Phi Delta Theta assembled.

Our past is bright, we think our future still brighter. Our progress during the past two years, under our efficient leader, has been a marked success. In the South we have no peer. Our Fraternity in the West and Middle States is second to none. We have gained a stronghold in the East, for already our victorious banners are proudly waving upon the rugged heights of the "Green Mountain" State.

May success ever crown our efforts and victory settle upon the standard of Phi Delta Theta, the noblest of the Greeks.

With our heartiest regards for all the boys, we remain,

Fraternally Yours,

C. C. KOHLSAAT, Ill. B., '69.

G. GARNET, Ill. B., '66.

J. M. WORRALL, Ohio A., '53.

I. C. TOMLINSON, Ohio E., '80.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, it was ordered that any member who shall furnish the SCROLL to a member of another Frat., or who shall carelessly leave it where it shall fall into the hands of a member of any other Frat., shall be considered as having violated the Bond, and he shall be brought before his chapter for the same, provided that the SCROLL thus obtained is used in soliciting new members.

On motion of Bro. Eccles, Bros. Bonham, Goodwin and Owsley were appointed a committee to canvass the ground of Marietta College, to act with the General Council, and report through the SCROLL the prospects of absorbing the — — —.

On motion of Bro. Bailey, it was

Resolved, That the Delegate to the National Convention from the first active chapter (in the order of enumeration) in each State be made the Corporation Trustee for such State, to hold his office till the next Convention: this resolution to be enforced as soon as the Fraternity is Incorporated.

In accordance with this, the President appointed the following

CORPORATION TRUSTEES.

Alabama, Alva Fitzpatrick.	Missouri, C. B. Sebastian.
Georgia, C. B. Gaskill.	Ohio, Scott Bonham.
Indiana, J. C. Shirk.	Pennsylvania, A. C. McCauley.
Illinois, M. C. Summers.	Tennessee, W. B. Palmer.
Kentucky, T. W. Bullitt.	Texas, F. N. Drane.
Michigan, L. H. Bailey.	Vermont, H. L. Van Nostrand.
Mississippi, J. C. Rich.	Virginia, J. G. Blackstone.
Wisconsin, D. S. McArthur.	

On motion of Bro. Bonham, it was ordered that each chapter in the fraternity select a chapter editor to prepare for the catalogue editors a list of all the members, attendant and correspondent, with such facts as they may require of him, and at such time as they may desire, with the provision that the catalogue editors may designate to the chapter the brother they wish.

Several letters were read upon Ill. Alpha, and, on motion of Bro. Sebastian, Bros. W. R. Worrall and I. C. Tomlinson, with the General Council, were appointed to investigate the expediency of re-establishing the chapter at Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.

On motion of Bro. Worrall, Bros. Palmer, Rich and Fitzpatrick were appointed a committee to investigate the standing of the Southwestern Presbyterian Univ., Clarksville, Tenn., and the advisability of granting the application for a charter, to report this afternoon.

On motion of Bro. Fullinwider, the General Treasurer was instructed to collect from the delegates present sufficient money to reimburse those delegates who have not received their railroad fare, and that such money be credited to the chapter from whose delegate it is collected.

Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. Alpha, '55, then favored the Convention with a speech replete with witty reminiscences and encouraging evidences of the strength of interest Phi Delta Theta inspires.

On motion, adjourned at 12 M. till 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

October, 29th, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

The Hon. Emmett Thompkins was allowed the floor and spoke on Ohio Epsilon.

On motion of Bro. Worrall, Ohio Epsilon was granted further time to liquidate indebtedness, and Bro. Emmett Tompkins admitted as the official delegate of Ohio Epsilon.

On motion of Bro. Troxell, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered the President and Faculty of Butler Univ. for their friendly welcome and words of greeting to the delegates who visited said Univ. this morning.

On motion of Bro. Goodwin, the thanks of the Convention were tendered the *Indianapolis Sentinel*, *Indianapolis Journal*, *Indianapolis News*, *Cincinnati Inquirer* and the Associated Press, for their full and favorable reports of this Convention.

Bro. Rich presented the majority report of the committee on S. W. Pres. Univ., recommending that a charter be granted.

Bro. Palmer of the committee presented a minority report opposed to chartering this institution, on the ground that Tenn. Alpha (Beta) had canvassed the institution and was opposed to placing a chapter there.

Bro. Brown moved the adoption of the majority report, but the motion was lost by a vote of 9 to 14.

Bro. Palmer presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Your Committee on Design of Charter recommend that it shall be the front of a Grecian Temple with pillars on the sides, with the Arms in the centre, "A. D. 1848" above the porch, with a stone set in the front with the words of the Charter upon it, and an altar before the porch having incense arising from it.

The Committee consider that the Fraternity is not now able to have the charter engraved, but hope that the design will nevertheless be adopted.

W. B. PALMER, }
M. F. TROXELL, } *Com.*
S. B. ECCLES. }

Bro. North made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

We, your Committee on Special Resolutions, would offer the following:

1. That the Fraternity at large is under many and grateful obligations to the Executive Committee for the efficient management of its affairs during the past two years.

2. Whereas, Bros. M. F. Parrish and M. F. Troxell have rendered valuable service in sustaining as well as promoting the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity by their prompt and unflinching devotion to the duties devolving upon them as Editor and Business Manager of the SCROLL, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention hereby tender them its most sincere thanks.

3. That the thanks of this Convention are, hereby, tendered to Indiana Beta Alumni and Indiana Gamma for the hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the Delegates.

4. That the thanks of the Convention are tendered the Local Committee for the faithfulness with which it has discharged its duties, the result of which has added so much to the comfort and pleasure of the Delegates.

5. That the Convention, hereby, expresses the deepest gratitude to the distinguished Brothers who have labored so earnestly and successfully for our pleasure and enlightenment as Orator, Historian, Prophet and Poet.

E. M. NORTH,
J. A. FULLINWIDER, } *Com.*
H. DYSINGER.

On motion of Bro. Bonham, Bros. Hunter and Speck were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the General Council to see that a chapter is chartered in — — — —, to be known as Kansas Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, seconded by Bro. Christian, the charter of Michigan Alpha was withdrawn.

On motion the following report was accepted, and the committee discharged :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEFUNCT CHAPTERS.

California Alpha—A good University, Anti-frat. laws have been repealed, we would suggest that the chapter be re-organized as soon as possible.

New York Alpha—That it be revived as soon as possible.

Ill. Beta—Condition of College will not admit of its revival.

DAN. S. MCARTHUR, }
ALVA FITZPATRICK, } *Com.*
MILO C. SUMMERS.

Bro. Foster read the following from Ex-Pres. Gaskill :

I sincerely regret that I cannot be present at the Convention. My loyalty to Phi Delta Theta never grows less. With regards to the Shield and Dagger, I am faithfully,

Your Brother in the Bond,

CHAS. B. GASKILL.

On motion of Bro. Bonham, it was voted that the President appoint a committee of three to investigate the condition of Penna. Gamma (at Washington and Jefferson) and report to the General Council.

On motion, the most successful College Fraternity Convention ever held was adjourned to meet in Richmond, Va., on the fourth Tuesday in October, 1882.

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND, Vt. A.,
Secretary.

GEORGE BANTA, Ind. A.,
President.

APPENDIX A.



REPORT OF GRAND BANKER.

	GENERAL FUND.	DR.
1878.		
Oct. 22.	To Tenn. Beta, Conv. Tax '78.....	\$9 00
1879.		
Feb'y 22.	Pa. Gamma, " " '78	12 00
" 28.	Indiana Gamma, June Tax '76	9 00
March 5.	" " Beta, delinquent	5 00
" 17.	Pa. Alpha, Conv. Tax '78	11 12
" 24.	Va. Epsilon, " '78	9 00
" 24.	Ga. Gamma.....	12 00
April 7.	C. W. Bixby, int. on note.....	10 00
June 27.	Pa. Gamma, Conv. Tax '78 ..	5 00
July 3.	" Indiana Alpha, June Tax '76.....	7 00
Oct. 30.	Indiana Epsilon.....	1 00
Dec. 1.	Georgia Delta, Conv. Tax '78.....	22 00
1880.		
April 6.	" C. W. Bixby, int. on note.....	10 00
Aug. 25.	Miss. Alpha, Conv. Tax '80.....	52 50
Oct. 9.	" Ind. Alpha, " '80.....	38 50
" 26.	Tenn. Beta, " '80	28 00
" 26.	Ill. Epsilon, " " '80	14 00
" 26.	" (name not given) Conv. Tax '80	10 50
" 26.	Ohio Eta, Conv. Tax '80.....	21 00
" 26.	" (name not given) Conv. Tax '80	52 50
" 26.	Ohio Delta, Conv. Tax '80.....	24 50
" 26.	Pa. Beta, " " '80.....	49 00
" 26.	Ala. Beta, " " '80.....	63 00
" 26.	Pa. Alpha, " " '80.....	52 50
" 26.	Mo. Alpha, " " '80.....	21 00
" 26.	Va. Beta, " " '80	31 50
" 26.	Wis. Alpha, " " '80.....	21 00
" 26.	Vt. Alpha, " " '80.....	31 50
" 26.	Ga. Gamma, " " '80	20 00
" 26.	Texas Beta, " " '80.....	31 50
" 26.	Pa. Zeta, " " '80.....	21 00
" 26.	Mich. Beta, " " '80.....	38 50
" 26.	Ky. Alpha, " " '80.....	28 00
" 26.	Ind. Epsilon, " " '80	14 00
" 26.	Ind. Beta, " " '80.....	17 50

\$793 62

	GENERAL FUND.	CR.
1878.		
May 24.	By Balance due	\$10 28
June 27.	Postage	1 50
Oct. 15.	Banta Printing Constitution.....	8 00
" 15.	" Postage	2 60
Dec. 1.	Norris Printing Minutes '76.....	17 00
" 1.	" " " '78	22 00
" 1.	R. R. Expenses to Conv.....	20 00
" 1.	" Loan	19 00

The Convention.

1879.			
March 5.	Printing Address Ex. Com.....	7 00	
" 5.	Postage	1 50	
" 5.	P. Cards.....	25	
Sept. 3.	" Postage sending Catalogues.....	3 00	
" 3.	" A. Gwyn Foster, Exp. to Conv	15 00	
Dec. 2.	Geo. Banta, Ex. printing Circulars for new Catalogue	10 00	
1880.			
Oct. 26.	" Bill of C. J. Reddig.....	36 50	
" 26.	R. R. fare self to Conv.....	14 90	
" 26.	Local Com. Ex. Postage.....	10 00	
" 27.	R. R. Ex. Delegate Tenn. Beta.....	24 00	
27.	" " Pa. Zeta.....	34 00	
27.	" " Ind. Delta.....	1 60	
" 27.	" " Ky. Alpha.....	18 00	
27.	Local Com. for Ribbon.....	90	
27.	Stationery	5 00	
27.	Postage.....	15 00	
27.	" Copy Press Book.....	1 50	
27.	R. R. fare self return from Conv.....	14 90	
27.	Hotel Expenses.....	3 50	
27.	R. R. Ind. Epsilon.....	6 80	
27.	" " Beta.....	3 25	
27.	" Local Committee	132 00	
			<u>\$458 98</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Subscription Notes.....	\$460.00
George Banta's Note to Grand Banker	10.00
C. D. Whitehead's Note as Grand Banker.....	74.00
" " " " "	238.00
" " " " "	80.40
Unpaid Subscriptions	139.00
Initiation Fees received since last Convention.....	238.00
	<u>\$1239.40</u>

SUMMARY.

PERMANENT FUND.

Subscription notes at 10 per cent.	\$460.00
Invested Funds, Geo. Banta 10 per cent. note.....	10.00
C. D. Whitehead 10 per cent. note	74.00
" " " " "	238.00
" " " " "	80.40
" " " " "	238.00
Unpaid Subscriptions.....	139.00
	<u>\$1239.40</u>

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts since last Report	\$793.62
Disbursements	458.98
	<u>\$334.64</u>

SCROLL FUND.

Disbursements.....	\$603.78
Received.....	569.63
	<u>\$34.15</u>
Overdrawn*.....	\$34.15
Bal. Cash General Fund.....	\$334.64
Less overdrawn "Scroll" Fund.....	34.15
	<u>\$300.49</u>

[*Paid to SCROLL management but not yet consumed. There is more than this amount not paid out for expenses, so that the SCROLL has more than paid for itself.—EDITOR.]

APPENDIX B.

Statistics of the Official Delegates to the General Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, held at Indianapolis, Ind.,

OCTOBER 26-29, 1880.

Name.	Address.	Chapter.	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol- itics.	Church.	Future Occupation
John C. Shurk.....	Brookville, Ind.....	Ind. A.....	1881.	Brookville, Ind.....	Mar. 14, 1858.....	5-10.....	153.	R.	Baptist.	Bank'r.
Walter Williams Owsley, Jr.....	Stanford, Ky.....	Ky. A.....	1880.	Lancaster, Ky.....	Nov. 13, 1862.....	5-8.....	135.	D.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Samuel Burton Eccles.....	Greenwood, Ind.....	Ind. B.....	1881.	Greenwood, Ind.....	Nov. 15, 1858.....	5-9½.....	150.	D.	Presbt.	Mt.
Daniel Seymour McArthur.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	Wis. A.....	1881.	La Crosse, Wis.....	Mar. 28, 1859.....	5-8½.....	145.	D.	Cong.	Phys'n.
Clarence La Rue Goodwin.....	Sellersburg, Ind.....	Ind. G.....	1883.	Bowling Green, Ky.....	Dec. 2, 1859.....	5-8¾.....	150.	D.	Nil.	Law'r.
Scott Bonham.....	Midway, O.....	O. B.....	1882.	Midway, O.....	Jan. 25, 1858.....	5-10.....	130.	R.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Robert Allen Brown.....	Franklin, Ind.....	Ind. D.....	1884.	Hopewell, Ind.....	Nov. 27, 1858.....	5-10.....	154.	R.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Ira Washington Christian.....	Noblesville, Ind.....	Mich. A.....	1881.	Noblesville, Ind.....	Oct. 25, 1856.....	5-9.....	140.	R.	Christ.	Law'r.
Frank Alton Lee.....	Saluda, Ind.....	Ind. E.....	1883.	Saluda, Ind.....	Apr. 27, 1860.....	5-10½.....	150.	R.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Samuel Brenton Grimes.....	Covtsville, Ind.....	Ind. Z.....	1881.	Covtsville, Ind.....	June 2, 1854.....	5-10.....	152.	R.	Meth.	Min.
Emmett Tompkins.....	Athens, O.....	O. G.....	1874.	McConnelsville, O.....	Sept. 1, 1853.....	6.....	165.	R.	Univer.	Law'r.
Clinton Banks Sebastian.....	Columbia, Mo.....	Mo. A.....	1881.	Cloverport, Ky.....	Mar. 24, 1850.....	5-10.....	135.	D.	Meth.	Law'r.
Milo Colburn Summers.....	Chicago, Ill.....	Ill. D.....	1881.	Millersburg, Ill.....	Aug. 6, 1862.....	5-6½.....	127.	R.	Univer.	Prof.
Edgar Means North.....	Sharpsburg, Ga.....	Ga. B.....	1880.	Corveta Co., Ga.....	Oct. 5, 1858.....	5-11.....	156.	D.	Meth.	Prof.
Albert Clark McCauley.....	Altoona, Pa.....	Pa. A.....	1881.	Tipton, Pa.....	Feb. 24, 1858.....	5-10.....	141.	K.	Presbt.	
Liberty H. Bailey, Jr.....	South Haven, Mich.....	Mich. B.....	1881.	South Haven, Mich.....	Mar. 15, 1858.....	5-11.....	165.	D.	Cong.	Prof.
William Logan Lewis.....	Lexington, Ky.....	Va. B.....	1878.	Lexington, Ky.....	Mar. 25, 1859.....	5-7¾.....	145.	D.	Christ.	Farm.
Holmes Dysinger.....	Mifflintown, Pa.....	Pa. B.....	1878.	Mifflintown, Pa.....	Mar. 26, 1853.....	5-7¾.....	150.	D.	Christ.	Min.
Samuel Lennon Thompson.....	Gann, O.....	O. E.....	1884.	Oxford, O.....	Oct. 20, 1859.....	5-9.....	155.	R.	Univer.	
Conway Robinson Sands.....	Richmond, Va.....	Va. D.....	1879.	Richmond, Va.....	May 5, 1859.....	6.....	159.	D.	Baptist.	Law'r.
Walter Benjamin Palmer.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tenn. A.....	1880.	Richmond Co., Ga.....	July 9, 1857.....	6.....	154.	D.	Meth.	Law'r.
Joseph Carlos Rich.....	State Line, Miss.....	Miss. A.....	1880.	Marion, Ala.....	Sept. 10, 1859.....	5-11.....	170.	D.	Meth.	Law'r.
Frank Neal Drane.....	Coriscana, Texas.....	Tex. A.....	1881.	Coriscana, Tex.....	Jan. 14, 1862.....	5-10½.....	162.	D.	C. Pres.	Mt.
James Allen Fullinwider.....	Bloomington, Ill.....	Ill. E.....	1882.	Waveland, Ind.....	June 22, 1856.....	5-5.....	140.	R.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Alva Fitzpatrick.....	Montgomery, Ala.....	Ala. A.....	1880.	Mitchell, Ala.....	Oct. 7, 1859.....	5-9½.....	135.	D.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Clement Wellington Miner.....	Cleveland, O.....	Pa. D.....	1881.	Kinsman, O.....	Mar. 26, 1854.....	5-5.....	170.	R.	Meth.	Min.
Harry Lewis Van Nostrand.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Vt. A.....	1881.	Alt. Vernon, Ill.....	Aug. 4, 1859.....	5-11.....	149.	D.	Epis.	Chem.
Clarence Jacob Reddig.....	Shippensburg, Pa.....	Pa. E.....	1877.	Shippensburg, Pa.....	Nov. 4, 1855.....	5-5.....	120.	K.	Univer.	Mt.
George Banta.....	Franklin, Ind.....	Ind. A. Al.	1876.	Covington, Ky.....	July 16, 1857.....	5-9½.....	140.	D.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Alexander Gwyn Foster.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Ind. B. Al.	1878.	Evansville, Ind.....	Sept. 21, 1858.....	5-7¾.....	143.	R.	Presbt.	Law'r.
Millard Francis Tronell.....	Cretysburg, Pa.....	Md. A. Al.	1880.	Cumberland, Md.....	Oct. 25, 1857.....	5-10½.....	149.	R.	Luth.	Min.
James Chesley Norris, N. S.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Ind. G.....	1871.	Shelby Co., Ind.....	Aug. 18, 1851.....	5-10½.....	165.	R.	Christ.	Mt.
Columbus D. Whitehead, C. B.....	Maryville, Mo.....	Ind. B.....	1873.	Licking Co., O.....	Mar. 21, 1848.....	6-1.....	228.	G.	Presbt.	Law'r.

LITERARY EXERCISES.

[NOTE.—We can only put on record in this issue the mere facts connected with the closing exercises of the Convention. More will be given in future numbers.—EDITOR.]

The Convention closed with public literary exercises at the Park Theatre, Friday evening. We quote from the Indianapolis *Sentinel* of next day the following: "A large and intelligent audience were gathered in the hall by 8 o'clock, when the orator for the evening, Professor Alston Ellis, Ph. D., (Ohio A., '67,) of Sandusky, O., was introduced. The subject of his discourse was "American Education," and the production—which was too lengthy for publication—was an excellent treatise throughout." The exercises included some delightful music as will be seen from the

PROGRAMME.

ORATION—	{ "American Education and some of its essential elements"..... }	HON. ALSTON ELLIS, Ph. D., Sandusky, O.
SONG—	"My Queen"—Blumenthal,.....MR. ORA PEARSON.
HISTORY—	JUDGE D. D. BANTA, Franklin, Ind.
PROPHECY—	MAJ. G. W. GRUBBS, Martinsville, Ind.
SONG—	"May Song"—Meyerbeer,	MISS LAVONNE KACKLEY.
POEM—	A. GWYN FOSTER, New Orleans, La.

THE BANQUET.

After the literary exercises the Phis and their ladies were whirled away to the Grand Hotel. More than a hundred couples were seated at the banquet which was spread in the dining halls of the Grand, and it was a brilliant assemblage. Fair ladies were richly dressed, for the most part *en costume*; and the beauty of Indianapolis ladies is now not a matter for doubt to the Phis then present. Besides the city belles there were ladies who came from Terre Haute, Bloomington, Franklin, Worthington, Cincinnati, O., and other cities, especially to attend the closing exercises. Judge Byron K. Elliott, Ind., G. '60, presided at the banquet with admirable grace and tact. His speech of welcome was most happy. We subjoin the *menu* and toasts:

MENU,

Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, October 29, 1880.

Oysters on the Half Shell.	Oyster Gumbo Soup.	Scalloped Oysters.
Baked Black Bass, with Small Potatoes.		
Fillet of Beef, Larded with Mushrooms.		
Calves Sweet Breads, Pique, with French Peas.		
Saddle of Venison, Larded, a la Broche.	Roast Quail on Toast, with Jelly.	
Mallard Duck, with Red Wine Sauce.		
Boned Turkey.	Boned Westphalia Ham.	Buffalo Tongue.
Shrimp Salad.		Chicken Salad.
Assorted Cakes.	Charlotte Russe.	Champaigne Jelly.
Vanilla Ice Cream.	Orange Sherbet.	Coffee with Cream.

TOASTS.

JUDGE BYRON K. ELLIOTT, Presiding.

<i>The Sword and the Shield</i> ,	Rev. ROBERT MORRISON, Ohio A., Fulton, Mo.
<i>The Union of Northern and Southern Hearts</i> ,...	} H. L. VAN NOSTRAND, Vt. A., Burlington, Vt. W. L. LEWIS, Va. B.
<i>Captain Jack</i> ,	
<i>The Future—How to Live to best Honor Ourselves</i> , <i>the Fraternity and Our Friends</i> ,	} W. R. WORRALL, Ky., A., Chicago, Ill.
<i>Our Sweethearts</i> ,	A. GWYN FOSTER, Ind. A., Indianapolis, Ind.

The table of Statistics is interesting reading. Our mathematician has found out that the average age of the official delegates is 22 years, 6 mos. 22 days 17 hrs. 27 min. and 16 seconds. The average height is 5 ft. 7½ in., just ¼ in. less than man's average as generally allowed. The average weight is 151 pounds. Not one delegate has the average weight. Two, Bros. Foster and Dysinger, are of the average height. Politically, there were 16 Republicans, 16 Democrats, and 1 Greenbacker—a sort of 45th Congress, on a vote. As to church inclinations, 11 are Presbyterian, 6 Methodist, 3 Christian, 3 Lutheran, 3 Universalist, 2 Baptist, 2 Congregational, 1 Cumb. Prest., 1 Episcopalian, and 1 with no inclination at all. As to future occupations, if there will be no changes in intentions, there will be 16 Lawyers, 4 Ministers, 4 Merchants, 3 Professors, 1 Chemist, 1 Physician, 1 Banker, 1 Farmer, and two yet to hear from. Our ex-G. B. holds the palm for distinguishing characteristics. He is the oldest, the tallest, the heaviest delegate, and the only Greenbacker.

THE SCROLL.

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All communications, to be published should be in the hands of the Editor not later than the first day of the month in which they should appear.

GETTYSBURG, PA., NOVEMBER, 1880.

To all who have worked so well in the interests of THE SCROLL in the past we return hearty thanks, hoping that there will be no decrease in the effort to make it the model organ of the Greeks.

We would like to say a word about the change in form, but our space is too valuable in this number to do more than mention the fact. It is in accordance with the action of the Convention, and has cost no little time and labor and money. Whether or not it has paid we submit to the Phi world to judge.

As every Phi knows, this number is belated. A good many causes for the delay might be given. Our worthy Secretary of the G. C. says to us, with the words underlined: "Lay the blame of the delay to me and the registered letter with the minutes," but he knew that we were too charitable to do that. And we know that Phis are too kind-hearted to blame anybody very much, hence we will offer no excuse but hope it will not occur again.

The December number will follow this issue just as soon as our printer can use up "copy." It is now our purpose to get it out not later than the 18th of December, most probably by the 15th. Reporters and Contributors will please notice and act accordingly without further word. Our ob-

ject in this is not only to have the SCROLL out at about the usual time in the month, but also to give more Convention articles and news while the matter is yet fresh. Reporters should notify the editor of any change in name or address. Watch for the Christmas number.

The Treasurer of the G. C. desires us to call attention to the payment of SCROLL tax of those chapters yet in arrears. We do this without hesitation, believing that the responses will be early and cheerful. As may be seen from the minutes the SCROLL more than paid for itself last year, not much 'tis true, but there was a small surplus. Now, however, with increase in space and change in form, there is necessarily an increase in cost of publication. Yet there is no increase in the tax. To make up for any deficiency, all the alumni subscriptions now go directly to the SCROLL fund. It must be apparent, however, that all chapters should be prompt in meeting their obligations; and not only so, but each chapter should now be moved by a strong desire to get their alumni to subscribe for the SCROLL in order to keep up the present form. Do active Phis see the force of this? Then let each chapter work up an alumni list of subscribers and send it, with the money, to the Editor, or to the Treasurer of the G. C.

The Province Presidents can help very much in this matter of alumni subscriptions by proper organization. A good plan would be to appoint one active Brother in each State to work up the alumni in that State. The President of Epsilon Province has already gone to work in this matter in the manner indicated, and it promises good results. We trust it is not asking too much of the other Presidents to take steps in this direction.

The Convention.

"Thus shall we cast full many a seed
For ripening years to come.
And Phis shall clasp Phi hands indeed
In the last great harvest home."

The Convention of 1880 now lies in the curtained chamber of what has been—a thing of the past, yet we live it over every day. Ever since we entered the portal on the two sides of which are written " $\Phi\iota$ — $\kappa\iota\iota\alpha$," ever since we placed our signature to the Bond, we have had a lofty conception of our organization, its uses and powers. But that conception has never been so lofty as at this moment, in which we live again in the councils and among the Brothers at the Convention of 1880. There are Banta and Palmer, and Whitehead and Norris, and Foster and Reddig, and Goodwin and Sands, and Fitzpatrick and Van Nostrand, and Parrish and Worrall, and dear old, yet ever young, Bro. Morrison and—, but why call out the names and hear no answering voice save memory's to give reply?

The Convention was characterized above all things else by *harmony* after final settlement of disputed questions. There was some warm debating on the floor at times, but as soon as the Convention had settled a question by vote, then all were perfectly satisfied at the result. This is no small thing to record, as there were some radical changes in our ways and means of doing work.

The Convention was the largest Greek assembly ever held by a Fraternity, there being perhaps more than a hundred and fifty Phis in Indianapolis during the sessions. Also one day more than is usual was used in the business sessions of the Convention. It was the most successful meeting Phi Delta Theta ever held, and we doubt if any assembly ever transacted more business in the same length of time. Yet nothing was too hastily

done; this being due to the fact that the most careful work had been well-shaped, and the ground of action well turned over before the Convention met.

The Phis of Indianapolis deserve unstinted praise for the care they took of the delegates and visitors. It is no small work for young men in a city to look after and help to entertain a hundred and more of those whom they call Brothers. We are sure that we echo the voice of all when we say that we have no memories but pleasant ones, and no feelings but those of love and gratitude for the dear Brothers who did so much amid their private work and pressing duties, to render our stay pleasant. The fair ones of the gentler sex must share the praise we have given to the Phis of the city, for their gentle-handed hospitality and cordial greeting to those who will remember them gratefully quite won the hearts of some of our delegates. But we dare not enlarge upon this.

Indiana Beta Alumni and Indiana Gamma have already received about as much praise as we can give, and it is only left for us to hope that the Convention has left its impress upon them; so that they may go forward in the cause of our loved Phi Delta Theta with greater strength than before. Ours is a noble order, worthy of our noblest efforts. Our Bond is a mighty link binding us around a standard of friendship, wisdom, and divine love. If the Convention has caused us to realize this more fully as a fact, if it has more strongly knit us—many of whom met for the first time face to face—into a compact brotherhood of souls working in harmonious concert for the better condition of the race, then are we satisfied with its results—yea, perfectly satisfied. Let us go forward hand in hand, *fortiter, fideliter, feliciter.*

After Indianapolis—What?

The Convention is behind us—the farewells have been said, and we are back to our accustomed places of work. The excitement of personal contact has passed, the enthusiasm of the glorious feast has had time to cool, and it is now in place to raise the question, what shall be the results of the Convention?

Some important changes have been made in our government, changes that must result in a greater strength and a greater efficiency than heretofore existed. The N. G. has been abolished, its work now being done directly by the G. C. The system of Provinces adopted by us has, in a measure, been shaped after a somewhat similar system in practice among several other fraternities. With this feature added to our otherwise unexcelled fraternity government we have an organization that can withstand any efforts made to overthrow it.

Since changes have been made by those who were authorized to act for the whole fraternity, there should now be no further desire to set aside one thing, or to add another thing. Let us use the new forms, the new ways and means adopted, with the very strictest adherence to both the letter and the spirit of the law. That was a good idea suggested by a Brother in the Convention, when he asked if it would not be well to pass a motion declaring the constitution and forms, as now laid down, unchangeable for ten years. The motion was not passed, but let us hold to the spirit that prompted the suggestion. *Festina lente* should nowhere be more studiously observed than in carrying on our work.

The great result of the Convention, along with increased efficiency and the strictest adherence to our Bond and Constitution, should be the strengthening of our chapters. Let this be

the one great result. Indianapolis is now behind us, it is too soon, far too soon, to raise the cry “on to Richmond!” We stand between the past and the future, and the *present* is ours, to be used or abused in the interests of our common cause. It can be abused by careless indifference, it can be used, and nobly used, in honorable activity. When this activity is turned in the direction of our present fortresses, to cheer their endeavors, to build up their weak places, to strengthen their foundations, then will our question be answered, and answered to the complete satisfaction of every true-hearted Phi Delta.

In accordance with the provision made by the convention for the management of THE SCROLL, the Editor has chosen an assistant in the person of Bro. H. H. Weber, of Penna. Beta. Bro. W. is not a stranger to Phi work, nor to the needs of the field to which he has been called. He has already entered upon his duties with an eager readiness that bids fair to make him an invaluable sharer of our labors and vexations. We bespeak for him a hearty welcome, and commend him to the love and friendship of his Brothers, asking them to deal gently with his faults and not to praise too highly his virtues.

We have been compelled to omit all chapter correspondence from this number, but will make it up in the future. The December number will be at hand before this one is all digested, unless the apparatus gets out of fix. Let souls be possessed in patience.

All about the Convention.

“On to Richmond!”

“Each one is better than the last.”

The largest Greek Convention ever held.

The longest session that any fraternity ever held.

The brightest lot of young men ever gathered in Indianapolis.

228 lbs. of the G. B. were there, and he made the 'unsettled' delegates fairly tremble.

Wanted—the Phi who had no autograph album—Tompkins wants him.

The honored son of his honored father—our worthy President. And his brother too.

Sixteen states sent delegates, with representatives from two others not official.

A Northside lady said her "Summer's dream was short,"—and her practical friend remarked that he wore specks.

Our staid Palmer was heard singing to himself as the train pulled out from the depot, "Oh, Genevieve! sweet Genevieve!"

Bro. Sullivan couldn't stay away. Even his 'bran new' moustache couldn't keep him, and so he had to bring it along.

The youngest delegate in the Convention was Bro. M. C. Summers, Ill. Delta. Bro. Butler was the only one who brought his wife.

Bro. Dysinger had the wickedest eyes and the tightest shoes of any man at the convention. If you don't believe it ask the fellow that bought him slippers.

Oh, Van Nostrand! Van Nostrand! How could you? She is "all broke up" and refuses to be comforted. Ye Vermont maidens behold, and beware!

They do say that Reddig telegraphed his D. G. immediately on reaching Indianapolis as follows: "I'm here. Send your picture. Forever thine!" Sands can tell about it. Sands knows.

The irrepressible Bradford was on hand again—every convention for ten years, first to come, last to go, always around. "It does me proud."

The Indiana boys are so enthused over the convention that they will move things celestial and things terrestrial to attend the next one. They vow by their best girls that they will be on hand—and that vow means something with an Indiana Phi. A Pullman car is to be chartered to take them to Richmond. Wouldn't it be a Phi-lanthropical notion to come through Pennsylvania?

Many of Bro. Butler's friends had the pleasure of meeting his charming wife during the convention. Mrs. B's

graceful manners won the hearts of all, and not a few of the young bachelors wondered why they could not do that way too. It's dreadfully catching. Bro. B's old chapter-mates at Bloomington presented to the happy couple a silver service, at the wedding, as a slight memorial of their esteem.

The sweet efficacy of the Azure and Argent has won its way into the hearts of many a western beauty. At the banquet, beside the Indianapolis ladies, there were bewitching representatives from Cincinnati, Gosport, Brookville, Franklin, Bloomington, Washington, Rushville, and Terre Haute, who came just on purpose to meet the knightly wearers of the Sword and Shield. We should like to repeat some of the soft whisperings that floated to our ears, but as they were breathed from "under the rose" a venerable precedent keeps us silent.

The Phis were well received all over the city of Indianapolis. The proprietor of the Grand said that they were the most gentlemanly set of young fellows he had ever entertained. Even those who sold autograph albums, and pins, received them with smiles. The faculty of Butler University welcomed them in a neat speech at chapel, and the young ladies there, the D. Gs.—well, it won't do to tell—out of school. But it might have been a *his in re* had it not been for a valiant Christian to lead the way, and a Goodwin to win us good—but hold! We must not, we will not. But there *is* som-thing in a name after all. White-head says so, and so it must be so if it ain't so.

PERSONALS.

Bro. T. I. Rogers, S. C. Alpha, '80, is now a distinguished young law student.

Bro. Chas. Reinewalt, Penna. Beta, is now teaching school near Hollidaysburg, Pa. He will return to college next year.

Bro. J. C. F. Rupp, Penna. Beta, is now at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. His address is 212 Franklin St.

Bro. DeWitt G. Wilcox, Ohio Eta, was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, at the recent Commencement, with third honor in a class of eighty members. He is now practicing in Akron, O.

Bro. Joseph Hidy, Ohio Eta, '76, and Mich. Univ. Law School, '78, is enjoying a lucrative practice at Washington C. H., Ohio.

Bro. G. W. Crofoot, Ohio Eta, has left college and is employed in Lansing, Mich., by the Mich. Central R. R. Co. Michigan Beta will take notice.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Delta Tau Delta has entered University of Iowa.

Phi Kappa Psi is trying to enter Harvard, and Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta the University of Penna.

Phi Gamma Delta's parent chapter became defunct last June.

Phi Kappa Sigma is improving at Franklin and Marshall, and is trying to re-establish at Lehigh, but it is in a very bad way at Washington and Jefferson.

D. C. Gillman, Pres. Johns Hopkins, is claimed both by Alpha Delta Phi and Beta Theta Pi; A. D. White, Pres. Cornell, both by Sigma Phi and Psi Upsilon; and Dan. Voorhees of Ind., both by Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon.

At Michigan University, Delta Kappa Epsilon owns a temple; Psi Upsilon has just completed a fine brick chapter-house at a cost of \$12,000; and other fraternities rent handsome houses. Alpha Delta Phi proposes within eighteen months to erect a granite house just opposite to that of Psi Upsilon.

Beta Theta Pi has only four men at Butler this year, all "Preps." The dirty and scurrilous pamphlet, "Butler's Betas," issued there last year to damage the other fraternities, and especially Phi Delta Theta, does not seem to have benefited the Betas much.

An Associated Press telegram about the Beta Convention in Baltimore, as published in many parts of the country, read, "The Convention of the colored fraternity, Beta Theta Pi," intended for the college fraternity, etc.

Curiosities in Philology: The manipulation for examining and selecting freshmen for fraternity membership is called at Williams, trotting; at Amherst, campaigning; at Wesleyan, cultivating; at Cornell, rushing; at Bowdoin, fishing; at N. Y. City College,

soaking. Next!—*Star and Crescent*. At most colleges it is called "spiking."

The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi says: "Beta Theta Pi originated from political differences in the Miami chapter of Alpha Delta Phi after the Dred Scott decision in 1839. The Free Soilers remained in Alpha Delta Phi while many of the Southern men seceded and founded a new fraternity. A catalogue is in course of preparation by Beta Theta Pi which is intended to surpass that of Psi Upsilon; it will contain \$1,200 worth of steel engravings and give full biographical details."

The career of Philip Spencer, the founder of Chi Psi, terminated very unfortunately. His family stood high, his father being Hon. John A. Spencer, once Sect. of War, and his grandfather, Ambrose Spencer, once at the head of the judiciary in N. Y. Being detested as the leader of a mutiny on the U. S. vessel "Somers," young Spencer was hung at the yard arm. Chi Psis, in consequence have ever been called "Pirates."

The 22nd annual convention of Delta Tau Delta was held in Chicago, Oct. 13-15. Nineteen out of twenty-three chapters were represented. The Gen. Sect. reported that during the year previous, chapters at Western U. of Pa., Ind. Asbury, Ill. Wesleyan and Ia. Wesleyan had been withdrawn, chapters at Rensselaer Polytechnic, Mich. U. and Wooster had been established; while several applications had been refused. The Gen. Treas. reported the financial condition good. A letter was read from the founder of the fraternity (who joined Beta Theta Pi after founding Delta Tau Delta) saying he had formerly withdrawn from the Betas. The report of the *Crescent* showed that it is now self-supporting. It was again turned over to the Alleghany college chapter, and can be obtained by any one, for one dollar per year, from the editor, C. E. Richmond, L. B. 1728, Meadville, Pa. The chosen orator and poet were not present. The next convention will be held in Pittsburg next August. A chapter was obtained at Wooster last May by taking in an anti-secret local club. A crowd at Michigan U. last year got a Delta Tau charter but they have quit wearing their pins.

POEM SCROLL

Πρόθυμος ἐν Φῖ Δέλτα Θῆτα.

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SUNLAND.

BY A. GWYN FOSTER, IND. ALPHA, '78.

A Poem written for the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, held in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26-29, 1880, in the 32nd year of the Fraternity, and read by the author at the Public Literary exercises, Park Theatre, Friday evening of the convention.

The sapphire walls of evening have been decked
By Hesper's hands with drapery stolen from
The halls of Iris; the golden gates stand wide
To welcome Phoebus, as his tired steeds
He urges to the portals of the West.

A broad plantation looks upon the dark
Mud waters of a southern stream. A boat,
Whose smoke rolls black against a radiant sky,
Steams round a bend, enlivened by gay groups
Of ladies, streaming bunting and the sweet
Faint notes of music. Here and there a few
White sails flap gently in the dying breeze,
Or slowly drag their crafts from current strong.
Upon the farther bank the shadows of
The trees grow long, within whose shade a brace
Of heron doze, among the tufts of green
Fan-shaped palmettos, having one foot curled
Up in the feathery down of breast and wing;
Or striding, stalk upon the yellow sands,
Or wade the shallow water's edge to catch
A truant fish.

Upon the nearer bank
A roadway runs atop the levee's crown,
Whose sloping, lawnlike banks are verdant grown
With matting of bermuda grass alone.
Across a well-trimmed hedge of rose, the long
Straight runs of cotton in the offing of
This myriad acred field are merged into
A sea of green, reaching afar the dim
Blue woods. Erect above the growing mass
Of green, the huge old cotton-gin with tall
Brick chimney proudly smiles at prospect of
So great a yield. Beside it stands
The weather-beaten barn, whose low broad eaves
Full many years have sheltered the dumb beasts
Of burden, and the patient lowing kine.

A roadway winding through a grove of gnarled
Old live-oaks, whose fantastic knotted roots

Protrude the ground, leads to the dwelling-house,
 A rambling building, long and wide, yet low,
 As though 'twere modest of its hospitality ;
 And in a leaf-screened corner of the gallery
 A hammock swings, and on a bright red chair
 A summer hat and book are seen, as though
 Thrown down in haste.

Far in where the green plant lightly waves,
 Are the toilers of the land,
 Sad their humble lot is, they are slaves!
 From their birth, until they find their graves,
 A narrow six-foot home of sand!

On flat nose, thick lips, and woolly hair,
 Ignorance is plainly graved ;
 Well-fed, well-clothed, they are free from care,
 Free from trouble as the very air ;
 Mere machines for labor saved !

On a tall bay horse the master rides,
 Up and down to superintend.
 When the work's misdome, he gravely chides ;
 At the work well done, he looks with pride,
 And shows it to every friend.

'Neath a broad brimmed hat which shades his face,
 Shines a steady, frank, brown eye ;
 His features tell of a patient grace,
 And smiles there gleam from their resting place,
 His mouth has a kind reply.

The day is gone, with the setting sun.
 To the quarters they wend their way ;
 O'er their shoulders broad their hoes are swung,
 And a quaint old melody is sung,
 Which in echo dies away.

The blue white smoke from the chimneys pour,
 The kettles are boiling fast ;
 A grinding of corn from every floor,
 A chopping of wood by every door,
 Sweet sounds are for eve's repast.

The steamer by the current is pressed hard,
 The white sails are reefed and furled,
 The heron blue are flying westward,
 The blushing sun is sinking westward,
 The day is lost unto the world!

Into this land of peace,
 Land of peace and wealth,
 Comes the dread demon War ;
 Sounding his notes afar,
 Riding in gory car,
 Car of blood and death.

Sweet-hearts, wives, and mothers.
 View the coming storm,
 As dissipating smoke !
 With merry laugh and talk,
 And jest, and jeer, and joke,
 They meet the dread alarm !

Each household of the South,
 Gives of youth the flower.

Surely their cause is just!
In God they put their trust,
To drive the foe as dust,
 In the dark battle's hour.

In a red arm chair a reading,
Sits a maiden, little heeding
 The purport of the theme;
For at times she is a glancing,
To a distant horseman prancing,
 And indulges in a dream.

See her, as she sits a dreaming!
Neither tall, nor short, yet seeming
 A queen in very truth:
With her large brown eyes a bending,
Her long drooping lashes, lending
 A pathos to her youth.

Ringlets long and brown a growing,
Closely to a forehead, glowing
 With intelligence and grace;
A true woman's heart is shining,
Gilding, softening, and refining,
 The features of her face.

Shapely hands in lap reclining,
And a glittering gem is shining,
 On forefinger fair,
But forgotten book a falling,
Hath from reverie recallen,
 In the realms of air.

Looking up she sees one nighing,
And her cheeks carmine are dyeing:
 Heart is beating fast.
For the distant horseman riding,
Up the walk is quickly striding;
 He has come at last.

They watch the great sun sink to rest,
Behind huge clouds in crimson west.

The clouds are lost in growing even,
When darkness covers all the heaven.

As widowed, doth day mourn for light,
And veil her face in darkest night;

But distant sunlets to condone,
With widowed day for loss of sun,

Send greeting from their worlds afar,
That blackest night brings brightest star.

Out one by one, they modest bloom,
Like violets in their forest home.

He must leave her on the morrow,
 Leave her, at his country's call.
This the reason of their sorrow;
 He must fight and he may fall,
 Lest his country, foes enthrall.

Long they sit in silence musing,
 While black darkness shrouds the earth,
Seeming each the other losing,

Weighing each the other's worth ;
 Till the night to stars gives birth.
 On his arm a soft hand sinking,
 In a slightly trembling tone,
 Said she, softly, "I've been thinking
 That the evening and the sun,
 Give us token for our own.

"In the coming war clouds gory,
 Dies, like sun, my valiant Mars,
 And my widowed heart in sable,
 Beating long its prison bars,
 Comfort gains among the stars."

"Nay," said he, "thy fond heart maketh
 Fairest omens to be drear.
 Red clouds flash as if the sinking
 Of the sun of peace to cheer—
 Bright sky brings the morrow clear.

"Let us like some ancient lovers,
 Seek a star for mutual gaze,
 This repeat as o'er it hovers:
 'Star, star, of potent blaze,
 Guard my love and keep her ways!'"

Hand gives hand a long last pressure,
 Heart reverberates a sigh,
 Lips repeat a fond "God bless you!"
 As impressing sweetest treasure,
 The long drawn kisses of good bye.

Since the days of Greece, anon,
 Spartan mother buckled on,
Sword and *shield* on half grown son ;
 Since the days of Troy, of old,
 Sisters gave their wearing gold,
 To their brothers, warring bold ;
 Since the good old days of yore,
 Carthage wives, the hair they wore,
 Gave for bowstrings needed sore,
 Women e'er the true defenders of a nation prove,
 And a people ne'er are conquered till is won their love.

Mother's love the cradle rocks,
 Mother's kiss heals bruised knocks,
 Mother's quiet twilight talks ;
 Sister's love doth know no end,
 Sister's seam the rent doth mend,
 Sister's word doth e'er befriend ;
 Love's strong influence keeping pure,
 Wifely counsels making truer,
 Braving wrongs, the ills endure ;
 So entwined around man's heart-strings is sweet woman's love—
 He thinks naught to die defending, this his treasure trove.

Oh the power true women wield,
 In the household, in the field !
 Modest women, South and North,
 Wield your power yet know your worth.

The thunder clouds of war roll black and fierce.
 They have piled them one upon another, four years deep,
 Until God's love and peace seem blotted out forever.

And here a crimson sheet of passion glistens as
 It creeps from rugged mass to vent insatiate fury.
 Hither, and thither, darts a scarlet flash
 Of hate, which, striking bursts the reeking gate
 And pours a rain of blood. At length from copious
 Draughts, the clouds exhaust themselves, and now
 A faintest beam of hope strays through and cheers
 A deluged land.

The chain of fortress, that guards the windings
 Of the Father Stream, has snapped been, link
 By link. The stupendous journey to the sea,
 A fact in history is. By brutal force of
 Numbered men, the ground is wrested inch
 By inch. A brave but wounded government,
 Has ground its teeth, and gathering in its troops
 From far and near, has staked its all upon
 A desperate game. If Richmond falls, the cause
 Is lost.

A cold but moonless night doth still enrich
 By one sweet hour, domestic dreams of soldiery,
 Long tired for home. The smoldering camp-fire, too,
 Is sleepy, gives a start up, glares and lays
 Him back to rest. Maternal trees bend low,
 To minister with charmed arms and chant
 A soothing lullaby. The captain chief, filled
 With a vague unrest, sits leaning 'gainst a
 Monarch tree, and eyes askant his patient
 Band, musing on the love inspiring
 Them, to still support a cause so well nigh
 Lost. They are the flower of that flowery
 Land that nourished Golden Lilies—vine and fig
 Tree of the new world's balmy Italy—
 Ripe fruit, only such as grow in gardens
 Nursed with tender care and warmed with
 Sunny smiles of love. He lives again these
 Three long years of living death—in memory
 Sighs farewell to home. With pride re-drills that
 Dress parade, when lovely ladies tore from
 Their own breasts bouquets to décorate e'en
 Gray bloused roughs, and dub them knight of
 Southern chivalry. He shudders, as in
 Heat of passionate excitement, his cold
 Steel reddens with the dripping life blood
 Of a beardless boy. Now 'tis the
 Eve before Port Gibson's fall, and, chuckling
 Silently, he braves again the muddy
 Waters, gritting fast despatches whose
 Delivery safe wins epaulets,—the silent
 Steady strength of the cold dark dismal stream is,
 Like a Gorgon's head, slow chilling the very
 Marrow in his bones, when come thoughts of the
 Sweet congratulations of a sweeter
 Girl, and love warms and vivifies him, so—

Bang!
 "To your guns! they appear!"
 And the guard at his post
 Sends alarm, short and clear,
 Which awakens the host!
 Those who sleep now are lost!

Clang!
 And the bugler hath blown
 Thrilling notes on his horn!
 Serried ranks close have grown,—
 These are veterans war worn!
 And the day star is born!

Rang
 Out commands sharp and firm!
 A position they gain!
 Both the night and the storm
 Of stampede they have slain!
 And the day star doth wane!

Aye behold!
 In the heat of the fight,
 Borne along by their pride,
 From confusion of night,
 The two leaders collide,
 And the ranks open wide!

Fearless, bold!
 Quick as lightning a stroke!
 Counterstroke back doth flash!
 Clang to clang, sabers spoke!
 Both now, rash, crash on clash,
 Back and forward they dash!

The tale is soon told!
 While they pause to catch breath, leaden ball
 Takes the place of hacked steel; the signal given,
 Firm, erect, both do fire, both do fall;
 And one lingers for death, one for heaven
 Flies the prison of clay, passion riven!

Oh the horrors attendant on war!
 One's flesh creeps as he thinks of a scar,
 Or the death of a Jack, or a Tar,
 Hirelings, sent into countries afar.

Aye! but think if here evil should come!
 Waste your land, even stalk in your home!
 O'er your heart and your life settle gloom!
 Change your Eden of Love, to a tomb!

But the violence done by the rank,
 And the wrongs from the man, yclept "Yank,"
 These were grave, but not feared, as the lank
 Heartless hordes, at whose gaze e'en babes shrank

Close to the breast but to utter a moan!
 Who respected no right but their own!
 Who to weak tender woman were stone!
 Gracious God! can such wrongs war atone?

See! a strange foreign soldiery camp
 In the land of the leal!
 And a stern martial judgment doth stamp
 Down decrees, grind its heel
 On low necks, with a zeal
 Patriotic; yet cheeks flush and damp.

And the gray of the coats deeps to blue!
 High the Stripes and the Stars,
 Where the Stars and the Bars

Once did float, now are flying anew !
Faces fair, now show scars,
As do houses, and homes, and hearts, too !
And the red revolution is traced
In its progress by graves.
Some were filled by necessity's mace ;
More were molded by knaves,
In their lust ; but the slaves,—
To their honor,—were never debased !

The second crop is harvested and ginned ;
The season of the third has opened fair ;
The furrowed fields are sown since March's wind,
And rain and sun do woo to balmy air.

By turns, the hostile hordes trespass the land,
Now gay, with victory, sad now, with defeat ;
But discipline and firmness rule each band,
Which no excess or violence repeat.

The proclamation frees the waiting serfs,
Who still for something tangible await ;
Still patient serve their massa and his hearth,
With love for friends, for all his foes deep hate.

His daughter's face has not that former bloom.
'Tis two years since her lover armed for war ;
A smuggled letter sometimes breaks the gloom,
Which vain forebodings raise for him afar.

One sunny morn in May, the hands had hied
Them off, a distant field to break and plant ;
A zephyr which through china blossoms plied,
Came floating sweet, as echoes of a chant,
Which wooed our lady to her garden plot,
Where soothed by sun, soft air, faint breaths, sweet songs,
And brilliant life, she for a time forgot
The absence of her loved one and her wrongs.

"Hey, gal !" a mocking voice cries, "whar's the ole man ?"
Her sweet heart talk with Nature breaks off short,
She starts,—a glance—her pale face grows more wan,
The Tigers—she feels faint, grows weak, her heart
Forgets to beat. The voice is hissed again,
This time with curses rough and coarse in tone :
"Hey, gal ! I say, we wants the ole man !
Jest trot him out now, for we're the devil's own !"

The planter falls into the fangs of fiends !
At pistol's mouth, they rob him and his home !
And when they part the store, themselves between,
They grumble at its meagreness, and some
Accuse of having buried in the ground,
The wealth wherefor they seek ; with one accord
They urge the torture ; hand and foot he's bound,
And o'er a slow fire placed ; with hearts more hard
Than adamant, they bind his family there
Around him, so to see and hear his pain ;
To render agony more hard to bear,—
That grief in those we love, we can not stem.

A moment lengthens to an aging year ;
 Life dies, but still the blood goes trickling on ;
 A short half hour has whitened gold brown hair ;
 And eighteen, sorrows all the life of eighty-one.

In a hospital ward near to Richmond,
 There's a nurse with an angel's sweet face,
 Or at least, so the soldiers declare,
 As they watch her, or dreamily trace,
 Features fair, 'neath the whitest of hair,
 Whose susceptible hearts she bewitches.

And a rumor abounds of the maiden,
 That the cause of her sweet mellowed heart,
 Is that war in its web, closely wove
 Those most dear to her soul, since which smart,
 Her strong love, which would soar up above,
 Buys the life, else too sorrowful laden,

In an uppermost ward of the dwelling,
 Lies a gallant young officer, shot
 Through the lungs, who keeps bleeding away,
 And despite all, the surgeon seems not
 To be able to heal or to stay
 The thick blood which up slowly comes welling.

Oft he called in delirium raving,
 The sweet soothing sound of her name ;
 And it chanced as she passed by, she heard,
 And betwixt curiousness and shame,
 She deferred, though as often allured,
 'Till at last all formality waving,

She enters and finds there her lover,
 Whom she mourns for as dead ; so the sighs,
 And the longing for death, change to a skill
 A necessitous energy plies ;
 And good nursing and an imperial will,
 Stay the wound and he slowly recovers.

So when the conqueror took up the pen,
 The South had naught to fear ;
 The old, old struggle was renewed, and men
 Beat sword into plowshare,

And battled under force of Nature's ban ;
 With strokes of potent thews,
 They grew, they gathered, and they ground the grain
 That fed on their sinews.

Cotton, the King, sits in the lowly dust
 And mourns an empire lost.
 Ah ! once so proud, he crunches hardened crust
 Gained at a tiring cost.

Our friends returned unto their former home,
 Which teemed with memories sad ;
 But desolation added to the gloom,
 And havoc had all clad,

The gin was an unshapen mass, around
 A crumbling tower of brick ;
 The home was pillaged, and the sacred mound
 Of dust, was overgrown thick

With rambling weeds; the fences burned, or down;
The ditches filled; the road
Ran where it listed; and the fields were sown
With coco, or were clothed

With straggling brambles tagged with fleecy locks,
Of a former crop half made;
The hands were pert and indolent; the stock
Were stolen, dead, or strayed.

The lives of both were as a morn in spring;
Behind lay winter dead,
And life was young and fresh, and birds did sing,
And summer just ahead.

Despite the chaos round, their hearts were strong,
And love made sweet and fair;
The burden of their toil they bore in song,
And hallowed it with prayer.

Coarse, dusky slavic hands the scepter sway;
Untried and absolute power
Intrusted to an ignorant race, gives way
To vice in evil hour.

How bitter are the Fates—they school one man—
A king, and by his own
Ambition, he a galley slave is chained;
They place a signet stone

On hands that loathe it; and we poor silly fools,
Raise high our envious cheers,
When a god dethroned is, and a weakling rules,
Who mocks our jibes with jeers.

But history repeats itself; 'tis wealth
And intellect must guide.
O'ertaxed by deeds extravagant, and stealth,
The people long have cried.

A sickening revolution blots this page.
May God forgive them quite!
That blood must quench their burning rage,
And death atone their spite.

The planter rules the ballot as of yore;
And now that power has come
Into the hands of the intelligent,
A prosperous peace should bloom.

The fratricidal war is past,
The dead are resting in the tomb!
The prayer is breathed; the dirge is sung!
The mourning robe aside is cast!

And hate in curse is vented full;
And curse gives way to petty spite;
Then muttered grumbling; then a light
Uneasy laugh of ridicule.

Then narrative of trophy won,
Supplanted by the souvenir;
Then these consigned to memory are;
And all sink to oblivion.

Paternal love reproves a child;
Anger is roused akin to hate;

A Brotherly Chat.

And as the passion does abate,
 Great bitter tears come, and the wild
 Hard sobbing of a heart grief pent ;
 A glance at his majestic face,
 So merciful, and full of grace,
 It grows respectful and obedient.
 The South as loyal is, as brave ;
 Though for ideas stout she fought,
 Yet with her arms, the creeds long taught,
 Seceding State, and Right of Slave,
 Were thrown adown at conqueror's feet.
 Is she less proud of seventy-six,
 Because that scroll her names affix ?
 Has she less joy for soil replete
 With revolution memories,
 Carolina's fields and blest Yorktown,
 Jefferson's pen and Henry's tongue,
 For Marion, Lee, and Washington,
 For heroes on the land and seas ?
 In all our galaxy of stars,
 Are not the thirteen just as bright ?
 What though they darkling strayed one night.
 They have returned with deep pit scars !
 They are as proud of flag and fame !
 They love our honor just as true !
 They tire of enmity ; they rue
 The wrong, and ill intent disclaim.
 Oh, great hearts, be magnanimous !
 These are the brothers of our blood !
 Give them your hand ; love them with love !
 So be we all unanimous !

A BROTHERLY CHAT.

Perhaps one could think of no subject on which there is greater unanimity than the importance of the SCROLL. It may seem superfluous for any one to attempt to impress upon the fraternity the truth of this, and to strive to point out any of the methods by which the greatest possible good is to be derived. This is perhaps the duty of the editor, and it is not from any lack of confidence in him that this is written, but in the hope that we may be able to say something which perhaps that worthy brother might feel a delicacy in mentioning.

In the first place we must all agree to be good-natured,—extremely good-natured,—and always feel that the editor desires to do what is best for the fraternity, and that if our articles are so changed as to make it difficult for us to recognize them, or, indeed, if we send them to the editor and never hear of them more, let us not feel hurt, nor say, or even feel that we will do nothing more for the SCROLL. Every-

thing can not be published, and we know that the editor will use just what he thinks most serviceable to Phi Delta Theta, without considering who are the contributors. Subjects which we may think of greatest importance may be deemed by him of less account, and where there is a difference of opinion on any subject we should remember that the convention entrusted the SCROLL to him, and will hold him, not us, responsible for its management.

We would propose, and will act on it ourselves, that when we write to the editor, we enclose a personal note to him telling him that we write for his assistance, and not for the purpose of having our names or our articles in print, that our sole object is the advancement of Phi Delta Theta, and that he has our heartiest permission to publish as written, as he may change, or not at all, as he thinks best—that we recognize, as the convention did, his superior knowledge and experience in the management of the SCROLL, and that the enclosed article is entirely at his disposal. If any one can not do this, he should not write at all. Then what the fraternity desires is news, sensible discussions of interesting topics, &c. We want no long-winded articles on any subject. Let every one remember that the problem is how to get the most matter in the least space. With the assistance which we can give him, the editor can fill every line of space in the SCROLL without a superfluous word.

Then we must not, under any circumstances, abuse other fraternities. It is too bad when individual chapters have the least ill feeling towards chapters of other fraternities, but while it may be impossible for us to avoid this in some cases, still we know that the great body of men in all fraternities are gentlemen, and a merely local quarrel should never be allowed to extend beyond the borders of the chapter where begun; and even there should be settled as soon as circumstances will permit. Get us the good will of every Greek and we will have the good will of every Barbarian whose opinion can affect us. With this good will we will prosper, without it we can not.

Let us make the SCROLL interesting not only to all active members, but raise it to such a standard that our Alumni will look for it with pleasure, and having read it will realize anew that it is indeed a blessed thing to be a Phi.

Give us an enthusiastic Alumni and we need never fear lethargy in our chapters, and our conventions will be made such a season of reunion and rejoicing as has never been witnessed among Greeks. But while doing all in our power to improve the usefulness of the SCROLL, let us remember that it is only through its circulation that the greatest

possible good can be obtained. Therefore let everyone subscribe for it and see that his neighbors do likewise. Nothing does an old Phi more good than to feel that he is not only unforgotten, but that the active members feel an interest in him and are still claiming him as one of them. Let each one write to every alumnus whom he does not know to take the SCROLL, urging on him the necessity of his doing so. There are very few Phis out of college who would not subscribe if properly approached and urged to do so. Remember that every time you get a new subscriber, you regenerate a Phi, extend the usefulness of the SCROLL, and add to its financial standing. Of course we take for granted that all active members have subscribed. It is their positive duty, in obedience to law, and no Phi will disobey a law for the purpose of saving the price of subscription.

Now let us all see what we can do, for ourselves, the fraternity, and the SCROLL. Send in your news, articles, and subscriptions, and let us all be happy.

J. M. B.

CARD FROM SEC. G. C.

EDITOR SCROLL :

The Secretary of the General Council desires to call the attention of the chapters especially to those portions of the Minutes of the Convention relating to the change of the names of several chapters, viz.: Ohio Delta, Epsilon, Zeta and Eta to Ohio Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon respectively, &c.; and to the new plan of Provinces.

He would, also, request each chapter to be prompt and accurate in its replies to questions from the President of its Province. It is desired to make this feature of the new government as efficient as possible, and, with the coöperation of every chapter, it cannot fail to add strength to each chapter and to extend our boundaries and influence. From its very nature it must benefit most those chapters that are most cordial in coöperation.

It is desired that a full and complete report of the condition, needs, &c., of the Fraternity be made to each issue of the SCROLL. From this each chapter will be enabled to know accurately, it is hoped, the condition of the Fraternity as a whole, and the relative growth and strength of each Province and Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND.

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Sec. G. C.

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THE SCROLL extends the heartiest compliments of the season to its readers, with the hope of multiplied returns of these happy times to active and alumni members of Phi Delta Theta.

