

# Musical Sorrows

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## MUSING.\*

BY W. B. PALMER.

I sit all alone in the stillness  
Of a summer's eve, balmy and fair  
The zephyrs are wantonly sporting,  
And filling with perfume the air.  
All nature at rest, and the landscape  
Illumed by the moon's brightest sheen,  
The beams on the lawn and the shadows  
Richly carpet with patchwork the green.  
I hear, at a distance, the music  
Of violin, flute and guitar;  
And withdrawn to a place of seclusion,  
Find solace in fragrant cigar.  
Sweet time for reflection and study,  
For rev'ries and dreams coming fast,  
I think with much hope of the future,  
And then, I revert to the past.  
The years have sat lightly upon me,  
Many days of my youth still remain,  
My life, though, has been not all pleasure,  
For some things have given me pain.  
Ha! a strain of the music arrests me,  
In snatches it falls on my ear,  
With attention again I will listen,  
Do I certainly rightly hear?  
Oh yes, I could ne'er be mistaken;  
That rondo, whose cadences low  
As murmurs of slow, gentle waters,  
So well and distinctly I know.  
'Tis five years, and more, since I heard it,  
What changes have happened since then!  
Yet clearly are things erst forgotten  
Recalled as I hear it again.

\*Read before the Tennessee Alpha Alumni (Nashville chapter) of Phi Delta Theta, Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, 1882.

How she looked as she sang, I remember,  
 'Twas, at that time, my favorite song,  
 She repeated it often to please me,  
 While we lingered, and lingered yet, long.

Ah me! well, at length it all ended,  
 'Twas not right we should meet as of yore,  
 And painful and sad was the parting,  
 We knew we must meet never more.

Confound it, that music has brought back  
 The mem'ries I thought buried deep;  
 My cigar is extinguished, I'll turn in  
 And try to destroy them in sleep.

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### A FEW IDEAS CONCERNING THE CONVENTION OF '82.

As the time for our national convention approaches and all eyes in the Phi world are turning eagerly towards Richmond, it may not be improper to venture a few suggestions regarding the work to be accomplished. Probably the matter of greatest interest to the majority of Phis, is the new catalogue, whose coming has been anticipated for so many months. We are eager to see that catalogue, and as one who has had a great deal of experience, disagreeable experience, in trying to get the old boys to be prompt in filling up their blanks, I can assure you that I realize that the task is not an easy one. Let us concentrate our efforts to make that catalogue come out at the earliest possible moment.

The time of holding our national convention is very unhandy. It interrupts the work both of the student and the man of business. In August, those yet in college can go easily while the business man can get vacation much more easily than in October. Most of the Frats hold their conventions in the summer vacations. Why then cannot we?

Burgess, the official jeweler, has done any thing but satisfactory work for our boys. It seems to me that a change is absolutely necessary. A diamond pin, whose diamonds have fallen out is a rather sad spectacle, to say the least.

Would it not be well to make our national organ, open? There seems to be nothing published therein which may not be seen by "barbarian gaze," and it would serve to help us wonderfully, in many respects, were we privileged to exhibit our SCROLL to many men.

Lastly, would it not be a pleasing feature to change the name of officers? We belong to a Greek Fraternity, to a secret society, and the

“Mr. *President*,” or “Bro. *President*,” sound decidedly unharmonious with the nature and kind of the great brotherhood to whose noble Bond we have been permitted to attach our names. ENYAP.

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## RESPONSE TO THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME, BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

BY D. DE MOTT WOODMANSEE, OHIO BETA, '81.

BRO. HOBBS:

Your words of welcome come to us to-night freighted with the true fraternal spirit. I am sure that I but express the sentiments of these representatives of our order from the great States of Ohio and Indiana, when I accept your greetings with all the regard which they imply. To my mind there is no plan which is better adapted to strengthen our vows of fidelity and friendship to each other and to our order than to meet as we have met to-night: and there is nothing which adds greater inspiration to such a work than a good hearty supper. If you want to disturb the average man's conscience, just ask him about his record. If you want to torment his soul, ask him about his creed or his religious belief; but if you want to make him supremely happy, feed him,—feed him much and feed him often.

We have come from our respective fields of labor, have left behind us the cares and responsibility of our different vocations to do what we can for the Phi Delta Theta fraternity; and last, but not least, to have a genuine good time. And as I look around me and see these cheerful faces, reflecting a spirit of enthusiasm in this work, I am forced to prophesy a future for this province, filled with successes, crowned with victories. If we want to make anything a success we must be in earnest, and I believe that the spirit represented here to-night is one of earnestness and one of unflinching fidelity.

There is something fascinating about this fraternity work. We are shut off from the outer world by the veil of secrecy, but behind that veil is a brotherhood of brothers where frankness and fidelity are the ruling impulses. We work for a common end and rejoice over common victories. Our organization binds together the leading Colleges of our country and elevates their social standard. We used to think that it was an easy matter to run a College without a President, or if needs be without a Faculty, but to run a College without a fraternity was a total failure. Fraternity life, notwithstanding its abuse by many so-called fraternity men who bring reproach upon the whole system, has its charms and its benefits known only to active and faithful members. When properly conducted it acts as an antidote for many of the cares

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and troubles that meet the college boy face to face. It often lifts up the depressed spirits of the diligent student and gathers around him a circle of comrades in whom he can confide, and with whom he can labor in the coming years. That young man who joins a fraternity for the purpose of gaining social position entirely at the expense of the fraternity, is totally unworthy of the badge of honor. He reminds me of the man who tries to go through the world on the reputation of his wife. Many men do that thing, but by and by the burden becomes too great for the wife to bear and she dies. \* \* \*

I am compelled to believe that our alumni chapter here in Cincinnati takes an active interest in our fraternity, when I think of another brilliant affair (May Music Festival) which they have refused to attend to-night that they might be with us. When it was known that the Phi Delta Theta fraternity would hold a convention in Cincinnati on the 18th and 19th of May, those who were interested in the success of the May Festival thought that to be just the time to have it, in order to get a crowd. For this reason the Festival goes on to-night, and I dare say that the chorus is more voluminous and the accent of the prima donnas sweeter because of the spirit of Phi Delta Thetaism that permeates this city.

I must also compliment the members of the chapters of this province who have responded so well to the invitation to be present at this banquet. And brothers, whether we are in College or not, let us be determined to stand by the Shield and Dagger with renewed energy and never allow our banners to trail in the dust. Let us say that the Beta province shall be the banner province of our fraternity. With the alumni chapter of Cincinnati for our example, let us go forward to victory. Let us pledge our support to our President, Scott Bonham, of whom let me say that, notwithstanding his extreme piety, he would rather attend a fraternity meeting than go to camp-meeting or to Sunday-school. He would rather attend a good, red-hot initiation than a banquet in honor of the Queen. And knowing of his earnestness in this work as I do, let me say of him what his modesty would ask me not to say, that the Beta province should congratulate itself upon having at its head a man of such energy and of such loyalty to the best interests of our fraternity. But we have other great men. In statesmanship we have a Harrison, a Foster and a Ramsey. In theology a Morrison and a Hobbs. In medicine a Thrasher; and a doctor and a Thrasher are one and the same thing. When I come to speak of our eminent representatives in the legal profession I am forced to use the words of another—"The woods is full of them." \* \* \*

Brothers of Cincinnati, allow me to again thank you for this courteous reception. We shall carry away with us feelings of deeper interest in our fraternity and stronger attachments for the principles which it represents. It was for this purpose that you received us. It was this which prompted us to leave our posts of duty to accept your hospitality. And as I look about me and see these cheerful surroundings the question instinctively comes up in my mind—where could we have found a better place to meet than here in Cincinnati? Cincinnati, the city noted for its palaces like this in which we meet to-night! Cincinnati, the city of music and song! Cincinnati, around whom to-night corruscate the musical stars of the world! Long may she flourish, and may her prosperity be but typical of the prosperity of our brothers who live within her gates, and may their successes be indicative of a general flourishing condition of our fraternity throughout the college world.

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### RE-ARRANGING THE PROVINCES.

It will probably be demanded at the convention that a change be made in the dividing lines between our Provinces. The Fraternity has enlarged considerably since the division was made, and some of the Provinces, especially Beta and Gamma, are too large for their Presidents to give them proper supervision. The following arrangement is suggestive.

Alpha Province, the Chapters in Vermont and Pennsylvania; Beta Province the Chapters in Ohio and Kentucky; Gamma Province, the Chapters in Maryland and Virginia; Delta Province, the Chapters in Indiana and Michigan; Epsilon Province, the Chapters in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee; Zeta Province, the Chapters in Illinois and Missouri; Eta Province, the Chapters in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

NOTES.—Alpha: The Vt. and Pa. Chapters, of course, should be in the same Province. Beta: The Chapters in Ky. and Ohio would make a more compact Province than the Ky. and Va. Chapters. Gamma: This province would not occupy a large territory, but the Fraternity needs judicious building up in Va., and the President should give it close attention. Delta: Mich, is contiguous to Ind., but not to Ill., and, therefore, Mich, Beta should be in the same Province with the Ind. Chapters rather than with the Ill. Chapters. Epsilon: The field embraced in this Province could be superintended easily by one President, as little extension can be done. Tenn. Alpha, which is now in

the Province with the Ky. and Va. Chapters, has hardly any active communication with them, but is closely identified with the other Southern Chapters. Zeta: Mo. and Ill. are adjacent, and, as some of the Chapters in those States need reconstruction, the work would be enough for one President. Eta: Iowa, Wis. and Minn. lie together, and the Chapters within them would make a strong Province, with the possibility of enlargement in the Northwest. GRADUATE.

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## LETTERS FROM WELL-KNOWN PHIS.

BRO. CHAS. B. GASKILL, ESQ., GA. A., '72.

DEAR TROXELL:

ATLANTA, GA., May 17th, 1882.

The May SCROLL reached me to day and I read it entirely through this evening. For some reason I have never received the April number. Will you see that I do get it? I am really greedy when I do get a SCROLL, and will not part with them, as I must refer to them often.

You will pardon me if I do wrong, but I find that you will get a letter from me before I stop. There was one letter in the SCROLL that struck me forcibly to-day. It reminded me of the days when I corresponded with F. H. Terrell. The Va. A. had 15 men. The Ga. A. had just planted herself firmly, when there came the dreadful news from Va. A. that all her men had left her but Terrell, Floyd, and Hargrove, and that these men thought of surrendering at times. These dissatisfied men all left the Va. A., I was informed, because it had been started by a Northern man. This fired the Ga. boys to stand by their three brothers, and if that dear Phi to me (Floyd) could read you some of my letters written in those days they would make your blood leap. These three grand and noble boys stood by the Va. A. a long time, and no additions were made until many fears for their future had come to me. And how well do I remember reading the letter informing me that Floyd, Hargrove and Terrell had been joined by W. M. Murrell. I read his letter in the SCROLL to-day with a real pleasure, and though I have never seen him, nor heard from him for several years, I rejoice to hear of his success. This is what the SCROLL is doing, and it will rekindle our thoughts of the past.

I have recently rec'd a letter from Bro. W. W. Seals, Cuthbut, Ga. He is a Professor in College, at Cuthbut, Ga. He writes me that he expects to be on hand with his Poem, and later I rec'd a postal from him, stating that he had heard from Bro. Van Nostrand and that he would write him that he would be at Richmond Convention.

I intended to give you a line or two from the Eps. Prov. convention meeting, but don't think I ever did. I will now refer to but one incident. During one meeting when Bro. Fox was speaking, he mentioned the name of "Troxell" and immediately the hall rung with an enthusiastic applause. Had you been present, what could you have said to those Ga. Phis?

At your service I continue faithfully, your Bro. in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

CHARLES B. GASKILL

138 S. Forsyth Street,

BRO. C. M. BECKWITH, ESQ., GA. A., '73.

DEAR SCROLL:

ATLANTA, GA., May 16th, 1882.

No. 8, Vol. VI., paid its monthly call by this morning's mail. How rapidly the past thirty days have sped by! I wanted to drop you a word when April's number came, but had to delay, and now May is here. Ah, well, we are growing old I fear and that's the reason time quickens its pace. I remember one day standing upon the Capitol at Washington and looking down upon men walking below. They seemed but figures. By measurement they were as large as the common run of men, but my own position was changed, and the eye, unaccustomed to any lofty stand, marveled at the tiny figure moving below.

It is so, I doubt not, with the digits of time, be they moments, months or years. It ever takes as many beats of the swinging pendulum to tell an hour, but as we grow older our own position is changed. The blood in our veins is thinner and we measure time by the severed throbbing of our own hearts. A rolling stone may gather no moss, but start it down hill, and it has to be a curious sort of stone to gather no speed.

Special thanks Mr. Editor, for your April number. I was very blue before its familiar face was seen. Extra duties pressed upon me and my work seemed very hard. The refreshing showers of April lengthened with weary rains, and the lazy clouds piled high and spread across the sky, casting dark shadows earthward, and seemed not to care to break—I was lonesome, I doubt not, and needed that companionship the Phi Delta Theta used to afford in college days. I opened the SCROLL, wondering if some well known note might not recall the harmony of past associations—"Emmett Tompkins"—That was the name I said. If I were sure you knew the man I would cut short what I have to say, trusting you to imagine the pleasure with which I read his name. It is well nigh ten years since we met, and I remember him as though I shook his hand on yesterday. The convention met at Athens, Ohio, 1873: I was a delegate from Ga. and Emmett Tompkins was a student. Time and again the good order and quick decorum of that body were made things of naught by the peals of laughter which applauded the genial humor of my brother Tompkins. His letter of acceptance in the April SCROLL is characteristic. Tell him how I enjoyed it, will you, Mr. Editor, and you can say, moreover, that the pleasure of renewing an acquaintance with him—begun under such favorable circumstances as characterized the convention of 1873—has decided me on the convention question of 1882. Beg him to arm himself with news from the good people of Athens, Ohio, who treated us so kindly, and we shall shake his hand and ply him with queries when the boys gather at Richmond.

There was sadness as well as pleasure for her in the April SCROLL. I was a charter member of the Ga. B.—now the Ga. Alpha—and I see you had to write her name under the delinquent Chapters. I shall reserve a thought that rises in my mind for another time, if you can give me space. Let me now say that this State of finances is a sore point to us old men. It looks badly. I know some of those men at Athens, Ga., and a finer lot of fellows never came together to sign the Bond. A little careless, you say? Well, yes—But true men still, and you will hear from them on this question of money if I mistake not.

Once more, and I will bring this too long letter to a close. When the Province held its meeting in Atlanta, I was asked to see to the organizing of an Alumni

Chapter here. I do not regard the step advisory yet. When the time comes you shall hear from us.

Love to the old boys and a pleasant anticipation for the Richmond Convention,  
Yours in the Bond, C. M. BECKWITH.

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### **In Memoriam.**

Bro. Oliver R. Foote, of Michigan Beta was drowned in Lake Michigan at his home in South Haven, Mich., July 13, 1882. He was taking an evening boat ride with a young lady. About 9 o'clock a squall is said to have struck the shore, and the boat was probably capsized by it. The sad news of the drowning cast a gloom over the quiet village as hardly any thing else could have done. Bro. Foote entered College in 1875, and remained two years. He was a marvel of physical beauty and strength, and his mental endowments were extraordinary. He was an expert athlete and swimmer, hence his drowning can be accounted for only on the assumption that he died while trying to save the life of his fair companion. As a Phi he was universally loved. His chapter adopted the following memorial:

'We were pained to hear of the death of our beloved friend and brother, Oliver R. Foote. As brothers with him in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity we have learned to cherish every true heart; we have admired every high intellect, have loved every noble soul; but for no brother has our admiration and affection been greater than for him whose untimely death we mourn. It is with great interest that we follow the steps of each brother as he takes up the duties of a noble life, and although he be seldom seen in the chapter hall he is never forgotten. The tie of friendship and of brotherly love which binds young hearts together in college days does not release its hold when those college days are done. A pure, exalted life is remembered, and cherished, and when its light is so suddenly extinguished it requires more than simple words to express the sorrow which saddens every heart.'

But few of the attendant members of the chapter had met our Brother Foote, still they knew him. We all feel an irreparable loss in the death of one so warm hearted, so generous, so pleasantly remembered for scholarly attainments and endearing manners, so loyally devoted to all that was good. We had cherished his memory in the fond hope of being long associated with a noble life. In our sorrow we can only say, as we always must in times of great affliction, "Thy will be done."

As a token of sympathy for those who are still nearer and dearer to Ollie than ourselves, we request that this memorial tribute be presented them, and that it be printed in the South Haven *Sentinel*, and in the SCROLL: also that it be spread upon our minutes.

L. H. BAILEY, JR.  
CHAS. BAKER,  
DORR J. STRYKER.  
*Committee.*

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—Michigan Beta has purchased a piano for its hall. Bro. Bailey speaks very favorably of the chapter there and we hope they may have many pleasant meetings in the future, the enjoyment of which will be greatly heightened by the piano.

It would be a good idea for other chapters to follow their plan.

## CONVENTION OF 1870.

[During 1879-80 we gave in the SCROLL some before unpublished minutes of previous Conventions. The minutes of the Convention of 1868 were the last given. We have been unable to procure the minutes of the Convention held in Chicago, June 1869, or of the Convention held in Indianapolis, May 1871. We ask each chapter to make a thorough search through its archives for them, and send them to us if found. We give herewith the minutes of the Convention of 1870, and we have the minutes of the Convention of 1872 ready to publish when we find room. Where the names of the chapters have been changed we give their new names in parentheses.]

THE MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PHI DELTA THETA, HELD AT OXFORD, OHIO, IN THE TWENTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE FRATERNITY, MAY 11TH AND 12TH, 1870.

PHI DELTA THETA HALL, Oxford, Ohio, May 11th, 1870.

The President of the Order, R. W. Bridge, of Chicago, being absent, the Convention was called to order by Harvey Lee, Ohio Alpha, one of the Vice Presidents under the organization had at the last National Convention held at Chicago, Ill., with J. B. Elam, Ohio Alpha, Assistant Secretary of the last Convention, as Secretary. Bro. Lee made a few remarks, extending the welcome of the Ohio Alpha to the brethren from abroad, and the Convention proceeded to business. On motion of Bro. Elam, the appointment of a committee on credentials was waived. The roll of the chapters was called on the suggestion of Col. Jacobs, of Indianapolis, and the following delegates responded:

Ohio Alpha, Jno. W. Feigham; Ohio Beta (now Gamma), W. B. Carpenter; Ind. Alpha, S. D. Butts; Ind. Beta, J. E. McFerrin; Ind. Gamma, A. G. Alcott, G. M. Boyce and S. E. Mahan; Ind. Eta (now Zeta), D. M. Elder and C. O. Perry; Ill. Alpha (now Beta), Col. C. P. Jacobs; Ky. Alpha, Va. Alpha, Mich. Alpha and Ind. Delta were not represented.

The committee on permanent organization, having been appointed, submitted the following report:

President, R. L. Lyons, Ohio Alpha; Vice Presidents, C. P. Jacobs, Ill. Alpha (now Beta), D. B. Williams, Ind. Gamma and W. B. Carpenter, Ohio Beta (now Gamma); Secretaries, Jno. B. Elam, Ohio Alpha, J. L. Fletcher, Ind. Epsilon and O. R. Post, Ind. Beta; Marshall, F. C. Donaldson, Ind. Theta (at Ind. Normal School, combined now with Ind. Zeta).

The committee appointed at the last Convention to publish a catalogue of the Order, reported that the Convention which appointed them failed to provide the means for doing it, and, therefore, they were unable to perform the work entrusted to them. The committee expressed

their readiness to turn over all papers connected with the work in their possession to whomsoever the Convention should designate, and asked to be discharged. The report was signed by R. W. Bridge and F. A. Smith, Ill. Alpha (now Beta).

The following additional report was read from Ill. Alpha (now Beta): "To the delegates of the Phi Delta Theta in Convention assembled: In accordance with a resolution passed by the Indianapolis Convention, the sum of \$46.00 was placed by the various chapters in the hands of the Ill. Alpha (now Beta), for the purpose of publishing in pamphlet form the oration and poem delivered before that Convention. We have in our possession a copy of the oration, but have never received a copy of the poem. This money belongs to the Order, and it is considered right and proper by the Ill. Alpha (now Beta) to place the money at the disposal of the Convention, and it is, therefore, herewith transmitted. F. A. Smith, President, and R. W. Smith, Secretary, Ill. Alpha (now Beta)."

On motion, another catalogue committee consisting of the active members of Ohio Alpha was appointed to publish the catalogue. The committee was authorized to use the money returned by Ill. Alpha (now Beta) in publishing the same, and also to call upon Orlan F. Baker, of Indianapolis, Ind., for certain moneys entrusted to his care by the Indianapolis Convention, and, further, to assess a capitation tax on the various chapters to defray the remaining expenses.

A committee on general state of the Order was appointed, and, on motion, all papers and documents which would assist this committee in their investigations were referred to them.

A committee was appointed to fix a place for holding the next Convention and nominate an orator and poet with alternates. The Ind. Alpha, Ind. Beta and Ind. Gamma each desired the Convention to be held where it was located. After considerable discussion, the committee submitted the following report which was adopted:

Place of Annual Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.; Time, 2nd Wednesday in May, 1871; Orator, J. J. Moore, of Owensboro, Ky.; Alternate, Alex. I. Hobbs, of De Moines, Ia.; Poet, J. M. Oldfather, of Lewisburg, Ohio; Alternate, W. P. Black, of Chicago, Ill.

On motion of Bro. Alcott, the preamble and resolutions offered by Bro. Guffin at the Chicago Convention and there tabled was made the special business for 8 o'clock to-morrow.

A committee was appointed to investigate the matter of individual members establishing chapters in other States. The Convention adjourned to attend the literary exercises at the University chapel.

PHI DELTA THETA HALL, Oxford, O., May 12th, 1870.

Convention called to order by President at 8 A. M. Bro. Alcott called on the Secretary to read the following which had been made the special business of the hour.

*“Whereas, men and women have been endowed by their Creator with the same mental, moral and social powers; and whereas, the ablest thinkers and most moral and patriotic citizens of this country, to say nothing of others, favor the co-education of the sexes, therefore,*

*“RESOLVED, that we hereby commit ourselves to the principle and policy of admitting ladies into the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.”*

After a lengthy discussion, in which Bros. Guffin and Alcott favored the resolution, and were opposed by Bros. Jacobs, Strong, Feigham, McFerrin and Carpenter, a motion was made by Col. Jacobs that the resolution be tabled until the next Annual Convention. The motion was carried by the following vote: Yeas, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Beta (now Gamma), Ind. Alpha, Ind. Beta, Ind. Epsilon, Ind. Eta (now Zeta), Ind. Zeta (Vincennes, never chartered) and Ill. Alpha (now Beta). Nays, Ind. Gamma.

The committee on state of the Order submitted the following report which was received:

“OXFORD, O., May 12th, 1870.

“The undersigned committee on the state of the Order respectfully submit the following report. That, in the brief time allotted to them, they have examined such letter and documents as they were able to procure, and from these, and other sources of information, they make the following statement. The operations of the Order have been seemingly confined to the States of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia, and the points at which chapters are located are believed, so far as known, to be these:

Wis. Alpha, not represented, location unknown; Wis. Beta, not represented, location unknown; Mich. Alpha, not represented, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Ind. Alpha, represented, Bloomington, Ind.; Ind. Beta, represented, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Ind. Gamma, represented, Indianapolis (now Irvington), Ind.; Ind. Delta, not represented, Franklin, Ind.; Ind. Epsilon, represented, Hanover, Ind.; Ind. Zeta (never chartered), not represented, Vincennes, Ind.; Ind. Eta (now Zeta), represented, Greencastle, Ind.; Ind. Theta (at Ind. Normal School, combined with Ind. Zeta), represented, Terre Haute, Ind.; O. Alpha, represented, Oxford, O.; Ohio Beta (now Gamma), represented, Athens, O.; Ky. Alpha, not represented, Danville, Ky.; Va. Alpha, not represented, Salem, Va.

“We learn, apparently from heresay, that a chapter or two did exist in Tennessee, one in Texas, and perhaps one more in Va., and one more in Ky., but of this we cannot speak definitely. The Mich. Alpha is either dead or dying, and chapters in Wisconsin and Illinois, with the exception of the Alpha (now Beta) at Chicago, made no sort of report to the Convention. We recommend a rigorous canvassing by the Secretaries elect of the whole field, and that every effort be made to establish our lines of communication in all these States, and that all honorable means be used to establish chapters in all proper places. We believe that the work of catalogue ought to be pushed forward and finished at the earliest practicable moment. This ought to contain, in addition to the usual matter, a list of the various chapters, where located, and when established, and all other matter necessary to give the active, resident and correspondent membership a complete statement of the present condition of the Order. It ought to be finished in first-class style, and in an edition of at least 1,000 copies. We do not recommend that any summary proceedings be taken against chapters that have failed to report present, but that all our labor of love and patience should be exhausted before resorting to such measures. C. P. Jacobs, D. M. Elder and Harvey Lee, Committee.”

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Bro. Lee reported that they had made all necessary arrangements for the reunion of the present year, acting according to their best judgment, and that they had secured, with considerable difficulty, an orator and poet for the present Annual Convention, after the regularly elected orator and poet and their alternates had each expressed their inability to attend.

The following report was made of the assessments on the various chapters to defray the expenses of the Convention of 1870:

Ohio Alpha, \$23.75; Ohio Beta (now Gamma), \$13.75; Ind. Alpha, \$13.75; Ind. Beta, \$21.25; Ind. Gamma, \$8.75; Ind. Delta, \$6.25; Ind. Epsilon, \$10.00; Ind. Eta (now Zeta), \$8.00; Ind. Theta (combined now with Ind. Zeta), \$11.25; Ky. Alpha, \$10.00; Ill. Alpha (now Beta), \$15.00; Va. Alpha, \$13.75. Total, \$155.50.

The estimated expenses to be covered by this tax were the following: Printing Invitations, \$46.00; Band, \$40.00; Expenses of Speakers, \$25.00; Incidentals, \$28.25. Total, \$139.25. It was ordered that all extra funds, over and above expenses incurred, raised by this tax be transferred to the catalogue fund.

After comparing the constitutions of the Ohio and Ind. Alpha chapters, it was found that they differed so essentially that considerable time would be required to revise and harmonize them, and, on motion, a

committee of three from Ohio Alpha, consisting of Bros. Fisher, Elam and Feigham, were appointed to take the constitutions of the Alpha chapters of the different States, and prepare a revision of the whole, and report at the next Convention.

Moved and carried that one alumnus and one active member be elected from each chapter as delegates to our Annual Convention.

The following members were appointed as an Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

C. P. Jacobs and C. E. Smith, Ill. Alpha (now Beta), — Guffin and — Boyce, Ind. Gamma, J. B. Elam, Ohio Alpha, and D. B. Floyd, Va. Alpha.

Two members were appointed to furnish the press with such reports of the convention proceedings as they deemed proper.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the Orator and Poet of the Convention, for their important contributions to the enjoyment of the reunion; and also to the Ohio Alpha, for her kindness and hospitality to the visitors from the other chapters; also to the faculty of Miama Univ. for the use of the chapel for the literary exercises; also to the ladies of Oxford, for their assistance in decorating the banquet hall. After a song by W. E. Evans, Ohio Alpha, and solo by D. M. Elder, Ind. Eta (now Zeta), with chorus by the whole Convention, and a recitation by A. G. Alcott, Ind. Gamma, which served to put the house in the best of humor, the Convention adjourned, to meet at Indianapolis, Ind., on the second Wednesday of May, 1871.

R. L. LYONS, *President.*

JNO. B. ELAM, *Secretary.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT NO. 1.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, Oxford, O., 8 P. M., May 11th, 1870.

A large and select audience having assembled, the house was called to order by Pres. Lyons. The President introduced Dr. Stanton, Pres. of Miami Univ., who opened the exercises with prayer. In the absence of Gen. Morgan, Bro. H. C. Guffin of Indianapolis, delivered the annual oration. Subject, "The Course of American Civilization." The regularly appointed Poet being absent, Col. C. P. Jacobs, of Indianapolis, delivered the poem. Subject, "The Selfish Prince." The members of the fraternity, with their ladies and invited guests, then repaired to the "Oxford House" for a social reunion. JNO. B. ELAM, *Sec'y.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, NO. 2.

OXFORD HOUSE, Oxford, O., 10 P. M., May 11th, 1870.

Banquet for the Order under the supervision of the Ohio Alpha. Chairman, R. L. Lyons. Toasts: "The Order," J. W. Feigham; "Our Invited Guests," S. D. Butler; "The Oration," H. C. Guffin; "The Poet," Col. C. P. Jacobs; "The Ladies of Oxford," R. O. Strong; "The Gentlemen Present," H. C. Guffin. After supper the entertainment of the evening was concluded by a dance which was enjoyed until a late hour. JNO. B. ELAM, *Sec'y.*

# THE SCROLL

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GETTYSBURG, PA., OCTOBER, 1882.

Hurrah for Richmond!

Who is going to our next Convention?

We are sorry that we are so late in publishing the SCROLL this time. We should like to have seen it in the hands of the whole Fraternity on the first of the month. But for circumstances over which we had no control, we are compelled to publish it at this late date.

It has been our desire for some time past to be present at Richmond. We should like to see face to face Phis with whom we have had the pleasure of corresponding for several years. But at present it seems impossible for us to go and we feel that we have to deny ourselves of this enviable pleasure.

On last memorial day, April 26th, at the annual celebration of our Southern dead, Bro. C. A. L. Samford, Ala. Alpha, '80, delivered the address in Auburn, Ala., Bro H. L. Martin, Ala. Alpha, '80, in Abbeville, Ala., and Bro. B. F. Elmore, Ala. Alpha, '83, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Their addresses were all spoken of in highest terms.

We lately had the pleasure of meeting President Dreher of Roanoke College. He spoke very highly of our chapter there and said he would willingly give us all assistance we wanted

in getting up our catalogue list. This we appreciated very much and more so from the fact that he is a member of another fraternity.

We have received reports from several chapters which we would have put in this issue had they not arrived too late for publication. We began this time as it were backwards and had our last form finished before we gave our printer any other matter. We did not like to mar the regularity and order of the SCROLL by putting the reports in other places. We hope, however, the chapters will not feel offended, whose reports have thus been omitted. No doubt, the new management will make sufficient recompense.

We should like to call especial attention to the minutes of the convention which we publish in this number. No doubt, some of its proceedings will be of great interest to those of us who expect to be on hand at Richmond. We considered them not only appropriate at this time, but also very interesting to all Phis. There is a certain mysterious charm about all old things. May the convention of '82 profit by a perusal of them.

The Convention, of course, will elect new officers. Who shall they be? Who are best fitted for the various positions of honor and trust? A great responsibility rests upon the delegates in choosing the new G. C., for it has the executive power during '82-'84. We want first, active workers; secondly, men who are acquainted with the whole field, who know both the standing of our own and that of other fraternities; thirdly, men who will give time, labor and money to the cause; fourth, we want men who are wholly devoted to Phi Delta Theta. Let the Convention take these few requisites under serious advisement and let us

put away, as a good Phi in a letter to us recently said, chapter selfishness. If the good men in the fraternity are all from one chapter, then let us select our G. C. from that chapter. Let us be whole-souled Phis, who can look beyond personal prejudices, and who can look *only* to the best interests of our noble and much beloved order.