We are glad to present our convention poem as a Christmas offering to Phis, and this is just the season to imbibe the fraternal spirit of the sentiment contained therein. It will no doubt warm southern hearts to a greater love for our country, and should cause northern hearts to glow with that same brotherly charity and tenderness so clearly manifest in the closing lines. It is not our province to criticise the poem. We give it a hearty welcome to our Phi literature.

We hope to be able to give other portions of the literary exercises connected with the convention from time to time. Though not desiring to exclude other matter and not being willing to do so, yet we think the space that will be given to this end could not be better used.

The card from our S. G. C. explains itself, and we only desire to again call attention to the same in this space. Our S. G. C. is going to work earnestly in his sphere, and needs only the same spirit of activity among the chapters to make out of our new government just that which it is designed to be—the strongest and best fraternity gov-

ernment in the country. Under the present excellent officers that end seems to be rapidly drawing near.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the serious illness of our Treasurer of the G. C. A number of our Brothers have been aware of his being indisposed since his return from the convention, having contracted a malarial disorder while on that trip to Indianapolis. The latest advice concerning him is under date of Dec. 18th, from Mr. J. Burr Reddig, the father of our Treasurer, and in which he says: "Clarence has had no chill since Tuesday, slept right well last night and feels very comfortable this morning. The physician says that if he can prevent the chills from returning he will get along all right. We are taking the best care possible and admit no one to his room but those who wait on him." We assure the family of our Brother that they have the sympathy of a large brotherhood of hearts, and Phis all over the land are hoping with them for the speedy recovery of this member of their household.

Those having business with our Treasurer will understand why it is that they should not annoy him at this time. The editor of the SCROLL has undertaken to attend to matters demanding immediate attention in the way of correspondence, but of course cannot go beyond his prescribed limit. We think that by Jan. 1st Bro. R. will be able to receive letters again.

"A Brotherly Chat."

The article on another page under the above head should be read slowly. It comes to us entirely unsolicited, from the hand too of one of our Province Presidents, and hence we have no hesitancy in calling special attention to its contents and aim. It very clearly defines the duties of those who write for our columns, and for this we commend it to the careful reading of

all Phis; for we should like *all* Phis to use their pens for the benefit of the SCROLL, and through it for the benefit of Phi Delta Theta. At the same time, however, we fear that the author gives too absolute power into the hands of the editor of the SCROLL, and lest this idea may get into other heads we desire to lay down clearly the platform on which we stand and work.

In all that the SCROLL shall do or say, leave undone or unsaid, one principle shall govern its course, viz., *to guard and defend and extend the principles contained in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta.*

We have no axes to grind, no Phi should have, we have no favorites to help upward, all Phis are on an equal plane, and we have no desire to hold any place in the gift of the fraternity when another can be found to take up our cloak. We trust that these words are plain enough to leave no iota of our platform in obscurity. Of course we have our ambition—who has not? And our ambition is, our only ambition in connection with our present labor of love, to set forth the purity, the brotherly love, the truth, embodied in our Bond. Our ambition is to see our Brothers carry high our standard; to help them to a high, a true, a noble manhood—a manhood that shall make for themselves places of honor and trust, a manhood that shall shine out as a beacon-light in the darkness of life's storms, a manhood that shall bless the race. Using all our energies to this end we will not fail to carry out in life the import of our Bond.

We cannot too often call attention to the three-fold character of the teaching of Phi Delta Theta. And in this teaching we desire to place the moral element first, then the intellectual, then the social. Only with this

arrangement of parts can we fulfil the great end we desire to bring about in our organization.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

Vermont Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, Burlington,
Dec. 9th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Vermont Alpha has realized the expectations expressed in the October SCROLL, and still looks forward. We can tell of no new initiates, for that would be a rarity after the intense struggles of Sept. and Oct. The contest then was intense. But we have come out of it with an established place of honor and we feel like one who has *won* the battle—fresh and ready for more. The fight has left the glow of an athletic contest which was not pushed to the extreme.

We are sorry to say our friends, Sigma Phis, have not prospered as well as the Locals. Still, we hope that (after we're satisfied, of course) they'll meet prosperity. The Sigs offer more advantages with their six chapters than do the Locals. They are formed on a firm basis, have powerful alumni influences, and we hope that they will achieve success at the expense of our enemies.

If Bro. Owen returns, as expected, we will have 15 active members, and we expect one (may be two) more.

An "Owl" (Lambda Iota) left for the West Thursday, A. M. He has not seemed satisfied with his associates, and though this has not been the cause of his leaving college, I think he feels no regret in reducing the active membership of the "Owls."

While we have not hard work on initiations, we are making headway in other work. Our new men surprise us at every meeting (and we hope they'll surprise us with a new member, soon).

It is our intention to press the matter of correspondence. We shall probably at next meeting divide the chapters among our members for this purpose, and we take this opportunity to request those Brothers who would like correspondence with our chapter

to send us their names. We will endeavor to return a satisfactory reply in each case.

We had a visit from Bro. Woods, formerly '81, who has been in Canada, last meeting, and have had one from Bro. Bertrand ('80.) These visits are encouraging and lead us to trust we shall have more of them.

We meet regularly Saturday evenings through the term and would like to come together oftener.

Our nearest Phi neighbors are two Brothers of N. Y. Alpha, Bros. Balch and Boynton of St. Johnsburg. We shall endeavor soon to cultivate their personal acquaintance.

Bros. Kelley and Stearns of Ohio Epsilon, '79, now in Harvard Law, have promised to spend the Christmas vacation with us. We anticipate great pleasure and profit. They shall, if we can move their hard hearts, instruct us in many points in which we, as a new chapter, are weak.

Will each chapter send us a College Catalogue with Fraternity members marked? We will reciprocate.

Re-echoing the good wishes of Vermont Alpha, I am,

Yours Fraternally,

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND.

Pennsylvania Alpha.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa.,
Nov. 19th 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

First accept my hearty congratulations on the well earned and thoroughly deserved honor which the Fraternity has conferred upon you, by placing the SCROLL entirely under your supervision. It would scarcely be complimentary for me to say that it could not be in better hands. The SCROLL surely has a promising future.

When I last wrote you I did not realize that I was sending the dying wail of the NATIONAL GRAND. But such it has proved to be and I heartily concur in the change. There was entirely too much authority vested in one chapter under the old organization. It is much better to have the organized head of the Fraternity selected from the best men of the whole body. It was a step in the right direction. We are as a Fraternity steadily moving forward. Sure and grand is the conquest which the Shield and Dagger is making. The day is not far

distant, when from the coasts of Maine to the golden gates of California the ever watchful eye shall guard her myriads of noble sons—when our watchword shall ring along the lines from lip to lip, from heart to heart, uniting the East and West, the North and South in a glorious fraternity of true hearted Brothers.

The Penna. Alpha is in a flourishing condition. We have received into our number, since I last wrote you, Bros. Cattell, Ludlow, Earl and "Little Jakey Horner," all excellent students and enthusiastic Phis. Bro. McCauley came home from the convention filled with "good things" for us to hear, and even more than ever filled with devotion for the fraternity. My private opinion is that he is also filled with devotion in another direction. At least his "chum," judging from his own experience, thinks so.

I will close with an invitation to all Phis, who can, to come to the dedication of our new Pardee Hall, on Nov. 30th, built to replace the one which was burned down last year. We Phis are expecting the Hon. Alexander Ramsey, Sec. of War, to be here.

Yours in the Bond,

A. N. HAGERTY.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNA. COLLEGE.
Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 15th, 1880.

DEAR PHIS :

The first term of this college year has just closed at our institution, and we review the work done by our chapter with no little satisfaction. Beside the five new Brothers named in our October report we have badged another, James W. Shadle, of Oriole, Pa. Our rival fraternities acknowledge that we have taken the best material here for making Greeks. Several of our new Brothers have purchased badges, and we trust their example will be soon followed by all.

The work of the convention has been, in the main, acceptable to Pa. Beta. We had three representatives at Indianapolis, more we believe than any other chapter so far away. Bro. Reddig got too much of it for his bodily health—he has been very ill for more than a month at his home. We gave a special meeting to Bros. Dying and Troxell on their return, calling it "An evening at the Conven-

tion." Bro. D. reported as official delegate concerning the business transacted, while Bro. T. gave us reminiscences, word-pictures of prominent Brothers and other items of that kind. We all want to go to Richmond.

We have had very successful meetings during the term, having met weekly. Our regular business meetings are of course bi-weekly, but the off-night meetings have proved quite as interesting as those for business. We have had a special committee in charge of these off-night meetings and have had one evening devoted to debate, one to speeches of five minutes each on a certain topic, one to a spelling-bee, one to conversation, and so on. These will be varied still more next term. We commend such a series of meetings to our sister chapters. Conducted in a true Phi spirit they are very interesting and no less beneficial in instruction.

The convention of Sigma Chi, held recently in Washington, determined to attempt the publication of a frat. journal, and placed the matter in the hands of the chapter here. They are moving cautiously about the matter and have been advised by one of their former active members to publish a bi-monthly, six numbers a year. This frat. has not a strong governmental policy, and has heretofore depended solely upon chapter correspondence for information about their work. They have a number of *sub rosa* chapters, but have adopted resolutions of disfavor toward establishing others. Should this chapter have charge of the publication, Penna. College will be noted for its number of Greek editorial quills, for the four frats. represented here will then have an active part in their respective journalistic enterprises. The editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, the eastern editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the managers of the proposed Sigma Chi publication, and the editor of the Phi Delta Theta *SCROLL* are all members of chapters of these frats. located here. Can't we have some more distinction?

Penna. Beta sends out her best compliments to Phis all over the world at this glad season, and wishes a very merry and happy holiday season to all.

In the Bond of Phi-Del-ity,

REPORTER.

Ohio Gamma.

Athens, O., Nov. 1880.

DEAR EDITOR :

Since our last communication, we have added another to the list of Phi Delta Theta, and if reports are true, we shall add another to the same list, at the close of this week.

There are others who want to become members, but we look to the quality of our chapter and not to its numbers. We would like, if space would permit, to tell you of the jolly time we had at our last initiation. The candidate being of a good nature, we had nothing to fear, and so proceeded to give him one of the most complete forms of initiation known throughout the Phi kingdom.

Bro. Coultrap left last week, to take charge of a school. He is not very far from us, and we hope to receive a visit from him occasionally.

We were highly gratified by the reception of a catalogue, from Bro. T. W. Wilson, of the I. S. U., with the names of those belonging to our fraternity marked. We would be glad to receive one from Brothers of other chapters, similarly marked.

Anxiously awaiting the coming of the *SCROLL*, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

C. A. WRIGHT.

Ohio Epsilon.

BURTEL COLL., Nov. 25th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER PHIS :

The long looked-for *SCROLL* at last appeared, and the boys eagerly devoured its welcome sentiments. Since our last report the Delta Gammas, our sister fraternity, gave us a warm leap-year reception. We are upon the most friendly relations with a large majority of the ladies, and two of the Faculty are old Phis. We have taken in only one this time, a noble young Phi he is, Bro. Charles Wyandt.

We are not situated most favorably, having lost eleven members by the last two commencements, and three others having entered upon active life so that now we have only seven. But Bro. Sam. Thompson has spread such glowing accounts of the convention that we are all filled with new vigor, and Ohio Epsilon is more enthusiastic than ever.

We have one Frat. to contend with, the Delta Tau Delta, and we can shake heartily with Bro. Hollingsworth when he says that they are "rancid." They have twenty members, and they take all that they can get.

Bro. L. B. Buckingham has gone home to recuperate after a severe sickness. We hope, however, to see him back next term.

We heartily concur with the article headed "Chapter Correspondence," not through the SCROLL alone, but from chapter to chapter. It would give us more courage. Ohio Epsilon stands ready to correspond with any sister chapter.

Yours in the Bond,
F. O. PAYNE.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Since the last report from Alpha the goat has twice been exercised, and each time a good man was brought into the fold. One of them, Bro. Crandall, cost us a long struggle. The Sigs once had a firm grip upon him, and we thought sure he was quite beyond all hope of redemption, but quick and energetic work brought him back again to the right track, and where his inclinations naturally directed him. Bro. N. T. Smith was gently led into the proper path from the beginning, and was landed safely within a week after his arrival. What might have become of him had there not been good influences thrown about him from the first is difficult to say.

Good fraternity material is scarce now at the I. S. U., and as a result all the Frats. are holding on in the even tenor of their ways, with nothing to mar their felicity except an occasional "scorcher" from the "Official Head," i. e., Dr. Moss, who declares himself as first, last, and always opposed to the Fraternities; and conducts himself as the champion and patron of "Barbarism." This "Barbarism" ought perhaps to be encouraged in the centres of civilization, the colleges and universities, but it is difficult to make a Greek see it in that light.

With all of our success, however, we have had misfortune. Bro. Herman Finley conducted himself in a manner that is entirely inconsistent with the Fraternity's Bond, constitu-

tion and morals. He refused to reform and in consequence was expelled.

Several of our number went to the Convention. When any one of those who went begins to talk where there are any of those who did not go, those of the latter party quietly move off. Sometimes they seat themselves in some quiet corner and meditate, or whittle; sometimes they take a long walk, apparently for their health; but each time they vow that the next convention will find them attending, no matter what happens. The number of Phis at Indianapolis excited Bro. S. W. Bradfute so much that he was obliged to leave during the progress of the Convention and soothe his excitement by submitting himself to the treatment of one of the fair inhabitants of Shelbyville. He says he did not get back in time for the banquet, but — and he never gets any farther. Bros. Shirk and Banta hint that the reason S. W. would not stay for the banquet was because he feared he would get lost on the streets of Indianapolis, and, being an Editor, he would surely be taken for a tramp.

Trusting this number of the SCROLL will find each chapter in the tide rolling toward success,

In the Bond,
W. C. PALMER.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE,
Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 1880.

DEAR BROTHER EDITORS:

I am sorry Indiana Beta did not send in her report for last month, but owing to a rush of duties and perhaps her own negligence, no report was written. A word about the condition of our chapter. The Ind. Beta is not going to stick fast as was intimated at the beginning of the term by the other fraternities. On the contrary, we are alive and doing well. Only five of our number returned, but these five went to work in all earnestness so that now we number ten. Our new members are Brothers Cooter, Washburn, Harding, Dukes and Fink, all worthy of the name they bear. We were well pleased with the report we had of the late convention from our delegate, and wished we all could have been there.

Yours in the Bond,
TOM. C. HOOD.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, Ind., Dec. 18th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Our last report told you of our hopes. This will tell you of solid results. For the Ind. Gamma has triumphed and right gloriously. She hasn't lost a man she "spiked." We came back to college in September with a smaller number than is usual for this chapter even at the beginning of the year. Only nine returned, all however members of the regular college classes. We entered the field with the determination to make the campaign no less successful than preceding ones. And the result has fully reached our expectations. S. T. Burgess, Albert Newton, and O. M. Pruitt, the latter of whom had been besieged by the Betas for an indefinite period, were first enrolled under the banner of the White and Blue. But a few days had passed when Wm. M. Wright, A. H. Kuhns and Chas. B. Vawter were brought in, two of them from under the advice and counsels of Sigma Chi. And finally, notwithstanding the persuasions of Beta Theta Pi, Job C. Harriman entered our portal and is one of us.

We now number 16, Sigma Chi 10, Beta Theta Pi 5, and Delta Tau Delta 4, the latter two with one exception composed entirely of Preps. The other fraternities have been guilty of a good deal of evil aiming towards us during the past year but it seems to have kicked very hard and hurt worst the parties holding the gun. I hope none of our chapters will ever be guilty of anything otherwise than what is fair and honorable toward a chapter of another fraternity. A dishonorable act is sure to injure the perpetrator more than him against whom it is directed.

Our boys will never forget the glorious times of the Convention of '80. The brothers from the north, south, east and west whom we met there if we could not do much toward making their stay more pleasant may rest assured that the most pleasant memories of them are cherished by the Ind. Gamma. The warmhearted brothers whom we met there, from the venerable Bro. Morrison, the glorious Tompkins, the business looking Troxell, to the stately Palmer and the gentlemanly Lewis, will never be forgotten.

and the street car ride to Irvington,

the delegation, 50 strong, marching into chapel two by two with a stately tread led by Ind. Gamma's veteran hero "Senator" I. W. Christian, the courtly bearing of the wearers of the sword and shield, the neat welcoming speech of Prof. Benton, the three cheers each for Butler University, the Faculty, and the Ind. Gamma, will long be remembered at this institution. "What a fine-looking body of men," "what nice looking fellows," and kindred expressions are frequently heard from members of other fraternities and from the ladies.

The Hoosier line of Phi Delta Theta is solid. Indiana with six active and three alumni chapters sends greeting to her sister states. Phi Delta Theta, for a time in a waning condition in this State, has more than regained her former position of honor and power, and now stands preëminent in Indiana. The largest fraternity convention ever held has just adjourned at Indianapolis. Let us not imagine that further work is not needed. Eternal vigilance is the price of continued fraternity success as well as of liberty. The Phis of Indiana will not prove recreant to their trust, and they await a responsive echo from other States.

In the Bond,

C. L. GOODWIN.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, Ind., Nov. 3rd, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Our chapter is now enjoying the revival spirit which is the result of the Convention held so near us recently. Our delegate, Bro. Brown, was receptive as a sponge, and the boys are continually getting out of him the new things that are now a part of Phi Delta Theta. Several of our members visited the Convention during its sessions. We are proud of it and its work. Especially are we proud of that part of its wisdom which gave to us the presidency. But this matter is too near home for us to comment on it. Surely the Ind. Delta is favorably situated,—in the midst of prominent Alumni and under the fostering shadow of an alumni chapter.

Since our last report, Bro. Banker, who comes to us from New York city, has been born into the mystic order, in which so many of us just now feel more than an ordinary degree of pride.

Bro. Walter B. Palmer was here at the initiation of Bro. Banker, and surely we must say his presence added to the dignity of the occasion.

We anticipate there will be a want of space in the SCROLL on account of Convention news and so will make our report short. Fraternally,
J. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Epsilon.

Hanover, Ind., Nov. 10th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

We failed to send our report to the last number of SCROLL, but we do not intend that the Indiana Epsilon shall be neglectful either of her report or anything else, so long as the fraternity's zeal has not diminished.

Six new members have signed the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, and all of them are fully worthy of the shield and dagger, and will greatly aid the good cause.

We have four fraternities to contend with here, the Sigma Chi being our greatest rival.

We have more members enrolled this year than we have had for several years, and the Indiana Epsilon bids fair to become a strong chapter.

We were well pleased with the proceedings of the convention, and extend our most sincere thanks to the Brothers for the kindness they showed and the interest they took in the Indiana Epsilon.

In the Bond,
F. M. LEE.

Indiana Zeta.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.
Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 6th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

I have not much of importance to communicate this month. Bro. A. Stephenson has left us and is wielding the rod in northern Illinois. He will return the third term, but we regret his absence for so short a time. The Junior performance of Asbury took place Nov. 18th, 20th and 21st. The Phis were represented by Bros. Elrod, Wilson, Burnside, Hart and Crews, all of whom acquitted themselves nobly—so says the audience. Bro. S. H. Elrod is our candidate for the position of delegate to the State Oratorical convention. No doubt, he will be elected.

We are in a prosperous condition,

take in a man now and then, and do our best for Phi Delta Theta.

Yours in the Bond,
J. E. CREWS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Illinois Delta.

Galesburg, Ill., Nov. 10th, 1880.

DEAR PHIS :

Our Cor. Sec., Bro. Wheeler, has requested me to write our chapter report, as he is pressed for time.

Our chapter here is imbued with the right kind of enthusiasm, and though small at present, is determined that, if possible, it shall be one of the solid chapters represented at Richmond in '82. While at Indianapolis, I sent to the Brothers papers containing our proceedings. They were so well pleased with the reports that on my return I was greeted with a cheer on my entrance into chapel. I accepted the compliments, with thanks, in the name of the convention, for which they were meant, of course.

This is the first time since our re-organization, that our prospects have been more encouraging than those of the Delta Tau Delta's. They have four good men, but have not gained one this year, and probably will not this term. We will initiate another man in a few days.

Knox College, in this city, is anti-frat., and for some years has had no fraternities. It is an excellent college, with 400 students, and now a dozen of them have applied to the Beta Theta Pi for a charter. If any frat. enters Knox, ought not we? I should like to hear an expression of opinion on the subject.

Yours in the Bond,
MILO C. SUMMERS.

Illinois Epsilon.

Normal, Ill., Nov. 11th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Illinois Epsilon is at last established on a sure foundation. We sent our delegate to the convention. We have eleven members, four old and seven new. We now have scarcely any opposition as the Phi Gams are rapidly passing away. The names of the new members are as follows: Bros. Kimball, Jones, Higbee, English, Ruby, McFadden, and McCormick.

Yours in the Bond,
N. K. McCORMICK.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Virginia Delta.

900 W. Franklin St.,
Richmond, Dec. 10 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

At the beginning of the session eight Delta boys were back ready for work. Since that time two have been added to our ranks, and we hope soon to initiate another. The "babies" are P. W. Noland and J. L. Lawless. They are both fine men and already valiant Phis. The former lives in the city and will help us greatly there. The latter is a graduate in the Theological Seminary at Louisville, and will assist us much in overcoming the opposition to fraternities. When he appeared with our badge, the dismay and sorrow of the other fraternity men and of the ministerials was evident.

With a self denial worthy of so noble a cause, we have bought for our hall a very nice organ, using the money that would otherwise have been spent for suppers, or "B. W's" as we call them. Bro. Tanner and Bro. Bryan, who are both organists at large churches in the city, give us many choice selections, and we now allow Bro. Sands to sing. The solemnity of our last initiation was much enhanced by the use of the organ.

Though late, I wish to chronicle the marriage of Bro. C. W. Tanner to Miss Hardgrove, which occurred Sept. 15. Bro. Tanner is one of the truest Phis in the land. Though it is now over two years since he left college, he has only missed one or two meetings, and even now comes as regularly as ever. He says his love for Phi Delta Theta grows stronger every day.

The wave of enthusiasm which was started by the grand Convention in Indianapolis, lost little of its power in getting to Virginia. Our delegate gave us interesting accounts of men, speeches and proceedings. We published several extracts from Indianapolis papers in our city journals. The Betas took one article as an attack upon them, and made a very bitter article against us. In reply we published an able letter from Bro. Troxell which fully answered all their false charges. We think the work of the convention highly satisfactory. We feel proud that one of the Province Presidents (Bro. Lyman Chalkley) is a Delta boy. We are also much de-

lighted that the next convention will meet here. We will try to make it a success, and promise all who will come an old Virginia welcome.

At college we are doing right well. Our boys stand well in their classes, and are leaders in all games, such as foot ball and base ball. At the last election in the Mu Sigma Rho literary society, Phis were elected to fill four of the most important offices.

We are all delighted with the SCROLL in its new dress, and know that all will go well under the editorship of our "tried and true" Troxell. Speaking of this reminds me that the long talked of organ of the Alpha Tau Omega, has at last made its appearance. It is called the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*. It is edited in Richmond, and will be published five times a year. It is in magazine form and not *sub rosa*.

Being anxious to be in time for December SCROLL I have written *currente calamo*.

In the Bond,
GEO. B. TAYLOR, JR.

Tennessee Alpha.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec., 1880.

ED. SCROLL :

We are all delighted with the new form our always welcome organ has assumed, and think it very much superior and preferable in every respect to the old style SCROLL.

The membership of our chapter as that of the University, continues to be on the rapid increase. At present the number of students enrolled in the various schools of the Vanderbilt is between seven and eight hundred, and more are coming in every day. This, of course, gives us a broad and ample field in which to labor, and since we are rivalled by no other fraternity, we can be exceedingly choice in the selection of men who are fit and worthy to become Phis. We expect to make this our most successful year, and the earnestness, good will and harmony with which our men are working for the cause, bespeaks no disappointment. If it were not for fear that a copy of the SCROLL might fall into the hands of the faculty, I would like to give the names of some of our *little* men who seem at all times willing to think and act, not only for the good of our individual chapter, but for the

welfare and prosperity of the fraternity in general. The fact that the delegates would not give Nashville the next convention is greatly deplored by us all. We have a much more central point than Richmond and think we ought to have had it. We will put in for the convention of 1884 right now! Our Sub Rosa chapter sends her best love all along the lines.

Yours in the Bond,
ED. H. PRICE.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.
Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 28th 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

I take great pleasure in informing you that the affairs of the S. C. Alpha are in a flourishing condition. On the 30th of Oct. we initiated into the secrets of our Order, A. Cannon, class of '83, J. B. A. Pyatt, and A. W. Edens, class of '84, who heartily join with us in working for the interests of our fraternity.

We now have twelve active members, all of whom are laboring with increased energy, being led on by the hope that before the end of this term the Phi Delta Theta fraternity will be the leading one at Wofford College.

Thinking that the welfare of our fraternity lies not in the quantity but in the quality of its members, we have labored accordingly, and, I am happy to say, our labor has not been in vain. With love to all our Brothers, I remain

Yours in the Bond,
A. G. REMBERT.

Georgia Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.
ATHENS, GA., Oct. 21, 1880

DEAR SCROLL:

Never before perhaps, since the establishment of our fraternity at the Univ. of Ga., have the affairs of our chapter been in a more prosperous and gratifying condition, especially at such an early period of the college year. Nearly all of the undergraduate members have returned, and having added to this number five accessions, and one, Bro. C. H. Hamilton, transferred from Ga. Gamma, our membership now amounts to fifteen, with favorable indications of several more additions at our next meeting. We have

just carpeted and refurnished our hall and we take occasion here so say to our Brothers at large that we believe Bro. Dorsey to be the most liberal Phi in Ga. Bro. McIntosh of the Ga. Beta, who is Prof. of Music at Emory College, was with us at our last meeting, and highly entertained the chapter with a judicious and spicy speech. He gave more wholesome advice than we ever heard in the same length of time and expressed in the same number of words. Bro. Brantley, our former C. S., will not return to college this year, and is now teaching school in the southern part of the state. Bro. Acosta will also not return.

At our last meeting of last year, C. C. Richardson, a member transferred from Ga. Gamma to our chapter, was expelled from the Fraternity. He was accused of cheating on the final examinations, and after a fair trial by his class was found guilty. Three of our members preferred charges against him, and the Warden summoned him to trial, but refusing to appear for trial, he withdrew from the college on the following morning in a disgraceful manner, and at our next regular meeting he was expelled as above stated.

In concluding this, my first communication to the SCROLL, I tender the congratulations and wishes of my chapter to the Brothers in the Bond throughout the country, and hope for the Fraternity at large an illustrious and prosperous year.

Yours fraternally,
C. J. HOOD.

Georgia Gamma.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.
MACON, GA., Oct. 23d. 1880.

DEAR PHIS:

We send a happy greeting to every Phi in America, or elsewhere, and ask them to be patient while we inform them of new laurels that our chapter has twined around the name of our beloved fraternity.

At our last commencement our boys bore off the first and second honors of the Senior class, and the first prize of the Sophomore declamation. Of the thirteen who composed our chapter last session, nine had their names inscribed on the roll of honor, of their respective classes, and the same num-

ber received speakers' places. We are far ahead of the other fraternities here, and are determined to keep the lead. We have taken in two new members this session, who will prove noble Phis. The other fraternities worked faithfully for them, but we triumphed, as usual.

After spending a pleasant vacation among our dear parents and friends, we have returned to our duties, feeling fresh, and prepared for the work of the ensuing year.

Wishing each chapter of our dear fraternity the utmost success in all their undertakings I am,

Yours in the Bond,
JOHN P. ROSS.

Alabama Alpha.

A & M. COLLEGE,
AUBURN ALABAMA, NOV. 9th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Since my last writing we have initiated into our fold a man from our Senior class, a man full grown in intellectual attainments. In procuring this man we get the best debater and one of the most influential men in college. We now have fifteen in our flock. We are all enthusiastic Phis and are working for the promotion of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. I have read the proceedings of our convention and during the perusal I could hardly restrain my pride from giving utterance to three cheers for the Phis. Hoping our cause will advance as gloriously the next two years as it has the past two, I am

Yours in the Bond,
JOS. CALLAWAY.

Miss. Alpha.

UNIVERSITY MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISS., Oct. 24th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

We are again thoroughly organized for another year's work, and we hope to accomplish it much more effectively and better than ever before. We have made a very good beginning considering the opposition we have to contend with. We have taken in seven good men, and we now number seventeen. Our chapter is established as firm as the "Rock of Ages," and our motto shall ever be "Onward." You may always expect to hear good reports from this chapter, for we generally manage to get men who have the good

of the Fraternity at heart, and who will do their best for its advancement. Grasping the hand of every Phi in cordial greeting, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TEHUACANA, TEXAS, November, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

We had but five men to begin with, and one of them, Bro. J. H. Gillespie, will move to Arlington, North Texas, very soon. Bro. J. R. Bell will meet with us occasionally during the session. We have a prospect of increasing our membership by one or two, soon. There were formerly two opposing frats. in the University, but there is but one now whose opposition amounts to anything, that one being Beta Theta Pi; Alpha Gamma having become almost extinct. Bro. Cone, who visited us during our Commencement in June, and, by the way, as fine a gentleman as I ever met and as true a Phi as I ever expect to see, suggested the idea of lifting the Alpha Gammas. This we did not approve, as they have some men Phi Delta Theta don't want, though at the same time they have men Phi Delta Theta would be glad to have. To avoid taking the whole chapter, we are going to work on those we want and will let the others remain. Bro. Cone tells me they have but two or three chapters in existence.

Texas Beta expects to do more good work internally this year than ever before; expects, or at least ardently hopes, to get her affairs in a business shape. She has been represented at our glorious convention, and will do all in her power to promote the true principles of Phi Delta Theta in the Lone Star State. With love to all, I am

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK N. DRANE.

Alabama Alpha Alumni.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Oct. 28th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

By the untiring energies of Bro. Alva Fitzpatrick and co-operation of other Phis an Alumni chapter has been organized here. We are glad to be known as the Alabama Alpha alumni, and will ever strive to maintain that position which in justice to its proud name should be claimed.

Could some one of our brethren have been with us the night we "set the ball rolling," and viewed us in our little attic chamber where nothing but the mute wall and four solid Phis witnessed the organization, their just verdict would have been that those boys mean to organize Phi Delta Theta in Montgomery.

Though few in number we expect to plant a chapter here that will not be a thing of a season, but will stand the test of time and grow stronger as the years roll on. Our object is to build a chapter here that will be an honor to the Fraternity, and reflect credit upon Phi Delta Theta in Southland. We shall watch every opportunity to organize college chapters in all the first-class institutions in our state. We will do our best to revive our Alabama Alpha at the State University. We love Phi Delta Theta, the name breathes around us the pure incense of brotherly affection which the barbarian cannot claim. Four of us were born of Ala. Beta, and nurtured under her generous care, consequently we call this chapter the child of Ala. Beta. Love to the Brotherhood and a prosperous year.

Yours in the Bond,
W. J. ORUM.

PERSONALS.

Bro. W. H. H. Raleigh, Ill. A., '60, is attorney and credit man for the staunch firm of Hodges Bros., Baltimore, Md., and has held the position for seven years. His address is 23 Hanover street.

Bro. C. W. Daniel, Texas Alpha '79, is engaged in ministerial work near Wortham, Texas. He is but a few miles from Tehuacana and can often pay the Alpha boys a visit.

Bro. S. E. Kennon, Texas Alpha, '79, is preaching at Weatherford, Texas. He speaks of visiting the Phis at Tehuacana soon.

Bro. W. H. Cowan, Texas Alpha, '79, is attending medical lectures at Vanderbilt University.

Bro. R. S. Moore, Ind. G., Seymour, Ind., furnishes music on all important occasions in the city. Bro. M. is a model alumnus and frequently sends encouraging letters to his chapter showing as deep interest in Phi Delta Theta as ever.

Bro. Chas. Winston, charter mem-

ber of Mo. Beta, holds a position under the St. Louis and Vicksburg Line S. Ship Co., and is an enthusiastic Phi. His address is 2227 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. J. H. Dortch, Tenn. Beta, '78, is joint editor of the *Southern (Tenn.) Falcon*, an eight page weekly paper, ably conducted.

Bro. H. D. Howren, Ga. Gamma, '80, has been nominated for the Legislature in one of the largest counties of Florida. It was conceded at Emory that there had never been a more brilliant speaker in the college. Being yet so young the nomination is a very high compliment, and promises a distinguished career.

Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Ky. Alpha, '77, has been elected for his fourth term in Congress from the same district which Henry Clay formerly represented.

Bro. Wilbur F. Smith, Va. Delta, is vice-principal of a large public school in Baltimore, Md. He was one of the charter members of the Delta. His address is 86 N. Gilmer St.

Bro. D. C. Porter, Penna. Alpha, preached recently at Delaware, Ohio. He was welcomed by the Ohio Delta Phis, who admired his preaching very much. He has just returned from Scotland, where he graduated at the Edinboro' School of Theology.

Bro. Tom H. McConica, Ohio Delta, was a delegate from his county to the Republican congressional convention.

Bro. Cyrus Huling, Ohio Delta, is practising law in Columbus, Ohio. May success attend him.

Bro. Chas. T. Noland, Mo. Beta, who was the successful contestant for the medal in the Inter-State Oratorical contest at Chicago, in '76, is making a place for himself at the St. Louis bar.

Bro. R. E. Ball, Mo. Beta, is occupying the assistant's chair in the school of mathematics at Central College of Mo.

Bro. R. W. Freeman, Tenn. Alpha, '79, is now doing a splendid business at the bar in Newnan, Ga.

Bro. A. S. Jones, Ga. Delta, '75, is now President of College Temple, situated at Newnan, Ga., and one of the best institutions of learning in the South. Bro. Jones is a good and enthusiastic Phi and is gaining a high reputation as an instructor.

Bro. H. B. Phillips, Tenn. Beta, '80, is practising law in Jacksonville, Fla. He is a member of the firm of Whitney and Phillips.

Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. A., '55, the Historian of our late convention, has just taken a winter trip to Florida.

Bro. C. W. Bixby, Pa. A., '76, has a good position in 2nd Nat. Bank, Wilkesbarre, Pa., and sends his check for SCROLL. He wants to see any Phis who happen to come around W. —wants them to try his steel horse.

Bro. C. J. Reddig, Treas. G. C., has been very ill since the convention at his home in Shippensburg, Pa. He is now, we are most happy to say, slowly convalescing. See editorial note.

Bro. J. W. Fleet, Va. Delta, '78-'79, was a delegate to the Virginia State Democratic Convention, which met in Richmond, May 17th, 1880.

Bro. Chas. M. Shields, M. D., Va. Delta, '75-'76, has recently been elected Adjunct Professor of Anatomy in the Richmond Medical College.

Bro. Wm. A. Carrington, Va. Beta, '77-'78, is farming near Richmond, Va.

Bro. J. W. Boyd, Va. Delta, '77-'78, expects to commence the practice of law in Buchanan, Va., soon.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon, two Freshman secret societies at Yale, have been abolished by vote of the faculty. The former was organized in 1845, the latter in 1840.

Sigma Chi claims Dr. Moss as a member of her chapter at the Indiana University. This must be a mistake, as the Doctor is quite radical in his opposition to fraternities.

Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta are making attempts to enter University of Pa.

Phi Kappa Psi has had another chapter placed on her dead list, the chapter at Bethany College, Va., having been abolished because of internal dissensions.

Chi Phi and Phi Gamma Delta have chapters at Muhlenburg College, although according to a late catalogue from that institution students are advised not to join fraternities because of questionable utility.

Phi Kappa Psi's chapter at Johns

Hopkins is a failure—one of the members of the chapter confessed he had not been at a meeting for six months.

At the Chi Phi's convention at Allentown, Pa., in October, the orator and poet were quite young men. The former, Rev. A. C. Powell, of Cincinnati, graduated in '76, and the latter, C. R. Whipple, of Nashville, in '74. Chi Phi wants to have some alumni chapters.

Phi Kappa Psi is working to enter Brown, and Phi Gamma Delta, Boston University.

Alpha Delta Phi owns chapter houses at Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams and Cornell; and "Samuel Eels Memorial Hall" at Hamilton is nearly completed. The chapters at Michigan U., Wesleyan and Kenyon have each bought a building lot and have a building fund. Their other chapters have taken no steps to procure any.

Iowa University revoked its prohibition of fraternities last year. Who will enter?

Kappa Alpha (northern), founded in 1825, is an entirely social fraternity. Until 1836, its name was simply the English letters K. A., but the Greek letters Kappa Alpha, were then adopted. In 1868, at Cornell, Mr. M. M. Leggett, previous to an intended initiation, was led blindfolded outside the town. He fell over the banks of a ravine and was afterwards picked up dead. This barbarous form of initiation we hope has been changed. The Pres. is denoted by the sun, the V. Pres. by the moon, and the other officers by the signs of the zodiac.

The twelfth biennial convention of the Sigma Chi was held at Washington, D. C., Nov. 16-18. Fifty attended the banquet, (one-fourth as many as Phi Delta Theta had), and an ample flow of wit and wine is said to have followed. Their next convention will be held in Chicago, 2nd Tuesday in November, 1882.

Sigma Alpha (Black Badge) is reported to us as having disbanded formally at their last convention, a statement to this effect being made by one of their members. The fraternity was organized at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., in 1859, by 14 men. The war stopped its growth for 10 years, and it has never attained much greatness, having established but nine college chapters all told.

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THE CONVENTION HISTORY.

BY JUDGE D. D. BANTA, IND. ALPHA, '55.

Written for the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, held in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26-29, 1880, and read by the Historian at the Public Literary exercises, Park Theatre, Friday evening of the Convention.

The old Greeks were a wise people. They had their philosophers and their orators, their poets and their painters. They could, I have heard it said, read Greek without the aid of "grammars and graduses, dictionaries and lexicons." And yet, with all their wisdom and all their learning, they never dreamed of the potency that lurked in the combinations of certain letters of their own alphabet. To the wise Plato, or the stormy Demosthenes, phi delta theta, phi psi, or beta theta pi, had no more significance than p d q, l m or x y z have to us. Wise and learned as their people were, they never knew the possibilities of their own letters. We, as Greeks of a more favored age, may regret the fate that withheld the knowledge and barred the youthful academician from sporting a badge, or spiking a freshman fresh from the "Thessalian plains."

Sober history tells us that from the time of the subversion of the Western Empire, the knowledge of Greek letters ceased to be cultivated throughout Europe, until in the fourteenth century, when their study was revived, and under the teaching of the school-masters of that and the succeeding ages, great progress was made therein. It is an interesting chapter relating to this period, which records the importance attached to the study of Greek letters in the revival of learning.

There has been a second revival in Greek letters—a revival which the school-masters of the time have not been so zealous to promote as have their students; but it has been of so recent a date that the historians have not as yet transcribed an account of it in their commonplace books, much less put it in their history books; and it is to this revival that we owe this meeting to-night.

Of all the years that have come and gone since puritan and cavalier

first made them homes in the New World, 1776 shines with the most enduring luster. Americans all look back to that as the natal year of their country's glory, and the sixty-five thousand Greeks of the United States see in it, in addition, the natal year of the Greek Society. For in this year a select band of students of William and Mary's College first pressed into cabalistic service Greek letters. They organized the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which has in some sort been the parent of all the Greek fraternities since organized in the United States.

History teaches us that the advent of every living institution is followed by a period of slow development and growth. This has been true of the Greek fraternity. The Phi Beta Kappa was originally a class fraternity—its membership being limited to the senior class, and for forty-five years it was the only fraternity known. Five years after its advent, William and Mary's College suspended because of the war and the fraternity went with it; nor was it re-established in that venerable institution until 1850, nearly seventy years after its suspension, when it was discovered that its president, then an "old, old man," was still living and its records had been cared for by the Virginia Historical Society. But before its suspension Chapters had been established at Hartford and Yale, and shortly after a Chapter at Dartmouth.

As the thought of the country climbed out of the colonial ruts and took to new paths, and men began reaching out for new methods, the young collegians developed a wish for that closer union of congenial minds which the college fraternity is supposed to give. The Phi Beta Kappa had answered the purpose during the war and for many years after. There were but few colleges in the land then, and in these few fraternity ideas were of slow growth. It was not till 1821 that we find an account of the organization of a second fraternity, which was at Yale—Chi Delta Theta, but this, too, was a class fraternity. None but seniors were eligible to its membership. In 1823 the Chi Phi, a "Select Literary Society," was established at Princeton, but an opposing faculty soon stamped it out of existence.

The time had now come when these class Greek Societies no longer satisfied the students' demands. They were too narrow and illiberal. In the march of events the walls of separation between college classes had been broken down, the democratic element had intruded itself and the demand of the hour was for a Greek Fraternity in which senior, junior, sophomore and freshman could meet on common ground. In 1825 this demand was met in the organization of the Kappa Alpha at Union College, which, according to Baird, the author of the "American College Fraternities," and from which work many of these facts are

drawn, conformed very nearly in its "practice and principles" to the system of Greek Societies now in vogue. From this time on the increase in new Fraternities and in the number of Greeks has kept pace with the expectations of the most ardent of the Brotherhood. In 1830 the number of Fraternities (not Chapters, but Fraternities) was six; in 1840 it was eleven; in 1850, twenty-five; in 1860, thirty-two; in 1870, forty-five, and there are to-day no less than sixty-five in the United States, having nearly 500 living Chapters, with a membership of over 65,000.

It was not until 1834 that the Greeks ventured to set foot across the mountains. Our new colleges here in the West were not, it may be surmised, inviting fields in which to plant Chapters, and Eastern men were slow to recognize merit in the West, even where it did appear. In that year—1834—the Alpha Phi, a Union College fraternity, chartered a Chapter at the Miami University, then the leading institution in the Mississippi Valley; but it was eleven years before another Chapter from an Eastern college came to a Western school.

But the Alpha Phi boys had sown the "Dragon's teeth." One Chapter at Miami created a demand for another, and the Eastern Greeks holding back, the Miami boys took up the trade of fraternity-making for themselves. In 1839 they turned out the Beta Theta Pi, our elder brother, which was the first Greek fraternity originated in the Mississippi Valley.

The spirit of Greek fraternityship must have ever run high among the Miami students. In 1848 they again invoked their handicraft, and this time the Phi Delta Theta, our own fraternity, the second originating in the Valley, was sent out to push its way in the fraternity world, and right well has it pushed that way. I must say, when, after twenty-five years buffeting with a stubborn world, I turned back in memory to my collegiate days, and looked the ground over as well as I could from those days down to these, I was amazed at the wonderful progress Phi Delta Theta has made.

When I was made a Phi, six years after the fraternity's organization, there were only four Chapters, with a membership all told of about one hundred. The Miami brethren seem to have felt their way with great caution. In 1849, the next year succeeding their organization, they chartered their first Chapter. This was at the Indiana University. In 1852 the Kentucky Alpha at Center College, and the Indiana Beta, at Wabash, were planted. From the first catalogue of the fraternity, which was published by Rev. Robert Morrison, one of the founders of

the organization, in 1860, it appears that the Chapters by that time had increased to eleven, and the membership, all told, was 295.

With the advent of the war our prosperity came to an end. Instead of organizing new Chapters, some already organized died. For five years there was scarcely any growth, but the fraternity spirit did not die. The old fires were kept a smoldering, and no sooner had the clash of war ceased than they burst into a blaze, and have burned brightly ever since. The missionary spirit has taken hold of the active members, and they have carried the Phi banners East, West, North and South. In looking over the data furnished me, I find that Phi songs are sung beyond the Sierras; that the shield and dagger are worn away down in the Palmetto State, and that some daring missionary has not scrupled to organize a chapter away up in the Green Mountain State. In nineteen States of the Federal Union the fraternity has, at this time, thirty-nine living Chapters, located in as many colleges and universities, with a membership of not less than 3,000.

At the beginning of the year 1865 the membership, as we have seen, did not exceed 300. At the close of the year it was less than 400—probably 375—but during the fifteen years that have intervened since then the increase has been not less than 2,600, which is an increase of almost 175 per year. Truly there has been a marvelous growth.

It is the custom of the Phi Delta Theta, on these auspicious occasions, to make room for the Historian, but their custom wisely limits him, I am told, to a very short time for his exercise. The time has not yet come for writing the history of Phi Delta Theta. History, like confidence, is a plant of slow growth. It is built up from the accretions of the years. The old Phis and the young are the workers who are building that history—some in one field and some in another. It is “here a little and there a little”—a step this year and a step next year. But the old Phis, like angels’ visits, are “few and far between.” Counting those as old who were made Phis before the war, and we have seen that they did not exceed 300, and the angel of death has ever been reaping among them as well as among all others. Against how many of their names

“The fatal asterisk of death is set!”

Standing here as I do, and speaking in some sort for the older members of the Brotherhood, I think I may say for them that they have so far fought the battle of life without dishonor to themselves or to you. How are you young men fighting it? You have the numbers, but it takes much besides numbers to make history. It takes action—the action of men—the action of strong and right minded men.

The time may come when more aggressive fraternities will moot the question: Why should the Phi Delta Theta longer live? And the answer to be a worthy one, or should the question ever come, must be found in the lives of the Brotherhood. To the great, busy, work-a-day world the name Phi Delta Theta has no significance, unless made significant by the names of her men. The order can shine and shine only by the light reflected from her own sons. Let these be true to their order and to themselves, and there will not only be a reason apparent to the world at large for prolonged fraternity life, but the time will soon come when there will be a glorious history to write.

AN EVIL ILLUSTRATED.

DEAR SCROLL:

It is my desire to call the attention of the members of the Fraternity to something which in my opinion is of the utmost importance. It is this: When a student not a member of any fraternity leaves a college where is established a chapter of our fraternity, and goes to another college where we also have a chapter, it should be the duty of the last mentioned chapter, before electing that student a member of our fraternity, to write to the other chapter, or to some one member of that chapter, enquiring about the standing, the behavior and the relationship that existed between that student and the members of our fraternity at the first mentioned chapter. But some Brother will say, "I don't see the use of all this labor and waste of time; and, besides, during the time spent in this laborious correspondence, another fraternity may secure a man that would have reflected credit and honor upon our order." This is so, Brother, but it is better to lose ninety and nine, yea, nine hundred and ninety-nine good men, than to get in one with whom it would be impossible for some members of our fraternity to associate.

To give you an instance of this. About two years ago two students left the college which is my own *alma mater*, and entered another college in another state. While at our college they were detested and abhorred by the majority of the students, including most of the members of our chapter. It will not do to go into particulars, for those men are now members of our fraternity. However, this I will say: by our men they were thought to possess none of the attributes which in our opinion are requisite for one to become a Phi. These two youths had no sooner entered the other college than they were taken in by our chapter at that college! And this was not all: by that chapter

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they were spoken of as if they were paragons, and endowed with intellectual capacities far superior to the rest of the Phis! Whilst when they were students at our college, one was considered a little better than a fool, and the other, which by some is thought as bad, a pedant.

Under these circumstances there was one of two things left for us to think; either that we were incapable of judging of the merits of men with whom for two years we were associated, or (what was more natural) that the chapter, of which these men became members on a two months association, was composed of weaker material than ours. When the news of the initiation of these men reached our chapter there was general dissatisfaction, and the feeling went so far that two or three spoke of withdrawing from the fraternity, stating that they could not call those men brothers, or associate with them as such. This is no phantasm of the imagination conjured up for the purpose of writing; but is, I am grieved to say, too true. And this is not the only instance of the kind. Not three weeks ago I was conversing with a brother from another state on this subject, and he told me of a case of the same kind which occurred at his college. It was somewhat as follows: A student at this college not a member of any fraternity, made all manner of fun of our fraternity and did everything he could to the detriment of the same. This student on leaving this college and going to another was immediately initiated by our chapter in the latter college! Now is it reasonable to suppose that those students who were ridiculed by this man could feel toward him as toward other members of the fraternity? All of these differences could have been obviated by a correspondence between the two chapters.

Let us in the selection of men think as Pope thought "that a *little* learning (knowledge?) is a dangerous thing," and let us endeavor to increase our knowledge of men. Doing this we will "march onward and upward and true to the line." Doing this our standard will march in the van of the fraternities and nothing will be able to withstand our pervading and permeating influence. The neglect of this may eventually cause a discord among our members that may rend asunder the unity and brotherly love in which we as a fraternity stand pre-eminent. This to some may seem unimportant, but remember, that

"A pebble in the streamlet scant,
Has turned the course of many a river;
A dew drop, on the body plant
Has warp'd the great oak tree forever."

"C."

“BREADTH AND STRENGTH.”

By the formation of Vt. A., Phi Delta Theta made a long step eastward and northward. This step has, no doubt, excited much comment among the fraternities of the East, to whom such a step seemed one of daring scarcely comprehensible. That even such a progressive fraternity as Phi Delta Theta should attempt to storm the long established in their strongholds, surprised many Frats. in a manner far from pleasant.

Prophecies of speedy death were cheap at any price—indeed, could be had without asking. The opposition was strenuous. It took the form of the most virulent slander, abuse and misrepresentation. Perhaps the Locals, who tried to suppress the movement, and who said it would be short-lived, were prophetic, but missed the right application. More likely they were apprehensive of their own safety and their prophecies were but the voicings of their fears.

The chapter of Sigma Phi, the only chartered Fraternity then at Vt. University, seemed to keep a strict neutrality, and then became quite friendly.

This, then, was the state of affairs at the end of the college year: Local opposition, chapter neutrality and a general watching for the September test.

Active and hard work on the part of all the Frats. was the order of the day. The result of Phi Delta Theta work fully assures the success of the eastward movement.

The movement has, it seems, stirred the more conservative element of Phi Delta Theta, and the result is the article in the June SCROLL.

Breadth, accompanied by proportional strength, is as desirable in the Fraternity as in the individual growth. The fact that one makes progress in the attainment of a desired object is in itself a sufficient incentive to further action. There is no greater incentive to study than a reasonable pride in one's attainments; while the attainments aid to further progress.

The knowledge that our glorious Phi Delta Theta is worthy the most exalted pride, will ever increase our zeal, our energy in her behalf; call up in her behalf resources of which we never dreamed.

What, then, must be the result? Our beloved Phi Delta Theta will grow dearer; we will endeavor to better live up to her requirements. Our standard of scholarship must be raised. The effect upon the character of each member must be of an elevating nature.

With our growth in extension and power, our real character as a Fraternity must become better known. Confidence in us will be unquestioned. Our choice of members must then be nearly equivalent to pledges on the part of those invited. In other words, we will have our choice, absolute and final.

Each extension must, as urged, be in the right direction. With the elements of dissension among its members a chapter cannot hope to succeed. Nor with its members deficient in energy, will, or intelligence, can there be success.

It is the purpose of this article to tell the other chapters that Vermont Alpha possesses unanimity, and hopes that her future record will show an average supply of the elements of success. It is Vt. A.'s desire that the eastward movement may succeed in every particular and that Phi Delta's prosperity may be assured forever. H. L. V. N.

SOMETHING ABOUT CHI PHI.

The account Chi Phi has given of its origin is, that it was founded in 1824, at Princeton, by Dr. John McLean, Ex-Pres. of that college; that it was a secret literary society until about 1830, when it died; that in 1854 John McLean, Jr., found its constitution and records; and that, as he was then organizing a fraternity at Princeton, he adopted this society's name and date. From this it is claimed that Chi Phi is one year older than Kappa Alpha (northern), and the oldest fraternity in existence. It is also asserted that all the original records were destroyed by a fire at Princeton in 1858, a chapter having been started at Franklin and Marshall in 1856.

This account having been published by the Cornell chapter in the students' annual, a member of Kappa Alpha, knowing that Dr. McLean had always strongly opposed fraternities, wrote him, and received from him a letter denying that he ever had anything to do with Chi Phi or any other secret fraternity, and expressing his belief that Chi Phi did not exist at Princeton prior to 1854. The correspondence was published in the *Cornell Era*, and created quite a stir. The historian of the fraternity wrote to the *Era*, acknowledging that Chi Phi has to give up the claim that it was founded by Dr. McLean, but holding still that it was founded in 1824, because, he says, there are 3 Chi Phis, now living, who say they once saw a book which contained the records of a Chi Phi society, and had on it the date 1824. A writer in the *Beta Theta Pi*, who seems to be well posted in Chi Phi's history, then

wrote a long article, headed, "A Bit of Pretension," to refute the claim of Chi Phi to venerableness. He says the evidence on which the historian claims that Chi Phi was founded in 1824 is very circumlocutory, and that, even if such a book as the 3 Chi Phis speak of was seen by them, it might have borne the date 1824 and yet not been written until 30 years after. He offers the following suggestion: In 1854 Chi Phi and Kappa Alpha were rivals at Princeton, and there was a struggle for the precedence depending on dates. Kappa Alpha's chapter there having been established in 1852, and the fraternity in 1825, what would be more probable than that the Chi Phis should have found an old book, and rested upon it a claim to a date which would make Chi Phi the oldest fraternity by just one year? The date having been claimed at first as a campaign measure, it was stuck to, because it provoked Kappa Alpha, until the origin of the claim was forgotten. Chi Phi now does not profess to know the names of any 1824-39 Chi Phis, or anything else concerning them, for it is said that in the old records the members were designated by assumed names, as "Agamemnon," "Achilles," etc.

Admitting that those records existed, and that there was a Chi Phi society in 1824, what connection has Chi Phi of 1854 with its older namesake? Would the adoption of an old society's constitution by a new society make the new society as old as the first society?

The article throwing this "cloud on the title" of Chi Phi to antiquity was republished in the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, and the editors were very angry, and intimated that the anonymous writer in the *Beta Theta Pi* was none other than Wm. R. Baird, author of "Am. Coll. Frats." They threw in some parenthetical remarks, censuring the writer for his impertinence in interfering with Chi Phi's affairs, but not attempting to answer the article. The two journals have been paying their respects to each other in not very friendly terms.

A second Chi Phi was founded at Univ. of N. C. in 1859, and a third at Hobart in 1860. The Hobart and Princeton orders came together in 1867, and the combined northern order united with the southern order in 1873. So it will be seen that Chi Phi, like "Tom Sawyer," belongs to the composite order of architecture.

TWO PHIS.

GEN. BENJ. HARRISON, LL. D., OHIO ALPHA, '52.

A just and reasonable pride in the honorable distinction gained by those closely associated with us is right. It will give all members of Phi Delta Theta no little pleasure to note that Bro. Ben. Harrison has

been made the unanimous choice of the Republican caucus of the Indiana State Congress for United States Senator. This is equivalent to an election, the Legislature being Republican. Bro. Harrison has served his party and his State faithfully, being at one time Governor of the latter, and deserves the honor bestowed upon him. The press has spoken well in his behalf and better than would perhaps be becoming in ourselves to do. A clipping or two will give some notion of the esteem and confidence with which he is regarded. A western paper in an article headed "Little Ben" has the following paragraph:

"Gen. Ben. Harrison, above all others, deserves the Senatorship from Indiana. In 1876 and in 1878 he made a thorough canvass of the State, at a large expense to himself, when it was evident from the first that there was not a shadow of a chance for success. But for the sake of the grand old party for whose principles he fought to preserve, Little Ben entered the canvass and fought the enemy without asking for reward."

The Philadelphia *Press* said editorially the morning after the caucus nomination, "Gen. Harrison is the foremost man in his State, and is well equipped for the public service in any capacity."

Of his ability and success in his work there can be no doubt, and his bearing toward all may be a good model to pattern after, as the following from the New York *Tribune* would lead us to believe:

"General Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, is mentioned as the most diligent and successful lawyer in the State. He has the excellent habit of putting his best ability and energy into the smallest as well as the largest cases he takes. It is said of him that he always pays a young antagonist the compliment of doing his best, and this fact has developed among his professional associates a taste for preparation and a skill in the practice in the *nisi prius* courts at Indianapolis which is somewhat remarkable."

REV. J. M. WORRALL, D. D., OHIO ALPHA, '53.

A special correspondent of the Louisville *Courier Journal*, in a late letter from Chicago, giving biographical sketches of the distinguished divines from the South in that city, pays the following high tribute to our Bro. J. M. Worrall, Ohio Alpha, '53, who was the orator at the Philadelphia Convention of the Fraternity in 1876, who is warm in his patriotism for Phi Delta Theta, and whose son, W. R. Worrall, Ky. Alpha, now also of Chicago, we all know to be a most devoted Phi.

"Rev. J. M. Worrall, D. D., pastor of the Eighth Presbyterian church here, is worthy of a distinguished place among our noted Southern clergymen. His parents were natives of Virginia, and came to Kentucky with George Rogers Clark, one of the earliest settlers of Louisville. Dr. Worrall barely escaped being born in Kentucky, from his parents being driven into Indiana through the Indian troubles of the times. He was educated in and about New Albany, and Louisville; was

the valedictorian of Anderson's New Albany school, after which he taught in the same institution. * * In 1854 he was called to the First Presbyterian church of Covington, Ky., where he remained over twenty-three years, erecting one of the finest churches and building up one of the strongest Presbyterian societies in Kentucky. In 1877 he was called to the Eighth Presbyterian church here, which was then in a languishing condition, being torn by internal dissensions and worn out with an \$18,000 debt. Dr. Worrall's work here has been a most splendid one. It has gone deep down—taken firm root, broadened and widened and ripened into perfect fruition. The church debt he has completely wiped out. He has added nearly four hundred members to the Society. * * Chicago needs more earnest, soulful, honest, unsensational workers in her churches like Dr. Worrall, of Kentucky."

In Memoriam.

A. C. PEGUES,

South Carolina Alpha, died at his home in Sumpter Co., S. C., September 21st, 1880.

Deceased was born in Marlboro co., S. C., April 17th, 1863. He was one of the most promising members of the S. C. Alpha, and a brilliant star in that mystic crown of Phi Delta Theta. Possessed of many good qualities, he was beloved by friends and relatives, and esteemed by all who knew him. His love for Phi Delta Theta was so great, that even his last thoughts were directed to our noble cause.

REV. R. S. HARWELL,

Georgia Gamma, died at Oxford, Ga., in October, 1880.

Deceased was a member of the Ga. Gamma, and a man beloved by all who knew him. Earnestly devoting himself to the cause of religion, he never was guilty of a mean or dishonorable action.

The following resolutions were adopted by his chapter :

Whereas it has pleased almighty God to take from among us our beloved and esteemed Brother, Rev. Richard Sterling Harwell, we, the members of the Ga. Gamma, of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Emory College, Oxford, Ga., as a tribute to his memory do adopt the following resolutions :

First, That in the death of our Brother this chapter has lost one of its best and most efficient members, whose purposes were in conformity with the highest interests of his fraternity and noblest objects of human life.

Second, That the several institutions of which he was a member, Phi Gamma Literary Society, I. O. G. T., the M. E. church South, and society in general, have been deprived of one of their most active, devoted and promising members.

Third, That the hall of this chapter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Fourth, That we tender our warmest sympathies to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent them.

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Is it too late to wish a Happy New Year to the Phi world? Our "devil" says not, and for once we obey him—"A Happy New Year to all Phis!"

What is the matter with Va. Gamma? We have received no report from them for some time, neither do they answer our letters. Will Bro. J. C. Terryl let us hear how they are getting along?

We cannot too often urge our active members to get as many of our alumni as possible to subscribe for the SCROLL. In meeting with alumni we find that they know little or nothing about the fraternity that has occurred since they have left college walls. The SCROLL is just the thing to keep them posted.

The Reporter of Maryland Alpha Alumni calls upon those who know, to give him the names and addresses of Phis living or stopping in Baltimore. We agree with the Reporter that there are many such in the monumental city, and we trust they may all be found. The chapter there is now full of enthusiasm, and it should be the aim of every Phi to make it one of the permanent strongholds of Phi Delta Theta.

Bro. Barrs bids fair to excel, as heretofore, in organizing Phi work in the South. Full of legal business, he yet has time to give considerable attention to fraternity matters; and this

might be said of all who have the will to push in the world of work, no matter in what field their life labor may be carried on. With such a leader it would be almost a disgrace for the Phis of Epsilon Province to hold back in the matter of organizing. The plans of the P. P. are distinctly stated and need but concerted action to make them mighty in our cause. They are practical and practicable.

A Word to Reporters.

We appreciate the difficulty which must be met and overcome by the Reporters if they would have a hearing in each issue of the SCROLL. Some months are very dry of facts of interest, and it takes very hard thinking to know "what to write about." Others pass so quickly that the matter of sending the required report is entirely forgotten, or overlooked until too late. The obligation, however, does not allow of any shifting about from one cause to another. The Editor would be thought worthy of censure and removal, did he for any cause omit a month in silence as do many of the Reporters. Yet the obligation to duty is no more binding in one case than in the other, even as there is no more remuneration in the one than in the other.