In another place we have spoken of changes in the Constitution and Ritual as a whole. We want to say a word about the Ritual itself. We think that the Ritual we now have in use does very well, though we do not consider it superior to the one we used in initiations during '78 and '80. The latter had more of the mysterious in it and hence we preferred it. Secrecy and mysticism is the vitality of a fraternity. Take away either of them and you have taken away the charm, or, if we may use the word, the soul of a fraternity. It is the mystery, the profound secrecy of a fraternity, that makes it so precious to its constituents. Well, our present Ritual seems to fill the bill as we look at it, and therefore let us not be too hasty in making changes. But if changes are made, let every chapter aim to stand by the order of initiation and all other ritualistic exercises, and not omit this portion or that portion, as some chapters now do. Whatever the Convention enacts let us heartily take hold of, and let us obey the law to the letter as well as to the spirit. We believe in looking a little more to the letter of this law, the spirit we are less apt to misinterpret.

A word about our grip. It has been changed too often, we have a good one and one that cannot be so very easily detected. Let us keep it so that we can in future years give brothers who are by many years our juniors the same old Phi Delta Theta grip.

Either before or after the convention of 1880 some ardent Phi from the West spoke very determinedly against the constant change of constitution and Ritual at every Biennial convention. We heartily sanctioned at that time all that he said and do so now. We believe that both our Constitution and Ritual are organic and hence susceptible of continuous development, but we do most strenuously oppose so many unnecessary changes. A Phi ten years from now will hardly know that he belongs to the same fraternity. to which, years ago, he had sworn eternal allegiance. We have changed almost our entire Constitution and Ritual, and an outsider comparing the two Constitutions and not knowing they belonged to the same order, would easily affirm that they were separate and distinct and hence belonged to different fraternities. Suppose a Phi, who had been initiated in '76, and who had not kept himself posted with these constant changes, should meet a member of one of our new chapters in the North-west and the latter should apply to him the words of salutation and signs of recognition, he would be utterly confounded and disclaim any connection with the order. Now, this case is more than a mere supposition, it is a fact. We speak from experience. Several years ago we met a Phi from a Southern chapter in Baltimore and had we not been armed with the Shield and Dagger, we fear the brother would have considered us very presumptuous and "cheeky." Let the convention this time endorse only such changes, for these will no doubt be suggested, as are absolutely necessary, so that we will not have to bear the expense of publishing an entirely new Constitution and Ritual. Let only those laws which have become extremely obnoxious be abolished. Let each delegate feel that our Constitution, as well as our Bond, is above change, and that a change should only be made when absolutely necessary, and then by the unanimous vote of *all* the delegates. Let us not be too progressive.

We are sorry to hear that our old veteran, Robert Morrison, will not be present at Richmond. He says he feels sorry to be compelled to decline the honor and privilege of an enjoyable trip to Richmond, where he would meet so many happy Phis.

Bro. H. U. Brown of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been very kind in getting reduced rates for those wishing to attend the next convention asks us to make the following announcement: Via Chesapeake and Ohio R. R., Round trip from Cincinnati, \$20.00; Columbus, Ohio, \$17.00; Huntington, W. Va., \$17.00; Lexington, Ky., \$20.00; Indianapolis, \$20.00. Probably still cheaper rates can be had from Indianapolis, provided a sufficient number of Phis will start from that place. Let all Western and North-Western delegates meet at Indianapolis, not later than Oct. 21st.

We are sorry to hear that our genial Bro. E. H. Hinton will not attend our next convention. We should liked to have seen him.

A short time since Bro. L. H. Bailey, Jr., presented Mich. B. with four volumes of the SCROLL, nicely bound in two books, The SCROLL of '75 and '76, together with the minutes of the conventions of '73 to '78 were bound in one volume, and those of '78 to '80, which were published in newspaper form, made another pretty volume. Mich. B. now has a by-law that the SCROLL shall be bound and kept by the chapter. This is an example worthy of imitation in all respects.

#### A Necessary Change.

For several years the SCROLL has been under the charge of the present management, with more than a doubling of circulation and a constantly increasing interest. The success of the

journal has been very gratifying and has been a sort of compensation for the arduous but by no means unpleasant work of editing and managing. We think the SCROLL is to-day a necessary fort of the Phi Delta Theta organization. We have endeavored to be fair and just toward all, in these columns, and though perhaps seeming otherwise at times, the failures have been made on the part of the head, not of the heart. The Editor finds the time at hand when he must leave classic and theologic halls to go out into the great world of life, doing the work of the church. He herewith returns thanks to the fraternity for the responsible trusts committed to him and will be always ready to help every brother in the Bond and the brotherhood at large in anything and everything that is not inconsistent with our sacred Bond, and with Christian manliness. To the Richmond Convention we leave the whole matter of choosing our successor and all things pertaining to the interests of the SCROLL. This number is gotten out for the most part by our ready assistant, Bro. Weber, who has the charge of the SCROLL interests until the Richmond Convention decides otherwise. The Editor leaves Gettysburg to enter upon Home Mission work in the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, and may be addressed hereafter as Rev. M. F. Troxell, at Eureka, Greenwood Co., Kansas.

#### From Richmond.

DEAR SCROLL:

We are now in the midst of convention work. And, though the ultimate results to be attained are few, yet no one can estimate the magnitude of the work until they too, like us, begin to make preparation for what is to be done. We now appreciate fully the work done by the local committee at Indianapolis, in preparing for our last convention. But while I am indulging in this strain do not for a moment im-

agine that we regret that the approaching convention convenes in our city. Nothing, in fact, connected with the workings of the fraternity could afford us more pleasure. And though we are few in number we shall in will, if not in deed, give all who come to the convention an old *Virginia welcome*. The invitations are now in print and will afford all the information necessary in regard to headquarters, place of meeting, &c. These will be sent to the various chapters immediately on coming from the press.

I am sure it will gladden the hearts of many when they learn that Hon. Byron K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, has consented to deliver the biennial oration. And though only a brief space of time is allowed him for preparation, yet we are confident that he will be more than equal to the task, and that the oration will be neither wanting in completeness of expression nor purity of diction. Hoping to greet not only those I met at the last convention, but all who will read this hastily prepared letter, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

CONWAY R. SANDS,  
*Sec'y Va. Alpha Alumni.*

mates in such vivid colors as to call down the enthusiastic applause of the audience. Bro. Nute, '82, has lately been absorbed into the reverend ranks of the faculty, with the rank of tutor and supports his new position with becoming dignity.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition, the active members having all returned except two. We number now fourteen members in all, including Bro. Frey of the Freshman class whom we "spotted" almost at first sight as one of the best men of '86. We have several other promising new men in prospectu, and hope we may report several more additions in next SCROLL. Bro. Bassett '83, who is now president of the Alpha province, was elected at our last meeting to represent us at the National Convention which will assemble at Richmond in a few weeks and of which we expect to hear glowing accounts on his return.

Wishing prosperity and success to Phi Delta Theta everywhere, I remain yours in the Bond.

F. M. HARSHBERGER.

**Penna. Beta.**

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,  
Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 2, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL:

On the evening of the 9th of Sept. Penna. Beta assembled in her hall for the first meeting of this collegiate year, having in attendance fourteen of her last year's number.

Besides losing Bros. Weber and Herman, who graduated last June, we have also reluctantly parted with Bros. Lentz and Schwalm, both of '84. They have entered the Law Department of Pa. University. In them we lose two noble Phis who have done a great deal of good work for our chapter. If any of our Phila. Bros. who are fond of a good story meet with "Nelson" and "Jack," we advise them to ask the latter about the series of catastrophies which happened to him during vacation, and which ended in losing the band of his class hat. There is a very interesting *mis(s)tery* connected with that band.

We have initiated three of the new students, and introduce them to the Phi world as Brothers Frederick L. Bergstresser, George E. Faber, and Oscar H. Marsh, all of '84. These gentlemen were besought to ride other

## Chapter Correspondence.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### Penna. Alpha.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa.  
Sept. 28, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL:

On account of college opening two weeks later than usual this year, we are somewhat tardy in getting in our first report.

Our banquet last commencement was a grand success. It was held in the fraternity rooms and besides our active members present, the occasion was graced by the presence of Alumni brothers. Prof. A. P. Berlin, '76, who was magister eularum, Bixby, '78, Clark, '81, and Givin, '82. At the commencement exercises Bro. Nute, being one of '82's honor men delivered the Astronomical Oration and received the Astronomical Prize. Bro. Talmage also took a speech at commencement. At the Senior class day exercises, Bro. Melvin, '82, our last year's reporter, delivered the prophecy and delineated the futures of his class-

goats than our "Billy," but decided for ours. In them we have gained three brothers who will worthily hold up the shield and dagger.

At our last meeting in June we elected Bro. M. C. Remsburg, '83, to represent us at Richmond. Bro. H. L. Yarger, also '83, was chosen alternate. One or two others of our chapter will probably attend.

During last Commencement week the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded at our college, with two charter members. They immediately took a third man, and since the opening of this term have initiated two more. This makes the fifth chapter here; but there is room for it.

Our chapter has on its roll the names of four Seniors, seven Juniors, two Sophomores, and four Freshmen.

Wishing much success to all the chapters of our beloved fraternity, and hoping that this year may be as prosperous a one for Phi Delta Theta as the last, I am truly yours in mystic Bond,

M. LUTHER HOLLOWAY.

### Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASHINGTON, PA., Sept. 1882.

BRO. EDITOR:

Pennsylvania Gamma starts this year with only nine Phis to uphold the honor and the dignity of our fraternity in W. and J. College. But never fear for us. We will keep our eyes open and be ready to badge any of the new men who shall find favor in our eyes. There is quite a crowd of barbarians entering this year and no doubt, we will be able to fill up our ranks.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

### Ohio Delta.

WOOSTER, O., Sept. 26th, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL:

The beginning of this term found one chapter with a membership of eight men full of true Phi ardor and energy. We immediately began to work prudently and energetically and, as a result gained a most signal victory over the Betas and Phi Gammas securing two men of sterling worth.

We now have the pleasure of ushering into the Phi world, through the columns of the SCROLL, J. F. Morrison and W. Z. Morrison.

We are looking after the welfare of more "barbs" and hope by our next report, to have the honor of introducing more new Phis. There are now six fraternities here and Phi Delta Theta is the equal if not the superior of any of them. The Phi Gammas are working strenuously but have met with very little success.

Bro J. W. Cresswell was elected to represent Ohio Delta in the National Convention.

With good prospects and bright hopes of the future we give to all Phis a hearty greeting.

Yours in the Bond,

ED. F. MILLER.

### Ohio Beta.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,  
Delaware, O., Sept. 29th, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL:

To the Phi world the Ohio Beta sends greetings for the new college year; to my brother reporters I make my bow and timidly ask for a sparing use of the jealous knife of criticism. The pen I wield is to me a strange one, but with such a subject as Phi Delta Theta for my encouragement, I fear not, but boldly dip my pen into the newsy inkstand and begin.

The year opens here with bright prospects for us. Never before in the history of our college has the year opened with so large an attendance, or a larger number of available fraternity men. We introduce to you Brothers A. H. Callahan, J. W. Renschoter and George Dunham, all worthy of the shield and dagger which now they wear. We number twelve which is the largest number in any one fraternity in school. The Beta Theta Pis have 10 men. Phi Gamma Delta 12. Delta Tau Delta 11. Phi Kappa Psi 11. Sigma Chi 6. Chi Phi 4. All the fraternities pledged preps but as the college discipline forbids even pledging them, they are kept *sub rosa*.

Our chapter has work before it this year, and expects to do it. That she is able to do it is demonstrated by our success in securing our three new members, whom other "frats" were equally anxious to get, but not equally lucky. We graduate four men this year. Bros. Rahnall, Bigler, Ozias and Guy. Bros. Bonham and Vaughn graduated last June. Our delegate to the convention, Bro. Bigler, is working matters up, and expects to bring

some important questions before the convention.

Our report has become long, in common with hosts of others pouring into you from sister chapters, so we await the coming of our dozen SCROLLS and offer to you all the hands of true friendship,

J. ED. BROWN.

### Ohio Epsilon.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, AKRON, O., Oct. 3rd, 1882.

BRO. ED. SCROLL :

I come for the first upon the stage of Phi Delta Theta to make my little bow and speak my little piece. I may be somewhat embarrassed at first but if the goat be quiet a moment I expect to make you hear me.

Our number is ten, most of whom are in the college classes. Bro. Cook has not yet returned. The number of students is considerably more than last year but there are only two or three who are deemed worthy to become Phi Delta boys at present.

At our last meeting we elected Bro. Crissinger to represent us at the national convention. There will be several others who will accompany Bro. Crissinger from our chapter.

Bro. Geo E. Smith will be married 3d inst. to a Delta Gamma.

Bro. William H. Jones, '79, will carry off another Delta Gamma on the 20th.

Bro. H. Kelly has returned from Europe where he has been studying law.

The last SCROLL did not make known the initiation of our new member, Bro. Albert A. Kohler which crowned the labors of last year. We had an excellent time and one long to be remembered by our brother and the chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

ROLLA LOUDENBACK.

### Missouri Beta.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE,  
Fulton, Mo., Sept. 28th, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL :

Having been chosen as Reporter of Mo. Beta for the ensuing year, I proceed at once to duty. And though I have never been known to you before, I yet feel myself acquainted and free to correspond with all Phis without introduction.

The fall term opened with 10 members. Later we initiated Bro. R. T.

Scott, a man whom we had spiked year before last, but who was unable to attend last year. We are also solid with two of the best new students in College, and at our next meeting will lead them forth from the barbarous hordes. Bro. S. W. Yantis is our delegate elect to the Richmond convention. Mo. Beta is progressing finely. Her members are all active men. In fact we don't take any other kind. And if Alpha chapter should succumb to stringent college laws, we propose to hold the fort in the great State of Missouri. Wishing much success to the convention and to the SCROLL, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

FLOYD MCCHESENEY.

### Iowa Alpha.

MT. PLEASANT, Iowa, Sept. 25th, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL :

I take it for granted that we are already acquainted and, as incoming reporter, I proceed with what we have to say for ourselves and for Iowa A.

The college year is opening with a very prosperous outlook for our chapter, although our numbers are quite small at present, as most of the old members have not returned. There is an ample field before us, however, from which to replenish our numbers, and we think we have the promise of our share of the harvest. Bro. J. T. McFarland, a correspondent member of our chapter, has been elected Vice Pres. of the University and Professor of Belles Lettres and History. Hoping to meet you all at Richmond, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

S. A. W. CARVER.

### Wisconsin Alpha.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 26th, 1882.

ED. SCROLL :

The Wis. Alpha accepts with pleasure this opportunity of expressing the good feeling which exists within the Phi world here. We start in this year with our footing in the law department and the several classes of the University proper well secured, and the outlook of the chapter is one of satisfaction and pride for its members.

Our independence has enabled us to use double care in the selection of new members, which is of itself evidence of sound prosperity, and before long we hope to be able to announce the fruits of our efforts in that direction.

Words of pride and congratulation among our boys have not yet ceased, from the fact of the double credit which has been secured to Bro. D. F. Simpson and the chapter, on account of his success on the commencement stage of the class of '82 in winning the "Lewis Prize," and his appointment to fill the vacant chair of oratory in the University of the State.

Our delegate to convention at Richmond, Va., is Bro. C. F. Foster. We remain,  
Yours in the Bond,

JNO. F. TOURTELLOTTE.

### Tennessee Alpha Alumni.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept 9th, 1882.

#### DFAR SCROLL :

It affords me pleasure to announce to the Phi world that on the 17th of June, 1882, Tennessee Alpha organized and is sustaining with credit an Alumni chapter in this city, numbering about fifteen "loyal, brave and true" members, most of whom are graduates of Vanderbilt University. We have every reason to believe from the enthusiasm and interest manifested in the meetings so far, that they will be productive of great delights and benefits in the future. We meet together twice in each month, on which occasions kind greetings, friendly inquiries, discussions of public affairs and "puffing away at our Cuba," whose flavor just suits, constitute the first course. The rich dishes of poetry and the highly seasoned ragouts of politics and the delicate morceaus of literature and the champagne of wit are reserved as a dessert, to any one of which we may resort for intellectual gratification, as our taste may dictate. We hold our meetings in the rear room to Bro. W. H. Goodpasture's law office, a most elegant rendezvous. Easy chairs and comfortable sofas are there to be found. Pictures of the brightest colors and the most delicate touch grace the walls and o'er the mantel there is suspended a large mirror.

I do not here design to present you with a complete inventory of the many objects of beauty and taste that are to be seen in said sanctum, for if I did I should be compelled to speak of many other things.

The legal profession is more largely represented than any other in our chapter, a safe guarantee of course that

the best of order and perfect unity of action will prevail on all occasions. Our true and much esteemed sister Phi, Miss Beatrice McGuire of this city, has extended to our Alumni chapter a very kind and pressing invitation (but unfortunately at our suggestion) to meet at her house early in October next, which invitation was put to vote and carried by a large majority. A special programme has been prepared for the occasion, embracing original poems by brothers W. B. Palmer and W. H. Goodpasture, both of whom have recently displayed great talent in this line.

We are beginning to anticipate gala days at Richmond. Our thoughts frequently turn to this grand and historic old city around which so many hallowed and pleasing memories cluster. Bro. W. H. Goodpasture of this city was elected last May to represent the Vanderbilt chapter in the approaching convention, and will attend the same accompanied by Bro. W. B. Palmer and your humble servant who goes as the representative of the Alumni chapter of Tenn. Alpha. Some of the Vanderbilt Phi students of this session have signified their intention to be on hand at the grand reunion at Richmond.

With many wishes for the success of the SCROLL during the present collegiate year, I remain,

Yours Fraternaly,

R. F. JACKSON.

### Indiana Alpha.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 25th, 1882.

#### DEAR SCROLL :

The beginning of another college year found twelve old members of Ind. Alpha and Bro. J. M. Goodwin, '85, formerly of Ind. Gamma, in the field here ready for the campaign.

As the result of our labors, so far, let me introduce to the Phi world Bros. O. L. Kelso, Vincennes, Ind., Will H. Dye, '85, Indianapolis, Ind., W. S. Baker, '86, and Alvin Heiney, '86, both of Andrews, Ind., L. C. Langdon, '86, Vincennes, Ind., H. N. Gant, '86, Columbus, Ind., and A. E. Halderman, '88, Collamer, Ind. Bros. Langdon and Halderman have just received new badges and Bros. Baker, Kelso, Dye and Heiney have badges ordered.

So far this year we have not 'spiked'

a man that we did not get, but have succeeded in getting several who were 'spiked' by rival fraternities.

Our delegate to the convention has not been elected. Several of the members talk of going and we will perhaps send two or three representatives.

We have been favored by visits lately from Bros. Geo. Grubbs, formerly of Ind. Delta, and J. C. Norris, formerly of Ind. Gamma. Bro. Grubbs was present at one of our initiations. Bro. J. M. McCoy of Dallas, Texas, is now in town.

Bros. John W. Foster, ex-minister to Russia, and Judge D. D. Banta, both of the class of '55, visited us during commencement week, the former to deliver the annual address to the alumni, the latter in his official capacity as President of the Board of Trustees. They both wore the Shield and Dagger with the ease and grace of their youthful days.

Last May we dedicated our magnificent new hall. It is by far the finest hall in Bloomington, and is not excelled by any fraternity hall in Indiana.

We have heard with saddest feelings of the death of Bro. W. M. Floyd, formerly of this chapter. He was one whose pure and honorable life and energy and application were fast raising him to a splendid rank in his profession.

At the beginning of this year the members of this chapter were distributed as follows: 1 Senior, 4 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, 1 Freshman, 2 2d Preps. We now have 1 Senior, 5 Juniors, 6 Sophomores, 5 Freshmen, 2 2d Preps., 1 1st Prep. No other fraternity here has more than 15 members.

Ind. Alpha was never more jubilant. Never was the triumph of a chapter more complete. We have taken emphatically the pick of the new men. Bro. Langdon was the first to be wrested from Phi Kappa Psi clutches, and, despite the opposition of that and the other three fraternities, man after man followed him. We would not think of giving our new men for all that the other fraternities combined have taken. How good we feel when we reflect upon some of the trying scenes through which Indiana Alpha has struggled in days past, and realize our present power, may best be imagined.

By the time of my next report I will

doubtless have other victories to make known.

Wishing Phi Delta Theta, everywhere, success, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

S. G. RAMSEY.

### Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE,  
Crawfordsville, Ind., Sept. 27th, 1882.

DEAR SCROLL:

In the absence of our regular correspondent I take upon myself the responsibility of writing a report of our chapter. College opened on the 13th inst. with a larger number of new students than usual. Fraternity timber is plenty and everything points to the success of Ind. Beta this year. We have already initiated two new men, and with the addition of Bro. Wilson of Ind. Zeta our number is now fourteen. Bros. Sharpe, '84, and Perrin, '86, are teaching and will not return until the third term. In point of numbers we are about equal to the largest chapter in College, and for men of solid material we are excelled by none. Being well represented in the contests of last commencement we carried off our share of the honors. Ind. Beta is on the alert and ere another month passes we will no doubt be able to record other victories. Our eyes are now directed towards Richmond. We will be represented there and do all in our power to make it the best convention ever held by a fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

THOS. WILKINS.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### Illinois Epsilon.

ILL. WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,  
Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 25th, '82.

DEAR SCROLL:

Another college year at the Wesleyan opens out with a goodly number of enthusiastic Phis, eager to bespeak for the Illinois Epsilon a warm greeting to the Phi world, and although the absence of many loved brothers begets many regrets, yet our remaining band of brothers seem only the more closely knit together by Phi ties, if indeed that were possible.

Bro. Banta, our National President, made a short call on the Ills. Epsilon at nearly the close of last year, and was gladly welcomed, winning for him-

self a hearty "come again" in the heart of every brother.

Your Reporter had the signal pleasure of meeting Bro. A. W. Ringland, of the Ky. Alpha, who, although some time since a graduate of Centre College, is none the less ardent in Phi love and Phi interests. Bro. R. is at present the thriving and popular pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bement, Ill.

Also, Dr. H. C. Jones, a prominent and rising young physician of Cerro Gordo, Ill., is so thoroughly imbued with Phi ardor, which he had imbibed when a member of the Ohio Alpha some years since, that it would do any Phi soul good to hear him expatiate on the merits of "our beloved Phi Delta Theta as did your Reporter this summer. Bros. Ringland and Jones will always be "at home" to all Phis.

Bro. Will S. Ruby, Ill. Epsilon, '82, "could no longer stay away" and so his brotherly presence gladdened the hearts of our boys for a day or two this past week. Bro. R. has accepted an enviable situation in the bank of Bement, Ill., at which place he resides.

Bro. Will A. Jones, Ill. Epsilon, '82, is at present giving eminent satisfaction to the Plano Mfg. Co., of Plano, Ill., in the capacity of stenographer for the said firm.

At our last regular meeting, Bro. Thos. H. Simmons was elected as delegate from the Ill. Epsilon to Richmond, and Bro. C. W. Hickman as alternate.

As yet this year our Phi doors have not swung open a welcome to any strangers, but we expect ere long to be called on to chronicle the initiations of several worthy "Barbs."

In the Bond,

W. EMMETT HIGBEE.

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### AMONG THE PHIS.

We noticed in the Baltimore papers lately that Bro. W. F. Smith, Virginia Delta, '76, had been elected Secretary of the Md. State Teachers' Association at its recent meeting in Cumberland, Md.

Bro. Duncan U. Fletcher, Tenn. Alpha, last spring delivered the address before the Alumni Association of Vanderbilt Univ. on the subject, "What will he do with it?" The address has since been published and

evinces a master mind. We congratulate Bro. F. and hope he may favor us with many more such addresses.

A dinner was given on Aug. 31st in honor of Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, and his college-mates at Cincinnati by Dr. A. C. Kemper. Among those at the sumptuous feast were the following Phis: Bro. Thos. H. Ditto of Brandenburg, Ky., Bro. C. W. Metcalfe and lady of Danville, Ky., and Rev. Bro. Wm. George, D. D., of Fort Worth, Texas.

Bro. Geo. B. Taylor, Va. Delta, is at present in Rome. He has written us that he has not forgotten Phi Delta Theta, and wants the SCROLL sent to him there.

Bro. C. S. Stewart, Miss. Alpha, also writes us to send him the SCROLL and that his interest in Phi Delta Theta has not died out yet.

Bro. J. S. Crump, Va. Alpha, '76, is a preacher in the Missionary Baptist Church. He was formerly with Lee, Taylor Bros., Lynchburg, Va., where he filled the position of bookkeeper. He now resides at Mechanicsburg, Va.

Bro. John F. Herman, Penna. Beta, '82, was examined last summer for admittance to the study of law. We hear he did well and he has our best wishes for much success in life. Just before the last term closed Bro. H. was one of the editors of the "Arcana," a college publication by the Fraternities.

Bro. A. D. Tyree, Va. Alpha, '73, is Depot Agent at McIvors, since Nov. 1880. He is doing well. His postoffice address is Cool Well, Amherst Co., Va.

Bro. W. H. H. Raleigh, Ills. Alpha, '60, whom, in last June SCROLL we reported very ill, after spending several weeks at Atlantic City, has fully recovered and is now again in his office. Bro. R. wants to be at Richmond, and will be there if he possibly can.

Bro. Chas. S. Trump, Penna. Beta, '77, who has been preaching successfully in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., was recently met by us and we found him still the same old "Charlie," anxious to know how "Beta" was getting along.

Bro. J. G. Parks, Va. Alpha, '80, is a lawyer in Ducktown, Tenn. Bro. P. in order to increase his general information, studied medicine at the Univ. of New York, 1880-'81.

Rev. Bro. D. Bittle Floyd, Ind. Eta,

Va. Alpha, and Penna. Beta, one of Phi Delta Theta's most energetic workers, has taken charge of the Lutheran Church at Woodsboro, Md., where he is always pleased to meet his Phi brothers. Bro. F. was the founder of Va. Alpha in '69, and of Penna. Beta in '75.

Bro. H. L. Yarger, Penna. Beta, '83, during last summer called on our T. G. C., Bro. C. J. Reddig, also of Penna. Beta, '77, and found him busy with his "cheap cash store."

Bro. Jeff. P. Biehl, Penna. Beta, '82, was spending the summer at Atlantic City, waiting upon Dr. Blair, a prominent physician of Lewisburg, Pa., his preceptor. Dr. Blair thinks there is no one like Jeff. and we can predict for Bro. Biehl a bright future. For that end he has our best wishes.

Bro. F. E. Frantz, Va. Alpha, '79, is a clerk in a hardware store in Wellington, Sumner Co., Kansas. Bro. F. was enrolling and engrossing clerk in the Ills. Senate at its 30th General Assembly, 1876-7.

Bro. Thad. B. Seigle, Penna. Beta, '85, had the pleasure this summer of meeting a Phi from S. C. Alpha. Thad. got quite enthusiastic on the subject.

Bro. J. L. Jenkins, N. C. Alpha, '82, is at present entry clerk for the well-known hardware house of R. B. Porter and Son, Baltimore, Md. We lately called on him and found him still true to the "blue" and regretting very much his dead chapter.

Bro. Samuel R. Crewdron, Va. Alpha, '76, is the popular and well-beloved lawyer of Auburn, Logan Co., Ky. He was formerly editor of the Richmond (Va.) *Courier Journal* and the *Herald Enterprise* of Russelville, Ky.

Bro. Junius B. Fox, Penna. Beta, '80, is one of the principals of Macon School, Charlotte, N. C. Bro. F. recently sent us a catalogue of his institution, which speaks well for the management. We wish him much success in his new undertaking.

Bro. J. G. Graichen, Va. Alpha, '76, was formerly in the glove business with his father at Winchester, Va. Bro. G. is now pursuing a theological course in the Seminary at Gettysburg. He often comes to see the Penna. Beta boys.

Bro. J. M. Scott, Pa. Alpha, '78, is a Baptist minister in Jersey Shore, Pa.,

and from all reports is highly spoken of and liked by all the citizens. Bro. Shadle, Penna. Beta, '83, recently called on him.

Bro. W. B. Palmer, Ga. Gamma and Tenn. Alpha, our zealous Historian and energetic Catalogue Editor, is also editor of the secular department of the *Christian Advocate*, published by the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. His editorials are much appreciated, as Bro. P. is an active worker and a man who has a vast stock of general knowledge.

Bro. Wm. Worth Logan, Va. Alpha, '76, is the much beloved Principal of Edinburgh Graded School and of the Shenandoah Normal School at Woodstock, Va., where he is regarded as a man of clear judgment and a good teacher.

The following handsome endorsement of Bro. Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52, a member of the U. S. Senate, appears in the platform adopted in August by the Ind. State Republican Convention:

"That Senator Benjamin Harrison, by his able and faithful discharge of duty, and on account of his eminent abilities, challenges our admiration and confidence."

Bro. Lot. D. Guffin, Ind. Gamma, '83, in a letter to us recently, tells us that he met some Phis from Ind. Alpha, Delta and Zeta. He says they all report an encouraging outlook at their respective Colleges this year.

Bro. H. Max Lentz, Penna. Beta, '78, who is the pastor of the Lutheran church at Mt. Morris, Ill., recently received a vacation of six weeks from his congregation and came East, but he failed to call to see us. Suppose he was too busy visiting in Somerset Co.

Bro. W. M. Graybill, Va. Alpha, '74, who is farming near Salem, Va., is Director since 1878 of the Farmers and Mechanics Insurance Company of Salem, Va. Bro. G. is also the regular contributor of the Fincastle *Herald*.

Bro. J. M. Thrasher, Va. Alpha, '76, has lately gone into the mercantile business. We wish him much success.

## AMONG THE GREEKS.

Chi Phi held its convention this year at the Kimball House, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 6th and 7th. As usual the press reported it to have been the 58th annual convention, though we are unable to see how Chi Phi can claim an exist-

ence before 1854. 13 chapters were represented, though reports were read from several unrepresented chapters. There were about sixty delegates and visitors present. The next convention will be held at Albany, N. Y.

Alpha Tau Omega made another accession last June. She has planted herself at Penna. College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Beta Theta Pi seems to be heartily in favor of a Pan-Hellenic Council, as at their recent convention they appointed a committee of three to cooperate with similar committees of other fraternities on the feasibility of such a council.

The forty-third annual convention of Beta Theta Pi was held in Melodeon Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 28th to 30th. There were about 200 delegates and visitors present, mostly from the

west, indeed, the casual observer would have supposed it to have been a western Fraternity, instead of one which has chapters all over the country. Dr. T. A. Reamy welcomed the convention. The address was delivered by Gov. Porter of Ind. and a poem was read by Mrs. Babcock of Providence, R. I. All the officers that were elected were with a few exceptions from the west. Only 35 chapters were represented, a small number for so large a fraternity. An application for a charter from Colby Univ. was rejected and the one from Vanderbilt Univ. taken into consideration. It was decided at first to hold the next convention at Saratoga, N. Y., but on the last day the place was changed to Niagara. According to a provision in the constitution every third convention must be held at Cincinnati.

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BY PROF. W. W. SEALS, (GA. G., '79.)

When man awoke upon this earthly sphere,  
And with surprise beheld his situation here  
Amid the garden's buds and verdure green,  
Where Nature in her loveliest dress was seen,  
He thanked his God for blessings so benign,  
But mourned one defect in his wise design;  
E'en contained no sympathetic soul  
To animate its beauties and console  
Him with her love, and cheering counsel give,  
And by her words his loneliness relieve  
And not till God his crowning work achieved  
And woman a fair partner was received,  
Was he content amid the blushing flowers  
Or happy 'neath romantic sylvan bowers.  
So we, partakers of his social wants,  
Find in us each a soul that thirsts and pants  
For dear companionship and converse sweet,  
For friends to cheer and loved ones true to greet.  
Great God! we venerate thy holy name,  
That thou didst loving woman kindly frame  
To share our pleasures and our care remove,  
By the soft hand of sweet attentive love;  
She by our side, a guardian angel bright,  
With us confronts life's storms without affright.  
And when our courage fails, she whispers low,  
Her tender words and is so prompt to show  
Her gentle sympathy and faith sincere,  
That manhood lives anew and defies fear,  
And every fiber is a glistening blade  
To ward off evil and the world persuade  
To give us justice, and enough procure  
To banish want and happiness secure.  
For her our blest companion who imparts  
Such consolation to our care-worn hearts.  
Heaven bless her for the joys she ever gives  
And help her bear the trials she receives;  
And scatter sunshine through her hard career,  
And be her help in sorrows dark and drear;  
And when life's over may she peaceful die  
And shine the brightest angel in the sky.  
But man contending with earth's cares and toils  
Needs stern support to fight and win the spoils.  
'Tis sweet at home to hear kind woman's voice  
In gentle accents bidding us rejoice;  
But in the conflicts which the world extends  
We also need our fellowmen as friends,  
To lend a helping hand amid distress

And share the burdens which would each depress.  
 Sprung from one side and with one mother too,  
 The're framed alike and common aims pursue;  
 With instincts, passions, virtues frailties each,  
 We can each other's trouble feel and teach  
 Each other how to conquer in the strife  
 Which all must enter in the field of life.  
 All men are brothers, so the scriptures say,  
 And all are doomed from earth to pass away;  
 Here on probation to improve the time  
 By getting ready for a better clime.  
 True some have gift whose lustre far outshines,  
 The meager talents of inferior minds;  
 While rank and fortune others highly bless,  
 And place above those whom misfortune press,  
 Or birth presented not the golden prize,  
 Which fits for station in society's eyes,  
 But in the light of destiny and death  
 We all alike possess a mortal breath,  
 Which quickly vanishes and strongly shows  
 That in the veins of all the same blood flows.  
 For in the grave must lord and vassal lie,  
 For both are transient natures and must die,  
 And if decay and time their dust confine  
 No human eye the difference can define.  
 The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man,  
 Are doctrines which the Bible doth command  
 Us to accept and we should cultivate  
 A holy reverence for our Father great  
 And for our Brother ever entertain  
 A friendly feeling and by will restrain  
 All selfish tendencies and strictly plan  
 Along with self to love our fellowman.  
 For have we not the common aim  
 To win the happiness which we can claim  
 From passing time, and filled with longings each  
 Life in perfection in the earth to reach.  
 And all desirous to secure that bliss,  
 Complete, eternal in God's paradise,  
 Therefore, why not attempt to elevate  
 Each other in the world and extricate  
 Both head and heart from sordid, selfish love,  
 Which would all men destroy to rise above?  
 Why not a generous family interest feel,  
 And help our brothers and their care dispel  
 By words of kindness and by deeds that fill  
 Their hearts with gratitude and wide distil,  
 A sweet aroma through our social hive  
 More fragrant than Arabian Zephyrs give?  
 Why not in blest fraternal bands unite  
 To freely talk, advise, consult aright  
 The methods to advance collective weal  
 And individual welfare to propel  
 By lifting up a brother who is down,  
 And aid one discouraged by the frown  
 Of adverse fortune, and another push  
 Towards the goal to which aspirants rush?  
 The deeds of ages testify to this—  
 In multitude of counsel, wisdom is.  
 'Tis true great projects stood in single brains,  
 But any scheme in embryo remains  
 Until the individual doth inspire  
 In multitudes his ardent warm desire,  
 And they in secret conclave meet to swear

Fidelity, and pledge their honor there.  
 Rienzi swore the barons to dethrone  
 And make them for their haughtiness atone,  
 And to each suffering citizen of Rome,  
 Justice vouchsafe and liberty at home;  
 But his devoted head had paid the price  
 In the commencement of his shrewd device,  
 Had he not roused the people's dormant zeal  
 And made them eager for the public weal,  
 By picturing secretly their heavy woes  
 And painting vividly their cruel foes  
 And so the revolution which in France  
 Arose, and did with fearful strides advance  
 Until despotic rule was overthrown  
 And Freedom did that sunny country own,  
 Was kindled by the secret clans  
 Who met with strong desires and bold demands  
 For death of tyranny and Freedom's reign  
 In their oppressed and yet long sul missive land,  
 Thus every movement in the Church or State  
 Which would a better state of things create,  
 Has ever by a few determined men  
 Been started and supported to the end.  
 Who knows but that our order may begin  
 Some Reformation or some grand design  
 The pedestal of Liberty to place  
 Aloft, in view of all the human race  
 And let the Goddess fair erect her hand  
 And scatter blessings o'er a smiling land?  
 Who knows but that our meetings may excite  
 Some Hero bold or Champion of the right,  
 His Country's good to bravely advocate  
 And strive to make her 'mong the Nations great  
 Or lift the banner of the cross to wave  
 O'er lands benighted and the heathen save?  
 We may at least each other help to feel,  
 Our duty to ourselves and others well;  
 And aid each other virtuous lives to lead  
 And honest effort make, by word and deed,  
 To useful prove as long as life shall last  
 And better those with whom our lot is cast.  
 But secret orders, says a fossil sage,  
 Whom College walls have placed behind the age,  
 And turned his eyes toward an ancient shore,  
 Of buried learning and forgotten lore,  
 Much mischief do and enmities create  
 Which future years can never dissipate.  
 They'd answer him that practice will refute  
 His argument and with much force dispute  
 The soundness of his theory, and show  
 That often Friendship's, clearest, brightest glow,  
 Illumines those whom different orders hold,  
 And lives till death in lasting bliss untold.  
 But were it true 'tis futile to destroy  
 Our live fraternities which now employ  
 The godlike faculties of heart and mind,  
 And gives them strength to benefit mankind.  
 As long as men have different thoughts and views  
 The moral and the wise will ne'er diffuse  
 Harmonious concord throughout all their deeds,  
 Or reconcile in peace opposing creeds.  
 They'd ask, since bitter strifes and feuds arise  
 And sects contend that they alone are wise,  
 And comprehend the will of God

And travel solely in the heavenly road,  
 Why not abolish church, and altars tear  
 From sanctuaries hallowed by the prayer  
 Of saints, and let each man his chances take  
 Alone for glory or the fiery lake?  
 Why not Masonic ties and bonds discard  
 And all societies in firm regard  
 As born of Erebus, because forsooth,  
 Opposing men declare, with boast of truth  
 That they incense a small, unworthy few  
 Who fail to be elected members too?  
 Since hostile feeling come from party zeal,  
 Why not abandon rules and laws repeal  
 And Government pronounce a living fraud  
 That hatred fosters and creates discord?  
 For naught can all men please and wrath allay,  
 But easy, lasting office and fat pay.  
 And they will ever scramble, fuss and fight  
 For cash and fame as long as there is light.  
 Why not, in short, all social ties resign,  
 And every man to hermit-life consign,  
 Lest contact with his fellowmen should rouse  
 Hostility, when he doth them oppose  
 In any scheme which they alone devise  
 Themselves to honor but his cause despise?  
 And when obedient to their argument  
 And quick to follow it without dissent,  
 Dread anarchy and chaos once again do sway  
 The people as in ages passed away  
 And Education quits its long abode,  
 And Piety flies swiftly back to God,  
 Our learned Professors will perhaps permit  
 Our clubs to live and then too late admit  
 That they can never enmities remove  
 So long as men do less than angels prove.  
 Yes, let our loved Fraternities remain;  
 We surely mean no harm and entertain  
 No hostile feelings towards those who fail  
 To come within our secret, hallowed pale.  
 We only mean to give each other aid  
 In every honest effort, and swayed  
 By purest motives and hope divine  
 To better nature and exalt the mind.  
 Youth is the period that assistance craves.  
 For oft 'tis sorely tried, and giant waves  
 Of disappointment roll across its breast  
 And oft 'tis hard to tell what course is best.  
 Age light esteems its power and forced to wait  
 For years in circumstances hard and straight  
 Before desirable positions rise;  
 Or it is deemed mature in thought or wise  
 Enough to handle questions of much weight  
 To individual welfare or the State.  
 Its courage fails and energy grows faint  
 By long continued, wearisome restraint.  
 The fledglings who have never tried  
 Their wings upon a high aerial ride,  
 Must in the Mother's outspread pinions rest,  
 Or wait for Time within their lovely nest  
 To give them strength and speed to pierce the air,  
 And bathe their plumage in the light afar.  
 So we, unblest by fortune or renown,  
 Must in our weakness linger on the ground  
 Of poverty, since age does not extend

But seldom, the assistance of a friend,  
 Unless, with more intelligence than birds,  
 We club together and by deeds and words  
 Assist each other in our common need  
 To win a sure success or glory's meed.  
 And this we'll do, 'though all the World proclaim  
 Anathemas against our secret name,  
 And enemies arise and multiply  
 Like constellations in the azure sky.  
 Filled with this spirit of intense desire.  
 A little band of school boys in Ohio,  
 Commenced and started in its grand career,  
 A club which now by thousands is held dear.  
 Courageous, firm and resolute and true,  
 They did with bravery their aim pursue,  
 Despite hostility, until they rose  
 To grand proportions and defied their foes.  
 Convinced that friendship did the Gods delight  
 And strong through faith that heaven pronounced them right,  
 They gave their vows of fealty and swore  
 That brother never should for aid implore  
 Without receiving in a full supply  
 The kindly help of his society.  
 And they met in secret conclave to advise  
 Concerning methods and some plan devise,  
 For mental benefit and each prepare  
 For desperate conflict in life's hard warfare.  
 And then they gathered others true and bold  
 From 'mong their friends and brought them in the fold,  
 To take their places when they should retire,  
 And keep in lasting blaze the holy fire  
 Of earnest zeal and energetic strife,  
 And give the club a vigorous, deathless life.  
 Thus did the little spark become a flame  
 To blaze in friendly warmth where'er the fame  
 Of learned Institutions sent afar  
 Their hallowed power and set the brilliant star  
 Of wisdom in their canopy to shine  
 Away the mental darkness and refine  
 The hearts of men and elevate their mind.  
 While only of that little, fearless band  
 Survives one honored, venerated man,  
 The struggles of pioneers to voice,  
 And in our glorious triumph to rejoice,  
 Yet now from North to South from West to East  
 Our honored Chapter live and firm resist,  
 All hostile thrusts, and soon their foes will see  
 That they will quicker Ocean's basin free  
 Of its deep waters, or the Mountains turn  
 From Northern climes to where the Tropics burn,  
 Than kill a club whose interest now controls  
 A multitude of eager, earnest souls.  
 Aye! let the earth, the sea, the air combine  
 To hasten rapidly her dread decline;  
 Let Hades add its efforts to defeat her,  
 Amid it all will stand our loved Phi Delta Theta.  
 Brothers, your armor don and march ahead  
 With brave resistless, firm and steady tread  
 Resolved to show your valor on the field,  
 With others who with skill their weapons wield.  
 Let patriotic zeal inspire your soul  
 And fix your steadfast eye on Victory's goal,  
 And never for a single moment cease,  
 Until you make success the price of peace.

*King Sham and His Subjects.*

Others are working for their secret band,  
 With resolution firm and zealous hands.  
 Then let us not be laggards in the race  
 For lofty rank and honorary place.  
 As here we stand in this historic place,  
 And grand Virginia's honored record trace  
 And view her army of heroic men  
 Who fought that Freedom to us might descend.  
 And then the Nation's sceptre proudly swayed.  
 When blessed peace returned and war was stayed.  
 Let us resolve to push our order till it claims,  
 The honor of the best and wisest names  
 That ever reached fame's steep and rugged height,  
 Or ruled the masses by their mental might,  
 Up This! let us our glorious standard raise,  
 Wher'er the flag of Education waves  
 In token that the intellectual light  
 Has ended superstitions gloomy night,  
 And, Brothers, from all sections, come and stand  
 Beneath its ample folds and shake the hand  
 Of blest fraternity and friendly love  
 And win the blessing of the God above.  
 How grand and noble in this Capitol  
 Which causes memories sweet but sad to roll  
 Through mind and heart, of cruel bloody war  
 Which did our Country desolate, to swear  
 Beneath the statue of our Washington,  
 And Sunny Southlands valorous "Stonewall" son,  
 Whose spirits through the lifeless stone appeal  
 To us, and on each attempt to heal  
 Divisions, and promote their country's weal,  
 That by example we will strive to show  
 The North and South that they should fuss no more.  
 Come then the flag of friendship dear unfurl  
 Before the gaze of an admiring world;  
 Aye let it with the stars and stripes unite  
 And make its creed a Nation's creed of right,  
 "Then peace on earth shall hold her easy sway  
 And man forget his fellowman to slay;  
 To martial arts shall milder arts succeed;  
 Who blesses most shall win the immortal meed,  
 The eye of pity shall be pained no more.  
 With Vict'rys crimson banner stained with gore;  
 Then glorious era, come! hail blessed time!  
 When full orb'd Freedom shall unclouded shine,  
 And the chaste Muses, cherished by her rays,  
 In olive groves shall tune their sweetest lays  
 And bounteous Ceres shall direct her car  
 O'er fields now blasted by the fires of war,  
 And angels view, with joy and wonder joined  
 The golden age returned to bless and mankind."

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**KING SHAM AND HIS SUBJECTS.**

ORATION DELIVERED AT THE PUBLIC LITERARY EXERCISES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
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BY BYRON K. ELLIOTT, JUDGE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA, (I. B. A.)

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:* Christian and Faithful made a great stir at Vanity Fair, when, in answer to the question, what will you buy, they said, "We buy the truth." In the real world seekers after truth are not so uncommon as at Vanity Fair, and a man who should avow himself a searcher for truth would not be caged for exhibition as were Bunyan's pilgrims. A great majority of the world's people would, however, look upon such an avowal with suspicion, doubting the man's sincerity. Most men seek a rank and importance which does not of right belong to them, and

as truth will neither elevate them to that rank nor give them the appearance of having a right to it, they cast truth aside and by the aid of fiction secure the appearance of that which they covet. In doing so they become pretenders, and disowning the sovereignty of truth, yield allegiance to Sham.

Pascal says that "man is the great depository of truth on earth, and yet a mere huddle of uncertainty, at once the glory and the scandal of the Universe." It is indeed true that a man is a huddle of uncertainty and a bundle of contradiction. There are few men who do not pay some homage to truth although they are liege vassals of King Sham. On the other hand there are many who in the main are loyal to truth that render service to error. Men are fond of masking themselves. The great master of philosophic thought quoted a moment since, says: "We love to wear a disguise even within, and are afraid of being detected by ourselves." But disguises are worn not so much for the purpose of magnifying ourselves in our own eyes as in the eyes of others. It is this element of man's nature that leads him to put error on the throne of truth, and fiction on the seat of fact.

Pretence is widespread. There is not a household in the land whose threshold it has not crossed. Pretenders are found in every rank, class and condition of society. Men who are truly great are not always free from the taint of sham. Even Cicero wanted the historian to lie in order to make him out a greater man than he really was. Even such a philosopher as Diogenes was a pretender. He professed great contempt for money and yet was banished from the kingdom of Pontus for counterfeiting the coin. Hearty, genial Sir Walter Scott had in his really noble nature a grain or more of pretence. He pretended to have often seen "fair Melrose" by moonlight and to have been fascinated by its marvelous beauty, when in fact he was never near it after nightfall. While this proves Sir Walter's insincerity in one respect it establishes his sincerity in another, it proves that he actually was a believer in the superstitions which he so deftly wove into his weird romances, for says Sir David Brewster." The truth is Scott would not go there for fear of bogles."

The ignorant have their wisecracks equally as great pretenders as their learned brothers, but, on the whole much less dangerous. These humble subjects of Sham are:

"Full of wise saws and modern instances,"

and abound in words of dark meaning, obscure hints and mysterious nods. It is not always easy to determine whether the unlearned man is a subject of Sham or a misguided follower of truth, honest in his error. It would not, perhaps, be just to stigmatize a renowned citizen of this city as a sham because he so pretentiously affirms that, "The sun do move." He may be, and doubtless is, as sincere as Galileo was when he exclaimed in spite of the torture-wrenched confession to the contrary, "but nevertheless it does move."

A great number of King Sham's subjects are ghosts. There is so little of them besides empty pretention that they are bodiless and soulless phantoms. If one were keen enough of vision to distinguish the genuine from the spurious, the real from the unreal, he would be amazed at the number of apparitions in the world. He would see them in the pulpit, on the rostrum, in legislative halls, on thrones and in the high places of government; he would find them on the bench and at the bar. He would see them in woman's form, "glittering with beauty as the morning star." These ghosts, unlike Shakespeare's, are not honest ghosts; they are corrupt pretenders. There is as little of substance in many a loud pretender as in the ghost of the miser's partner that Dickens tells about. You remember that when the ghost visited his former partner the latter recognized him by looking clear through him to the buttons on the back of his coat. There are pretenders even less substantial than the miser's ghost. The contents of a soap bubble, or the images one sees in a foggy morning are more solid than these phantomic shams.

One not altogether under the dominion of Sham, and who essays to give something like a just account of his people, is constrained, however reluctantly, to declare that many of the daughters of Eve are abject subjects of King Sham. They care little for reality, but everything for appearance. The lives of many of them are as hollow as the promise of Satan to the Savior. Napoleon said that he knew one woman who lost an important lawsuit rather than tell her age under oath, and another who renounced marriage with the man she loved rather than allow an examination of the registry which disclosed her age. Addison says, "they are smitten with everything showy and superficial and that the right adjustment of their hair is the principal employment of their lives."

Not a few of Sham's subjects profess to be philosophers. They teach, or rather

profess to teach, the most abstruse and profound philosophy. In fact their doctrines are so imponderable that no mind can grasp them. One might as well undertake to grapple in a wrestling match with the darkness of night as to take mental hold of the shadowy speculations of these vapid drivellers. Some of them with pomp of words, the more marked because of the poverty of ideas, sneer at the true and good, and land the false and evil. There is a sect of these pretenders, and arrant ones they are, who with great flourish proclaim themselves transcendentalists, and who string barbarous words together in meaningless sentences and call their work a system of philosophy. What this spurious transcendentalism is one can hardly say, the definitions its professors give are as unmeaning as the gibber of an idiot. One was once given in the presence of a New York lawyer, and he was asked to explain it, after a moment's thought he said, "Transcendentalism is two holes in a sand bank and a storm washes away the sand bank without disturbing the holes." The mischief which these pretenders do is that they engender a liking for the visionary and the impracticable, and beget a dislike for the useful and practical. The useful may be in appearance less grand than the imaginary, but it is a thousand-fold more valuable to the man of real life. A man had better keep his thoughts for a real world and a real life than send them wandering into a world of shadows. A tobacco patch in Virginia, or a "truck" garden in Indiana, is better than twenty townships in Utopia. The shores of history are littered with the wrecks of false systems of philosophy which have been sent down by a collision with common sense. True philosophy and practical sense are not enemies, on the contrary they are firm friends and allies. Genuine philosophy is as free from pretence as unsunned snow from stain; the counterfeit is as hostile to practical sense as evil to good.

King Sham has many subjects among the leaders and framers of religious opinion where, of right, he ought to have none at all. The pretension is so great that it becomes intolerance. "Particular sects and churches," says Sir Thomas Browne, "usurp the gates of heaven and turn the keys against each other, and thus we get to heaven against each other's wills, conceits and opinions." I know that fanaticism causes much religious strife, and that fanatics are not pretenders, but I also know that much of this strife is the result of dogmatic pretence. One who has given the subject even casual thought must be pained with the hollowness of the professions of many clergymen that they care not for personal comfort or for pecuniary reward. It is too evident for controversy that they are quick to accept calls where the salary is fattest and the church strongest in wealth or worldly position. This is done with the profession warm upon their lips that they are not influenced by any money consideration. They bring to mind the snob gentleman who denied that his father was a clothier, but admitted that he selected garments for his friends which he let them have for money.

Between the lawyers and doctors there has long been a state of hostility bordering on open war, and it becomes me to speak gently and with moderation of the gentlemen of the medical profession. In order to exhibit the condition of affairs it is necessary to refer to some of the encounters which have taken place between them. In one case a doctor said to a lawyer, "I can't understand your nonsensical technical terms, for instance I don't know what you mean by docking an entail." "I don't wonder at it," replied the lawyer, "it is what your profession never consent to, suffering a recovery." In another instance, the lawyer said to the doctor, "I am not surprised at your effrontery, your mistakes are not seen, they are buried six feet under ground." "Your mistakes are seen," retorted the doctor, "I have seen some of them myself hanging six feet above ground." In what I may have to say of the members of the medical profession, I shall, in view of the animosity existing between the professions be careful to keep near the evidence. Montaigne says, "An ill wrestler turned physician and Diogenes meeting him said, "Courage thou hast done well for now thou wilt throw those who have formerly thrown thee." It would seem from this that as early as the time of the tub philosopher the character of the doctor was pretty thoroughly understood. There is an earlier mention of the doctor in history than that given by the French essayist. It is written in the bible—I do not profess to quote accurately,—that two men fell sick, one sent for the doctor the other did not, the man who had the services of the doctor "turned his face to the wall and slept with his fathers," the other got well. It is generally known that doctors are the most harmonious of all professional men, but notwithstanding this, a learned judge, in a grave legal treatise, says, that ordinary witnesses are separated and not permitted to hear each other testify to keep them from agreeing but that medical experts are separated to keep them from disagreeing. Plato probably discloses the true reason for

the bad feeling between the lawyers and doctors. He says that "physicians are the only men that may lie at pleasure since our health depends upon the vanity and falsity of their promises." It is not at all improbable that when the lawyers found that physicians might, and, perhaps, did lie at pleasure, they became incensed against them as poachers upon their preserves.

The visionary theories of physicians have enabled many a red-handed murderer to escape the gallows. The doctrine of emotional insanity, sane a moment before and sane a moment after the act, is a monstrous sham. Not much less of a sham is the doctrine that a man can no more avoid committing crime than he can squinting. Many a man has suffered because his doctors would prescribe pellets instead of exercise and recreation, and many another has suffered and died because his physician used him as mere machine for testing new nostrums.

Lawyers are not altogether ignorant of the arts which delight King Sham, and to tell the truth, there are not many more loyal subjects in all his dominions. Martial says "that they hire out their words and anger" and somebody else says: that they are more or less passionate according as they are paid for it, and allow their client wrath proportioned to the amount of their fee. It is no small part of a lawyer's business to varnish over and patch up blemishes and rents in the characters of his clients, and this has a natural tendency to shamming. In order to do this work successfully resort is often made to stratagem and deception is therefore cultivated as a fine art. There is an old legend that a lawyer deceived St. Peter by a clever stratagem and slipped by him through the gates of heaven, and the recollection of this fact is said to have so incensed the "Barebones Parliament," that they came within one vote of disfranchising all the lawyers of the kingdom.

The sorest wounds that Sham ever gets are from newspaper men, and yet, paradoxical as it may seem, newspaper editors and reporters, are, as a class, born thralls of his. They pretend to greater military skill than any soldier, they plan campaigns, and direct sieges. A few weeks ago they were instructing Sir Garnet Wolseley how to beat the Egyptians, and as Sir Garnet did exactly the opposite of what these editors advised, he did beat the Egyptians. They pretend to be masters of the profoundest problems of philosophy, and discuss them with a boldness which would have astonished Plato, or Kant, or Emerson. On questions of theology they are equally pretentious. They attempt to give lessons to pope, prelate, bishop and clergyman with all the confidence of a Dogberry. The gravest questions of law are to them as easy as the first "sum" in addition or subtraction. They know all about managing railroads, and steamboats, and factories, and banks. Financial questions are mere trifles, the weightiest matters of state are as simple as the first lessons of a school primer. The man who cannot pay his baker because of his inability to manage the money affairs of a family of two, is when he shelters himself behind the potent editorial *we*, a shrewder financier than Necker, or Pitt, or Sherman. Fortified by that same pronoun the man whose doggerel is bad enough to throw all who read it into spasms, will hawk at the poetry of a Whittier, a Lowell, or a Longfellow. The reporters are not less pretentious than their chiefs, the editors. They must be sensational or nothing. Artemus Ward said Shakespeare would have miserably failed as a newspaper reporter because he lacked fancy and imagination. Every local accident must be touched up into a sensational piece by these pickers-up "of unconsidered trifles." Homely English will not answer their purpose; big, swelling words, are needed even for the purpose of telling that Deacon Jones bought a Jersey cow, or Deacon Stokes ground his fingers in the cogs of his mill wheels. The grand language of these gentlemen is sometimes astounding, take for illustration this specimen of fine writing, "The spirit of departed day had joined communion with the myriad ghosts of centuries and four full hours fled into eternity before the citizens of many parts of the town found out that there was a fresher here at all, and that our eminent and justly respected townsman 'Squire Jenks had two calves and a hog swept into the seething waters and carried off by the madly rushing torrent."

The men who occupy the most space in Sham's kingdom are the politicians. These men are forever prating about the rights of man and the privileges of the people, and yet are always ready to gratify their own ambition or advance their selfish purposes at whatever cost to their fellow men. What transparent shams many of them are! After spending nights and days in the effort to secure a party nomination they receive the long expected prize with expressions of great surprise, and loud protestations of their own want of merit. Feigning anger against those opposed to their political views, they do by their bitter, rancorous harangues stir up strife and conflict among the citizens who do not make politics a business or a study. These politicians delight

in cabals and intrigues, they assiduously cultivate craftiness and cunning. Some of them, no doubt, have talent, but it is of that sort which Bacon calls "a crooked and sinister wisdom." The word patriotism is so often on their lips and means so little when they use it, that it almost makes us believe that burly Dr. Johnson was right when he said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Pretenders have scaled college walls and taken seats in the chairs of the professors and on the benches of the students. They have even invaded the temples of the Greek fraternities. Many a poor barbarian has stood shivering with fear at the threshold of the chapter, each noise seeming to his strained nerves as the thunder of Jove and the portent of awful terrors, and having passed the dreaded ordeal finds the terrors not so great as they seemed, but while this he found so did he find something good, and true and real. There is, it must be owned, something of sham in the theory that the barbarian the moment he is within the pale of Greek fellowship drops the barbarian garb of bearskin, assumes the Grecian robes and is lo *instanti* transformed into the learned, accomplished, and erudite Greek gentleman.

*Pretension* is the foe of real merit. Men who secure by false appearance of merit the plaudits which of right belong to solid worth are pilferers. But gains thus ill gotten are seldom permanent. For a time the pretender struts in his stolen plumage, but sooner or later it falls from him, and, when this happens where before he heard the shouts of praise he hears the hiss of scorn. Real merit when once it gains high place holds it with a grasp no power of earth can weaken, but the grasp of the pretender is as the hold of the icicle clinging to the roof in the cold of the early winter morning which loosens as soon as the rays of the sun fall upon it.

It is the earnest, determined men who move the world, and pretenders are never such. Where there is no conviction there is no determination, and where this is wanting the man is a laggard, infirm of purpose and destitute of true force of character. In the man of earnest conviction and determined purpose there is strength which is almost invincible. They lay their hands to their work with the feeling of Paul when he said, "This one thing I do." They are sustained by that lofty courage which animated Luther when he declared, "I am resolved to enter Worms although as many devils set at me as there are tiles on the house tops." The pretender has neither the inspiration, nor the courage of conviction. He has not the will which makes the way.

The thoroughbred pretender is a mere copyist, he never invents a useful thing, nor discovers a valuable one. All he has is second hand, and this for the most part, is composed of shreds and patches, he borrows much and pays nothing, he imitates many things but originates none.

Pretence is the enemy of enthusiasm and enthusiasm is an essential element of true success, for it engenders an intensity of thought and purpose that carries the man forward with a force that no obstacle can check. Enthusiasm is born of earnestness and this enthusiasm it is that carries the true poet into the highest flights of the imagination, and the great orator into the sublimity of eloquence. The fiery enthusiasm of Patrick Henry roused him to that grand outbreak of eloquence which stirred his countrymen like a trumpet blast and which still stirs the blood of men and sends it rushing through their veins. It was this deep earnestness, this enthusiasm, more sober, perhaps, but not less intense than that of Patrick Henry, that carried the men of the Revolution through the most unequal conflict recorded in history and gave us that grand victory of Yorktown where the cross of St. George went down before the ensign of America. The moving power of the world is in those earnest, sincere men "who live in deeds not years, in thoughts not breaths." The power that makes great leaders of men is behind the eloquent tongue, behind the flashing eye, behind the stirring voice, it is the power of sincere conviction and earnest purpose; these constitute:

"The star of the unconquered will."

The world is full of paradoxes and one of them is, that great an evil as pretence unquestionably is, it is yet a good. Pretenders generally assume the appearance of something better than themselves. "Hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue." They are conscious of an ideal which they admire, but to which they cannot attain without earnest work and stern self denial. They are too indolent to set to work, and too selfish to deny themselves the indulgences which clog their progress. They admire virtue and would possess it if it could be had for the asking but they will pay nothing for it. As the real jewel cannot be thus obtained they content themselves with tinsel imitations. They secure the appearance of virtue as one who bedecked with paste imitation moving in an uncertain light secures the appearance of being

adorned with real diamonds. But the conception of a good ideal, even though the man strives ever so feebly to attain it, makes him the better for his striving, as but for this he would have looked downward instead of upward. It requires some little of good to appreciate the good, even as gilding requires a little gold.

It is a far cry from sham to sincerity, from pretence to reality. But there is sincerity in man much as there is of pretence. Philosophers have endured persecution rather than surrender their convictions. Socrates was compelled to drink poison, Bruno was burned at the stake, Roger Bacon was cast into prison, Oakham and Priestly driven into exile. "Everywhere," says Heine, "that a great soul gives utterance to its thoughts there is also a Golgotha."

Preachers have manfully stood to their conviction through the most terrible tortures that fiendish malignity could devise. Scourged with whips, broken on the wheel, stretched on the rack, burned at the stake, through all firm in their adherence to their conception of religious truth. The "pale martyr, in his shirt of fire" is the highest example of man's sincerity.