How to make chapter reports *always* interesting, is an interesting question. Whilst not wishing to discuss it we will take the liberty of throwing out a hint or two, which the Reporters may adopt or reject as they may deem proper. Suppose, for instance, in order to keep up a general interest among themselves the Reporters adopt some question, in whose discussion each one shall use a short paragraph. Or suppose a question of inquiry be started, or a good conundrum be given—original, of course—one month, to be answered by the Reporters in the

month following. Or suppose each one names the favorite novelist or poet of the majority of his chapter Brothers, to be decided by vote, or inquiry. Or suppose each one gives, for one month, the various occupations decided upon by his Brothers: and so on *ad infinitum*. A good way to start the movement would be for the Alpha chapters of Provinces, in turn, to announce the question for reply in the next issue of the SCROLL, then for Beta chapters in turn, and so on. Thus Vt. A. would be first to propose a subject, then Ohio B., and so on.

If these suggestions will have the effect of sending more frequent reports by the Reporters, then will our main end be accomplished. At the same time some such plan as above mentioned, can hardly fail of both increasing the interest of the Reporters in their work, and of giving instruction to all concerned. In order to test the matter, in a harmless sort of way, we will throw out the first question. And it is this—We should like to know the full name, age, residence, weight, and height, of the weightiest Brother in each chapter. Let the scales now be used and let the answers appear in the reports for the February SCROLL.

Constitution and Ritual.

No one can fail to be pleased with the mechanical part of the new Constitution and Ritual, coming to us as it does in its neat dress and between its heavy boards. And its literary excellence is up to the standard of its outside appearance. It is a strong constitution, and one by which we may stand without change for a very long term of years. We trust this may be the feeling of the whole body fraternal. There is now no cause for any feeling of unrest. Every exertion may best be spent in building up our

temples on the strong foundation we now have.

The Ritual is impressive when rightly appreciated and used with sober honesty. Its adoption caused more stirring discussion than perhaps any other one thing brought up at the Convention, and its present form is very greatly modified from its original cast, and is far more in accordance with the good sense of the more sedate and manly heads which compose the brotherhood. We urge the speedy adoption and use of the new Constitution and Ritual by every chapter holding our charter.

Sanctum Scraps.

Bro. Reddig is much better.

Texas Alpha Phis seem to be about half D. G. Its bad to De-Generate too much.

Thanks to Bro. J. H. Dortch for Somerville (Tenn.) *Falcon*. Our copy has six pages, and Bro. D. is Editor of it all.

That is a beautiful monogram crest of ours gotten out by Dreka. Don't take our word for it, but send to 1121 Chestnut St., Phila., for paper and envelopes engraved with it.

We call attention to the advertisement of H. W. Schweckendiek & Co. This firm has on hand an excellent assortment of all kinds of stationery suitable for college students. Send them an order.

Our thanks to Bro. J. E. Crews, Ind. Zeta, for copy of Indianapolis *Sentinel*, with printed card of W. R. Baird, who tries to defend his second-joined frat. from an imagined attack, in the journal mentioned, during our convention. Baird says that his present frat. was not "convivial" in 1848, *because* the members of that year yet living occupy honorable positions now. That's one way of arguing, and may convince

very dumb people. Mr. Baird evidently gets dyspeptic when he reads of Phi Delta Theta successes.

Bro. Reddig is up again and is nearly ready to begin work. He had a long and trying siege of malarial troubles, and yet, when it was our pleasure to see him and grasp his hand a fortnight ago, his chief talk was about fraternity finances, and ways and means of bringing our treasury to a fatter condition. We congratulate him heartily on his recovery.

The thanks of the fraternity are due the father of our Treasurer, Mr. J. Burr Reddig, for his kind and courteous attention to enquiries, and matters in general, concerning Bro. Reddig and his work.

The Auburn *Cadet* has had a change in editors, but a Phi still holds the chief place on the staff—the top. Bro. Fitzpatrick gave place to Bro. J. Callaway, who is the leading editor for the present collegiate year. The *Cadet* contains a very varied collection of original and selected matter. It is published monthly at Auburn, Ala.

The Penna. Beta boys were pleasantly surprised Jan. 14th, by the sudden appearance among them of Bro. W. Kuhns Hill, first honor man of '79, who has just entered the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. The corresponding members of Pa. Beta attend chapter meetings about as regularly as the active members. Their example is worthy of emulation.

The sanctum has it from first-class authority that Mrs. Pres. Hayes was initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma during the holidays. Presuming that this is correct, K. K. G. has made quite a point in their favor—and there ought to be a good many points in favor of a ladies Greek organization, and not the least among them is the requisite ability to keep a secret.

Our thanks and our politest acknowledgments to Miss Lillie V. for a printed account of the Delta Gamma banquet, held recently by the chapter at Franklin, Ind. A number of our Franklin Phis were present by invitation, and the D. Gs. proved fully equal to the occasion. Pres. Banta responded to the toast "Delta Gamma." There's a smack of suspicion about that fact. The toast "Phi Delta Theta" was responded to by one of the fair ones. How we should have liked to have been there!

SMART BOYS—SUBJECT, CONVENTION.—*1st S. B.*: "How will the literary exercises be de-poet-ed?"

2nd S. B.: "After removing the *Seals* there will be a reading of *Sams*."

3rd S. B.: "B' George-ah! That is the *Vias* pun yet."

1st S. B.: "You can't *Palm'er* off on me, for a fact now! Give me *Grubb*, or I'll *Foster* revenge. You hear me!"

2nd S. B.: "Come, come, boys! Don't act so much like little *Bantas*!"

We may sometime gather together some of the nice things that have been written to us and said to us about the complete change in the form of the SCROLL. But we have not time now to collect the specimens. The new clothes have taken the Phi world by storm, and they, the clothes, are now very fashionable in Phi circles.

Should some of our Phi followers of Blackstone feel like disposing of some loose change for the benefit of the SCROLL, we would be glad to place their names on our cover, or somewhere inside. We would call it an advertisement, without extra charge. As a fair return for their money in thus favoring us we will send a receipt in full, and agree on our part to give them our case, in case we are sued for libel in their circuit courts. We have "great expectations," and expectantly await the expected cards.

From Epsilon Province President.

SANFORD, FLA., Jan., 1881.

To the Phis of Epsilon Province.

DEAR BROTHERS:—I wish that I could meet you all and talk over with you matters mutually interesting, but this can not be done yet awhile, and therefore we must do the next best thing—compare ideas by correspondence and through the SCROLL.

Since appointment as President of the Province, I have given considerable thought to the subject of Provincial organization; have corresponded with several with a view to getting their views, and have concluded that we must become thoroughly organized as soon as we can. We must have a Provincial Government, and hold Provincial Conventions, biennially, alternating with the General Convention. Suppose we have our first in Atlanta, about January, or February, 1882. What say you all to this?

Then we must have State Associations, holding annual reunions some time during the commencement season. Georgia and Alabama, I am glad to say, are already active in preparations for their first Association meetings, and I hope to see the same enthusiasm and activity shown by the other States. In order that there may be some official head to this movement in each State, I shall appoint a President for each, who shall serve until the association shall elect his successor.

Of course most of the associations will be quite small, but a few enthusiastic Phis can make an immense meeting, and one of great success in its results.

Now in order that we may make these affairs successful it will be necessary to arouse enthusiasm among the alumni and induce them to be present.

The greatest drawback to the Fraternity system is that such a large majority of the members are allowed to sink into almost total forgetfulness of the fraternity which they once loved so dearly, and when we consider how natural it is for us to cling with more than ordinary tenacity and love to the sweet associations of college life, we wonder that it is so, and seek for the cause that makes it thus. To fully appreciate this, you have but to meet a Phi who has been drawn away

from the influences which keep you interested, and greet him as a Phi: show him that he has not been forgotten, and that you are glad to meet him because he is a Phi, and you will immediately see that you have touched his heart in a tender spot, and, be the countenance ever so careworn, you can but mark the tender expression of that moment.

The conventions and association reunions will do much towards keeping alive the spark of enthusiasm which may be perhaps annually fanned into a bright flame, but there is still lacking an influence which ought to keep up this flame the whole year round. The dissemination of this influence should be an object of solicitude to all, and I think that the circulation of our excellent magazine among our alumni members will do more toward filling this want than anything else possibly can.

I can see no possible reason why every Phi should not take the SCROLL, and hope that all will assist in extending its circulation. I wish each State President to see to this in his State, and I have requested each chapter to detail one man for the special-duty of "drumming" for the SCROLL among its corresponding members, and I hope that they will see the importance of the subject and be diligent and earnest in the matter, and that we will have aroused sufficient enthusiasm to bring out a very large proportion of our members to the first annual reunions, and that it will then be kept up from year to year.

I also desire each chapter to keep a correct directory of its members, and each State President to keep one for the State.

I would like very much to see every chapter report to the SCROLL every month. I particularly desire that all chapters have a report in the March SCROLL giving the number of men in all, and also in what classes, so that we can know just how many active members there are in the Province. State also if you have halls of your own, &c., how strong is the opposition, &c. In short, please give a brief resumé of your condition. I mention March SCROLL so as to give ample time to send such a report as is requested.

Yours in Phi love,

J. M. BARRS.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

Vermont Alpha.

UNIV. VERMONT, Jan. 4th, '81.

DEAR SCROLL:

Let Vermont Alpha put in her little meed of praise of your appearance and contents. We will except all and everything that comes from Vt. A., and give our unqualified praise of the rest. We also commend the example of our worthy Ed. to the chapter reporters (we only wish we had his grit!). He of the head stayed several days after vacation began, at work on the Dec. SCROLL, to send a "Christmas Greeting to the Phi World."

Vt. A. can report an event that ranks next the convention in her life. Brothers Kelley and Stearns of Ohio E. (Akron) '79, came up Dec. 21, from Harvard Law, to spend the vacation in B. and open our eyes to the Frat. at large. We received them with a most informal meeting, clustering around them like bees over a lump of sugar, made a few awkward "scrapes," led them ("like lambs to the slaughter") to a little supper, offered a few awkward toasts as a pretext to draw them out, and then feasted on the words of cheer and friendship and brotherly love with which they bound us to our glorious Brotherhood, Dec. 21st was the last day of the fall term and most of the boys went home, with the heartiest greetings giving place to sincerest regrets that they must leave. We Phis who spent vacation in B., will now "crow" lustily over our pleasant moments with our western Brothers. Bros. K. and S. came to visit an "old time friend" of Bro. K.'s, to whom we are indebted more especially for our first personal acquaintance with Bro. K. We desire here to return thanks to Mr. Van Patten for his kindness to our Brothers and for the elegant supper he gave the seven Phis left in Burlington. The Ohio Bros. returned to Cambridge Jan. 3. We enjoyed every inch of their manly good natures. We are led to hope for a repetition of the visit. They were our first visitors from another chapter, and such was the pleasure we experienced that we renew most cordially our invitation to any and all Phis to

come and visit us. We may not give you such a reception as you are entitled to—we feel conscience stricken at the absence of preparations and care in our welcome to Bros. K. and S.—but we give you the assurance of a hearty welcome and the best of intentions.

Bros. Kelley and Stearns were known to the SCROLL before Vt. A. was organized. The first SCROLL your correspondent ever saw (the May, '79, number, brought by Bro. Reddig) contained a sharp article by Bro. K. on our "dead issue," the P. F.

Ohio Epsilon must have a good receipt for making her alumni members "active." We confess that she has sent two pretty active Phis to Harvard, and they're still active—taking the SCROLL has much to do with it. They retain a working activity in the chapters, and we may yet hear of a new chapter thro' their efforts.

They say they had a pleasant stay in B. We of Vt. A. desire to state that we had begun to feel a little remiss in our pleasurable duties. But we desire to ask Bros. K. and S. to rise and explain the meaning of that western term "Mash." ('Tis said several Burlington young ladies are completely "mashed"). We don't like the term—it has a suspicious sound.

With the heartiest "success" for the new year, I am

Yours Fraternally,
REPORTER.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENN'A COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
12th day, 1881.

DEAR ADELPHOI:

Every member of Penn'a Beta is ready to rise up and say that a vacation is a good thing. From the handsomest to the homeliest—that's a large distinction and includes *all*—every Phi left Gettysburg for a season. The 'burg was a "deserted village" for some days, so somebody says. There are strong attractions here for some of our Brothers. For instance, there was no little surprise manifest in the wigwam when Bro. Withers gravely said that he was going away. And when Bro. Bell pulled out, surprise gave place to consternation. But both had "urgent business" requiring their attention here some days before the term opened.

As to what the Reporter knows about the doings of the Beta Boys at their homes, he might make a whole volume of thrilling recitals. "Our youngest," who hails from the South, took a gun along when he went visiting up to the northern part of the State, but the "dark-eyed maidens of the North" said in the softest accents "Don't shoot! I'll come down." Thad., Thad., how could you be so threatening!

Holloway no doubt saved his — from getting a very bad cold by sitting *very* close to the fire—to all of which she didn't object at all. We commend the plan to all Freshmen. Ned Hill upset in the snow at the enchanting hour of three o'clock in the morning along the banks of the Kisskimmittis in West Pennsylvania. Why he was out at that hour of the year is one of the things that no fellow can find out. But it is the general impression that Schwalm knows—he is usually Ned's *particeps criminalis* in such matters.

Shadle got badly left on his way home, and Yarger was so intent at gazing on somebody's pretty bonnet that he went away beyond his getting off station.

Rensburg got so badly mixed up between two that he can hardly tell his own name. In other words

"He went awhile with one dear, fust,
Then went awhile with tother;
And with which one he felt the wust
He couldn't ha' told you nuther."

But we will have to stop. The editor may 'go for us.' We would like to tell you how he went to Bro. Holloway's home in Newville, and spent all the evenings of one week helping to make a scrap book, but then he would not print it; so that we must leave that as a bit of unwritten history.

We miss one of our number at roll call now. Bro. J. P. Biehl did not return. He is reading medicine at his home, Lewisburg, Pa. The chapter is very sorry to lose the actual presence of its Jefferson, and would be glad to have him back. He won many hearts while among us, beside those of Phi blood. We trust he will not forget those behind him. He has our best brotherly wishes for success in life.

We begin the term and the year with new zeal and new hope, and, while we make no promises, we believe

that the chapter will do its whole duty, in brotherly love, and in accordance with the spirit of our Bond. Our special meetings will be continued, varied so as to keep them interesting. There is no new material as yet on which to work for members.

In justice to ourselves we will say that this report has been lengthened out a little because of the dearth of chapter correspondence for this number of the SCROLL, as we learn from the management. We have no desire to be long-winded, or to be so considered.

May the year '81 bring Phi Delta Theta to a higher plane than ever before, is the hope and desire of him who signs himself, as before,

In the Bond of Phi-Delity,

REPORTER.

Penna. Delta.

MEADVILLE, PA., Dec. 31st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

By the time this report is in print, we all hope to be back again to work for Phi Delta Theta and ourselves. Since what we formerly communicated has never reached you, it will be necessary to run back into the past and bring to light some important events. Last commencement our chapter drew to its fraternal arms two promising men, Bros. H. M. Hyde and W. W. Case, and during the past term their zeal for our cause has fully met our expectations. We have no reason to complain of our term's work; for it has been successful and profitable to the chapter.

Since some of our men did not return this year, we began the term with only twelve members. We have now increased that number to seventeen. These five accessions are men worthy of our fraternity. Although in a college whose attendance is smaller than that of many institutions where some of our chapters are less in membership than we, a suspicion might be aroused that we are struggling for numbers only, but such is not the case. Penna. Delta, we trust, has ever held before its eyes the watchword, quality, not quantity, and if we cannot inject pure, healthful blood into the chapter, we will refuse all other, and, though weak, would rather struggle onward with but little of the real, life-giving element than be pois-

oned by aught else. Those upon whom we have lately conferred the rights, privileges and immunities of Phi Delta Theta we now call Bros. Gallup, Proctor, Dice, Scoville and Southworth.

We regard with great satisfaction the character and efficiency of our recent convention. Its harmony represents the concord and unanimity which prevails throughout the fraternity, and is also significant of prosperity and progress which such a condition necessarily accomplishes.

The boys were made glad the other evening by a festive occasion at Bro. Pond's. It was a complete surprise to our unsuspecting brother, but was no less enjoyable on that account. Only expecting an oyster supper we in our turn were surprised by much more than that, and feel very grateful to our hostess for the pleasure and enjoyment given.

The chapter is about to rejoice over a great event and already feels waves of pride and exultation roll o'er it as it contemplates the fact, that in its midst there is soon to be an author. To think that, still so young in years, it can perhaps send forth one mighty to wield the pen! The facts are that one of our dear Brothers, recently initiated into the mysteries of our order, startled his room mate, happily a Phi, from peaceful dreams, the night of his initiation, by proclaiming from the fulness of his wonder and admiration, that "the half had ne'er been told," and he now proposes in a happy and pleasing manner to tell the whole of it and publish it complete in one volume.

Bro. Peck, one of our solid Juniors, left us towards the end of fall term to assume the duties of School Supt., and now perhaps can generally be found inspecting and testing the quality and tension of many a poor urchin's breeches. Altogether our Goat has been worked rather hard—this term we have not yet heartlessly turned him out to pasture, but are keeping him in a good condition for the coming term's work, when we have bright prospects of safely riding into the fold two or three good men. For the winter term we propose to do good work, and wish our sister chapters success in the same direction.

Yours in the Bond,
J. A. VANCE.

Md. Alpha Alumni.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 8th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Allow me through the medium of the SCROLL the pleasure of submitting a brief prospectus of our work in promoting the cause of Phi Delta Theta in Baltimore. Permit me, however, in the outset to say that our beginning is due to the zealous efforts of our thorough Brother, H. H. Weber, of Penn. College, aided by the untiring energy of Bro. W. H. H. Raleigh of Baltimore. A good beginning is the essential foundation of any great work or enterprise, the progress is evidently the superstructure. We began right. Our progress is therefore favorable, for on the night of our organization eight solid and enthusiastic alumni members were enrolled. Each one intends to do his best for Phi Delta Theta here. We are determined to establish a chapter here, that will be an honor to the fraternity at large as well as to our own crowd.

At our last meetings we were reminded of College days, and the recollections were so vivid that we felt like a band of college boys, once more enjoying the pleasures of student life. Three of us are at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in this city, pursuing our studies in that direction. We believe there are some other Phis here in Baltimore, whose acquaintance we will endeavor to form. If any Brother knows of any Phis residing here, we would be glad to have their names. Bro. Raleigh will receive all communication, at 23 Hanover St.

Wishing the Phi world at large much success, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
S. D. SMITH.

BETA PROVINCE. Ohio Beta.

DELAWARE, Ohio, Jan. 8th 1881.

ED. SCROLL:

Again we are happy to report the prosperity of the Ohio Beta. When we sent our last report in Sept., we were furnishing our Hall, spiking some new men and beginning a new college year. Our hopes were high and our prospects seemed bright. Now reviewing our last term's work we can truly say that we are not disappointed. Our rooms are well furnished, and best of all we have gathered in three worthy men, J. E. Brown, J. M. Steele,

and V. M. Rhodes having been added to our number, and we introduce them to the Phi world as "loyal, bold and true," and in every way worthy of the respect of the brotherhood.

Fraternity life at the O. W. U. was rather quiet during the last term with most of the chapters. With the exception of poor Beta Theta Pi the fraternities have added from two to five men during this year.

Our chapter is in an excellent condition, perfectly harmonious, and growing more enthusiastic as we learn more of our fraternity at large. Our convention gave us a boom, and we have been carrying on a chapter correspondence that has given us much encouragement. Many chapters have been written to by our members and most of them have answered, and before many weeks have passed we hope to have heard from every chapter. We are a new chapter and are just beginning to see how high a position our fraternity holds. With the kindest feelings for the Phi world at large, I am,

Yours in the Bond,
T. H. McCONICA.

Indiana Zeta.

ASBURY UNIVERSITY, Ind., Jan. 7th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

All the Phis are back at the opening of this, the second term, and are ready to go to work promptly. Bro. Jonah Parrett, formerly of the class of '81, was here a few days ago making arrangements for his brother and a friend to enter college. Jonah is the same as of yore. Bro. F. E. Hunter, of Ind. Alpha, spent a day with us during the holidays.

At the last meeting before the Christmas vacation it was resolved by our chapter to carry on a correspondence with the different chapters. We will be pleased to hear from every chapter of Phi Delta Theta in the land.

Yours in the Bond,
J. E. CREWS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 29th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

As the reporter of our chapter is busy, you will pardon me for sending you a short report from the Missouri Alpha.

We now have ten members, six old and four new ones. They are all imbued with the right kind of enthusiasm and are doing good work. The Missouri University now has over five hundred students, and out of that number we make our own selection and as yet have not failed to get the men we wanted.

We were pleased with the proceedings of the Convention. It was certainly a success.

The SCROLL puts in its appearance regularly and always makes our hearts glad. With love to all our Brothers, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
C. B. SEBASTIAN.

Michigan Beta.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 6th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Michigan Beta, although silent, is still alive and prosperous. Our college term closed Nov. 16, and we now have vacation until Feb. 22nd. Chapter work closed for the term with an entertainment and supper given to one of the college literary societies. We have done well this term, having initiated four good men, viz., C. S. English, B. C. Porter and C. E. Smith, of the Freshman class, and R. R. Briggs of the specials. Eight of us are now teaching, while the remainder are visiting their mammas. We have looked long in vain for the November SCROLL. The December number came yesterday. Verily there is a leak somewhere. The new SCROLL looks much better than the old one, and we wish it and every other of Phi Delta Theta's efforts grand success. More anon.

Yours in the Bond,
J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Virginia Epsilon.

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 24th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS :

When Bro. Troxell sent me his circular, I answered immediately all the questions there asked and sent it to him. But as that has been some time ago I will now write concerning the Va. Epsilon. I am sorry that I cannot give such news as I would wish, but I can only tell the truth. The Va. Epsilon is in a bad condition and I can see no way to remedy it. We

started this year with four men and we have done our best to get more but were unable. I myself asked eight men here at Washington and Lee, and six out of the eight had been asked before and had promised to join some other fraternity. One of the other two promised to join but almost immediately afterwards joined another fraternity. The other of the two had promised some one not to join any. The other fraternities here have an immense advantage over us; first, because they are older; secondly, because they have alumni who are scattered all through this country and who pick out men before they come to college and make them promise to join, and write to their chapter about them; thirdly, the number of students at both the Va. Mil. Inst. and Washington and Lee is very small, only one hundred and twenty at V. M. I. and ninety-five at Washington and Lee. Of these about fifty at the V. M. I. and forty at W. and L. are not worthy to be taken into any fraternity whatever. Of the remaining seventy at the V. M. I., six frats. besides ourselves have to subsist, and of the fifty-five remaining at W. and L. worthy to be taken in, there are six active fraternities and four others that have only one man each. By this you can see against what odds we fight, but *nil desperandum* shall ever be our motto.

I will give you some news concerning the other fraternities here. The Delta Psis are not as reported some time ago dead here, but have six men, three of whom are new and three are old members. The Kappa Sigma Kappas have the largest chapter at W. and L. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon have the next largest, then the Sigma Chi, then the Alpha Tau Omega. The Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi have two men each, one a student and the other a professor. The Phi Kappa Psi has only one man. At the V. M. I. the Kappa Alphas stand first in numbers but not in quality, although they have some very good men.

We are rejoicing about the Convention. Being the largest convention of its kind ever held, it thus places the Phi above all other fraternities in this country, none excepted. I am very sorry that I could not go, for it must have been a glorious sight to see

all those Phis of former days meeting the Phis of the present in conclave, both rejoicing over the grand victory that has been achieved since the foundation of this mighty structure of the Phi Delta Theta.

Can not a Louisiana Alpha be placed at the Univ. of La., at New Orleans? It seems to me that the Univ. is as good as any in the country, and no doubt a chapter there would add to the name—already glorious—of Phi Delta Theta. Could not Bro. Foster, who, I see from the SCROLL, is from New Orleans, look into the matter and see how it is? I am a Louisianian myself, and therefore I take some interest in any movement of the kind. Success to the SCROLL.

Yours in the Bond,

H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Georgia Beta.

EMORY COLLEGE Oxford, Ga. Dec. 29, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

We regret exceedingly that this is our first communication this term, but can assure you that the delay was not from lack of interest. Our boys are all full of ardor in the good cause and have done some noble work already. Since the first of October we have initiated 14 new members, all men of pluck and of noble christian purposes. Who could ask more? This swells our number to 26, and we expect to make things lively for the other Fraternities at Emory this year. We began a little enterprise not long ago from which we anticipate the brightest rewards in the future. For years our boys have been very backward in essay writing, elocution and declamation, but this year we have concluded to meet once a week especially to work up these matters, so essential to good scholarship, and so far we are delighted with the result. We have long since discovered that the most effectual place to work was in our own little hall, and we feel confident that if this idea was adopted by our chapters generally, they would soon find their strength increasing. We were very much pleased with the action of the Convention and are glad to see that our influence is extending beyond college walls. Only the other day we learned that Bro. H. M. Reid of the Ga. Alpha was elected Solicitor Gen-

eral by Phi Delta Theta influence, in our State Legislature, and everywhere we hear of the success of our Brothers. Hoping this will reach you in time, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
E. C. MERRY.

Mississippi Alpha.

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 23d, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

As I have seen no report from this chapter since the beginning of the present session, I suppose you would like to know how we are progressing, and how well we are sustaining Phi Delta Theta's reputation. We have eighteen members, of which about seven are new ones. Of the eighteen, three are seniors, four juniors, two sophomores, five freshmen, and four "preps," but just the best boys you ever laid your eyes on. We are all very much gratified with the results of the year's work thus far, and I hope to give a better account of our chapter in the future. Phi Delta Theta has become a permanency at this institution, and will remain so as long as loyal hearts and willing hands can make it so.

Nearly all the "boys" are off spending their Christmas holidays, and everything is much more lonely than usual. Our old friends, the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Betas, are still on hand, and although they excel us considerably in quantity, I must confess they fall short in quality.

I hear a great deal of satisfaction expressed in regard to the late convention, and now all are expectantly awaiting '82, and new honors for Phi Delta Theta. Long may its banner wave, and kissed by all the gentle, loving breezes from every corner of our land, unite us all in closer bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

Yours in the Bond,
C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TEHUACANA, Texas, Jan. 1st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The Christmas holidays have again come and gone, and with them has passed the grandest era in the history of Texas Alpha. Texas Alpha and the dear Delta Gammas conceived and executed the novel idea (novel to this place) of having a joint Soiree, to which they invited the Alpha Omicron

of Beta Theta Pi, the Eta of Alpha Gamma, the university faculty and several of the most influential citizens of the place.

The Soiree was given at the residence of Bro. W. A. Patterson, Thursday evening, Dec. 23d, 1880, the twenty-first anniversary of "The Hon. Pat."

It has been the custom of each fraternity to have its suppers etc., etc., to itself, and until recently some of the fraternities have not solicited the company of the young ladies. This branch of Phi Delta Theta however has never had an entertainment at which the presence of the opposite sex was wanting, indeed, we would have the lovely Delta Gammas in our chapter meeting, if such a thing could be. The Soiree, as I have said, was given in the name of Phi Delta Theta and Delta Gamma, and the invitation cards were gotten up accordingly. It has been the custom of Texas Alpha to have suppers, but she concluded that it is more in harmony with our Bond to have an entertainment of a literary cast, something indicative of the intellectual worth of Phi Delta Theta, a more correct index to the motto of the fraternity. The literary exercises consisted of toasts. We had refreshments, such as cakes, pies, custards, etc., etc., prepared by "The Hon. Pat's" generous hearted mother, who is a member of the Delta Gammas. A card, with the Greek names Phi Delta Theta and Delta Gamma, with a suitable motto of humor, wit or wisdom written on the left and right upper corners and in the middle of the card, respectively, was placed at every plate. When all were at the table, a few words of welcome were spoken by Bro. Patterson, after which was alternate reading of the cards and the delivery of toasts. During the evening, your humble reporter had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Patterson, from the Delta Gammas, a most handsome autograph album, as an anniversary gift.

When his college days are o'er,
His work of life begun,
May it be his happy lot,
To own a faithful one—a D. G.

I said, in the beginning, that the subject of my report was the grandest era in the history of Tex. A. That the "Phis" who read the SCROLL may understand why, I make the following

statement. There has always been, in the minds of the citizens, a prejudice against Greek fraternities, it having been their belief that they work up a feeling of animosity and rivalry, not only between the fraternities, but also between the members themselves. This belief, I must say, is not altogether groundless, for the day was, but has passed, I trust, when such was too much the tendency. Texas A., of Phi Delta Theta, with her sister, Delta Gamma, was first, of the fraternities represented in Trinity U., to execute this pleasant, friendly way of having entertainments, and doubtless first to conceive such a plan.

Texas A. sends greetings to all the "Phis," and Delta Gamma wishes the "Phis" a happy New Year.

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK N. DRANE.

Effects of New Year on some Harvard Phis.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, HARVARD UNIV.,
Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 10, 1931.

DEAR SCROLL:

The quartet which has so presumptuously assumed the much wished for name of Mass. Alpha, consists of members of old Ohio Eta, now Epsilon, all members of the class of '79, Buchtel College, who are at present pursuing legal studies at Harvard Law School: Our chapter roll is as follows: A. Risinger, W. H. Jones, A. A. Stearns and H. A. Kelley. We are not chartered and quite likely never will be, but what of formality is lacking in our organization is made up in good will toward each other and toward our order.

Nothing would induce us to intrude upon your space and time, but the fact that simple justice to our neighbors demands it. Two of our number had the good fortune to spend the holidays at Burlington, Vt., the seat of our first and only New England chapter. As the modesty of Vermont Alpha's S. R. may deter him from setting forth in its full light the kind and brotherly greeting extended us, we take this means not only to express our private gratitude to the chapter for its cordial welcome, but to say to the fraternity at large that it may well be thankful that Vermont Alpha is one of its chapters. There is certainly not a chapter in our order more alive to the interests

of the fraternity, and better organized for the promotion of the objects set forth in the Bond.

We were entertained on the evening of our arrival by a sumptuous banquet at which every expression of brotherly feeling was exchanged, and midnight still found us in jolly session. Our visit was rendered doubly pleasant by many acts of kindness and attention of brothers resident in Burlington, and on the whole a more enjoyable fortnight could not well be spent.

The chapter has, I believe, 14 members, is the possessor of a fine hall, and having established itself upon a firm basis, will soon begin aggressive work in other directions.

We had the pleasure of initiating three as good Phis as ever wore petticoats, and hope that Vermont A. will see that they are retained in active membership.

Greeting to every wearer of our arms. The spirit of our Bond lives on this New England coast, and in this grand old institution of learning, although we cannot boast a corporate existence here.

Ever yours in the Bond,
H. A. K.

PERSONALS.

Secretary Ramsey is the probable Senator from Minnesota.

Bro. J. C. S. Blackburn, Ky. A., '57, is a candidate for the Senate from Kentucky.

Gen. Harrison, Ohio A., '52, is the strongest senatorial candidate in Indiana.

Bro. Beverly Gregory, Ind. Alpha, '74, is a prominent merchant of Brookville, Ind.

Bro. S. C. Dodds, Ind. Alpha, '75, has sold out his interest in the book store at Bloomington.

Prof. Wiley of the old Ind. Zeta, is still Supt. of Public Schools of Terre Haute.

Bro. Thompson of the old Ind. Zeta, a son of the ex-Secretary of Navy, is in the Navy Dept. at Washington.

Bro. Add Roache of Ind. Alpha, who is at present traveling in California for his health, is a son of Trustee Roache of the Ind. University.

Among the Indianapolis boys that made New Year's calls in Franklin was ex-Secretary Norris.

Rev. Bro. J. W. Green, Ind. Eta, is

Pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, Terre Haute, Ind.

Hon. John R. Miller, Ind. Eta, '68, is Mayor of Greencastle, Ind. That is the way to do it. Who's next?

Bro. A. D. Bassett, Mich. Alpha, is practising law in Jacksonville, Fla.

Bro. J. M. Barrs, Tenn. Alpha, '79, is also practising law in Sanford, Fla. He writes us that he would be delighted to see any Phi, who may perchance stroll down his way.

Rev. Bro. Thos. Mason, Ind. Eta, '74, is preaching at Monticello, Ind.

Bro. Wm. S. Bryan, Jr., Va. Beta, is now studying law with his father, W. S. Bryan, Sr., a well-known and prominent lawyer of the Baltimore bar.

Bro. A. G. Alcott, Ind. Gamma, '70, formerly of Indianapolis, died lately at St. Paul, Minn. He went to Indianapolis as a teacher of elocution and reader, and afterwards was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In St. Paul he was president of the Banker's company.

Bro. J. C. Rich, Miss. Alpha, '79, is now a promising lawyer of State Line, Miss., has a very good practice, and represented his chapter in the convention of 1880.

Bro. W. F. Hamner, Miss. Alpha, '80, is now a rising young lawyer of Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. W. H. Magruder, Miss. Alpha, '79, has established himself as principal of a female school in Texas, and we understand he makes a model preceptor.

It is said that Prof. D. C. Brown, of Butler University, one of the best Phis Ind. Gamma ever had, is shortly to be married to a young lady in Paris, Ill.

Bro. John C. Kelley, Ind. Delta, '79, is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. John has been railroading for the last five years, but has, notwithstanding, lost no interest for Phi Delta Theta.

To Bro. Wm. Black, Ind. Gamma, '79, an enjoyable surprise party was given lately by his many friends at his residence in Indianapolis, as he was passing through town.

Judge Byron K. Elliott has lately been elected to the Supreme Bench of Indiana, which seat was filled by the late Judge Perkins. Thus one Phi succeeds another.

Judge Banta and his noble son,

George, are interested in the establishment of a bank at Franklin, Ind. George divides his time between the bank and the new house he is building.

Bros. Rogers, Woodburn and Brooks, the famous trio of Ind. Epsilon, '76, will rejoice Madison society by spending their holidays with Bro. Rogers. Bro. Rogers is a rising young lawyer of Indianapolis; Woodburn is a commercial missionary in the South; while Brooks has hung out his shingle in Chicago.

Bro. W. O. Bates, after an interesting and extended tour through Europe, has returned to take the position of telegraph editor of the Indianapolis *Journal*.

Five Phis are in attendance at the Central Law School of Indianapolis.

Bro. C. B. Fitzpatrick, Ohio Alpha, is said to be one of the most brilliant lawyers in California. He is located at Modesto.

Bro. Frank Burns, Va. Epsilon, has received an appointment from the Balto. and Ohio R. R. as Civil Engineer. His address is Johnstown, Pa.

Bro. Hobbs, a charter member of the old Ala. Alpha at the Ala. University, was married on Nov. 24th, 1880, to Miss Annie D. Richardson of Athens, Ala. Bro. Hobbs did all the work of organizing the present Ala. Alpha; he assisted Bro. G. W. Cone in organizing the Va. Epsilon; and it was through his influence that Bros. J. C. Smith and J. B. Reed organized Tenn. Alpha.

The following Phis were nominated in their respective districts for Congress in the last campaign: Hon. J. A. Anderson, '52, Ohio Alpha, of Kan. (Rep.); Hon. J. F. Phillips, '55, Ky. Alpha, of Mo. (Dem.); Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, '57, Ky. Alpha, of Ky. (Dem.); Hon. A. E. Stevenson, '60, Ky. Alpha, of Ill. (Dem.); Hon. W. L. Holman, Ind. Delta, of Ind. (Dem.); and Hon. Cassabiancus Byfield, '60, Ind. Delta, of Ind. (Dem.). Bros. Anderson, Blackburn and Holman were elected. The first was returned with a very handsome majority. "Jo" Blackburn represents the old Henry Clay district, and is immensely popular with his constituents. Of "Bill" Holman, it is said that he is more highly respected by his political opponents than any other man of his party in his State.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

A college paper is to be issued at Wooster, each fraternity appointing an editor.

About 60 Delta Phis were present at their recent convention in New York, which closed with a supper at Delmonico's.

Phi Gamma Delta has divided its chapters into 4 districts. Delta Tau Delta claims to be the first fraternity that adopted this system.

The fraternities of Harvard are required to furnish copies of their constitutions to the Secretary of the College.

"I sincerely hope that I may be sent as a delegate at the establishment of the China Alpha—the pigtails of the Chinese will be a very useful appendage in the initiation."—Letter in *Shield* from Phi Kappa Psi traveling in China.

Theta Delta Chi's 34th annual convention met at Sturtevant House, New York, Oct. 20-21. About 50 members were present, including delegates from 11 chapters.

The chapter of Chi Phi located at Hobart, consisting of 7 men, having a debt of \$400, in order to get out of paying their debt, disbanded, and requested the Kappa Alphas to take them in. The latter initiated 3, and left the other 4 out in the cold. The chapter there is, therefore, virtually dead, but efforts are being made to re-establish it. Their method of acting is slightly more ingenious than honorable.—*Phi Gamma Delta for November*.

At University of Pa. it is the custom on class day for the fraternities to display immense wooden models of their badges.

The chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Bethany College, W. Va., established in '59, broke up last session. Several of its members got worsted in a literary society row, and because, in their opinion, the faculty did not sufficiently punish the aggressors, the thirteen members of the chapter withdrew from college and are now attending other institutions.

The convention of Beta Theta Pi held at Baltimore last August withdrew the charters of the chapters at Howard College, Ala., and Washington Lee, Va., for the very sufficient reason that they had been dead for some time. The convention also threatened to withdraw the charter of Va.

Mil. Inst. chapter, unless it shall improve. The chapter at Va. Ag'l College is in a very weak condition.

Several Delta Tau Deltas were instrumental in establishing the Psi chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Delta Tau Delta's excuse is that they were unacquainted with fraternity customs.

Delta Beta Phi recently tried to form a coalition with Psi Upsilon.

The chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Johns Hopkins holds its meetings in one of the rooms of the library. Outsiders at Johns Hopkins say the whole chapter is a small affair.

A Phi Kappa Psi reunion was held at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., last August, about 30 members, representing 10 chapters, being present. A boat ride and a banquet were the features of the occasion. The reunions are held annually.

Five fraternity conventions were held in October of last year. Phi Delta Theta at Indianapolis (26-29th), Delta Kappa Epsilon at Hartford, Chi Phi at Allentown, Pa., (20th-22nd), Delta Tau Delta at Chicago (13-15th), and Delta Upsilon, at Amherst, Mass. Conventions of Delta Phi at New York, and of Sigma Chi at Washington were held in Nov.; those of Chi Psi, Zeta Psi in Dec., Jan., respectively; while Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon, if recent precedents are regarded, will meet in May.

Kappa Alpha (southern) apparently cares nothing whatever about the standing of the institutions it enters. It has chapters at dental and medical colleges, and at such insignificant schools as Gordon Institute, Bethel Academy, etc. At its convention at Spartansburg, S. C., last year, there were but three delegates, but they were "very enthusiastic." A medal, designed after the fraternity's badge, is given at each convention to the member who has written the best literary essay. The *Kappa Alpha Journal* is published in Richmond, Va., by J. C. Lamb.

The Delta Tau Delta song book committee proposes to issue the fraternity song book by June 1st, 1881. It will be printed on thick paper, in large type, and bound in a rich and durable form. There will be about 75 songs, and the original music for some of them will be printed by the Photo-engraving process.

THE SERRAVALLO

Προθυμὸς ἐν Φι Δέλτα Θήτα.

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A FEW PHI LETTERS.

A large number of the older members of Phi Delta Theta were not able to be present at the Convention held in Indianapolis, in October last, and many of them gracefully penned their regrets to the proper authorities. Some of these letters we have collected, and have the pleasure of putting them into the hands of all our Brothers through our columns. They breathe forth true Phi spirit, and most of them are worthy the permanence of form which this publication will give to them.—EDITOR.]

JUDGE WM. L. DULANEY, KY. ALPHA, '57.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Oct. 21st, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec'y Phi Delta Theta*.

It will be impossible for me to attend our reunion 26th inst., as my fall term of circuit court in this county will be in session. Commend me to the Brotherhood and assure them as a rather tough "old boy" of 42 I would be most glad to frolic awhile with them, and in some sort renew the youth that began in Ky. Alpha in '56 at Centre College.

When I can serve the Order in any way count me in.

Yours Fraternaly,

WILLIAM L. DULANEY, Ky. Alpha, '57.

BRO. S. E. MAHAN, IND. ALPHA, '71.

LA POMTE AGENCY, BAYFIELD, Wis., Oct. 23d, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec'y Phi Delta Theta*,

231 Peru St., Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Brother Your postal received and read with heartfelt interest, and its receipt has done me good. It carried me back to those happy days when I was one of the working members, to college days with the "boys," to the good times at the conventions, yes and the girls, bless their hearts, who stood by the Fraternity and helped us to fight our battles and rejoice with us in our victories and condoled with us in time of trouble or sickness. We loved the Phi Delta Theta for her own sake, they loved her for ours.

After eleven years battling with active life, meeting with the ups and downs, a kind remembrance from those with whom I used to associate and the knowledge that I am not forgotten indeed makes me happy, and it is with regret that I am

compelled to say that I can not be with you. My kind regards to all, and wishing each and every one a happy time, I am, Fraternaly yours,

S. E. MAHAN, Ind. Alpha, '71.

U. S. Ind. Ag't.

P. S.—If your proceedings are published please send them to me.

HON. J. C. S. BLACKBURN, KY. ALPHA, '57.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, 1880.

C. J. REDDIG, *Pres. Ex. Com.*

My dear Sir: I have your appreciated favor of date Jan. 27th. A more prompt answer would have been made but for my anxiety to accept if possible the invitation it conveyed. I more than regret that a careful survey of the probabilities will not permit me so to do. The period indicated will of necessity find me overwhelmed with active and arduous work. Not only my own but the general Presidential canvass will be at its height, in which I will be forced to take an active part. Nor will it be possible to find even a day's exemption from the service.

I am for this reason compelled to decline the pleasurable service which the partiality of the Ex. Com. would bestow upon me, and which you have couched in language of complimentary kindness. I beg Sir, to you and through you to the Committee, to couple with sincere expressions of regret my equally sincere assurances of appreciation and kind regards.

I am most truly, &c.,

JO. C. S. BLACKBURN, Ky. Alpha, '57.

BRO. L. L. BRISTOW, VA. BETA, '79.

53 W. 3d St., CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 27, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec'y Phi Delta Theta.*

Dear Friend: Yours calling attention to the meeting of the Convention and inviting me to come to the same was received some days since. I had hoped to be present, but business matters render it impossible. My heart is still in the cause and I hope the Convention may result in much good to the Fraternity.

In the Bond,

L. L. BRISTOW, Va. Beta, '79.

BRO. A. A. DEWING, PA. ALPHA, '80.

CAL. MIL. ACADEMY, Oakland, Cal., Oct. 17, 1880.

DEAR BRO. NORRIS:

With fraternal greetings and sympathies, please accept my regrets that business prevents my attending the "Phis" Convention.

Experiences of commencement reunions give me an appreciation (in a small way, I presume) of the good times you will have.

Yours in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

A. A. DEWING, Pa. Alpha, '80.

HON. JNO. F. PHILLIPS, KY. ALPHA, '55.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, D. C., May 27, 1880.

JAMES C. NORRIS.

Dear Sir and Brother: Yours of the 25th ult. has been long in reaching me. I do not see how I can, in justice to myself and other demands upon me, engage to deliver the address before the National Convention of the P. D. T. Fraternity next October. I am unfortunately in politics, and during the month of October I will, in all probability, be too much occupied with my canvass for re-election to Con-

gress to take even a brief excursion in the delightful paths of literature. It would certainly be a more pleasurable pursuit to my taste than that of the rugged and burning way of the politician; but the best and worst of us are slaves to our fortune and ambition, which we either choose or have chosen for us.

It has been a cherished desire of my heart to meet in National Convention with, and talk to, our Fraternity. Whether this passion will die out with the heat and vigor of life before its gratification I know not. Possibly when a wearied constituency shall have relegated me to private life, my hope is that my ambition, if unappeased, will find its higher and better attainment in an opportunity to discuss before the Fraternity some noble theme of philosophy, science, art, or literature.

Gratefully acknowledging the compliment of my selection, and with a hearty wish for a joyous and instructive reunion, I am very truly and fraternally,

Yours, etc.,

JNO. F. PHILLIPS, Ky. Alpha, '55.

BRO. SAMUEL A. HOOVER, IND. ALPHA, '56.

HOOVER HILL, N. C., Oct. 15, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec'y.*

Dear "Sir Phi.:" Your Postal Circular reached me a day or two since, and although it may seem presumptuous in me to attempt a reply, yet I am "impressed" that I may say a word.

In my college days, I was quite enthusiastic as a Phi, and I esteem the Fraternity yet as above all price, believing with Pat Shields that there were "millions in it," although they yet (the millions) remain utterly beyond my sight or reach; still like Col. Mulberry Sellers, I am attempting to dig them out. I had the honor to be for a long while the Sec. of the Ind. Alpha, when I had to carry the records in my pocket, as the only safe depository. For many years, however, in my varied wanderings, I have lost all trace of the workings or assemblages of the Fraternity.

To say that the knowledge of its continued existence, as also of its Biennial Conclave, imparted by your postal, gives me much pleasure and gratification would be "drawing it mild." I am compelled to express to you my regrets at not being able to attend. Some reasons may be of use in explanation. And *firstly*, a great "press of business" just at this time, for you must be informed that I am engaged in the "Nursery" line, but you must not infer from the word that I am coddling infantile specimens of masculinity or femininity, or that any thing of the sort will preclude the possibility of my attendance. Just why a few acres of young fruit trees should be called a "Nursery" is a conundrum which I am unable to guess, unless it be that that is not its name. It must be somewhat like the arbitrary names of certain fruits, the blackberry for instance which is blue, but is called black to distinguish it from the blue berry, which is black.

Secondly, my condition is much that of Mart. Igoe of your city, (if you are not acquainted with that "Canostrophe" you must hunt him up,) who when requested by the War Department to "put in an appearance" in the city where our "Great White Father" lives, replied that it had long been the earnest desire of his heart, to visit Washington, but the legal profession in which he was engaged, had not proved sufficiently remunerative to warrant such a demand to be made upon his exchequer. He was to a great extent in a state of "impecuniosity," in fact "busted," and could not gratify his darling wish, or the demand of the department. Well suppose me to be Igoe, and "thus you see, it is." Again, I could not get back

by election day. And I could not be so derelict in my duty to the American people, as to fail to vote *early and often*. So I will be unable to attend the Banquet, but on the contrary will be content to sit like a "knot on a log" in this "neck of the woods" and waste my "sweetness on the desert air," and banquet on "possum," sweet "taters," "simmon," pudding, etc.

Accept my best wishes for the success of the Convention. May it prove the grandest, most distinguished, and most entertaining that has ever been held. Will it lack the presence of Col. Jno. W. Foster? Is he at home or is he over yonder among the "Slavons" of St. Petersburg? I would be glad to hear of his making a speech in Mexican Patois, telling all he knows about climbing volcanoes, or in Russian, about the benefit of "stewed candles" as a delicious delicacy of the "cuisine," with a hint in English, as to whether or not I shall "wear his mantle."

With many and high regards both for yourself and the dear old Fraternity which you so ably represent, to "one and all, both great and small," (hold on here! I am liable to break out in a new place,) allow me to subscribe myself,

Yours in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

SAML. A. HOOVER, Ind. Alpha, '56.

PROF. S. DE SOTO, KY. ALPHA, '50.

DANVILLE, Ky., March 14th, 1880.

JAS. C. NORRIS, ESQ.

Dear Sir and Brother: Your note informing me of my election to read the Poem before the Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has been received. Conscious of my inability, but very grateful for the honor, I feel it to be absolutely my duty to decline. Why, my dear Brother, I have never in my life delivered an oration or made a speech in any Public Audience, large or small. You must transfer this honor upon one, and only upon that *one*, who has great poetical talent, rich mellow voice, great self possession, and grace of delivery.

Yours Fraternally,

S. DE SOTO, *Phi Delta Theta*.

HON. THOS. W. BULLITT, KY. ALPHA, '58.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 20, 1880.

A. GWYN FOSTER.

My dear Sir and Bro.: I have your postal of the 9th inst., requesting me to respond to a toast at the banquet of the Phi Delta Theta, Oct. 29. The toast is one to which I should take pleasure in responding, and the older I grow the more warmly and tenderly I could speak upon the subject. A man with a wife and five little children around him who would unwillingly respond to "Our Sweethearts," is "fit for treason, stratagems and spoils." But I fear it will be impossible for me to leave home at that time. I have had quite a severe spell of sickness and have not yet recovered, by reason of which, engagements have crowded upon me in such a way that I fear to commit myself to a promise to be present. Should I be able to leave home, I shall gladly drop in among you and shall enjoy no little a reunion of the old members of the Phi Delta Theta.

Yours truly,

THOS. W. BULLITT, Ky. Alpha, '58.

BRO. A. A. STEARNS, OHIO E., '80.

C. R. PENCE, }
A. GWYN FOSTER. }

23 IRVING ST., CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 13, 1880.

Dear Brothers: Your card having the announcement of the coming Convention of Phi Delta Theta is before me. Please be assured of my appreciation of

your kindness and of my profound regrets that circumstances will not permit me to be in Indianapolis on the date named.

I am in hearty sympathy with you all, and sincerely hope your coming together may result in much good to our Order, and be a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to each one of you.

It has always been a matter of great satisfaction to me that I was a member of a fraternity, and to have been a member of the Phi Delta Theta was the especial pride of my college life. I recall with pleasure the occasion of our meeting in Wooster, O., two years ago, and were not the distance so great, would certainly be present this year to join with my brother Phis in the ratification of our Bond.

Yours fraternally,

A. A. STEARNS, O. Epsilon, '80.

HON. W. F. VILAS, WIS. ALPHA, '58.

MADISON, Wis., March 13, 1880.

JAS. C. NORRIS, *Secretary Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.*

Dear Sir: I received with great pleasure the invitation you so earnestly and flatteringly communicated to address the next National Convention of the Fraternity, being fully sensible of the compliment paid me by it; and I beg you to make to the brothers of the Order suitable acknowledgments in my behalf, which you will know how best to express for me.

I need not add that I suppress my inclinations in writing that, after full consideration, I cannot venture to undertake the pleasing task. My engagements for the coming season of this year are already too severe for my health, which has not been this winter as firm as heretofore, and I am bound to yield to a superior necessity many opportunities for gratification.

I trust the occasion will prove as useful to the interests of the Society as it must be delightful to the members.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. VILAS, Wis. Alpha, '58.

BRO. R. A. D. WILBANKS, ILL. BETA, '67.

MT. VERNON, Ill., Oct. 8, 1880.

BRO. J. C. NORRIS, *Sec'y Ex. Com. Phi Delta Theta.*

Dear Sir and Bro.: I own receipt of your esteemed favor of 1st inst. If possible for me to do so I will attend the Convention of our beloved fraternity the 26th inst.

Yours in the Bond,

R. A. D. WILBANKS, Ill. Beta, '67.

BRO. WM. LOWNDES CALHOUN, GA. ALPHA, '74.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 27th, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec. Ex. Com. Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.*

My Dear Bro. in the Bond: Some days since I received a card of invitation to attend the Convention of our Fraternity; and it was my desire and hope to have been among you, but at the eleventh hour engagements prevented me this pleasure; I wish, however, to send greeting and God speed in your deliberations, and request, if not too much trouble, a copy of the proceedings of your Convention. I have not for many years assimilated with any chapter, but in heart and soul, have always been in full sympathy with the work.

Once more with heartfelt wishes that your deliberations may prove fruitful of good to our beloved Fraternity, I am,

Yours in Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

WM. LOWNDES CALHOUN, Ga. Alpha, '74.

PRESIDENT ALEXANDER MEANS, GA. GAMMA, HON.

OXFORD, Ga., Oct. 14th, 1880.

MR. J. C. NORRIS, *Sec.*

Dear Sir Your printed postal card for which I thank you, containing a kind invitation to meet your Fraternity at their approaching Biennial Convention to be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., opening on the 26th inst., was duly received. I trust you will pardon my undesirable delay in acknowledging its receipt. It was laid upon my study-table with many other communications demanding my attention. Great nervous prostration and muscular debility have contributed to interrupt my usual promptness in epistolary correspondence, to which I may add the claims of the Press from different quarters, to which I have recently contributed, and for which another article is now under my pen. But finding this morning your postal card still waiting my attention, I determined to lay aside other matters, and given it the respectful attention which it merits at my hands. It would afford me sincere pleasure to meet in Convention the honorable and prosperous Brotherhood of literary aspirants whom you so worthily represent, together with other visiting friends; but my continued feebleness—the distance of travel, and other causes—interpose almost insuperable difficulties, and I am constrained to forego the delightful privilege of meeting with the association and mingling with them in their anticipated festivities. Will you oblige the writer, therefore, by acting as his organ, in tendering to the Phi Delta Theta Society, in Convention assembled, the high regard which he entertains for their organization, and his confraternal aspirations for their continued prosperity and widening influence among the Colleges of the land? Many years ago, it was my privilege and pleasure, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Emory College, to assist in securing under patronage and approval of that body, the *first* Society of their Order known to this Institution. Nor has the Board ever regretted, to this day, I think, the privilege granted. Such have been the dignified and honorable bearing and studious habits of its members that they generally command the respect of Faculty and students.

With liberal and favorable views of the *objects* designed to be attained, and sincere desires for a wider field of usefulness for your beloved Fraternity, allow me to subscribe myself

Faithfully and truly yours, &c.

A. MEANS.

BRO. N. G. IGLEHART, WIS. ALPHA, '57.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 11th, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, ESQ., *Sec'y Ex. Com. Phi Delta Theta.*

My dear Sir and Brother I am in receipt of your kind invitation to be present at the Biennial Convention on the 26th inst.

It would give me great pleasure to meet with you on that happy occasion, but my business engagements will not permit of my absence from home. With thanks for your kind remembrance, I am,

Fraternally yours,

N. G. IGLEHART, Wis. Alpha, '57.

BRO. EMMETT TOMPKINS, OHIO E., '74.

("CAPTAIN JACK.")

ATHENS, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1880.

JAMES C. NORRIS, *Sec'y.*

Dear Friend and Brother I wish I could tell you how pleased I am to receive your kind fraternal invitation to the next National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta, and how much it pains me to be compelled to send "regrets."

But the stubborn fact is, that on the dates of the 26, 27 and 28 I have an official

engagement of such importance that it places an absolute veto on my being elsewhere than before the Court.

I am sincerely disappointed in this, because I have expected, all along, to be with you at our Convention, and join the "Dear Old Boys" in their revels. And now, to think that after so many happy anticipations I am driven to the necessity of saying that I can not be there! I am almost constrained to follow the example of Mark Twain at the tomb of our illustrious and remote ancestor, Adam. He wept.

With you, I recollect distinctly "the happy hours we spent at Wooster two years ago," and it is on account of this distinctness of recollection, as well as on account of the many pleasing things I have to recollect, that I am pained because I can not again meet you under similar, if not more favorable, circumstances. I can not consent that any one shall honor more highly or appreciate more fully the virtues of Phi Delta Thetaism than I do.

The germ that was planted in my breast eleven years ago, took deep root, and, fertilized as it has been by the sweet waters of friendship, the plant has grown, and spread its tender branches until its verdure will last as long as I shall last. I likewise appreciate the honor of being placed on the list to respond to a toast. It would be highly gratifying to exercise the privilege of addressing such an *ensemble* as will be present on that occasion. And whether my subject be the immortal and defunct "Capt. Jack," or some less pathetic and classical theme, it would be none the less complimentary to me, and no doubt equally as distressing to my hearers. Still, I do not think "Capt. Jack" should be neglected. He has become incorporated in the history of our Fraternity, having been paraded before several Conventions, and at the coming banquet he should be allowed a place. As I can not be there, permit me to delegate my right of dissecting him to you, as I fully believe you are competent to do the subject justice. Permit me to remind you, however, that Capt. Jack is a near relative to Jack the giant killer, also the Jack who climbed the bean stalk and whose order caused the Cardiff giant to exclaim "Fe, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" Also does he bear close affinity to the Jack who ascended the hill with mademoiselle Gill and drew from the well a bucket of water, and subsequently, in a most grotesque manner, fell down, and the young damsel followed "arter." Also is there some connection between his family and that of the architect Jack who built the house, wherein the malt, the rat, the cat, the dog and several other animals had such alarming experiences; in fact, the genealogy of Capt. Jack, the Modoc, the Lava bed hero, the Scalper and the Yelper, is very extensive, honorable, distinguished and immortal. With the injunction that you keep these matters well in view, I leave the tender subject with you.

But seriously, my dear Friend, you can hardly appreciate just how great my disappointment is. I have felt certain that I would be able to be with you, and can hardly satisfy myself with the fact that imperative duties, alone, keep me away.

Now, with my deepest, most sincere regards and fraternal love to the Brethren, assuring them that my heart is with them in the cause, and wishing that the Convention may be full fruited with good results, I am,

Yours and Theirs in the Bond,

EMMETT TOMPKINS, O. Gamma, '74.

[NOTE.—Bro. Tompkins was there after all. The Phis who were at the Con-

vention will remember how he surmounted all difficulties, including a "council of war," and appeared on the floor on the last day to plead his cause so eloquently. May the like of "Capt. Jack" be multiplied!—ED.]

FROM THE SISTER OF J. B. REED, (DECEASED), KY. ALPHA, '75.

DANVILLE, Ky., Oct. 11th, 1880.

J. C. NORRIS, *Sec. Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.*

Sir : A card addressed to J. B. Reed, giving notice of the Biennial Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in your city on the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th of the present month, was received on Saturday.

J. B. Reed died in Denver, Colorado, on Nov. 23d, 1879, of typhoid fever, where he had gone to practice law eight months before his death; and in that length of time had won the love and esteem of a large circle of friends, and was surrounded by everything that his most loving friends could desire, and with the brightest prospects for a useful and distinguished life. He had won at the age of twenty-four what most men never do through a long life, that is, the confidence of his fellow man.

He was ready for his summons, and though young and prosperous, had not forgotten to attend to the most important matter in life, that is, religion. He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church seven years and a half. He was twenty-four years and four months old.

He joined your fraternity when he was a Freshman in Centre College, was graduated in June, 1875, then studied law with Samuel Harding of this place for a year. During July and August of 1877 he was a private student of Judge Minor, of University of Virginia, and in Sept., 1877, entered Vanderbilt Law School at Nashville, Tennessee, where he was graduated in the following May with distinguished honors. There were forty in the class, only nine passed the examination, and he was one of the nine. May 30th, 1878, was the date of his graduation at Vanderbilt Law School. In March, 1879, he located in Denver, Colorado.

You will not have a brighter member of your fraternity and one to whom you could point with more pride.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPHINE REED.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

BY J. H. GILLESPIE, TEXAS ALPHA, '79.

I am now isolated from our beloved chapter. Yet time and separation has not chilled my feelings for Phi Delta Theta, but, on the other hand, the flame has increased, and the more I think of the spirit of our Bond, the dearer seems the tie that binds. I have often feared that some of our Brothers do not fully apprehend the royalty of Phi Delta Theta, do not feel to the utmost extent the sacredness of the Bond they have pledged themselves to sustain, thus viewing our fraternity more as a literary society pertaining to school life; if such be the case they are not living in the spirit of Phidom, the true light has not shone before their feet to guide them along the avenues of the realm in which we should move.

We recognize Phi Delta Theta as our name and give as its meaning all that is ennobling, loyal, truthful, philanthropic, brotherly, and moral. In becoming Phis it behooves us to assume an exalted opinion of its spirit, that we raise ourselves above mediocrity, for surely we would not be willing to dwell in the sphere of the mediocre, thus trampling on the spirit that we should emulate in order to attain to a higher life.

Let us be strong and loyal to our Bond, prove we are friends to its loyalty, loving and living constantly within its bounds. In its sentiments are embodied that which if crushed to the earth, will rise again, yes, that fundamental truth, which like the light of heaven, is not only perfect within itself, but sheds an illusion around all things to prove what is good; this sentiment is truly one which we are pledged to sustain.

It means for us to cultivate a benevolent, kind and loving spirit for all mankind, and especially to cultivate that brotherly feeling for each other that is not wavering. Phi Delta Theta hails, and welcomes that principle which is founded on the power we have of discriminating right from wrong; recognizing the fact that there is a supreme Architect and founding its principles on that infallible book the Bible.

Brothers this is only a miniature idea of the royalty of Phi Delta Theta, in its workings, yet, some I fear have not as exalted an opinion of her as I have expressed. Am I judging wrong? I know that the spirit of Phi Delta Theta is not dying, no not for one single moment would I believe such; she is on the upward march, yet, some are not as enthusiastic on the subject as others. Why is this? Simply because they do not realize to as full an extent as they should the spirit that is prevalent in her works.