If it be true that in woman there is much of pretence, it is also true that in woman is found the highest development of sincerity. In the true mother, "the holiest thing alive," there is less of sham than in any human being beneath the sun. The poor mother who on that awful night in the blinding storm of snow, stripped from her body, shivering and shaking with the freezing cold, her garments and wrapped them about her baby boy that he might live though she must die, did that which angels well might envy. In such an act there is no grain of pretence, but a universe of sincerity. Often has the true wife gone with her husband to the loathsome prison, often followed him into exile, often has she, and she alone of all the world been his only friend and comforter in the hour of trial and disaster. There is "in every true woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire which beams and blazes in the dark hours of adversity with a light almost divine."

Politicians are not all shams although shams are often politicians. Our own country supplies many examples of honest and sincere devotion to political convictions—one of them now looks down upon us from yonder votive canvass—we have them in our own day and generation. The history of the past abounds in examples. There was the stout commonwealth's man, Sir John Eliot, who went bravely to death exclaiming on the scaffold, "Ten thousand deaths rather than defile my conscience, the chastity and purity of which I value beyond all this world." But there is such a throng of these historic characters that to mention all would be a tedious task, while to omit any would be unjust. Patriotism is often feigned and its professors often false, but there is a genuine patriotism and there are true patriots. It was this that moved the men of Concord, who:

"Fired the shot heard round the world."

It was this that moved Virginia,—grand old Virginia,—to spurn the motto, then, as now, the embodiment of the sham of man worship, "God save the King," and substitute the noble one, "God save the Liberties of America." Virginians thus gave form and expression to the spirit of liberty abroad in the land. Men by the sea, men on the mountains, men in the great towns and little villages, men on the lonely plantations of the wild frontier were touched as by a holy fire. Up rose a nation of freemen then.

The physicians have proved themselves brave and sincere men. Vesalius endured persecution for his devotion to the truths of medical science. In the times when "the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday" was filling every home with death, when brave men fled in wild dismay from the terrors of the plague, the physicians have stood bravely to their posts heroically battling with disease and death. Theirs is a truer courage, a sublimer heroism than that of the soldier who, stirred by the grand wild music of war and roused by the fierce shouts of fighting men, fearlessly perils his life in the hell of battle.

Nor are examples of heroic devotion to sincere conviction wanting among the lawyers. The bravest words ever uttered to a crowned despot were spoken by the lawyers Coke and Fortescue. It was the lawyer Hampden who gave his life for constitutional liberty on Chalgroves field. But we need not look beyond our own country, there are John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and the other sturdy lawyers of the Revolution. There is John Marshall, the fifth Chief Justice of the United States, a man whose sincerity of character and purity of purpose challenge the admiration of all the world.

The newspapers have been and are the most fearless and unrelenting assailants of sham. They have assaulted it in the highest places of earth, neither rank, nor wealth, nor power has checked the fury of their onslaught. Shams in the low places

and in the high have received from them many a savage blow, and many a telling thrust. Braver, honester, and more effective fights have been made against sham by the editors than by preacher, satirist, orator, or statesman.

The poet who wrote :

"I slept, and dreamt that life was Beauty,  
I woke, and found that life was Duty,

clothed a great thought in beautiful words. In the young life there is much of this dreaming, and if the dreamer be not aroused before it is too late his place in the real world will be among the sluggards, everywhere the ciphers of creation. Books and book learning will not rouse him. Books are noble things and book knowledge a mine of wealth. But mere book wisdom makes men dreamers, not workers. Reade says that mere book men live in a world "of featureless shadows." Something more than this sort of knowledge is needed to the college student, he needs contact, collision with real beings about real things. This need the Greek fraternities supply, and in doing this they do a great service to the student. They show him that he must not only have knowledge, but he must know how to use it. They show him that the age is one of iron and that he must hammer his way to eminence. They exhibit to him the value of organization, the importance of a careful husbandry of resources, the necessity for determined work and the conquering power of pluck. In doing this they shake from him all traces of drowsiness and bring him forward to do a man's work like a man. But it is not to be forgotten that there is knowledge that can only be obtained from books and learned men. He who forgets that the chief duty of his college life is to learn of the wise men set over him, or is wanting in the respect due to wisdom and age, is a barbarian and no Greek.

Wherever truth has encountered error, truth has conquered. The hosts of heaven arrayed under the Prince of Truth cast from its battlements the host of error, the grand army of shams. Hurling headlong "from the ethereal heaven."

"Nine days they fell."

The history of the conflicts of earth is the story of the triumphs of truth, "Great is truth and mighty above all things." The power of truth delivered Christian from the hands of Giant Despair, overcame Apolyon and led the stout hearted pilgrim through the awful terrors of the Valley of the Shadow of Death. It will lead you and me, if we give to it the sincere devotion of earnest hearts, as it led him, to the golden gates of the "City of the Great King."

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### PROPHECY.

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Not a great while ago I was informed of that which had been all my life prior thereto unknown. The worthy Secretary of our General Council then sent official notice to me that the Indianapolis Convention of 1880, in utter disregard of the accuracy of its allegations and serenely indifferent to the consequences to suffering humanity, had declared me to be a prophet.

This was startling information, and I was moved thereby to make a careful examination of the family record. I have read the biographies and the auto-biographies of my distinguished and extinguished ancestors during the thousands and thousands of years of their prominent activity in mundane affairs, but no where have I been able to find any evidence of any one of them having been either a prophet or the son of a prophet.

So, when it came to pass that I should be heralded to the Phi world as a prophet, blazoned in the directory of the SCROLL as a prophet, called upon to speak as a prophet, to scan with anxious eyes the mysteries of future's measureless sky, there to read with astrologic skill, and here to announce with Elijah like accuracy what the stars portend, I was surprised. At first I inclined to follow the example of the heroic and illustrious Artemus Ward when he was *drafted* into the service of the army, and *resign*, but I reflected that such a course would be in direct conflict with the sentiment of a large portion of my constituency, for, it is said, no Ohio man was ever suspected of declining anything. Besides I realized that the Indianapolis Convention had deliberated upon the question with all the solemnity of a coroner's jury, and having found, upon the issue joined, that I was a prophet, I did not even, under all the circumstances, and especially in deference to their carefully formed judgment, to

disturb the verdict. But I cannot refrain from suggesting that if the Convention had called to the witness stand a few of the shoe makers, tailors, and general merchants of my town the verdict might have been different. Perhaps my reputation with them as to being a *profit* is not so good, but then it is said that "a prophet is not without honor (or credit) save in his own land."

Since concluding to accept this novel position and to appear, for one night only, as an amateur soothsayer, I have been trying to discover just what my duties are and what is expected of one who undertakes to discharge them. I have been conscious all along that there were dangers ahead, and that my task was no juvenile affair. I have not been insensible to the fact that while sailing around in this unexpected sea, making predictions with the *sang froid* of a prognosticating seer, or with the reckless abandon of "Old Probabilities," I might collide with an iceberg or tumble over a cataract.

The Convention of 1880 was slightly derelict in one particular. When it appointed its Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Convention on the James, along with his credentials, it should have forwarded plans and specifications. This would have saved the prophet a good deal of anxiety, and may have avoided many mistakes.

It is an extremely awkward subject to deal with. One cannot easily decide how to approach it. It presents no handle. It comes at you like a porcupine all humped up with quills on end. A person might without reference to accuracy or appropriateness, furnish a few first-class prophecies, but if they failed to comply with the demands of trade, they would only be a dead loss and go begging for a market, his labor bringing no return, his investment a sacrifice, and his liabilities in excess of his capital.

But if my duty is nothing more than to predict what the future of our Fraternity is to be, if it is my pleasing task to point out the way leading through the years to come, over which our faithful band is to travel, then the sailing is clear. For my chart would be our history, my captain our Constitution, my helmsman our Bond, with these to man and guide our craft in which your prophet sails, he feels that he would glide into no bewildering waters.

I should, speaking for myself, and not referring to any particular subject, regard the duties of the historian more congenial than those of a prophet. The historian incurs no risk of doing an inoffensive pilgrim an injury, as his errors can be discovered in time to avoid accidents—besides, in compiling his work, if he runs out of the genuine article he can with safety to his readers, manufacture the necessary scenes and situations to complete and round out his task. While it is true that a prophet can draw very largely on his imagination, and in fact does so, yet, he cannot do it without at least a slight sting of compunction from the rear that some guileless creature might, in relying on his prediction, meet with disaster.

I speak of the duties of a historian because it is a family matter. A subject near to home. There have been historians among my ancestors. Hundreds and hundreds of years ago, somewhere during the pre historic period, realizing that there was, as yet, no history, they went about making it. They organized clubs, mite societies and sewing circles. The number of these various associations when not in regular session would hold impromptu meetings on the street corners, and communicate across lots while hanging out the week's washing. It was not long before a new era set in. Plenty of history then, but some of it of a doubtful character. The market was flooded. There it was that savory scandals had their origin, and the wardrobe of Miss Flora McFlimsey was, for the first time, made a subject of serious consideration. I regret it, but I am compelled to admit that a large number of these organizations are still in a healthy and active condition, although the charter members have long since gone to the quiet subsequently. But others of my ancestors made the genuine article. They performed deeds of great valor and produced the historic history of that age. Impelled by a patriotic longing to change the monotony of their prosy existence, having had nothing to do—but sit around and watch the developments of the Darwinian theory, and thrilling with ambition to achieve renown in war as well as in peace by feats of arms, waged war upon the out lying townships, and stormed the domiciles of the lymphatic cliff-dwellers. Their feats or valor remain without a parallel to this day, not excepting those of Baron Munchausen and Don Quixote. Here my ancestors distinguished themselves. They were fearless. They were anxious for the fray. They loved to witness scenes of dreadful carnage. In fact, they loved to witness such scenes so well, and their curiosity would become so thoroughly aroused, that right in the very midst of a battle, fearing they would not get to see

the whole show, they would climb high trees, and from this "coign of vantage" take in the whole situation.

But they are dead now; at least they were when last heard from. They have (to use a brand new, and purely original expression) gone "to that mysterious country from whose bourne no traveler returns." The suns of many summers have withered the leaves of the forest, the frosts of many winters have blasted the earth's green sward, since they, and George Francis Train, and Doctor Mary Walker, and a lot more of the "dear old boys" sported with the frisky bohemoths, armadillos and pterodactyls in the zoological gardens of "Old Antiquity." A few of their descendants, not more than three degrees removed, still survive them, and are to be found during the summer season at White Sulphur, Niagara, and other fashionable resorts, selling Indian mocasins and old bric-a-brac, advertising their wares in the most persuasive tones of the rich hibernian dialect.

But human prophets are scarce. There's but little demand for them in these days of newspapers and politicians. The soothsayers of Cæsar, if living, would be like Othello, "their occupation gone." In the days of the Roman Empire the candidates for office depended very largely upon them for campaign material. But alas, they have been superceded by the stalwarts, half-breeds and the partisan press. They have become so scarce, indeed, that the *genuine* article can be seen in public but once in two years, and then by the grace of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

But prophecy does not lie solely in the mouth of human beings. The term prophet involves more than individuals. In its broad sweep it comprehends all the elements of the world, and makes every particle of creation a prophet, each performing important functions in its own sphere of action. The tiny atome as well as the mount of himalayan height, is a prophet.

Nothing has been made in vain. Everything has a purpose. That purpose will be accomplished sooner or later. The existence of any one thing is a prophecy that something will be done, and the inevitable execution of the purpose under the inflexible laws of nature, is the fulfillment of the prophecy. Cause precedes effect. Cause in its operation, therefore, predicts that something will exist in the future. The effect sure to follow, proves the accuracy of the prediction. That which *is* foretells of that which is *to be*. Birth predicts death, death predicts life.

"Night is the prophecy of morn,  
The evening star predicts the dawn."

In the laws of evolution, each step is the prophecy of that which preceded it, and a prophet speaking of that which is to come. In the pre-adamite period of the world's history, all the elements of that dark age joined in a mighty chorus that went ringing through the corridors of time foretelling the growth and development of earth and its people. The morning stars that sang together so sweetly embraced in that melodious song a strain of prophecy. The voice that swelled through the vaults of heaven proclaiming "Let there be light!" in its effect, announced the grandest and sublimest of all prophecies; for then, in the execution of this decree, the darkness that had enveloped the earth was swept away, the sun poured forth its strong and penetrating rays upon this revolving globe, and all of earth, all of air, in all their parts, in quick response to the glowing warmth of that heavenly orb, sprang into life, and then began the fulfillment of these supreme prophecies.

This element of prophecy, which enters so largely into the composition of all matter, is that which has enabled us, by its study, to make such rapid strides in our advancement in all the pursuits of life. Its presence is everywhere distinctly manifest.

The gentle lifting of the tea kettle's lid foretold to the patient Watts the power that lay in steam. That kettle as it swung and sang upon the crane made the wondrous prophecy that the same power that made that song would some day move the commerce of the world; relieve wearied and weak mankind, and bear their burdens for them upon giant arms, with tireless strength, and with the ease and grace that the sea gull carries its feather in its wing.

The spark that leapt from the cloud and entered the electric current of Franklin's kite string, revealed the prophecy that foretold the time when man could "put a girdle around the earth in forty minutes," when the seas deep bed would be the highway for communication between the old and the new world, when thought could be borne upon a steed that moved with lightning speed, even faster than man could measure.

The modest spinning jenny that not many years ago was found at many firesides, and treated as one of the "household gods," and well it might be, as it twisted and twirled the flax, hummed the prophecy of the day when ponderous looms would su-

percede it to weave garments for millions. When the enlargement and ramification of its component parts would build towering factories, and populate cities by giving employment to thousands.

The old "Ramage" press that a century and a half ago printed "the news from all London town," though crude and clumsy in form, and slow in action, nevertheless, took the initial step in the wonderful progress that has since been made in that art, and foretold the day when the giant Hoe press, in perfect form, would reel off newspapers at the rate of thirty thousand copies an hour, and enable you and me to sit at the breakfast table and read of all the important events up to within a few hours.

This same element of prophecy is to be found in the perfecting of steam craft, rail-roading, engineering, and machinery in all its forms. Its seen in the arts, sciences and professions, in fact, its everywhere. We have but to look abroad to witness its effect; we have but to listen to its voice to catch the inspiration and feel the guide that will lead us to the *ultima thule* of all earthly things.

Hope is a prophet. Ambition is a prophet. They tell the young man standing upon the threshold of this busy work shop that under a few plain and simple conditions he may make his life worth the living. They tell him that by industry, by steadiness of purpose, by honesty of heart and fidelity to his fellow-men he may rise from the lowest to the highest place in this great work shop.

Impelled and directed by these two voices the apprentice dons his cap and apron to begin the struggle. Swerving neither to the right nor the left but keeping steadily forward, never dismayed nor discouraged by an occasional defeat but Anteus like renewing the conflict with redoubled energy; the clouds may lour above—but to him each has its silver lining, the days may seem long and weary but he knows that an hour of rest will come when sleep will bring solace to his body and "knit up the raveled sleeve of care." He sees the goal shining ahead for which he struggles, and when he stands at the end of the journey "crowned victor over many things" then will be realized the complete and rounded fulfillment of their prophecies.

This spiritual prophecy is likewise universal. It dwells in every mind, in every heart. It is beside the infants cradle. It comforts the wearied mother. It tells her to be patient. It tells her to watch and guide the tottering footsteps as only a mother can, until her offspring shall have reached a period of vigorous and matured manhood, until he can stand thrice armed against the temptations of the world. And her reward and his reward for this, may be the lifting of him from the tow-path to the presidential chair, and result in giving to a great people a wise and benign chieftain, a splendid specimen of American statesmanship and scholarly acquirements. A man adorned with such genius of mind and purity of heart that at his untimely death a stricken world would bow in deepest grief.

All these things teach us that in prophecy lie the greatness of the present and the hope for the future. The progress of mankind owe to it an everlasting debt. Its profound voice has been speaking through all the ages. Our people have heard and heeded it, and the result is, that the inhabitants of the reunited states stand in the fore front of civilization in all its departments, the object and emulation of the old world.

Therefore, I decline to adopt the general but narrowed acceptance of the term, and confine it to purely speculative utterances of self-styled seers. I would give it a wider and deeper tone. I would not deck it with somber garments, top it with gray hair, shut it up in a dark room, surrounded by the mysterious implements of the astrologer's craft, and its forecasts the mummery of withered crones; instead of that, I would adorn it with the robes of the morning, with golden tresses, a diadem of glittering stars, its abode in the highest mountain top, and its proclamations announced in a voice like that of the angel Gabriel, throughout all creation that no one might be left in ignorance.

The war was prophetic. The roar of cannon, the rattle of musketry, the cries of the stricken and all the din of that terrible strife united in one voice sublimely prophesying that the day would come when the contending factions would lay down their arms and return to peaceful occupations, when all animosities would be carried away on the bosom of the tide of good fellowship that would o'er sweep the land, when the sacred ties that bound together the various parts of our country, rewelded as they were, in the flaming forges of Mars' workshop, would ultimately give us "Union Liberty, now and forever, one and inseparable." And such a condition of things would arise that the Phis from all parts of this blessed land would meet at Richmond on the James, in the year's yellow leaf, beneath a Southern sky, surrounded by battle-plowed fields, where the juggernaut car of civil strife made mar-

tyrs of heroes, not burdened by rough implements of cruel war, but bearing in their stead the olive branch of peace to lay it on Phi Delta's altar.

And now, as I stand here to-night beneath the dome of the capitol of the mother of Presidents, with the strong light of the past shining out upon the sky of the future, methinks that I can there read the prophecy that the work and triumphs of this generation are not yet ended.

The signs of the times indicate that the American people are to still further adorn the civilization and multiply the glories of the nineteenth century. We may judge the future by the past. The giant strides made by our people during the last fifty years have already placed us high in the list of great Nations.

Much, yes, much of this wonderful progress has been made in spite of the hampering influences of sectionalism and internal dissention. But now these retarding elements have been eliminated and to-day we stand before the world as one people, with one flag, one country and one God.

This cherished condition of things has been finally brought about by that same instinct of human nature which gives life to, and perpetuates a cause like that of Phi Delta Thetaism. It is the communion, union, and good fellowship. It is the desire to patronize, to combine and to disseminate a community of interest and thereby secure to the greatest number the greatest good. This great force is only accelerated and intensified by lapse of time and constant use. We are advancing every day. We have but to remain steadfast, marching shoulder to shoulder with elbows touching, keeping step to the music of the union and the result will be that when the grand review of all the Nations of earth takes place at the inauguration of the new century, way out in the van guard of this mighty host, with banners streaming and trophies high in air, will be found the citizens of the United States of America.

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### ADDRESS OF WELCOME,

DELIVERED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PHI DELTA THETA, HELD AT THE EXCHANGE HOTEL, RICHMOND, VA., OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 27, 1882.

BY CONWAY R. SANDS (VA. A. ALUMNI.)

*Brother President and Brothers of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity:* As the delegate of the Virginia Alpha Alumni, it becomes my duty as well as pleasure, to welcome you to our city and to our State. Would that this office had fallen on some one more gifted in the art of expressing in choice phrases the feelings of our hearts. But even the eloquence of a Pitt, the poetry of a Milton would be inadequate to voice our feelings in simple words of welcome. Thus satisfied that no tongue can tell, no pen can picture the true feelings of our hearts, allow me in my own imperfect way to bid you all hail to Richmond! Cold indeed must be the heart which fails to sympathize with the hopes that now animate your bosoms, as flushed and stimulated by collegiate honors, the well earned rewards of toil and study, you have gathered here to mingle awhile in social conversation and brotherly love. We are all members of one family, sprung from a common mother, and although as sometimes happens in the domestic circles, there may be diversities in feature, temperament and manner, we trust that the resemblance is still so strongly marked that even a *barbarian* would recognize and trace a common origin. Why, then, should we not cordially welcome you and rejoice in your prosperity, in your fame, in your honor, as we do, indeed, even as they are exhibited in the gratifying scenes of this bright day! In giving you this assurance, I have full confidence that the hearts and welcome of my own Chapter and of my sister Chapters in the State are with you and that I truly declare their sentiments.

Twenty one years ago a Convention composed as this is of representative men from the several States, convened in this city in what was known as the Peace Convention. Then it was Virginia's voice calling her sister States to meet her at the council-board. The purpose of that Convention was to allay the sectional feelings that then enveloped as in Egyptian darkness,

"That land of earth supremely blest,  
A dearer, sweeter land than all the rest."

But its object was not attained. The Convention met too late and it sat almost after the clash of arms had begun.

Now another Convention assembles in our capitol. Unlike the former it does not come clothed in the garb and guise of a peace-maker. That office now is no longer needed. Peace reigns supreme. And the united voices of our sister States join with us in one glad refrain. "The past dead has buried its dead." And the gathering

here to-day of our fraternity testifies in language that cannot be misunderstood that to us there is neither North nor South, East or West. The mysteries of Phi Delta Theta are open alike to those who dwell in the frigid North as in the sunny South. That bird of fraternal love that first sprung from his nest in old Miami, and soared proudly aloft over her parapets, shaking the sweet dew drops of his love on her, stopped not there; but spreading his broad wings to the winds and directing his flight to other climes, he built his eyrie unmindful of the talons of other birds.

It is here, in the secrecy and sanctity of brotherly love, we may without vanity speak of Phi Delta Theta as she deserves, we may dedicate ourselves to her service and rejoice in the honor that we know awaits her; but *whatever* may be her destiny, we are certain that her fame is fixed forever in the history of fraternities and that though the College which gave her birth should crumble into its original elements never again to be reunited; though the bird of fraternal love should drown himself in his tears he will pause, ere he takes his flight, to gaze where the last sun light of love shall gild the proud banner of our national honor—that banner inscribed with the worth of our men and waving in triumph over our Chapters; and as that sun shall set, it may be forever, upon the Greek letter fraternities, it will linger in splendor upon one name and the fame of Phi Delta Theta, like the sun of the tropics shall sink to rest in the full orb'd radiance of meridian glory, without a lessening ray or undimmed in its lustre.

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

*Dear Brothers:* The Richmond Convention saw fit to make a clean sweep in the selection of members of the General Council. Some of the wheel horses have retired from active official service, but we have the assurance of their continued support, and the officers elect enter upon the discharge of their duties under favorable omens. The well filled ranks of our noble brotherhood have been strengthened with additions from the chosen young men of forty-one Colleges, and two more institutions have successfully applied for charters of the Phi Delta Theta. South Carolina University knocked at our doors and was admitted by the Convention; Kansas University has since been chartered under authority from the same source, and other institutions of equal repute are waiting to be heard.

The establishment of Chapters, however, calls for the exercise of extreme caution. We have long ago been put beyond the necessity of extension and the question is getting to be not where to go, but where not to go. The Convention named a few important institutions where our standard should be planted. I call upon the province Presidents and upon the brotherhood at large, to see that no unnecessary delay occurs in attending to the behests of the Convention in this respect.

Of more importance than extension is the question of internal improvement. Nearly every Chapter in the fraternity can boast of unwonted prosperity, and it is a good time to wipe out petty jealousies, get square with the world, make the most of opportunities and to convert the heathen and barbarian. Our ideal is a perfect union of harmonious Chapters. Brotherly love and harmony characterized the acts of the Convention and the ruling sentiments of the General Council as we extend a greeting to the Chapters.

Fraternally,

H. U. BROWN.

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#### FROM T. G. C.

*Brothers in Phi Delta Theta:* It may seem rather exacting in me to make the announcement that I do. But when you consider the expense incurred by the Fraternity at the last Convention, you surely will pardon me. In accordance with the custom, the November SCROLL will be sent to all Chapters the same as last year. But beginning with December, the paper will be discontinued unless the tax is paid by December 1st, or a sufficient excuse is presented stating reasons for not complying with the request. The Catalogue is to go to press on or about December 1st. The tax due on it should be paid by that time, as the full amount of the contract for printing them will have to be turned over at that time. The following Chapters are indebted for the SCROLL for the year 1882-'83, and those marked C. are also indebted to the Catalogue Fund:

Virginia Alpha, C.; Virginia Beta; Virginia Gamma, C.; Virginia Epsilon, C.; Illinois Gamma, C.; Illinois Zeta, C.; Georgia Gamma; Texas Alpha, C.; Indiana Delta; Minnesota Alpha; Pennsylvania Delta; Pennsylvania Epsilon, C.; Ohio Delta, C.; Iowa Beta, C.; Indiana Zeta; Pennsylvania Alpha; Ohio Gamma, Catalogue tax only; Alabama Alpha, Catalogue tax only; Georgia Beta, Catalogue tax only.

Yours in the Bond,

CHARLES A. FOSTER, T. G. C.

## THE CONVENTION.

For two years we have looked forward to what was to be accomplished, and what we would enjoy at Richmond; now we look back at the result, review the pleasures in which we there participated. Another magnificent reunion of Phis has passed, and we congratulate ourselves that it was an occasion both so delightful and profitable. The enjoyment was very largely due to the Virginia Delta and Virginia Alpha Alumni, who had made such complete and satisfactory arrangements for the comforts of their guests, and we will never cease feeling thankful to them for their kind attentions.

A few of the prominent features of the Convention we will now notice. At this writing the minutes are not before us, and we will write only of those things which made most impression on our memory :

In the first place the attendance was not as large as at the Indianapolis Convention, and it was not expected that it would be. The Phis are thickly settled in Indiana, while the Fraternity is comparatively new in Virginia. It was remarkable, however, what a large proportion of those present had traveled a long distance to attend. Probably Phis never did so much traveling to get to any of our previous Conventions. But the most gratifying thing about the attendance was the presence of thirty-six delegates from our thirty-seven active College Chapters. Such a large representation of official delegates was never heard of before in the history of Fraternity Conventions. It is strange that the only College Chapter which failed to send a delegate was one of the nearest, Virginia Epsilon. There were, in addition, five Alumni Chapters officially represented, making a total of forty-one *bona fide* delegates. This representative attendance shows a strength and activity in our Fraternity of which we should be proud.

The four days session, which is longer than any other Fraternity Convention lasts, and which some of us thought would be more time than we would need, was really not enough for the transaction of all the important business. Opportunity could not be found for attending to any constitutional and ritualistic amendments, and they had to be deferred until the next Convention. Probably it is best, however, for no changes to be made until 1884, for in that time the constitution and ritual under which are now operating can be more fully tested, and we can then see what changes it will benefit us to make.

Much valuable time was consumed in reporting the condition of Chapters, in discussing an excursion to Washington, and in disagreeing over the banquet and ball. In reports of Chapters only a brief statement of their actual standing and prospects should be made. We get much information of the kind through the SCROLL, and the delegates should cut their remarks short. It was much to be regretted that the banquet question got so tangled. The mistake was in not letting the local Committee manage the affairs according to their own notions. They could tell better than strangers in the city what kind of an entertainment it was best to have. In future let the Convention

not interfere with the arrangements of the local Committee for banquet and ball, and everything will be more pleasant and successful.

The Convention, without doubt, did wisely in selecting another official jeweler, for the Fraternity will now be apt to get better prices, and better work, and have orders filled more promptly.

The rearrangement of the Provinces was a great improvement. Our Provinces are now in much better shape, and the organization of the Fraternity is far more complete with seven Provinces than with five. South Carolina objected vigorously to the change in her provincial relations, but she should console herself that it was for the best interests of the Fraternity, and this is an era of national supremacy.

The Convention, we think, acted wisely in selecting Nashville for the next place of meeting. Our College Chapter and Alumni Chapter there are both strong, and the Phis of the South and Southwest who have never been near enough a Convention to attend may be expected in large numbers at Nashville in 1884.

In the debate between August and October as most desirable months for meeting it was hard to decided which had most advantages. Right here we wish to remark that it is unfortunate that our Conventions, if they are to be biennial, meet on election years. If we meet on the odd, instead of even years, the public would not be so engrossed with political subjects, and would take more interest in us, and we would get our distinguished alumni for the literary exercises with far less trouble. In order to escape this difficulty can we not meet in 1885, and then every two years thereafter if it is deemed best?

We regret only two things which the Convention did; first, in refusing to take part in the Pan Hellenic Council; and, second, in not allowing the SCROLL to exchange with other Fraternity organs. We cannot for the life of us see the objection to being represented in an inter-fraternity Convention when we would not be compromised in any way. Other Fraternities will hardly think we are treating them with proper courtesy, also in not consenting to an exchange of journals, which is now a general custom and honorably conducted. The Convention has spoken, however, and we must submit.

The literary exercises on the last evening were very fine. All of the speakers did themselves great credit. In the much regreted absence of Historian Morrison, it was exceedingly fortunate that one was present who could so well fill the vacancy as did Brother Beckwith by his impromptu effort.

The details of the proceedings can be discussed after the minutes have been read, and we will close by saying that the Richmond Convention was a grand success, and the Fraternity and Nashville will have to do well to equal it in 1884.

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#### CONVENTIONALITIES.

Bigley was our newspaper man.

Eighteen States were represented.

Everybody had an autograph album.

The new song book went off like hot cakes.

Brown, of Missouri, was universally popular.  
 Some fine badges were worn at the Convention.  
 The Ohio boys had the most talent for singing.  
 The Associated Press gave us a nice little boost.  
 Everybody was "all broke up" when it was over.  
 The Indiana delegates were rather quiet than otherwise.  
 There were two sons of Phis present, Yonce and Banta.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha reported the most athletic victories.  
 The Richmond Phis could not have been more attentive.  
 Virginia Beta certainly was represented by a daisy crowd.

Nashville had more representatives than any other place except Richmond.

Foster was looking around at the ball for his girl who had already disappeared.

A Convention without our Captain Jack would be Hamlet with the Prince left out.

There were three ex-Presidents of the Fraternity present, viz: Gaskill, Reddig and Banta.

Sands' address of welcome made everybody feel at home, and Carney admirably responded.

Christian is a convenient man to have around at a Convention. Every one enjoys meeting him.

The Richmond papers are very small sheets, so their reports of our proceedings were short and incomplete.

Burgess had a case of Fraternity jewelry on exhibition, and several of the prettiest specimens were sold.

Ridge showed what a valuable worker he is by his enterprise in getting the banner made for the Convention picture.

No session was held Tuesday evening, some of the delegates went to the theatre, and some took in other parts of the town.

H. G. Bradford, Jim Norris, George Foster, Frank Hunter and other vetrans were sadly missed. They musn't do that way any more.

Jackson had heavy Committee work on his hands, the preparation of the reports of the SCROLL and settlement with the ex-G. B. falling to him.

After the Convention some of the delegates returned home direct, some *via* University of Virginia; others went to Washington, Baltimore and New York.

If Van Nostrand and Foster and Troxell and Weber and Barrs and Bonham and Summers had been there all our general officers would have been present. Their absence was greatly regretted.

What Phi is there who does not feel rejoiced to the bottom of his soul on the first day of a Convention at the hearty greetings of Phis whom he has met before and of others whose names have long been familiar?