Our last Convention proved a greater success than ever before, and the watchword now is "on to Richmond." Phidom looks forward to this time for a grander and nobler array of its subjects than have ever yet been chronicled. It is right for her to effect a great work meanwhile, so that her ranks will swell until the watchword shall be passed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the lakes of the North to the groves of the Sunny South.

Then, Brothers, to realize this hope, let each, though separated directly from the influences of his chapter, put on the whole armor and battle for Phidom, thus realizing within ourselves, that it is a grand institution, a loyal prince for us its honored subjects.

FROM THE S. G. C.

BROTHER EDITOR :

The SCROLL without any further improvement is interesting at all times and seasons, and not the least interesting feature is the Chapter portion. To those actively interested in the progress of the Fraternity, the only measure of that progress is the Reports from individual Chapters. From the tone of the Reports as a whole he makes out his estimate of the whole Fraternity. But, at present, he must content himself with a very small instrument for measuring a very large object.

Your "Word to Reporters" strikes home on one feature of Reports, and in accordance with your suggestion, if you will allow me, I will propose a "conundrum" which is many headed: "With our large Chapter list of active Chapters why is not the NUMBER of Reports larger?"

We all know, Bro. Ed., it is not your fault. We know your heart is large enough to hold all that come, and too large to refuse admittance to any that come on time. When there were plenty of Reports on your table, we find 22 in your December SCROLL. But in the next number (January) we find only 13, including Mass. A.

Now, another, while we have our hand in: "Why are replies to the questions from the Province Presidents addressed to each Chapter not more promptly given?"

It is the desire of those more immediately concerned to make a full general Report of each Province to the Fraternity. It was intended to make the Report of the general condition of the Fraternity a feature of each issue of the SCROLL. But, at present, not one of the Prov. Presidents can make even a partial Report from his Province. Three months have passed since the Convention and we seem as far from getting general Reports as then. Of course much of this tardiness is due to the unavoidable delay in the distribution of the Constitution. But the Historian G. C. has done his work well and with as much promptitude as the nature of the work admitted. Now let us emulate him and do our work well and promptly.

Of course we understand how easy it is to delay a letter a day or two and we know, too, that in that line we are the worst of sinners. But certainly a letter which is needed at a specified time and for such purposes, delays a Bro. Pres't and may prevent the publication of the whole Report. We therefore ask the Reporters of all the Chapters, as a favor to the General Council, to answer promptly and fully the questions from the Bro. Presidents.

Would, also, call attention to the motion (Minutes Convention, p. 18) that "all copies of the Constitution of 1878 * * * forwarded at once to the S. G. C.," and would ask Chapters to please comply at once, each chapter putting its name on the Constitution forwarded by it.

Fraternally,

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND, S. G. C.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE G. C.

DEAR BROTHER PHIS:

1. Those chapters knowing themselves indebted for the SCROLL, or Initiation Fees, are requested to send the amount due as soon as possible.

2. Alumni subscribers to the SCROLL will please notice the above, as referring also to them.

3. I have on hand a number of "Song Books" and "Catalogues," and would like each chapter to purchase at least 2 copies of each. We need the money, and the chapters should purchase these books *at once* so as to increase our funds.

4. Chapters and Alumni members should bear in mind that *all* orders for Badges, or any Fraternity Jewelry, must be sent through the Treasurer, and money orders should be made payable to Mess. L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., Albany, N. Y.

Orders from chapters should be written by the Reporter, or have his endorsement.

5. Cannot each Province President urge the Alumni to subscribe for the SCROLL? We want 1000 Subscribers—who will act first?

6. Who can and will send me the address of any of the following members?

W. J. Elston,	C. H. Remy,	Henry C. Guffin,
Robt. P. Parker,	A. B. Thrasher,	Cyrus Huling,
C. M. Idleman,	Charlie J. Read,	N. W. Cady.
Chas. O. Perry,	Alenon C. Green,	

7. I am pleased to state that our Finances are in good shape and if the chapters will *promptly* pay their dues, and urge its Alumni membership to subscribe for the SCROLL, by the First of April, 1881, we will have *No Notes, No Debts*, but will have *Cash on hand*.

Please respond promptly to these few requests, and your Treasury will prosper.

Your Brother in the Bond,

CLARENCE J. REDDIG,

SHIPPENSBURG, PA., Feb. 1st, 1881.

Treasurer G. C.

—A preliminary meeting of the resident alumni members of the college fraternity of Phi Delta Theta was held last evening at the Palmer House. It was decided to form an alumni chapter of this old and successful fraternity. A charter was applied for, there being thirty-five charter members, and a temporary organization was effected by the election of D. M. Hillis as President, and Irving C. Tomlinson, Secretary. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair. There are fifty members of the fraternity in the city, and it is intended to establish a flourishing alumni chapter.—*Chicago Tribune, Jan. 19th.*

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GETTYSBURG, PA., FEBRUARY, 1881.

The letters which we spread before our readers on the first pages of this issue indicate a degree of interest in the welfare of Phi Delta Theta that is as strong as it is gratifying. They will have a lively interest for all Phis, and we do well to preserve them.

The Illinois Alpha Alumni recently organized in Chicago bids fair to be our strongest alumni chapter, and Indianapolis must look to her laurels. The Chicago Alumni is made up of good material, as a glance over the names appended to the call for the charter will show. The report of the work of organization speaks for itself in another column. We have at hand, too late for this issue, a directory of Chicago Phis, containing forty or more names. We wish the Lake City chapter most abundant success.

Alabama Alpha has been greatly strengthened by the initiation of nine former members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Ala. A. & M. College. In order that there might be a clear understanding of the whole matter we wrote for particulars, and received a very satisfactory explanation from one of the new initiates. This we append to the report of the chapter.

While not giving license to such extreme measures as giving up charters unless absolutely necessary, such as for charter violations, etc., we have yet

no word to say against the manly independence and fairness of the former members of S. A. E. Having had no share in bringing about the dissolution, we feel no hesitancy in holding out to them the right hand of fellowship in the spirit of our Bond.

The Reporter of Ohio Gamma invites reply to an expressed doubt among the members of his chapter as to the obligation of certain ones with regard to paying assessments laid last year. The case specified is that of last year's seniors and the convention tax of '80. If the Reporter asks if his chapter must pay the convention assessment for those who graduated or left college last year, we reply with a straight-out, unequivocal affirmative. Our Treasurer deals with chapters, not with individuals, and when an assessment is levied he does not recognize a freshman or a senior. Each chapter when a *per capita* tax is laid, owes for as many members as are on its active list at the time, and continues to owe for that number no matter how many graduate or leave the institution. Nor does it matter by what individual the money is paid, be he senior or prep. It is the *chapter* that is responsible to the Treasurer, *not* the individual. Of course it is best, and fairest, for each individual to pay his own assessment, and where the matter is entered into in a kindly, business-like way this is usually done without any great trouble or effort. We trust the chapter in question fully understands this exposition of the case.

Considering all that has been said on the subject of finances from time to time in our columns it would not be strange if it should become a distasteful topic. It is so to us certainly, and the way to get rid of an old encumbrance is to lop it off, and this is just what we hope the chapters will do that

have debt encumbrances—cut them off, wipe them out, by paying them. A number of chapters yet owe money to the SCROLL fund. We call their attention to the address from our Treasurer on another page. Let us make our Treasurer's reports highly interesting by allowing him to report *no debts*.

Bro. Milo C. Summers is rapidly pushing Bro. Barrs in the matter of provincial organization. His report is its own best commentator, and we congratulate him on the effective work he is accomplishing.

Our Galesburg chapter has been finely reinforced by the strong men initiated recently at Knox College.

The chapter has also issued a circular letter addressed to the members of Phi Sigma, whose chapter at Galesburg was merged into Phi Delta Theta three years ago. The design of the circular is to secure the affiliation by initiation of the older members of Phi Sigma, a history of which fraternity is in course of preparation. The letter, which is handsomely printed, is signed by Bro. Summers, on behalf of Phi Delta Theta, and by Bro. Everett L. Conger, on behalf of Phi Sigma.

The pressure on our columns has been so great this month that we have been obliged to crowd out some valuable matter, among which are reports from Bro. Bonham, Pres. Beta Province, several reports from Alpha Province, and others from other chapters. The omission has been caused in great part by the extra space given up to the Phi letters in the first pages of this number. It will not be likely to occur again.

But we must kindly ask our Reporters and Province Presidents to put in practice the "boiling down" process as much as possible in writing their reports. It is far more pleasant, for

all concerned, to have it done at first hand, than to do it in the sanctum.

The matter of holding state reunions and conventions is being pushed forward with an interest that foretakens great success. We believe that Alabama was the first State to move in this direction, having issued a circular call for a convention shortly after the adjournment of the Indianapolis convention. Georgia, Texas, and Illinois have taken up the cry in rapid succession, and doubtless other States will follow the worthy example set by them. These conventions, held with a proper degree of enthusiasm and in a business-like way, will do much to advance the interests of Phi Delta Theta.

SANCTUM SHAVINGS.

It would not do to tell it outside the *sanctum*, but our President is going to take advantage of an early spring—if it comes.

Our Treasurer is just as good as though he had not been sick. The best physician that attended him was from a female Seminary.

We call special attention to the advertisement of Stork & Co., Baltimore. This firm has just begun under a new style, and is ready to fill orders promptly. They keep fine goods, and deserve patronage.

To those Phis who want binding done we commend the advertisement of C. E. Aughinbaugh, third page cover. We are authorized to say that expenses one way will be paid on all books sent to be bound. This firm is also building up a large trade in subscriptions, and money can be saved by those who subscribe for leading periodicals of all kinds. We commend Mr. Aughinbaugh as a young man worthy of all the trade that may be entrusted to his care.

From Gamma Prov. President.

GALESBURG ILL, Feb. 5th 1881.

To the Phis of Gamma Province :

DEAR BROTHERS :—My only excuse for the late appearance of this letter is that, through my own fault, a communication for the January SCROLL reached our Editor a day or so late.

The Gamma province must not be behind the Epsilon in organizing—by means of which so much may be accomplished, but without which, so little. In working for this end, I shall follow in some points Bro. Barr's plans, as I think that uniformity, or at least similarity, in the several province organizations is very desirable.

Therefore all chapters of this province who have not already signified their opinions, in answer to letters from me, are invited to think of the following plan :

Next June each state will hold a reunion at some appointed time and place. At this time, a regular organization will be perfected, all matters of interest discussed, etc., occupying one or two days ; in the evening after the close of the session, literary exercises and a banquet may be held. Arrangements for these reunions may be made under the direction of the several state presidents who either have been, or soon will be, appointed.

Then, Feb. 16th and 17th of next year, at some suitable place, we will hold the Gamma Province Convention, arrangements for which may be made later this year. Thus, by the state reunions and province convention, the interval of two years between Nat. Conventions will be equally divided.

Each chapter in the province will please elect a "SCROLL agent", to be confirmed by the State President, whose duty it will be to secure alumni subscriptions.

I think it well that the Reporter of each chapter add to his duties that of correspondence with the alumni members, with a view to keeping them interested in the fraternity.

I cannot urge too strongly upon each and every chapter the necessity of keeping square with the General Treasurer. The cost of belonging to our fraternity is but little in comparison with the benefits we derive from it, and we should pay the small charges promptly and cheerfully.

One or two chapters have not replied to my letters of inquiry. The necessity for prompt replies, and for regular *monthly* reports to the SCROLL, is very great. Let each chapter report by the first of each month to the SCROLL, no matter how short the reports may be, and no matter if there are about the same things to say each time. In the next SCROLL, I wish each chapter of Gamma province to do as Bro. Barrs has requested his chapters—to send in a statement of membership, with classes, condition financially, rivals, etc.

I can report nearly all the chapters in Gamma province in a thriving condition. Illinois Gamma (*sub rosa*), which did not report at convention, is in fair condition, having now 12 active members. Iowa Alpha has no members in college now, but as there will be one in the spring, I am taking steps towards setting this chapter on its base again. The Illinois Alpha Alumni has been established at Chicago under auspicious circumstances, and this chapter has I hope sent in its report for this number of the SCROLL.

Another triumph of the Phi Delta Theta has been the good results of an effort to form a chapter at Knox College, in this city, which lately removed its opposition to fraternities. Omitting the preliminary steps, I will say that Dec. 10th, 1880, accompanied by Bro. L. L. Ratekin, I met a number of applicants for membership at the room of Mr. (now Bro.) A. G. Sheahan. After some talk, we proceeded with the work of initiating twelve first-class men into our noble fraternity. Since that time several meetings have been held, and the chapter's organization perfected. The "immortal twelve" charter members are :

John Y. Ewart, '81, Cl.
 J. B. Parkinson, '81, Sc.
 G. F. Pierson, '81, Cl.
 M. W. Pinckney, '81, Sc.
 E. A. Ray, '81, Sc.
 A. G. Sheahan, '81, Cl.
 Tom Taylor, '81, Sc.
 Nels. F. Anderson, '82, Cl.
 E. S. Carr, '82, Cl.
 Wm. H. Chambers, '82, Cl.
 Mark Mason, '83, Sc.
 Wm. H. Whitney, '84, Cl.

At their last meeting their membership was increased to 17 by the initiation of the following gentlemen :

John S. Phillips, '82, Cl.
 John L. Kennedy, '83, Sc.
 Fred C. Perkins, '83, Cl.
 C. W. Lay, '84 Cl.
 Robert C. Morse, '84, Cl.

The charter, though granted, has not yet been issued, and the brothers are patiently waiting for the same. Bro. Sheahan is President, and Bro. Pinekney, Reporter. The chapter has secured the use of Pres. Bateman's recitation room as a chapter hall; and it seems peculiarly adapted for the purpose.

This chapter starts out under unusually bright auspices, and we predict for it a brilliant future. It has its choice of material in the College, and starting at the top, it intends to stay at the top. All hail to Illinois Zeta!

Now a word to Phis in general. Last night an event occurred that has been looked forward to with great pleasure by our brothers here. It was a reunion and supper by the three chapters, Monmouth, Knox, and Lombard. The brothers *rendezvoused* at the Union Hotel at 8 o'clock. After some time spent in getting acquainted, and in social conversation, we repaired to the dining hall to partake of an abundant repast there provided. The brothers were first addressed by Bro. E. L. Conger, a charter member of the Phi Sigma League, now merged into the Phi Delta Theta. The Reverend Conger preserves his enthusiasm for the society unabated, and wishes to be considered "one of the boys." He is the financial agent for Lombard University, and one whom we are all proud to call brother. A cordial and appropriate welcome to the brothers was extended by Bro. A. G. Sheahan, who most acceptably filled the position of toastmaster, introducing the several speakers and their subjects by very *apropos* remarks. The response to the welcome was neatly given by a brother from the *sub rosa* chapter. After responses by different brothers to toasts appropriate to the occasion, the company adjourned to the parlors, where the time quickly passed. At the hour of "almost early" we separated to return to our respective homes, unanimously agreeing that the reunion was a success.

With fraternal regards to all I remain,
 Yours in the Bond,
 MILO C. SUMMERS.

Chapter Correspondence.

BETA PROVINCE.

Ohio Gamma.

OHIO UNIVERSITY,

Athens, O. Jan. 26th. 1881.

DEAR EDITOR:

For some unaccountable reason we were not represented in your worthy columns of last month. The fault is not yours. It is our desire that you may be present, at some time, when the SCROLL makes its appearance among our boys, that you may see with what eagerness they devour its contents. This would be sufficient remuneration for one month's labor thereon.

We deem the "Province" act a good one, and think it a step by the Phi Delta Theta ranks towards perfection.

It is an open secret that this chapter failed to send in its Convention Tax. The cause was a dispute, in which the Seniors claimed that it was unjust to tax them for the support of a convention to be held after they had graduated. The dispute not being settled, no money was paid in for that purpose. Let us hear from some wise brother on this point.

Bro. D. C. Casto, class of '74, and family spent the Holidays with Mrs. Casto's parents, here in Athens. We enjoyed a ride of forty miles in company with them on their return home, and can truly say that we think Bro. C. enjoys the blessing of a pleasant and entertaining family.

Brother Welch is at present with us. He is visiting his home and friends in Athens. He has been, for some months, making his home in the far west, to which he expects to return soon. May happiness and prosperity attend him is the parting blessing of his brother Phis. We would like to add a few things concerning our own chapter, but the length of our communication forbids.

We number but five, but are all true Phis. Yours in the Bond,

CHAS. A. WRIGHT.

Ohio Epsilon.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 14th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Owing to press of business, this report is rather late, but hoping that you will get it in, we will make it short. No new Phis since last report. Bro.

Ed. Berry was requested to resign because of actions unbecoming a Phi. Appearances are not the most encouraging. We are only five but we are *Phis* and we mean *business* and we will not take up with quantity at the expense of quality. Yours in Bond,

FRANK O. PAYNE.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Illinois Delta.

LOMBARD UNIV., Jan. 17th, 1881.

DEAR EDITOR AND BRO. PHIS:

We must make a brief report this time, as our Province President consumes so much of your valuable space with his report. The chapter here now numbers seven, and next week we initiate one more. The victim is to be Harry E. Parker, and we all know he will make a good and enthusiastic member. We will then number just the same as the Delta Taus, who have been making a desperate effort to get ahead of us lately. They have their anniversary celebration Feb. 9th, but we regard our reunion of Feb. 4, with the boys from Monmouth and Knox, as *the* event of the near future.

We are at all times glad to have any of our brother Phis call on us, in meeting, or at our homes.

We expect soon to be the Alpha chapter of Illinois, on account of the Phi Sigmas, who united with the Phi Delta Thetas, dating their organization from 1857. Bro. M. C. Summers, our historian, informs us that the G. C. will probably agree to this change of lettering, and the consequent change of lettering of all the Ill. chapters. Bro. Summers has charge of the affiliation of the Phi Sigmas.

Yours in the Bond,
C. H. WHEELER.

Wisconsin Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN Madison, Wis.,
Jan. 31st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Just cast aside our last report and take this one instead. Since our last published report we have initiated five good men classed as follows: H. F. Mason, '81, D. F. Simpson, Jno. F. Tourtellotte, and J. Hallem, '82, and Gilbert Park, '84. We have more members than the Betas, three less than the Chi Psis, and about one-third as many as Phi Psi.

We regret to say that we have been

forced to expel Edward J. Dockery, of Milwaukee, for premeditated violation of the Bond. It is our first case of discipline and we are sorry that we were forced to it, but it was for the best. But as if to assuage our sorrow we learn that Bro. W. F. Vilas, '58, was to-day appointed on the Board of Regents of the University.

We have not as yet seen the new ritual but hope that it will soon put in an appearance.

Yours in the Bond,
DAN. S. MCARTHUR.

Illinois Alpha Alumni.

1827 WARASH AVE., Chicago, Ill.,
Jan. 25th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The Chicago Alumni chapter of Phi Delta Theta is established. It has existed heretofore in the imagination but not until recently was its success fully assured.

Having at our disposal the first week in January we took occasion to call upon the Phis of this city, of whom we have a large number, leaders we are proud to say in their professions and business vocations. All were glad to learn of the fraternity's success and of "the best convention ever held." Encouragement and co-operation alike were hearty and we were assured that a little effort would result in a strong alumni chapter. Nor have the predictions failed. The following call for a meeting of the Chicago members of Phi Delta Theta was drafted, to which we readily obtained the signatures attached:

CHICAGO, Jan. 15, 1881.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:

You are aware that you are a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. The fraternity has at present *no* rival in the South, is one of the leading in the West, and has a firm foothold in the East. There are now in nineteen States forty-four well established chapters. Our recent convention at Indianapolis was the largest ever held by a Greek Society.

It is for the best interests of the whole fraternity in this city, where there are over fifty Phis, that an Alumni Association be formed. Such an association will advance the cause, encourage the younger members, and revive the pleasant memories of college days.

To form such an association a meet-

ing will be held in the parlors of the Palmer House on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, at 8 P. M. Your presence is cordially and urgently requested. [Signed.]

J. M. Worrall, D. D., Ohio Alpha, '48.

F. A. Smith, Illinois Beta, '66.

Gwynn Garrett, " " '66.

W. H. Fitch, Jr., Illinois Beta, '67.

R. W. Bridge, " " '67.

C. C. Kohlsaar, " " '69.

Capt. W. P. Black, Ind. Beta, '64.

Jas. F. Gookins, " " '64.

Wm. C. Harbert, " " '64.

David M. Hillis, Ind. Gamma, '64.

Gen. T. J. Morgan, D. D., Ind. Delta, '61.

F. L. Brooks, Ind. Epsilon, '78.

N. G. Iglehard, Wis. Alpha, '60.

J. D. Wallace, Kentucky Alpha, '61.

Will R. Worrall, " " '79.

E. T. Johnson, Ohio Delta, '78.

F. Gray, " " '79.

V. E. Tomlinson, Ohio Epsilon, '80.

I. C. Tomlinson, " " '80.

In response to this call a large number assembled in the parlors of the Palmer House on the evening designated. Bro. D. M. Hillis was elected chairman, and I. C. Tomlinson secretary. On motion it was resolved that this organization be known as the Illinois Alpha Alumni chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Moved and seconded that we accept the constitution of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity as our basis; carried. On motion brothers W. R. Worrall and F. L. Brooks were appointed a committee to make application for charter. Bro. I. C. Tomlinson was appointed a committee on members and membership. After a pleasant chat the chapter adjourned to meet at the office of Bro. F. A. Smith on receipt of the charter.

The Chicago Alumni are all enthusiastic for the welfare of the whole fraternity, and are prepared to lend their assistance and encouragement whenever and wherever needed.

DAVID M. HILLIS, *Pres.*

IRVING C. TOMLINSON, *Sec.*

DELTA PROVINCE.

Virginia Beta.

HALL OF THE VA. BETA, Jan. 31st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The prolonged silence on the part of Va. Beta might possibly create the impression in some minds that we are either numbered with the things that have been, or that we do not display

the interest we should in fraternity work. To correct such an erroneous idea we make ourselves again heard.

Our chapter is doing finely, indeed. We could not wish for a more prosperous state of affairs. Our present membership is eighteen, having been diminished by one on account of the withdrawal from college of our worthy Province President, Bro. Chalkley.

While we know that all fraternities are prone to boast of their superiority over all others, still we feel no hesitancy in saying that Phi Delta Theta is the foremost of the seventeen fraternities represented here. One would judge, from the number of fraternities or *clubs* as they are called here, that there would exist among them feelings of jealousy and ill will. Such however is not the case, and although club-mates associate almost exclusively with club-mates and there is a strong undercurrent of fraternity feeling existing, such feelings are never unpleasantly obtruded upon any one, and the deportment of all toward each other is uniformly of a gentlemanly character.

The new constitution and ritual has been received and we have substituted for our regular literary exercises a fragmentary reading of the same, our intention being to dissect it and take up certain parts at each regular meeting for general discussion in order that we may thoroughly understand it. It has been the custom heretofore for each club to have an annual supper at which the members frequently became more or less influenced by the gay and festive grape-juice. Last session Phi Delta Theta took a new departure in the right direction and invited ladies, and 'tis said that the club supper was the most brilliant affair the university has ever seen.

It succeeded so well and gave us such a good reputation that we have decided to repeat the experiment as soon as our intermediate examinations are finished.

Yours in the Bond,
REPORTER.

Virginia Delta.

900 W. FRANKLIN ST., RICHMOND, VA.,
Jan. 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Just before the Xmas holidays we initiated V. L. Fowlkes into our mystic brotherhood, nor were we too soon,

for we were not the only ones to see his merits. If we had delayed even a few days he would have drifted into *dorm-land* "from whose borne no traveler returns." The devotion of our boys to the "blue and white" was well shown by their braving the elements and plodding through deep snow to initiate Bro. Fowlkes, on a night as bad as the one through which poor Tam O'Shanter had to ride.

Our holidays passed pleasantly, and we are all back at work again.

Bro. Sands has determined to swear off from visiting the girls. This sudden "change came o'er the spirit of his dream" a few days ago when he received cards to the marriage of one of his former sweethearts. Bro. Bryan is *the ladies'* man of our chapter; Bro. Currie is famous as a "masher," and all of us indulge in calling sometimes.

At the last election in the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society, Phi Delta Theta boys received several of the best offices. We also succeeded in electing Bro. Geo. C. Abbitt as Final Orator. I think it is safe to say that we will have the lion's share of honors next June.

We would like to know the manner in which the different chapters conduct their meetings, and whether regular literary exercises are had. Our meetings are usually quite informal, the boys seeming to feel that our hall is the place to unbend, and be free and easy, after the restraint and confinement of the lecture rooms. Now since we have our organ, music has become a pleasing feature in our semi-monthly gathering.

We are trying to correspond with as many of our sister chapters as possible and have already had cheering news from Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and Indiana. Though I know them not by sight, I feel that I have many true friends, in distant States "bound to me by Theta's ties."

Truly yours in the Bond,
GEO. B. TAYLOR, JR.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky. Jan. 1881.
DEAR SCROLL:

We feel that an apology is due to the SCROLL for depriving it of our report occasionally. We are not only existing for the good that is in "mighty self," but are exerting every effort to

make the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity illuminate this general vicinity. In the centre of Danville, in an obscure part of a huge building is our Hall, where every Saturday night 17 bright gentlemanly boys, respond to their names as the Secretary calls the roll. Each brother seems to realize what he is there for.

At our last meeting Bro. Shaw was rescued from perishing in the outer world, much to the chagrin of the Sigma Chis and Zetas. Nevertheless he is ours, and has sworn to ponder our secrets deep in his breast. In obedience to our constitution we have Literary Exercises, which we find to be not only agreeable but very improving. We have an Oration and a Declamation one night and Select Reading and a paper, entitled the *Shield*, edited by Bro. Grider, the next night.

Considerable excitement prevails here on account of the elections in the Society. We intend to have five speeches out of seven, if they can be honorably procured.

We heartily congratulate Georgia Beta for working nobly to increase our royal brotherhood. Let us dwell in sweet communion with each other.

In the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,
WILL E. KNIGHT.

Tennessee Alpha.

VANDERBILT UNIV., Nashville, Tenn.
Jan. 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Another year has passed and gone, bearing with it many happy recollections and fond memories. In retrospect over bygone 1880 how forcibly are we struck with the immense strides our beloved order has made, and how proud we are to note them.

New chapters, as if by magic, have sprung up in all directions, dead ones have been revived, and good men, North, South, East and West, grasping the shield of truth and enlisting under the white and blue, have proudly joined our marching ranks.

The key-note of combined progress, energy, and triumph, sounded by the late convention and echoed by a faithful delegate, still sounds loud and clear in the ears of the Tenn. Alpha, and we hope that in 1882 our representative at Richmond will hear the glad "well done!" coming not only from the lips but alike from the heart of every as-

sembled Phi. With this end in view we have begun our operations. We have doubled the number of our meetings and also our membership, we ask none but the best and never fail to get them.

The article from the pen of one of our provincial Captains, Bro. J. M. B., was read with pleasure and approbation by us all, and we think if taken to heart and acted upon, it will tend to the good and advancement of the Phi Delta Theta cause.

Lately we are in receipt of a letter from Bro. J. A. Wilson, a distinguished member of the Ind. Beta, soliciting chapter correspondence. We gladly accept and say "let the good work go on."—Tendering our "New Year greetings," and wishing that it may be a prosperous and happy one to every Phi, we are yours in love,

ED. A. PRICE.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Georgia Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF GA., Athens, Ga.,
Feb. 2nd, 1881.

DEAR PHIS :

Owing to pressing engagements Bro. Hood, our regular Reporter, has asked me to write up this month's correspondence for him, and I gladly respond, for I believe I possess an inborn disposition to do any kind of Phi work.

Since the last communication from us we have made a grand accession to our number in the person of Gen'l William Montague Browne, Prof. of our famous department of History and Political Science, in which position he has been since 1874. Gen'l Browne is a graduate of Dublin University where he bore off class honors and distinctions in every year of his entire course. He has a record singularly brilliant, and every heart in the Phi world should pulsate with a common fraternal throb when they learn that he has come within the sacred penetrale.

The Georgia chapters are expecting to hold a State Convention during the month of next July at Athens, Ga., and the writer of this letter has been appointed, by the Province President, to act as the presiding officer of the convention until his successor can be duly elected, and communications in regard to that matter should be ad-

dressed to the undersigned. I desire also to keep a complete record of all the members of the Frat. living in the State of Georgia, and I, therefore, ask that chapters located in other States will send me a list of names and post-office address of all their members from Georgia.

Bro. Barrs seems to be interested in his work and if he continues will soon have his Province thoroughly organized. Bros. DuPont and Gaskill are rendering him incalculable assistance.

Since her establishment Ga. Alpha was never in a more gratifying condition than now. We have leased a splendid hall with ante-rooms and have them well furnished.

Yours Fraternally,
W. W. HARDY.

Alabama Alpha.

A. AND M. COLLEGE, Auburn, Ala.,
Jan. 16th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

I have delayed my report for this month in order to give an event that came off last night. For several weeks before Xmas I noticed there was some disturbance in the chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity located at this College. Since Xmas I learned that this chapter was disbanded, having surrendered all its effects to the Grand Chapter.

I notified all of our boys of this condition of affairs. At our next meeting we voted on all of their boys (eleven) except one, and elected all voted on. We then proceeded to procure them for members. It took some time, but finally we prevailed on them to join, and last night we took into our brotherly love, and the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, nine of the former members of Alpha Mu chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These boys are all of noble character and nearly all are of superior mental endowments. One is in the Senior class, C. N. Ousley. Two of the boys are of the Junior, F. J. Dudley and R. F. Ligon, Jr.; four of the Sophomore, C. L. Gay, Joe Sale, Will Andrews, and J. M. Stone, and two of the Freshman class, R. L. Collier and John B. Robinson. We also took in last night George B. Michael, one of the leading members of the Freshman class.

Several weeks ago we presented to the faculty a petition for a hall in

which to meet. Last Thursday the petition was returned conveying intelligence that we could get the old Websterian Hall. This hall is a perfect beauty, is about 35x25 feet, frescoed beautifully, has fine pictures decorating its walls, and artistic statues standing in two of its corners. We are now prepared to do effectual labors for the promotion of Phi Delta Theta. What with twenty-five active, enthusiastic members, and a good hall, we will make the College in future historic by the story of our achievements, and the Phi Delta Theta proud of our existence. The Brothers new and old join me in love to the Phi Delta Theta world.

Yours in the Bond,

JOE CALLOWAY.

From a Former Member of S. A. E.

AUBURN, Ala., Jan. 26th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Bro. Elmore has just handed me a postal from you desiring information concerning the late separation of chapter Alpha Mu from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and, as a former member of that fraternity, I have been requested to answer your card.

Well, to begin at the first, in the fall of 1879, one of the largest of the Greek letter fraternities made Sigma Alpha Epsilon an offer to unite the two orders; the proposition was submitted to each individual chapter and unanimously rejected. At that time I knew comparatively nothing of the standing or extent of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and myself opposed the union. But at the beginning of the present collegiate year we reorganized with only six men, and I became more enthusiastic and more deeply interested than before. Very soon we took in five new members and were working together harmoniously and earnestly. I commenced an extensive correspondence and found out, greatly to my surprise and regret, that we were rapidly going to ruin, having lost four chapters within one year. I conferred with A. M. and we resolved if possible to affect a union of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and some other good fraternity. We informed the Grand Chapter and others of our action, submitting the measure to their calm and unbiased judgments, and setting forth its merits and advantages. It was rejected by the G. C., and we were informed that there were *three* chapters "that

could be depended on." We heard from only *one* of the other chapters, strongly opposing the measure and disapproving our action in not the most affectionate language.

After much correspondence and nothing being accomplished, we requested a special convention, and at the same time said that if something was not done speedily, Alpha Mu would take some active steps, independently. The Grand President replied in about the following letter: "Sigma Alpha Epsilon is at a low ebb. Do not think the fault lies at our door. Cannot hear from other chapters, consequently cannot grant a special convention. As Alpha Mu is so despondent, she had better give up her charter." I immediately returned our charter, constitution and all things concerning Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Very soon after our disconnection, Phi Delta Theta proposed to take us into her fold. Nine of us accepted and are now "loyal Phis." The other two for reasons of their own refuse to join any other fraternity.

While a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon I did all within my power to promote her welfare and save her from an inevitable and disgraceful failure. My motives were pure, my reasons were good. We were dissatisfied with their government and told them so; they were dissatisfied with us and withdrew our charter. I do not blame myself or any of my comrades for anything done, and while I am not hostile to Sigma Alpha Epsilon I must say that her government is not complete.

I now find that I am right where I ought to have been all the time, and am proud to subscribe myself,

Yours in the Bond,

C. N. OUSLEY.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIV. OF MISSISSIPPI, Oxford, Miss.,

Jan. 23rd, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since my last report we have taken into our mystic brotherhood two new members, Bros. Simrall and Calhoun. The former is a very dignified law student and the latter has just entered College. We have two more in prospect, and as they have already promised will initiate them next time. All of our members returned after the

holidays except Bro. Evans, and with the two new ones we now number nineteen.

Bro. Hampton has been compelled to leave us for a short while, but will return in time for the second term. He is one of our best members and even his short absence is regretted by all. Our chapter is acknowledged to be about the best at the University, and although some rival Frats still have a greater number than we, yet it is demonstrated that where a club pays regard to members alone, dissatisfaction is soon expressed, and disagreements arise.

Miss. Alpha is just gaining a foothold in the State, and before many years have crowned its efforts I can safely predict a predominance over all other Fraternities. Its popularity has increased wonderfully and I vouch for it a glorious future.

The parent chapter of the Delta Gamma (ladies) is located at this place, and considering the extreme bashfulness of our boys, I think we get along remarkably well together. They have the nicest and best looking lot of young ladies that could be found anywhere in the State, and—well, if Bro. C. and one or two others were writing they could probably tell you more about it.

We have divided the chapters among our members for correspondence, but as yet very few replies have been received to the letters written. I hope the different members will attend to this matter, and if any have not answered their letters yet, that they will do so immediately.

Our new Constitution and Ritual has been received, and we are all very much pleased with both. We used the opening and closing ceremony at our last meeting and hope to have an opportunity to practice the remaining portion at our next.

Yours in the Bond,
C. S. STEWART.

Alabama Alpha Alumni.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 2nd. 1881.
DEAR BROTHERS:

I again come before you with a short report from Ala. Alpha Alumni. In the beginning I would say that "all is well along the line," and there is much talk of the State Convention for next June to be held at Auburn, Ala.

Gus. A. Orum has left us. He is now at his home in Bullock Co., Ala., but expects soon to enter Howard College and finish his course. By this means we hope to organize a chapter there. This institution is one of the finest in our land.

We yet number four in our chapter, for we now have Bro. Will Chisolm, of Ala. A., who has just severed his connection with the A. M. C.

I presume the Secretary of Ala. A., will give you full details of the reign and fall of the S. A. E. fraternity, and their boys deserting their ranks and seeking refuge in the fold of Phi Delta Theta.

We were glad to welcome Bro. M. P. LeGrande, of the Tenn. Beta, a Montgomerian, in our midst a short time ago. Bro. L. is a good one. We would remind brother Ed. Price, secretary of Tenn. A., and who is of Ala. Beta parentage, that his "D. G." is O. K. We saw her last night.

We would urge the Reporters to give more personals. We wish to know whether our boys are straying. The article "An Evil Illustrated," should be carefully read by all the Fraternity.

Many good wishes for the Brotherhood.

Yours in the Bond,
W. J. ORUM.

PERSONALS.

The issues of *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie* for Feb. 5th have pictures and biographical sketches of Gen'l Benj. Harrison, U. S. Senator-elect from Ind.

Prof. David Swing, Ohio Alpha, '52, is quite a prominent divine. His sermons are published every Monday in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Bro. C. C. Kohlsaas, Ill. Beta, '69, is one of the leading advocates of the Chicago bar.

Bro. Will. R. Worrall, Ky. Alpha, '79, who has been traveling for his health in the Southern States, expects to make a European trip early next spring.

No lawyer of Chicago is looked upon with greater esteem than R. W. Bridge, Ill. Beta, '69. He welcomes Phis most cordially.

Bros. Hick and Jack Landers, Ind. Gamma, will open a sheep ranch in Southern Kansas early in the spring with 2,000 head to start with.

Bro. "Daddy" Fullerton, as the Ind. Alpha boys are wont to affectionately call him, is slowly but surely attaining eminence in his profession at Spencer, Ind.

Bro. W. H. Pleasants, Ohio Epsilon, '79, is Junior partner of the firm of J. K. Pleasants & Son, Clothiers, Vevay, Ind.

Bro. Clarence Cranston, Ohio Epsilon, '76, prepares legal prescriptions at 180 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

Bro. J. H. Gillespie, Texas Alpha, '79, is now teaching with great success at Arlington, Texas. He has over 100 Texan ideas under his charge.

Bro. W. T. Hutchings, Va. Delta, '77, is attending Law Lectures at Yale College. His residence is Danville, Va.

Bros. W. D. Lemen, and Henry Barr, Ind. Gamma, are now living at Bruceville, Ind. The latter has taken unto himself a handsome wife.

Bro. Lee McCallister, Ohio Epsilon, is a Senior at Tufts. He is still *true blue*.

Bro. C. B. Sebastian, is an Attorney at Law in Columbia, Mo. He practices in all the State and Federal courts.

Bro. M. R. Stevenson, of Va. Gamma, and later also of Va. Beta, is attending lectures at the University of Md., Baltimore.

Bro. Lytton Taylor, Tenn. Alpha, '76, who was the first member of that chapter, was married on Jan. 6th, 1880, to Miss Jeannie G. Currey. The *Nashville American* in noticing the occurrence said: "The groom, a member of the Nashville Bar, is already known to the profession, and promises to rise to heights of distinction and honor. A bridal trip was taken to the Crescent City."

Bro. J. C. Norris, Ind. Gamma, our worthy ex-Secretary, has lately finished his twelfth year with the firm of Fahnley & McCrea, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bro. J. P. Biehl, Penna. Beta, '83, is now reading medicine under an eminent physician in Lewisburg, Pa.

Bro. H. M. Willet, Ga. Gamma, '78, is Cashier of the First National Bank of Macon, Ga.

Bro. J. B. Beverly, Va. Epsilon, '79, is raising cattle in Fauquier Co. Va., and taking them to Europe for sale.

Bro. Geo. C. Jones, Tenn. Alpha, '79, is Principal of the M. & F. Insti-

tute at Jackson, Tenn. He writes us that he is prospering in his work and wishes much success to the fraternity at large.

Bro. W. H. Haynie, Texas Alpha, '78, is attending medical lectures in New Orleans. He will graduate next month.

Bro. Chas. L. Moses, Ga. Gamma, '76, is Principal of the Newnan High School.

Bro. J. Wm. Boyd, Va. Delta, '78, is an Attorney at Law in Buchanan, Va.

Bros. W. J. Lackey and O. W. Daniel with his lady, all Texas Alpha, were at the Soiree of Texas Alpha and Delta Gamma.

Bro. Wm. M. Murrell, Va. Alpha, is practicing law at Campbell C. H., Va., and is also Commonwealth Attorney for said county. He attended the University of Va., thus making him also a member of our Va. Beta.

Three Phis are in attendance at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, viz.: Bros. R. B. Fullwood, S. D. Smith and J. C. Kelly.

Bro. Harry F. Holloway, Ohio Epsilon, recently committed matrimony and is now serving out the sentence of the *court* at Bessemer, Athens Co., Ohio.

Our genial Frank Day, whom the Convention boys remember so pleasantly, is keeping books at the stock yards of Indianapolis.

Bro. Saml. B. Canty, Ala. Alpha, '80, is studying law in the office of Mabry & Carter, Ft. Worth, Texas. Sam will be glad to see all Phis passing through his city. Success to you, Sam.

Bro. Robt. C. Duncan, Ind. Alpha, '79, is Principal of the Washington (Ind.) High School. He was enumerator for Princeton during the past taking of the census.

Bro. Gil. Stormant, Ind. Alpha, '72, editor of the Princeton *Clarion*, is the rising young Republican of his district. It is conceded that he has changed the political standing from 200 Democratic to 200 Republican. He was Census Supervisor of the first district of Indiana.

Bro. W. A. Vaughan, Va. Delta, '80, is teaching school in Rockingham Co., Va. He will take medicine at the University of Virginia next year.

Bro. E. A. Nelson, Penna. Delta,

'79, is attending the Union Theological Seminary at New York.

Bro. Wellington Bowser, Penna. Delta, '79, is Principal of an institution of learning at Cawnpore, India.

The following has been clipped from the *Wisconsin State Journal* of Jan. 3rd, 1881: "It was rumored to-day that Col. W. F. Vilas, of this city, has been appointed attorney of the Northwestern Railroad for all the Northwestern States. Col. Vilas is well known throughout the State, and has represented the legal interests of the Northwestern Company in Wisconsin for some time." Bro. W. F. Vilas is a member of our Wis. Alpha, '58, and will be the orator at the Richmond Convention. Notice also what his own chapter has to say about him.

Bro. W. W. Owsley, Ky. Alpha, '82, has left College to engage in business at his home in Stanford, Ky.

Bro. Frank Fithian, Ky. Alpha, '80, has a position in the Post office at Paris, Ky.

Bro. J. Henning Nelms, Va. Delta, '80, is practicing Law in Smithfield, Va., and is doing well. His motto is "hard work," and he is acting up to it.

Bro. F. C. Watson, Va. Gamma, '80, is teaching school at Onancock, Va. There never was a more devoted Phi, and the weak condition of the Va. Gamma gives him much sorrow, he says.

Bro. J. E. Burman, Ky. Alpha, '77, is practicing Law with his father in Richmond, Va.

Bro. J. H. Bailey, Jr., Mich. Beta's delegate to last convention, is engaged on the Staff of the *Morning Monitor* of Springfield, Ill., and also on the *Decatur* (Ill.) *Morning Herald*, as legislative reporter. And he takes the SCROLL.

Bro. Hally R. Buckingham, Ohio A., '73, is a member of the Ill. House of Representatives.

Bro. R. A. D. Wilbanks, Ind. A., and founder of Ill. A., is a member of Ill. House of Representatives.

Bro. P. W. Search, Ohio Z., '76, is having a monopoly of positions in West Liberty, O. He is Supt. of Public Schools, Music Publisher and Dealer, Proprietor of *West Liberty Gazette*, Supt. Presbyterian Sabbath School, Church Chorister, President of Lecture Association, etc., etc. And he takes the SCROLL. He is doing well.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

Phi Kappa Psi at Evanston, Ill., has leased a hall over a dry goods store for ten years.

One of the College journals states that President-elect Garfield was President of his fraternity, the Delta Upsilon, during the last year.

Zeta Psi held its 34th annual Convention with the Theta Chi chapter at Univ. of Canada, Toronto, Canada, Jan. 5th and 6th. About fifty delegates were present. The first evening the delegates attended some theatricals gotten up for their benefit, and the usual banquet was held on the second evening. The next Convention will meet at Syracuse, N. Y., with Gamma chapter.

Wm. R. Baird, in his "American College Frats." usually carefully calls ladies associations by the general term "Societies." But Delta Chi Alpha is "a fraternity founded," while Kappa Alpha Theta was organized "with the principles and methods akin to those of the Greek Letter Frats." Baird's remark that the anti-frat. laws at Monmouth do not seem to have affected the ladies is undoubtedly correct. We do not see how they could.

Alpha Delta Phi's Cornell and Amherst chapters have united in issuing the *Star and Crescent*, which takes its name from the fraternity's badge, as do the journals of most fraternities. The new venture is a quarterly, the first number being dated May, 1880. It has 28 pages, and 7 additional advertising pages, and like the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, it will probably be supported by its "ads." The editor is Theodore L. Mead, (Cornell, '77, of Ithaca, N. Y., who belonged to the anti-secret fraternity, Delta Upsilon.

Alpha Tau's longed talked of journal has at last appeared, and is called the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*. Its tone is good and its typography fair. It is of ordinary magazine size, and will be issued 5 times a year. The first number, which is dated December, has 60 pages, but subsequent numbers will contain only 48, exclusive of cover. The editor and publisher is J. R. Anderson, Box 194, Richmond, Va. The price is \$1.00 and subscriptions will no doubt be received from anyone. This fraternity was founded in 1865 at V. M. I., and was incorporated in Va. in 1878. It claims 1,000 members, with

no "honoraries." A new catalogue is in preparation. Besides 3 alumni chapters, at Columbia, Tenn., Alexandria, Va., and Chicago, Ill., there are 10 active college chapters. The chapters at V. M. I. and W. & L. are weak, owing to the diminished number of students and the great number of small calibre frats. The *Palm* says both chapters use the same hall, no other frat. at W. & L. having exclusive use of a hall. The V. M. I. chapter has 5 members.

During Psi Upsilon's convention at Ann Arbor last year, a burlesque of its constitution and initiation was printed and scattered about the streets.

The *Star and Crescent* says the time seems ripe for Alpha Delta Phi to place chapters in some of the Western and Southern institutions, which, it says, "bid fair to rival the best Eastern institutions."

Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon (whose chapter was formed from a Beta Theta Pi chapter) are now the only fraternities besides Delta Upsilon (anti secret) at Western Reserve, Phi Gamma Delta having died there last year. The college has recently received \$200,000. It is to be moved to Cleveland, and its number of students will no doubt increase.

Delta Phi's convention in N. Y. City last Nov. perfected arrangements for entering Johns Hopkins and reviving at Harvard and Penn. Universities.

Alpha Delta Phi has an Executive Council of 40 members, 33 of whom must live in N. Y. City. Most of the work is done by an Executive Committee of 9. The Committee meets quarterly, and its acts are reviewed by the Council at its annual meetings. The Council was incorporated by the N. Y. Legislature, in 1879.

The Yale Faculty last year abolished the local freshman societies Delta Kappa (the Centre Coll. branch of which coalesced with our Ky. Alpha in 1879) and Kappa Sigma Epsilon, while Gamma Nu (non secret) is allowed to continue on condition that its membership is kept within 40. The last of the sophomore societies became extinct in 1875. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon are the junior societies, and they both have good houses. The senior societies, Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key, which are local,

also own good houses. In the scientific department—Sheffield Scientific School—are Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Theta Xi, and the locals Sigma Delta Chi, Delta Psi and Alpha Chi.

The *Shield* wants Phi Kappa Psi's convention, called the Grand Arch Council, to meet annually, instead of triennially, while the *Crescent* desires the convention of Delta Tau Delta to meet biennially, instead of annually as heretofore.

The recent convention of Chi Phi added an article to its constitution providing for alumni chapters, and an alumni chapter at Baltimore was chartered and given power to initiate men from Johns Hopkins. Charters were refused to Wash. & Jeff. Coll. and N. Ga. Agl. Coll. The Hobart chapter, which was founded in 1860, and was the first chapter of one of the three orders that ultimately formed the united order, has been struck from the list, its downfall having been caused by the desertion of its members. The chapter at Cornell had only five Seniors to return this year, and the Hobart affair having become known there, it finds it difficult to get new men. A sub rosa chapter at Princeton seems to be thriving, in spite of strong faculty opposition. The chapter at Mercer U. is very weak. Probably the best chapter in the fraternity is at U. of Va. The Cal. U. and O. W. U. chapters have "stag banquets," as they call them, and at the convention ladies were invited to the social reception but not to the "feed!" Chapters are not entitled alphabetically, but from the initiates of Greek-word-mottoes adopted by the chapters. The title of the alumni chapter is "Aleph," from the old Gothic alphabet. Work on the catalogue is progressing favorably. The *Chi Phi Quarterly* is edited this year by M. L. Zweizig, of Reading, Pa. The next convention is to be held in Baltimore, Oct. 19, 1881.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (Ladies) will hold their next convention at Bloomington, Ind., in the spring. A committee to make arrangements about a Fraternity journal, appointed at the last convention, will report favoring a quarterly. They have a diminished badge, which, while making a respectable cuff pin, is too small to be recognized as a fraternity badge.

THE SCROLL.

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PHIS IN THE HOUSE.

The Congressional Directory gives the following biographical facts concerning the members of Phi Delta Theta in the U. S. House of Representatives:—

HON. J. C. S. BLACKBURN, (KY. ALPHA, '57).

Kentucky, 7th District. Joseph C. S. Blackburn of Versailles, was born in Woodford co., Ky., Oct. 1, 1838; was educated at Sayres Institute, Frankford, Ky., and at Centre College, Danville, Ky., whence he graduated in 1857; studied law with Geo. B. Kincaid, Esq., at Lexington, was admitted to the bar in 1858, and practised until 1861; entered the Confederate Army in 1861, and served throughout the war; resumed practice in 1865; was elected to the State Legislature of Ky. in 1871 and '73; was elected to the 44th and 45th Congress, and was reelected to the 46th Congress, as a Democrat, receiving 8,632 votes against 3,548 votes for Drane, National.

HON. A. E. STEVENSON, (KY. ALPHA, '60).

Illinois, 13th District. Adlai E. Stevenson of Bloomington, was born in Christian co., Ky., Oct. 23, 1835; removed to Bloomington, Ill., in 1852; was educated at the Illinois Wesleyan University and at Centre College, Ky., is a lawyer by profession; was Master in Chancery of Woodford co., Ill., from 1861 to 1865; was State's Attorney for the 23d Judicial circuit from 1864 to 1868; was a Representative from Ill. in the 44th Congress; was appointed by the President a member of the Board of Visitors to West Point in 1877; was elected to the 46th Congress by the National Greenback and Democratic parties, receiving 13,870 votes against 12,058 votes for T. F. Tipton, Republican, and 134 votes for L. M. Bickmore, Prohibitionist.

HON. G. A. BICKNELL, (IND. ALPHA).

Indiana, 3d District. George Augustus Bicknell of New Albany, was born and bred in Philadelphia, Pa.; is A. B. and A. M. of the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania, and LL. D. of the University of Indiana; he studied law at the Law School of Yale College; removed to Scott co., Ind., in 1846; was elected Fence-viewer in 1847, County Prosecutor in 1848, Circuit Prosecutor in 1850, and Judge of the 2d Judicial Circuit in 1852, holding the last named position 24 years by 4 successive elections; was Professor of Law at the University of Indiana 1861-70; was elected to the 45th Congress, and was reelected to the 46th Congress as a Democrat, receiving 15,174 votes against 9,102 votes for A. E. L. Long, National, and 1,757 votes for J. F. Willy, Republican.

HON. JNO. A. ANDERSON, (OHIO ALPHA).

Kansas, 1st District. John A. Anderson of Manhattan, was born in Washington co., Pa., June 6, 1834; graduated at Miami University, Oxford, O., in 1853; ordained as a minister of the Presbytery of San Francisco in 1857; was elected to the Legislature of Cal. Trustee of the State Insane Asylum in 1860: was appointed Chaplain of the 3d Infantry Cal. Volunteers in 1862, and accompanied Gen. Connors expedition to Salt Lake; was in the service of the U. S. Sanitary commission from 1863 to 1866 as Cal. correspondent and as agent; was President of the Kansas State Agricultural College from 1873 to March 1879; was appointed one of the Judges by the U. S. Centennial Commission in 1876, and served as such on Group xxi; has not been engaged in political life; was elected to the 46th Congress as a Republican, receiving 30,457 votes against 14,919 votes for J. R. McClure, Democrat, and 5,716 votes for E. Gale, National.

HON. JNO. F. PHILLIPS, (KY. ALPHA, '55).

Missouri, 7th District. John F. Phillips of Sedalia, was born in Boone co., Mo., Dec. 31, 1834; was educated at the State University of Missouri and at Centre College, Danville, Ky., graduating at the latter institution in 1855; studied law with Gen. Jno. B. Clark, at Fayette, Mo., and is a practising lawyer; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Mo. in 1861; was commissioned as colonel in 1862, and commanded a regiment of cavalry in the Federal Army until the close of the war; was a Delegate to the National Democratic Convention at New York in 1868; was elected to the 44th Congress as a Democrat, receiving 14,446 votes against 12,132 votes for J. H. Lay, People's Candidate; was elected Jan. 10, 1880, to the 46th Congress as a Democrat to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of A. M. Lay, receiving 11,817 votes against 7,979 votes for Ex-Gov. J. W. McClure, Republican, and 2,244 votes for W. C. Alldridge, Greenback and Labor Party.

A. E. Stevenson, G. A. Bicknell and J. F. Phillips retire at the end of the 46th Congress. J. C. S. Blackburn and J. A. Anderson were reelected to the 47th Congress. Wm. S. Holman (Ind. Delta), who was not in the 46th Congress, but a previous one, has been reelected to the 47th as a Representative from the 5th District of Ind. Two Phis will enter the Senate on the 4th of March, viz: J. Z. George (Miss. Alpha), of Miss., and Benj. Harrison (Ohio Alpha, '52), of Indiana.

TOO PROGRESSIVE.

DEAR SCROLL:

Allow me to preface a little talk with your readers by saying that I am neither an "old foggy" nor a superannuated fossil, but on the contrary am a young, pushing alumnus, my time being given entirely to the rush and hurry of business as it is carried on in this progressive age, this age of invention, of new business features and theories; when old customs and ideas are thrown aside as useless, and when only the practical, progressive, go-ahead man is successful.

And I like this progress and improvement and advancement; I am glad to see the tallow dip laid aside and the lightning, subdued and controlled, take its place. It pleases me to see the steam lighten the labor that for centuries has worn out hands and hearts. I say I like progress, and nowhere better than in the workings of our order, in its government, its rules, its standard. And yet there is such a thing as carrying this advancement too far,—and of that thing as a Fraternity we are guilty: we are doing *wrong* and the sooner we awaken to that fact, the better for us and the order we love.

There are certain features of Phi Delta Theta which cannot be altered without detriment, and still we persist at every opportunity in clamoring for a change, and at every convention the constitution suffers, the ritual is changed, and even the emblems and the grip are demolished to give place to "advanced features," and so, before adjournment, Phi Delta Theta of a day ago is unrecognizable. This should not be—and for one who loves the grand old order I enter my most earnest protest.

There are features that should never suffer the slightest change, that should live as long as the Fraternity lives, features that to-day should be readily recognized by our Father Phis—but which, alas, are already too much disguised, if not too entirely changed, for their recognition. The Phis of twenty, thirty years ago would feel like strangers in a strange land at a chapter meeting of to-day, for there would be

naught to call to remembrance the hallowed memories of their Phi days and the associations that cluster around them.

One of the most charming ideas connected with Masonry is that its legends, its customs, its rites and ceremonies, are handed down, age after age, untouched and unchanged. Imagine the grip of Masonry undergoing an annual change!

So I say let us keep our institutions pure and hallowed. Change if you will the adornments and ornaments but let the building itself—our temple—be forever sacred, the same grand old structure always.

I have briefly opened the subject and if it is their pleasure I would like to know, through the Recorders, the sentiments of their chapters, as to whether they believe our progress should be carried thus far or whether they are willing to check the growing desire for novelty and thus “reform it altogether.”

ONE.

HIT THE MARK!

BY PHIKIA.

The text may be found in the first book of common-sense of every wise-acre who tries to make a point, whether with a pen and ink, on the rostrum, or with a shooting iron. The letters of the text spell the words “Hit the Mark!” From these words it may be inferred that we are huntsmen. In this we are no different from the race, for what is the human family but a great class of Nimrods and Esaus and Captain Kidds, or those seeking the blessing of an Esau or the treasure of a Captain Kidd? Rather than emulate these, however, we should be the Knights of Arthur’s Round Table, to search with the eagerness and earnestness of those whose valor we find recorded in Posy’s tablets, each one saying,

“All-arm’d I ride, whate’er betide,
Until I find the Holy Grail.”

In order to “hit the mark” each time in our goings in and out of our fraternal domain we need the secrecy and harmony of a Robin Hood’s mystic band, and the accuracy of a Davy Crockett. The one, you remember, lived in merry England’s days of yeomanry, with his trusted lieutenant John Little-John—something like our warden’s office he filled, did he not?—,with his jolly Friar Tuck—would not our chaplain be his twin brother?—,with each one of his men, small and great, trained to make the buskin ring with each bend of the bow that sent an arrow in its winged flight. The other is the same Davy Crockett

whose mark was so surely *hit*, at every crack of his rifle, that even the squirrels would cry out when Davy *sighted* them—"Don't shoot, I'll come down!"

Let us make the point here, then, that good fraternity work consists in hitting the mark as to secrecy and accuracy. Accuracy of aim is necessary, most of all perhaps, in sighting at new men. In our domain are three avenues by means of which we seek men. These are the moral, the intellectual, and the social avenues; and we give them importance in the order named. A man may have a strong intellect and fine social qualities, yet be a Nero as to moral character. We want none such. Again, a man may have good morals, some social qualities, and yet be as devoid of intellectual capacity as some, known perhaps to the reader, who have been said to have a life interest in Prep. We want none such. Once more, a man may be good morally and intellectually, and yet have a completely dwarfed social side, but we doubt it. Good morals and good intellects are usually found in good *social* companionship, hence we do not deem this latter absolutely necessary for a good aim of Phi guns. But we would certainly urge a short range, good, square hitting of the mark as to the other two.

Thus much for our three avenues. Now for a few by-paths, necessarily more restrictive and more personal. First, we should hit the mark in attending our meetings—hit the mark every time. At the opening of the year is the time to bring this target into view, so that all may have to say that they had an opportunity, at least, for a long sight and fair aim. We should get this "down fine," meaning no slang by that expression.

Then we should hit the mark in being ready with performances. Of course, it is not to be supposed that the officers will neglect any duty. Robin Hood and lieut. John Little-John and Friar Tuck were always at hand when needed. So it should be with all the rank and file of the chapter. High privates, when assigned duty in manning the guns, should not shirk, but always be ready to *fire* at the word of command. And the *powder* should be *dry*, and the *gun* properly set for the *touch-off*—meaning by this that proper time should be given to prepare performances properly for the meetings of the chapter. Let us *hit the mark here*. Some of us may fail from one cause and another, but that does not alter one whit the principle involved.

Once more, the mark should be hit every time in correcting brother Phis. All are human, liable to do wrong in morals, manners, and means for correcting these in others. We are bonded together to do each other good,—to trust in one another, to correct one another, to

endure with one another. We should correct not with the lash, but with love, remembering that all law, human and divine, is fulfilled in that one word—*love*.

Here we stop our ramble through Phi grounds. What has not been said amounts to immensity in importance. What has been said is enjoined upon us by our Bond and by laws to which we have each individually subscribed. By endeavoring to hit the mark we may each of us be drawn at the close of this college year, one step nearer that loftier, nobler, holier manhood which must be the aim of each one who gives the "*I do*" in accepting our Bond.

HERE'S A HEALTH TO THEM THAT'S AWA'?

ADAPTED FROM BURNS.

Here's a health to them that's awa',
 Here's a health to them that's awa',
 And wha winna wish guid-luck to our cause,
 May never guid-luck be their fa,
 It's guid to be merry and wise!
 It's guid to be honest and true!
 It's guid to support our fraternity's cause
 And bide by the white and the blue!

Here's a health to them that's awa',
 Here's a health to them that's awa ;
 Here's to Phi Delta Theta, and loud do we greet her,
 There's nane that's sae bonnie and brow!
 Here's freedom to him that wad read!
 Here's freedom to him that wad write!
 There's nane ever feared that the truth should be heard
 But they whom the truth wad indict!

Here's a health to them that's awa';
 Here's a health to them that's awa';
 Here's to my gold-badged love, wi' me under the rose,
 She's the blithest and merriest of a'!
 Here's to friends in the South and the North!
 And friends both the girls and the boys!
 And wha wad betray our fraternity gay,
 May they never taste of her joys.

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“SUNLAND.”

The press in the West and South has been loud in its praise of our Convention poem, “Sunland,” by Bro. A. Gwyn Foster, Ind. A., '78. Many newspapers have printed extracts and commented extravagantly on the spirit and general tone of the production. Among the notices that have been given it we select one, a leading editorial from the New Orleans *Democrat* of Jan. 16th, 1881, and reprint it for the benefit of the Phi world. We heartily join in the general congratulations accorded Bro. Foster, and trust that “Sunland” is but the beginning of what seems a bright future for him as a follower of the Muse of Poesy. The *Democrat* says :

“SUNLAND.”

A few days ago we made reference to what seemed to us to be a very remarkable literary production, the work of Mr. A. Gwyn Foster, of Louisiana. A reperusal of the poem has served to confirm and intensify our first favorable impression, and determined us to publish the production entire in order that our readers may see and judge for themselves. As has been already stated, “Sunland” was written for the Phi Delta Theta Society and was read before the association on the occasion of its meeting at Indianapolis in October last. The author of the poem is a son of Mr. George Foster, of East Carroll parish, one of the most enterprising, public-spirited and successful planters in the State. He is also a nephew of Gen. John W. Foster, formerly Minister to Mexico and now Minister to Russia. Young Foster is quite a lad, which makes his work all the more extraordinary, but it is upon its intrinsic merits alone that we give place to “Sunland” and invite for it the attention and criticism of the public. For our part we are sincerely proud of Mr. Foster as a Louisianian and feel sure that, when the promises of his youth shall crystallize into the achievements of maturity, the State will have in him a useful, patriotic and valued citizen. His work reveals the thought, the taste and the intelligence of which the best types of American manhood are made.

FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE G. C.

DEAR BROTHER PHIS:

The principal duty of the members of a Fraternity is to win as many distinctions, and score as many victories, as possible, and thus, while honoring themselves, reflect honor and fame on the Fraternity they have espoused.

But while it should be the prime object of all members to add fresh laurels to the brow of their Fraternity, it is also very important that they should record their achievements, so that future members shall be inspired with esteem and respect for those who have handed the Fraternity down to them. A Fraternity without a history is like a country without a history. There are no deeds of the past to be recounted, no triumphs to boast of. But a Fraternity that has new honors continually added to it by its members, and that keeps a record of them, is like a proud old ancestral family, in which, for generations, the sons have delighted to recite, as well as to emulate, the mighty exploits of their sires, and which gains strength and dignity as the years advance.

Our own Phi Delta Theta has a history of which all its members can be proud. The story of its origin is fraught with interest, the heroic struggles of its early propagandists are well worthy of being chronicled, and the account of its remarkable growth and extension in the last fifteen years will form bright pages in its annals. To the cause of its advancement, men of brilliant minds, who are now honored by the world, have loaned their best energies.

But there is much ignorance among our members in regard to the past of our Fraternity. Comparatively few are acquainted with the salient points in the Fraternity's history, and of the details in the histories of their Chapters. To a degree, this is no doubt true in all Fraternities. The Editor of the Psi U. catalogue once wrote me, "I never knew that Psi Upsilon stood so high until I began to gather facts for this catalogue." So when we collect the histories of our Chapters, and the biographies of our members, we will be surprised at the strength of Phi Delta Theta, and at the many high stations that Phis now occupy.

But a history should relate, not successes only, but also the failures, and faithful history will always do this. No association or institution has really ever attained greatness without experiencing reverses, and Phi Delta Theta, though constantly progressing onward and upward, has had its share of them. But the lessons of the past are useful, and

the causes of our failures should be pointed out, and then studied, that we may profit by them, and avoid mistakes in the future.

Our Fraternity has now been in operation a third part of a century. It is full time that we should prepare a complete record of it from the first. Soon the necessary facts, unless collected, will be forgotten. We owe it as a duty to those who will succeed us in the Fraternity to preserve to them its history. We see our government purchasing from private persons papers and documents bearing on important eras in the country's history, that posterity may have a true account of its vicissitudes.

With this rather long exordium, I wish to inform the Chapter Historians what will be expected of them. In some Chapters perhaps the duties of this office may never have been attended to. The Historian was the last Chapter officer provided for in our Fraternity. The Convention of 1874 established the office. Before that time it was no one's duty especially to write the history of the Chapter, and perhaps in few of our old Chapters has the history from the time of organization been written. The Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, now defines the duty of the Historian to be, "to collect information in regard to the Chapter and its members; to write a full history of it, and a biographical sketch of each member." In Chapters of long standing, however, it is too much for one member to do to collect and arrange all the facts, and a committee should be appointed for the purpose. When the history has been brought up to the present time, one member will easily be able to continue it. To procure the necessary data old members should be consulted, the Chapter records and college archives searched, and every other means thoroughly exhausted.

Permit me to indicate some of the facts that should be narrated. Give in detail all circumstances connected with the chapter's establishment, the amount of faculty opposition, if any, the names of the Charter members and first officers, date of charter, dates of first meetings, etc.; mention the number and strength of the rival Fraternity Chapters; note the changes and improvements in halls; relate the honors, prizes, etc., won by members in college classes, literary societies, or elsewhere; and always state the number of men initiated each collegiate year, and the total number of members at its close. Article VIII, Section 7, of the Constitution, says that it shall be the Historian's duty, "on the first day of April of each year, to forward, through the reporter, a copy of the Chapter history to the President of the Province, who shall then forward it to the Historian of the General Council." From all the Chapter histories the H. G. C. is to write the general history of the Fraternity. Of course he cannot do this unless he is furnished with them. I sincerely hope that the history of each Chapter will at once be prepared carefully, fully and accurately, and a copy sent in to the H. G. C. as provided." Apologizing for the length of this letter, I am,

Very truly yours in the Bond,

W. B. PALMER, *H. G. C.*

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In justice to the chapters most interested, it is due to state that we had reports at hand for the February issue from Vt. Alpha, Penna. Gamma, and Penna. Delta. Reports were received from a number of other chapters also, but not in time for publication, as were the above named. As an indication of progress and interest in the work we are glad to note that nearly all the Reporters sent later-written reports for the present number.

A number of correspondents have asked how late we can receive copy for publication. We would respectfully call the attention of all such enquirers to the small type at the head of this page, which we keep standing for their benefit. It is our aim to mail the SCROLL on or about the 10th day of each month, but all matter, to be printed, should be in our hands by the first of the month in which it is desired to appear. Let this be remembered, and much trouble and delay and temper may be avoided.

In April the T. G. C. desires to present a report of our finances, and by that time, we have reason to hope from past indications, that he can give a fine showing as to our condition. Let individuals and chapters make one final effort along with the Treasurer, and then we can all rejoice together in having helped one another to bring about this desirable result.

We call the attention of the Reporters to Article IX., Section 4, of the constitution, which relates to the forwarding of reports, according to Form D appended to the Constitution, to the President of the Province, who shall then forward to the S. G. C. This must be done on the first day of April of each year, and our mention of the fact is, therefore, timely. If these reports are sent in as directed the catalogue editors will be given much information of value to them in their work. The H. G. C. urges the publication of the reports in the SCROLL, but that would be, it seems to us, an unnecessary expense, requiring extra pages or supplement, and is inadvisable, since the reports, being in the hands of the S. G. C., will be at the disposal of all who may desire the information they contain.

As we go to press the mail brings a stirring appeal from Bro. Chalkley, Pres. Delta Province, urging upon his chapters the necessity for more frequent communication and better organization. We would be glad to give the address in this issue, but can only call attention to it thus and appeal to the chapters interested to do their part by corresponding at once with one another and with Bro. Chalkley.

Finances Once More.

We must heartily commend the diligence of our Treasurer. Since his recovery from sickness he has gone to work with such diligence that all our indebtedness has been cancelled, with the exception of a balance due on the song book. And if all who owe him will pay promptly, that too can be squared by the first of April, thus making good the word of the T. G. C. When we recall the condition of our finances two years ago, the nature and age of some of our debts, this bit of financiering is all the more remarka-

ble. The fraternity has reason to congratulate itself upon the present state of its finances.

But the Utopia of our exchequer has not been quite reached as yet. While we congratulate ourselves on the present state of affairs we can do still better. We are not yet quite square with the world. It is the ardent desire of every honest man having gotten himself encumbered to get square with his creditors, and having accomplished this his desire is to keepsquare. Now, we are not yet quite square with those whom we owe, but one more earnest effort will make us so. And those who still owe the T. G. C. have it in their power to bring us to this enviable situation. Will they make a little sacrifice now and grant us the boon? We have a list of the chapters yet owing the Treasurer, and the publication of this list would cause no little surprise in some quarters. We trust the chapters are not waiting to be advertised in this way. We do not believe they are, but that it is from carelessness, more than any other reason, that the Treasurer has not heard from them.

Editorial Chips.

Bro. J. Wm. Boyd has our thanks for a copy of the Buchanan *Democrat*, of which he is part editor and proprietor. The paper is a neat weekly. Success!

Bro. Gaskill, Charlie B., of Atlanta, has our thanks for a *Constitution*. And we add some more for a good ringing letter. And some more for the legal tender in it. Call again—always welcome.

Penna. Alpha ought to be called the National Grand again. They have paid off their lingering indebtedness, and have also paid their quota on the new catalogue. That example is worthy of imitation all around.

Chicago alumni contains an admira-

ble SCROLL subscription taker in the person of Bro. I. C. Tomlinson. His pledge of five has been redeemed and more. Our book will hold yet more names, however, Bro. T.

Bro. Barrs, Pres. Ep. Province, requests us to announce that he has appointed Bro. W. W. Hardy, Athens, Ga., State President of Georgia, and Bro. Frank N. Drane, Tehuacana, Texas, State President of Texas. This is another step toward the perfect organization aimed at by those in charge of our southernmost Province.

It is a singular fact that Senator Grubbs, Ind. Delta, had the honor of nominating his brother Phi, General Benj. Harrison, for the U. S. Senate. The Indianapolis *Journal*, in speaking of the Senator's effort in the Indiana legislature, says: "It was one of the happiest efforts of his life, and one of the best."

Our thanks are due Bro. Geo. E. Kleinhenn, Pa. E., for handsomely engraved invitations to the anniversary of one of the literary societies at Dickinson. Of six orators two are Phis. Thanks also to Bro. B. F. Elmore, Ala. A., for invitation to joint debate at Auburn. Of eight performers we notice that six are Phis.

The Indiana Alpha Phis sent the following congratulatory telegram to Gen. Harrison, on his election as U. S. Senator:

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 19th.

HON. BENJ. HARRISON, Indianapolis.
Indiana Alpha chapter sends congratulations on your success to-day. Long may you live to honor Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,
IND. STATE UNIV. PHIS.

The new edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, just issued, is believed to be, in the quantity of matter it contains, by far the largest volume published. It now contains about 118,000 words defined, and nearly

15,000 words and meanings not found in any other one dictionary. The Biographical Dictionary, just added, supplies a want long felt by the reader and student, in giving the desired information so briefly. Never was any one volume so complete as an aid in getting an education.

REPORTERS' CHAT.

[CULLED FROM UNPRINTED REPORTS & LETTERS.]

"Once again has our hall echoed and re-echoed with shouts of joy, as we recently placed two more names on our unfurled banner."—*Ky. Alpha*.

"At a marriage the other night the prettiest girl in the company pointed to the 'shield and dagger' and said that was her badge."—*Va. Delta*.

"On the joint debate between the literary societies a short time ago Bro. Hoss, our only representative, bore off the highest grade in an extemporaneous speech over his opponent and three prepared orations."—*Ind. Gam.*

"At last meeting we had five minute speeches, and fourth speaker had not finished when one of the lamps in the excitement of applause exploded."—*Vt. Alpha*.

"The essayist for contest is a Phi. All of our men stand high in their classes, three Juniors ranking 1, 2, 3, and a Freshman leads his class."—*Pa. Gamma*.

"One of our Beta Theta Pi friends said to him, 'Hold yourself in readiness, Black; our chapter will have a meeting Friday night to elect you to membership.' 'I'm going to join Phi Delta Theta to-night,' said Bro. J. D. Black, in whom our spikes were driven too well for him to listen to the entreaties of Wooglin."—*Texas Alpha*.

"We will take third or fourth honor. Besides this our last circulars reveal a Phi at the head of the Junior class, and we are taking second mark in the Sophomore, Freshman and Sub-Freshman classes."—*Ga. Beta*.

"After our literary exercises and regular business, we indulge our appetites with casualties—usually peanuts and taffy. We want to refurbish our hall by next term time."—*Ind. Beta*.

"Again this year we have elected a Phi as final orator from our society. At the election we also got three other of the most prominent offices. A Phi

is also on the Final Committee."—*Va. Delta*.

"Besides our eight we have Bro. Conger of the faculty, who takes much interest in us and whose influence is worth much. Our little chapter stands a complete unit."—*Ill. Delta*.

"We number 22; are at peace with all the other frats.; can be regarded as strong as any, if not stronger than any; are doing good work; and expect to hold our own in coming strifes."—*Ind. Alpha*.

From Beta Province President. ED. SCROLL :

I have selected the following facts from letters received from each chapter in my province except Ind Beta Alumni, as showing their relative condition.

Ohio Beta, Delaware.

Began Fall Term with 8 men, initiated 4, 12. Has a good hall, meets weekly. Opposed by Phi Gamma Delta, membership 13; Beta Theta Pi; Sigma Chi; Delta Tau Delta; Phi Kappa Psi; Chi Phi.

Ohio Gamma, Athens.

Began with 4, added 1, 5. No hall, meets fortnightly. Two frats. oppose. *Ohio Delta, Wooster*, has collapsed.

Ohio Eta, Akron.

Started with 7, added 1, 8. No hall, meet fortnightly. Opposed by Delta Tau Delta, membership 12.

Ind. Alpha, Bloomington.

Opened with 15, added 8, 23. Good hall, meets weekly. Opposition: Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Sigma Chi, 20; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Gamma Delta, 20.

Ind. Beta, Crawfordsville.

Began with 5, added 6, 11. Good hall, meets weekly. Opposing frats: Phi Kappa Psi, 14; Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Sigma Chi, 28; Beta Theta Pi, 12; Theta Delta Chi, 10.

Ind. Gamma, Irvington.

Started with 9, added 7, 16. Uses a literary society hall, meets fortnightly. Opposition: Sigma Chi, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 5, 1 collegiate; Delta Tau Delta, 4 preps.

Ind. Delta, Franklin.

Began with 14, added 3, 17. Good hall, meets weekly. Opposed (?) by ladies fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, and "anti's."

Ind. Eta, Hanover.

Opened with 11, added none. Good hall, meets weekly. Opposing frats.,

Sigma Chi, 10; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 9; Beta Theta Pi, 7.
Ind. Zeta, Greencastle.

Began with 15, added 10, 25. Good hall, meets weekly. Opposed by Phi Gamma Delta, 23; Beta Theta Pi, 22; Phi Kappa Psi, 28; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 21; Sigma Chi, 25.

Ind. Alpha Alumni, Indianapolis.

Has 21 members, and meets monthly in the parlors of different members.

From the above it will be seen that the chapters are mostly in a good condition. The reporters of the chapters have generally been prompt. Nearly all the chapters have regular literary exercises, which indicates that the literary character of Phi Delta Theta is an important feature. Chapter reporters will please bear in mind the annual reports to be made to the province president the 1st day of April.

Fraternally,

SCOTT BONHAM.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

Vermont Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, Feb. 28th, '81.

DEAR SCROLL:

As our January report failed to be published we will repeat an item or two therefrom.

In January this chapter very materially departed from its settled plan of Essay, Declamation and Debate, adopting five minute speeches. This met with marked success but, like all steady diets, we are tired of it. This republican chapter is democratic enough to want a change. We also adopted the plan of a monthly paper to which all of Vt. A. are requested to contribute an article or so. The first number, considering the shortness of time, was a good start. The next is due March 5. For the week after we have decided on five minute speeches with subjects assigned by Warden (a new feature). Probably soon a mock trial.

Bro. Haskell, '80, has been in the northern part of Michigan since shortly before his graduation, as one of the Civil Engineers in the "Saginaw extension" of the Mich. Cent. R. R. Another Vermonter of the party who has been home on a short vacation, informs me that Bro. H. has a "divi-

sion," with an office in Gaylord, and a salary of \$1,000 per annum and expenses. That, perhaps, shows somewhat of the kind of men Vt. A. has sent out, but, privately, we think Bro. H. deserves all success. On the strength of all this Bro. H. made a run to North Vernon, Vt., and suffered matrimony in January. We wish Bro. H. and his bride all happiness and prosperity.

Now, in this, my Valedictory as Reporter of Vt. A., I wish to say a few words before resigning Vt. A.'s quill. First my apology for seeming to shirk the duties of this office. 1. I think you need a change for the better, and as Vt. A. has better writers it will be. 2. I want, if your "classic" columns will permit my slang, to pound Reporters when they don't come up to the scratch, and that without awakening suspicion that I have failed. (On my account, I presume, our worthy Ed. threw out the A. Prov.) 3. Continually increasing pressure of S. G. C. business, wholly unexpected when I accepted the honor conferred by Vt. A., compels the step.

To my Bro. Reporters I would say that you are in positions of trust, work and honor, and you should prove your claims to merit in all phases of your work. Each Reporter is elected for the year, and you can and should become the best known man in your chapter. You occupy a prominent position before the Fraternity at large, and you should make that prominence both real and felt. The constitution gives you the office of Vice Pres. of your chapter. You are then next the President in rank, while you have the advantage resulting from the tenure of a triple term of his office. I hope I may be pardoned if I say that there is a question if the Reporter does not outrank the Pres. of a chapter. If, then, yours is a place of high honor, you should in return give earnest, honest, hard work, be prompt and regular in reports, correspondence, &c. Show that you appreciate the honor and that you mean to merit it.

A word more: Reflect the chapter, not yourself alone. The other members should have a voice in the report, and if you request it, you can obtain many an item of interest (and take the credit). When you've written one month's report, begin to collect items

for the next. Write, too, when you have time, and not when "copy" sounds in your ears.

In all this, I am animated with but one desire, and that is that you may excel where I have failed.

Fraternally,
H. L. VAN NOSTRAND.

Penna. Alpha.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE,
Easton, Pa. Feb. 28th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

I presume you have not a Reporter that more persistently and faithfully does exactly the thing opposite to what you desired. I have succeeded in keeping quiet during the last two months, which I am glad to say you did not invite me to do. Neither have I told you about our fat, weighty man. We have him. The responsibility of deciding in this "weighty" matter makes me tremble. The contest has been raging furiously ever since Bro. Clark returned from his travels in Palestine. While Bro. Plack, '79, was in college, the belt was unanimously voted to him, as long as we could get one large enough. (N. B. Please record that he weighed exactly eighty-nine pounds, two ounces gross.) But now we are all contestants except Bro. Talmage. He is too lazy to weigh anything. As to real, genuine fat, "Cap" takes the lead, but they say he talks about something to make fat in his sleep. Bro. Clark claimed the enviable notoriety until "C. C." threatened to poke him through the crack under the door of our hall. He has been going round boasting how *thin* he is ever since. The trouble is, dear Bro., we can't produce a man who combines all your conditions. We have the weightiest man, but he is not the oldest. And then we have the tallest, but he is not the weightiest. I think you have propounded one of the most heartbreaking conundrums possible. I have given you the conditions of our powerful *men* which I hope you will consider a sufficient answer to your question. If it is not, just come over and I will have our Warden show them to you.

We have had a Class Day election, in which we Phis were the means of defeating all our opponents. The other Frats. formed a conspiracy to defeat the non-fraternity boys and us. So

we just threw our five votes in with the non-frats, and elected Bro. McCauley, Master of Ceremonies. (Bro. Boughton was elected Historian in Freshman year), and defeated every man they put up, that we desired to defeat. It was a glorious day for us. We could have had more positions, but we wanted to keep honor bright and have a clean score.

Perhaps you will think I have reported enough by this time. But I must tell you that by the untiring energy of our treasurer, Bro. Boughton, and the characteristic promptness of our boys, we are square with the Treasurer on all dues.

Wishing to all the same success, which is vital to true fraternity life, I am sincerely yours.

In the Bond,
A. N. HAGERTY.

Penna. Gamma.

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE,
Feb. 26th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

The Penna. Gamma sends greetings to Phi Brothers. During the present year our chapter has been prosperous and we have increased our number by two worthy Freshmen, Bros. McKean and McDonald.

Our number in all is 15; 2 Seniors, 8 Juniors, 3 Sophomores and 2 Freshmen. The Junior class numbers 43, and our fraternity got the lion's share in numbers and ability, the three highest in class standing being Phis. At the coming society contest we have one representative, the essayist, and we are preparing to give him a "send off," for Phis come out victorious.

Our chapter has taken a novel method of raising a fund for various objects, as procuring a badge to pin new men by means of a voluntary contribution each week at our meetings. The plan has been eminently successful.

The great sensation here was the death of the Phi Delta Kappa, a local chapter, its two or three offspring having a premature death. The Phi Gamma Delta sent down an eastern man and took them, "lops and all." They are now dubbed the "outcasts" and have a dreadful time of it.

Our chapter was never so popular as now and our boys manifest a strong interest in the cause of our grand fraternity. Could not our Province have

a convention during the coming summer? Yours in the Bond,

J. L. HINES.

Penna. Delta.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Jan. 26th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Here we are again with but little of interest to relate. Except at extraordinary times in chapter life, our reports must necessarily contain less interesting matter; that is if they are made monthly. I have one statement to make, however, which is very encouraging, at least, to us. We are like a mountain stream in a spring freshet, booming. Our outlook is indeed a very pleasant and satisfactory one, and the boys by their steady perseverance are building up a strong chapter in Penna. Delta. In reading Bro. Scratchley's report, by contrast, our good condition was more forcibly impressed on my mind; but we also have had our critical and trying times and may have them again, and our whole sympathy and encouragement go out to Virginia Epsilon. The chapter is taking measures to obtain a luxury and indeed a necessity which it has never had, viz., a permanent hall. The subscription book has been opened and the required amount is rapidly accumulating. We have been benefiting from that excellent feature recently adopted, inter-chapter correspondence. We hail all such with pleasure, and doubt not that the chapter will soon adopt the same plan. In reference to the weightiest man in the chapter I gladly advance Bro. Miner, our worthy delegate to the late convention, Clement Wellington Miner, age 27, residence Cleveland, Ohio, height 5-5 and weight 170 lbs.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

Penna. Epsilon.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Owing to the changes brought about by election, it devolves upon me, officially at least, to represent to the SCROLL the condition of our chapter. I make this my inaugural report with no little pleasure, not however on account of any unusual prosperity, but that we are still able to hold the fort and with reason look forward to a bright future.

At the recent anniversary of one of the Literary Societies, two of our men were among the speakers. The efforts of these Brothers not only did credit to the society, but also reflected honor on our chapter.

Another fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, of four members, has made its appearance in this institution since our last report. It, as they would have us believe, sprang forth "all armed and full grown" from the fertile brain of its originator. The fact is, that it was merely (due to the influence of certain now resident members in Carlisle,) resuscitated from the dry bones, which had been moldering for several years, having once belonged to the frame of a moderately prosperous chapter. This increases the list of fraternities at Dickinson to five. Can they all flourish and admit none but worthy members may become an important question. If any fail it is our purpose that it shall not be ours. *Nihil desperandum* shall be our motto, at least so far that we shall not prematurely commit suicide. At some future time I may give some particulars as to the status of fraternities here.

Yours in the Bond,

J. MARVIN COLAW.

BETA PROVINCE.

Ohio Beta.

DELAWARE, Ohio, March 1st, 1881.

ED. SCROLL:

Ohio Beta sends greeting to the brotherhood. Everything is quiet at the O. W. U. We have been keeping the "noiseless tenor of our way" for the last two months. To break the monotony, however, and to secure a number one Phi, we led J. M. Guy into the mysteries, and we are becoming more and more impressed with the idea that it was one of the best things we ever did.

The literary societies of our institution recently elected programmes for the anniversary exercises. From the six Frats. twelve men were elected. We furnish four of them, Phi Gamma Delta the same number; but we have far better places than they. The Betas, Sigma Chis and Chi Phis are to be spectators. As these are the only honors in our college, we feel that we are under the influence of an immense 'boom.'

REPORTER.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Feb. 19th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

For some reason the last report from the Ind. Alpha did not appear in the February number of the SCROLL. I thought I sent it in time for publication, but it seems that we were either crowded out or late. Be this as it may, however, let not our sister chapters throughout the country think for a moment that we are in any way approaching dissolution. We are most emphatically alive. We have twenty-two active members, which is certainly a pretty good showing where there are four opposing frats.

It gives us much pleasure to note the organization of the Ill. Alpha Alumni. And the establishing of the chapter at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., makes us Indianians almost envy our western Brothers. There are no more places in our own state where it is desirable to plant chapters; and now like the Great Alexander, sighing for more worlds, &c., we sigh for more colleges in our state wherein to unfurl the colors of Phi Delta Theta.

The chapter here has been rather successful in gathering honors from the literary societies, Phi having been elected as Valedictorians of both the societies, while an oration also for the celebration of Washington's birthday fell to a Phi.

Let the Phi world remember that old Ind. Alpha is still above board and intends to remain there. And I am,

Fraternally Yours,
WALLACE C. PALMER.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE. Crawfordsville, Ind.,
Feb., 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

I have nothing of special interest to communicate as happening since the last report, save the initiation ceremony that gave to us our new brother, Charles McDaniel, our "baby," so to speak, and a fine large "baby" he is too. Ind. Beta is composed at present of eleven active members, all alive to the interests of Phi Delta Theta, and all working together in perfect harmony.

An unusual interest is imparted to our meetings by a series of well conducted literary exercises, with now and then a lively spelling match for a

limited time. A considerable anti-fraternity spirit has lately been aroused here by some misguided individuals, who, resigning from their fraternities vowed their intention of putting an end to fraternities at this college. Their standard received additions, several following them by resigning from other fraternities, but like the man in the story "they ran their heads against a wall" when they tackled the Phi. We did not lose a man. This I think, testifies how deeply rooted is the Phi spirit with us.

The appearance of the SCROLL is hailed with exclamations of pleasure from all, and with remarks always complimentary to the manner in which it is edited.

Yours in the Bond,
TOM C. HOOD.

Ind. Delta.

FRANKLIN, Ind., Feb. 1st, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL:

The Delta feels that she has not been doing her duty, because she had no report in the last SCROLL. In regard to our chapter work we feel all right. Since our last report, Bros. Crane and Johnson have come among us. They are both bright young men full of energy, and of them the Fraternity will surely bear in the future.

We have our new constitution and like part of it very much. We would like to know what the other chapters think of the ritual. We think it has not the dignity that our dear old Fraternity deserves. To our boys all its ceremonies are sacred and we love "Grecian culture" rather than any thing that has an element of Indian war-dance in it. However, we propose to make the best of it, but hope the next convention will give us something in better keeping with literary taste. We like the organization and government of our Fraternity and see that the last Convention was progressive in spirit, but it would be absurd to expect all good things at once. Phi Delta Theta has good men who are working hard for her, and by-and-by all her departments will approach perfection.

As to the question "thrown out" by our Editor, we would say that our weightiest Brother is the reporter, and as it would be too personal for us to discuss him, we will only say that contemplating him in one way he is six

feet, and in another he is one hundred and eighty pounds.

We have begun making preparations for our anniversary in May, but will give more particulars in the future.

Yours Fraternally, J. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, Ind., Feb. 28th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

The affairs of Ind. Gamma are moving along harmoniously. We have no men in view at present, as fraternity material is about exhausted here. Bro. Hubbard is out of college this term, having secured a clerkship in the State Senate. He will return to college next term. Our generous, jovial Jack Landers will go to Kansas soon to start a sheep-ranch.

The sun of prosperity is not shining upon our rivals with that degree of splendor that might be hoped for. The Beta Theta Pi chapter after a lingering illness, aggravated by a scurrilous pamphlet called "Butler's Betas" which it sent forth last year for the purpose of injuring the other fraternities here, has sent in its charter. It had been trying to get men all the year and obtained none. Three Sigma Chis were recently dismissed from college, but the action of the faculty is generally considered unjust.

When the literary society and primary oratorical contests have taken place we may have some honors to report. Three of our boys have the measles, and this report is written under the influence of that soft affliction.

Fraternally,
C. L. GOODWIN.

Indiana Zeta.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY,
Greencastle Ind., Feb. 28th, 1881.

BRO. PHIS :

We failed to get a report in last month, but it is all our fault.

We are glad to have Bro. Elrod back with us again. Although not restored to perfect health he has improved a great deal.

The Beta Theta Pi's and Phi Gamma Delta's, are at daggers points again over some trivial affair. They are continually quarrelling with each other. They should follow the example of Phi Delta Theta, and live peaceably with all men.

In the athletic performances on the morning of Feb. 22nd, the prize for

wrestling was given to Bro. H. S. Cook, '84. So we feel that we are well represented in muscle as well as brains.

We have received several letters from our southern Brothers, and find they answer our letters better than those who live nearer. We have cause to complain. We have not received answers to more than half the letters that were written by different members of Ind. Zeta to the different chapters throughout the Phi world.

Bro. J. A. Allison, Ind. Beta, '75, has recently engaged in the boot and shoe business in this city. We heartily welcome Bro. A. among us and find in him an enthusiastic Phi.

Yours in the Bond,
JOE E. CREWS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Illinois Delta.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, Galesburg, Ill.
Feb. 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

You ask for boiled down reports. You shall have one this time.

Since last report we have initiated one good man, and another has returned from a trip in search of health. This gives us nine, to seven in the ranks of our rivals. They, poor fellows, think they need "good healthy opposition to develop their energy."

Our next term begins the first week in April. Then we will stand seven to their three. "Hurrah for our side!"

E. Edwards, a brother Phi Sigma, proposes to make a happy time for the Phi boys and ladies on March 19th. Good! Bro. Eddy, come again.

Wishing that all the Phis may feel as "exhuberous" as we do, I remain as ever,

Yours in the Bond,
C. H. WHEELER.

Missouri Beta.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, Fulton, Mo.,
Feb. 27th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Pardon us for delaying our report so long, for we have not as yet cast eyes on our charter, and therefore felt a delicacy in reporting, before we were thoroughly organized.

In the first place the boys are taking a lively interest in their new sphere. We meet once a week, generally in the room of a Phi, and go through the routine of rhetorical exercises. We

have made no arrangements as to our hall, but will soon have one either in the college or in town.

We have but one secret society to contend with, Beta Theta Pi. They have been here for some time and are pretty strong. It was encouraging to hear them talking among themselves when first our influence was felt and acknowledged in this college. The Betas had, so we understand, from two to three meetings a week, and forthwith began to augment their number; and would you believe it they had the audacity to break into our ranks, as we have nothing by which to distinguish us from the barbarians, and would fain have carried off some of us; but we are all true Phis and you can rest assured that we did not accept the proffered invitation to call them brothers.

We do not like to boast of ourselves, but we truly say, that we have thirteen as true Phis as ever went by that name. At our next meeting, we will lead an extremely bright barbarian from Egyptian darkness into the purifying light of Grecian culture. Again excuse lateness, and also our first attempt. Will be on time and try and do better with our next.

Yours in the Bond,
J. TODD MONTGOMERY.

Missouri Alpha.

MO. UNIVERSITY, Columbia, Mo.
Feb. 26th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

I feel that an apology is due the SCROLL, from the Mo. Alpha, for not having reported more regularly during the last Semester; and to take the load off my own shoulders, I will lay all blame at the door of our late Reporter, but as I now have the pleasure of holding that office I hope to see the Mo. Alpha represented in the future as she should be.

We now number nine active working members, Bro. Chas. Zook not having returned after the holidays. Good fraternity material is a scarce article now at M. S. U., but we are on the lookout for good men, and have two in prospect, whom I hope to be able to report next month as Phis breathing the pure Greek air under the mystic and binding Bond of the Phi Delta Thetas. We are not trying to flourish in numbers, but quality is our

aim; quality first and quantity will surely follow.

We have taken in four new members this year. All of them are fully worthy of the shield and the dagger, and will greatly aid the good cause.

In concluding this my first communication to the SCROLL, I tender the congratulations and regards of my chapter to the brothers in the Bond throughout the land.

Yours in the Bond,
JIM. R. PHARR.

Wisconsin Alpha.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 21st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Wisconsin Alpha is now in a more flourishing condition than ever before, and bids fair to be the leading Fraternity in the University. We have now thirteen men, our number having been lately augmented by the initiation of J. D. Dunwiddie and McClellan Dodge of the Freshman class. The four Frats. here hold an Inter-frat. Ball tomorrow evening, in Assembly Hall of the University. We will be well represented.

Yours in the Bond,
REPORTER.

Michigan Beta.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 3rd, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our Greeks will soon be coming together again for a season of the most energetic and pleasant work they have ever done for Phi Delta Theta. It is one of our characteristics to live in hope and believe in a glorious future. We have great cause to be hopeful and expectant now. We rejoice in the belief that our fraternity is on a sure foundation, and in the realization of present and permanent success. It is the enlightened aim of Mich. Beta to build upon this sure foundation a noble structure. Harmony and fidelity are ever cherished among us. We are pleased to hear from other chapters from time to time. Would there were more who would send to our desk welcome messages of friendship and brotherly aid.

Our weightiest brother sums up as follows: Jesse Eugene Eddy, Litchfield, Hillsdale Co., Mich.; age 21 yrs., 11 mos.; weight 180 lbs.; height 5 feet, 9 inches. He is a solid member of the Sophomore class, an untiring worker

for our chapter and the best looking man we have. We place him upon the list with delight as he is every inch a Phi.

Brother Baily is now on the staff of the *Morning Monitor*, at Springfield, Illinois. We are certain that he will do well. Yours in the Bond,

J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Illinois Alpha Alumni.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Pursuant to call of our President pro tem., Ills. A. Alumni met in Bro. F. A. Smith's office on last Friday afternoon, with quite a goodly number present, Bro. F. A. Smith in the chair. The report of the committee on procuring charter was received. The following permanent officers were elected: Charles Elliott, D. D., LL. D., Ohio Alpha, '48, President, Irving C. Tomlinson, Ohio Epsilon, '80, Secretary and Treasurer, Fred. L. Brooks, Indiana Epsilon, '78, Warden, W. R. Worrall, Ky. Alpha, '79, Reporter and Historian. Two committees were appointed by the President, viz., Bros. Worrall, I. C. Tomlinson and Brooks on "Rules," and Bros. R. W. Bridge, F. A. Smith and E. T. Johnson on "Ways and Means" or "Future Action." This last named committee is to take into consideration the best plan of giving a banquet, and whether or not to hold a reunion here, and make it at least a State reunion.

Our older men, though very much pressed with business, are always willing to take time to talk about Phi Delta Theta, and the universal answer to requests is "count me with you in heart and pocket-book." We have some very fine material in our chapter. Bro. J. F. Gookins, Ind. Beta, '71, is a very fine artist and has promised us an "etching" for chapter use. Our membership now is 44 and we hear of some new Brother nearly every day.

I believe in the "boiling down process," hence will only add that Ills. A. Alumni individually and collectively sends greeting, and would be happy to see and hear from any member of the Fraternity. Please let us know of any members whom you think we may not know here. Address Room 22, No. 89 Madison St.

Ever yours in the Bond,
W. R. WORRALL.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Virginia Delta.

900 W. FRANKLIN St., RICHMOND, VA.

Feb. 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

There are rascals in every college, as truly as black sheep in every flock. Some weeks ago the Beta Theta Pi Hall was broken into, and since then the K. A. Hall has, we think, been entered, while there have been eavesdroppers at our meetings. This common danger has made all the Greeks forget internal rivalries and caused us to come together in solid phalanx against the barbarian hosts. A few evenings ago a meeting of all the fraternities was held, and the suspected parties were brought before us and examined. The evidence was not sufficient to convict them, and the case was continued. The offence will scarcely be repeated, as we have shown them that we are very jealous of our secrets. What was Va. Beta's loss is our gain. Bro. Lyman Chalkley now attends our meetings regularly.

We were much delighted to hear of the new chapter at Knox College, and of the valuable additions at Alabama Alpha. We extend to our new brothers a cordial grasp of welcome. From Bro. Ousley's letter, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon seems to be in a weak condition. By a proper effort could we not absorb them? How is the catalogue coming on?

Sincerely in the Bond,
GEORGE B. TAYLOR, JR.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky.,
Feb. 26th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Every Phi in Centre College is highly gratified to see the SCROLL. It is the key to open our strongly fortified safe, and shows us how our dear fraternity is marching onward among the busy toilers of the earth.

Last night the annual society election for purpose of electing representatives to our celebration was held. We were very successful in securing honors. After an exciting race we elected Bro. Grider for Farewell Address, over a Sigma Chi, and had four votes to spare. Nothing more of interest has occurred since my last report.

In the Bond,
W. E. KNIGHT.

EPSILON PROVINCE.**Tennessee Alpha.**

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,

Nashville, Tenn., Feb., 1881.

ED. SCROLL :

I do not suppose you received the Jan. letter from the Tenn. Alpha, as it did not go to print; however, not to be discouraged we will send in another for February.

We are steadily on the increase, improving in interest, devotion and in fact in every way in which Phis can improve. On the first Saturday of this month the annual election for Commencement orators took place, and we are glad to report that as usual "victory perched upon our standard," and Phis were elected to fill every "speaker's place" to which they aspired. The ordinary amount of excitement incident to all Literary Society elections in which fraternity interests are involved, of course occurred, but tended only to make the race more interesting. After the election was over and all concerned therein duly satisfied (?), three of the successful candidates invited a number of their friends to take supper with them at "Hemphill's" (the *bon ton* restaurant of the city). At the appointed time the party assembled, and a more delightful evening was never spent by "school boys." Every species of worldly blandishment known to the average youth was there, while toasts to every thing and every body were proposed and responded to without the slightest hesitation and in fine style.

'Tis with unfeigned sorrow and regret that we note the departure of Bro. R. H. Jones, one of our youngest in the cause of Phi Delta Theta, and at the same time strong in brotherly love and zeal for the order.

We celebrate our anniversary on the night of the 19th inst. We will give an account of it later. 'Tis with a great deal of pleasure and interest that we watch the progress and movements of the Ala. Phis, toward their State Convention to be held at Auburn, on 29th and 30th of June, 1881. It shows interest and a Phi spirit. It is a good movement, and with it, success is only a question of time, since Alva Fitzpatrick originated the design and is still at the head of the undertaking.

Yours in the Bond,

ED. A. PRICE.

Georgia Beta.

OXFORD, Ga., Feb. 21st, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR :

We are always glad to get the SCROLL. Sorry however that my report did not reach you in time. Since I last wrote, we have taken in a new member, Bro. Fugerson of the Sophomore class, who, we are satisfied, will do us honor.

For a year, the fond ambition of the Georgia Beta has been to have an organ, and last week witnessed the consummation of our hopes. Through the tact and generosity of our honorary member, Prof. McIntosh, we were enabled to purchase at a very reasonable price, a large, finely finished organ of the best make, (Estey), and I assure you it looks well in our pretty little hall. Prof. McIntosh is as true a Phi as ever lived, a generous, earnest worker, and we have had occasion to be grateful to him many times since his initiation. Bro. Hardman makes us a fine organist, and ever Friday night the old college grove rings with our music. We are certain that the organ will have a good effect upon our patriotism. By our last circulars we find that Bro. McLarin is leading the Junior class, while we are taking a high rank in the other classes also.

Bro. Callaway will take 3rd honor, and we are nearly all working for the medals given in July. We wish to do much better than last year. Three at one commencement hardly satisfies us.

Yours in the Bond,

E. C. MERRY.

Georgia Gamma.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Macon, Ga., March 1st, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS :

We have initiated two more men since the Christmas holidays - Bros. Davis and Walker, both nice boys and good Phis, of course. These added to Bros. Northen, Mallery, Watson and Gregg, who were initiated last term, make six members whose names have been added to our chapter roll this session.

Sorry were we to lose one of our best members, who has left college. But we still have the pleasure which his presence at our meetings affords, for he attends them regularly, being a resident of the city. It is only his absence from college that we miss.

We have adopted the chapter correspondence, of which much has been

said, and our boys have written to nearly, if not quite all the chapters of the fraternity, but have received only a few letters in reply. We hope the chapters will respond, however, before very long.

We had a very, *very* pleasant visit from our good Bro. Barrs about one month ago. He spent several days with us and I assure you we enjoyed his stay very much. He is a noble fellow and as true a Phi as breathes the pure air of our beautiful "Southland." How glad we would be to see him oftener!

We are getting on as nicely as could be desired, having, **WE** think, a splendid chapter—the best at Mercer at least. In the Bond,

JOHN P. ROSS.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
Oxford, Miss., Feb. 20th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

In accordance with Bro. Barrs' request, I wish to make a recapitulation of the work done this session. At present we have the following members: Bro. Simrall, Law Student; Bros. Barker, Catching and Petty, Seniors; Bros. Chew, Hampton, Redus and Stewart, Juniors; Bros. Bell and Swayze, Sophomores; Bros. Evans, Ganong, Hill, Mayo and Southworth, Freshmen; Bros. Calhoun, Norman, Pepper and Swain, Preparatory Department. I think all our men want to do well, and are really trying.

None of the clubs at the University have buildings of their own, and we have the hall of one of the literary societies, and succeed in making ourselves very comfortable. Our exercises at present consist of declamation and debate. We have not attempted to introduce singing, because if we did, I am afraid the campus would be depopulated every time we held a meeting. I don't say this as a satire upon the singing of any of the members nor to discourage them in their attempts.

We are trying to get up a reunion of our chapter for the next Commencement, and if we succeed, I know it will benefit every one in attendance.

I think Bro. Barrs is a very energetic and enthusiastic Province President, and is about the best man that could have been put in the place. His plan

of State and Province conventions is a good one, and I hope will be put into execution. If the different chapters of Epsilon Province will enter heartily into all of the President's plans, I know we will soon be the best organized Province of the Fraternity.

I am glad to report that many have responded to our letters, and one and all breathe the same spirit of brotherly love, and demonstrate that although we are separated by many miles, the same bond of good feeling and fraternal regard joins us, and should we ever meet, it will only be a meeting of brothers united by our great and glorious order.

We have on hand in our chapter a 175 pound Bell, tall in proportion to his weight, and also a 75 pound pod of Pepper, and this latter one is of course the baby of the chapter. Can any beat that? Yours in Phi love,

C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TERUACANA, Texas, Feb. 24th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

According to the request of Bro. Barrs, our Provincial President, I will make the following report for the March number of the SCROLL. The total number of names on Texas Alpha list is 35. We have at present 13 attendant members and are classed as follows: three in Sophomore, eight in Freshmen, and two in sub-Freshmen. All of these are trying to uphold the dignity and honor of Phi Delta Theta.

We are sorry to report that we have no hall of our own. We meet in a literary society's hall, but are looking forward to the time when we will have one finished in the grandest style.

We do not have as much opposition at present as formerly, though we have to contend with some who are against us. We are advancing slowly but surely, and Texas Alpha is not wanting in anything that pertains to the good of our beloved fraternity. Bro. Drane has left us, for the present, to attend a Commercial College in New York state. Texas Alpha commends him to all the Phis abroad, and wishes him success. We expect to have our reunion in June at this place, just before the last week of School. Long live the SCROLL and members of Phi-

dom. Yours in Phi love,

J. WILHELM PEARSON.

PERSONALS.

Bro. H. O. Evans, Ohio Alpha, '67, is Surveyor of Miami county. His address is Troy, Ohio.

Bro. Monroe McClurg, Miss. Alpha, '78, is now a prominent member of the bar at Vaiden, Miss. Rumor says he will soon take to himself a beautiful wife. May happiness attend him.

Bro. C. C. Kohlsaat, Illinois Beta, '69, is one of the most prominent candidates for City Attorney in Chicago.

Bro. John H. Lewis, Ind. Gamma, '64, is a member of a large wholesale tobacco firm, doing business at 12 State St., Chicago. He still wears his fraternity pin.

Bro. John J. Craig, Ky. Alpha, '51, is one of the wealthiest "blue grass" farmers in Ky. He lives one mile from Danville and takes great interest in the chapter at Centre College.

Rev. Bro. J. V. Logan, Ky. Alpha, '54, is now at the head of Central University, Richmond, Ky. He is respected by all for his great learning and gentlemanly bearing.

Bro. W. W. Barr, Indiana Alpha, '65, is attending the U. S. District Court at Springfield, Ill. His residence is in Carbondale, Ill., where he is practising law. He is known in all that country as one of the leading minds in southern Illinois.

Bro. Philander Jacobs, Ohio Gamma, '79, is attending lectures at the Columbus Medical School. His address is 92 W. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio. He says there are 11 Phis at Jackson C. H., and that they may apply for an alumni charter soon.

Bro. J. K. Gibson, Ohio Alpha, '69, is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Troy, Ohio.

Bro. W. P. Edson, Indiana Alpha, commonly known as "the Judge," has lately been elected President of the Legal Association in the Fifth Indiana District.

Bro. E. M. North, Georgia Beta, '80, is Principal of Haralson High School at Haralson, Ga.

Bro. Wm. H. Owen, Indiana Alpha, is President of the First National Bank of New Harmony, Ind.

Bro. Junius Bost Fox, Pa. Beta, '80, has accepted the chair of Mathematics in King's Mountain High School, N. Carolina, his native state. Bro. Fox stood high while at College, and will succeed in any branch of study. We

wish him abundant prosperity wherever he goes.

Bro. O. P. Hubbard, Ind. Gamma, is a clerk of a Senate committee, at Indianapolis.

Bro. Harry Hawley, Ind. Alpha, '79, is attending the medical college of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Bro. J. P. McMillan, Ky. Alpha, '56, is President of Alexander College (Female), Burksville, Ky. He is "the wit" of the Ky. Synod of the Presbyterian church.

Bro. Chas. A. Hardin, Ky. Alpha, '56, has lately been elected Judge of Circuit Court in his district. His home is Harrodsburg, Ky.

Bro. Bruce P. Jones, Ohio Alpha, '68, was recently appointed Mayor of Loudon, Ohio.

Bro. W. T. Hutchings, Va. Delta, completes his course in Law at Yale College this coming June.

Bro. Fred. L. Rosemond, Ohio Beta, '82, is associate Editor of the Hamilton *Daily News and Telegraph*. He recently remembered his Ohio Beta brothers in a very generous donation.

Bro. Henry Stoddard, Ohio Beta, '54, is at the head of a large manufacturing establishment at Dayton, Ohio.

Major Grubbs and T. H. Ristine, Indiana Delta, are our representatives in the Indiana Senate.

Bro. J. H. Bruce, Ky. Alpha, '57, of Lancaster, Ky., is one of the leaders of the Kentucky State Senate.

Bro. G. B. Swift, Ill. Beta, '69, now a member of Ill. Alpha alumni, is chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council of Chicago. He also represents the 11th Ward as Alderman.

Bro. W. A. Henry, Miss. Alpha, '78, has located at Yazoo City, Miss., and at present is editing the leading paper at that place and is doing very well.

The Lagrange (Ind.) *Standard* contains the following personal about Bro. J. E. McClaskey, Ind. Alpha, '79: "W. C. Glasgow has made J. E. McClaskey, who has been a student in his office, a partner in his law business. Mr. McClaskey is a close student and industrious worker, with bright legal promise for the future. We wish the new firm abundant success."

Rev. Bro. H. Max Lentz, Pa. Beta, '78, was holding religious meetings at Reisterstown, Md., lately. It is said that he draws large crowds wherever he preaches.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) held their national convention in Wooster, Ohio, last month.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) will hold their next convention at the State University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.

Delta Tau Delta claims that the establishment of a chapter of it in 1861 at West Liberty College, W. Va., was simply a students' frolic.

Beta Theta Pi is the fraternity that tried to unite with Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1879.

Phi Gamma Delta has entered Washington and Jefferson, Washington, Pa., by initiating a chapter of Phi Delta Kappa whose charter had been taken from them and who had made a fruitless attempt to become Chi Phis.

According to the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, there is an Alpha Delta Phi society at Ky. Mil. Inst., but the authorities of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity deny that it is a chapter of theirs.

Probably those who inspired that libellous pamphlet, *Butler's Betas*, do not think it such a success now. The Beta Theta Pi chapter at Butler University at the beginning of the year had 1 collegiate and 4 preparatory students, and it has been trying ever since to get men, but has been unable to get a single one, and it has sent in its charter.

The chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Monmouth, Ill., has been dissolved by the college authorities.

The *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, after appearing twice, has suspended. The Fraternity seems to be declining.

Alpha Delta Phi has refused an application for charter from the University of Pa., with six signatures.

Phi Gamma Delta is said to have organized two new chapters which have not yet been announced.

It is said that the Sigma Chi fraternity through one of its representatives has made fruitless attempts to enter Johns Hopkins University, Balto., Md.

The *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi is a beautiful paper typographically. Its tone is dignified, and it exhibits commendable fairness in speaking of rival fraternities.

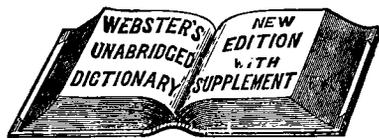
Delta Tau Delta organized a chapter of seven men at Kenyon in January. As the college already contains five fraternities, and has less than 50

students, the chances for success are not very great.

It is said that the President of Indiana University has expressed his determination to break up the Fraternity chapters there, sooner or later.

The *Beta Theta Pi* says Delta Tau Delta, "was, according to the story of one of its founders endowed with the complete organization of a secret Fraternity such as exists to-day, and according to others, it was simply a loosely bound together clique." Within a few months after its organization it lapsed into inactivity, and five of its founders helped to organize a Beta Theta Pi chapter. One of them lately withdrew from his second love, but the other four are still both Betas and Deltas.

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ALSTON ELLIS, PH. D., OHIO A., '67.

The subject of this brief sketch was born near Covington, Kentucky, January 26, 1847. He acquired the rudiments of an education in the common schools and spent his vacations at work on the farm and in the shop.

In his seventeenth year he took charge of a public school near Carrollton, Kentucky. Leaving the district school, which he had taught to the entire satisfaction of his patrons, he entered the Sophomore class of Miami University, at Oxford, O., in the fall of 1864. Here his studious habits and gentlemanly qualities won the confidence of the faculty and the respect and friendship of his fellow students.

In the spring of 1866, he with others effected the re-organization of the Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. As a worker in the Fraternity and in the Erodolphian Literary Society he was not less energetic and successful than as a student in the class and lecture rooms. As Secretary of the Erodolphian Society it became his duty to sign the diplomas of the graduates of the class of 1866.

As a student he was remarkably proficient in mathematics and belles-lettres. Prior to entering college he united with the church and has always been a worthy member and a man of exemplary habits.

A month after graduating, *i. e.*, July 23, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Katie A. Cox, an accomplished young lady fresh from one of Oxford's best female colleges, and returned with his young wife to his home in Covington, where, for two years, he did effective work as Principal of the Intermediate and Third District Schools of that city.

The reputation for scholarship and administrative ability there gained paved his way to the more important position of Assistant Superintendent of the Newport, Ky., schools, which position he held until called to the superintendency of the Hamilton, O., schools in 1871.

In commenting on the changes wrought in the administration of the public schools, the editor of a prominent Hamilton paper said: "When

Prof. Ellis was called to his present position the schools were not doing their work in as satisfactory a manner as parents and taxpayers had a right to expect. The scholarship had been suffered to drop and the discipline had fallen into laxity. To stimulate his pupils and place before them a higher ideal for attainment and to establish discipline were the difficult tasks which Prof. Ellis found himself compelled to face. It was a work not to be done in a day. * * In this labor Prof. Ellis displayed alike the accomplishments of the scholar and the gifts of executive ability. To-day, as reports show by comparison with those of cities of a similar class, the Hamilton schools in scholarship and discipline have no superiors in our State, and few equals. In modeling them to their present symmetry, his skillful hand is everywhere seen, and in the intellectual development of a generation coming from his tutorship, he can in years to come find sources for self-gratulation unmingled with regrets.'

Another Hamilton editor, in reviewing one of the scholarly school reports of the superintendent, made use of the following language :

"We feel very sure that we reflect the sentiment of the public when we attribute the splendid condition of our schools more to the zealous, unceasing efforts of the superintendent than to any other cause. Order, under his management, has been evolved from chaos; experienced and faithful teachers have taken the place of incompetent ones; a higher standard of scholarship has been attained; and the schools from being the poorest in the State now grade among the best."

In 1873, Prof. Ellis was elected by the Miami Union and Erodelphian literary societies to deliver the diplomas to the graduating members, and was the same year made a Master of Arts by the action of the Faculty and Trustees of Miami University. Later he was made a member of the Ohio State Board of School Examiners, the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Female College, and the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University, at Columbus.

While yet in Hamilton, he was appointed to represent the Third Congressional District of Ohio in the International Educational Congress which met in Baltimore in 1876; wrote the History of the Ungraded Schools of Ohio for the historical volumes which Ohio sent to the Centennial Exposition; prepared, under the authority of the Ohio State Teachers' Association, a report on the "School Legislation needed in Ohio;" and delivered educational addresses and lectures in many important points in Ohio and neighboring states. For eight years he was President of the Butler County Teachers' Association, and Secretary of the County Board of School Examiners.

In 1879, Prof. Ellis resigned his position in Hamilton to accept a more remunerative one with Harper & Brothers, of New York, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. In speaking of this change the *New England Journal of Education*, published in Boston, Mass., editorially said:

“Alston Ellis, Esq., has resigned his position as Superintendent of the schools of Hamilton, Ohio, to engage in other business. This action of Mr. Ellis will be lamented not only by his friends in Ohio, but will be a source of regret to the friends of education in all parts of the country. Mr. Ellis has occupied this position in Hamilton for eight years, and has shown tact and ability in an eminent degree in the discharge of his important duties. His reports have been among the best in the country, and have exhibited unusual professional zeal and intellectual power. His rare talents as a deep, practical pedagogical thinker, combined with his untiring efforts in behalf of education, have attracted the attention of all friends of public education not only in his own State but throughout the country. We sincerely hope that Mr. Ellis’s retirement from educational labor is not permanent. The schools of our land need such supervision as he gave to Hamilton.”

While in Columbus, Prof. Ellis, amid other duties, found time to deliver various educational addresses before college societies, teachers’ associations, teachers’ institutes, and high schools, besides making valuable contributions to literary and educational journals and the press. In 1879, he was made a Doctor of Philosophy by Wooster University, at Wooster, Ohio.

In May 1880, Dr. Ellis was unanimously elected to the superintendency of the Sandusky public schools, which position he now holds. In referring to the action of the Sandusky Board of Education the Columbus *Herald* said: “Prof. Alston Ellis, well known in this city, has been unanimously elected Superintendent of Schools of Sandusky, Ohio. This result is highly creditable to the enlightened gentlemen who have the management of the schools of that city in their hands. Prof. Ellis is one of the ablest and best of the educators of Ohio.”

The Columbus *Capital* in speaking on the same subject said: “Dr. Ellis is one of our foremost scholars and educators, an honest man and a gentleman, and his numerous friends warmly congratulate him upon his election to the superintendency of the Sandusky schools, a position he will honorably and ably fill. He still retains his place on the Board of Trustees of the State University.”

The Sandusky *Register* of May 29th, 1880, referring to the recent action of the Board of Education, said: “Dr. Ellis has the very high-

est indorsements from eminent educational sources, and the patrons of the schools of this city may congratulate themselves that they are to have the services of one of the most successful common-school educators in our State.'

Since assuming the duties of his present position, Dr. Ellis has brought his characteristic energy to bear on the schools under his charge, and already the good effects of his labor are apparent. His oration before the Phi Delta Theta Convention, at Indianapolis, was a masterly effort, indicating a careful analysis of the subject, "American Education."

Prof. Ellis has recently been a most helpful member of the committee on incorporation of Phi Delta Theta, appointed by the last Convention. Still more recently he has successfully maintained a strong position in publicly combating a legislative measure in his state, that antagonized the existing school system in several respects. The press has spoken warmly in praise of his printed articles on the subject. Altogether, Prof. Ellis is one of those quiet, steady workers that without bustle or self-seeking, leave behind them indelible impressions stamped upon human progress.

PHI DELTA THETA, AND HER MORAL PRINCIPLE.

The existence of any organization implies the existence of an originating and governing principle. Its laws, its rules, its policy, its cultus are the embodiment of the opinions and characters of its founders and members. Its sphere of action is but the theatre in which their own thoughts and lives are represented. Thus the different systems of science, philosophy, ethics and religion, have been, in all ages, the products of the combined beliefs of certain classes of men. Pantheism, Gnosticism, Deism, and indeed everything that may be called an "ism," are but the theoretical statements of certain men's convictions, and will forever stand as memorials of their investigations and discoveries.

Then Phi Delta Theta must have her principles and must give account for her existence. She must have motives and features to distinguish her from every other society, else she is one with them, or none at all. But the most careless view of her will reveal grand and distinctive characteristics. It is true that she is moving upon a plane, to outsiders, apparently level with a host of orders similar to her; it is true, that, to a certain extent, she has the same object; but when it comes to certain fundamental principles and certain specific designs, there is a vast, and, perhaps, commonly unnoticed difference.

Among the more noticeable features of our Fraternity, we can mention its comparative lack of selfishness, its lack of disgusting vanity, its intellectual superiority and high social standing. These facts are axiomatic. But that which we regard as the *chief* distinction of Phi Delta Theta is *her high moral tone and character*. This may be denominated the corner-stone of the fabric in which we live. It is the basis of all of its force and strength. It is the very rock on which it stands, immovable, fixed forever. There is a vein of moral excellence and strength running through our entire law, life and government, that makes this assertion undeniable. That the *Word of God* shall be our life-rule and guide is one of the clearest and most complete statements in our matchless Bond. It thus throws our whole course of conduct back on that surest and safest of all moral guides—the Bible. It directs the thought of the new brother at once to the source of all light and morality.

Then, too, this moral element constitutes a perfect barrier to the admission of those who are not truly in earnest in their principles and life. Where Phi Delta Theta is *her true self*, none but a moral man can enter its mystic ranks; none but one who has shown evidences of a gentleman, of a Christian, and of real manhood.

But our morality is not only theoretical, but practical to a high degree. It is a matter of common observation that our boys are among the gentlemen at our colleges; and that when they pass out into the more sober realities of life, they maintain the same uniform steadiness of manners and conduct. They fill the highest and noblest of callings. They stand in the very first ranks of society, the church and state. They become the real *men*, the movers of the world. The moral influence which they exert becomes the substratum of the best and only real society; the rock, beneath the sheltering edge of which the fickle and unsteady waves delight to take refuge.

Men of Phi Delta Theta, let this continue! Let this continue as it has in days gone by. Let it be the moving-spring of the grand work in which we are all engaged. Thirty-three years are looking down on us; and let us testify by our future acts, as we have by our past, that we are worthy of the order we love, and of the principles it teaches. Upon this *moral principle* we must stand or fall. It is the hidden power and life, not only of our Fraternity, but of all real and permanent good. The great Gamaliel said of Christianity to the Jewish Council, "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

J. B. F.

A VOICE FROM CAROLINA.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 5th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL.

My Dear Brother :—Some Brother Phi was kind enough a few weeks ago to send me a copy of the SCROLL in its new dress, and it was with feelings of pride that I read on its pages the various reports and encouraging letters from almost every State in the Union. For nearly two years I have known nearly nothing of our grand old Brotherhood and did not even know that the SCROLL was being published under such favorable auspices as the late copy I received indicates.

I am sorry, very sorry, to say that at present Phi Delta Theta has no chapter in the "Old North State," the N. C. Alpha, at Trinity College, being disbanded on account of a college law against such organizations. While my fraternity experience may not be unlike the experiences of many others, yet it may be somewhat interesting to some who know what it is to fight for the grand old cause.

The North Carolina Alpha was organized in February, 1878, through the correspondence of Brother Walter B. Palmer, who was at that time in Nashville, Tenn., and never will the members of N. C. Alpha forget the many kindnesses received at his hands, and his arduous labors to place on a firm foundation the chapter that so long struggled for life. I was solicited to join very soon after its organization, and I might say during its darkest days. I had disregarded opportunities time after time of joining other fraternities, there being at this time a chapter of the Chi Phi, Kappa Sigma, and Alpha Tau Omega, at the institution; but I preferred the small band of true men united in establishing on a solid basis the principles of Phi Delta Theta.

For weeks, yes even months after I was initiated, we were denied a room in the college building in which we might hold our meetings. There was a direct college law against secret societies holding their meetings at any place save the institution. What were we to do? Should we disband, or should we violate a college law by meeting away from the buildings? Suffice it to say that little time was lost in deciding on our future course. We procured an old hall that had long, long years ago been occupied by Masons. As my mind runs back over those days I fancy I can see a group of ten or twelve young men gathered in some member's room preparatory to the chapter meeting. They are gathered there about the "dusky twilight," and under the arm of one can be seen a small black parcel that is to serve for a window curtain. In the hand of another is a lamp, and each one is in posses-

sion of some article useful to a chapter meeting. All around grows still, and only here and there can be seen some student who is quietly enjoying a reverie beneath the old oaks of the campus. One by one this group disperse and through some obscure outlet they leave the village, and soon they meet again beneath the spectral trees of the village graveyard, from which the place designated for meeting is about three hundred yards distant. They send ahead a spy to see if all is "quiet along the Potomac." In a short time they are all ascending the rickety stairway, and the whirl of the frightened bat and the flight of the surprised rat greet the ear. Ah! how freely do they breathe when they are thus shut in from all curious, would-be listeners, and have not even a fear of suspicion.

Here the foundation stones of the N. C. Alpha were laid and here was wrought some of her grandest achievements, and even now, if perchance I pass that way I look upon that old building with feelings akin to reverence. Finally we obtained the old Senior reading room for a place of meeting, and when I left, in June, 1879, it was elegantly furnished and fitted with everything needful to the running of a chapter. I am proud to say that I left men in the hall of Phi Delta Theta who have since won the highest College honors, and bid fair to figure largely in the future of North Carolina.