Upwards of forty members from all parts of the West and South went over on the C. & O. train on Monday. All day long they were talking and singing together, so there was nobody who didn't know everybody else before they reached Richmond. What a trip it was.

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RICHMOND—Nashville.

THIS is a Convention number.

THE Convention decided that the proper pronunciation of our three initial letters should be Phi Delta Theta.

THERE was a greater number of official delegates at Richmond than have ever attended a Convention of any College Fraternity.

WE would like to have been out earlier this month but copy came in slowly and we had to superintend the typographical make-up as well as to attend to the editorial management, hence we make our appearance at this late day.

WE should indeed be thankful to Brother Reddig for his excellent management of our finances during the past two years. He knows how

to make a good report—also how to arrange matters in such a manner that nothing but a good report would be possible.

OUR arrangements for advertisements have not been completed as yet, hence the two inside pages of the cover are blank and the directory goes on the back. In the future the directory will not be on the cover but on the last page of the inside, so that, when the cover is torn off in binding, it will be preserved.

THE file of the SCROLL is not complete and we would most earnestly urge our readers to look through their papers, and if any of the following numbers are in their possession, to furnish us with them. The missing numbers are Vol. I, No. 1, Vol. II, No. IV, Vol. III, No. 5, 10, Vol. IV Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Vol. VI, Nos. 4, 5, 7.

WHILE in Columbus, O., on his way home, Brother S. W. Yantis, Missouri B., lost a badge with T. N. Wilkerson inscribed on the back, in the restaurant adjoining the Exchange Hotel. Proprietor wrote him that a Phi received it from a waiter but did not learn his name. If any of our brothers know anything about it they would confer a favor on Brother Yantis by writing to him immediately.

IN the future we are to call ourselves Phys, and not Phces, Phi

Delts, Phi Deltas, Thetas and numerous other names that the members of Chapters in different sections of the country have been called heretofore. So say the delegates in National Convention assembled. The decision was a wise one and the members of Chapters all over the country should pay due deference to it, as uniformity is very desirable.

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THE Kentucky Alpha boys have started a movement for the organization of Ky. B. Alumni at Danville. Petition has been drawn up, signed and presented to the G. C.

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THE following is an extract from a letter received a few days since: "Good news from Sewanee, W. G. Allen writes that Professor Wiggins, Head Proctor, called to see him and stated that he was for us, because he recognized us as the best Fraternity in the South. Furthermore he would promise to do all in his power for us and thought if not admitted now, we would certainly be admitted next March."

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WE hope that our appearance typographically meets with the approbation of the Phi world. Considerable time and trouble is required to search through an entire printing establishment for exactly the right thing for the right place; consequently some changes could be made for the better. We will continue to make improvements

and by the beginning of the next collegiate year we hope to be as near perfection in this respect as possible. We are contemplating having an outfit for a handsome title page made, with our coat of arms larger and in different colors.

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THE Catalogue editors expect now to go to press December 1st. All Chapters are urgently requested to send them the full names, addresses, classes and dates of initiation of all members initiated this year, or since the last Catalogue report was made. Memoranda of changes, as well as additions, should also be forwarded so that the Catalogue can be brought up complete to the latest possible date. Address A. G. Foster, Lake Providence, La., or W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.

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AT the Convention some six or more translations of our motto, all differing more or less from each other but with the same general significance, were brought to light. The Committee on Secret Work investigated the matter and reported in favor of the translation, as it is understood by Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha, our oldest Chapter and next in age, as it is understood by Judge Elliott and as it is understood by our venerable brother Robert Morrison. The question was debated at some length, each man maintaining that his particular translation was the one that should be adopted as the correct one for

all time to come. Brother Morrison's translation was finally adopted and, although the meaning as he understood it, is almost an impossible translation, yet we hope that the action of the Convention will be final, as such teachings, handed down as they are by one of our founders, should be held sacred by us and should not even admit of a discussion as to the propriety of changing them.

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THE change from annual to biennial Conventions was made in 1876, probably from consideration of economy. Our Chapters reach over such a large territory that the holding of a Convention in which all are represented is an expensive affair. The question as to whether our Conventions should be held every year or every alternate year, is an important one, and a good deal may be said on both sides. It is contended that it is best for the National Convention to meet every second year, not only for economical reasons, but because it allows Provincial Conventions every alternate year. The Conventions which the Provinces have held so far have been eminently successful, and it would be unwise for them to be discontinued. But could we not also hold a grand National Convention once a year?

For a long while the finances of the Fraternity were miserably managed, but we are now on a tolerable footing, at least we owe no debts,

and under the new system we apprehend no such disastrous financial reverses as we have experienced in the past. The Fraternity has also been at the expense of raising money to publish a catalogue—an expense which will not have to be incurred again in the near future.

As we will have no extraordinary burdens for sometime, and as the Fraternity is getting in better financial shape we should consider whether we are not able to afford the luxury of an annual National Convention. Nothing is more enjoyable than one of these grand reunions. We cannot help but regret that we have to wait two years before one comes around. But they are not occasions of pleasure only, but of great profit to the Fraternity. Much is learned at a Convention, many enterprises, which will benefit the Fraternity are originated, and all who are in attendance, not only have their Phi love rekindled, but return to College and have determined to work in the cause of Phi Delta Theta as never before. The whole body of the Fraternity is revived, and it begins a new era of prosperity.

Another strong point is the desirability of electing general officers every year, as they sometimes get worn out in that time, and had better be replaced by new men. But we will not go further into argument. The question after all is whether we can afford to meet as often as once a year.

WE are decidedly of the opinion that our ex-G. B. should be removed from the inner pale of Grecian culture, where he held such sway, and where he was guilty of such criminal abuse of so responsible a trust; and permitted to return to the outer world of barbarian darkness whence he emerged, and where, if we make his financial schemes criterion of the individual, he should have been left severely alone. That was a good idea advanced by one of our brothers at Richmond, who suggested that the Convention pass a resolution of censure on his conduct and expel him from the Fraternity. It should have been done then and there, and if it is possible for the G. C. to take the matter in hand, we hope that the black sheep will be cast from the fold at an early date.

One of the most enthusiastic workers our Fraternity has ever had, one of the most brilliant writers that has ever contributed to the *SCROLL*, and one who personally was an extremely fascinating man, was detected in cheating on examination and was expelled immediately. A former brother in Indiana, in a moment of temptation, yielded to the strongest passion of mankind and shared the same fate.

If these two unfortunates, whose misdemeanors affected our local interests only, were dealt with in such a summary manner, how much more severely, though justly, should the person in question be treated by us,

whose act resulted in injury, not merely to our local interests, but affected our Fraternity as a whole, and was a flagrant breach of our national law? It was not a temporary fall from grace, as the facts in the case show, but a determination on his part to systematically swindle us; and that ever since the expiration of his term of office.

The books of our treasurer show a deficit in his account of nearly \$1,000, and it is believed that he appropriated more of the Fraternity's funds for his own benefit. Suit was brought and judgment for nearly the above amount was obtained against him, but he has evaded every attempt at its execution.

Poverty, even in such a case as this, might be urged as palliating circumstance, but he cannot offer that plea, as we are reliably informed by parties, who know whereof they speak, that the income of the law firm of which he is a member, is \$20,000 per annum. He is also possessed of other property which he has transferred to his wife in order to avoid execution of the judgment which we hold against him. The only explanation he gives for not handing over the money, is that it was donated for a particular purpose—the Permanent Fund—and that when the P. F. was abolished, or rather merged into the General Fund, the Fraternity virtually relinquished all claim to ownership, as the P. F. being created for

a specified purpose, could be used for no other, and that the money reverted back to the original donors, for whom he is holding it in trust. As many of the contributors to the P. F. as possible have been consulted and have all signified their perfect willingness to have their donations appropriated for whatever purpose the proper authorities of the Fraternity deem best, and condemn our ex-G.-B.'s action in the matter. So his little argument is thus exploded.

In the face of these facts, he was present at the Indianapolis Convention and was recognized as a member in good standing. The SCROLL of November, 1880, has a rather complimentary paragraph about him, and we find his name on the list of members among whom it had a gratuitous circulation up to this issue. It is time that his case should be thoroughly investigated and proper action taken in it, and we are confident that when such investigation is made, the Committee for the purpose will recommend a resolution of censure from the Fraternity at large and his immediate expulsion.

We are careful in our selection of new men, lest they should not come up to the requirements of the Bond, Why should we bar any one from membership when we have a man of such a stamp among us?

So long as we recognize him as a member of Phi Delta Theta, just so long will Phi Delta be a party to her own disgrace.

OUR new jeweler, J. F. Newman, New York, writes us that he will soon be ready to fill orders for badges with all despatch, and that Chapters may expect price lists before long. The delay is occasioned by the necessary preparation in the shape of making dies for the different size pins, etc., but this is only for a short time. As orders hereafter are to be made directly from the manufacturer by the chapter reporters, badges can be obtained very soon after ordered.

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WE would like to impress upon the minds of our members the importance of increasing our Alumni subscription for the SCROLL, as we intend to make the journal of interest to our graduates as well as our active members, we think we should have the assistance of every Phi in this direction. We must depend in a large measure upon our Brothers for assistance in this direction. Let every Chapter work up its Alumni and we will soon be able to work up a large list.

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It is the intention of the editors to publish the SCROLL by the fifteenth of each month during the collegiate year. If the reporters will please take note of this and have their reports in by the first of the month in which they are to appear, this can be done without any trouble. It has been the expressed desire of many that there should be a regular time for issuing the SCROLL

and if we can have the hearty support of all we will try and meet this demand. Every Chapter will please send in a report as soon as this number is received. We are behind and want to catch up.

OUR Nashville brothers are at last perfectly satisfied and supremely happy. They have succeeded in accomplishing the principal object they have had in view for the past three years—to have the National Convention meet in their city. They exerted their best efforts at the Indianapolis Convention to carry their point, but were doomed to disappointment, as the sacred soil of the Old Dominion was favored by the majority of delegates and Richmond was chosen. At Richmond they again raised the cry of Nashville, and although at first there was a strong feeling for the northwest, also for Ohio, Minneapolis and Cincinnati being mentioned, their eagerness and enthusiasm prevailed, and their efforts were crowned with success. From personal conversation with Nashville Phis, from private letters, and from extracts from Nashville papers and telegrams sent by Tenn. A. and Tenn. A. Alumni, given below, we have no doubt but that the choice was a good one, and that our National Convention in 1884 will be as successful in every respect as could be desired:

A telegram from Richmond, Va., where the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is now holding a National Convention, states that its next Convention will be held in Nashville.

This is a large College Fraternity whose standard is unexcelled by any. It is represented now in nineteen States

by fifty-two Chapters, and the present Convention several new charters will be granted. An Alumni Chapter of this Fraternity is now in this city, and is composed of some of our best business men, as well as lawyers of note, and those who have bright prospects. Nashville is a place that will command a larger attendance than any place here tofore selected, and the reunion of the Phi boys will be a grand one. A large number of delegates and visiting members will be in attendance, and Nashville will be glad to receive them, and show them the courtesies of the city.—*Daily American, Oct. 28.*

A National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has just been held at Richmond, Va. The increased number of delegates and the large attendance of visitors indicate the effective work, the growing membership and general popularity of this Fraternity, which stands at the head of the Greek letter organization in the United States. The prime mark of its merits and excellence is not so much the number of its Chapters, or the number of States and Colleges in and at which its colors are planted and the "Sword and Shield" worn, but the character and standing of the members of this "Mystic Brotherhood."

A telegram brought the news to the city yesterday that the next National Convention would be held at Nashville, in October, 1884. This being quite a convenient point, this Convention will be perhaps more liberally attended than any previously held. The members of an Alumni Chapter located at this place being leading members of the bar and prominent in business circles can afford to offer liberal inducements to visiting friends. A grand occasion is anticipated—an event of which Nashville and the South may be justly proud. Long live the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and when 1884 rolls round may many a new name have been added to the list of its members, and may the song of the Phi boys soon be heard all over the Union.—*Morning World Oct. 28.*

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct 30, 1882.

H. U. BROWN, Indianapolis, Ind.—Tennessee Alpha and Tennessee Alpha Alumni jointly in grand banquet and jolification ratify the action of our delegates and of the Convention in selection of Nashville for next Convention.

M. P. LEGRAND,  
S. P. GILBERT,  
E. T. FLEMING.

**ALPHA PROVINCE.****PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.**

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, MEADVILLE, PENN., }  
November 11, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* It is our pleasure to report Pennsylvania Delta in a flourishing condition. The members of our Chapter entered upon this College year with the earnest desire of building up our Fraternity, not by increasing its membership but by earnestly and faithfully seeking to do our whole duty as College students, realizing that as we individually improved, we elevated our Chapter. Brother J. A. Vance, our delegate to Richmond, has greatly inspired us by his enthusiastic report of the workings and magnitude of the Phi Delta Theta world. We are proud of our Fraternity and rejoice in its success. We are represented in our college paper, *The Campus*, by three men, Brothers Vance, Proctor and Pond, Brother Vance being editor-in-chief. Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Psi have one representative, each and Phi Gamma Delta none.

With deep regret our Chapter has severed the connection of Willis W. Kerr with us.

We now number twelve members and we feel that our prospects for the future were never brighter. Yours in the Bond,  
WILL H. GALLUP.

**PENNSYLVANIA BETA.**

PENN. COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PENN., }  
October 30, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* Our Brothers Kensburg and Musselman have returned to us from the Convention, and all they relate about it is eagerly listened to by the rest of us.

Since my last report three more brothers have been received into our number. They are members of the class of '87; and it is with much pleasure that we introduce to our brothers of the other Chapters Frank A. Doll, of Maryland, T. L. Crouse, of Pennsylvania, and Charles A. Landis, also of Pennsylvania. With these additions we number twenty. Our Chapter never had brighter prospects than now; and we intend that the tide of prosperity shall not flow back.

Recently two of our Chapter, Brothers C. J. Reddig, '78, and M. F. Troxell, '80, were married; and Pennsylvania Beta wishes them both much happiness in their married life. Both were indefatigable workers for the interest of our Fraternity.

We are opposed here by the Phi Gamma Deltas with thirteen men, the Phi Kappa Psis with eleven, and the Sigma Chis and Alpha Tau Omegas with seven each.

With many wishes for the success of our new editor in his management of the SCROLL, I am yours in the Bond,  
M. LUTHER HOLLOWAY.

**PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.**

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA. }  
November 7, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* Since our last communication, our number has received an increase of two,—Brother Richardson, '85, who has returned to College since the opening of the term, and Brother Watts, '86 whom we have lately taken into our ranks from the Barbarian army.

In our last athletic contest, held on Founder's Day, November 1st, Brother Ludow, '84, took the medal in the half-mile run and Brother Bird, '84, came out first in the mile run, making the best time ever made in College. I forgot to mention in my last report that the Coleman Biblical prize, last commencement, was awarded to Brother Shaw, '85.

Brother Bassett, our delegate to Richmond, gave us an excellent account of the Convention and impressed us with the idea that the Phis not only had a good time but did good work for the Fraternity also.

We have now seventeen active members and to meet the wants of this number, please send to our Chapter *seventeen* SCROLLS and I assure you they will be received and read with the greatest interest. Wishing you all possible success in your new position, I remain yours in the Bond,

F. M. HARSHBERGER.

**BETA PROVINCE.****VIRGINIA EPSILON.**

LEXINGTON, VA., November 10, 1882.

*Dear Brother:* The Virginia Epsilon is still to be numbered among the active Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta. Altho' we were not able to send a delegate to Richmond, we, none the less, love and honor our grand old Fraternity. Circumstances and fate declared that the Virginia Epsilon should not be represented at the last Convention, and we could do nothing but submit.

We started this session with seven men at the Institute and one, assistant professor, with myself at Washington and Lee University, and we have taken in two men, Elliott, of Virginia, and Mansfield, of Illinois, which makes, all told, ten men. There has been quite a boom in Fraternities at Washington and Lee this session. One new Chapter has been established, a local from the V. M. I.,—the Sigma Nu, by name—and the Phi Kappa Psis have re-

vived their Virginia Beta Chapter here with four men. The list of Fraternities here are as follows:

Phi Kappa Psi, four men; Sigma Nu, seven men; Sigma Chi, five men; Kappa Sigma Kappa, six men; S. A. E., five men; Alpha Tau Omega, five men; Delta Psi, four men; Chi Phi, one man.

Our men at the V. M. I. are: J. H. Tamer, '82, assistant professor; W. J. Carlisle, '83; W. P. Dodson, '84; L. M. C. Gibbs, '84; L. J. Whitehead, '84; B. B. Lemuels, '84; G. B. Miller, '85; — Elliott, '85; — Mansfield, '86. Yours in the Bond,  
H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA.

ATHENS, GA, Nov. 3, 1882.

*Dear Scroll:* I am happy to say, that although we have been laboring under many disadvantages since our reunion in college, we are now very prosperous, and are doing some good work.

During our summer vacation our Hall was broken into and most of our furniture stolen. We also had a debt of some sixty or eighty dollars—contracted by some of our old boys—and we had only six men to meet these encumbrances. We have re-furnished our Hall, paid off all our debts, sent a representative to the Convention and initiated six men—the pick of the University. Don't this speak well for the Georgia Alpha boys? Our Phi here will stand *tip-top* socially and in college.

All of the Alpha boys will buy badges. We have made compulsory. Our badges ought to sell as cheap as possible, and every Phi should obtain, keep, and wear one. Pardon brevity.

Yours in the Bond,

GILL CHENEY.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA.

A. & M. COLLEGE, AUBURN, ALA., }  
October 22, 1872. }

*Dear Scroll:* For peculiar and sufficient reasons, best known to the older members of our Chapters my report has not been forwarded to the organ of our Fraternity this term, and it is with very great feelings of pleasure that I now enjoy the privilege of forwarding to you the names of Brothers Lieutenant E. M. Pace, Lieutenant W. L. Ellis, Sergeant E. W. Fraser, Sergeant W. W. Mangum, Sergeant J. F. Gay, Corporal J. R. Barnes, Corporal E. S. McIntyre, all of whom are just too solid for anything, and as proof of their solidity, will crawl out of a warm bed at 2 o'clock in the morning and hie away to a convenient

Brother's room, simply to have a good old Phi chat.

Our little band is working along as smooth as one could wish, and Brother "Daniel" makes a capital Captain. We will write you more anon.

Yours in the Bond,

RUBE.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 30, 1882.

*Dear Scroll:* "Richmond and Victory" has been our cry for some time past. We have sent our delegates to Richmond, and victory is ours. Nashville claims the next National Convention of Phi Delta Theta. Whether we will be equal to the occasion or not we shall submit to your decision. We have long yearned for an opportunity to grasp the hand of our dear Phi brothers from North, East, South and West. We want to see them all assemble in brotherly conclave; and we are happy that, as a centrally located place, and a railroad center, Nashville offers that opportunity. Brothers everywhere we welcome you with joy to the Convention of 1884.

We have as yet heard but little about the proceedings at Richmond. A telegram from Brother Palmer conveyed the news to us in regard to the next Convention.

Taking for granted that everybody knows more about the Convention than I do, I will tell you something about what Tennessee Alpha's doing. Of course you know we cannot have a Chapter here on account of anti-frat. laws, but there are a few Phi here who will stand together. There is one mystery about this Phi crowd, they have no Chapter, still their number increases. The same mystery is connected with the other fraternities. Beta Theta Pis carry their men to Cumberland University for initiation.

We have been victorious in the past, and we have the men who will add new lustre to our already envious name at Vanderbilt, and while Tennessee Alpha claims as her own her present membership, her proud escutcheon will stand without a damper to cloud the history of her past.

To aid us in our good work, Brother M. P. LeGrand, jr., has returned, and his very presence inspires us with new zeal.

During the past month we were delighted to welcome among us Brother T. T. Cotnam, of Tyler, Tex., and an old member of Tennessee Alpha; Brother W. G. Allen, of Louisville, Ky., and without whose assistance the banner of Phi Delta Theta had never waved triumphantly over the bulwarks of the University of the South, and bowed gracefully to her mountain breezes.

Brothers W. Hendricks and T. C. Looney, both attending law school at Lebanon, the former of Fort Worth, Tex., the latter of Memphis, Tenn.

Well you will be pressed for space so I will "cease firing." With best wishes for our new editors and officers in general,

I am, very truly and fraternally  
S. P. GILBERT.

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### TEXAS ALPHA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, TEHUACANA, TEX., }  
November 10, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* It is with a feeling of great pleasure that I write you my first report:

We have begun our new year with nine old members, and they are not only members, but enthusiastic Phis; we are far off in the Lone Star State, but we are near every true Phi in love.

We will have to run *Sub Rosa*, and think we can run it more successfully this year than last, for one year's experience is worth something. Our boys want to correspond with other Chapters, and I will give the names of our members, so if any member wishes to correspond with any of the Texas Phis they may rest assured that they will respond promptly. The names are as follows: M. C. Johnson, W. H. Morgan, J. M. McCarty, M. L. Erwin, J. T. Erwin, J. D. Black, W. V. McGee, W. H. Patterson and E. L. McWilliams.

We regret that we could not send a delegate to the National Convention, but owing to circumstances it was impossible. We had a very pleasant time at our Convention held at Waco, Tex., on the 20th and 21st of June. Yours in Phi love,

E. L. McWILLIAMS.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,  
DELAWARE, O., }  
November 12, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* It is a fact of which we are proud that the Ohio Wesleyan University to day with her more than six hundred students, stands up at the head of the educational institutions of the West; and it is a fact of which we are prouder still that Phi Delta Theta in the O. W. U. stands at the head of its Fraternity list. The standard of "Frats" in our University has been high, and he who goes behind the mystic veil here need not be ashamed of the step he has taken, for to be a *good* Fraternity man in this College, give him a standing which

all cannot attain. And it is a fact to be wondered at, that between various Frats here for some time past, there has been no underhanded or unmanly dealing, and fairness has characterized all their workings. But as there are exceptions to all rules there have been in this. We noticed in the first number of the *Phi Gamma Delta* this fall, and in the report from the Chapter here, after a general demoralization of the different Fraternities represented here, the following short notice: "It is rumored that the Sigma Chis have one of the Phi Delta Theta's men *sub rosa*." Such a statement coming from a source from whence no previous mud-throwing had come, we would take no notice thereof. But coming from men (self-named, æsthetes,) who have ever sought to extol themselves by casting slurs upon others, we must expose these few facts. A Fraternity which has no more respect for the principles of its bond, which we hope are good, than to adopt mud-throwing as its method of coping with rival frats, and who will so vigorously circulate the falsehood that is embodied in the above quotation, we say has brought her standard to the lowest and merits rebuke, for out of three men they have bid this fall they secured none, all her acquisitions met with opposition from no other frat. Ohio Beta this fall has initiated four men, and in every case, were opposed by other frats. We now number fourteen and *every man* is a true Phi. We, unlike Phi Gamma Delta, have never been broken into two factions and had our best man taken from us by a rival, and thus have not been soured into wholesale slandering. We let them drop, and trust that hereafter fairness may be slightly manifested in their workings.

We shall now usher into the Phi world through these columns, Brother P. H. Beckham, '85, who was initiated since our last report. Of his virtues I will not speak, for he is fully worthy of the Shield and Dagger.

We have always been proud of the talent of Ohio Beta, but until our last meeting we were not aware that we had such literary ability as was then manifested. We listened to a poem written by Brother Ozias, "The Island of Yore," and one by Brother Callahan, "The Castle Chillon." We were agreeably surprised to hear such poems, which were no common productions, but possessed high literary worth.

I have saved the mention of the subject of our greatest satisfaction until the last. That Phi Delta Theta at large appreciated Ohio Beta's delegate to her National Convention so highly as to honor him with assistant editorship of the *SCROLL*, we feel

exceedingly happy. That through his efforts we secured a new jeweler in the person of J. F. Newman, we feel flattered. Brother Bigley did noble work for Phi Delta Theta at our Convention and we justly feel proud of him, and I can assure my brothers in the South and West that he is eminently fit and able to do justice to all the care that has been entrusted to him. His enthusiastic love for our Fraternity is supported by that of all our Chapter. Pardon me for taking up so much space in your columns and I will try and not punish you with so long a communication next report.

Yours, more in the Bond than ever,  
J. ED. BROWN.

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### OHIO DELTA.

WOOSTER, O., November 8, 1882.

*Dear Scroll:* Since our last report our number has been augmented by the addition of a new brother, whom we introduce to the Phi world as Forrest Price. Our Chapter has indeed secured a worthy Phi and an earnest and ardent worker. At our next meeting if everything goes smoothly we will have the satisfaction of "shaking up" a Freshman and converting him from a "barb" into a good Phi.

He is a son of one of Ohio's most eminent men, and in securing him we have obtained a splendid man and have won a decisive victory over the Betas, Phi Gammas and Sigma Chis.

We now have one Soph., one Freshman and one Senior Prep. pledged and will permit them to behold the light of Grecian culture the last of this term.

We have splendid prospects for the future. Our Chapter is in a most flourishing condition and we are looking forward to glorious results.

Our boys returned from Richmond greatly pleased and much enthused, which enthusiasm was communicated to the entire Chapter, and as a result, have pledged four men. If all our Conventions were followed with such splendid results it would be well to have them quite frequently. Never were the boys so enthusiastic in their work.

The Sigma Chis had a difficulty in their Chapter which resulted in the expulsion or resignation—it is not definitely known which—of one of their best men. He was immediately taken in by the Betas. The affair occasioned much comment and much sympathy is shown for the ex-Sig., the prevailing opinion being that he was done a great wrong. With love to all the Phis, I am, yours in the Bond, E. F. MILLER.

### OHIO EPSILON.

BUTCHEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., }  
November 2, 1882. }

*Brother Editor Scroll:* Our delegates to the Richmond Convention have returned with bright faces and "good cheer." Everything is prospering with us at present. We admitted, at our last meeting, one more "Barb" into the mysterious realm of Phi Delta Theta. As your columns will be well filled with Convention notes, I close,

Fraternally yours,  
ROLLA LOUDENBACK.

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### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., November 3, 1882.

*Dear Scroll:* In last month's report I prophesied more victories this month; accordingly let me introduce to the Phi world Brother T. Scott Mayes, '84, Lebanon, Ky., making eight members for Indiana Alpha this year.

On the evening of October 11th, we celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of Indiana Alpha by a grand experience meeting and closed the exercises of the evening with a feast of cakes, apples, nuts, etc. Every one of us left the hall very much enthused in the love of Phi Delta Theta.

Hon. Wm. P. Edson, Mt. Vernon, Ind., Republican candidate for Judge of Supreme Court, was in town last Sunday. He wore the Phi badge with all grace imaginable.

I can still say as I did last month that Phi Delta Theta this year occupies the position she has been so long striving for in the Indiana University, viz.: the head both in quantity and quality; but still there is room for improvement and we intend to lose no opportunity for advancement.

Suitable material is getting scarce here, and soon we will cease our warfare against the barbarians for this term. Hoping that success similar to ours may attend Phi Delta Theta's efforts everywhere,

I remain yours in the Bond,  
S. G. RAMSEY.

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#### INDIANA BETA.

WABASH COLLEGE,  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., }  
November 10, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* My report for this issue will be brief but none the less encouraging. Since we have heard so much about the success of our recent Convention and the prosperity of the Fraternity at large, we have received a new impetus in the work before us. Our last meeting was one of

the best we ever had—having received a full report from our delegate and beginning anew, so to speak, by enjoying an old-fashioned Phi bum and enlivening the occasion with several animated songs. We have the best Chapter in Wabash College, and members of the Fraternity should not be troubled by any contemptible items which may appear in papers concerning us. We have not lately added any to our number but ere long expect to win one or two silent victories.

I might mention in this report that Brother A. O. Penniman, '79, was married last evening to Miss Eva Cumberland, one of the most charming and talented young ladies of this city. No doubt Brother P. will be remembered by many members of the Fraternity. He recently graduated at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and is now a full fledged minister at East St. Louis, where he has a pleasant home to take his bride. May they have a long, happy and prosperous voyage is the sincere wish of all Phis. Yours Fraternally,

THOMAS WILKINS.

#### INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, FRANKLIN, IND., }  
November 17, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* By the resignation of Brother F. B. Day as reporter from this Chapter, we shall have the pleasure of assuming that position. Our Chapter is in an excellent condition. Eight of our men have returned, this being all of our undergraduates, except Brother S. P. Smith, who is attending the Theological Seminary at Louisville, and Brother F. B. Day who is studying medicine.

Since the opening of the fall session we have initiated Brothers R. W. Wilson, '88; U. S. Martin, '87; L. J. Hawkins and W. T. Vancleve, '86. These are all leading men in the class room, and will doubtless prove themselves worthy of the Sword and Shield.

We feel the absence of Brother J. B. Thomas who graduated last year with high honors and has entered the Rochester Theological Seminary. He has the best wishes of the Indiana Delta.

Brother J. M. McCoy, of the Indiana Alpha of 1860, now a prominent lawyer of Dallas, Tex., paid us a visit September 21st. He takes great interest in the work of the Fraternity. Hoping that every Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta will have as good success this year as we have,

We remain, in the Bond,

J. W. FESLER.

#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS EPSILON.

I. W. U., BLOOMINGTON, ILL., }  
November 8, 1882. }

*Dear Scroll:* Since our last writing Brothers A. Tomlin and George H. Apperson have been admitted into our Chapter's fold. They both stand high in the three Phi requisites—morality, scholar-ship and social qualities. Mr. A. has already attained an enviable degree of success in the journalistic field.

Brother Swigart, Illinois Delta, of Farmer City, Ill., made a very pleasant call upon our Chapter in session the other evening. Brother S. seemed much interested in our "Senate."

Brother Thomas H. Simmons, our national delegate, was made the victim of a happy surprise upon the evening of his arrival home, at the hands of his brothers and their ladies fair, who love the White and Blue. It was held at the home of Brother Simmons, and right surely did his sister and family convince the guests present of their ability to entertain. The evening was voted by all the S. T. Ps. and the Phis as one of especial enjoyment.

At our last meeting Brother Simmons favored the Chapter with a detailed account of his trip to Richmond, which elicited the deepest interest and closest attention from the boys. We appreciated more than ever how good it was to be a Phi, and noted with glowing ardor the newly achieved conquests of the Shield and Dagger. Our hearts swelled with loyal pride of furnishing the poet for the Convention of '84, which honor was conferred on our esteemed Brother Will A. Jones, '82, now at Plano, Ill. We feel confident he will fill the position with credit to the Fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

W. EMMETT HIGBEE.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, WIS., November 7, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report we have had several happy additions to our family here; they are solid men in their classes and genial good hearted boys. From the junior class Herman Feber received the right hand of fellowship and was dubbed a member of our Fraternity, he is a representative "White" junior who stands in the front ranks of his class and among the popular boys.

We have secured our respectable existence for the future by taking in prominent men from the lower classes, Charles F. Niles and Charles Siller, of the Sophomore class and "Doc" Hausen, of the Freshmen.

From Herman to the "Doc" they are all prizes.

We now number fifteen active members with several of the Alumni around the neighborhood. Our representative, Brother Foster, has returned from Richmond heavily laden with honor, from the fact of his being elected Treasurer of the General Council. The responsibility of the office does not seem to be too heavy for him, however, as he seems to carry that genial smile and good natured look as well as being able to put in his required time at telling stories.

With our increase of members we continue to increase our interest and popularity and better our condition in every way.

Yours in the Bond,  
JOHN F. TOURTELLOTER.

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### ILLINOIS ZETA.

GALESBURG, ILL., Nov. 7, 1882.

*Dear Scroll:* With a trembling hand I take up my pen to send in my first report.

Our delegate, Brother Swigart, returned last Monday. Right glad were we to welcome him back, and hear his report of the Convention. He sits for hours telling us of the boys and how he was treated. His report stirs us all up, puts new life into us and make us feel more than ever the greatness of Phi Delta Theta.

There are not many "barbs" in College this term, but we expect to cull the flower of those that are here.

We are making arrangements for a grand banquet on Thanksgiving eve, and expect the "white and blue" to grace the parlors of Brown's Hotel lending to them beauty of Grecian purity.

Hoping to greet the Phis again soon, I remain yours in the Bond,

A. T. WING.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA.

November 6, 1882.

*Dear Scroll and Phi World:* We desire, the first time for several issues, to communicate our success to you. When our delegate reported at the Convention, our number of active members was eleven. In his absence we initiated a Soph. and a Fresh Barb., and since, one of our Brothers of last year has returned, making our Chapter consist of fourteen *active* members. All of our boys are highly delighted with the results attained by the Convention and join me in brotherly affection to each of the order.

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### IOWA BETA.

IOWA CITY, November 8, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* We began the year with eight men, have since initiated five more, and one, Brother A. C. Rodgers, formerly of one of the Indiana Chapters, has entered the Medical Department, and now meets with us.

Our new acquisitions are Brothers McDowell, Green, Blanding, Richardson and Dickey. We take pleasure in introducing these gentlemen to the Fraternity, feeling assured that they are in every respect worthy to wear the "Sword and Shield."

The distribution of men in classes is as follows: One Post Graduate, three Seniors, three Juniors, six Sophs and one Freshman. At our next meeting we expect to initiate two more, and other additions will follow in due time.

Our new hall, which we occupied for the first time at the beginning of the year, is admitted to be finer than the hall of any rival Fraternity.

Brother G. T. Pierson, of Illinois Beta Alumni, paid us a visit a short time since, and attended one of our meetings.

The most enjoyable event of the season occurred this evening. Brother Gillis having attained his majority, invited the Phis to his pleasant home, and the evening was spent in partaking of a sumptuous feast prepared with greatest care; after which came toasts interspersed with music. The moments passed swiftly away, and when the company separated it was the sentiment of all, that it was the happiest night the Iowa Beta boys had ever spent together.

Yours in the Bond,  
P. L. SEVER.

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### AMONG THE PHIS.

In the general tidal wave which recently swept over the country not a few Phis "got there," politically speaking. So far as heard from are the following: Brothers Lytton, Taylor, charter member of Tennessee Alpha, and Ed. Stiger, also of Tennessee Alpha, were elected members of the Tennessee Legislature. Brothers J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, W. S. Holman, and Thomas B. Ward, of Indiana, and J. A. Anderson, of Kansas, were elected to Congress. Brother S. L. Overstreet succeeded Brother G. W. Gubbs in the Indiana Senate. The former is a Democrat, the latter a Republican.

Brother A. C. Ayers, of Indianapolis, was recently elected Judge of the Civil Circuit Court.

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## STANZAS.

READ AT A BANQUET OF INDIANA ZETA, INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY, JUNE 16, 1882.

BY FREEMAN E. MILLER.

Phi Delta this ev'ning in Asbury sings  
The measures of melodies noble and true,  
And the music of pleasure a happiness brings  
To the name and renown of the White and the Blue,  
Bright eyes are surrounding with tenderest beam,  
Young hearts beating time to the cadence of mirth,  
And a joy is the pearl in the crown of each theme  
That awakes from a sleep to a musical birth.

Our Chapter has just from her infancy grown,  
Her forces but lately began to unclose,  
But two years of struggles in glory have flown  
And the fair bud of promise has blossomed a rose,  
This night like a maiden all rosy with truth  
She gives to her friends all the wealth of her smile  
And steps from her garments of weakness and youth  
To conquer the infamous, vicious and vile.

There are times in our lives when a sorrow will rise  
When shadows a gloom to our pleasures impart,  
When a happiness pure in a wretchedness dies  
And sadness encircles the joys of the heart;  
But now there is nothing to ladies or Phis  
Enforcing a joy from the bosom to fade  
And gladness with cheer in our happiness vies

## AN AFTER THOUGHT.

THE minutes of Convention are in the hands of the printers and will be issued as a supplement to the next number of SCROLL. On account of certain existing circumstance only one issue of SCROLL will be made for JANUARY and FEBRUARY. Again let us urge each Chapter to send in a report, giving number of members it began the term with, number of initiates up to Jan. 1st and rival fraternities named in the order of their numerical strength.

Editor Scroll.

## THE PURDUE CASE.

DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA.

THE STATE OF INDIANA.

9986. In the Supreme Court, May Term, 1882. On the 21st day of June, 1882, being the 27th judicial day of said May Term, 1882.

HON. J. L. WORDEN, <i>Chief Justice.</i>	} <i>Judges.</i>
HON. W. H. WOODS,	
HON. W. E. NIBLACK,	
HON. G. V. HOWK,	
HON. B. K. ELLIOTT,	

In the case of the State,	} Appeal from	
<i>c. r. rel.</i> , S. T. Stallard,		the Tippe-
<i>vs.</i>		canoe Cir-
E. E. White, <i>et. al.</i>	} cuit Court.	

Came the parties by their attorneys, and the Court being sufficiently advised in the premises, gave the following opinion and judgment, pronounced by Niblack, J.:

This was an application by the State on the relation of Samuel T. Stallard against Emerson E. White, *et. al.*, for a *mandamus*.

The complaint averred that the relator is now, and for many years last past has been, a resident citizen and tax-payer of the State of Indiana, and that he is now, and for several years last past has been, the duly appointed and acting guardian of the person and estate of Thomas P. Hawley, who is of the age of nineteen years, a native of the State of Indiana, and has always resided and still resides in said State; that pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, Purdue University has been located and organized near the city of La Fayette in said State, and that said University is now, and for several years last past has been, engaged in the education of a portion of the young men and young women and of the children of this State; that said University is fully equipped with the necessary buildings and apparatus for the business in which it is engaged and has a full corps of teachers; that the defendants to this proceedings are such teachers, and have assumed to be, have been heretofore acting as, and now are, the faculty of said University, with said Emerson E. White as the President thereof; that the said University is the Agricultural College of the State of Indiana, and was endowed under, and by virtue of, an act of Congress of the United States entitled "An act donating lands to the several states and territories, which may pro-

vide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts;"—approved July 2, 1862—and the acts supplementary thereto, and is maintained by the income of such endowment and by appropriations made by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana; that said Thomas P. Hawley is a tax-payer of said State, was at the time hereinafter mentioned, and is now, free from any disease, or mental or physical defects, and was then and still is, in all respects qualified and fitted for admission, and had the right to be admitted, as a student in said University; that the defendants so constituting and acting as the Faculty of said University, prior to the time hereinafter mentioned, and amongst others, made and prescribed the following regulation, known as Regulation No. 3, for the government of said University:

"3. No student is permitted to join or be connected, as a member or otherwise, with any so-called Greek or other College secret society; and, as a condition of admission to the University or promotion therein, each student is required to give a written pledge that he or she will observe this regulation. A violation of this regulation and pledge forfeits the right of any student to class promotion at the end of the year, and to an honorable dismissal."

The complaint averred that on the eighth day of September, 1881, the defendants as teachers in and constituting the faculty of said University, opened said University for the reception and instruction therein, that being the time appointed for the beginning of a school term in the University; that on said eighth day of September, 1881, the defendants, as such faculty, had the power and authority, and it was their duty, to admit properly qualified persons as students in the University; that on that day the said Thomas P. Hawley, being then and there qualified for admission in said University as hereinbefore stated, and being desirous of pursuing a course of study which had theretofore been agreed upon between him and the defendant White, as the President of the Faculty, and which course of study was within the regular course prescribed by the Faculty for the University, presented himself to the defendants, as such teachers and faculty, and asked to be admitted as a student to receive instruction in the University, and then and there tendered all the required fees for admission as a student therein; that at that time the University was not full,

but there was ample room for said Hawley as a student therein; that the said Hawley was then ready and willing, has ever since been, and still is, ready and willing to conform to all rightful and proper rules and regulations presented for the government of the University; that at the time the said Hawley so presented himself for admission in said University, the defendant White, as the President of the Faculty, tendered to him a written pledge, which he, the said White, required him, said Hawley, to sign, which pledge was substantially as follows: "I do hereby state, upon my honor, that in the month of April last, when I applied for and received an honorable dismissal from Purdue University, I was not a member of any so-called Greek fraternity or other College secret society, and at the time I connected myself with a Chapter of the 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity, I did not intend returning to Purdue University. I do solemnly promise to disconnect myself as an active member of the 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity during my connection with Purdue University;" that said Hawley refused to sign said pledge, but then and there expressed himself as ready and willing to obey and conform to any and every existing rule and regulation of said University, and any and every rightful and lawful rule and regulation which might thereafter be prescribed by the authorities acting for the University, saving and excepting any rule or regulation which might forbid his connection with said Sigma Chi Fraternity, or other societies connected with Colleges, and commonly known as "Greek Fraternities." The complaint then proceeded as follows: "And said relator avers that said 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity is one of a class of secret societies which are, and for many years have been, established, permitted and encouraged in very many of the oldest and best Colleges in the United States; that such societies are commonly known as 'Greek Fraternities,' from the fact that they are usually named from letters of the Greek alphabet; that such societies embrace among their members Presidents and Professors in Colleges, Senators in Congress, Representatives in Congress, Judges, lawyers, physicians, ministers of the gospel, and very many persons of almost every calling, distinguished for their intellectual and moral worth; that the object and aim of such societies is to elevate the standard of education, and to secure among their members advanced culture in the class-

ics and in the liberal arts and sciences; that the basis of such societies is morality; that there is nothing in the Constitution, aims, or objects of such societies which is inimical to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or to the Constitution and laws of the State of Indiana, and that the tendency of such societies is to promote the moral and educational interests of their members, the true interests of learning, and the highest and best interests in every department of the institution with which they are connected."

The complaint still further averred, that upon the refusal of Hawley to sign the pledge tendered to him by the defendant White, as above set forth, the defendants so constituting the Faculty of said Purdue University refused, and have ever since continued to refuse, to admit him, said Hawley, as a student in said University, assigning as their only reason for not admitting him as a student therein, his refusal to sign the pledge tendered him by the defendant White.

Wherefore the relator prayed that a writ of mandate might issue directed to the defendants, commanding them to admit the said Hawley as student in the University.

An alternative writ of mandate was issued to the defendants, who thereupon appeared to the action, and demurred to the complaint for want of sufficient facts to entitle the relator to the relief demanded. Just before final action was taken upon their demurrer, they moved to strike out as irrelevant and immaterial all that part of the complaint bearing reference to the character, objects and aims of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the class of College societies to which it belongs, and which is included within quotation marks, and their motion was sustained.

The Court then, upon further consideration, sustained to the complaint, and the relator declining to plead further, final judgment was rendered in favor of the defendants.

Error is assigned upon the striking out a part of the complaint as above stated and upon the decision of the Court sustaining the demurrer to the complaint.

Purdue University constitutes no part of our system of common schools and has no direct connection with that system, but it is an institution of learning primarily endowed by Congress and continued in existence very largely by appropriations made by the General As-

sembly of this State. It is therefore an educational institution sustaining relations to the people at large analogous to those occupied by other public schools and Colleges of the State, maintained at public expense, and one in which all the inhabitants of the State have a common interest. The general principles underlying the educational system of the State are consequently applicable to the government and control of Purdue University, and in the absence of express legislative provisions, must be invoked in determining the powers which that institution may exercise. The fourth section of the act of the General Assembly of the State accepting the donations made by Congress for the support of Agricultural College and providing for the location and organization of Purdue University, approved May 6, 1869, reads as follows:

"From and after the date of the location made as aforesaid, the corporate name of the Trustees of the Indiana Agricultural College shall be the Trustees of Purdue University, and they shall take in charge, have, hold, possess and manage, all and singular the property and moneys comprehended in said donations, as also the funds derived from the sale of the land-scrip donation under said act of Congress and the increase thereof, and all moneys or other property which may hereafter at any time be donated to and for the use of said institution. They shall also have power to organize said University in conformity with the purpose set forth in said act of Congress, holding their meetings at such times and places as they may agree on, and a majority of their members constituting a quorum. They shall provide a seal; have power to elect all professors and teachers, removable at their pleasure; fix and regulate compensation; do all acts necessary and expedient to put and keep said University in operation, and make all by-laws, rules and regulations required or proper to conduct and manage the same."

This section confers no greater power on the Trustees of Purdue University as regards making rules and regulations for its conduct and management, than is usually given like officers of similar institutions, and leaves the question as to who are entitled to admission as students in that University to be determined by the principles underlying our general system of education, to which reference has already been made.

The admission of students in a public educational institution is one thing, and

the government and control of students after they are admitted and have become subject to the jurisdiction of the institution is quite another thing.

The first rests upon well established rules, either prescribed by law or sanctioned by usage, from which the right to admission is to be determined. The latter rests largely in the discretion of the officers in charge of the regulations prescribed for that purpose, being subject to modifications or change, from time to time, as supposed emergencies may arise.

Having in view the various statutes in force in this State touching educational affairs, and the decisions of this court, as well as of other courts, bearing on this general subject, we think it may be safely said that every inhabitant in this State of suitable age, and of reasonably good moral character, not afflicted with any contagious or loathsome disease, and not incapacitated by some mental or physical infirmity, is entitled to admission as a student in the Purdue University.

The right of admission may not be enforced when there is not sufficient room in the University, and may possibly be postponed until the applicant has made some proficiency in merely preliminary studies, but it is a right which the Trustees are not authorized to materially abridge, and which they cannot as an abstract proposition properly deny. (Cory vs. Carter, 48 Ind., 327; the State vs. Duffy, 7, Nev., 342 and 8 Am. R., 713; Chase vs. Stephenson, 71 Ill., 383; Trustees, &c., vs. Van Allen, 87 Ill., 303; Rulison vs. Post, 79 Ill., 568; Workman vs. Board, 18 Mich., 400; Foltz vs. Hoge, 54, Cal., 28; Ward vs. Flood, 48 Cal., 36.)

The greater numbers of authorities cited by counsel have reference to the government and control of persons after they have been admitted as students in some scholastic institution, and hence, as we conceive, have no direct application to the real question in this case.

The case of the people on the relation of Pratt vs. Wheaton College, 40 Illinois, 188, much relied on in the argument, is a case of that class. Besides Wheaton College was an institution resting on private endowment, and deriving no aid whatever from taxation, or other public source.

It is clearly within the power of the Trustees, and of the Faculty when acting presumably or otherwise in their behalf, to absolutely prohibit any connection between the Greek Fraternities and the University. The Trustees have also

the undoubted authority to prohibit the attendance of students upon the meeting of such Greek Fraternities, or from having any other active connection with such organizations, so long as such students remain under the immediate control of the University, whenever it can be made to appear that such attendance upon the meeting of, or other active connection with such fraternities, tends in any material degree to interfere with the proper relation of students to the University. As to the propriety of such and similar inhibitions and restrictions, the Trustees, aided by the experience of the Faculty, ought to be the better judge, and as to all such matters, within reasonable limits, the power of the Trustees is plenary and complete. (Roberts vs. the City of Boston, 5 Cush., 198; Spiller vs. the Inhabitants, &c., 12 Allen, 127; Hodgkins vs. the Inhabitants, &c., 105, Mass., 575; Ferriter vs. Tyler, 48 Vermont, 444; State vs. Burton, 45, Wis., 150; Spear vs. Cummings, 23 Pick., 225; Donahue vs. Richards, 38 Maine, 379; Dallas vs. Fosdick, 40 Howard's P. K., 249; Dritt vs. Snodgrass, 66 Mo., 286.)

But the possession of this great power over a student after he has entered the University, does not justify the imposition of either degrading or extraordinary terms as a condition of admission into it, nor does it justify anything which may be construed as an invidious discrimination against an applicant on account of his previous membership in any one of the Greek Fraternities, conceding their character, object and aims, to be what they were averred to be in the complaint.

Every student upon his admission into an institution of learning impliedly promises to submit to and to be governed by all the necessary and proper rules and regulations which have been or may thereafter be adopted for the government of the institution, and the exaction of any pledge or condition which requires him to promise more than that, operates as a practical abridgment of the right of admission, and involves the exercise of a power greater than has been conferred upon either the Trustees or Faculty of Purdue University.

Regulations adopted by persons in charge of a school are analogous to by-laws enacted by municipal and other corporations, and both will be annulled by the courts when found to be unauthorized, against common right or palpably unreasonable.

Angell & Ames on Corporations, Section 357; Dillon on Mun. Corp., 3d Ed. Section 369; 24 Barb., 470; 32 N. Y., 187; People vs. Mechanics's Aid Society, 22 Mich., 87; Fuller vs. Springfield School, 6 Conn., 533.

In the first place the pledge tendered by President White to Hawley was not shown to have been authorized by any previous regulation adopted for the government of the University. As applicable to Hawley, it was therefore special, exceptional, and apparently not demanded by any competent authority.

In the next place it carried with it the implication that membership in the Sigma Chi Fraternity might properly be treated as a disqualification for admission as a student in the University, a doctrine wholly inadmissible in its applications to Purdue University or to any of the other public schools or Colleges of the State.

If membership in any of the so-called Greek Fraternities may be treated as a disqualification for admission as a student in a public school, then membership in any other secret or similar society may be converted into a like disqualification, and in this way discrimination might be made against large classes of the inhabitants of the State in utter disregard of the fundamental ideas upon which our entire educational system is based.

Membership in an inherently immoral Society or Fraternity might perhaps be urged against the admissibility of a student, upon the ground that such relations to such Society or Fraternity tended to establish a want of moral character in the applicant, and in that view the allegations of the complaint as to the character, object and aims of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and other kindred Greek Fraternities, become material, and ought not to have been stricken out.

Our conclusion is that so much of regulation No. 3, adopted by the Faculty, as may be construed as imposing disabilities on persons already members of the Greek Fraternities, and as requires a written pledge as a condition of admission, is both *ultra vires* and palpably unreasonable, and hence imperatively and void, and that the pledge tendered to Hawley was one which the Faculty had no legal right to demand as a condition of his admission.

It follows that the Court erred both in striking out a part of the complaint as irrelevant and immaterial, and in sustaining the demurrer to the complaint.

At the request of the parties we have considered this case upon the theory that the regulation No. 3, *supra*, was adopted by the express authority of the Trustees, and have made no inquiry as to the authority of the faculty in making regulations for the government of the University, when acting independently of the Trustees.

Judgment is reversed with costs, and the cause remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION.

RENDERED IN THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST, 1882.

Came the parties by their attorneys, and the Court being sufficiently advised in the premises, gave the following opinion on petition for rehearing, pronounced by Niblack, J.:

Accompanying a petition for rehearing the appellees have submitted an exhaustive argument controverting all the material conclusions announced in the opinion in this case, and asking for a reconsideration of the whole case, and if that cannot be granted, then for important modifications and explanations of some portions of the opinion in the form in which it has been promulgated.

The Attorney-General has also filed a brief on behalf of the Trustees of Purdue University concurring in the request of the appellees.

We have given the cause such further consideration as its importance has demanded and have made some merely verbal changes in our opinion as originally filed, so as to better express in some instances our real meaning. With these changes we are content that the opinion shall stand as the judgment of this Court upon the facts as presented by the record. In legal effect we have only decided that regulation No. 3, adopted by the Faculty, and the special pledge tendered to Hawley, fairly implied a discrimination against a class of the inhabitants of this State as much entitled to admission in the University as any other class, and that to that extent that regulation and that special pledge were both unlawful and unreasonable. All else embraced in the opinion was merely by way of argument and illustration, and as collation to the real question before us, intended to impress upon those most interested the difference between abridging the right of admission into a public school, and the authority to govern and control students

after they have been admitted. That difference impressed us then, and still impresses us, as being important in the consideration of this case. Where all the conditions attaching to an inhabitant of the State are such as to entitle him to admission into a public school, he cannot be deprived of that right by the requirement of unusual and exceptional preliminary pledges directed only against a portion or a class of people of the State.

Such unusual and exceptional pledges are not only unlawful in their spirit and application, but are unreasonable and productive of irritative litigation, and generally of injurious consequences to the institution attempting to enforce them.

Whether any express pledge, applicable in its operation alike to all, and as preliminary to admission, may in any case be required, is a question we have not fully considered, and concerning which nothing has been decided.

Nor is it practicable for us to enter into a further discussion of the authority of the Trustees or a faculty over students after they have been admitted as such into a public school.

It is impossible to foresee or conjecture every contingency that may arise involving judicial interpretation in that respect. What we have already said on that subject is quite sufficient for our present purpose, and was more than absolutely necessary to a decision of this case. When an inhabitant of the State has acquired the right of admission into a public school, and that right has been unjustly denied, he is much injured as if some important property right had been invaded, and is as much entitled to appeal to the Courts for relief. This has been settled by innumerable precedents and decided cases, and is no longer an open question. It is equally the duty of Courts to grant relief against the enforcement of unjust and unreasonable regulations for the government of public schools after questions of admission have been disposed of.

There is nothing in the legislation of this State which deprives our Courts of jurisdiction in respect to such controversies, and we know of no reason originating in public policy which would deny such jurisdiction to the Courts without first providing suitable means for redress before some other competent tribunal.

Courts are reluctant to interpose their authority against the action of School Trustees and School Boards, and others

similarly charged with special and peculiar duties, and ordinarily will not do so except in cases in which manifest injustice has been done or some previous mistake has been made, but when a proper case is presented for judicial interference, a plain duty is imposed which the Courts cannot and ought not evade.

The petition for rehearing is overruled—Woods, J., still dissenting.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

BUTCHEL COLLEGE, NOV. 23, 1882.

*To the Phis of Delta Province:* At the outset of a new period in fraternity affairs, we desire to present a few matters to the eyes of our brethren. The re-districting of the provinces, necessitates in a measure, a change in the working of affairs, and although the remarks which follow are in no wise new, their presentation may serve to spur up the boys to newer and prompter exertions.

1. Let each Chapter report *promptly* to the SCROLL once per month. This seems like stale advice but it is necessary. A report should come if it is only to say "We are alive" and nothing more.

2. Let one member of each Chapter be appointed to reply to the monthly letter of the President giving all necessary information concerning initiations, resignations, banquets, &c., that the president's reports may be in every way complete.

3. Let each Chapter correspond with each other Chapter in its province. This might be most easily accomplished by individual members and would serve to bring all Chapters into the most friendly relations.

4. Let every Chapter do its utmost to secure subscriptions for the SCROLL from its Alumni and non-active members.

5. I desire to bring before the Chapters of this province the Article VIII, Sec. 7, of the Constitution, providing 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 Article II, Sec. 4, which provides that the reporter shall, on the first day of April each year, forward a report of the members of the Chapter according to form D.

6. And lastly I would at this early date bring before the members the matter of a Delta Province Convention in May of '83.

Let me insist on *promptness*. I have found that ten or fifteen minutes attention to any of the demands of the Fraternity, are sufficient to make out any of the reports required.

We find the Delta in a most flourishing condition, but let not our prosperous outlook be an incentive to our members to relax their efforts.

Let us work with zeal and energy, and endeavor to make the new Delta the grandest province in our grand old Fraternity, and while we have a splendid old province, let us strive to make it yet more opulent and strong.

Very truly in the Bond.

FRANK O. PAYNE,  
President Delta Province.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT

OWENSBORO, KY., Dec. 4, 1882.

*Phis of Zeta Province:* I am happy in addressing you by this new title. We have long been acquainted as members of Gamma Province, and I trust our relations for the next two years may be as pleasant as during the last two. Gamma was a very large and unwieldy province, and was wisely divided. Zeta contains only Illinois and Wisconsin, but on account of the very fact of its smallness will we be all the better organized for effectual work. We have work before us and opportunities that must not be neglected. The first and most pressing of these is reviving two Chapters that have become dormant—Illinois Gamma and Zeta. I shall proceed about this in my own way, but will be thankful for any advice or assistance.

On the condition of our three active Chapters we have reason to congratulate ourselves. They have an aggregate attendant membership of about sixty, all have fine halls and *now* are delinquent on the treasurer's book, for either SCROLL tax or Catalogue tax.

We have also the work of extension to consider. There are three institutions in which I think we all agree, we should have new Chapters,—Illinois State University, Northwestern University and Illinois College. In the first of these we have made a beginning, and Illinois Eta will soon be planted at Champaign, Illinois. Now that we are so prosperous internally, I would urge you to devote some attention to building up in other institutions.

Yours in the Bond,

MIL0 C. SUMMERS.

## EXCHANGE OF SCROLL.

Mo., December 15, 1882.

*Editor of Scroll:* Your correspondent dislikes exceedingly to take up so much of your valuable space, which could be used for much more interesting matter; but we are in receipt of a petition from Indiana Alpha, asking the repeal of the action of the Richmond Convention in regard to placing the SCROLL on the exchange list of other Fraternities. The following is the petition:

WHEREAS, The Richmond Convention of "Phi Delta Theta" Fraternity has forbidden the editor of the SCROLL to exchange with other Fraternity journals.

WHEREAS, Said action is likely to result in injury to the Fraternity by making it impossible to reply to attacks made upon it and the Fraternity by other publications.

WHEREAS, No injury can result from exchanges with other Fraternity papers, and

WHEREAS, An exchange will tend to create harmony among Fraternities in general and an honorable competition within the Fraternity and among the Fraternity journals.

*Resolved,* That we the (—) Chapters of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, believing and desiring that said action will be reversed on due reconsideration by the Chapters, *herely* petition the General Council to submit the matter in question to the Chapters for their consideration and vote thereupon at their earliest convenience.

By reference to the above it will be seen that the principal reason to the non-exchange lies in the fact that some injury, imaginary and purely chimerical, we think, will result to the noble old Phi Delta Theta Fraternity from the inability of the editor of the SCROLL to reply to attacks made upon it by other Fraternity journals. In reply to this we would ask the petitioners to cite us to a few instances when a spirit of controversy was ever conducive of any good. Besides this we know of a positive injury that will result, at least to our Chapter, from the fact that some members of our Faculty are prominently connected with secret societies or have been, and are now in receipt of Fraternity journals. It is patent to the most casual observer, such being the case, any Chapter running *sub rosa* will thus be deprived of the privilege of any communication with the SCROLL.

While it may be presumption on the part of Mu to place her claims on the

scale with the almost incalculable benefits (?) that must undoubtedly arise from controversial articles, which so notoriously "tend to create harmony among Fraternities," yet out of consideration of our earnest desires not to be cut off from our relations with the SCROLL so pleasant in the past and with such a prospect for future pleasures from the same source, we earnestly enter a protest against the action as set forth in the petition. We trust, dear SCROLL, that you will pardon our intrusion on so much of your valuable space and will allow us to plead the urgency of our cause as our best excuse.

Yours in the Bond, Mu.

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 THE REDDIG TESTIMONIAL.

EUREKA, KAN., December 1, 1882.

The Committee which had charge of the subscriptions to procure a nuptial gift for our former President and T. G. C., Brother Clarence J. Reddig, hereby report the fulfillment of their duty. On account of reasons not necessary to state here, the Committee thought best to turn aside from the original intention, which was to procure a china service burned with the Fraternity's arms, and the remembrance sent in the name of those who contributed, and suitably engraved, consisted of a handsomely swung silver pitcher and a fine French clock.

The following is a list of contributors: *Individuals*—George Banta, A. Gwyn Foster, Charles B. Gaskill, M. F. Parrish, Charles W. Bixby, George W. Cone, Frank N. Drane, J. M. Barrs, Emmett Tompikin, M. F. Troxell.

*Chapters*—Ohio Epsilon, Athens, O.; Pennsylvania Alpha, Easton, Pa.; Pennsylvania Delta, Meadville, Pa.; Pennsylvania Beta, Gettysburg, Pa.; Missouri Alpha, Columbia, Mo.; Iowa Alpha, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; Illinois Delta, Galesburg, Ill.; Texas Alpha, Tehuacana, Tex.; Minnesota Alpha, Minneapolis, Minn.; Vermont Alpha, Burlington, Vt.; Michigan Beta, Lansing, Mich.

A small deficiency in the expense account was made good by the Committee, and any particulars further or more minute than this report gives, will be furnished on application, by the Chairman.

Respectfully,  
 M. F. TROXELL, Eureka, Kan.,  
 W. H. H. WEBER, Gettysburg, Pa.  
 W. H. H. RALEIGH, Baltimore, Md.

Committee.

## FINANCIAL.

361 Mass., Ave., INDIANAPOLIS, IND., }  
 December 14, 1882.

*Dear Brothers:* The treasury badly needs the immediate attention of delinquent Chapters, and unless they report at once it will be necessary for the General Council to make a special levy. The SCROLL must be supported at all hazards; the minutes of the Convention are being printed at considerable cost and other imperative demands must be met. Your prompt response will take us over the present difficulty and avoid future complications. All indebtedness for Convention purposes, for SCROLL, or for Catalogue should at once be met.

H. U. BROWN, President.

## FROM TEXAS.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, }

TEHUACANA, TEX., Dec. 12, 1882. }

*George B. Thomas—Dear Brother:* I am—"worldly speaking"—an entire stranger to you; yet, every Phi has a place in my heart; and every brother is my true friend. The object which I have in writing this little note, is nothing more or less than for the interest of Texas Alpha Phi's. You are already informed of our condition, and know that we have every disadvantage to meet, that our *poor* boys could have. But let me assure you, braver, truer and nobler boys never did grace the Bond of Phi Delta Theta. The question then comes up, how can we keep up an interest? Our teachers watch us like a hungry hawk his prey. In the lonely hour of midnight, we have to meet—if at all—in the halls of our College. We do this, and with "dark lantern," read our dear "old Bond" to keep up warm blood! Here we make our vows anew, and pledge for ever to be "true blue" Phis. But then, we have not been idle, for four new boys have signed our Bond, and now behold the grandeur of Phi Delta Theta. They are of a truth—some of the best jewels of Texan minds.

But we want to get them well posted this year, for about five of our boys graduate this year, with two following. Hence, if we would keep our beloved Chapter up, we want MEN there. We want well-posted men; men that we can call Phis in every sense of the word. Then you will do me a great favor if you will write to some of the Chapters, to men you know, and get them to send me their names. I want them for "correspondents" for our boys. Or if you

have not time, please drop me a note and tell me where to write in order to get them. We want nine or ten good lively, wide awake Phis.