Now the saddest part of my story is to come. A little over a year ago the faculty and trustees declared that the various fraternities must disband, and the "places that know them now shall know them no more forever." Phi Delta Theta, like the others, agreed to abide by the law, and so far they have done so. Next June it is my intention to attend commencement and then I shall surely advise the few that are left to "run the machine" *sub rosa*. But, my dear Brother, my letter is growing too long, and I fear has been too tedious, but this being my first opportunity for a long time of communicating with the fraternity at large you must indulge me. Though engrossed with business and the cares of life the memory of my connection with the mystic Phi Delta Theta, shall ever remain a green spot in my heart. Good-bye and God bless you.

Yours in the mystic Bond,

GEO. M. BULLA.

INCORPORATED.

Phi Delta Theta is at last incorporated, and has a legal existence. We encountered difficulties which we did not anticipate but overcame them all and carried out the instructions of the Convention as nearly

as possible. The incorporation had to be effected, of course, according to the statutes of Ohio, which require a name, a principal place of business and an object to be stated in the articles. We selected Oxford, because it was originally the head and centre of the Fraternity, and also because there could exist no cause of jealousy or bitter feeling among the living chapters in the selection of this place as there might if any other in the State had been chosen.

The law requires that there be five incorporators, and that they hold a meeting immediately after their incorporation and elect a board of trustees, a majority of whom shall be citizens of Ohio. As it was desirable, we thought, to make our General Council a part of this board, it became necessary to make the board consist of nine members. In selecting the Ohio members we took one from each chapter. This meeting was held and the minutes are enclosed herewith.

Whether this act of incorporation accomplishes all that the friends of the movement anticipated, we are in considerable doubt. But this is certain, it has cost the Fraternity nothing and makes it a legal entity. And it is proper here, we presume, to express our gratitude to Brother Allston Ellis who insisted on bearing the entire expense.

It was the unanimous opinion of the incorporators that the Fraternity ought to be incorporated in every state in which it has an existence. It costs but little and there are plenty of whole-souled Phis (who ever saw any other kind?) in every state who would willingly bear the expense, and it need not cost the Fraternity at large any thing.

It is now desirable to make the Fraternity and the corporation identical, and this can only be done by signing the articles of incorporation. For this purpose a book will be provided for the articles and signatures of the members, and this will be sent to the different chapters. In order to avoid this inconvenience hereafter, we think a law ought to be enacted making every one who becomes a member of the Fraternity to become by the same act a member of the corporation. This book ought to be made valuable by inserting not only the names, but the chapter, college, home residence, proposed occupation, and perhaps other items of interest. And for this purpose a book ought to be made adapted to the requirements. The cost would be very small. We leave all these questions to the judgment and discretion of the Fraternity at large.

Fraternally,

M. F. P.

From reports of membership received from all chapters of Phi Delta Theta, it has been found that each chapter would average fifteen active members. This is about the right number for strong union and work.

From Alpha Province President.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa., April 2, 1881.

TO THE PHIS OF ALPHA PROVINCE:

DEAR BROTHERS:—I have delayed making any communication to the chapters of the Alpha Province, hoping to first hear from every chapter. But in this I have as yet been disappointed, and will not let it longer keep me from briefly stating to you my plan of Provincial Government for the Alpha province. You will find it necessarily very simple but such I trust as will best strengthen and encourage our chapters. I have carefully considered the subject of Provincial Government; have discussed it thoroughly with some of the brothers, and have adopted my plan simply because I thought it best suited to the present condition of affairs in our province. You will find that the plan really requires little more than our Constitution.

1. Let the Reporter of each chapter regularly EACH MONTH send a report to the SCROLL.
2. Let the Reporter (or some other member, of each chapter send the President of the Province monthly reports, apprising him of all changes occurring to the chapter and of all matters of interest connected with the college in which his chapter is situated.
3. Let each chapter cultivate chapter correspondence with at least every other chapter in the same province
4. Let each chapter select a "SCROLL agent," whose duty it will be to secure subscriptions from our Alumni.
5. Let each chapter strictly comply with Article VIII Sec. 7. of our Constitution, which provides that the Reporter of each chapter shall, on the first day of April of each year, forward a copy of the chapter history to the President of the Province; also with Article IX, Sec. 4. which provides that the Reporter shall, on the first day of April of each year, forward a report of the members of the chapter according to form D

This is our plan, simple and yet we think efficient. Doubtless you have read in the SCROLL, letters from several other Provincial Presidents recommending Provincial conventions to be held biennially, alternating with the National convention, and perhaps you have wondered why the President of the Alpha Province has not suggested the same plan. Well I shall tell you why I have not. While our chapters are prosperous they are not wealthy. Some of them must observe the strictest economy to meet their current expenses. Besides the necessary expenses connected with their halls and banquets they have to meet every year the SCROLL tax, once in two years the National convention tax, and at present the new catalogue tax. These are all that they are able to meet. One chapter has been unable to send a delegate to the last two National conventions; and shall we impose upon it an additional tax for a Provincial convention? It is far better to require little and have it done well than to burden down a chapter and deprive it of existence. Let us be careful in our efforts for the success and advancement of our beloved order not to attempt too much and thus hazard failure, but rather let us be simple and thorough in everything. In justice to our province no plan should be adopted with which every chapter cannot fully and easily comply. Then and then alone can we afford each other that mutual aid and encouragement for which our noble fraternity was organized.

We feel the plan of Provincial organization stated in this letter to be the one best suited to our province, and ask each of the chapters to aid us in making it in every way a grand success. Let us do our work faithfully. Let us "deserve success and we shall command it."

And before I close let me urge the chapters of Alpha province to faithfully carry out the Fifth Section of our Plan. Send on your histories and reports at once. Be prompt.

Next month we will have published in the SCROLL the statement of the relative condition of our chapters. With regards to all I remain,

Yours Fraternally,

A. C. McCAULEY.

OUR FINANCES.

BROTHERS OF THE PHI DELTA THETA:

In submitting the following summary statement of our Finances, permit me to ask your careful examination of the same, in view of the payment of our long-standing indebtedness, notwithstanding the large amounts due the Treasury, which should have been cancelled months ago.

Several chapters have paid nothing, and our resources show the large amount due from chapters.

If each chapter would promptly pay its indebtedness and increase the list of Alumni SCROLL subscribers, I promise that the future of our Finances will be as prosperous and successful as it has been during the past five months, or as is the present general condition of the Fraternity.

The new Catalogue Tax (\$2.00 per capita) will be due Oct. 1, 1881. The Penna. Alpha deserves credit for her prompt payment. Who will be the next?

During the past five months, I have received orders for Phi Delta Theta Badges valued at \$352.50, and the chapters have received a discount of \$24.54, which discount, if the Convention of 1880 had agreed to my proposition, would be in the Treasury.

Let each chapter pay all its indebtedness before the close of this collegiate year, and thus start in the Fall with a clear record.

Yours faithfully in the Bond,

CLARENCE J. REDDIG,
Treasurer G. C., Φ . Δ . Θ .

Shippensburg, Pa., April 1, 1881.

1880.	GENERAL FUND.	DR.	
Nov. 27.	To am't P. F. transferred to Gen'l Fund.....	\$1239.40	
" "	bal. transferred from Local Com., Indianapolis.....	14.35	
" "	cash, C. D. Whitehead, vide SCROLL, Nov. '80.....	300.49	
" "	Indiana Beta Alumni.....	30.00	
1881.			
April 1.	am't from all sources from Nov. '80 to April '81.....	661.65	
" "	due Treas. G. C.....	13.35	
			\$2259.24
1881.	GENERAL FUND.	CR.	
April 1.	By cash paid out, all sources, Oct. 26 '80 to April '81....	\$1019.84	
" "	subscription notes destroyed and returned.....	554.00	
" "	notes unpaid, accounted good.....	685.40	
			\$2259.24
1881.	CATALOGUE FUND.	DR.	
Feb. 19.	To cash, Penna. Alpha.....	\$34.00	
RESOURCES.			
	C. D. Whitehead's notes, with interest.....	\$773.70	
	Geo. Banta's note " ".....	13.30	
	Unpaid chapter dues.....	363.50	
			\$1150.50
LIABILITIES.			
	Bal. due P. W. Search.....	\$100.00	
" "	Treasurer G. C.....	13.35	
" "	on Constitution, Ritual, and Incidentals.....	30.30	
			\$143.65
	Value of Badges ordered from Nov. '80 to April '81.....	\$442.75	
	Amount discount.....	36.19	

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GETTYSBURG, PA., APRIL, 1881.

Phi Delta Theta is incorporated.

It takes our Convention Orator to get things through, in the Buck-eye state.

Moved and carried that the committee on incorporation be discharged with thanks.

How about a certain frat. that claims incorporation when the Secretary of State knows nothing about it. Queer! See note "Among the Greeks."

The promised report of the T. G. C. is at hand, and we give as much as our space would allow. Bro. Treasurer deserves the thanks of the whole fraternity. His report is fully itemized, and can be inspected in detail in our office.

The fraternity is called upon to wear the badge of mourning for two dear Brothers who have passed away. This simple notice is all that we can now give concerning them, but more will be given in a future issue. Those who live by our Bond need have no fear from death.

Attention was last month called to the fact that Bro. Will R. Worrall, Ky. A., '79, and the energetic Reporter of our Chicago Alumni chapter, had accepted the position of State President of Illinois. The state is a good one in which to exercise one's powers, and from the manner of his work

already performed we predict a strong state organization under Bro. W.'s lead. His letters are brim-full of interest, and we trust his energy may be shed abroad. He earnestly asks, and should obtain, the ready co-operation of all the Phis in his state.

The chapters of Phi Delta Theta in the state of Georgia were all organized in 1871, ten years ago, and within a few weeks of each other. In view of this fact it seems to us that the state re-union at Athens this summer ought to be made a decennial celebration, in which all the chapters and Phis in the state should participate. At this re-union such eminent Phis as Dr. Means and Prof. Browne should be present to make addresses. We throw out this suggestion and should be glad to see it acted upon. It would be well to have a committee of two from each chapter elected to act together and make all arrangements. Railway fares have recently been reduced throughout Georgia, and the re-union ought to be very successful. We shall be glad to hear from Georgia on the subject.

A Cautionary Signal.

It would be a severe tax on one's faith in religion to see the forms and ceremonies of the church radically changing every few years, or at every meeting of synod or presbytery. And this, though not desiring to carry the comparison throughout, must be in some sort the feeling of those who are rightly conservative with regard to the inner secrets and ceremonies of Phi Delta Theta. This feeling is born of a pure and reverential desire to "remove not the ancient landmarks" which our fathers have set. An article from the pen of a most loyal Phi, in our March issue, meets the views of the SCROLL exactly, in this matter of a feverish desire for a change; and under its present management the SCROLL

has taken occasion more than once to raise a note of warning against too rapid and radical changes.

To be unmistakably plain, we will define our position. We heartily commend and uphold our constitution and general government as now in force, and honestly believe these to be inferior to no Greek organization in the college world; and it is our desire to see it perpetuated just as it is, without any further attempt to make changes or additions. It is the change in our symbols and signs and inner workings against which we raise a voice. It is argued that others have found out, in some way, the old signs, and hence we *must* change. Those who argue thus should know that the oftener secrets are discussed the less jealously are they guarded. The remedy is not good which rejects an eagle for an owl simply because others have feathers of the eagle. The remedy is not in making a change each time a small secret leaks out, but in stopping the leak; and this can be done by making better Phis. It should be remembered that not any and every college-goer is worthy of our shield of defence and sword of protection. And just here is the root of the matter—let us make *true Phis* of all who accept the Bond, and there will be no danger of any need of a change in our secret work.

We earnestly hope that all Phis will digest this matter well and slowly. There is no need for alarm at anything that has been done, for we are not far away from the old moorings, and can easily reach them again and fasten to them as securely as did those who first placed our bark upon the Grecian sea. It is more especially against the principle involved that we have now raised a signal of caution.

NEW BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY.
Prominent among the valuable fea-

tures of the New Edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, just issued, is the "New Biographical Dictionary," comprising about 10,000 names of ancient and modern persons of renown, including many now living. It gives us the pronunciation of these names, the nationality, profession or occupation, date of birth, and if known, the date of death of each person. From its conciseness and accuracy it supplies a want long felt in this direction, and adds very greatly to the value of this always valuable work.

By the Way.

Three hundred and fifty invitations have been issued for the Illinois reunion, Galesburg, May 26 and 27.

Wanted.—The addresses of Bro. J. W. McKeever, Wis. A., '59, and Bro. R. M. Springer, Ill. B., '69. Send at once to the Editor of the SCROLL.

Bro. Search comes to the front once more, and we commend his example. Of course "Gathering Ferns" is a nice thing—everybody's experience tells them so. See advertisement.

It is desirable that the chapters have similar arms for stationery and chapter use, and to this end we are supplying electrotype plates, post-paid, at the low rate of one dollar and fifty cents. A number of chapters have already secured them—all should do so. The cut on first page of cover is fac-simile. Send orders to our office, or to the Treasurer of the G. C.

"The Phi Delta Theta SCROLL has made no change in its management or appearance."—*Beta Theta Pi, Jan. '81.* Which shows that the Beta journal knows all about it,—or thinks it does.

The Editor of the SCROLL dropped down among the Penna. Epsilon Phis at Carlisle recently, and was much pleased with the warm reception received at their hands. There is a spirit of earnest work in this chapter that ought to make it stand among the best.

There are about three hundred and twenty-nine reasons why our Treasurer has a decided leaning toward female seminaries. The strongest reason is, that— But we have too much respect for his feelings to tell. A slight acquaintance with the reason mentioned makes us impervious to all entreaties.

Sugar making time in Vermont has just passed, and nobody is more sorry than our worthy S. G. C. who has been carefully and experimentally examining the sweet compound—*real sugar*, not any of its synonyms, no indeed. The results of the investigations of Bro. Van N. appear in a column and a half of the *St. Albans Messenger* of April 1st. He has been much complimented for his work, and has been asked to reply to an article by Rideing in the April *Hesper* touching the subject of sugar making in Vermont.

Not Such as we Wish.

DEAR SCROLL :

I was asked in a previous number as to the feasibility of establishing a chapter in Louisiana. I deem the matter inexpedient. The University at New Orleans has excellent Law and Medical Departments, to which is added an academic or preparatory school. The University proper is at Baton Rouge, and is too inferior in standing, in the size of the school, and the ages of the students, to support a Phi chapter. Several fraternities have been there and may be there yet, but are not such as we wish for competitors.

A. GWYN FOSTER.

A Brotherly Invitation.

To all Phis, Texas A. extends a cordial invitation to attend the Re-union, to be held at Tehuacana, June 11, 1881, for the purpose of organizing a State Association, for the transaction of matters of interest to the frat., for mutual benefit, and to renew our pledges of friendship and fidelity.

This will be the most beautiful season to visit Texas, and as our college is easily accessible from H. & T. C. R. R., may we not expect the encouraging presence of some of our northern Brothers?

Verily yours in Bond,

FRANK N. DRANE, *Pres.*

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

Vermont Alpha.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since Bro. Van Nostrand has laid down his pen, it falls to my lot to report the standing of Vt. Alpha. Bro. Van Nostrand has, however, not been deprived of all the honor of holding offices. As he is a Senior and this is the last chance we will have to put him in office, he has been elected as our President, which office he fills with honor to the Alpha. At the Sophomore exhibition three Phis were elected to speak, but Bro. Sawyer, to our sorrow, resigned. Bro. Bailey gave an excellent speech on "American Morality," and Bro. Turk had a very fine article on "Bismarck." At the class supper, following the exhibition, the orator for the occasion was Bro. Hayden. We now elect officers at the close of each term, as this appears to be a better way.

Yours in the Bond,

E. A. ENRIGHT.

Penna. Alpha.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Easton, Pa., April 2nd, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

There are a number of us remaining here during this vacation. During the last term we have been looking around in search of new rooms. In this we were unsuccessful, but have hit on a better plan. Our landlord suggested to us that he would fix up apartments where we are by connecting another room with our present one, and thus give us the whole floor. This we agreed to, and in a few days more we will have a very fine suite of rooms, fixed up especially for our use. We have the best location in town, and entirely private. It is our desire—as I think it should be the aim of all chapters—to have a place that will be a permanent home, so that when we come back after years have passed we can return to our Old Phi Home. We expect to make this ours, and if any brother comes around we will endeavor to make him feel at home.

We expect, as soon as the term opens, to initiate another good man. He had the highest grade in his class, '84, in the fall term, and so received the monitorship. And the probabilities are that we will get his room-mate,

who is equal in scholarship. But do not understand that we place so much stress upon a man's abilities. It is not the high grade by any means which makes the best Phi. But when high abilities are coupled with eminent social, and above all, moral qualities, as is the case with these men, it is then we have the requisites of a true Phi. When we five, who graduate this year go out, we will leave a strong, and enthusiastic chapter, which is our great desire.

Phi brothers, I sincerely wish you all well, and faithful.

Yours in the Bond,
A. N. HAGERTY.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PA. COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
April 11th, 1881.

BROS. IN THE BOND :

Another vacation has closed and we have all once more returned to our *Alma Mater*. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, our brothers, we think, without exception, are ready to rise and say that vacations are a good institution. Some of us spent our vacations at home among our friends and cousins; others, living at a distance, accepted the kind invitations of their brothers in the Bond and spent their vacation in Phi homes nearer than their own to Pa. College. A few others remained here, amusing themselves by freely mingling with their Phi brother and sisters in Gettysburg.

Our prospects for the coming term are bright. We have reason to hope for the best. We see new faces in the various class-rooms, and hope soon to bring some wandering barbarians into our fold.

Bro. J. G. Graichen of the Va. Alpha is attending the Luth. Theol. Seminary here, and usually spends his Saturday evenings with us in our hall. Glad to see him. Fraternaly,
REPORTER.

Penna. Gamma.

WASHINGTON, PA. March 30th, 1881.

EDITOR OF SCROLL :

The Phi boys have stacked up their books and are visiting their cousins. It is rather unfortunate that the Seminary does not have vacation, so thinks Brother White. Our Essayist, Bro.

McClellan, came out victorious, and we spent an hour of rejoicing together over the event before we journeyed homeward. The next contest will be almost a Phi affair, as three or four will be chosen to represent the societies. Such an avalanche of boguses came out the last day on the Phi Gamma Delta, that we hardly expect them back next term.

Since our organization in '75, we find 34 names upon the roll, and a goodly number of them are attending the Allegheny Theological Seminary. Among the number are Bros. Good, Helm, Gault, Donaldson, and Hunter.

Next term begins on the 6th, and we expect Brother Crosser with us, making our number 16.

Yours in the Bond,
J. L. HINES.

Penna. Delta.

MEADVILLE, PA. March 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

We are a little late this month with our report but hope it will get to the printer's hands in time for the April issue. The Reporter is lamenting with himself that he cannot make his report more interesting than he knows it will be; but in times of such profound peace and prosperity, as we are now enjoying, it is impossible to make a display of startling events. Since our last report, we have succeeded in capturing another "barb," whom, after removing all signs of his barbaric life, especially at our last meeting, when he took his second degree, we now introduce as Bro. Geo. B. Covell. He is an Illinois boy and as that state has brought forth great men in the past, from what we know of it now we despair not of it in the future.

Our Winter term closes the 31st, and as the 26th was our last meeting for the term, we closed it with a banquet. We can say that the term closes very auspiciously for us in every respect. We have had very pleasant and comfortable quarters this term, but will have the greater satisfaction of settling in a more elegant and luxurious hall for next term and all time to come, if we behave ourselves and pay the rent promptly. When such an excellent report was made by our Committee on Hall, we seemed to hear a long and deep sigh of relief go up from the chapter; for indeed we have been a

little "onsettled" in this respect so far in our career. The Phi Kappa Psi chapter brought on Burdette of "Hawkeye" fame, an alumnus of that frat., to lecture in this city. The lecture was good but was not a success financially. They also gave him a banquet the same evening. A feature of one of our late meetings, and which was more novel than interesting, was declamation in foreign tongues. There are several points in favor of so-doing and it is by no means a waste of time.

We have been thinking of late that our correspondent members are gradually slipping away into the past and are forgetting us and we them. Such a state of affairs should not be, and chapter and fraternity are weakened and hurt by it. It must be looked after; for those who go out from us can render great assistance and support in many ways. I know we have many men who ought to be correspondent members, but from whom we have not heard directly since they left us, and the addresses of some we do not know at all. We should wake up to serious business, for in this the vitality of Phi Delta Theta is concerned.

Yours in the Bond,
REPORTER.

Maryland Alpha Alumni.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 6th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The Maryland Alpha has been silent for several months. This has not been, however, from a lack of interest in our noble cause, but because we have been pressed for time to report. We have had several meetings since our last report, which is doing well for an Alumni chapter; and a great deal of zeal has been manifested. Bros. Smith and Fullwood have gone to their respective homes, but will return again this fall. Bro. Frank Burns has also been absent during the winter, but we hope to see him in our midst soon again. Our men are all holding honorable positions.

We are very glad to hear that Bro. Worrall and others have succeeded in establishing so large a chapter in Chicago, and we wish our western brothers much success. That the fraternity at large may always be prosperous and that Phi Delta Theta may always swing her banners high above all other fraternities, is the earnest wish of the

MD. ALPHA ALUMNI.

BETA PROVINCE.

Ohio Epsilon.

AKRON O., March 5th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

We have perused the last SCROLL and we find it brim-full of good things. Our brothers are well pleased with the new Ritual and we hope for an opportunity to use it on some new worthy. We would thank Vt. Alpha for her compliments and would recommend our former Brothers, Kelley and Stearns, to all Phis whom they may encounter. Both were good, enthusiastic and worthy brothers. Bro. Wm. H. Jones, '79, now at Harvard Law School, is here calling on old friends.

We are glad to see in the last SCROLL the account of the Chicago alumni chapter. Bros. I. C. and V. E. Tomlinson were active members of Ohio Epsilon, and although we miss their valuable assistance we know that they are as enthusiastic as ever. And we perceive with pleasure that although our chapter is not so prosperous now as formerly, yet she has spread her children over a vast territory.

Our rivals, the Delta Tau Deltas, had a convention here since our last report. They entertained about seven or eight delegates. They have entered Western Reserve and it is rumored that they have entered Kenyon. I am sure that they are welcome to both colleges. Kappa Kappa Gamma has been re-established here among our Delta Tau Delta lady sympathizers. Bro. George E. Smith, a former member, gave us a call last month. He is now among the forests of Michigan. Bro. L. B. Buckingham has gone west. He will probably settle in Colorado.

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK O. PAYNE.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March, 1881.

ED. SCROLL:

I would like to ask through the SCROLL the addresses of some of the members of Ind. Beta, or for the address of any one who will be likely to know of any of them. They are members whom I have tried to find, their blanks being returned.

Rev. Jas. Guthrie, late of Marion, Ind.
H. C. Gilbert, late of Burlington, Vt.
Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, late of Boston, Mass.

Hon. J. E. Allen, late of Rochester, Minn.

H. S. Hulbert, late of (Theo. Sem.) Auburn, N. Y.

Dr. W. E. Spilman, late of Danville, Ill.

Rev. W. T. Hart, late of Lima, Ohio.

Frank Minturn, late of Tuscola, Ill.

Rev. R. B. Stinson, late of Logansport, Ind.

Rev. A. L. Wilson, late of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mr. Wilson, I am informed, moved from here (Crawfordsville) to some place in Tenn., and has since died. Maybe some Tenn. Phi knows something about him. I will be thankful to any one who will send me the address or addresses of any of the above old Phis.

Your Phi Bro.,
S. B. ECCLES.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 29th, 1881.

ED. SCROLL :

Our chapter has nothing to report but its steady weekly work. This has been maintained all term and each evening we have had some literary exercises that were worth hearing. We sometimes train those who are to appear in public, and sometimes have extempore debates on current events. In case there is no important fraternity business, either local or general, then each one feels that he has been paid for the hour he has spent in the hall. We are also sure of a full attendance. All tendencies toward boisterousness or conviviality are suppressed. We think our plan is just the thing for individual and chapter prosperity. Under it we as a chapter are doing more for our members than ever before, in the knowledge of the Reporter. Our anniversary will be in May and we will remember it, with ourselves, or with our friends.

Fraternally,
J. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Zeta.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 1st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The boys are taking a vacation this week. We hope to begin April 6th with renewed vigor. Bros. Elrod and Wilson, '82, will not be with us next term. We lose two good workers for the Phi cause for a short time.

We used our new initiation ceremony for the first time, March 12th. Bro. E. E. Dyer, '85, was the victim, but he stood the test nobly. We have now 26 attendant members.

Bro. J. G. Smalley, Ind. A., '83, paid us a visit during his vacation. I hate to tell, but he made a "mash" upon a black-eyed Kappa Alpha Theta, and I am inclined to think it was reciprocal. Bros. Shirk and Spivey, Ind. A., stopped over night with us as they were on their way to College at the opening of the term.

Bro. A. Gwyn Foster stopped a few hours with us March 28. He expresses himself well pleased with Ind. Zeta.

Bro. N. A. Whitaker, '81, takes first honors in mathematics this year. And Bro. A. Stephenson, '82, takes Junior, or second, honors in the German department.

Yours in the Bond,
JOE CREWS.

Indiana Beta Alumni.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 2nd, 1881.

The Indiana Beta Alumni has had nothing to say in the past few numbers because she wished the space to be filled with reports from the active chapters. As fraternity workers we have no brilliant deeds to record of chapters established, or victories over our sister fraternities, as they are not in our line. In our humble way we have tried to entertain those Phis that have wandered within our gates, and we have each individually striven for success, that any benefits we might receive might reflect back upon our beloved fraternity and honor it. Our President, Judge Elliott, has been promoted to the Supreme bench; Bro. Harrison is elected to the United States Senate; Bro. Kirkpatrick is clerk of the State Senate; these are a few of our individual achievements.

The Central Law School has just had its commencement and its five Phis are scattered to the four winds, and until next fall their presence will be missed among us. Of these we are proud to note that Bro. Floyd represents Butler University in the State oratorical contest. At the time of the contest, our State convention will be held, and a large attendance is anticipated. More again.

REPORTER.

GAMMA PROVINCE.
Illinois Alpha Alumni.

CHICAGO March 25th 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The Ill. A. Alumni met yesterday afternoon in the office of Bros. Brooks and Kretzinger, and heard reports of two committees appointed at last meeting. It was determined to give a banquet before the middle of April and to make that banquet assume the form of a reunion of the Alpha and Beta chapters, now dead. We are looking forward to having a grand time. A committee of five was appointed to settle time, place, &c., for banquet, and to make all necessary arrangements for giving the same. Am sorry cannot give you exact date of the banquet, but the chapters will each receive an invitation. We had the pleasure of welcoming among us at this meeting several of the Alumni of the Phi Sigma league, lately merged into our Illinois Delta chapter. This league was an old and very fine local society at Lombard University. These members have all signed articles of affiliation and according to agreement are to be received among us wherever met. We find our new brethren here in every respect men of whom we can well feel proud. The committee of arrangements is as follows: David M. Hillis, Ill. B., '64; F. A. Smith, Ill. B., '66; S. P. McConnell, Ill. D. (Phi Sigma); Otis Jones, Ill. Delta, (Phi Sigma) and J. F. Goodkins, Ill. B., '64. This is a very fine committee and will do nothing halfway.

Very truly yours,
 W. R. WORRALL, *Reporter.*

Illinois Delta.

GALESBURG, MAR. 25th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

We are flourishing and have high hopes for next term and next year. We will have seven men next term which is about three more than our opponents, the Delta Taus, and in fact there are nearly as many active Phis in Galesburg as there are active Delta Taus in this whole Delta province. Our entertainment at Bro. E. J. Edwards was not a success owing to the severe snow storm which occurred on the same day. A few of the Lombard and one of the Knox brothers hired hacks, and thus defied the weather.

We had two Phis on the Freshmen and Sophomore exhibition last night, and it is needless to add, they maintained the reputation of our fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,
 S. SWART.

Illinois Epsilon.

ILL. WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Bloomington, Ill., Mar. 29. '81

ED. SCROLL :

Two weeks ago Bro. T. C. McFadden of this chapter received a telegram that his younger brother had died very suddenly. He went home immediately, and was so shocked by the sudden and unexpected death scene that he at once resolved to remain away from college, and devote his time and energies to his father's extensive and varied business interests, hoping to find relief from his overwhelming sorrow in the activities and perplexities of practical life. The chapter passed resolutions of sympathy and condolence for our grief-stricken brother and sent them to him.

Saturday night Hon. George R. Wendling lectured here to a good audience, under the auspices of this chapter, on "The Problem of the Ages—Immortality." He was introduced by Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, Ky. Alpha, '59. The lecture was a success.

Bro. Sam. Hunt, Ind. Beta, has recently returned to his home in Clinton, Ill., from Cal., where he passed a year in hunting, fishing and other sports.

Thinking that you will not be interested in anything personal concerning the present members, further than to know that they all are good men morally, intellectually and socially, and some of them religiously. I will close by saying that they all like the SCROLL very much, and will do all they can to keep it up to its present high standard.

Fraternally yours,
 J. A. FULLINWIDER.

Illinois Zeta.

KNOX COLLEGE March 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Though you have heard nothing directly from the Ill. Zeta since its initiation into the Fraternity as a Chapter, yet, I assure you that we are neither dead nor sleeping. The non-appearance of our charter is my reason for not writing sooner, as I have been

waiting for an official recognition of our existence before sending to the SCROLL any official report. The charter has not yet arrived. We are at sea on that subject. Nevertheless, we are alive and in fair running order, and at present, making preparations, in connection with the Ill. Delta, for holding a state reunion of the Fraternity in this city, May 26th and 27th. The six chapters in the state will be represented. Alumni members of the Fraternity are being corresponded with concerning the reunion, with a view to having as many as possible attend, and in this way re-awakening old associations and extending the influence of our Fraternity. A banquet will be held on the evening of the 27th. After the "inner man" has been satisfied, those who know how, will "trip the light fantastic toe," through the giddy maze of quadrille and waltz. A highly enjoyable and profitable time is expected.

Since our initiation into the mystic brotherhood, Dec. 10, '80, we have been meeting regularly. We number at present eighteen active members, all strong men, in fact the leading men of the four college classes. There being no rival Fraternity at Knox, we have it all our own way, still we are very particular concerning our membership, preferring quality to quantity.

Saturday evening, March 12th, five of the "inexperienced" members were initiated in accordance with our Chapter Ritual. The boys were *welcomed* one at a time.

Possibly you may glean from this that the Ill. Zeta is among the living. Our winter term closes March 30th. We will increase our membership next term. Hoping that this may come within the limits of your "boiled down" reports, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

M. W. PINCKNEY.

Missouri Beta.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, Fulton, Mo.,
Mar. 21st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since your last issue the undersigned has been chosen to act in the capacity of Reporter. Pursuant to duty, we will proceed to report, and will give you a condensed one, hoping we may meet with the approbation that has characterized our predecessor.

Heretofore we have met weekly, but will meet once in two weeks hereafter. We endeavor to make the rhetorical exercises the most interesting feature of every meeting. We love our Phi songs, just lately received, and experience not a little comfort in singing them. We have begun chapter correspondence, but thus far we have been slighted. Hurry up, Brothers, and get acquainted with us. Our chapter is doing good work, in perfect harmony, reflecting credit on Phi Delta Theta. We think we can say without fear of exaggeration, that we are ahead of the Beta Theta Pi, the only fraternity with whom we have to contend. With the kindest wishes to all Phis I am,

Yours in the Bond,

ZACH. LILLARD.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Lansing, Mich.,
March 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

We come to the April number with feelings of sadness. Since our last report we have been called upon to part with the main-stay of our chapter, Bro. Harry E. Owen. We feel the loss sustained in the untimely death of this father of our chapter. No more shall we listen to his words of advice and warning; no more shall we enjoy his hearty congratulations upon our successes. His funeral took place at Adrian, Mich., March 25th. Bros. Alva Sherwood and J. H. Irish represented our chapter at the ceremonies.

We have initiated one man this term, C. E. Kelley. We found our rooms in a bad plight upon our return this spring, occasioned by the bursting of steam pipes.

Three of our boys have had the measles, thus lessening our members for awhile.

But we will not dwell longer on misfortunes. At our last meeting we were cheered by the jovial O. S. Bristol, who has been teaching up in the pine woods. At the same time we mourned the absence of another brother who has been captured by the winning glances of a fair one in a neighboring city. To bad for a Senior to be thus carried away.

Yours in the Bond,

J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

DELTA PROVINCE.**Virginia Delta.**

RICHMOND, Va., April 1st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our regular reporter, being deeply engaged in his Philosophical studies, asked me to write a report for him, which I promised to do though somewhat reluctantly, as I never before attempted anything of the sort.

Nothing worthy of note has transpired since our last report except the departure of Bro. Lawless, who left college several weeks ago. He goes to take charge of two very prosperous churches to which he has recently been called. We had not been long associated with Bro. L., but were impressed with him as a man of unusual talent and perseverance, and can confidently predict for him a bright future and a useful life. This reduces our number to 10, which is one or two less than either of our rivals; but we console ourselves by the consideration that we have the most select crowd—in our opinion. The trouble which we had with the barbarians has not been satisfactorily settled, as we were not able to prove clearly the guilt of the suspected parties. However, we hardly think they did *us* any damage. We agree with you that all alumni members ought to subscribe for the SCROLL, as it is really surprising how quickly they lose the 'run of things.' We had an instance of this last week. One of our most enthusiastic members of last session paid us a visit, and he seemed to be entirely ignorant of everything that had taken place in the fraternity since he left college. We urged upon him the importance of taking the SCROLL and made him promise to subscribe. With many wishes for your success,

Yours in the Bond,

FRANK PURYEAR.

Virginia Epsilon.

LEXINGTON, Va., March 23d, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS :

The reason why there has not been any report in the SCROLL for the last month is that I have been too sick to write it. There is not much news to tell except that we have "bugged" (as the slang is here) two men, splendid fellows—Bros. Deal and Dodson, both of Va., Bro. Deal of '82 and Dodson of

'84. Our chapter now numbers six strong men and we hope soon to be able to capture one more. But better to lose one good man than get a half dozen bad ones. It has been proposed to "spike" the _____ chapter here and Bro. Chalkley, President of this Province, has written to me about it. Now I will give the opinion of our entire chapter on this subject. We are unanimous against any such a move simply because there are some men in it that none of us are willing to associate with, much less claim as brothers in the noble Bond of the Phi Delta Theta.

Now for some news about the other fraternities here. The Alpha Tau Omega have nearly collapsed; formerly they were the only Greek letter fraternity that had a separate hall for their meetings, but lately they have given it up and now where once was heard the mystic rites of initiation, etc., etc., of the Alpha Tau Omega, is heard the clinking of the billiard balls. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* Gettysburg, Pa., is getting her share of honor in the ruling of the Greek world, since the *Sigma Chi*, the paper of the Sigma Chi fraternity is to be printed there, besides the SCROLL and others. This *Sigma Chi* is to be a bi-monthly; the editor-in-chief is to be selected from the chapter at Gettysburg; it will have place in it for literary productions of the alumni members; its price is to be one dollar, payable in advance; it is to be of a magazine form, of about forty pages with cover.

This is about all the news that I know of, so I will close.

Yours in the Bond,

H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

Tennessee Alpha.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Nashville, Tenn., April, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Things with us are pretty much the same. We are still moving along with the usual amount of interest and progress, which we have so often noted in the past, and doing good work we hope. We got two out of the four who were appointed by the Law Faculty to argue the Moot Court Case at the end of the session. Two of our men will also carry off the "Founder's" and "Law" Medals at commencement. In short, the boys are going to come out

ahead in every thing they go at, and then wind up the whole by an elegant banquet, and we cordially invite every Phi in the land to come and bring his "D. G." with him, assuring all that they shall be treated like Phis.

We are of the opinion that the Kappa Alphas have organized a chapter of their fraternity in this institution. We are in hopes this surmise is true for you know opposition is the life of a chapter, and we think a little wouldn't hurt us just now.

Think it would be a good idea to get after our official jewelers a little, on account of the length of time it takes them to fill an order for one badge. It requires over a month from the time of sending the order until the badge comes, and if it were not that one had to wait so long, more of our boys would order.

Hoping that the Phis may all come out first in the approaching commencement contests, we are,

Yours in the Bond,
ED. A. PRICE.

Kentucky Alpha.

Danville, Ky., March 25th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS :

It is with infinite pleasure that I resume my desk to communicate with you who are bound to us by the golden bars of friendship and brotherly love, and who are nobly assisting us to anchor our vessel in the desired haven, which will I sincerely trust be accomplished in the future.

You have every reason to infer from my last letter that Ky. Alpha has failed to sustain her past history, that she is tranquilly floating down the stream of life. But allow me to state that she has not for a moment forgotten there is an end to be attained, that to posterity a name must be transmitted as chaste and as pure as a flower that allows its fragrance to be carried away by the gentle zephyr. And to our sister chapters, I cannot abstain from saying, they are also expected to attain the summit of fame and honor; and when standing thereon they can laugh to scorn the efforts that have so often been made to oppose us. Let us perform deeds during our college course that cannot be erased by time's finger, nor be forgotten by those who envy our rapid progress.

I heartily endorse Bro. Van Nos.

trand's opinion in regard to our office, as being a position of trust and honor. I must before quitting this subject assert that upon us is imposed the duty of informing the Phi world of our success or failure; it is our duty to write to all chapters in the Fraternity, to know exactly their standing. If this is not done, we have revealed to all who know of our connection with this office our character as not possessing the dignity that our Fraternity demands.

We are very much pleased with the new constitution; its style is clear, plain, and to the point; the ritual is of sufficient fulness to meet any emergency of the brotherhood. It was unanimously adopted at our last meeting.

With best regards to all the boys, I close, remaining most truly

Yours in the Bond,
W. E. KNIGHT.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Georgia Alpha.

UNIV. OF GEORGIA, Athens, Ga.
March 23rd, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Owing to the pressure of my engagements, Bro. Hardy wrote up my last month's report for me, and in his communication he made mention of the fact that our chapter had recently made a grand accession in the person of Gen. W. M. Browne, who occupies the chair of our noted department of History and Political Science. But for some reason, not known to myself, Bro. Hardy's letter failed to appear in the SCROLL for March. In the future I hope to be able to be more punctual in my monthly reports.

We are gradually making our hall, which we have leased for five years, more attractive and interesting. Last week Gen. Browne gave us a fine and handsomely-framed portrait painting of Gen. R. E. Lee, and we are filling our archives with general and interesting Frat. material.

Our State Convention meets in this city in the early part of July next. There seems to be a true Phi enthusiasm in the scheme all over the State. I will write you concerning it later.

In both of our literary societies we have men aspiring for society honors in the coming spring elections, and so

as I am now able to judge, their success is certain.

Yours in Phi love,
C. J. HOOD.

Georgia Beta.

OXFORD, GA., March 30th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

My communication this month will be fraught with pain—not only to every Phi but especially to our chapter, for I have to add another name to the list of expulsions. Mr. Curtis L. Long, initiated in Oct. 1880, is no longer a member of our fraternity. Other chapters will please take notice. In justice to the gentleman I will say that his expulsion was not the result of immoral conduct, but for gross violation of the Bond. Apart from this we have had a very prosperous month.

Our boys are all working hard for medals and speakers places and we hope commencement will bring us rich rewards. We meet once a week and have quite a social time. We find our organ a great help and would not be without it for anything. Music added to elocution, declamation, essay reading and debate makes our order of exercises complete.

Yours in the Bond,
E. C. MERRY.

Georgia Gamma.

MERCER UNIVERSITY,
Macon, Ga., March 17th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Again I have the pleasure of telling the Phi world of another step onward which the Ga. Gamma has taken. At a recent election of one of the literary societies here, Bro. Nunnaly was elected Anniversarian, which is the highest office of the society. Still onward! is our watchword.

Our chapter consists now of twelve active Phis, who will ever prove true to the white and blue; e. g.

- Bro. Jno. T. Davis, '83.
- " G. J. Ford, '81.
- " B. G. Gregg, '83.
- " D. W. Hill, '82.
- " E. Y. Mallary, '83.
- " T. H. Northern, '83.
- " W. J. Nunnaly, '81.
- " J. T. Ross, '82.
- " J. P. Ross, '82.
- " J. D. Walker, '82.
- " J. L. Watson, '83.
- " B. E. Willingham, '82.

I am afraid to eulogize our boys much for fear Bro. Barrs, who has seen them, might tell me to stop. I will risk saying that we think we have a fine set of men, whatever the opinion of others may be. We are not at all behind the other chapters here, as regards halls. None of the fraternities here have halls of their own. We have a very nice retreat for our Saturday night meetings. It is a nicely carpeted and well furnished reception room of one of Macon's best dentists. We have three rooms at our disposal, and there is no danger of our being overheard, there being no other rooms adjacent to where we meet. Thus you see we are as comfortable as if we had a hall of our own. Our literary exercises consist of reading, speaking, original dialogues and essays, etc. Again I will say, for Bro. Barrs' sake, that our chapter is in a splendid condition in every respect.

Hoping that Bro. Barrs will ever be the foremost Prov. President, and that all the others will follow his example in working for Phi Delta Theta,

I am, truly in the Bond,
REPORTER.

Alabama Alpha.

A. & M. COLLEGE,
Auburn, Ala., March 6th, 1881.

ED. SCROLL:

It seems most of my reports are opened with an apology for dilatoriness and closed with an excuse for brevity. But to my mind it seems I have moderately good reasons for my action as to the apologies, and excellently good ones as to the excuses. As to the first, it seems that most of our boys join near the first of the month and my communications are delayed to report the accessions; and as to the latter, I have not the power to lengthen simple matters.

Last night we initiated into the fraternal Bond D. B. Mangum and B. H. Hardaway, both of the Sophomore class. Both for some time have been regarded as worthy to emerge from the shades of barbarism and stand in the sunshine of Grecian culture. We now have twenty-six members. We have taken in since last fall fourteen members, all worthy of the colors they wear. What chapter can show a better score?

All send fraternal greetings to the Phis and invite them all to attend the

Phi Delta Theta banquet and ball, to come off here July 1st, 1881.

Yours in the Bond,

 JOE CALLAWAY.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
 Oxford, Miss., March 25th 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

Last Saturday night we succeeded in adding another to our number, a law student, Bro. Lamkin from Summit, Miss. The better we become acquainted with our new brother, the more satisfied do we feel with our selection. This makes 20 now attending the University.

Bro. Barrs appointed Bro. Chew to take charge of Miss. and La. Phis, and he is doing all he can to make our June re-union a success.

I think fraternities at this University are the cause of some party spirit, and with some especially, whenever an opportunity presents itself to aim a blow at a rival, advantage is certainly taken. This has been more noticeable of late than ever before, and before it goes much further, I trust it may take a backward tendency and cease altogether.

With our greeting to all Phis upon the successful dawning of our fourth birthday, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

 C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TEHUACANA, Texas, March 25th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

I am glad that Texas Alpha can send in her monthly report with a cheerful heart. We have had our election in the Ratio Society for honorary men for June celebration, and the Phis have taken all the honors. Although a heavy run was made to beat us we were able to withstand all.

Bro. Cowan was with us some time since and gave us some encouraging words. He will practice medicine during the Summer near Gauze, in Milam Co., Texas.

We are liking the SCROLL more and more, and we hail with delight the mail that brings it in.

The Delta Gammas are in a flourishing condition and their sweet smiling faces make college life much more pleasant than it would otherwise be.

Yours in the Bond,

 J. WILHELM PEARSON.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Wm. S. Harbert, Mich. Alpha, '64, the founder of this chapter and formerly also a member of our Ind. Beta, is a prominent lawyer in Chicago and active member of the Ills. Alpha Alumni.

M. M. Boddie, Tenn. Alpha, '78, is a student of Law in Chicago and is attending to his family estate. He is a very earnest and active Phi.

Bro. G. E. Bertram, Vt. Alpha, '80, has been reading law since July, '80, in the office of Smith Weed, Plittsborough, N. Y.

Two of N. Y. Alpha's men, '77, reside in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Bro. Wm. S. Boynton is in the Bank and Bro. A. F. Balch in the office of Fairbanks & Co., the great Scale Manufacturing Company.

Prof. J. G. Schmepley, Ph. D., Ohio Beta, '60, is in the Kansas House of Representatives. His residence is Salina, Kansas. Twenty years out of college and Phi interest is still strong in him.

Hon. J. K. Simrall, Ky. Alpha, '57, was second honor man of his class, afterwards a Circuit Judge, and is now living on his beautiful farm near Danville, Ky.

Bro. T. W. Bullitt, Ky. Alpha, '58, stands at the head of the profession at the Louisville bar. He is President of Ky. Alpha Alumni, and entertains them frequently.

Rev. Bro. Ed. O. Guerrant, M. D., Ky. Alpha, '60, after practicing medicine for several years very successfully, entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and is now preaching in Louisville, Ky., where he has also been very active and successful.

Prof. A. R. Dyer, Ph. D., Wis. Beta, has been prosperous in silver mining in Silver Cliff, Colorado. He says Silver Cliff is a little over two years old and has about 7,000 inhabitants. He expects to start soon on a tour in New Mexico.

There are two Phis at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Bros. Frank N. Drane and J. H. Gillespie, both of Texas Alpha.

Bro. R. C. Warren, Ky. Alpha, '62, is Commonwealth attorney in his district. He is a very ardent Phi and responded to a toast at a banquet given by the Ky. Alpha last June.

Bro. John Coyle, Ind. Beta, '81, has recently taken unto himself a wife.

Bro. R. B. Spilman, Ind. Beta, '61, is one of the most influential lawyers of Manhattan, Kansas, and a member of the Kansas Legislature.

Bro. M. C. Remsburg, Penna. Beta, '83, was compelled to leave college for several weeks because of ill-health.

Bro. L. E. Ott, Ind. Beta, '80, after attending his first course of lectures in medicine at the Jeff. Medical College, Phila., Pa., visited his friends in Crawfordsville, Ind. Ed. is a promising young doctor.

Bro. John Levi Cleveland, M. D., Ky. Alpha, '63, has had a very successful career, and is now clinical Professor in the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bro. A. A. Magill, Ind. Beta, '80, is a banker in Clinton, Ill.

Bro. C. H. Brewer, Ind. Beta, '78, is a flourishing farmer and stock dealer at Southport, Ind.

Bros. Henry Marshall Buford and Ed. Humphrey Semple, Ky. Alpha, '64, were respectively Second Honor man and Valedictorian of their class. The former is Master Commissioner at Lexington, Ky., and the latter lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Wick Whitehead, Ind. Beta, '71, is proprietor of the Yountsville woollen mills, and it is needless to say that he is doing a large business.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, Ky. Alpha, '60, has been re-elected to Congress from his district by a large majority. His home is Bloomington, Ills.

Bro. J. G. Simrall, Ky. Alpha, '57, is one of the leading lawyers at the Louisville, Ky., bar.

Rev. Bro. Chas. S. Trump, Penna. Beta, '77, has taken charge of the Lutheran Church at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and from latest accounts is doing well and liked very much by his people. Success!

Bro. Chas. E. Ludington, Penna. Alpha, '82, was compelled to spend several months at his home, Albany, N. Y., because of ill-health.

Bro. Al. Fullerton, Ind. Alpha, is clerk of the Judiciary Committee of the Indiana Senate, which is presided over by Maj. Grubbs, through whose influence he obtained the position.

Bro. A. A. Dewing, Penna. Alpha, '81, is now teaching at the Cal. Military Institute, Oakland, Cal., and

from latest accounts is still as enthusiastic as ever.

Judge Robinson, Ind. Alpha, has been re-elected for six years, and is pronounced by his constituents as one of the noblest jurists of the state.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

Beta Theta Pi has a new ritual, regalia, paraphernalia, etc.—in other words an improved "dorg."

Delta Chi Alpha, founded at O. W. U., two years since, and the youngest Ladies' Fraternity, has placed its second (Beta) chapter at Beaver, Pa.

The *Beta Theta Pi* desires to have repealed the constitutional rule of the Fraternity that preparatory students shall not be initiated and that combinations shall not be made with other Fraternities, as it causes inconvenience in many places. It has been a dead letter almost everywhere at any rate.

An effort to introduce Alpha Digmamma into O. W. U. having been abandoned, the projectors have applied to Alpha Delta Phi for a charter.

Beta Theta Pi has discovered that it had a chapter at Oglethorpe U., Ga., before the war, and Phi Kappa Psi has just unearthed an *ante bellum* chapter at U. of N. C. Their records seem not to have been too systematically kept.

At Sigma Chi's last convention a strong, but unsuccessful, effort was made to transfer the powers of the Alpha, or presiding, chapter to some other chapter than the one at O. W. U., which is regarded as too weak to hold a controlling place in the Fraternity's governmental system.

The statement of the *Star and Crescent* that Beta Theta Pi was founded by men who bolted from the Miami chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, because of political differences arising from the Dred Scott decision, is pronounced absurd by the *Beta Theta Pi*, as the decision was rendered in 1856, while Beta Theta Pi was founded 17 years previous.

Beta Theta Pi claims to have been incorporated under the laws of Ohio in 1879, but a member of our G. C., desiring to see a copy of its charter, wrote to the Sect. of State, with whom all charters must be registered, and received the following reply: "State,

of Ohio, Department of State, Columbus, O., Feb'y 22, 1881. Dear Sir: In answer to your polite letter of yesterday, the Secretary of State directs me to say that we have no record in this office of the incorporation of the Beta Theta Pi. Very truly yours, Alexis Cope, Chief Clerk."

Beta Theta Pi's hall at Wooster, which, with its furniture, was valued at \$300, was burned Jan. 21st.

Alpha Delta Phi's new catalogue will go to press next Jan., and be published by May, the time of the Fraternity's semi-centennial, which will be celebrated in N. Y. City.

A Phi Kappa Psi chapter was recently started at Simpson Centenary, but it was suppressed by the Fraternity's authorities.

"The *Chi Phi Quarterly* asserts that the Other Fraternity Notes in *Beta Theta Pi* are a series of malicious squibs."—*Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi. "We heartily endorse the statement."—*Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta.

Phi Kappa Psi recently initiated a man at Lafayette to start a chapter at Lehigh. Beta Theta Pi is also trying to materialize at Lehigh.

The Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha (Black Badge) at the University of Md. (medical) was short-lived. It was organized by a Senior from Roanoke College, and its membership was confined only to Seniors. But as the course for each year is only six months, no one could possibly be a member longer than six months. Hence, the cause of its early extinction.

Recently a Kappa Alpha (southern) at Emory College, who was working for 2nd honor, received a mark which he thought could only give him 3rd. He withdrew from College and was followed by five others of his chapter. By this indiscreet action, not only was the chapter nearly ruined (two K. A.'s had been required to leave College shortly before), but it may make the Board of Trustees prejudiced against Fraternities. The President says he will have to defend them when the Board meets at commencement, and he thinks he can prevent hostile steps being taken. Emory has recently received \$10,000 towards its endowment from Mr. Geo. I. Seney of N. Y. City.

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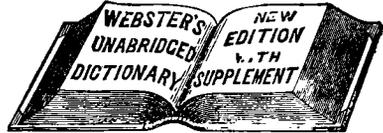
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CHAPTER WORK.

While so much is being said and done in regard to extension and organization, parallel with this ought to be the improvement of the individual chapters; for therein lies our real strength. I refer not alone to increasing our membership. This is frequently advisable, but no chapter needs to be told that. A chapter, however, should have a higher aim than its own mere existence. It is a deplorable truth that some chapters live year after year content with securing new men and wearing our badges.

Now improvement may take place in several directions:

I. The chapters should have even better communication with each other than they now have, especially with those near by, in the same or neighboring states. Nothing will so much improve their condition, awaken their enthusiasm, strengthen weak chapters, and even prevent their death, as a thorough knowledge of the fraternity to which they belong, and of its condition in their vicinity. Many chapters are beginning this, but, I am sorry to say, are not supported by others. This is a matter that requires hearty coöperation by *all*, in order to attain that degree of success which we wish. Let the chapters take hold of this with enthusiasm, and make it a permanent feature—frequent communication with sister chapters.

II. They should also be impressed with the necessity of promptly complying with the requests of their superior officers. Reports should be made and sent precisely when due, letters should be answered immediately, when so requested, and all dues promptly paid. This last is of great importance. All should fare alike. The very existence of the fraternity depends upon pecuniary support by the individual chapters. It is worth something to belong to a good fraternity, and ours, in which we take so much pride, makes but slight charges. Hence all bills should be paid without grumbling. No one chapter has any right to question the acts of the convention or council, whose authority

it has already tacitly acknowledged, from the moment it received its charter.

III. Our halls should be improved by being hung with pictures, emblems, etc., and by being made so pleasant that members will love to assemble often. When possible, the diagram on the last page of our new Constitution and Ritual should be followed, in the selection of rooms, or in the management of present halls.

IV. Each chapter should keep up constant communication with its correspondent members. All who do this will attest the invaluable assistance they always derive from keeping their alumni posted and interested in fraternity matters.

V. Meetings should be made of permanent interest by making literary exercises of some kind a regular feature. "Ceremonies" and "business" have few attractions for the true student, and are not calculated to impress one with the advantages of a college fraternity. But, it is urged, the members of the chapter generally are members of literary societies. When this is the case, the exercises should be made of a different character from the regular literary exercises, for the sake of variety. Dialogues, extemporaneous speeches, toasts, plays, readings, etc., are very entertaining, and not often found in literary societies. Best of all, a chapter periodical is a great help. This may be monthly, or as the members see fit. It may be simply written and then read before the chapter, or by a copying apparatus, a copy of it may be furnished each member of the chapter, and even sent away to friends.

VI. A principal aim should be, more often than now, the morality of our members. Let us remember the threefold aim of our noble fraternity, "social, mental, and moral," and never forget that the last of these is the highest. Much real good may be accomplished in this way, and if college faculties once understood that this was and is our aim, their hostility would be greatly diminished.

VII. Lastly, a more thorough knowledge of our fraternity should be inculcated in all members. The unwritten work should all be gone through with each meeting; the SCROLL should be more carefully read; the officers should each endeavor to do his whole duty (two or three of the offices are often mere names); the records carefully kept; the work of the chapter should be divided nearly equally, and not as often, now, be assumed by two or three; the object of the organization should be frequently set forth; and the nature of our obligations firmly impressed upon all.

If these seven points were carefully observed, we should have no fears as to our final triumph over all rivals, and no fears as to our per-

manent existence. Hoping that these remarks will be taken in the spirit in which they are made, that of loyalty to what I believe to be the best interests of Phi Delta Theta, I will close this rather sermonic article by one more earnest appeal, to be true to ourselves and the fraternity we represent.

M. C. S.

PHI DELTA THETA LIFE.

It is now about thirty-three years since the founding of Phi Delta Theta. Within this time she has had her sunshine and her darkness, her prosperity and her adversity, her glow and her gloom, yet for the most part she has penetrated the darkness, mastered the adversity, silenced dissension and conquered the foe, until to-day she stands with over forty living chapters and with a membership of over three thousand. To begin with, it is an honor to belong to such a fraternity, and there are motives and principles connected with it to enthuse its members to make strenuous efforts for her advancement. Whether all of her members are enrolled on her pages for good or not let the fraternity life of each individual tell. Whether every Phi makes himself as useful to his fraternity as he should must be illustrated by what he accomplishes of good to the fraternity.

It is the desire of every true Phi Delta Theta to make his life as praiseworthy as possible, and to combine all efforts to the noble discharge of his duties with the object constantly in view of building up his fraternity to excellence; and in her progress she will resound his name, in praise of his efforts to make her better, purer and more closely united. His eye is incessantly guarding with eager care any chance for improvement, and his mind is always grappling with the difficult question as to whether or not a certain man is fit to be a Phi, and if he would add anything to the fraternity were he to unite with it. The ideal Phi is continually laboring to keep the chapter with which he is connected in harmony with itself and to advance the fraternity in every way. He sends his SCROLL report promptly. In short, he is interested in, and works to promulgate, the principles he so dearly loves. By the labors of such members the advancement of the fraternity has been kept up, and by such she has been brought to her present position. What can we say of her future? Will she continue to progress? Will her members continue their zeal in working for her? These questions to the average Phi seem idle, nevertheless they join in a hearty response of, Yes! But this cannot be without work, joined with that valuable article discretion. For the continued prosperity of the frater-

nity many things are to be borne in mind and a few suggestions may be in order.

Chapters should not be established where there is any doubt of their being maintained, for when this is done, to use a well-known, if not elegant, phrase, the fraternity is "given away." Strict care should be taken never to initiate a man into the fraternity who will cause any inharmonious feeling among the members, for the most fatal thing to a chapter is dissension. A man sought for Phi Delta Theta should be a man of good morals, ability, life and energy, and let us have no dead men to hold the fraternity back, but only those to push her on. Let us have men who want to live "Phi Delta Theta Life" because they love it and are desirous of its promotion, knowing that it is also their own promotion. It is men of this stripe that will see that Phi Delta Theta is taken care of in the future. These are the members whose "Phi Delta Theta Lives" will do them honor and are worth speaking of and looking at with pride. May the good old frat. give birth to no son who is not willing to work for her good. May the fraternity labor be more universal and zealous among the members, and may they all endeavor to make their "Phi Delta Lives" something which can be pointed out with significance and pride.

J. M. G.

BANTA TESTIMONIAL.

The Banta Testimonial was a success in all particulars. The liberality of the boys was sufficient for the purchase of a set of 162 pieces of the best French imported china, comprising dinner and tea set combined. On each separate piece was painted by hand and burned at the furnace in New York, the three Greek letters Φ . Δ . Θ ., through which runs a vine to relieve the stiffness. The artistic work is elegant. The committee have placed the financial record in the hands of the Editor of the SCROLL, and if any are curious to know the exact cost they may learn through him. A short history of the transaction is given in the testimonial letter to Bro. Banta which is subjoined :

"Perhaps the enclosed letters may be of interest to you as they express many kind wishes for your welfare. As these are simply business letters, and were not written for your gaze, you may know they are honest expressions from honest hearts.

"A word as to the history of the movement. Early in January when your engagement, and its prospective happy terminus, became an open secret, some of your Phi friends, on discussing the subject, wished to present you a testimonial in the name of the fraternity. Bro. Norris was very much pleased with the idea and under the ardent glow of his

enthusiasm, the design was carried out. Brothers Norris, Foster, and Palmer being asked to undertake a plan, deemed the spirit could best be carried out by receiving voluntary subscriptions from the chapters and individuals, as coming from the body of the fraternity; and knowing the general impecuniosity of the boys suggested a maximum amount of such small value, that no one would feel it. The idea was an inspiration and the whole fraternity entered with enthusiasm. This accounts for the smallness of the various subscriptions as well as the universality of the donors, who number three hundred. Nor were the subscriptions solicited—the mention of the list being open, was sufficient to bring the gratifying results. That many of your personal friends were not mentioned is accounted for by the fact that their subscriptions were given with their respective chapters.

“The committee would express the pleasure they have derived in this undertaking, and the courtesy and kindness with which they have been treated, in their business transactions, in the fraternity and out. They congratulate you on the strong friendships you have made in the fraternity as evidenced by this kind act, the generosity of which, in magnitude or universality of donors, has never as yet been witnessed in fraternity circles. It is but another example of the genuine sympathy and brotherly affection, produced by our sacred Bond, and indicates the high moral and social atmosphere surrounding the fraternity.

“In conclusion, permit us to entertain the hope that the associations between you and your wife, may be as pleasant and lasting as those borne by the fraternity; and that in her you may find as true a lover and as firm a friend, as you have in the fraternity.”

Very truly,

A. GWYN FOSTER,
For the Committee.

J. C. NORRIS, }
A. G. FOSTER, } *Com.*
W. B. PALMER, }

In Memoriam.

BRO. NATHANIEL GREENE DURFEE, WIS. ALPHA, '84,

Died on the evening of Monday, Feb. 21st, 1881, at his home at Ashland, Wis., in his 21st year, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, after an illness of two days.

Bro. Durfee was a member of the class of '84, but had not been in attendance at the University during the present year. He commanded the highest respect and esteem of his class mates and acquaintances for his excellent scholarship and personal character. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

The Wisconsin Alpha chapter of which he was a correspondent member, adopted the following expression of regret and sympathy: “In view of the death of Nat. Greene Durfee, of the Freshman class, a Brother in the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Resolved, that we desire to express our recognition of his high moral and intellectual standing, and our deep sorrow for the loss of one for whom we have ever entertained the highest respect, and to whom we were bound by the strongest ties of personal friendship, and to offer to his bereaved relatives our sincere and earnest sympathy.

BRO. HENRY E. OWEN, MICH. BETA, '78,

Died at his home in Adrian, Mich., March 22nd, 1881.