Anything that I can do that would be of any use to you, I will—at your notice—execute to the best of my ability. Does the fraternity require us to report to the Province President, if so, how often, and who is he?

Excuse haste, &c., for I have a world of business to attend.

Yours in the Bond,

M. C. JOHNSON,  
 President Texas Alpha

## NECROLOGY.

REV. STUART ROBINSON, D. D., LL. D.,  
 KENTUCKY ALPHA, '53.

Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., was born in Strabane, County Derry, Ireland, November 26, 1816, graduated at Amherst College (Mass.) 1834, spent two years in study at Union Seminary (Va.) and graduated at Princeton (N. J.) Was licensed in 1841. Married Miss Mary Brigham, of Kanawha Salines, Va., and preached there until 1846. From 1846-1852, he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, Ky., and at the same time President of a Female Seminary, a cotton factory, and a turnpike company and was a director in the Farmer's Bank. From 1852-1858, he was pastor of a Church in Baltimore and for two years of that time was editor and publisher of an able monthly called the *Presbyterian Critic*.

In 1858 he was called to the Second Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky. In 1862 he together with Rev. Robert Morrison bought the *Presbyterian Herald* and changed its name to the *True Presbyterian*. In a few months its publication was suppressed by the military authority. Toward the close of the war he bought the interest of Mr. Morrison and changed the name of the paper to *The True Christian Commonwealth*, which he afterwards sold to Rev. J. V. Logan, D. D.

He wrote numerous controversial and bible papers and delivered a large number of public addresses. He also wrote two books—e. g., "The Church of God, an Essential Element of the Gospel," and "Discourses on Redemption." He was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, until his death from cancer in the stomach, October 5, 1881.

ROBERT MORRISON.

Rush O. Bixley	DeGraff, O.	Ohio B.	1883.	Richwood, O.	Jan. 4, 1859.	5.8	155.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Samuel Prestey	Athens, O.	Ohio G.	1884.	New Castle, Pa.	Dec. 13, 1859.	6.2	155.	R.	Univ.	Student.
Joseph White	Cambria, O.	Ohio D.	1884.	Cambria, O.	Aug. 30, 1859.	5.4	121.	D.	Presb.	Student.
Daniel Richard	Cadenton, O.	Ohio E.	1885.	Cadenton, O.	Dec. 10, 1861.	5.10	155.	D.	Univ.	Student.
William Elliott	Lexington, Ky.	Ky. A.	1885.	Fayette Co., Ky.	Nov. 15, 1861.	5.8	155.	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Milton Wayman Hunt	Kokomo, Ind.	Ind. A.	1885.	Kokomo, Ind.	Dec. 25, 1860.	5.11	150.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Thomas Williams	Linden, Ind.	Ind. B.	1885.	Linden, Ind.	Jan. 10, 1861.	5.7	155.	R.	Presb.	Student.
Thomas M. Iden	Bethel, O.	Ind. 8-5.	1885.	Bethel, O.	July 11, 1856.	5.8	150.	R.	Chrs.	Student.
Elmer Elkworth	Franklin, Ind.	Ind. G.	1884.	Rozetta, Ill.	July 27, 1862.	5.10	154.	R.	Baptist.	Student.
Theophilus Eugene Montgomery	Seymour, Ind.	Ind. D.	1884.	Seymour, Ind.	July 27, 1862.	6.1	156.	R.	Presb.	Student.
Charles Sumner Bridges	Greensville, Ind.	Ind. Z.	1883.	Farmer City, Ill.	Nov. 9, 1862.	5.8	156.	R.	Univ.	Student.
Edwin S. Swigart	Bloomington, Ill.	Ill. D.	1882.	Farmer City, Ill.	Jan. 30, 1861.	5.11 1/2	159.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Thomas Harvey Simmons	Madison, Wis.	Wis. E.	1881.	Coolville, O.	Sept. 13, 1858.	5.7	140.	R.	Univ.	Student.
Charles A. Dert Foster	Pontiac, Mich.	Mich. B.	1882.	Pontiac, Mich.	Aug. 24, 1859.	5.5	140.	R.	Chrs.	Student.
Jefferson Henry Irish	Kansas City, Mo.	Mo. A.	1882.	Kansas City, Mo.	Nov. 26, 1859.	5.1 1/2	152.	D.	Presb.	Student.
Thomas Smart Ridge	Fulton, Mo.	Mo. B.	1881.	Columbus, Ky.	Apr. 12, 1860.	5.10 1/2	143.	D.	Meth.	Student.
Stoner Wesley Yanits	Mr. Pleasant, Ia.	Iowa A.	1881.	Kirksville, Ia.	Mar. 6, 1859.	5.9	150.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Samuel Ashmead Wood Carver	Cambridge, Ill.	Ill. B.	1883.	Indianola, Ia.	Mar. 18, 1861.	6	176.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Preston L. Sever	Rockford, Minn.	Minn. A.	1885.	Rockford, Minn.	Sept. 13, 1862.	5.11 1/2	160.	R.	Eps.	Student.

VISITING MEMBERS.

NAME.	Residence.	Chapter.	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
Charles Battle Gaskill	Atlanta, Ga.	Ga. A.	1872.	Guthrie, Ga.	Apr. 22, 1851.	5.10	170 1/2	P.	Baptist.	Lawyer.
George Bruce Thomas	Marysville, Ky.	Va. B.	1881.	Marysville, Ky.	Jan. 13, 1863.	5.7	140.	P.	Meth.	Journalism.
Frank Owen Payne	Richmond, Va.	Ohio E.	1882.	Arlon, O.	Mar. 4, 1861.	5.9	145.	P.	Univ.	Student.
John Carrie	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1882.	Richmond, Va.	Dec. 15, 1862.	5.8 1/2	130.	D.	Eps.	Student.
John Elmer Musselman	Leitchfield, Pa.	Pa. B.	1883.	Fairfield, Pa.	Mar. 28, 1862.	5.8 1/2	135.	R.	Luth.	Student.
William Logan Lewis	Lexington, Ky.	Va. B.	1878.	Lexington, Ky.	Mar. 20, 1859.	5.7 1/2	140.	D.	Presb.	Farming.
George Gatewood Hamilton	Mid. String, Ky.	Va. B.	1881.	Mid. String, Ky.	Oct. 21, 1861.	6.1	150.	D.	Meth.	Student.
John Edgar Randall	Troy, O.	Ohio D.	1885.	Vandalia, O.	Aug. 24, 1861.	5.8	130.	R.	Eps.	Student.
Lee Hamilton Todd	Urbana, O.	Ohio D.	1885.	Urbana, O.	Jan. 26, 1861.	5.8	140.	R.	Meth.	Student.
William Bailey Clarke Brown	Independence, Mo.	Mo. B.	1882.	Mo. River.	Apr. 11, 1861.	5.9	200.	R.	Presb.	Lawyer.
George Bryan	Independence, Va.	Va. D.	1881.	Allegheny, Pa.	Feb. 22, 1860.	6.1	135.	D.	Presb.	Banking.
John Alexander Latasler	Richmond, Va.	Va. B.	1881.	Henry Co., Va.	Dec. 11, 1859.	5.9	117.	D.	Presb.	Student.
William Henry Lyons	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1885.	Richmond, Va.	Nov. 2, 1867.	5.2	80.	D.	Univ.	Student.
Charles Newton Alfred Yonce	Salem, Va.	Va. A.	1881.	Salem, Va.	June 20, 1865.	5.4	145.	D.	Univ.	Student.
James Lawson Converse	Plain City, O.	Ohio E.	1881.	Plain City, O.	Jan. 31, 1856.	5.8 1/2	130.	R.	Univ.	Farming.
Frank Conell Watson	Smithfield, Va.	Va. G.	1880.	Pittsylvania Co., Va.	Aug. 7, 1861.	6.3	165.	R.	Meth.	Methodist.
Granville Gray Valentine	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1880.	Richmond, Va.	Aug. 19, 1860.	5.8	120.	D.	Baptist.	Student.
William Bibb Thorp	Leitchburg, Va.	Va. D.	1885.	Charlottesville, Va.	Apr. 22, 1862.	5.8	135.	D.	Eps.	Student.
Thomas Judson Shipman	Salem, Va.	Va. D.	1883.	Nelson Co., Va.	Apr. 23, 1862.	5.9	125.	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Preston Wellford Noland	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1881.	Federicksburg, Va.	Feb. 16, 1861.	5.9	130.	D.	Baptist.	Business.
Archibald Williams Patterson	Richmond, Va.	Va. B.	1881.	Richmond, Va.	Mar. 22, 1858.	5.9 1/2	130.	R.	Baptist.	Lawyer.
Ira Washington Christian	Noblesville, Ind.	Ind. G.	1881.	Noblesville, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1856.	5.9	140.	R.	Eps.	Medicine.
Charles Matthews Shields	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1878.	Powhatan Co., Va.	Jan. 1, 1856.	5.9	135.	D.	Baptist.	Medicine.
Charles H. Chalkey	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1878.	Richmond, Va.	Aug. 4, 1858.	5.8	145.	D.	Chrs.	Merchant.
James Harrison Spencer	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1878.	Henry Co., Va.	Mar. 8, 1858.	5.9	130.	D.	Chrs.	Druggist.
George C. Powers	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1878.	Mecklenburg, Va.	Sept. 24, 1860.	5.9	140.	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Frank Puryart	Richmond, Va.	Va. D.	1884.	Richmond, Va.	Dec. 25, 1863.	5.11	130.	D.	Eps.	Student.
John Jones Clifton	Petersburg, Va.	Va. B.	1879.	Richmond, Va.	Nov. 20, 1858.	5.5	130.	D.	Presb.	Ministry.
George Shanklin	Nicholsville, Ky.	Va. B.	1884.	Nicholsville, Ky.	Aug. 14, 1860.	5.7 1/2	135.	D.	Chrs.	Student.
John Hunter Wendleion	Louisia C. H., Va.	Va. B.	1883.	Louisia Co., Va.	Jan. 22, 1858.	6	170.	D.	Chrs.	Student.
Orrin Lewis Stearns	Dublin, Va.	Va. D.	1884.	Dublin, Va.	Dec. 17, 1868.	5.9	155.	D.	Baptist.	Student.

A number of others in attendance failed to register.

**Statistics of the Officers, Delegates and Visitors Present at the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, held at Richmond, Virginia, October 24-27, 1882.**

**GENERAL COUNCIL.**

NAME.	Residence.	Office.	Chapter, Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
George Bartra.	Franklin, Ind.	President.	Ind. A.	Covington, Ky.	July 16, 1857.	5.10.	135.2.	D.	Presb.	Insurance.
Charles Jacob Ketting.	Shippensburg, Pa.	Treasurer.	Pa. B.	Shippensburg, Pa.	Nov. 4, 1855.	5.6.	155.	K.	Math.	Merchant.
Walter Benjamin Palmer.	Nashville, Tenn.	Historian.	Tenn. A.	Richmond, Co., Va.	July 9, 1857.	6.	155.	D.	Meth.	Business.

**PROVINCE PRESIDENTS.**

NAME.	Residence.	Province, Chapter, Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
Gatrol Phillips Bassett.	Newark, N. J.	Alpha.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Feb. 27, 1865.	5.9.	130.	K.	Presb.	Student.
Lyman Chittley.	Richmond, Va.	Pa. B.	Richmond, Va.	Oct. 20, 1861.	5.10.	140.	D.	Baptist.	Student.

**LITERARY PERFORMERS.**

NAME.	Residence.	Position.	Chapter, Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
Byron K. Elliott.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Orator.	Ind. G.	Hamilton, O.	Sept. 4, 1853.	5.6.	104.	K.	Presb.	Lawyer.
William Wirt Seals.	Griffin, Ga.	Poet.	Ind. B.	La Fayette, Ga.	July 27, 1858.	5.9.	100.	D.	Meth.	Teaching.
Charles M. Beckwith.	Athens, Ga.	Historian.	Ga. A.	Prince George, Va.	June 8, 1851.	5.11½.	155.	D.	Eps.	Ministry.
Emmet Tompkins.	Athens, O.	Proprietor.	Ohio G.	McConnelsville, O.	Sept. 1, 1858.	6.	165.	R.		Lawyer.

**OFFICIAL DELEGATES OF ALUMNI CHAPTERS.**

NAME.	Residence.	Al. Chap.	Col/Chap.	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
George Bartra.	Pres. G. C. (q. t.)	Ind. A.	Va. D.	1880.	Richmond, Va.	May 2, 1859.	6.	156.	D.	Baptist.	Lawyer.
Conway Robinson Sands.	Richmond, Va.	Va. A.	Ind. G.	1880.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Feb. 20, 1.59.	5.11.	144.	K.	Chrs.	Journalism.
Hulton Utimus Brown.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Ind. B.	Ind. G.	1880.	Baltimore, Md.	May 27, 1858.	5.10.	138.	D.	Baptist.	Civ. Eng.
Francis Hums.	Baltimore, Md.	Ind. A.	Va. E.	1872.	Jackson, Tenn.	Oct. 12, 1858.	6.1.	151.	D.		Lawyer.
Robert Fenner Jackson.	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. A.	Tenn. A.	1881.							

**OFFICIAL DELEGATES OF COLLEGE CHAPTERS.**

NAME.	Residence.	Chapter, Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
George Edward Sawyer.	Hurlington, Vt.	Vt. A.	Royalton, Vt.	Sept. 23, 1859.	5.7.	145.	K.	Eps.	Student.
Gatrol Phillips Bassett.	Pres. A. Prov. (q. t.)	Pa. A.	Middleton, Md.	Sept. 29, 1859.	5.8.	145.	R.	Math.	Student.
Milton Chalmers Remsburg.	Washington, Md.	Pa. G.	Washington, Pa.	Aug. 3, 1858.	6.2.	180.	K.	Presb.	Student.
Mark Austin Benjamin.	Washington, Pa.	Pa. G.	New Lisbon, O.	Oct. 28, 1859.	5.11½.	155.	K.	Eps.	Student.
Joseph Alexander Yauze.	Meadville, Pa.	Pa. D.	Abecon, N. J.	Apr. 23, 1859.	5.7.	145.	R.	Meth.	Student.
Alphonso Williams Weaver.	Asescou, N. J.	Pa. E.	Rural Retreat, Va.	June 30, 1861.	5.7.	145.	D.	Teach.	Student.
Charles Jackson Groseclose.	Salts, Va.	Va. A.	Wytheville, Va.	Apr. 15, 1860.	6.3¾.	185.	D.	Presb.	Student.
John James Stuart.	Salts, Va.	Va. B.	Ashland, Va.	Sept. 15, 1864.	5.9.	135.	D.	Meth.	Student.
William Gray Townsend.	Waldorf, Md.	Va. G.	Notoway Co., Va.	July 29, 1861.	5.4.	124.	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Virgins Lee Fowler.	Notoway, S. C.	Va. D.	Charleston, S. C.	May 30, 1860.	5.6.	118.	D.	Eps.	Student.
Arthur Gallard Rembert.	Cannders, S. C.	S. C. A.	Russell Co., Ala.	Apr. 14, 1864.	5.9.	142.	D.	Eps.	Student.
Arminius Hayward Frazer.	Columbus, Ga.	Ga. A.	Trinpa, Fla.	June 9, 1853.	5.6.	150.	D.	Meth.	Civ. Eng.
Henry Clifford Carney.	Oxford, Ga.	Ga. B.	Marion, S. J.	May 19, 1860.	6.2.	140.	D.	Meth.	Professor.
Benjamin Canise Gregg.	Wilton, S. C.	Ga. G.	Wilton, Miss.	Jan. 19, 1863.	5.11.	155.	D.	Meth.	Student.
Wilson Sled Hill.	Wilton, Miss.	Miss. A.	Livingson, Tenn.	Nov. 26, 1850.	5.8.	142.	D.	Chrs.	Lawyer.
William Henry Goodpastor.	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. A.							

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MAYSVILLE, KY., DECEMBER, 1882.

MERRY Christmas.

HAPPY New Year.

THE SCROLL extends its heartiest compliments to every Phi.

AGAIN we ask pardon for our late appearance. We expected to be out before Christmas but were disappointed.

WE have added to our directory the names of reporters of Kansas Alpha and South Carolina Beta. We expect to hear from them in next issue.

REPORTS from Virginia Beta and Virginia Gamma, which came in too late for last issue, will be found in this. We are sorry they were delayed and suggest that the reporters be more prompt in the future.

BROTHER W. B. Palmer is very anxious to complete his file of the SCROLL. He lacks only Nos. 1 and 3 of Vol. I., and will immediately remit \$1 to any person who will send him either one of these numbers. Address him at Nashville, Tenn.

OUR directory is rather large for our pages, hence we will have it re-set in smaller type. It is by no means correct and we would be pleased to have the reporter of each Chapter send his address immediately to Rush O. Bigley, Delaware, O. Give full name and P. O. box or number of street.

WE are pleased to see the new Province Presidents go to work with so much enthusiasm. A number of encouraging letters have been received from them. Success will surely attend their efforts if they continue as they have commenced.

WE print elsewhere a table of statistics of the attendants at the Convention. A similar table was printed after the Indianapolis Convention, and some brother with a mathematical turn of mind, furnished Brother Troxell with some interesting calculations of averages and totals as to age, height, weight, etc., of the delegates. Can't some of our mathematical geniuses do the same for us? It would prove very acceptable to our readers.

FROM all we can hear, the minutes of the Convention are in a fearful muddle, and although they have been revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose, they are far from being satisfactory. Several valuable and necessary papers are missing—at least they have not been placed in the hands of the Committee—and many important events in the proceedings were not recorded. They have, however, been put into as tangible form as possible and will soon be ready for the printers.

TEXAS ALPHA and Illinois Gamma, which were reported at the Convention as defunct, are again heard from.

FROM their communications it is evident that they have many difficulties and discouragements to contend with, and their lot is by no means a pleasant one; it is also evident that they have the determination to fight to the end for existence, and, if they are compelled to do so, will die game. We have no hesitancy in publishing elsewhere, the report of the President of Texas Alpha, and hope our boys all over the country will comply with his request and open correspondence with the members of that Chapter.

THE G. C. has lately received several applications for charters and will probably grant one or two within a month.

WE do not send a receipt for subscriptions. The fact that one receives his SCROLL is a sufficient guarantee that it is paid for, as we send none that are not paid for.

NUMEROUS complaints have been made by Chapters and Alumni subscribers that they did not receive the November SCROLL. We put them in the office on December 1st, and the fault is no doubt with the mails.

THE advisability of having a meeting of the editors of Fraternity papers is being talked of now by a number of the leading Fraternity journals, the object being to take preparatory steps to the "Pan Hellenic Council." We approve the idea and will attend.

IT is to be noted with pleasure that the discussions of Fraternity affairs are constantly taking on a more dignified tone and a certain earnestness, indicating a higher conception of the policy and aims of the order, a healthy and growing interest in its demands.

WE have received applications from Chapters for over a hundred copies of October SCROLL, and as our supply was exhausted early in the action we were unable to furnish them. This is to be regretted as all applicants were justly entitled to them, having paid for them at the first of the year.

WE should like to call the attention of reporters to the fact that articles intended for publication should be written on only *one* side of the paper as it is too much trouble for the editor to re-write all copy. Conforming to the rules of printing in this direction will save a great amount of trouble.

THE brothers who so kindly furnished us with several missing numbers of the SCROLL, will please accept our thanks. Vol. IV., Nos. 1, 3 and 7, and Vol. VI., Nos. 8 and 9 will complete our file. We will be under lasting obligations to any one who will send them to us. Would also like to have a copy of the prospectus.

WHEN we mailed our last issue, although with the consciousness that we had done our level best to make it everything that a Fraternity journal should be, we were somewhat in doubt as to how it would be received by the Phi world; whether with approbation or adverse criticism. This feeling was especially heightened when we reflected over the former excellent editorial management and typographical appearance. We were greatly reassured at the receipt of numerous complimentary letters and cards from some of our most active workers and quite a number of our Alumni, but as yet most of the Chapters have been non-committal on the subject. Criticisms and suggestions will be welcome at all times as it is our aim to conduct the SCROLL in a manner pleasing to all.

WE announced in our last issue that we would continue to make improvements in the SCROLL wherever and whenever we saw that they were needed. Consequently we have discarded all the type used last month and come out this month in a "bran new dress," having just purchased an entirely new outfit.

WE are in receipt of many communications expressing a desire to have the elaborate title page, alluded to last month, as early as possible. The outfit for such a title page as we contemplate getting would necessitate quite an outlay of money, so we will postpone it till the beginning of the next collegiate year and even then must be governed by our resources.

THE editors of the Catalogue have given the MSS. to the printers. The work will be pushed as rapidly as is consistent with proper care and accuracy. The Chapters will be taken up chronologically, and there is still time for most of them to supplement their lists. It is desired to insert all members who have been initiated this year. Forward their *full* names, *home* addresses, *exact* dates of initiation and *classes* to Brother W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. The lists of new Chapters will be short unless the names of recently initiated men are sent in. If no Catalogue blanks are on hand, don't lose time by writing for them, but send the data on any kind of paper. Memoranda of recent changes of correspondent members should be forwarded also. Brother Palmer desires to notify the Chapters that he will send Reporters proof sheets of the lists, but they must be returned immediately to him. The printers will not wait. Reporters, if possible, should return proofs by the next mail after receiving them, for, if they are held, the printing will have to go on with the lists uncorrected.

WE may well ask ourselves the question: What might be the most practical way of gaining the cordial support of our Colleges? This has for sometime been the grave question of our American Fraternity systems, and it is useless to say that it is one Phi Delta Theta should consider. The fact of secret Fraternities not being recognized in all our Colleges is due evidently to the diversity of opinion as to the beneficial influence that a Greek Letter Fraternity exerts upon the life of a student. The very fact that they are excluded from some of our best institutions, is a slight argument against them. Yet there is no one that will say that there are no benefits arising from Fraternities. The question is: how can we make this fact prominent so as to be seen and appreciated by our College authorities? The future extension and prosperity of our Fraternity

will be measured largely by its usefulness, for nothing survives but what is useful. Let us assure the Faculties and Trustees of our Colleges that instead of being against them we are with them, with them in our work, with them in our influence and it would be an admirable plan to attempt to identify ourselves more fully with them in a support which is substantial. Our Fraternity has been successful in the past—let us strive to make it more successful in the future by entering into closer bonds of union with our *Alma Maters*.

THE expression of our opinion about the ex-G. B. matter in last issue, was not written simply because we had nothing else to write about, but was written with a distinct object in view—to have the matter thoroughly investigated and properly disposed of and we do not intend to let the matter drop until it is disposed of.

We do not believe in half way measures in anything or in mincing matters in the slightest, but when a case such as this arises prompt action should be taken notwithstanding its unpleasant nature.

We should not allow the article in our Constitution providing for expulsion of unworthy members to become a dead letter, neither should the executions of the provisions of our Constitution in such cases be like the too frequent farcical executions of our national law, in which it seems, figuratively speaking, as if all offenders were placed in a very large seive with very small holes and all, whose offenses are small enough to pass through, have punishment meted out to them, while in the case of the big offenders the wheels of justice are clogged and they are toasted, fawned over and in fact made the lions of the hour.

As stated last month, when a member of a Chapter is guilty of a slight deviation from the spirit of our Bond they are expelled forthwith, consequently we

would be guilty of unjust discrimination should we let such an offense as this pass unpunished.

A copy of last month's issue has been mailed to Mr. Whitehead with the assurance that space in our columns will be given to any explanation he may desire to make.

We would like for the Chapters to discuss the matter and favor us with their views.

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PHI DELTA THETA is face to face with one of the most important questions that has ever presented itself for consideration and one which requires prompt and decisive action. Shall we continue the publication of the SCROLL? Doubtless this announcement is a surprise to the majority of our readers, as we understood from the report of the treasurer, at the Convention, that we were in a better condition financially than ever before, and as nothing but financial matters could possibly have any bearing on this question. We are confident that the answer will be unanimously in the affirmative but, as we said before, prompt and decisive action must be taken and the difficulty must be overcome at its very inception. It is no fault of the Chapters' that this question has come up—in fact it is nobody's fault, yet since such is the case it must be decided at once.

If we are correctly informed as to the facts in the case, more than half the Chapters paid their SCROLL tax at the beginning of the session, but as the expenses of the Convention were greater than had been anticipated—consequently greater than had been provided for when the Convention tax was levied—the money in SCROLL fund was used to defray the extra expense.

As the SCROLL was enlarged by action of Convention, to one-third greater than it was last year, the expense increased in proportion and as the greater part of the regular per capita assessment had been paid and appropriated for an-

other purpose, we necessarily began the year with an increased expense and a limited exchequer.

When all delinquent Chapters pay up in full there will not be sufficient money in treasury to defray expenses of the SCROLL through this collegiate year, and it is probable that it will be necessary to levy a special tax. We hope, however, that delinquents will respond to the call of P. G. C., which will be found in another column, so we will be enabled to meet all expenses for the time being, until we can arrange ways and means for a satisfactory disposition of the embarrassment.

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WE have just learned the whole story of the efforts of one of our brothers to revive our old Kentucky Beta, at the Kentucky Military Institute, and are now very much in favor of granting a charter. It seems that Brother Hindman was initiated at the University of Mississippi last February, and after leaving that institution entered the K. M. I. at the beginning of this term. A brother and cousin, whom he had pledged up in advance, entered at the same time. The fraternities there had entered into an agreement not to "rush" or "spike" any new men for the period of six weeks after the opening of College, which fact gave Brother Hindman the advantage of them as he made no such agreement.

He immediately went to work and pledged ten of the pick of the new men and sent his petition for charter to the Convention. The S. G. C., under the impression that the Convention had so ordered, wrote to him that his petition was received favorably and that a charter would be granted at once. Membership was then proposed to four other students who accepted, and an order was sent for nine badges which have been received and which cost in the aggregate about \$225, and four more have since been ordered.

Brother Hindman went to Colonel Allen, the head of the institute, and

told him of his intention to establish a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The Colonel approved of the movement and gave them a room for a Chapter hall, and in the event that a charter is granted them the boys will give \$10 apiece to furnish it.

Although none of them have been initiated into Phi Delta Theta, they have declined to become members of other fraternities and will stick to their original intention until they see that there is no possible chance to obtain a charter.

Under the circumstances we can see of no way to do but to charter them as they are no doubt the pick of the K. M. I. and have been faithful to us although not being of us.

It is not probable that any injury will result to the fraternity as the institution has been self-sustaining for forty years and is not apt to suspend at an early day, and the class of students in attendance upon it are perhaps better than that of any other College in the State—it is at least a better institution than several at which our Chapters are now located, and after all it is not establishing a new Chapter but reviving one of our oldest ones. Brothers Phister and Lewis, of Virginia B., Brothers King and Berry, of Kentucky A., and Brother Hindman held a conference in Lexington last week as to advisability of granting a charter and after hearing the facts in the case are decidedly in favor of it. It will be remembered that Brothers Phister and Lewis are the gentlemen who revived the Kentucky Alpha.

We were opposed to chartering them, at the Convention, for the reason that we were not sufficiently well informed about the matter but are now most positively in favor of it.

The G. C. have the matter under advisement and have not given their final decision as yet. They rather favor the idea but do not think it a good precedent to act contrary to the mandate of a National Convention.

We hope that their decision will not be adverse, as the gentlemen certainly deserve praise for their faithfulness and should be rewarded for it. It seems a pity to refuse a charter to a Chapter that would start out under such favorable auspices.

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A PETITION from Indiana Alpha has reached us, the substance of which is a request that the advisability of again placing the SCROLL on the exchange list of other fraternity journals be submitted by the G. C. to a vote of the Chapters at an early date.

Our views on this subject are well known to all who were present when it was discussed at the Richmond Convention. We were in favor of an exchange then, are in favor of it now and will continue to be so long as we have any connection with the SCROLL.

That the exchange system is of incalculable assistance to an editor and that it opens to him a source of information as to the happenings in the Greek World, a superior to which does not exist, is beyond the question of a doubt.

What is the object of a fraternity journal if it is not to keep its supporters informed about general fraternity work? General fraternity work is a broad term and does not admit of a narrow definition. It does not mean simply what ones own fraternity is doing, what advancement it is making and what internal improvements are going on, but covers the entire ground of the American College Secret Society system.

All of our sister fraternities are struggling for the supremacy—all are striving for the honor of being recognized as the best, consequently there is a spirit of rivalry among them which is constantly bringing to light ways and means for the advancement of their interests. Plans for the equal distribution of labor are studied, the best means of keeping alive the interest of Alumni members are thought of and tried, in-

teresting historical and statistical data are collected for the information of fraternity men, financial schemes are tried and discarded according as they are practical or otherwise, different methods of general government are brought into use with a view of discovering the most thorough, suggestions as to the most expedient plan of extension are being made from time to time and many other questions of importance present themselves for discussion and decision.

It is hardly possible and not at all probable that all these plans, methods and suggestions should originate with any one fraternity, but each of the leading ones furnish their quota. Changes in government, etc., are being made, at greater or less intervals, by fraternities which have discovered from experience that certain of their usages are not practicable—or at least could be improved upon—and they either try some method, original with themselves, or that has been found to work well by other fraternities. In this manner the most expedient methods of conducting a fraternity are being adopted and impracticable ones are being abandoned—in fact the workings of College fraternities of the present day is a good example of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest.

We are not so egotistical as to maintain that we are perfect—to claim that it is not possible that some of our sister fraternities may be superior to us in some respects and that we can learn nothing from them. How are we to derive any benefit from this mutual exchange of opinion as to the best ways and means of fraternity government if we do not receive the journals of other fraternities? To be sure knowledge of them may eventually reach us by a species of grape-vine telegraphy, but by the time they do reach us in such a manner they will not be calculated to be of much benefit, being rather out of date—something like ancient history.

If anything is intended to have a

beneficial effect there is a strong tendency towards centralization, hence a fraternity journal is a repository of general information as to everything pertaining to the organization to which it owes its existence, consequently the best place to seek such information is in fraternity journals. Where then is the good in depriving the editor of the privilege of an exchange with them?

The only argument that has been advanced against an exchange is that our *sub rosa* Chapters could have no communication with the SCROLL. This argument is practically *nil*, for the reason that the name of College and even State may be left blank and they may write under a *nom de plume*, as is the case with "Mu."

Even if their existence should become known it is highly improbable that our brother editors, who are honorable men, would take it upon themselves to herald the fact to the College authorities and to the world. For the same reason we do not consider as an argument for an exchange, the clause in Indiana Alpha's petition, to the effect that injury can result to the fraternity on account of not being able to reply to attacks that may be made upon us by other publications.

It was a common occurrence several years ago for fraternity journals to run down other fraternities—in fact it was considered the proper thing to do at that time—but that age is past and an editorial of a slighting nature is seen no more, although in Chapter communications remarks reflecting on a rival sometimes appear but there is a strong disposition on the part of the editors to suppress them and many of them *are* suppressed.

It would be bad policy for us to show an utter disregard for the opinions of others and such a course is apt to arouse an unfriendly feeling towards us on the part of our rivals.