Deceased was born in Adrian, Mich., August 21st, 1856. After graduating at Adrian high school he entered Michigan Agricultural College in the spring of 1875. He was initiated March 20th, of that year. He was ever active in working for the young chapter, often giving liberally his time and money. He graduated in 1878, and in 1879 was appointed assistant in Horticulture and History in his *Alma Mater*, which position he held at the time of his death.

He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and especially beloved by the brothers of Mich. B.

The following resolutions were adopted by his chapter :

WHEREAS the hand of death has removed from our midst our beloved brother Henry E. Owen ; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Owen was an energetic worker in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and ever active in promoting the welfare of our Order ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do recognize in the death of Brother Owen the loss of a brother much beloved by all ; one who has been our main stay in time of doubt, and our guide in prosperity ; a student of rare ability, and a brother honored by all, both among us and in the college at large.

Resolved, That we tender to the parents and friends of our deceased brother our sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That we send delegates to represent our members in the last token of love to the deceased.

Resolved, That our badges be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased brother, and that they be published in the SCROLL.

LANSING, Mich., March 23, 1881.

BRO. ROBERT G. BATTEY, GEORGIA GAMMA, '85,

Died at his home in Oxford, Ga., on the 18th of April, in his fifteenth year. Bro. B. was the son of the renowned Dr. Battey, whose name is familiar in the science of surgery. The remains were taken to Rome, Ga., for interment, and the body was attended by a delegation of students from the two literary societies of Emory College, as well as from our G. G. chapter. Two of the pall-bearers were Phis.

The following resolutions were adopted by the deceased brother's chapter:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take out of the world our deceased friend and brother, R. S. Battey, therefore be it resolved:

First, That we, as a chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, have a friend and brother, who, by his kindness and gentleness of manners, had most deeply endeared himself to all our hearts.

Second, That the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at large has lost one of our most filial sons; one whom we had hoped to see develop into a great and noble man, who would not only be a blessing and an honor to us, but to all men.

Third, That Emory College has lost a student who was loved and respected by all her members, both students and faculty.

Fourth, That we deeply sympathize with the friends and relatives of the deceased in this, our common sorrow.

Fifth, That we drape our hall for the remainder of this college term, and that each member of the chapter wear a badge of mourning for a space of one month.

Sixth, That these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, that a copy be sent to the parents of the deceased, and that a copy be also furnished to the SCROLL for publication.

Com. { O. G. MINGLEDORFF,
E. P. ALLEN,
W. J. TRAMMELL.

OXFORD, GA., April 23, 1881.

A WORD ON PHI LITERATURE.

A desire has been evinced to collect a list of the published works of Phi authors. So varied is the field that one is at a loss where to commence. Without attempting to go over the whole subject we limit ourselves to the influence that Phi has bestowed on Hoosier law.

The Indiana Reports from 15 to 17, and from 23 to 29, 10 volumes all, are from the pen of Gen. Ben. Harrison of Ohio Alpha. Judge Perkins of Ind. Alpha, now deceased, has given a digest of reports, embracing the field from 1817 to 1856. The same talented pen has published a work on Practice. Judge McDonald of Ind. Alpha, also deceased, has given his name to a Treatise on Indiana Practice, especially the Justice's Courts. The name of Hon. Geo. A. Bicknell, of Ind. Alpha, adorns the title page of two works on Indiana Practice, one on Civil and one on Criminal Law. It is said the gifted writer has another work in preparation.

RED TAPE.

FROM THE PROVINCE PRESIDENTS.**Alpha Province.**

DEAR EDITOR SCROLL :

EASTON, PA., May 2, 1881.

I have received letters from each of the chapters composing my province and furnish you the following facts for publication.

VERMONT ALPHA, BURLINGTON.

Began September 1881, with 10 men, initiated 5, 15. Good hall. Opposed by Sigma Phi, membership 10; Delta Psi, local, 22; Lambda Iota, local, 11.

PA. ALPHA, EASTON.

Began with 11 men, initiated 8, 19. Has good hall and meets weekly. Opposed by Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Sigma Chi, 12; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 10; Zeta Psi, 10; Chi Phi, 7; Delta Beta Phi, 8; Theta Delta Chi, 5; Phi Kappa Sigma, 4.

PA. BETA, GETTYSBURG.

Has good hall. Began with 7 men, initiated 8, 15. Opposed by Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi.

PA. GAMMA, WASHINGTON.

Began with 12 men, initiated 3, 15. No hall. Opposition : Alpha Gamma, 10; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Beta Theta Pi, 7.

PA. DELTA, MEADVILLE.

Began with 12 men, initiated 6, 18. Has convenient hall and literary exercises. Opposed by Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Delta Tau Delta over 25.

PENNA. EPSILON, CARLISLE.

Began with 7 men, initiated 2, 9. Opposed by Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Chi Phi, 14; Beta Theta Pi, 10; Sigma Chi, 8; Theta Delta Chi, 4.

MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI, BALTIMORE.

Has 12 members who have organized and elected officers.

Even this brief report shows that our chapters are in a flourishing condition and compare favorably with the chapters of other fraternities in the same colleges. We have every reason to feel encouraged over our past success. Let us look forward hopefully to the future.

Fraternally,

A. C. MCCAULEY.

Gamma Province.

BROTHER EDITOR :

GALESBURG, ILL., April 28, 1881.

Gamma Province has continued to improve in every respect, and is now rapidly coming to the front. We are already thinking of the Richmond Convention, and how our report will compare with that of the other provinces. The "Directory" on the second page of the SCROLL, hardly shows the strength of the province, as we have two chapters now running whose charters, though granted, have not yet arrived. These are the Ill. Alpha Alpha Alumni, and the Ill. Zeta; both of which are ornaments to the fraternity. But that is not all. The Beta Alumni of Illinois is being formed at Galesburg, and will be running in time to report for the next SCROLL. We have now 17 signatures, will have 20 charter members, and 30

embers when fully organized. We hope too to have yet another college chapter within the month.

Iowa and Minnesota will be invaded by Phi Delta Theta ere long. Any one having any suggestions to offer, addresses to give, or other aid to furnish in this work of extension, will confer a favor by at once communicating with me on the subject.

Now let me give the latest returns from the several chapters, in regard to active membership:

Ill. Gamma, 12; Ill. Delta, 8; Ill. Epsilon, 20; Ill. Zeta, 19; Mich. Beta, 17; Wis. Alpha, 13; Mo. Alpha, 9; Mo. Beta, 15; Total active membership, 113; Ill. Alpha Alumni, 53; Total, 166.

I think this is a decided improvement upon our condition six months ago, when our delegates went to the National Convention, representing a membership of 72.

Each of the four states is now properly officered, and the chapters will please accommodate these state officers as far as possible, since, though they are not provided for in the General Constitution, they are the accredited representatives of the central government. The state presidents are as follows: Illinois, W. R. Morrall; Michigan, J. M. Hollingsworth; Wisconsin, Dan S. McArthur; Missouri, J. B. Sebastian.

Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin will have each a State Reunion and Convention before Commencement. Illinois will adopt a constitution and State Government.

As chairman of the Com. on Arrangements for our State Reunion, I would say that the preparations are quite advanced for the time there is yet before us. We will entertain all the official delegates and most of the visiting delegates at private houses. The invitations will be issued May 10th; but we do not wish any one to say away on account of not receiving an invitation. Let me repeat that *all* are cordially invited to lend their presence to what there is every reason to believe will be a success in every respect. The official delegates are apportioned as follows: Gamma, two; Delta, two; Epsilon, three; Zeta, three; Alpha Alumni, six; Beta Alumni, three. The Prov. Pres., State Pres., State Vice Pres., and State Sec. are also allowed seats and votes. Total, 23. All chapters will send their full delegation, and probably more.

The Convention will assemble at Brown's Hotel, May 26, at 10 A. M., sharp. The previously arranged programme will be rigidly adhered to, and the whole will close with a grand banquet and ball, the evening of May 27.

Let me ask the chapter officers to be a little more prompt in reporting. But two chapter histories and six annual reports have been received by me. These were due April 1.

I will now close this long report, with fraternal regards to the whole Phi world.

In the Bond,

MILO C. SUMMERS.

Delta Province.

RICHMOND, VA., April 26th, 1881.

TO THE PHIS OF DELTA PROVINCE:

My address to the Phis of the Delta has been delayed so long by my desire to get a report from every chapter in the Province that I have decided, although all the chapters have not yet reported, to address you through the SCROLL; not only to propose a form of government, organization, &c., but in the hope that it may

have more weight in urging you to more united action and greater concert than my letters have been able to do.

I wish to have the hearty and earnest coöperation of all the members of the Delta. Without that, the Provincial government—if we ever be able to form one,—must certainly be a failure and bring dishonor not only upon ourselves, but upon the whole Fraternity. I want to hear from every chapter certainly once a month, and oftener than that if possible. Heretofore it has been with the greatest difficulty that I could hear from the chapters, and even then the Secretaries gave only very meager information. Such being the case it has been next to an impossibility for me to form a correct idea of the condition of the Province, or to take steps towards the organization of its government.

It is not necessary for you to be told of the importance and necessity of chapter correspondence. Every one that has had the least experience in it knows that correspondence between members of the different chapters, does more towards arousing and keeping alive enthusiasm and interest in the affairs of the Fraternity than any other one thing. In fact, interest in the Frat. is almost dependent upon chapter correspondence. Let me most earnestly urge every chapter in the Province to correspond certainly with every other chapter in the Delta, and carry on as much correspondence with the Fraternity outside as may be convenient.

Next in importance—if not equally important—is having a report in every issue of the SCROLL. It is our Fraternity organ and we ought to support and make it as great a success as it should be. Moreover, it is very encouraging to the whole Fraternity to know of the successes and failures of the chapters. Let me request, then, every Secretary in this Province to have a report in each number of the SCROLL.

As for obtaining subscriptions to the SCROLL, I think the best way is to appoint our member in each state to examine the archives of each chapter in that state, and solicit subscriptions from all the alumni. I would request Bro. Conway R. Sands in Va., Bro. W. E. Knight in Kentucky, and Bro. E. A. Price in Tennessee, to act as these solicitors. I hope all of these Brothers will let me hear from them immediately.

After a good deal of thought upon the subject and conversation with other brothers, I have come to the conclusion that, while they would result in a great deal of good and benefit to the Province, it is impracticable to hold state conventions in this Province or even a Provincial one. The reasons are so many and so obvious that it is hardly necessary to give them.

The Delta is not in as flourishing a condition as it should be and could be made by hard, earnest work on the part of the prosperous chapters. Several will surely die unless they are encouraged and aided by correspondence and visits from other brothers. Let us work, then, with a will and make our Province the most successful in our grand old Fraternity. Phi Delta Theta has nothing to lose in the east, and it will take a great deal of hard work to keep up the high standard which our noble order has always sustained in that section.

Fraternally yours,

LYMAN CHALKLEY.

Epsilon Province.

TO THE PHIS OF EPSILON PROVINCE :

We think that the importance of the subject concerning which we desire to speak will be sufficient excuse for our again asking a little space in the SCROLL, and the attention of those addressed.

It is quite as true as old that a new broom sweeps clean, to use a phrase perhaps more expressive than elegant, and we fear that this may become more applicable than we would wish, to Epsilon Province and its authorities.

Immediately after our appointment as President of the Province, we began the preliminary work of organization, and as soon as we could map out in our mind a plan of permanent organization we laid out the work as best we could in a letter published in the January SCROLL. Since then we have given what time and attention we could to the work of realizing this theoretical organization, and it is our pleasure to say that we have met with more than average success; but, as was to be expected, we have not done anything like all that could be desired, and can, with sufficient effort be attained.

We find more or less advancement in every particular, yet not all that could possibly have been made in any one respect.

As regards the circulation of the SCROLL among our Alumni we are not well informed, but we know that some good has been done; yet much less than we had hoped for. We are more impressed with the importance of this, the more we think of it, and we do wish that we could imbue every chapter with a like feeling. We should then feel sure that this particular branch of the work would awaken among our members, both active and alumni, an enthusiasm heretofore unknown.

We know one chapter that regularly distributes its SCROLLS among its alumni members as soon as they have been thoroughly read and contents digested.

How many of the chapters of the Province do this we do not know, but all should do so and we hope will in future, if they have not in the past. This, in itself, will do good service. The number of Phis who have not seen a SCROLL, or even heard anything definite from Phi Delta Theta, in years, is astonishing, and such will be both surprised and delighted to find that the old fraternity not only still lives, but is now in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Can any one overestimate the pleasure and pride thus awakened in the breast of one who many years since was, perhaps, a leader in the Phi world, but amid the turmoil and strife of life, with little to remind him of his college associations, had lost sight of his fraternity, and almost forgotten the very name, yet within whose breast there still lurks and lingers a treasury of fond memories, the dearest of which are centered in and around his chapter hall and his brothers of long ago?

That there are some such who would gladly grasp the opportunity of once again identifying themselves with us in fact, as well as in name, can not be doubted, and no one who has not met with such, face to face, and, relating to them the good news of growth and prosperity, has not seen and heard the expressions of delight caused thereby, can fully appreciate the force and truth of these remarks.

I therefore hope that each chapter will see that it has an efficient "SCROLL Drummer," as suggested in January SCROLL, and if one fails to do his duty, select another who will do it.

But we have one real complaint to make, and that is in regard to the monthly reports to the SCROLL. Why! it really seems that the Reporters consider it purely a matter of convenience and pleasure with themselves whether they shall report to the SCROLL or not; and this in the face of a positive mandate. On a careful examination I find that only one chapter in the Province, (or in the fraternity, for that matter,) has been regularly reported. We wonder how many of the Reporters have had to account to their chapters for this dereliction of duty?

We however congratulate the Province in general, and Mississippi Alpha in par-

ticular, on having the one Reporter in the fraternity who has never failed to have his report in on time.

We would most earnestly call the attention of the Reporters to the excellent advice given them by Bro. Van Nostrand in the March SCROLL, and earnestly request that they act on the suggestions therein contained.

The prospects of success in the State organization are indeed flattering, and it will only take earnest work to make these permanently successful. The future is very much dependent on the success of the first meetings, and this should make us the more zealous in our endeavors. Now let the Reporters, State Presidents and others discuss the best means of making a success of the coming meetings of deriving the greatest possible benefits therefrom, and of making it a permanent affair; and lay out the work to be done.

This all successfully accomplished and the Provincial Convention next winter will assuredly surpass even the General Conventions of many fraternities.

In conclusion we wish to impress upon the minds of the State Presidents, the chapters, and indeed, all Phis, the great importance of earnest, faithful, and continued work.

Fraternally Yours,
J. M. BARRS,
Pres. Epsilon Province.

HYMENEAL.

Phi Delta Theta—Delta Gamma.

BANTA—VAWTER.—On Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 1881, at the residence of the bride, Mr. George Banta and Miss Lillie Vawter were joined in matrimony, by Rev. Wm. Terrence, all of Franklin, Ind.

So runs the advertisement that announces that our esteemed President has left the ranks of the singly blessed, and taken unto himself a daughter of Eve. More than one young man at the connubiation looked on with an envious heart, as he saw the matrimonial barge slowly drifting away with so fair a cargo. The old folks say it is a happy marriage, and the old folks are authority on the subject.

The bride, whom many Phis have the pleasure of knowing personally, is a rossa, somewhat petite, with an oval face crowned with dark auburn locks and set with the deepest of blue eyes, and graceful both in speech and manner—

“A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort, and command.”

She is a member of the Delta Gamma fraternity and confirms the statement that all Delta Gammas are good Phis. So may it be.

We all have known our Bro. President too long and well to comment on his noble qualities, and the longer we know him the better we like him. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents, but none surpassed that of the fraternity—the dinner china set. It threatened to rival even the charms of the happy couple themselves, and divide the attention of those assembled. The grace and elegance of design and finish has become the town talk.

Nous prious a Dieu les donner en sante bone vie et longue.

A PHI. \

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We extend our very best wishes for a happy and useful life to our Brother President and his bride.

Invitations crowd thick upon us from Indiana and Illinois and Kentucky and Texas and Mississippi and Missouri and Alabama and Georgia and THE SCROLL accepts them all with thanks and no regrets, for we hope to be present at all Phi gatherings, in our most becoming dress—the White and the Blue.

We believe that the honor of originating State Greek Conventions belongs to Phi Delta Theta, our Indiana chapters having held the first one about two years ago. Since that time the idea has rapidly advanced until now, when many of the larger fraternities are holding annual reunions and conventions of states or districts. The Phis started quite a breeze in that direction.

A correspondent desires the opinion of the SCROLL regarding a special extra number once a year, to contain necrology and obituaries. Besides encroaching upon the province of the H. G. C., we do not think the expense incurred would be necessary. The object is most praiseworthy, and we are glad to know that hearts are thus prompted to honor those who are called away by death, but we think it

better for each chapter to keep its own necrology in a full and complete form than for the SCROLL to assume so great an undertaking. Short and timely obituaries always find place in our columns, however much we are pained at the sight of the melancholy record.

With our next issue the SCROLL will close another volume and take vacation until October. We should be glad to have a short report from each chapter for the June number, giving the address at least of the Reporter during the summer, with the date of opening of his institution in the fall. We desire to mail the next number on the 11th day of June, and all matter to be printed should be in our hands by the 5th proximo. The brothers will please be prompt.

“Accidents will happen” even in a printing office. It was not exactly “pie,” but it was a most impious break in the axle of the cog-wheel of the internal motive power of the external plate that holds the form of the —, at least that’s what the press-man says, and he ought to know. It happened on the 5th of May, and could not be fixed in this country—it had to be sent to Jersey; that is, a part of the press had to be expressed there. We hope that this fact has been impressed upon all as the reason of our late appearance. It is not our fault. Upon a pressing interview the press has expressed a determination not to be guilty of a like offence again.

ALL SORTS.

The Missonri Phis will also hold a state convention. What state next?

That is a very pretty invitation to the Indiana Alpha Banquet, June 6th. Thanks.

Three Indiana Beta Phis will go to Richmond, Va., the last of May on a

geological excursion. Virginia Delta should have the latch-string out.

The invitation cards to the first annual reunion and banquet of the Ill. Alpha Alumni, Palmer House, Chicago, May 17th, are decidedly handsome. Thanks.

Virginia Delta always fares well at the close of the year. "Bro. C. H. Jones has been elected final President. We also got the best offices in one literary society at last election."

The invitation to commencement exercises of the Central Law School, Indianapolis, comes with the "compliments of five Phi Delta Thetas." Thanks again. Bro. Miles Clifford, Ind. Gamma, '79, is the valedictorian.

Thanks to the Phi Eds. for several copies of *The Lariat*, a semi-monthly published by the students of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. A Phi leads the editorial corps, another is on the local department, and a third heads the business committee. The journal is newsy and spicy.

Illinois promises a very large state convention at Galesburg, May 26th and 27th. "As busy as bees" applies well to those who have had the matter in charge. With 12 men in Gamma, 9 in Delta, 23 in Epsilon, 23 at Knox, 53 in Chicago alumni, and 20 in Beta alumni, there ought to be enough inspiration to regale Galesburg with heavy gales of Phi enthusiasm. A good time to all.

The First Georgia State Reunion and Decennial Celebration of Phi Delta Theta will take place at Athens, Ga., July 14th and 15th, 1881. A banquet will be given in honor of all attending Phis, by the Georgia Alpha. The executive committee has made out a fine programme in which all will be interested, and all Phis will be welcomed. For particulars address Bro. W. W. Hardy, President, Athens, Ga.

Delinquent Chapters.

SHIPPENSBURG, PA., May 2, 1881.

Hoping that all chapters will pay their indebtedness before the close of this collegiate year I present the names of those delinquent:

Penna. Epsilon.	Illinois Gamma.
Ohio Beta.	Wisconsin Alpha.
Ohio Gamma.	Virginia Alpha.
Indiana Beta.	Virginia Beta.
Indiana Epsilon.	Virginia Gamma.
Indiana Zeta.	Virginia Delta.
Kentucky Alpha.	Virginia Epsilon.
S. Carolina Alpha.	Georgia Alpha.

It is advisable to square up at once and it will not then be difficult to meet the tax for new catalogue in October.

Yours in the Bond,

CLARENCE J. REDDIE,

Treasurer G. C.

The Plan Impracticable.

[See Minutes '80 Convention, p. 15.]

BURLINGTON, VT., May 1, 1881.

To the General Council, Φ. Δ. Θ.

The Committee appointed by the National Convention of '80, to "Resuscitate the report of Bro. C. O. Perry in the Minutes of '74, whereby reductions were obtained in the price of various publications, and to make any further arrangements," beg leave to report that, after a correspondence with several firms and a careful canvass of the situation, the committee considers the plan contemplated by Bro. Perry impracticable for the following reasons:

1. None of the firms are willing to offer more than the ordinary discounts of retail dealers except in case of large orders.
2. The diversity in the text books of the various colleges.
3. The difficulties in the way of speed in the transactions, time of transportation, &c.
4. Express, mail or freight charges.

The committee is opposed to making this a part of the Fraternity's business on account of the manifest impropriety of the plan.

Your committee beg to be discharged.

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND, *Vt. A.*,

W. L. LEWIS, *Va. Beta*,

S. L. THOMPSON, *Ohio Ep.*

Some important matter which has been crowded out of this issue will appear in the next, to be mailed by June 11th.

Chapter Correspondence.**BETA PROVINCE.****Ohio Gamma.**

ATHENS, Ohio, May, '81.

DEAR SCROLL :

Owing to the temporary absence of the reporter from the city the brothers have requested me to write a few lines to the SCROLL, to let all our Phi brothers know that the lamp of Phi Delta Theta is still burning brightly in the light-house at Athens.

Our last meeting was enthusiastic. It was unanimously carried that we have a banquet in June, and, judging from correspondence and conversation with our alumni, it promises to be the event of the season.

We have had no initiations lately, but are confident that before long we will succeed in leading two if not three bars. out of darkness into light. Love to all Phis.

In the Bond,

JNO. F. LAIRD.

Ohio Delta.

WOOSTER, Ohio, May 3rd, 1881

DEAR SCROLL :

Though you have heard nothing from Ohio Delta for so long a time, yet, I assure you that she is neither dead nor sleeping. The curtain which has hidden us for a time will be lifted next Sabbath at 11 A. M., when nine true Phis full of zeal for our noble cause will appear in chapel fully equipped for the fight. We are few in number, but strong in the determination to make Phi Delta Theta at Wooster a success, and sustain with credit the honored name we bear.

Yours Fraternally,

ROBERT C. WALKER.

Ohio Epsilon.

AKRON, Ohio, April 9th, 1881

DEAR BROTHER PHIS :

As our last report did not appear, we concluded that there was not room for it. No more new members are reported yet, but we have our eyes on three or four and our prospects are, on the whole, more favorable.

The report has been circulated that the Alpha Delta Phi chapter at W. R. College, Hudson, are going to lift us. Now, Bro. Phis, have no fears, rest as-

sured that no chapter in the universe can *budge* us. The report arose from some of our friends, the Delta Tau Deltas. One of our men is intimate with some of the Alpha Delta Phi boys and that is what produced the fabrication. The Delta Tau Delta established a chapter at Hudson, which is as yet *sub rosa*. Their men were initiated here. We told the Alpha Delta Phis and they contemplate breaking them up.

For our own good we are going to have our pictures taken this P. M. We have received letters from several brothers, and when time will permit we will answer them. Hoping that this will find all chapters prosperous and hopeful, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

FRANK O. PAYNE.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY,

Bloomington, Ind., April 26th, '81.

DEAR SCROLL :

It is with no little pleasure that I send in my first report. Not that on this occasion I have any very unusual successes to announce, but on account of the earnest, steady, and harmonious work now being done by the Alpha. The beginning of this term found us with three men less than we had last. Bros. Halderman and Clevenger left school to engage in the more active pursuits of mercantile life ; while Bro. Palmer, former reporter of the Alpha, was offered a position as instructor in the State Reform School, which he accepted. This left us with nineteen members, which number was increased one, on last Saturday night, by leading from the rough paths of Barbarism, into the "Mytic Bonds," Bro. Wallingford. The boys are proud of "Our Baby" and as he is an excellent student in his classes, are much elated by this acquisition to our chapter.

But the dull routine of college work becomes too monotonous for the lively nature of the Phis, so on last Thursday evening, each one, with "the girl of his choice," found his way to the "sacred retreat of friendship" and there passed a pleasant evening singing, promenading, dancing, and listening to the humorous recitations of Bro. Frank Hunter, class '79, who was with us on that occasion ; and although the night was rainy and disa-

greeable without, it was one of the most enjoyable socials of the year.

It is with anticipations of pleasure that we look forward to commencement times. At this place it is the most important event of the year, and the many visitors who come to attend these exercises make it the most fashionable as well as the most pleasurable. For this reason we have decided to have, on that occasion, a grand banquet, and expect many visiting Phis to be with us, as well as solid delegations from Greencastle and Franklin. We want to leave the other Frats. as far behind, at the end of the year, socially, as we have during the year in the class room and in fraternity work. In order to help us in this attempt we want as many Phis as can possibly do so to be present with us at that time, and we will insure good company and a splendid time to all. Any information in regard to this may be obtained by writing to O. E. Bradfute, M. H. Hutto, or to,

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK L. MULKY.

Ind. Epsilon.

HANOVER COLLEGE

Hanover, Ind., May 1st 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

There is nothing of much importance going on in our chapter at present, except an effort on the part of some of the members to form a state combination with the Sigma Chi. Personally I am strictly opposed to the measure, for I think it will be detrimental to our interests at large as well as to our reputation.

We have taken in no new men this term but have pledged one whom we will initiate soon. Two of our number are absent this term, Bros. Moore and Creamer; this leaves us the following nine members in actual attendance: J. B. Garrit, F. M. Lee, '83; W. M. Amsden, C. M. Blythe, D. B. Fitzgerald, T. C. Montgomery, '84; W. Millicam, '85; J. Crome, W. M. Hennesley, '86.

We are inferior in numbers to both the Sigs and Delta Taus, but we have good men and hold an advantageous position. We hold the balance of power in both societies, and by judicious management can control everything. I think our prospects are very flattering, and I fancy we can see in the near future Phi Delta Theta triumphant

over every other. With an apology for not sending report last month, hoping this will reach you in good time, and promising to be more prompt in the future,

I am yours fraternally,
W. M. AMSDEN.

Ind. Gamma.

IRVINGTON, Ind., May 1st, 1881.

ED. SCROLL :

Since our last report there have been no additions to our chapter, but we have gone on harmoniously, our sick boys having recovered. Bro. Hubbard has returned and our anticipated honors have been won. Bro. Floyd represented Butler University in the State Oratorical Contest, and acquitted himself with honor to himself and the fraternity, taking high rank among the contestants. It is the opinion of many that he deserved first place, and the universal opinion of those disinterested is that he should have had at least second honors. Bro. Hoss was elected as delegate to represent Indiana in the inter-state convention.

In the literary contest here last Friday evening, Bro. Hoss completely demolished a Sigma Chi on debate, and the prize essay was awarded to C. L. Goodwin. There were three prizes, Phi Delta Theta capturing the two principal ones, the third being awarded to a barb.

During the past week it was decided to give a supper to some of our alumni. On short notice we prepared an abundant spread. Ten alumni members, Bros. Kirkpatrick, Lewis, D. C. and H. U. Brown, Campbell, Armstrong, H. J. and J. B. Landers, and Sulgrove, of our chapter, and Bro. C. R. Pence of the Ohio Eta, were present. We all had good appetites, and speeches from alumni and active members added to the interest. At a late hour the party broke up, after one of the most pleasant evenings in the chapter's history. All of us are ready to say that suppers are good things, especially when we have the honor of a Kirkpatrick to illumine the occasion, or a Prof. Brown to lend it dignity, or a Pence to assure us by his enthusiasm and general bearing of the brightness of Phi Delta Theta fires in other colleges. We advise other chapters to go and do likewise. The other fraternities are doing nothing apparently, the

only event worthy of note being the badging by the Delta Taus of a man who was expelled from our chapter for general unworthiness about a year ago.

Fraternally,
C. L. GOODWIN.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Illinois Zeta.

KNOX COLLEGE, April 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The Spring term at Knox has opened. The same old routine of studies has commenced. Our old time friend Spring Fever, is already with us, and should this weather continue his stay will likely be a long one. Notwithstanding his presence, the Seniors, of whom there are seven in our chapter, are compelled to bore over their class day exercises and graduating speeches. Since our last report we have initiated another worthy member, Schliemann by name, and accepted several others.

At our annual oratorical contest held at the close of the winter term, March 29th, Bro. Anderson carried off second prize. Brothers Pierson, Carr and Phillips also participated in the contest.

The preparations for our State Reunion are still going forward. A number of alumni members have already signified their intention of being present. Our State President, Bro. Will R. Worrall, paid us a visit on the 4th inst. He is an active and energetic worker—the man for the place—and we are fortunate in having him at our head. There was a social gathering of the Phis at the home of Bro. Chambers on the evening of his arrival. One of our young ladies, who had the pleasure of meeting the President, is anxious to know if he gave her the grip when he squeezed her hand just a little. *We* are unable to answer. However we have no doubt but that our President could throw some light upon the subject.

Yours in the Bond,
M. W. PINCKNEY.

Illinois Epsilon.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIV.,
Bloomington, Ill., April 26th, 1881.

ED. SCROLL :

We now have a very enthusiastic society of 23 members. We think we have the pick of the college classes.

The boys are all in a state of expectancy regarding the glorious times to be experienced at our State Convention on May 26th and 27th. They are having cabinet photographs prepared to send, or take, to the convention, to be compared with the faces of other Phis of the state. Two Phi Sigmas have sent in a request to be considered as Phi Delta Thetas, on the grounds that the Sigmas were absorbed by the Phi Delta Theta. Welcome!

Fraternally yours,
J. A. FULLINWIDER.

Missouri Alpha.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 24th, '81.

DEAR SCROLL :

Mo. Alpha after having been silent one number, in the invigorating columns of the dear old SCROLL again desires to be remembered. Our silence has not been, however, from a lack of interest in our noble cause, but circumstances rendered it unavoidable. We have had several meetings since our last report and with good results, having received into our chapter Bro. O. P. Ellis, one of the staunchest boys in the University. At our inter-society contest held this month Brother Mitchell walked off with first prize, with Bro. Fink close behind for 2nd. Bro. F. had the sympathy of the entire audience for second place, but by the judges it was decided otherwise.

If there be no providential hindrance, Mo. Alpha and Beta chapters will hold a State reunion at Fulton, Mo., June 3rd. That is the present understanding. Mo. Alpha is now in a better condition in every respect than since it first received its charter in 1870, and it is our intention to keep second to none in the Phi world. Wishing to all the best success, which is the result of true fraternity life, I am sincerely,

Yours in the Bond,
JIM R. PHARR.

Missouri Beta.

FULTON, Mo., April 20th, '81.

DEAR BROTHERS :

We are yet alive and an active, energetic chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. We heartily endorse boiled-down reports, and you may depend on us maintaining the same position as long as it falls to the lot of your humble servant to get them up. We have

but one or two facts of interest. A. A. Wallace is no longer a member of our fraternity, having been expelled for wilful violation of our Bond. Brothers will please take notice. We are ahead of the Betas. First, we outnumber them in men holding positions of trust in the two literary societies; although we have never made it a point to do so and hope we never will. Secondly, we outnumber them in men who have taken prizes. Thirdly, we have seven out of ten orators for the June exhibitions. The above are indisputable facts rather than arguments, and we would like to know whether they are indications of "weakness" as has been charged by the Beta Theta Pi journal.

A grand time is anticipated at our State Convention, which meets in this place June 3rd and 4th as near as can be determined at present. Every Phi can expect a hearty welcome.

Yours in the Bond,
Z. LILLARD.

Wisconsin Alpha.

MADISON, Wis., April 29th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The last month has passed quietly at the Univ. of Wisconsin. The initiation ceremony of the new ritual was used by us for the first time a few weeks ago, in welcoming O. J. Frost of the Junior class. His initiation gives us four members in the Junior class, so we will be able to make a good Senior show next year. We regret to say that Bert Park, '84, has been compelled to leave the University on account of ill-health. However, we expect him back next fall. The ladies have been taking possession of our chapter hall of late, and now we rejoice in covers for our furniture, window curtains with lambrinquins of blue and wine, (our chapter colors); and various other little improvements, such as can be accomplished by no hands save those of the "D. G.s," make our Phi home very attractive.

Yours in the Bond,
D. S. McARTHUR.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
Lansing, Mich., April 25th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Again we take up the pen to report the loss of a Brother in the Bond.

Bro. Herbert I. Penoyar of the Junior class died here on the 13th inst. He was an orphan and without brother or sister, but he had true brothers here who feel his loss deeply. His class appointed four men and our chapter two, to accompany the body to his home in Bangor, Mich. He leaves pleasant memories behind him as he was much respected in the college.

Bro. Kedzie is sick with fever but is improving. We suffer more perhaps than the brothers of any other chapter on account of bad "hash." It is a fact that the food we get is not fit to eat, and that sick persons have no care, but we don't know just how to help it. That is the advantage of being where the faculty uphold a man for steward who will not attend to his business.

In spite of misfortunes and evils we are working manfully for our chapter. At our last meeting we initiated three men, making our number seventeen. We have very interesting literary exercises, in which the brothers manifest a hearty zeal. The fact is we have a good, wide-awake warden who leads us out. Our boys express much satisfaction with the SCROLL and eagerly watch for its appearance. On May 7th, we will enjoy a banquet given to us by the Union Literary Society of this place.

Success to the Phi world is our wish.

Fraternally in the Bond,
J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Virginia Beta.

UNIV. OF VIRGINIA, April 28th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our club supper, which we contemplated giving when our last communication was written, was given on the 7th, passing off nicely and being a success in every particular. Everything was arranged beforehand and all our boys exerted themselves to the utmost to make it pleasant for our young lady friends, of whom about fourteen were present. We had engaged the parlors, dining room and apartments, at the finest hotel in the city, and about eleven o'clock our party of thirty-six were ushered into the dining-room by the proprietor and seated at tables upon which was spread a handsome supper. At each plate was placed a

menu printed upon white satin with blue ink, "the White and the Blue." We spent a delightful evening and broke up about 3 A. M. Our young lady friends compliment us highly upon our entertainment, and all unite in saying that we understand how to manage an affair of that kind nicely.

The only honors which it is in the power of the students to confer upon a fellow student, are the final presidencies of Jefferson and Washington literary societies, and as that office in the latter is merely a nominal one and not much sought after, it makes the former the only one in reality and it is therefore very desirable. The D. K. Es. have been controlling the society for many years and have always been successful in electing the candidate they supported. They have formed a clique of four fraternities and have another one under their control, and these *tools* have the privilege of placing a candidate in the field each year, taking it in turn. This year a representative of one of these tools was announced as a candidate at the beginning of the session, and expected to have a regular walk over as no one seemed to have the presumption to dare to oppose the chosen of the mighty D. K. E. About two weeks before the election we decided to put a man in the field. This at first roused them somewhat, but they soon fell back upon their foolish self-confidence and smiled at our presumption. When the first ballot was taken, the vote stood 39 to 38 in favor of the opposite faction, but as one man failed to vote a second ballot was taken and it stood 39 to 39. The president cast his vote in favor of our candidate and he was declared elected. Some few days after, they declared their intention of contesting the election, and it was decided to leave the matter to arbitration to be decided on constitutional grounds. The committee decided that the election was legal according to the constitution, but their decision was given in such terms that we gave it up. Although we did not get the office for the man it amounted in reality to a defeat, and is generally considered as such.

We now number only sixteen, as two of our boys have just left us for home, one of whom (Bro. Ganskell) was one of the most popular, if not *the* most popular student at the University.

Five of our men will take degrees at the close of the session,—two will take B. S., one M. D., one M. A., and one A. B.,—which is a better record for degrees than any other club has this year.

Yours in the Bond,
REPORTER.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

South Carolina Alpha.

SPARTANSBURG, S. C., May 5th, 1881.

DEAR BROS. :

I hope you have not formed a bad opinion of the S. C. Alpha and her Reporter, because we have been somewhat irregular in our communications. If you have, I will endeavor by my promptness hereafter to remove it. The S. C. Alpha is in a flourishing condition, and we hope to improve her standing in the college considerably during the next term. Since I last wrote, we have initiated Bro. A. P. King, who is a member of the Preparatory class, and will therefore be an active member of our chapter for several years. We have our eyes upon two or three more, whom we hope to take in next term.

Bro. Coxe was obliged to leave some time ago on account of sickness, but we hope to have him with us again.

We are looking forward to commencement, which by the way is not very far off, with great pleasure, because some of us expect to have a fine time with the fair sex, while others are tired of the college curriculum, and want rest. We would like to see as many of the Brothers as can come present themselves at our banquet.

I am happy to say that in the intermediate examinations, most of our members passed, which is a good sign that they do their duty.

Yours in the Bond,
REPORTER.

Georgia Beta.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.,
April 25th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since my last communication death has entered our portals and taken from us our youngest and brightest member. A week ago to-day, we helped to lay out our friend and brother, R. S. Battey, and felt that a void was left

in our heart by the death of one whose talents we had learned to admire, and whose nobility and yet child-like simplicity of manners, had most deeply endeared him to us and all who knew him. Seldom has Emory beheld such a sad scene, or such a gloom overspread her members. Nine of the students, five from our chapter, accompanied his remains to their last resting place in Rome, Ga., and in performing this sad duty, there was a brotherhood of feeling, for we felt that it was a common sorrow.

Our chapter otherwise is moving on smoothly and well. No additions to our number are reported but we have one or two in contemplation. We are more elated at present, over the success of our college, than our own, for it has just received a donation of \$50,000, from Mr. Geo. I. Seney, one of New York's wealthy bankers, who also gave the same amount to the female college at Macon, Ga. Every true hearted Southerner is glad to hear of this, for Southern talent needs encouragement, and although we soon will be, we are not now able to furnish it ourselves. We have made but little progress towards our State Convention, but hope soon to begin. Hoping always to be able to chronicle the prosperity of the Ga. Beta, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
E. C. MERRY.

Georgia Gamma.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga.,
April 29th, 1881.

DEAR PHIS :

The Junior trial came off last Wednesday afternoon. Three of our men were among the successful contestants, viz.: Bros. D. W. Hill, Jas. T. Ross and Jno. P. Ross. There are but five Phis in the class and one was not allowed to compete for a place because he is irregular. The Sophomores tried for places this afternoon. The result showed the names of four successful Phis, Bros. Davis, Gregg, Mallary, and Northern. There are but five Phis in the class and one of them is irregular, consequently was not allowed to contend. We have but two boys in the Senior class, Bros. Ford and Nunnally, but both are sure of getting places. Among the Junior speakers there are three Phis, three Alpha Tau Omegas, two Kappa Alphas, and two Sigma

Alpha Epsilons. Among the successful Sophs. the Phis have four, the Kappa Alphas three, the Alpha Tau Omegas three, the Sigma Alpha Epsilons none, and the outsiders (or barbarians) two. I don't know how the different frats. will be represented in the Senior class, the places not yet having been given out.

Listen! eight badges have been ordered by our chapter this session, and now *every* member of the chapter has a jeweled badge. One of our whole-souled brothers, B. E. Willingham, ordered one of our new badges, notwithstanding he already had an old one. What chapter can show a better score.

Some months ago we organized a club consisting of our boys and their young lady friends, with a few invited guests from the other frats. here. The club meets on Friday evenings, fortnightly. Since its organization we have added croquet and archery to our stock and meet every Saturday afternoon to amuse ourselves with the same. We have carried on both very successfully so far. The other frats. saw that we were about to monopolize things and they have combined, together with two or three Chi Phis, who happen to be in college, and organized a club similar to ours for the purpose of breaking us down, or at least impeding our rapid progress. They have no croquet, archery, or anything of that kind, however. We have lost only one girl so far, and we intend to "hold our own" as did the little Spartan band of old.

Before I close I must say that during a late revival two of our brothers determined to follow in the footsteps of our precious Lord. All of our boys are church members except two, and they are both good moral young men.

Hoping that prosperity is attending you all, I am your brother in Phi Delta Theta's sacred Bond,

JNO. P. ROSS.

Alabama Alpha.

AUBURN, Ala., April 29th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

For the first time since I was made Reporter I have no accessions to report. Our chapter is in a most flourishing and satisfactory condition. All the boys are enthusiastic and working for the good of Phi Delta Theta. Out

of four men in our Junior class we put on three for Commencement. From five in Senior class we will get four speakers, nine being the number from entire class. There are two literary societies in college in both of which Phi Delta Theta rules. Since my stay in college she has never failed to carry an election her own way.

We are anxiously awaiting Commencement to hold our convention. I believe this already has been explained in your columns. All loyal Phis are invited to attend.

Send the SCROLL promptly, its arrival always produces bright faces and happy hearts. Our chapter sends brotherly greetings to all.

Yours in the Bond,
JOE CALLAWAY.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF MISS, April 26th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our number has been diminished by the departure of Bro. Barker, being caused by a slight disagreement between him and the faculty. We were very sorry to see him go, for he has toiled in Phi Delta Theta's cause long and earnestly and the vacant place he left is one that will be noted for some time, and one that will be hard to fill. We hope success may attend him wherever he goes. Bro. McClurg paid us a short visit a week or two ago. He is now publishing a paper, the Vaiden *Nucleus*, in connection with his law practice.

The Delta Gammas at this place say they are really ashamed of our boys because they don't show any disposition to associate with said D. G.s. Now the members of our chapter are about as bashful as boys generally get to be, and to make a bashful youth truly miserable is to place him where he will be the object of some attention, and as the majority of our boys don't seem to pine much for such happiness, they prefer to stay at home. I think they show very bad taste, for the D. G.s are all that is amiable, lovely, loveable, &c., &c.

We are really glad to know that our Fraternity is at last incorporated, and we hope to take steps soon to have it done in this State. I don't know what we would do without the SCROLL. It is truly a welcomed visitor, and its coming is always anxiously awaited.

With best wishes for all Phis, I remain,

Yours in Phi Delta Theta,
C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TEHUACANA, Texas, April 20th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

As there is nothing of special importance to report this month, I will just fill up with "local dots." The chapter is as lively as ever, and the boys are enthusiastic over their success during the year. ...Bro. John Erwin is the *longest* man in Texas Alpha, and Bro. M. Craig Johnson is the *widest*. "Three feet make a yard," says Davies, but Black says, "Two Black feet make a yard." ...Bro. Herring's duster has a hole in it and he keeps it patched with flowers, and I believe a D. G. furnishes them. ... We received a letter from Bro. S. B. Cantey, of Fort Worth, a few days ago. He is a member of Ala. Beta. His kind words encouraged us to work harder. ...Bros. Drane and Gillespie were on the invalid list a few days ago, but hope they are better by this time. ...Bro. Robert Hallum can be found at Hallum & McKinney's drug store.

April number of SCROLL at hand and like the remarks on changes, by the Editor, very much. Let us hold fast to the "old land marks."

Yours in the Bond,
J. W. PEARSON.

AMONG THE PHIS.

Bro. S. D. Smith, Ga. Gamma, is attending medical lectures at the University of Md. He expects to go to Atlanta, Ga., soon, and has promised to work up the "boys" to organize an alumni chapter there.

Bro. John D. Hunt, Ky. Alpha, '57, was Valedictorian of his class, and after leaving college held many places of trust under the state. He is now Circuit Judge in the Lexington (Ky.) District.

The following has been culled from the *Indianapolis Journal*: "The many friends of Professor D. C. Brown, of Irvington, will be surprised to learn of his marriage to Miss Anna Rudy, at her home at Paris, Ill. The wedding, conducted by President O. A. Burgess, was a quiet one, attended only by the immediate relatives. Mrs. Brown, a

former student of Butler, has many friends in the city, who will gladly welcome her arrival among us. She was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their residence at Irvington." Prof. Brown is an alumnus of our Ind. Gamma. We tender congratulations.

Bro. Thomas J. Prior, Ohio Epsilon, was recently admitted to the bar. He has put out his shingle at Newark, Ohio, where he will be pleased to see any Phi who may pass through.

Bro. Alva Fitzpatrick, Ala. Alpha, '80, is engaged in the study of law in the office of the Attorney General of the state, at Montgomery. He was the delegate of his chapter to the Indianapolis convention.

Bro. Hardy, Ga. Beta, '75, is a promising young lawyer of Corsicana, Texas. He was married lately to Miss Felicia Peck of Fairfield, Texas, daughter of one of the most influential men of the place.

Bro. J. A. Storey, Texas Alpha, '78, is a charter member and successful business man of Galveston, Texas. He wears a Phi pin and Phi shirt studs with pleasure to himself and honor to Texas Alpha.

Bro. A. W. Woods, Ind. Beta, '59, Judge of Supreme Court, is one of the most successful politicians in Indiana.

The salary of Bro. David Swing, D. D., LL. D., Ohio Alpha, '52, the great Chicago evangelist, has been raised from seven to ten thousand dollars a year.

Bro. J. G. Smalley, Ind. Alpha, '83, will attend the Cincinnati Medical College next year. A good opportunity for him and Bros. Hawley and White to form a Cincinnati Alumni chapter in miniature.

Bro. John McCoy, Texas Alpha, was visited lately at his home, Dallas, Tex., by Bro. Frank Drane, who found him as enthusiastic as ever.

Bro. W. E. Chisholm, Ala. Alpha, '84, is farming near Montgomery, Ala. His chapter misses him, but his departure has proven a glorious accession to Ala. Alpha alumni.

Bro. Emmet Tompkins, Ohio Gamma, recently distinguished himself by making a three hours speech on a murder case, in the Court of Common Pleas at Athens, Ohio.

Bro. Alston Ellis, Ph. D., Ohio Al-

pha, '67, recently delivered an argument against school-book legislation before the Senate Committee on Schools and Colleges. The committee reported against the passage of the bill.

Bro. Thomas Moore Paschal, Ky. Alpha, '66, is a Circuit Judge at San Antonio, Texas.

Bro. E. H. Conger, Ills. Delta, is State Treasurer of Iowa, and his brother, Rev. E. L. Conger, of the same chapter is general agent for Lombard University. He has an unabated enthusiasm for the fraternity, though out of college for twenty years. He is an ornament to the fraternity.

Bro. E. K. Smoot, Va. Epsilon, is engaged in business in Richmond, Va.

Bro. Chas. H. Chalkley, M. D., Va. Delta, is resident physician at the city alms house, Richmond, Va. In March 1880, he graduated at the Va. Medical College, was Valedictorian of his class, was the recipient of the prize for Prize Thesis. Thus, as always, Phis are at the head.

N. Y. Alpha, '75. "The exceedingly well written account of the life and services of Earl Beaconsfield published in the *Journal*, was the work of W. O. Bates, telegraph editor. Not a paper anywhere, east or west, contained as good an article on the subject as that prepared by Mr. Bates."—*Ind. Sat. Review*.

Bro. P. W. Search, in addition to his numerous other duties, is superintending a large summer excursion taking in all leading points of Canada and the east. Do Phis have 30 per cent. off, Bro. Search?

Rev. Bro. S. E. Smith, Pa. Beta, '76, now of Macomb, Ill., was recently married in Gettysburg, Pa., to Miss Fannie J. Musselman. Bro. S. was a charter member of Pa. Beta and was married on its sixth birthday. The chapter sent complements and some silver presents. The happy couple will make their home in Illinois.

Bro. W. G. Ballantine, Ind. Beta, '69, formerly a Professor in the Ind. State Univ., is now Professor of Greek in Oberlin College, Ohio.

Bro. St. John Boyle, Ky. Alpha, '66, a leading lawyer of Louisville, was at one time Receiver of Lou. and Chi. Short Line R. R.

Bro. Alex. P. Humphrey, Ky. Alpha, '66, has just retired from the chancery court bench. For a young

man he has run the most brilliant course of any man in the state.

Bro. J. R. Crawford, Ills. Gamma, '83, is Editor of the *New Concord Enterprise*. It is one of the neatest papers in Northern Ohio. Bro. C. is still an enthusiastic Phi and intends to visit some of the Illinois and Indiana chapters this spring.

Bro. Otis Jones, Ills. Delta, is in Chicago, filling a responsible position under the Ruttan Ventilating Co.

Bro. Wm. Savage, Va. Delta, is studying medicine in Phila., Pa.

Bro. C. H. Munger, Texas Alpha, '79, is studying in St. Louis. He expects to go to Colorado when through to seek his fortune.

Bro. W. H. Cowan, Texas Alpha, has just finished one course of lectures in Nashville and is now practicing medicine in Texas. He expects to return and graduate.

Bro. Fred. Jelliff, Ills. Delta, is well known in Knox co., Ills., as one of the most popular teachers. He is in the High School at Galesburg.

Bro. Geo. W. Plack, Pa. Alpha, '78, is still at the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and sends kindest regards to all his Phi Brothers.

Bro. Wm. K. Hill, Pa. Beta, '79, first honor man, is linguistic professor in the best academy in Armstrong Co., Pa.

Bro. W. N. Gordon, M. D., Va. Delta, is practicing with Dr. McGuire in Richmond, Va.

Bro. J. S. Mooring, Va. Beta, is in business in Louisville, Ky.

Bro. E. Junius Edwards, Ill. Delta, is a Loan and Real Estate agent in Galesburg, Ill. He is one of the solid Phis.

Bro. Wm. Lovell Yerkes, Ky. Alpha, '66, has spent several years in Europe studying the ancient and modern languages. He has now a flourishing school at Paris, Ky.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) has established a chapter at Sage College, Ithaca, N. Y.

A new Greek letter Fraternity, Phi Epsilon, has been established by the Medics at Columbia, Wis.

The following has been taken from the *Chicago Times* of April 2nd: "President John Bascom, of the Wisconsin State University, at Madison, is to de-

liver the oration before the 42nd annual convention of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, to be held at Chicago the last week in August; and Judge Wilbur Stone, LL. D., of Buffalo, N. Y., will read the poem. The Hon. John Herron, of Cincinnati, will preside as president-elect."

Phi Kappa Psi has entered Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. The initiation took place on Friday evening, April 29th.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* claims Hon. Will Cumback and Dr. Sims, Pres. Syracuse University, as honored members, while the *Beta Theta Pi* says that both these belonged to their Delta chapter.

In the catalogue of Psi Upsilon Greek letters and astronomical signs follow every name. The editor in the preface says that on application, they will be explained to any member of the fraternity. So it seems that Psi U.'s themselves do not understand the hieroglyphics, but they no doubt indicate the date of initiation and chapter offices.

The *Sigma Chi* made its debut in April, at Gettysburg, Pa. It is a neatly printed magazine of 28 pages, bi-monthly, appears between gray covers, and is the usual price of fraternity publications, one dollar per annum. Though the first number falls short of the forty pages promised in the circular to their alumni, the editors will no doubt hereafter make good any deficiency. The general tone of the new journal is fair and manly. It is under the control of the chapter at Penna. College. Success to the management of the enterprise.

The Mystic Seven at U. of Va. has discarded the badge it has used 44 years, and adopted a jeweled monogram, formed by placing the letter "E" over "M."

The *Beta Theta Pi* is still edited by John I. Covington of Cincinnati, O., and is kept *sub rosa*. It has the same number of pages as the *SCROLL*, the pages being slightly larger, but the type larger also. It has adopted this year our plan of having chapter reports, but the whole is arranged in a very haphazard way. Its editorials are very good, but in noticing other Fraternities it continues its accustomed unfairness.

At their last Assembly, the Delta

Phi decided to place chapters at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and the U. of Pa., with a light and airy disregard of any possible difficulties in the way. The "D. F.s" died at the last mentioned place in not very pious repute, their many escapades gaining for them the name of *Diabolus Philoi* (Friends of the Devil).—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The *Beta Theta Pi* states that of the rivals to the Betas at O. W. U. the Chi Phis stand first and Sigma Chis last.

Delta Beta Phi recently sent to each of the non-fraternity men at Columbia a circular requesting them to cooperate in organizing a chapter of that Fraternity, but the scheme failed.

But a few months since Chi Phi's Upsilon chapter at Hobart deserted to Kappa Alpha (northern), and now 3 more of its chapters are *in extremis*. The Rho at Lafayette began the year with 12 men, and now has 6 only; Xi at Cornell has but 5, all Seniors, with no prospect of increase; and Iota has but 2, and is announced, by the Fraternity's organ, as virtually dead.

Alpha Tau Omega's Congress met at Macon, Ga., in Dec. The principal legislation seems to have been the provision for organizing state associations and for appointing one chapter in each state as special propagator of the Fraternity. The next Congress meets in Washington, D. C.

Two of Delta Tau Delta's chapters prepare by hectograph monthly "Chronicles" giving news, personals, etc., and distribute them among their alumni and sister chapters. Our own chapters would find this method to be excellent for keeping up the interest of correspondent members.

Three Fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega, all similar in being entirely southern, and of nearly the same size, have within a year and a half started journals. The *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* and *Kappa Alpha Journal*, found their Fraternities were too small to sustain organs, and the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, in its second number, appeals for financial aid in the words of Cæsar, "Help us, Cash-us, or we perish."

Delta Tau Delta's song book committee have collected about 75 songs and propose issuing the book in June.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* says

that a generous member of another Fraternity, last year offered to help place an Alpha Tau Omega chapter in a northern university. The offer was accepted, and the chapter instituted, but it has not succeeded well enough yet for the *Palm* to announce where it is, as the men are dissatisfied because the Fraternity has no northern chapters. It is probable that the person who so very graciously proffered to assist Alpha Tau Omega, is Mr. Wm. R. Baird, a Beta, (he has facetiously been called "the Conkling of Beta Theta Pi.") and that the University (?) he wanted Alpha Tau Omega to enter is "St. Lawrence University," N. Y., an obscure institution, with less than 50 students of both sexes. Beta Theta Pi got a chapter there when it captured Alpha Sigma Chi, but has never considered said chapter much of a prize, and ever since has been very solicitous to have a rival for it. Mr. Baird last year tried to get Phi Delta Theta to grant a charter to a number of students of the institution whose application he forwarded and after failing with us, he tried Phi Kappa Psi and others.

The *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta and the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, both have it that Kappa Sigma has organized at Vanderbilt U. This a mistake. Kappa Sigma, as well as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has been dead there for two years, and one of the ex-members of the former is now a Phi. The report that Kappa Alpha (southern) is about to organize there is also unfounded. Phi Delta Theta there holds undisputed sway.

My Latest and Best Song.

"GATHERING FERNS."

HANDSOME LITHOGRAPH!

FOUR PAGES OF MUSIC!

TWO CHORUSES!

BROTHER: When you look upon the picture of the black-eyed damsel with whom I "gathered ferns," you will wish, from the bottom of your heart, you had been in my place. It will make your mouth water. Send for it! Gaze at it! It will teach you how!

All for 40 cents, with picture of the girl thrown in.

P. W. SEARCH,

Supt. Public Schools,

WEST LIBERTY, OHIO.

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STRANGERS ONCE, BROTHERS NOW.

AN ANNIVERSARY ODE.

Strangers once, but brothers now, imaging
Mayhap that true devotion Damon showed
For Pythias who, condemned to die, had stretched
Beyond its time stern Dionysius' word
Of stay to sentence 'bout to fall, and so
Gave chance for Damon's proof of friendship vowed,—
Thus hearts fraternal give a throb of love
Fraternal at this hour.

Or it may be

That old story, found on page of sacred
Writ, that tells of David, brave as ruddy,
Gen'rous as brave, and strong love of earnest
Jonathan, both known to both only when
The early morn of life had passed and fresh,
Vigorous blood of manhood strong coursed thro'
The veins with healthful power to all the frame,—
It may be this recall of story old
Finds echoing chord in hearts that beat as one
Under a shield, of strength well-tried, and sword
That friends protects while pointed 'gainst the wrong.

Strangers once, brothers now we come,
Greeting each in each's own Phi home.

From hearth-stones far, the guiding star
Has brought us under Theta's dome.

Though once unknown, by kith or name,
The love that binds is all one same.

From hearth-stones far, the guiding star
Has brought to us Phi Delta's fame.

Let hearts and hands be joined to-night,
This birth-day eve of Beta bright.

Since from afar, the guiding star
Has brought us to our chapter's light.

Be this glad day the carrier-dove
To tell glad news of us above.

Since from afar, the guiding star
Brings true Phi Delta Theta love.

May 5th, 1881.

PHIKIA.

PHI PATRIOTISM.

BY REV. J. C. JACOBY, A. M., PA. BETA, '76.

America's patriotic men have all been men of large hearts and genuine merit. The same thing is true of every age and nation of the world. It is true of both national and ecclesiastical patriotism. And if these are established facts in both church and state then, as a natural consequence, we have reason to look for the same principle within the Phi Delta Theta circle. Phi Delta Theta certainly has her share of large hearted men—men of genuine worth and merit—men whose hearts are all aglow with love for her and her general interests.

But while this is so, there is another conspicuous characteristic in the history of the world's great men, which, to some extent at least, is lacking in our ranks. It is the *zeal* which, to them, became the propelling power to move them onward in the proper use of these characteristics, and, finally, to gain the admiration of the world in the province of true greatness.

Much of our Phi patriotism is of a temporary and, perhaps, of a spasmodic character. That is to say our patriotism lacks perpetuity. Our Phis are generally active and zealous enough while in college, and while they are moved along by the tidal wave and influence of college life; and they even display some times what Paul calls a "zeal without knowledge," but no sooner has college life come to a close, and they are released from her classic walls to guide their own canoe in the ocean of life, over its tossing waves and through its beating storms, than their patriotic spirit pines away and dies. "It dieth and wasteth away, yea it giveth up the ghost and where is it? Who can tell? where is it?"

This was not the character of the patriotism possessed by such men as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and many more. There was nothing temporary or spasmodic about their patriotism. They imbibed the proper spirit from their fathers, and moved by it they became great and useful men and gave to our country an impetus that has moved it onward to its present national greatness.

To compare our "Phi boys" to Washington and his cotemporaries; and our fraternity with America in its primitive state; and our spirit of devotion and patriotism to that of the patriotic men of the past, would seem a very foolish comparison. And yet apply the same general principle, and infuse into the hearts of many more Phis the same spirit which characterized those men, and which characterizes some of

our noble Phis now, and you will look in wonder at the marked change which another decade will produce in the history of our fraternity.

And why can we not conceive of such a state of things? Not to the same extent to be sure: but the same principle, so far as it applies, certainly ought to be carried into execution. Let us put away all spasmodic outbreaks of love and zeal, and let us have a manifestation of something more lasting, something higher and nobler to move us onward in our fraternal work. Let us endeavor to infuse more of the spirit of our noble Bond into the hearts of all our "boys," and as they grow up to become our "men" Phi Patriotism will not only be inscribed upon their foreheads, but deep down in their large hearts will be found a vein which will well-up and send forth the spirit of true patriotism as never failing fountains of water. In them the spirit that once moved them to march under her glorious banner will never fail, nor vanish away; and their genuine worth and merit will manifest itself in whatever avocation in life they may be employed. And our noble fraternity will grow in influence and numbers and real worth, and obtain many crowns of victory over which to rejoice.

GAILY PHI TROUBADORS.

A REMINISCENCE OF THE WOOSTER CONVENTION.

Gaily Phi Troubadors	Gaily Mustachio
Sang to gaping hoodlum,	Twangs his guitar,
As they rode slowly by	As we go journeying
Home from Jerusalem.	Home in the car.
Brakeman winks to Conductor	Brakeman and Conductor
"Awful jolly bum!	Join the merry lay.
Ball club or Sunday School	Thus we go gliding on
Returning home!"	Singing all the way.

DUTY OF ALUMNI PHIS.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:

It has been suggested that a few remarks on "The Duty of Alumni Phis" would be in order. To talk about another man's duty is to run the risk of being called arrogant, and it is only when I talk with those who are brothers in a fraternity of "kindred spirits" that I venture to discuss the subject of *Duty*. What I say is only suggestive, and not preceptive.

Where there is no binding law, conduct should be governed by a sense of duty. This is the great rule of action for our alumni. This sense of duty, this moral obligation, must first be nourished and culti-

vated in the college chapters, and it thus becomes the duty of the chapters to make of its members such faithful Phis that neither years nor changes can altar their devotion, or abate their interest. The chapters must throw the gage and furnish the recruits; loyalty among the alumni, among the veterans, as it were, will be the support and the backing of those in the front.

But we have active as well as passive duties. The best posted among us are apt to be the most enthusiastic; therefore let us keep abreast of the fraternity's progress. (Take the SCROLL.) When the boys are in need, let us help them out. An occasional resort to the pocket will be a gentle and effective hint that our faith and love have not all gone to seed. In a word, the duty of us all is *Fidelity*, (Phi Delity); fidelity to a cause that brought the happiest hours and the greatest triumphs of our college days; fidelity to a cause that showed us true friendship, that "mysterious cement of the soul;" fidelity to a cause that makes us all seekers after mental, moral and social improvement.

H. U. B.

FROM THE OLD DOMINION.

EDITOR OF SCROLL.

My Dear Brother : In response to your kind request that I should write you a letter for the June number of the SCROLL, I send you the following somewhat disconnected remarks. I hope they may not find their way to the waste basket, that "bug-bear" and horror of all newspaper correspondents.

It has been my misfortune since I left college (in the year 1878) to meet with but very few of my brothers in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta. I was beginning, consequently, to lose much of my interest in the Fraternity, until I subscribed for the SCROLL, the reading of which has revived my zeal and interest in behalf of the welfare and prosperity of the noble order of Phi Delta Theta, to a very great extent. I now often wish I was back at college and could meet with my brothers once more in our hall and enjoy a talk with them. I take pleasure in reading the SCROLL, especially the personals. I like to know what my friends and brothers are doing, where they are, and how they are getting on. I would say to every member of our fraternity, subscribe for the SCROLL. I am exceedingly glad that the next convention of the fraternity meets in Richmond, Virginia. Although the time of the meeting is still far off, yet I am beginning to look forward to it with many pleasant anticipations. It will indeed do my heart good to meet so many of those who are bound to me by the solemn pledge to

support and uphold the grand principles set forth in the glorious Bond of Phi Delta Theta. Be assured that in coming to our State you will meet with a hearty "old Virginia welcome." I hope the convention will be a glorious success. It will help the cause of our fraternity in the South much, and give it an influence here that nothing else could.

I must necessarily make this letter brief. With kindest regards for yourself and a warm greeting to all Phis, I am,

Fraternally yours in the Bond,

J. WM. BOYD, *Va. Delta.*

BUCHANAN, Va., May 30th, 1881.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

The undersigned Alston Ellis, Scott Bonham, M. F. Parrish, Cyrus Huling and R. B. Carter, citizens of the State of Ohio, have associated ourselves together to form a corporation under the laws of Ohio in such case made and provided, and in compliance with said laws do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following articles of incorporation :

That is to say,

1. The name of such corporation shall be the PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.
2. The place where the principal business of said incorporation shall be transacted is MIAMI UNIVERSITY AT OXFORD, OHIO.
3. The object and purpose of said incorporation is LITERARY IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL CULTURE.
4. This organization is not for profit and has no capital stock.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Columbus, O., this 12th day of March, A. D. 1881.

ALSTON ELLIS,
SCOTT BONHAM,
M. F. PARRISH,
CYRUS HULING,
R. B. CARTER.

The State of Ohio, Franklin County, SS.:

Before the undersigned authority, a Notary public within and for the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, personally came the above named Alston Ellis, Scott Bonham, M. F. Parrish, Cyrus Huling and R. B. Carter, who severally acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing articles of incorporation of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and that the same is their voluntary act and deed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Notary's seal at Columbus, Ohio, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1881.

[SEAL.]

J. A. WILLIAMS,
Notary Public.

The State of Ohio, Franklin County, SS.

I, Harvey Cashalt, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, which is a court of record, within and for said county and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that J. A. Williams is an acting Notary Public in and for said county, duly com-

missioned and sworn. That all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit. That the foregoing signature, purporting to be his, is true and genuine, and that the foregoing instrument is executed according to the laws of Ohio.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 12th day of March, A. D. 1881.

[SEAL.]

HARVEY CASHALT, *Clerk.*

BY JNO. J. JOYCE, *Deputy.*

United States of America, Ohio, Office of the Secretary of State :

I, Charles Townsend, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity filed in this office on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1881, and Recorded in Volume 21, Page 127, of the Records of Incorporation.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office, at Columbus, the 14th day of March, A. D. 1881.

CHARLES TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Incorporators of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 12th, 1881.

Alston Ellis, Scott Bonham, M. F. Parrish, Cyrus Huling and R. B. Carter, having taken our articles of Incorporation for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity met in the parlor of the American House to complete the organization according to the statute in such cases provided. On motion, Bro. Alston Ellis was made chairman of the meeting and M. F. Parrish secretary. On motion of Bro. Huling the Board of Trustees was made to consist of nine members, and the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot in favor of the following persons: Pres., Geo. Banta; Secretary, H. L. Van Nostrand; Treasurer, C. J. Reddig; Historian, Walter B. Palmer, members of the General Council, and Scott Bonham, O. Delta; M. F. Parrish, O. Epsilon; Alston Ellis, O. Alpha; W. D. Shipman, O. Eta; Will F. Harn, O. Zeta.

After some informal discussion of the Fraternity's interests and the best means of conserving them, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

ALSTON ELLIS, *Pres.*
M. F. PARRISH, *Sec'y.*

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION.

GALESBURG, ILL., May 31, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

The first State reunion of the Phi Delta Thetas of Illinois, was called to order at 9.30 A. M., in the parlors of Brown's Hotel, Galesburg, by the State President, Bro. W. R. Worrall. Bro. J. Y. Ewart, Ill. Zeta, lead in prayer. Committees were then appointed by the President on Credentials, on Visiting Delegates, on Reports to the Newspapers, on Permanent Organization, and to draft a constitution. Gratifying reports were received from all the chapters in the State. After some very interesting remarks from Bros. Summers, Gamma Province President, Ewart, Ill. Zeta, and G. W. Prince, Beta Alumni, regrets were read from several Alumni members. On motion a committee was appointed to draw up a series of resolutions thanking Bro. R. A. D. Willbanks, Ill. Beta, as a partial recognition of his many good deeds and well wishes in behalf of the Fraternity. The order of

business was brought before the convention by a committee appointed for the purpose. Committees were appointed on time and place of holding next reunion, on new chapters, on deceased members, on special resolutions, on fraternal relations, and on lost archives. The last committee, consisting of Bros. Worrall and Brooks, of Alpha Alumni, and Pierson of Zeta, was appointed to act in conjunction with like committees from the different states, and the National committee. The report of the committee on constitution was accepted, and, after amendment, adopted. A resolution offered by Bro. Perry, Alpha Alumni, giving to visiting delegates all the rights and privileges of official delegates, except that of voting, was adopted. On motion the executive council, consisting of the 1st three State officers, was empowered to tax the chapters per capita for the current expenses.

By invitation the convention, on Friday morning, May 27, visited Knox College, and Lombard University. The convention during its session, by invitation, assisted Zeta chapter in initiating a new member, Bro. John Baker. The report of the committee on a literary programme for the next reunion was adopted. By request, Bro. Perry, Alpha Alumni, gave several recitations, which served to amuse and edify the convention. On motion Bro. Foster very gracefully thanked Bro. Perry for the entertainment he had given the association. The report of the committee on deceased members was accepted and adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing two years: *Pres.*, Wm. R. Worrall, Chicago; *1 Vice Pres.*, James Allen Fullinwider, Heyworth; *2 Vice Pres.*, Thomas H. Simmons, Bloomington; *Sec.*, Wm. H. Chambers, Galesburg; *Ass't Sec.*, M. W. Pinckney, Mount Morris; *Marshal*, Lewis A. McDaniel, Decatur; *Ass't Marshal*, Ed. S. Carr, Galesburg. On motion the Epsilon chapter was instructed to appoint a committee of four to act in conjunction with the executive council to make arrangements for next reunion. On motion thanks were extended to Mrs. E. Junius Edwards, to the citizens of Galesburg, and the resident chapters for the many favors received at their hands. A committee on incorporation was appointed with Bro. C. O. Perry, Chicago, as chairman. Bro. Worrall gave a very interesting history of the Fraternity relating especially to the State work in Illinois.

On motion the first Illinois State Convention of the Phi Delta Theta adjourned to meet in Bloomington the last Thursday and Friday in May, 1883. Much other business was transacted, but space forbids its mention. The following, however, were the official delegates:

Gamma chapter, two delegates; Delta chapter, L. Swart, '82, J. Edwards, '82; Epsilon chapter, L. A. McDaniel, '84, L. H. Hadley, '84; Zeta chapter, M. W. Pinckney, '81, E. A. Ray, '81, Ed. S. Carr, '82; Alpha Alumni, O. C. Foster, Ill. Alpha, '62, Otis Jones, Ill. Delta, '70, H. H. Ring, Ill. Delta, '70, F. L. Brooks, Ind. Epsilon, '78, C. O. Perry, Ind. Eta, '69, E. T. Johnson, Ohio Zeta, '78; Beta Alumni, E. Junius Edwards, Ill. Delta, '75, G. W. Prince, Ill. Delta, '77, John Kennedy, Zeta, '83. Ex-officio delegates, M. C. Summers, Province Pres.; W. R. Worrall, State Pres.; J. A. Fullinwider, 1st Vice Pres.; W. H. Chambers, State Secretary. Very truly yours in the Bond,

Wm. H. CHAMBERS,
State Sec.

—The Kappa Kappa Gammas of Franklin, Indiana, celebrated their second anniversary on the 19th of May. Thirty-five couples partook of their delightful banquet, including representatives from their sister chapters of the State. Three fourths of the gentlemen present were Phis, and the response to the toast of *Welcome* and to *Phi Delta Theta* were answered by Phis.

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

GALESBURG, ILL., May 30, 1881.

TO THE CHAPTERS OF GAMMA PROVINCE :

We have now closed the year in which we began our existence as a Province, and it is fitting that we should reflect a little on what has been accomplished. Every chapter has improved in condition, and can look back with pride on its part in the brief history of Gamma Province. But there is room for activity yet, plenty of it. I look forward to great prosperity next year, but all our steps must be well considered, and each must do his part with promptness. Let each chapter try to close this year's records in good shape, and count up the men who will return next fall. Then let those men get together and carefully lay their plans to speedily start the machinery when the next collegiate year opens.

Next September I shall send to each chapter a long letter of greeting, and of instructions as to our work for next year ; besides a complete review of our history and condition at that time.

I wish to be in correspondence with each Reporter this summer, and all will please notice that my future address will be 21—218 State St., Chicago. Any one who wishes to communicate with me on any matter of fraternity interest will receive prompt attention. I hope to do a great deal this summer that is out of the regular routine—to look after odds and ends, as it were. By the way, there is something in this line that could be done by the chapter officers—working up their catalogue lists, canvassing for the SCROLL, preparing histories, and in a general way getting ready for a busy and prosperous year. The State officers will have some duties to attend to also.

But one chapter is delinquent in the Province, and I believe that will be paid up within a few days.

The first State Convention in Gamma Province, that of Illinois, has been an undoubted success, in every respect. Next year the other states will all follow her example.

I must, in closing, congratulate all upon our past success and present prospects. Let us not relax our efforts in the least, but with "Upward and Onward" for our motto, continue to work steadily and hard, with our eyes constantly fixed on a large delegation and a proud record to show at Richmond, as our goal.

Hoping that all Phis will have a pleasant vacation, and return to their work refreshed and strengthened, I now bid you a brief farewell, through the SCROLL. My letter correspondence will of course continue as busily as ever.

In the Bond,

MILO C. SUMMERS.

A CHARACTERISTIC LETTER.

ATHENS, O., Jan. 11, 1881.

M. F. TROXELL, Gettysburg, Pa.

My Dear Brother Yours of the 8th just reached me, and the spirit moves me to answer you "immejantly." No—I have never lectured. I have never worked myself up to such a cruel frame of mind as to inflict an audience with a lecture. But still I have often thought if I

could corner some fellow I didn't like very well, I would load him with chains and read him some production of mine. That is, provided I *could* corner him, which I probably could accomplish if he was a small man and had a bad cough. I would scorn to attempt such an outrage on a large, healthy individual, on account of my respect for his physical development, and because of my extreme fanaticism on the subject of self-preservation. But if somebody else would just corner, and get the chains on him, and I could get in one page of manuscript, then he'd be fixed were he as "huge as high Olympus."

Another obstacle in the way is, that I have never attained any great notoriety before the general public. As yet I have not fasted forty days, nor had nine wives, nor gone up in a balloon and had the thing "bust" when up 1,000 feet, nor slid over Niagara to dodge my wash woman, nor walked across the crater of Vesuvius wrapped in the folds of the star spangled banner, nor been sued for breach of promise, nor blown at the gates of Jericho with a ram's horn; in short, and in fact, I have not done, attempted, or been guilty of any of those things which are (apparently) so essential in giving a man popularity as a lecturer.

Now, if a fellow could stand successfully on his own foundation, (in my case No. 10's), and the public would generously accord him their audience and approval, without requiring him to be more than an ordinary human being—that is, one who has always attended to his own business, and been a plain every day fellow—why then, keeping in mind the conditions herein before mentioned as aforesaid, there might be some attraction in the platform.

But enough on this. The family and I are reasonably well. The boy still has the colic occasionally, and gives me the exquisite pleasure of traversing the floor at the dead hour of midnight in the garb of a ghost, lullabying in unison, but not in harmony, with the delicious strains of his well-developed vocal organs. But he's a nice boy for all that, and I think a great deal of him on account of my "respect for his father." I shall watch his coming years with paternal anxiety, and with the hope that his budding powers may be well directed and applied; so that when he shall have attained the period of vigorous manhood, he may be "a lord to a lord, a man to a man; stuffed with honorable virtues," and hedged about with all the elements of a highly refined nature and irreproachable character. These things will give him happiness, honor, "troops of friends," a well-spent life, and a golden end.

Thanking you for your kind words and manifestations of fraternal regard, and hoping that I may again hear from you, I am,

Yours in the Bond, EMMETT TOMPKINS.

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GETTYSBURG, PA., JUNE, 1881.

The Year's Work.

The college year of 1880-81 is about to be assigned its place with those that have gone before it, in the silent room of the Past. What has been done during the year that has been right cannot now be perverted, the wrong can scarcely more be righted, the work of the year certainly cannot be undone. And what have we to say of Phi Delta Theta?

In summing up the year's history we say without hesitation that we are highly gratified with the fraternity's progress and the present condition of the chapters. The fraternity has made progress not so much in the founding of new chapters, though four charters, active and alumni, have been granted; the greatest progress, and the most real, has been made in following the policy that we so strongly urged last year, viz., that this year should be spent in building up and strengthening our weak chapters. That this has been done may be certified to by the hearty manner with which Phi sprang to the work at the very beginning of the year, in September last; a little later by the best convention in the fraternity's history, by the earnest support of and interest in the SCROLL, by the condition of our finances, by the hard work of the S. G. C. and the Province Presidents, by the re-founding of chapters well-nigh dead, by the state con-

ventions now being held in different quarters, by the regularity and promptness of most of the Reporters, and, lastly, by the number, and subject matter, of the reports themselves given in this last issue of the SCROLL for the present scholastic year; all of which may be submitted as evidence of progress as real as we trust it will be lasting in good results to the fraternity.

The policy of the convention has been thus far well carried out. Let there be no abatement of that earnestness and zeal that has characterized the work of the present year. Let us make good the foundation and the structure must be firm.

Brothers of '81!

Perhaps a hundred and more of Phi will this year cease to be active members of their chapters, and will go out into the busy world. To these we want to say a word.

Dear Brother of '81, as you stand at *alma mater's* door, ready to go out from your institution and your chapter, what memories will you carry with you that will gladden your heart in future years? Will the dear old Bond be forgotten? Will the meetings and the greetings in the chapter room have been of none effect toward the shaping of your course in life? Will the associations and influences of the fraternity, the rubbing of mind with mind, the union of heart with heart, the faith between brother and brother, will these be lost to you in years to come? Can you say that Phi Delta Theta has done nothing for you during your home-life within her sacred walls?

If in reflecting upon these questions you are led to a conclusion that the fraternity has been a help to you, we shall be satisfied; otherwise, not, for then we know that the true idea and import of our Bond has failed, from your manner of using it, to impress

you with our great aim. The relations between you and your fraternity are mutual, and the influence and benefits are designed to be retroactive. As Emerson somewhere has it, and we would here limit the meaning to our own brotherhood,

"Thou knowest not what argument
Thy life to thy brother's creed hath lent.
All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone."

Then, fraters of '81, remember that those you leave behind you will not be minus of your influence, nor will they forget you; and do not, in turn, forget them as you move about in the world, neither do you forget the value of the teachings of the fraternity whose name you bear.

Expelled.

The most solemn moment in the history of a chapter is that when a brother stands before it for sentence of expulsion to be pronounced. He has signed the same Bond with us, has grown into the chapter's life, has shared our joys and sorrows, has been in our counsels and plans. It is not a light thing to thus send forth forever, with no hope of being reinstated, a member of the fraternal household. Yet the solemn ceremony must sometimes be performed. Justice reigns with love and mercy—*must* reign for the well-being of the many, though a few should perish.

We have been pained to notice a number of expulsions during the present year, in different chapters. It is a sad chronicle, but it is our sworn duty to keep unsullied the white of our standard, as it is our duty also to be true to the blue. These expulsions must have been part of that purifying and strengthening policy which our chapters have nobly been pursuing. Let them, while they come as sad experiences, also act as instruments of caution and warning in the selection

of new characters to fill their places. Be sure of securing true, honest, manly men, and expulsions will never be necessary.

Good-bye to '80-'81.

Till we meet again.

Next number October 5th, 1881.

Our Reporters and contributors will please have all matter for next number in our hands by September 21st next.

Address the Editor during Summer either at Gettysburg, or at Newville, Pa.; the Asst. Editor at 31 Patterson Av., Baltimore, Md. Always glad to hear from Phis.

To the Reporters who have done so well for us and borne so patiently with us during the year, we must now say farewell. We do it regretfully for they have been, for the most part, a punctual and worthy corps of helpers. We commend their example to those who will succeed them.

We desire the names of Reporters to be sent us by each Reporter himself at the very earliest moment possible in September next. This applies to *every* chapter, whether the Reporter holds over or not. With name, also report number of active members, so that we may know how many copies of SCROLL will be needed. Be very prompt in this matter.

The Treasurer (who usually has a word for somebody you know) reminds us of the catalogue tax due Oct. 1st. The necessity for a new catalogue will be apparent to anyone who will examine casually the '78 book, called a catalogue. There ought to be no hesitation with regard to the payment of the catalogue fund.

While on this financial paragraph we will just give a gentle reminder as

to when the SCROLL tax is due. It's the 10th day of September, and don't you forget it.

More gently still, in the softest of whispers, we want to tell each Brother Senior, as he casts up his accounts, to add one dollar, to pay for his SCROLL next year. This will cause him to enjoy commencement much more, and will cheer us all up wonderfully.

We have not done much to improve our Directory for some time, because of reasons sufficiently known to those most interested. Several new chapters are ready to be placed in it, and we trust that all things will be so adjusted as that we may have it complete in our first issue of next year. Gamma Province has been the greatest sufferer in the matter, but then Gamma Province can afford a little suffering, having been so very healthy for some six months or so.

HERE AND THERE.

Illinois has a wide-awake state secretary.

Indiana Delta held its 21st anniversary, May 27th, in the Baptist church of Franklin. Four orations and music. Banquet afterwards.

Burlington and New England Phis look out! Bro. W. D. E. Scott, Pa. B., and a fellow Seminarian, will go on a land and water journey to the White Mountains this summer. They will stop at Burlington en route.

Just received from President of Gamma Province: "Iowa Alpha has been revived, and the man who did it was Bro. E. J. Edwards, of Galesburg, acting for me. Five of the best men in Iowa Wesleyan were initiated, making seven Phis there now. G. Cowles is Reporter. Next year we will start about even with Beta Theta Pi, in members, but ahead in quality." Congratulations all around!

A report in the *Sigma Chi* for June, from their chapter at Oxford, Miss., puts it thus sweetly: "The feeling of friendship between Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta is very warm. In college politics they are always on the same side working for their mutual good. This chapter of Phi Delta Theta was established only a year or two ago, and in so short a time stands better than *some* established twenty years ago. They are as intelligent and nice a lot of boys as can be found anywhere. We would be glad to hear of the same feeling existing between Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta throughout the whole country." And why not?

Phi Delta Theta has had an active membership during the year '80-'81 of over five hundred.

Our statistician has broken loose again and finds that our Grecian territory can boast two cities of Athens, also two Bloomingtons. We excel old England in Universities, having two Oxfords to her one, while we have also two Trinities and three Wesleyan Universities. Our list of chapters embraces two State Colleges and eight State Universities. A brief glance through our Directory will discover all these to the eyes of those interested in statistics of this sort.

The Gamma boys at Mercer University, Georgia, have organized a literary society called the "Theta Jolly Club," which meets every two weeks, generally at the house of some one of the fairer sex. Its members are Phis and their lady friends in the city of Macon. The regular order of exercises consists of select readings, speeches, music, &c. The Gamma is by far the best fraternity at Mercer, the Phis having received more honors than any other fraternity in the same length of time.

Chapter Correspondence.**ALPHA PROVINCE.****Vermont Alpha.**

ST. JEAN CHRYSOSTOM, P. Q.,
May 24th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

We are prospering finely. As brothers in the Phi Delta Theta, we "love one another" more and more, and the friendships formed now will be lasting. Our prospects are very fine, and we expect to be the strongest society in the U. V. M. in one or two years. As our success so far has been somewhat remarkable we mean to make the future somewhat more remarkable. We are going to work for Phi Delta Theta, and make her proud of Vt. Alpha, and Vt. Alpha will be proud of her.

We are always glad to hear from other chapters, and consider it a treat when the secretary reads letters from brothers abroad. We would like to have the other chapters find us more correspondents. It gives us new life to hear from them. Don't be afraid of us. In the Bond,

REPORTER VT. ALPHA.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.
Gettysburg, Pa., June 7th, 1881.

DEAR BROS. :

Although our chapter failed to be represented in the last issue of the SCROLL, we have yet been wide awake to the best interests of the fraternity. Since our last report we have passed through times of sunshine and rain. We have added another member to our list, Bro. Edward Hoshauer, a noble Phi, with a high class standing and weighing only 200 lbs.—a healthy baby. We celebrated our sixth anniversary last month, on which occasion we had the pleasure of having Bros. S. E. Smith, 3rd honor man of '76, now of Macomb, Ills., with us. Bros. Trump, Rupp and Stroek, corresponding members of our chapter, and Bros. Weaver and Kleinhenn of Pa. Epsilon, recently visited us. Glad to see them. Come soon again.

With pain we communicate the expulsion from the fraternity of Mr. James Barclay Johnson. He was expelled for wilful violation of the Bond.

The chapters will take notice. Since this sore trial we have been working harmoniously and successfully.

Bro. C. M. Eyster, '81, has taken 3rd honor. Bro. Withers, the only other Phi in '81, would have taken 4th honor had he studied German, which is optional at our institution.

Our prospects for the future are good. We look toward vacation with pleasure, hoping to be thereby fitted for better work for Phi Delta Theta next year. For a brief space we must now say farewell. A happy summer to all Phis. In the Bond,

REPORTER.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASHINGTON, PA., May 28, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since our last report Penna. Gamma has cause for rejoicing.

This term the Literary societies elect contestants for next March's contest; one society chose all Phis, McClellan for Debate; Grosser for Orator; and Himes for Essay; the other society elected our President, Denman, for debate. So next March we expect to have a Phi Contest and we now invite our brothers to this literary feast. The other five fraternities did not just like it, but we had the best men and they were elected.

Brothers McDowell and Barton get commencement speeches, being in the half of the class which received highest grades.

Thursday evening our boys had exultant looks, for three new men were about to become Phis under the new Constitution. Two are Freshmen, and are sons of the well known Rev. Irwin, the other is a member of class of '85, and we now call him Bro. Strickler. After the ceremonies were over, we adjourned to a feast of good things prepared for us. A song or two and we separated, joyous that our chapter was strengthened by three noble brothers.

Our Chapter was glad to see three old Phis shaking hands and encouraging us, Brownler, Langfitte and Anderson. We hope they will come often.

Our boys will separate the last of June, and expect to reassemble in the fall term, beginning August the 31st.

Your Reporter lays down his pen

with regrets that the SCROLL will be missed for a couple of months, and that he must be separated from his worthy brothers.

Address for the Summer, *Fewett*,
Ohio. Yours in the Bond,
J. L. HINES.

Penna. Delta.

MEADVILLE, PA., May 24th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

We again make our appearance on your pages and perhaps for the last time, as far as the present Reporter is concerned. Such a position in a chapter has many pleasant features connected with it, of which only the incumbent knows, and it may not be out of place to express here the hearty appreciation of its bestowal. In looking back over the life of our chapter during the last year, we have just cause of pride and satisfaction in view of its progress and development. But only during the present spring term has Pa. Delta appeared most conspicuous. We look with pleasure at the success of the boys in literary attainments, and know that the chapter makes itself felt in college circles. Members from the chapter occupied the principal positions in the select performance of Philo Franklin Literary Society, viz.: Rose, Thayer and Southworth being Orator, Essayist, and Declaimer, respectively. We can also chronicle, with much gratification, the honor which Bro. Compton has conferred on himself and no less on the chapter in taking the substantial Essay prize of the above named Society. Now of course, we do not wish to appear as boasters in such matters, but in writing these things that have transpired, we only desire to inform the fraternity of our healthy condition.

We know that it is always with gladness that the fraternity notices the entrance of a new member into our great brotherhood, and we had the pleasure during the month of May of ushering in Bro. O. H. Powers, a man much sought by other fraternities and worthy in every respect of the honor conferred on him.

We are loth to close our last report of the year of the chapter's affairs, but we know that we are leaving our Delta in a healthy, prosperous condition, and we trust that coming years will

be as prosperous as the one now closing.

Yours in the Bond,
J. A. VANCE.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Carlisle Pa.,
EDITOR SCROLL : June 3rd, 1881

Perhaps we owe to the SCROLL an apology for not furnishing a report from our chapter for May. However, we can assure you that the delay was from no lack of interest, but, for certain reasons, intentional. We were informed about that time that we would be published among the delinquent chapters and, under the circumstances, we wished to wait until we could give an explanation. The facts are these: We are back for a very small amount on dues. We have received no charter and, owing to this fact, some members refused to pay; others expressed a preference not to agitate the matter and await the new charters. Thus we have been drifting along in this matter.

In other respects, we have been more successful, and have been putting forth every effort to lead some new men from the gloomy paths of Barbarism into those illuminated by the influence of Phi Delta Theta. We have three promising men in tow. The other fraternities have contested the ground stubbornly with us, but our efforts are likely to be crowned with success. We would not have you believe that our path has altogether been, or is likely to be, strewn with roses, yet we believe that our young chapter, like the young tree, will "root the faster for shaking."

Two of our boys visited Gettysburg on decoration day and returned highly pleased with the reception they met with at the hands of the Phis of that place. The Reporter was not so fortunate as to be one of the number, but he infers from thir report that they were treated just handsomely. We shall all desire to go next time.

In the Bond,
J. MARVIN COLAW.

BETA PROVINCE.

Ohio Beta.

DELAWARE, Ohio, May 9th, 1881.

ED. SCROLL :

There is not much to report from the Ohio Beta this time. A large number of new students came at the

beginning of the term, but very few fraternity men were among them—none that we thought best to invite. Since our last report we have initiated Bro. G. W. Ozias, and by so doing we “left” about five other fraternities that had expressed a desire to perform the same operation for him.

Bro. Bonham has been elected editor of the *College Transcript* for next year, and we all feel confident that he will honor the fraternity and himself in that responsible position.

Brothers Woodmausee, Fulton and Brown were present at the reorganization of the chapter at Wooster, and brought us glowing reports of ten true, worthy and enthusiastic men in that chapter who, they were confident, would sustain the former high reputation of Phi Delta Theta at Wooster, and insure us a firm hold in one of the leading institutions of the state.

In a game of base ball a few days ago, we overcame the Betas to the tune of 19 to 11, and are persuaded that we can do a better thing next time.

We have thirteen men, are in good spirits, and have bright hopes for the future. With greetings to all, we are,
Yours in the Bond,

T. H. McCONICA.

Ohio Gamma.

ATHENS, Ohio, June 6th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

In taking a retrospective view of the year we can say with mingled feelings of joy and pride that we have made progress, both in the accession of some valuable material to our chapter and in the cultivation of feelings of brotherly love and friendship. In taking a prospective view our feelings of joy and pride are mixed with the alloy of sadness. Our small family will not all gather around the altar of fraternal love, next fall, when the Ides of September have come. Three of our number will be missed, and their places where they were wont to sit in our hall will be silent and empty.

Brothers Thos. A. Jones, Frank J. Sternberger and John F. Laird will graduate this year. Bro. Jones will receive the degree of A. B., Bro. Sternberger and Bro. L. will receive the degree of B. S.

We extend the right hand of fellowship and fidelity to all our Phi broth-

ers in a hearty good-bye, wishing them all a pleasant vacation, and hoping the work we shall leave for them to do shall be done well and thereby aid the grand and glorious cause of the noble brotherhood.

All communications should be sent to John Welch, Jr., Athens, Ohio.

Yours in the Bond,

J. F. LAIRD.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND., June 1st, '81.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Two events are recorded in the history of our chapter since our last report. 1. Bro. Elmer Israel was initiated April 11th. Bro. Israel, although a mere boy, is quite an accomplished violinist, and has led the city orchestra at prominent entertainments during the year. He is also a close student, and Prof. Hall says he will be the finest Greek scholar in his class. 2. Our banquet, May 27th, was a success and we had a good time. By eight o'clock the Baptist church was crowded with the beauty and intelligence of the city and our visitors. After invocation by Rev. C. C. Edwards, pastor of the First M. E. Church of Madison, Ind., and an alumnus of the Delta, four orations were delivered by Bros. Kemp, Barker, White and the Reporter. Good music was furnished at proper intervals during the exercises. At their close each Phi, assisted by a “fair one” (and some by two of them), wended his way to the banquet hall, where the cravings of the material man were satisfied, and at the same time toasts were given on appropriate subjects by Prof. Hall, Bro. Foster of the Ind. Beta alumni, and our own boys. Among the visitors were the P. G. C. with his new and accomplished wife, and Bro. J. C. Norris with—well, Bro. Norris, the ex-secretary of our Fraternity. Everybody seemed to have a good time, including Bro. Norris.

And now before we lay down the Reporter's pen, we want to say that this has been a prosperous year for the Ind. Delta. The signs of progress are abroad in our fraternity and we hail them with delight, and with renewed vigor struggle on to do our duty as manly Phis. We are prouder than ever before of the shield and dagger. To the SCROLL and all its readers we say good-bye, and may you have a

happy vacation and return in the fall, each to his place, for greater and grander work next year.

Fraternally in the Bond,
J. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Epsilon.

HANOVER, Ind., June 1st, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Our term and college year closes on the 16th, and the boys are beginning to think seriously of going home, of mothers, sweethearts, and other associations connected with the home circle. We initiated another noble youth—L. V. Crauens—into the mysteries of Grecian brotherhood last Monday night, after which we regaled ourselves on cake and ice cream, furnished by the lady friends of Phi Delta Theta. Bro. H. C. Montgomery of '80, principal of Seymour (Ind.) High School, was present with us, and in a response to the toast "Phi Delta Theta in the Past" he showed that his zeal for the order has not abated: Once a Phi always a Phi.

In looking back over our history for the past year we can surely congratulate ourselves on our success; we have secured more men in proportion to the number with which we started out than any opposing Frat., and in quality they are the equals of any.

Our boys are mostly those who have but limited means, and our bills are sometimes slow in being paid; however we think we can get square the first term next year.

My address during the summer will be Creswell, Jefferson Co., Ind. Wishing all Phis a pleasant vacation, as also the best of success in all things, I remain, as always,

Yours in the Bond,
W. M. AMSDEN.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Illinois Gamma.

MONMOUTH, Ill., June 2d, '81.

EDITOR SCROLL :

After a silence of several years, occasioned by a bitter opposition to fraternities of our college, I write to let the Phi Delta Theta world know that Ill. Gamma is still in the land of the living. Opposition to fraternities, as is generally the case, has but accelerated the growth of "Greeks" in Monmouth. A war inaugurated against Phi Kappa Psi last year, which made

it necessary for five of their number to graduate at Chicago University, instead of serving as a warning only made Phi Delta Theta more prosperous. We have at present 13 men and prospects for more.

For several years this chapter had but one member, but has grown to the present size in the past two years.

We are running *sub rosa*, with a chapter of "inseparable companions," (a ladies' fraternity), under the same bush. Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER ILL. GAMMA.

N. B.—Anyone desiring to correspond with me, not already knowing my name, can obtain necessary information from our Brother Editor.

R.

Illinois Delta.

GALESBURG, Ill., May 21st, '81.

DEAR SCROLL :

I have not much to report but will send what I have. We are in the midst of the convention and our enthusiasm is boiling over. Our committee badges attract much attention, especially from the envious Delta Taus.

Since our last report we have initiated another barb into the light of Grecian culture, viz., Bro. Jay Edwards, from Knoxville, Maison Co., Iowa. The Deltas tried hard to get him but failed and were cross about it. We have another man promised for next term. The Deltas are trying hard to catch him but we have covered him pretty well with Phi ribbons.

Yours in the Bond,
L. SWART.

Illinois Epsilon.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 28th, 1881.

EDITOR SCROLL :

The delegates from this chapter to the state convention held at Galesburg, May 26th and 27th, were Bros. L. A. McDaniel, L. H. Hadley and your Reporter. We were very agreeably surprised in finding the arrangements so complete and the Illinois Phis so enthusiastic. Galesburg is noted for its pretty ladies and our delegates have nothing to say in the way of detraction from that reputation, but have a great deal to say towards augmenting the attractive fame of the ladies who attended our banquet. In short, the convention was a decided success, and I suppose the Secretary will inform

you in detail as soon as he recovers from the effects of the banquet and hop.

Epsilon now has 25 names upon her roll, and the boys are as harmonious in regard to building up the chapter as the directors of a bank are in their opinion that they run a bank for the money that is in it.

We expect to refit and furnish a hall by the opening of the next school year. We shall try to make our chapter the banner one at the Richmond convention.

With the best wishes for the success of all Phis, I am,

Yours in the Bond,
J. A. FULLINWIDER.

Missouri Alpha.

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 28th, '81.

DEAR SCROLL :

Your appearance this (May) issue was hailed with delight by the constituents of Mo. Alpha. We have spiked two good and substantial boys since my last report, and will try to bring them under the effulgent rays of Phi Delta Theta before we take our departure for our several homes. Some of our boys have gone already, and by the 3rd of next month we will all do likewise. Brown and Sloan led their classes in Latin and Greek, and Chemistry, respectively, and will take the prizes in those departments. I exceedingly regret that I am compelled to announce to the Phi world the fact that Mo. will have no reunion and convention as was reported in last number of SCROLL, but I can safely say it was no fault of Mo. Alpha. Causes of failure I cannot expatiate on, but would refer you to Reporter of Mo. Beta. During vacation my address will be Clarksville, Pike Co., Mo. Next session of Mo. University begins 2nd Monday in September, 1881. Wishing the Phi Delta Thetas in general a pleasant and prosperous vacation and many returns with the next term, I am fraternally,

Yours in the Bond,
JIM R. PHARR.

Wisconsin Alpha.

UNIV. OF WISCONSIN,
Madison, Wis., June 1st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

This is the last letter that you will receive from me as Reporter of Wisconsin

Alpha. After June 21st, address all Wis. Alpha letters to Charles A. Foster, Madison, Wis.

"Our boys" may be found at the following places in Wisconsin during the summer vacation : '81: C. A. Foster, H. F. Mason and W. N. Merriam, Madison, Dan S. McArthur, La Crosse; '82: O. J. Frost, Almond, Joe Hallam, Mineral Point, D. F. Simpson, Wauwun, J. F. Tourtellotte, West Salem; '83: H. H. Beaser, Ashland; '84: Glen. Dodge, Madison, John D. Dunwiddie, Monroe, John W. Blakey, Shullsburg, Chas. M. Hall, Hudson, Bert. Park, Steven's Point.

Our first move next term will be to go into a new and larger hall, and then we'll snap our fingers at the other frats., and work our way to be the acknowledged "top of the heap" and there we'll stay.

Trusting to see you at Richmond, I am, as always,

Yours in the Bond,
DAN S. MCARTHUR.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
Lansing, Mich., May 30th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our boys have just returned from a vacation of a week, and feel fresh and strong for the work of the coming term. Commencement will be Aug. 16. Four men will graduate from our chapter. The class of '81 is a strong one and we are well represented in it. Bro. Holmes has the office of president, while Bro. Hubbert is class poet. The Phis march right to the front in this college.

We expect Bro. Bailey to return this term, and sincerely hope that his health may remain good so that he can complete his course.

Our chapter was well entertained and bountifully feasted on the evening of May 7th, by the Union Literary Society. A good programme was presented, followed by a supper, speeches, &c. We are glad to cultivate the good feeling which exists between us, especially in so appropriate a manner.

Before I lay down the pen as Reporter of Mich. B., I would like to request that if any brother in the Fraternity knows of any of our members being in Detroit, he would inform me as soon as convenient.

Yours in the Bond,
J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

DELTA PROVINCE.**Virginia Beta.**

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, June 1st, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

As this is the last issue of the session '80-'81, and as it is desirable that all chapters should report at this time, we send this communication to try to convey an idea as to how successful Phi Delta Theta has been at the University of Virginia this session.

Va. B. opened this year with the largest membership of any frat. here, and has maintained that standard during the entire session.

Quite a number of our members were initiated at other chapters, only four being initiated here this session. Our membership is as follows :

J. W. G. Blackstone, (Va. A.), Va., G. D. Blakey, Va., H. W. Bowers, Cal., Lyman Chalkley, (Va. D.), Va., H. W. Davis, (Mo. B.), Mo., J. W. Fletcher, Va., B. S. Gaitskill, Ky., H. C. Gilbert, Tenn. A.), Ala., Wm. Graham, Va., V. M. Harris, Mo., Malcom Jackson, (Ind. E.), Ind., J. A. Lancaster, Va., W. L. Lewis, Ky., A. W. Patterson, Va., J. H. Pendleton, Va., J. B. Poyntz, (Ky. A.), Ky., Hugh Reid, (Ky. A.), Ky., George Shanklin, Ky., Geo. B. Thomas, Ky.

As we stated in last SCROLL we will get five and probably six degrees, a greater number than any other fraternity will get. Two will take B. S., two A. B., one A. M., and one M. D. We do not close until about July 4th.

As we draw quite a large percentage of our membership from our southern chapters, we would like to say to them to be extremely careful in their choice of men, as one or two undesirable men from other chapters would do more towards breaking up the chapter here than twenty good ones would do good towards building it up.

With a kind farewell for a short season to all Phis, Va. Beta sends the last report for the year '80-'81.

In the Bond, REPORTER.

Virginia Delta.

900 W. FRANKLIN ST., Richmond, Va.,
May 29th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Having failed to send my report last month, I could write quite a long one this time, but I will try to remember that "brevity is the soul of wit" as you are anxious to have a letter from

each chapter. We were very sorry for our chapter to be in the "delinquent list" as it has never happened before, but we are now "O. K." with the T. G. C. We are very glad that Brother Reddig is working so earnestly on our finances, and hope he will meet with substantial responses.

I am glad to be able to score two new honors won by Delta boys. Bro. George Bryan bore off, over some dozen competitors, "The Steele Medal," awarded by the faculty to the best reader in College. Brother Bryan would almost certainly have gained the debater's medal in the Philologist Society, but for the desertion of the Betas. In the Mu Sigma Rho society, last Friday night, Bro. George B. Taylor, Jr., was awarded the best debater's medal. We will also stand a good chance for another medal, as three of our boys will try for it. We have four men who are applying for degrees, and altogether this promises to be the best year in the history of our chapter, so far as honors are concerned.

I am sorry to say that Bro. Savage is not studying medicine in Philadelphia, as stated in your last month's "personals," but is quite sick at his home in this city.

We expect to close the session with a banquet, at which we hope to have the pleasure of seeing all our city alumni and also the brothers of Va. Gamma. Our chapter ends the year in a very prosperous condition, and I think our prospects for next year are good. Our boys have begun already to talk and think about the Convention of '82, and next session will begin to work to make it a grand success. We want to have every Virginia Phi present, but as all of our chapters in this State are young, we hope the delegations from other States will be very large. The summer months should be ones, not of leisure, but of hard enthusiastic work, for every Phi; work in the way of letter writing and seeking good men. In the Bond,

REPORTER.

Tennessee Alpha.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
Nashville, Tenn., May 1, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

I have been requested to furnish the report of Tennessee Alpha for the last

number of the SCROLL for 1881. A year ago my active membership with it ceased. Up to that time it had passed through many trying seasons. The faculty had often attempted to put a glass bomb under it to blow it to pieces. But their efforts failed, and the chapter withstood it all. At the commencement a year ago I predicted that owing to the action of the trustees then the chapter would have a safe, undisturbed existence thereafter. The trustees decided that the faculty could not compel any one to declare whether he belonged to a Fraternity or not, that they could not punish any one for belonging to a Fraternity unless they had *direct* proof, and even went so far as to say that the fact that a student's name was appended to an article in a number of the SCROLL, which they accidentally found, professing to give a report of a chapter here, was not sufficient evidence to convict him. Under this decision it seemed that the chapter had little to apprehend, and I am glad to say that it has not been at all disturbed. Although the Phis are generally known as Phis, and it is bruited about that they run things in the University, not a word has been said this year by the faculty about Fraternities.

Now I will tell what the chapter has done this year. It has met fortnightly, and part of the time weekly. It sent its delegate to the Convention. It is now square with the Treasurer G. C. It steadily increased in numbers until the active membership at the close of the year reached about 36. Having no rivals, and having no trouble to procure any man wanted, it has secured only the flower of the University.

The only disagreeable thing that happened during the whole year was the expulsion a short time since of T. A. Atchison of the Vanderbilt, and M. S. Roberts of the Normal College. As distasteful as such action was it will not affect, in the slightest, the prosperity of the chapter.

I mention only a few of the honors Phi boys won this year. At the Normal College, Bro. Greiggs received the prize medal for oratory, and Bro. Wolfe the graduates' medal for scholarship. At the Vanderbilt, Bro. Patterson was first contestant for the

founder's oratorical medal from one of the literary societies. He was presented by his Phi admirers with a huge basket bouquet made entirely of white and blue flowers. Bros. Fletcher and Jackson, who supported one side of the commencement moot court case, gained the decision against two outsiders. Bro. Rose was class speaker, or Valedictorian, and besides, he was appointed to a \$300 fellowship, and will next year be tutor of history and English literature. Bro. Maddin received B. S.; Bros. Rose and McMill, M. A.; and Bros. Jackson, Goodpasture, Smedes and Flemming, B. L. Bro. Gardner delivered a masterly oration before the Alumni Association. Bro. Fletcher was elected Alumni orator for next year. A Phi has filled this position every year since the Association was organized, and it will no doubt always be filled by one. I might mention that Bro. Howell won second prize in a bicycle race a few days since.

Friday evening, May 27, was the occasion toward which, during the whole year, all members had eagerly looked forward, namely, the sixth annual commencement reunion and banquet of the chapter. We met at 10 P. M., after attending a lecture by Beecher, and we disbanded between one and two A. M. There was an elaborate four paged programme of toasts, tastefully printed in white and blue. The alumni members present were Bros. Gardner, '78, of St. Louis, Mo.; Dortch, '79, of Somerville; Ivie, '79, of Shelbyville; Barrs, '79, of Sanford, Fla.; West, '80, of Nashville; Palmer, '80, of Nashville; Hamilton, '78, (Mo. B.), of Nashville; and Gaskill, '72, (Ga. A.), of Chattanooga, and one of the Ga. Phi pioneers. Bros. Bryant, '80, and Campbell, '80, both of whom have been fellows or tutors in the University the past year, were present also, and if they represent the opinion of the faculty about the chapter it is highly favorable. Bro. Gardner was master of ceremonies, but before the programme was commenced he was presented by Bro. Dortch, in behalf of the chapter, with a gold headed cane bearing the inscription, "Presented by Phi Delta Theta to P. W. Gardner, 1881." The toast speeches were rendered in admirable style, and

at times the applause was tremendous. Bro. Hamilton's speech on *Our Phi Progeny* was loudly cheered. The enthusiasm of all reached a very high pitch when an impromptu toast was proposed to the health of Miss Beatrice McGuire, the best friend of the Phis among the ladies of Nashville, and of whom too much could not be said in praise. Particularly fine was Bro. Fletcher's response to *Farewell*. While the beautifully chosen words fell from his lips the pathos of separation affected the boys to sadness, while the encouragement for the future inspired them at the same time with new resolves.

The morning after the banquet about half of the chapter left for home; the other half were at the depot to see them off. Though outwardly everyone was lively, the parting brought a pang to many a Phi heart. "Three cheers for the Phis!" yelled the brothers on the slowly moving train; "Hurrah for the Phis!" responded those behind, who watched and waved them out of sight. Such, Brothers of the Fraternity, is the record of Tennessee Alpha for the year. The grand old chapter feels proud of its past and hopeful of its future.

In the Bond,
W. B. P.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE,
Spartansburg, S. C., May 31, '81.

DEAR BROTHERS:

We are now cramming for examinations, which are not far off.

Since my last, Bros. Cannon and King have left college on account of bad health, and now "our band is few but tried and true."

The Soph. exhibition took place on the 27th, and our chapter was represented by Bros. Ellerbe and F. Pegues, who right nobly upheld our honor.

During the past session our brothers have taken a decided stand in every way in college, and I think that they can congratulate themselves upon their success.

I hope that our chapter will have a Reporter next year, who will be more punctual and attend to his duty better than I have.

Yours in the Bond,
A. G. REMBERT.

Georgia Alpha.

UNIV. OF GEORGIA,
Athens, Ga., May 7th, 1881.

DEAR PHIS:

The date of the First Georgia State Reunion and Decennial Celebration, is fixed for July 14th and 15th, 1881. I guess you have already received an official notice of it.

The Ga. Alpha has again been called upon to perform the sad and unpleasant duty of expelling a member. Mr. J. P. Scales, initiated last October, was expelled from the Fraternity on last Wednesday afternoon at a call meeting of the Georgia Alpha. The Fraternity will please take notice, especially the Georgia chapters. Just here let me suggest that it is of the highest importance to guard well and closely our standard of initiation. The laws of our institution are very rigorous on the subject of cheating on examinations, and Mr. Scales was found guilty of this offense, expelled from his class, and of course it would be in violation of our Bond to retain him.

Yours Fraternally in Bond,
C. J. HOOD.

Georgia Beta.

EMORY COLLEGE,
Oxford, Ga., May 29th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL:

I have both good and bad news for your columns this month, but the good outnumbers the bad. In my last communication I mentioned the death of our youngest and most beloved member; now we must chronicle an expulsion. Mr. J. B. Stewart, of the Freshman class, was duly expelled by our chapter last week, after a short but fair trial, for violation of the Bond. Of course we must chronicle this. The standard of the Ga. Beta is high, and when our members *will not* come up to it, we do not believe in retaining them among us as a lifelong disgrace to our name.

Our good news is the unusual health and vigor of our chapter as well as our success in the college and literary societies. We have taken in no new members, but are working hard in every other interest of Phi Delta Theta. To show you that we are not dead I may say that, although we are by no means rich, we have paid all our assessments and have made over \$100 worth of improvements in our hall this year. In this we have been greatly

aided by Prof. McIntosh, to whom we desire to return our sincerest thanks. Our organ is a great advantage to us. In the literary societies our men bore off the palm for the best debates in the recent public contests, and Bro. Carney was unanimously elected Anniversarian for the Few Society for next October. Bro. Morgan Callaway, Jr., carried off second honor in the graduating class, over which we are particularly elated as he had much opposition.

On the 9th of June our chapter will have an anniversary. Dr. Means has written us a poem expressly for that occasion; a talented Senior has prepared us an address; our Historian has also prepared something, and with plenty of refreshments we hope to have an enjoyable time. We cordially invite all Phis to partake in this as well as in our commencement banquet, to be given 29th of June, and at which our Phi girls, ever so loyal to us, will form a prominent feature.

Yours in the Bond,
E. C. MERRY.

Georgia Gamma.

MERCER UNIVERSITY,
Macon, Ga., May 30th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Again I will beg you to lend a brother's ear to the report of Ga. Gamma. The monotonous sea of college life has been disturbed by but few ripples since my last monthly report, therefore please excuse the dullness of this one.

We welcomed the arrival of the May SCROLL only a few days since, and await the last coming of this welcome visitor, during this collegiate year.

The only two Phis in the Senior class received speaker's places as was expected. No other honors have been directly won by our boys this month, except that Bro. Nunnally, the Anniversarian of the Phi Delta (literary) society, made a splendid speech to an appreciative audience on last Friday night.

We expect to give a gold medal and a piece of music—Archery Galop—to the best and second best lady archer, respectively. The prizes will be delivered at the banquet and reunion with which we expect to celebrate our anniversary. The club that was organized to oppose us had its last meeting a month ago while ours is still "booming."

Last week we enjoyed the company of Bro. Thos. S. Meek, a former member of the Tenn. Alpha, who is now traveling for the Southwestern Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. He was in our midst several days. We also expected a visit from Bro. Barrs last week, but were sadly disappointed—and so was a pretty young lady who lives in Macon, her brother was at the depot to meet our brother. Now our brothers of Epsilon Province can understand why we have more visits from our Pres. than they. We are always glad to welcome the advent of any Phis among us.

Our commencement will be the fourth Wednesday in June, and the fall session begins the fourth Wednesday in September. We all hope the June SCROLL will reach us before we leave for our homes. The Reporter's home is Fort Valley, Ga., where he will be glad to hear from his brother Phis, during the summer holidays.

With this report I bid the SCROLL a long and affectionate farewell. If I have failed to discharge my duty as a reporter, it is now too late to make amends, for my term of office is almost out. I, therefore, ask that all errors I may have committed may be forgotten, and wishing that my successor may better fill the responsible position which I have so imperfectly filled for the past year, will close this, my last report to the SCROLL, with sincere wishes for the future welfare of our beloved fraternity.

With fraternal love for every Phi, I am, in the Bond,

JOHN P. ROSS.

Alabama Alpha.

A. & M. COLLEGE,
Auburn, Ala., June 2d, '81.

ED. SCROLL:

Our reporter, Bro. Joe Callaway, being heavily pressed with his final examinations, has requested me to write up a report for Ala. Alpha.

Relative to commencement honors we outshine the Alpha Taus—"Blackfeet," as we call them—and also the "Barbs." Last month Bro. Callaway stated how we stood in Senior and Junior classes, and it is reserved for me to tell how we rule things in the Sophomore. In this class we have nine. Twelve speakers were appointed to declaim at commencement, and of this number I am proud to say *six* are

Phis, two are Alpha Taus and four "Barbs."

The writer of "Too Progressive" in March SCROLL, seems to know his business—we agree with him, every time. "Hit the Mark" in same number was good—we agree tolerably well with him. Our first aim in selecting a man is—well, its hard to say what the first requisite of a Phi is ; but he must be a social fellow, or not be a Phi, he must have good sense, or not be a Phi, he must be a *gentleman—that is the main thing*—or else no man can ever sign the Bond. We have always managed to "spike" the right sort of men. We are *all* earnest and enthusiastic workers for our noble order.

Convention is now engaging the attention of our boys ; it's hard for our ladies' men to stay away from their fair S. T. P.'s, but they will not forsake Phi Delta Theta for anything. S. T. P. is a ladies' fraternity—wish I could tell you of it, but have now written more than I intended.

The address of Bro. J. Callaway is Snowdown, Montgomery county, Alabama. Should any desire to correspond with him during the summer he will take pleasure in answering Phi communications,—though he is lazy about other things. Write to him, boys.

Once more we tender to each and every Phi a warm and hearty welcome to our Convention, which will assemble Thursday, June 30th, at 10 A. M., and will adjourn Friday, July 1st, at 6 P. M., closing with a grand ball and banquet Friday night.

Wishing you a happy vacation and hoping that next session our order may accomplish more—though this one has been blessed with many victories—I subscribe myself, with the kindest regards of Alpha boys,

Yours in the Bond,
BENJ. F. ELMORE.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIV. OF MISS., May 26th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Since my last report our number has been reduced to sixteen by the departure of Bros. Hill and Ganong, but they will be with us again commencement and return to school next session. Bro. Simrall intends leaving in a few days, as soon as his law examination is over. He seems ambitious

to be the first of his class to take part in a case, and astound some judge and jury with his eloquence.

We celebrated our fourth anniversary at our last meeting, and on that occasion were treated to an excellent speech by Bro. Simrall.

Don't you think something could be done with our jeweler ? He has been near seven weeks filling an order for me, and the badge hasn't arrived yet. I hear of complaints from elsewhere and from these judge that the gentlemen need stirring up with a very sharp stick. I think our orders should be filled in a reasonable length of time.

Some of our Delta Gamma sisters from Ohio are here on a visit, and some of the boys are considerably excited in regard to the matter, and have planned a big "rush." I trust the fair ones may be favorably impressed with our southern land and people.

My address for the summer will be Amite City, Louisiana.

With love to all Phis, I remain,
Yours in the Bond,
C. S. STEWART.

Texas Alpha.

TEHUACANA, Texas, May 25th, 1881.

DEAR SCROLL :

Texas Alpha is looking forward to her reunion with a great deal of interest. As the time draws nearer, we are convinced more and more of the fact that during commencement is no time for a reunion of Phis. We are all students, or have been, and every one knows how pressed for time we are just before commencement. Nevertheless we are trying to do the best we can.

This will be our last report for this term. This leaves Texas Alpha in good condition, out of debt, and with a good membership. How many can say this ? We hope all delinquent chapters will strive to pay up. If we are to do anything let us do it promptly, otherwise we may fail.

We cannot give anything in regard to our reunion at present, except that several have said they would be on hand.

Delta Gamma still flourishes and will do much for the advancement of Phidom. Long live the SCROLL and the "Tie that binds our hearts together."

Yours in the Bond,
JOHN WILHELM PEARSON.

AMONG THE PHIS.

Hon. Geo. A. Bicknell, Ind. Alpha, has been appointed a member of the Supreme Court Commission, of Ind.

Hon. R. R. Hitt, Indiana Alpha, is State Assistant Secretary of State.

Judge D. D. Banta was invited to address the Alumni Association of Indiana University but declined.

Hon. John C. Duncan, Ind. Gamma, has of late been acting Judge of the Superior Court of Madison county, Ind.

Bro. Amos W. Butler, our 1st Asst. Sec'y at the Convention, has had of late an addition to his many honorary titles and is now dubbed *Father*.

Our genial Bro. Frank E. Hunter has lately closed a successful term of work in the High Schools of Washington, Indiana, of which Bro. Bob. Dunn is Principal.

Bro. Ira McConnell, Ind. Beta, '73, Surveyor for Montgomery County, Ind.

Bro. D. H. Ellison, Ind. Alpha, '78, will no doubt in June be elected Supt. of the Public Schools of Lawrence county, Ind.

Bro. Tanner, Va. Delta, although a married man, is still attending the meetings of the Delta as regularly as active members.

Bro. Fred. Jelliff, Ills. Delta, is well known in Knox Co., Ill., as one of the most popular teachers. He is in the High School at Galesburg.

Bro. R. C. Mitchell, Ind. Beta, '61, edits the *Duluth (Minn.) Tribune*.

Bro. Jay Hastings, Ills. Delta, is a popular lawyer at Galesburg.

Bro. H. R. Thompson, Ind. Beta, '0, is Professor of Chemistry in Wash. College, and it is said he is the most able man in the faculty.

Bro. Fred. C. Willson, Ills. Delta, formerly principal of the Wyoming Northside School, was recently married to an accomplished lady of Wyoming.

Bro. Conway R. Sands, Va. Delta, studying Law in Richmond, Va.

Bro. L. J. Bristow, Va. Beta, is practicing Law at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bro. Sam. Rogers, Ind. Alpha, '78, has purchased a half interest in one of the largest dry goods stores in Bloomington, Ind.

Bro. F. J. Stanley, Ind. Beta, '73, preaching in Golden, Colorado.

Bro. F. G. Strock, Penna. Beta, '85, a student at St. Timothy's, St.

Thomas, Pa. He paid his chapter a visit lately and the Beta boys were all glad to see him.

Bro. L. L. Todd, Ind. Beta, '75, is dealing in Agricultural Implements in Galva, Ills.

Bro. Geo. W. Stevens, Ala. Alpha, '80, is engaged in the Drug and Leather business at Rock Mills, Randolph Co., Ind. Bro. S. took the Gold medal for the best essay on Geology last June.

Bro. A. Gwyn Foster, Ind. Alpha, '78, recently paid his chapter a visit.

Bro. Frank. J. Annis, Mich. Beta, '45, has resigned his Professorship of Chemistry in Colorado Agricultural College, and is studying law in the University of Michigan.

Bro. Langfite, Penna. Gamma, '79, is reading law in Pittsburg, Pa. He is a successful student.

Bro. T. H. Ristine, Ind. Beta, '65, is a prominent lawyer of Crawfordsville, Ind. He was elected State Senator last fall.

Bro. Wallace Palmer, Ind. Alpha, has secured a position as an instructor in the State Reform School of Indiana.

Bro. R. E. Scott, Va. Delta, after two years teaching, is attending the Law lectures at Richmond College, Va.

Bro. Thos. R. Phister, Va. Beta, is studying Law in his father's office in Maysville, Ky.

Bro. A. A. Crane, Mich. Beta, '45, is partner in a Real Estate and Law firm at Gaylord, Mich.

Bro. Brownler, Penna. Gamma, is a rising physician of West Alexander. He is still an ardent Phi.

Bro. H. L. Martin, Ala. Alpha, '80, after a study of seven months was last March admitted to the bar from Henry County, Ala. He was the Honor man of his class.

Bro. S. W. Bradfute, Ind. Alpha, is Editor of the *Weekly Telephone*. He is succeeding well and expects to enlarge his paper to double its present size. Bro. B. has made quite a start in journalism, being the youngest editor in Indiana. Success to him.

Bro. H. A. Kelley, Ohio E., '79, has returned to his home, Kelley's Island, O., after a year's work at Harvard. Next year he will spend in European travel, and while we wish him *bon voyage* we also hope that he will let his many brothers on this side the water hear from him through our columns.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) has gone into Buchtel.

The late astronomer, Prof. Watson, is claimed by both Beta Theta Pi and Psi Upsilon.

Beta Theta Pi sometime since entered Madison Univ., by absorbing the "Adelphia."

The Rutgers chapter of Beta Theta Pi has not been able to get a man this year.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta are both trying to enter N. W. University, Evanston, Ills.

Delta Gamma will enter Indiana State U. next fall. Two Delta Gammas will establish there and also at Asbury University.

It is rumored that Phi Kappa Psi will make a strong effort to establish a chapter at Butler University, Ind.

Sigma Chi has still a lingering hope of establishing a chapter at Franklin College, Ind.

Kappa Kappa Gamma started a chapter at Simcerian college last year with 18 members. Kappa Alpha Theta also founded a chapter there last February with 6 members.

The following has been clipped from the Bloomington *Telephone*:

"Last Friday afternoon the inhabitants of the Bee Hive building were alarmed by accumulating smoke, which, upon short examination, seemed to be issuing from the Sigma Chi Hall. As there was no key to be had, and it was feared that soon the fiery flames would follow, a man was dispatched to the window, which was unceremoniously smashed, and the sacred abode of fraternal brotherhood was thrown open to the unwashed, the writer being one of them. The fire was—well it was smoke escaping from a flue in an adjoining room."

Beta Theta Pi now has the Yale bee in its bonnet.

On May 18, at Masonic Temple, New York, 104 Alpha Delta Phis assisted in inaugurating their Columbia chapter which suspended 40 years ago.

Phi Gamma Delta comes out at Williams with 15 members who have rented a chapter house. This frat. contradicts the report that it has entered Wittenberg, saying that it refused an application for charter from there.

A route agent on the Penn. R. R. was recently arrested for robbing the mail of a Chi Phi pin. What did he want with it?

The *Star and Crescent* says that the item in the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, that "Alpha Delta Phi is trying to get a footing in Ohio Wesleyan University," is a very remarkable statement.

Kappa Alpha Theta so amended their constitution at their last convention that no Preps can be admitted as members. Beta Theta Pi ditto. Preparatory Departments will not be abolished, however.

Delta Upsilon (anti secret) has entered Harvard, and is trying to revive its original chapter at Williams, founded in 1834, and suspended in 1864, and to which Pres. Garfield belongs.

Delta Phi has revived its Harvard chapter, established in 1845, and suspended in 1851, and is looking with longing eyes toward U. of Pa. and Johns Hopkins.

Phi Gamma Delta's Centre chapter, established in 1856, and suspended in 1868, has been revived. The Allegheny chapter has handsomely fitted up a hall, with a badge of the Fraternity, 15 feet long, as the ceiling centerpiece. The chapter at Ind. Asbury has "collided" with the Beta Theta Pi chapter there, and there is "blood on the moon." A Phi Gam is said to be working at Wooster. The publication of a song book is being considered by the Fraternity.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is suspected of having entered Minn. U.

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