We admit that independence and exclusiveness are desirable under certain

circumstances, but there is always the danger of an organization, which maintains an independent and exclusive policy, becoming more or less bigoted, and an evidence on our part of a desire to sever all connection and friendly relations with our sister fraternities is sure to make us unpopular and lessen our influence in the Greek World. We can cite as an example one of the best and largest of our western fraternities, which several years ago held itself aloof from other fraternities, and as a consequence was most cordially hated and, in almost every institution in which it was represented, its members were the objects of the common enmity of other fraternity men. Having eventually realized that it was not the centre of the universe, neither did the world revolve around it, it stepped down from its high horse and to-day is foremost in all fraternity enterprises and justly deserves the excellent reputation which it bears as a progressive factor, and probably exerts more influence in College Fraternity matters than any like organization in America.

Other journals have commented upon the action of our Convention in again placing the SCROLL under the rose, and are all of the opinion that it is a backward step. An idea of how they consider said action may be gathered from the subjoined letters and extracts:

SCRANTON, PA., November 8, 1882.

George B. Thomas, Editor Scroll, Maysville, Ky.—*Sir*: Your favor of the 6th inst. is before me; sorry, however, that I cannot extend the courtesy you request. Whilst we are not ashamed to have our magazine displayed to the world, we do not ask for outside support. I will consent to nothing but a legitimate exchange. I had thought that the SCROLL discovered how absolutely impossible it was to remain *sub rosa*, and that having come into the light, it would take no more backward steps. But in this I am disappointed. I don't know who will be the loser by it. Years ago I was enabled to see the SCROLL, notwithstanding its *sub rosa* character. I have no doubt that it will be just as easy now. In like manner you will be welcome to the *Quarterly*, but only on the basis of an exchange can an honorable use be accorded our respective journals. I am, very respectfully,

M. L. ZWEIZIG,  
Editor *Chi Phi Quarterly*.

CINCINNATI, O., November 6, 1882.

George B. Thomas, esq., Editor Scroll, Maysville, Ky.—*Dear Sir*: Your favor of the 5th is

at hand. Am very sorry indeed to hear that the SCROLL can no longer be included in our exchange list. It seems a pity to break the pleasant circle of exchange which had but lately been formed among the journals of the several fraternities. But I know right well how inexorable are the decrees of a National Convention. *In eo loco fui—I have been there*, as the street Arabs said in Cicero's time.

You are quite welcome to subscribe for the *Beta Theta Pi*, however, even though we cannot ask a like privilege in return. I mail you herewith the first (October) number of our current volume, which is almost entirely devoted to the doings of our recent Convention. The November number will be ready for mailing by the 11th I think, and will be duly sent you.

The subscription price is \$1 per year, which you can forward to the address given at the head of this letter. With best wishes for Phi Delta Theta and for your management of her journal, I am, very truly yours,

WILLIS O. ROBB,  
Editor *Beta Theta Pi*.

GETTYSBURG, PA., November 10, 1882.

George B. Thomas, Editor Scroll, Maysville, Ky. *Dear Sir*: Your favor of the 6th inst. to Mr. McPherson has been handed to me by that gentleman for reply, as I am now editor-in-chief of the *Sigma Chi*.

In response therefore, I would say that I am very sorry to learn that the SCROLL is to be *sub rosa* once more. I had hoped to be able to see the heretofore pleasant relations between our respective journals kept up, and I trust they will be, but I must tell you candidly that it is against the policy of the *Sigma Chi* to receive subscriptions outside of the Fraternity. Were I to grant your request I might be compelled to concede similar favors, and I do not care to begin the practice. I will be *very* glad to continue the exchange, but cannot allow you to subscribe. Would you allow me a similar privilege? I say again I am sorry to learn of the change in the SCROLL, so far as its open existence goes. You can obtain a complete file of the *Sigma Chi* from H. H. Weber, your former assistant editor, at this place. I am fully confident that no improper use would be made of the *Sigma Chi* were I to grant your request, but I cannot see my way clear to so do. With my best wishes for the continued success of the SCROLL, I am, most truly yours.

CHARLES R. TROWBRIDGE,  
Editor-in-Chief of the *Sigma Chi*.

Phi Delta Theta at its recent Richmond Convention ordered that the SCROLL be henceforth kept strictly under the rose. It was a step backward which we cannot but regret, and which can only result in lessening the influence of the fraternity and its paper in the Greek world. George B. Thomas, of Maysville, Ky., is the new editor.—*Beta Theta Pi*

Phi Delta Theta—The SCROLL, as we are informed by its editor, has been withdrawn from public circulation. We cannot but characterize this action of the convention as most unwise. It betokens, to say the least, retrogression instead of progress in the Fraternity. The journal has been removed to Maysville, Ky.—*Alpha Tau Omega Patm*.

As Mr. Zweizig says it is an easy matter to see the SCROLL notwithstanding its *sub rosa* character, and if our boys only know how *very* simple and easy it

is to procure a fraternity journal they would understand that it is a piece of foolishness to attempt to continue to keep it *sub rosa*. It is much more preferable to carry on an honorable exchange than to run the chances of having our paper procured by dishonorable means, in which case a person is at perfect liberty to make a dishonorable use of it if so disposed.

The G. C. has directed us to state that they desire all the Chapters to take this question under consideration and give a free expression of their opinion in next issue.

emptying the contents of a shotgun into the negro.

It is unfortunate that he should have ever been a member of Phi Delta Theta and we congratulate ourselves that he was expelled before this happened. This is the first instance we know of where anyone ever connected with our fraternity has turned out to be a criminal although some black sheep have crept into the fold. The catalogue of one of the large Eastern fraternities which has just been published, states that something less than ten of their members have become criminals.

THOMAS CRITTENDEN, grandson of Hon. J. J. Crittenden, of Kentucky A., was a member of the class of '79 at Centre College where he was initiated into Phi Delta Theta. Possessing a naturally bright mind his prospects for the future were promising and it was thought, on his entrance into College, that he would reflect credit on the honorable name he bears. He is still remembered in Danville as one of the wildest students that ever attended old Centre. He was especially noted for his great physical strength and fighting proclivities, and it has only been a few years since he gained quite a notoriety by engaging in a prize fight with a Louisville policeman in which he was ignominiously defeated.

It is not recorded how it came about or what charge was made against him but after his name on the Bond is written the word EXPELLED. We are not certain but are under the impression he was also expelled from College.

In the early part of this month the Louisville and Cincinnati papers chronicled what they termed "a brutal and unprovoked murder," at Anchorage, Ky., the murderer being Thomas Crittenden, and the victim a negro who had testified against him in Court in some trivial case. The killing was done on the platform at the railroad depot, Crittenden deliberately walking up and

To GIVE some idea of the legal status of Greek Letter Fraternities and to what extent they are under control of College authorities, we print entire in this issue the decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana in the Purdue case. A copy of this decision was procured after much difficulty by Mr. W. F. Severson, of the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi. It was published first in the *Sigma Chi* and copied into the *Palm* from which we take it.

On account of the technical legal language it is not easily understood from a cursory reading and will bear careful perusal before the full import is obtained. The facts are as follows: On September 8, 1881, Mr. Thomas P. Hawley, applied for entrance into Purdue University situated near the city of La Fayette, Ind., and, having agreed with Professor White, President of the University, upon what course of study he was to pursue, was about to be received as a regular student, when he was requested by Professor White, to sign a written pledge to the effect that when he applied in the month of April previous for honorable dismissal from the University he was not connected with a College fraternity and that when he afterwards joined Sigma Chi he had no intention of again entering the University and he would sever his connection therefrom during the period he was a

student at the University,—also to conform to regulation No. 3, forbidding students to join secret fraternities.

Mr. Hawley flatly declined to sign the paper, although expressing himself perfectly willing to conform to all the other rules and regulations of the University, and in consequence admission was refused him. Feeling himself aggrieved, and encouraged, we are led to believe, by his fraternity, he instituted proceedings through his guardian, S. T. Stallard, in the Tippecanoe Circuit Court, to test the legal right of such refusal. An adverse decision was given so an appeal was made to the Supreme Court where the former decision was reversed on the grounds that regulation No. 3 was construed as imposing disabilities on and discriminating against a certain class of citizens—those who were already members of fraternities—and that the Faculty had no legal right to demand such a pledge as a condition of admission. But the Court further averred that it is within the power of the Faculty to absolutely prohibit any connection between the Greek Fraternities and the University, and that the Trustees have authority to prohibit students from attending fraternity meetings.

The Trustees of Purdue University, not being satisfied with the decision, filed a petition for rehearing, as did also the Attorney-General of the State. A supplementary decision was therefore given, but with a few slight verbal changes it was the same as the one previously given.

It will be seen from this decision that the main question as to the extent a fraternity is under the control of the Faculty virtually remains *in statu quo*, as, although the College authorities have no legal right to refuse admission on the grounds of membership in secret fraternities, still they have the power to control their actions after they become students and the power to refuse to allow students who are not members to join such organizations.

This decision effects only such institutions as are supported by the State, and it remains to be seen whether it extends to denominational and sectarian Colleges and those supported by private enterprises, the prevalent opinion being that it will not.

As the case now stands the faculty will have to make concessions to Mr. Hawley, and he may become a student of Purdue University if he so desires, although it is probable that the case will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States as both parties are seemed disposed to fight it out. Thinking that the case had been disposed of we wrote to Judge Elliott asking for his legal opinion and his opinion as a fraternity man.

He declined to give it as he stated that there was a strong probability that the case would come before the Supreme Court.

The case and decision is attracting a great deal of attention and interest from fraternity men and authorities of colleges where fraternity prohibition laws are in force, as it is considered a test case and upon the ultimate result depends the future existence of many Chapters. So far the fraternities are on top and we hope they will remain there.

*The SCROLL was enlarged for the particular purpose of giving more space to Chapter correspondence and in order that they might be inserted verbatim et literatim. In view of this fact we have an urgent request to make of the Chapters and hope they will comply with it. Let EVERY CHAPTER IN THE FRATERNITY have a report in the January issue. It would be a good beginning for the new year and a feature that no former issue of the SCROLL can boast of. We are desirous of obtaining, for a particular purpose which will become known at the end of the session, a certain piece of information. Let every Chapter state in its report the number of men it began the year with, how many new men have been initiated upto January 1st, and the number of other fraternities represented in its College or University, giving names. By doing this they will save us a great deal of labor and will confer a favor upon us which will be appreciated. Let no Chapter fail to report.*

## Chapter Correspondence.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA.

BURLINGTON, VT., Dec. 16, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* It becomes my glad and yet my sad duty to grasp and wield the potent quill for the first time as Reporter of the Vermont Alpha. Glad on the one hand, because I have to report the continued and glorious prosperity of our Chapter; sad on the other hand, because I must chronicle the illness and departure from College of one of the noblest of our noble band, Brother Barnes, in consequence of whose absence and inability to serve as Reporter, the Chapter has caused the official mantle to fall upon me.

Since the time the Phi army was mustered into service for the campaign of '85-'86, no gun has been fired from the Green Mountain battalion. This is our first salute. We report our victories. Thirteen of the finest of the class of '86 are enrolled under the banner of Phi Delta Theta. We claim the position of the first, both in quantity and quality, of the Fraternities represented in the University. Even our worst foes are compelled to admit the excellence of our standard. On the roll of our Chapter are the names of twenty-five solid men. Our aim is to develop ourselves socially, morally and intellectually. With the two other Chaptered Fraternities represented here, we are, on the best of terms, especially with the ladies' Fraternity, which fact is a matter of great pride and pleasure to us and, we are confident, to the ladies also.

With the beginning of the new school year, our Chapter took up its permanent abode in another set of rooms. Our feeble quill would be unequal to the task of portraying the myriad beauties of our "sacred retreat of friendship" and, therefore, we shall not make the vain attempt. But we shall be only too glad to display its charms to any and every Phi that may favor us with a visit, as did Brother Clark, of the Michigan Beta, at our last meeting.

We anticipate splendid meetings throughout the whole year. We have lively debates, declamations, essays, a weekly journal and music. The latter part of the evening we spend in social enjoyment, games, conversation, etc. While the games, etc., are in progress, some brother plays the organ, or perhaps Brother Turk favors us with select-

ions on the soul-inspiring flute, or Bro. Clapp presides at the festive horn, or your humble servant draws forth strains of such sweetness from the melodious catgut as were never equalled by the said cat on any alleged back yard fence at the silent hour of midnight.

I trust, Brother Editor, that in view of the fact of this report being our only one so far this year, you will pardon its length, I will not, however, trespass longer upon your space, but close by saying that we are well satisfied with the work of the Convention, that we are much pleased with the new appearance of the SCROLL, that we are very anxiously awaiting the publication of the long-looked for Catalogue, and, finally, that Vermont Alpha's banner is at the head of the column in the U. V. M. and will, we are determined, forever remain in that enviable position, so help us Phi Delta Theta!

Yours in the Bond,

C. F. BAILEY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, }  
GETTYSBURG, P.A., Dec. 5, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* The boys of Pennsylvania Beta are much gratified with the first number of the SCROLL under its new management; and we are pleased to see that it is issued by the *Phi Delta Theta Publishing House*.

It is the opinion of our Chapter that the SCROLL should be exchanged with the organs of the various other fraternities. We do not believe in being stuck in the back when, by a different arrangement, it is possible to "face the music," neither do we believe in butting the "other fellow" without giving him a chance to retaliate.

Several fine badges have recently been ordered by our boys; and after the holidays there will be more to follow.

Last week we were much pleased to meet Brother A. R. Speel, Pennsylvania Alpha, '78. He was in town for several days; and, although he left on the second, will return in time to meet with us next Saturday evening.

The near approach of Christmas vacation brings to the Pennsylvania Beta boys very mixed dreams. We have found—by inquiry—that in the midst of the jumble of ideas there is generally present a fair face, around which all else is arranged as a dull frame about a picture of Thetis. At least "Ed" Hill and "Milt" Rensburg informs us that such is the case. Our three Charlies *think* the same. (George H. (Faber) intends, as

soon as practicable, to make a personal investigation of the matter entirely in the interests of science, of course.

The examinations are near at hand and make us groan in spirit; but beyond them we see visions of turkeys roosting on Christmas trees, and are thereby strengthened for the coming storm.

Every one of our number expects soon to have "the best time" on record. Even our grave Fred. smiles when he thinks of it.

Hoping that all the Phis may enjoy a jolly good vacation, and may make from the D. G.'s many converts to the Shield and Dagger. I am your Brother in the Bond,

M. LUTHER HOLLOWAY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

ALLEGHANY COLLEGE, }  
MEADVILLE, PA., Dec. 13, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last communication it has been our good fortune to initiate J. A. Guignon of '83. In Bro. Guignon the Chapter has secured a desirable man and a valuable acquisition to the Fraternity.

On the evening of November 23rd, our Chapter was entertained at the home of Brother J. A. Vance. A sumptuous dinner was served early in the evening, after which the boys spent the time in pleasant social intercourse. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the Chapter.

Two weeks later we were invited to an oyster supper at Brother Norman Johnson's. Nothing was wanting to make a most delightful evening. The supper could not possibly have been improved; the floral decorations were profuse and elegant; the boys were in the best of spirits and in short everything contributed to the enjoyment of the hour. Exquisite floral favors were distributed.

The recent election of the senior class has given our Chapter no little pleasure, as Brother J. A. Vance has been elected class orator, which position is regarded the highest honor of Class Day.

Yours in the Bond,  
WILL H. GALLUP.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, }  
CARLISLE, December 9, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* Owing to delay in College opening and other matters incidental to students, we were unable to send in a report last month. This being

our first report since entering upon the office of Reporter, it will be devoted solely and in a brief way to our present work.

We felt somewhat discouraged last year to think that we would lose six men, but this has been driven from us completely. We have taken in nine new men: Brothers G. J. Burns, Sophomore; J. F. Heisse, T. M. Culver, R. E. Wilson, T. M. B. Hicks, H. W. McKenzie, S. M. Morgan, M. N. Frantz, M. E. Cheston, Freshmen. This makes our present active membership sixteen. It took work to get these men but every man came back determined to capture the best, which has been done.

Our Chapter commenced its career three years ago with six men, to-day we are the strongest in the College. This fact makes us rejoice.

We are opposed here by the Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Theta Delta Chi and Beta Theta Pi.

Please remember the extra number of SCROLLS needed, and I assure you they will be received and read with pleasure.

Yours in the Bond,  
J. WESLEY PERKINPINE.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, }  
November 15, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* We began this season with a membership of eight, viz: Chalkley, Shanklin, Stuart, Pendleton, Patterson, Gilbert, Kendrick and Blakey. We have since initiated Brother Huffaker, who will certainly prove worthy of our noble old fraternity. We will ere you hear from us again, have made other valuable acquisitions to our Chapter. A large number of our boys were at the Convention and returned full of happy reminiscences, nor will any of us be likely to forget the pleasure afforded us by the visits of Brothers Lewis, Hamilton and Thomas. With best wishes for all Phis, I am yours in the Bond,

GEORGE D. BLAKEY.

##### VIRGINIA GAMMA.

R. M. COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA., }  
December 1, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* There are only two Phis at College this year. I am the only one that came back this year, I have been looking around for "a spark" in order that I might touch it and make some illumination. Glad to say I have succeeded well thus far.

I took the young man I had to initiate to Richmond with me last week and the Virginia Delta kindly helped me to initiate him. I also hope to get two or three more men in a few weeks, if I can carry my points. Brother A. C. Nadenbousch is the gentleman we initiated last week. I know he will soon be an enthusiastic Phi.

I would have sent you our report sooner but was waiting to see if I could initiate another before I wrote. Hope to be able to have five or six by Christmas.

Yours in the Bond,  
W. G. TOWNSEND.

### VIRGINIA DELTA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, )

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 5, 1882. )

*Editor Scroll:* Having been recently chosen Reporter of Virginia Delta for the ensuing year I proceed at once to duty. The office which I fill is to me a strange one, therefore I shall ask my brother Reporters to be sparing in their criticisms. Our prospects this year are not as bright as I should like to see them. Fraternity material is poorer at our College this session than I have ever known it; and we are certainly not going to take in a man unless we consider him *fully* worthy to wear the "Sword" and the "Shield." In point of number we are not quite equal to the other fraternities here, but for men of solid material we are excelled by none. With many wishes for the success of our noble Fraternity everywhere, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,  
V. L. FAWLKES.

### SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov. 13, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* The confusion and excitement consequent upon the return to College has been the cause of the delay of our report.

We closed last year, one of the most successful in the history of our Chapter, with a banquet at the Windsor House in this place. There were present ten loyal Phis, all active members of South Carolina Alpha Chapter. We had several addresses from different ones, in fact each member honored the occasion with a short speech, and ere the festivities were over all seemed more than ever convinced of the usefulness of the Phi order, and more determined to out-strip the other fraternities of this College. One of our number Brother F. Pegues, graced the rostrum on commencement day in

the capacity of annual debater of the Calhoun Literary Society and though he had to contend with three other able debaters he came off victorious and now wears with all the dignity of a Phi, the annual debater's medal of the society. We are sorry Brother P. could not return this year; if he had we would have had two seniors, but as it is we have only one, Brother W. A. Parrott.

We began this year with seven and have succeeded in adding one more to the fold. We are on the lookout for more, but are not in a hurry, for it is *men* we want and not number.

We extend greetings to our sister Chapter S. C. Beta, and would like them to write to us. We would also like to hear from any of the members of the old N. C. A. They were affiliated with us at the recent Convention and we would like to know their whereabouts.

Our delegate gave us a glowing description of the Convention which made us all wish we had been there and resolve to go to the next if possible.

With the best wishes for the success of Phis everywhere, I am, yours in the Bond,  
MARLEY PEGUES.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA.

MACON, GA., Dec. 15, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time a reporter should send in his report, at the beginning of the term, I failed to get mine in on time. "If at first you don't succeed—," you know the old adage. It is little late in the season to be bragging about what we did last commencement, but we *must* tell it. Every Phi that was not an irregular got a speaker's place in his class, and we also received our full share of honors from the Literary Societies. Out of the four medals given by the University, two were awarded to Phis. By the way we have taken the "Soph." medal four successive years for declamation. We had fourteen men last term, out of that number eight returned.

We have since taken in four worthy men, viz: George M. Niles, '84, Marshallville, Ga.; Redden Smith, Thomasville, Ga.; Frank A. Hooper, '85, Cuthbert, Ga.; H. M. Manson, '86, Macon, Ga.

So you see we have our "Billy Goat" and branding iron at work. I don't expect any of the other Chapters brand their men, but if you wish to follow

suit, just write to our Warden, Mr. J. T. Neil, and he will give you full particulars.

Brother Gregg has returned from the Convention. He reports a most pleasant time spent in old Richmond.

I welcome you to your new position as editor of the SCROLL and feel confident that its interests will be safe in your hands. Yours Fraternally,

E. G. BASSETT,

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### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., December 9, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* I am happy to say that although we have been laboring under many disadvantages since our reunion in College, we are now very prosperous, and much cheered by the good work we have done.

Upon our return to College and roll call, we found with us seven old members, and these worthy brothers by the great energy and zeal which characterized all Phis, have added to their fraternal numbers six new, although very substantial and promising young men, whose names are as follows: J. L. Dantzler, E. P. Avant, L. M. Dantzler (q. v.) E. B. Holman, E. T. Woolridge, L. A. Weissinger. Brother J. L. Santzler, of whose membership we are very proud of, was a member of Tennessee Alpha.

Our numerical strength is moderately good. We number thirteen at present, and hope to be able to capture as Phis and brothers the most gallant and talented of those who may come in during the latter term of the session, it will be our aim and we shall always endeavor, as we have heretofore, to swell the memberships of our sacred bond. In accomplishing this grand Phi work though it will be our ambition all the while, to get the pick of all those who enter the University, it is our desire to initiate only those who are possessed of both moral and intellectual qualities, men who, when they have left these College walls crowned with honors and distinction, will go about in the world as living monuments erected to the honor and glory of our beloved Chapter.

As to the character of our boys, we boast of thirteen of as high toned and true hearted men as ever constituted the membership of any club. I feel that I speak the truth and nothing but the truth, when I affirm that if our men, some of them at least, will only continue to assiduously and judiciously utilize the

rare opportunities which are afforded them here for cultivating and shaping their minds for usefulness, their voices may yet be heard to ring in the Representative, yea the Senate halls. They rank first and foremost in their classes and are very popular in the social circles.

Brother W. L. Hill was our able representative to the National Convention. We have not had the pleasure of meeting with him since his return home; he was unexpectedly called home by the sad death of his sister, a much loved young woman with very rare accomplishments. Brother Hill wrote us substantially what transpired at the Convention; we were much cheered, and have resolved to double our energies and put forth greater exertions in our endeavors to promote and forward the good and praiseworthy cause of Phi Delta Theta. I am yours truly and fraternally,

L. A. WEISSINGER.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA.

DELAWARE, O., Dec. 11, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Before the Phis lay down their books and leave the halls of learning at the close of the fall term, we wish to be heard again through the columns of the SCROLL by the Phi world, telling of our joys and victories and wishing you all the merriest of Christmas and the happiest New Year. Since our last report the fates have prospered us, first by adding to our number two of the finest young men in College, and second by giving us the finest Fraternity hall in the city in which to meet. Our new initiates are E. E. Adel, class of '86, Groveport, O., and G. H. Van Fleet, Marion, O. With fifteen active men we can look forward to nothing but greater victories in the future. Our hall, of which we were always proud, has been fixed up so now we claim to have the finest "frat." quarters in the city. New side-wall and ceiling paper, an elegant chandelier, and heavy damask curtains suspended by ebony poles and rings make it a cosy "Phi home." We expect soon to add inside blinds and then our ambition will be satisfied. Of our curtains we feel especially proud since they were made up by our lady friends at the Seminary. They are always ready to do all they can for our boys, and to them we owe many of the "times" that we have had this fall. "Here's to their health!

may they all live long and prosper."

Thanksgiving vacation Brother Steele, trucked at his home in Circleville, and Brother George Van Fleet, one of our new men, "rushed" the fair damsels of Marion, O. Brothers Woodmansee, of '81, Rosemond, '82, and Carter, formerly of '83, all dropped in upon us vacation and we enjoyed their visit hugely. Together with them we made things lively at the "Sem." for a few evenings.

Brother J. S. Bitler, of '78, also has been in the city the past week, and our boys were all glad to welcome him among us.

Before we close we wish to express the opinion of our Chapter as a matter of importance to all Phis, that is, the matter of placing the SCROLL on exchange with other Fraternity journals. Our Chapter is enthusiastically in favor of *exchange*, and will work for that. We hope to hear that the SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta is keeping pace with the sister journals and is on the exchange list.

Wishing you all a pleasant vacation we are as ever, yours fraternally,  
S. Ed BROWN.

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### OHIO GAMMA.

ATHENS, O., December 22, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Ohio Gamma has been so busy with her internal arrangements that she has neglected to send greetings to her sister Chapters until almost time for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, which she hopes that all good Phis will have duly enjoyed when they read this report. Like all unfortunate heirs we were overwhelmed with the care of our birth rights in the shape of a goodly inheritance of debts from our old members. From this anxiety we have largely freed ourselves. The result is manifest in the membership of the Chapter and we hope soon to be as jolly a set of beggars (for debts) as can be found in Phi Delta Theta.

We miss, this year, the presence of Brothers Welch and Leonard, who have wandered away from the ever-watchful eyes of Professors into the wilderness of business.

It becomes my pleasant duty to introduce to the Phi world a new brother, C. W. Griffith, whose initiation has just rejoiced our band.

With best wishes for the cause throughout the coming year of '83, I remain, yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

### OHIO DELTA.

WOOSTER, O., December 12, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report we have initiated five new men—C. E. Brandt, S. S. Palmer and F. Saylor, '86, C. Pomerine and W. C. Miles, '81,—and it is unnecessary to say they are good Phis.

We now have sixteen men. Beginning the term with only eight we have doubled our number and feel that this has been a very successful term for our Chapter.

We have initiated more men than any other "frat." here, and are only surpassed in number by two "frats." Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta.

As we desire quality rather than numbers, we now have almost as many members as we want, but expect to take in several next term.

All the boys gladly greeted the SCROLL in its new dress and read its columns with increased interest.

Yours in the Bond,  
ED F. MILLER.

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### OHIO EPSILON.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA., }  
December 5, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* In our last report we forgot to mention the name of Brother Carrie Jones in speaking of his initiation. Our brother is enjoying his new home and doing good work.

Our prospects are the brightest. We expect to be gladdened anew at the beginning of next term. There are still good men in the "Land of the Barbs," and the Phi Delta Theta is gathering them one by one to fill her ranks. We intend also upon having a new hall which will be one among those that "take the cake." As soon as it is finished we will give a description.

Brother H. S. Kelly, '79, has been invited to deliver a lecture in the College on the 8th inst.

Brother R. B. Carter passed through the city last Saturday on his way to the Cleveland Medical Institute. He had been spending Thanksgiving with his Delaware brothers.

Brother Charles B. Wright, '80, is attending Johns Hopkins University.

Brother W. H. Jones, '79, was recently married to a Delta Gamma.

We hear that Brother Kissinger, '79, also contemplates committing matrimony.

Brother Cook, on account of bad health, will not return this year.

We have been requested by the Indi-

ana Alpha to consider the action of the Convention in regard to the SCROLL being made *sub rosa*. We believe that it should be as it is at present, unless it is made a literary paper and open to all. We do not wish, when we have cracked the nut, to have other fraternity journals take the kernel. With the above view, our delegate gave his voice at the Convention, and we believe it best not to change. Yours in the Bond,

ROLLA LOUDENBACK.

### KENTUCKY ALPHA.

DANVILLE, KY., Dec. 9, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report four new men have been permitted to behold the light of Grecian culture; accordingly let me introduce to the Phi world, Brothers Denby, Evansville, Ind., and Martin, Maysville, Ky., '86; Brothers Newman, Falmouth, Ky., '84, and Hubbard, Hodgenville, Ky., '85, all of whom will proudly cherish the beloved banner of Phi Delta Theta.

In one instance we were opposed by the Betas and in one by the Sigma Chis, gaining each time a glorious victory. We have good meetings, our literary exercises are splendid, and our boys are enthusiastic. Our Seniors last year took all the honors, Brother Overstreet being Valedictorian, Brother Sandidge received the Sophomore prize, achieving a splendid victory over a Sigma Chi.

A plaque has been presented to us by Miss Addie Wiseman, of Tiffin, Ohio, which greatly beautifies our hall and causes us to proudly boast that we have a sister so devoted to the cause.

Our prospects were never brighter. We feel exceedingly happy that Phi Delta Theta at large appreciated Kentucky Alpha's delegate to her National Convention so highly as to honor him with Secretary G. C.

Fearing we will be too lengthy we will cease. Yours in the Bond,

W. R. HUBBARD.

### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Dec. 4, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Since my last report Indiana Alpha has not been idle. As the fruit of our labors, let me introduce Brother J. C. Wells, '86, Medora, Ind., one of the leading men in his class, and in every respect worthy to be a Phi. Along with the report of our success, it is my painful duty to inform you that,

at our last meeting we expelled B. F. Miller, who was initiated September, 1881.

Brother J. L. Millette, '63, spent several days with us last month, and attended one of our meetings. We enjoyed his visit very much and are always glad to welcome any brother among us. Brothers Spencer and Ader, Indiana Zeta, each spent a few days with us lately.

Brother Hutto and the undersigned had the pleasure of attending a social and banquet given by the Indiana Zeta boys last Wednesday evening. It was fine and greatly enjoyed by all.

The grandest affair of the season here was the Thanksgiving coffee given by the Kappa Kappa Gammias, at the residence of Mrs. Helen Orchard. The rooms were beautifully decorated and the banquet was splendid. As is always the case here at a Kappa "picnic," Phi Delta Theta had more representatives than any rival. The guests departed at a late hour, feeling that the Kappas know how to do things right royally.

The numerical strength of our rivals is as follows: Phi Kappi Psi, twenty; Sigma Chi, fifteen; Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta each twelve. We have twenty members in school and one, Brother Mayes, has gone home on account of sickness. We expect two or three old members in next term and also expect to initiate one more before long. Wishing all Phis a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

I remain, yours fraternally,

S. G. RAMSEY.

#### INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, }

FRANKLIN IND., Dec. 6, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* The past term has been a prosperous one for us. We have initiated no one since our last report but hope to be able to report at least two initiations in next SCROLL.

Brother U. S. Martin has been compelled to leave College on account of ill health, but will probably return next term.

Our financial condition was never better. Our Treasurer has collected the SCROLL tax so that our T. G. C. may be able to give us a receipt in full in a few days.

We were all highly pleased with last SCROLL and wish its worthy editor the greatest success. Wishing a pleasant holiday to all,

We remain, in the Bond,

J. W. FESLER.

## INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER, IND., Dec. 9, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* For this year no report of the Indiana Epsilon, except the one at Richmond, has been given. We have been going along so smoothly no noise could be made. We have very interesting meetings and meetings calculated to strengthen us in the Bond and encourage us in the good cause of Phi Delta Theta. We have been successful in most of our undertakings outside of our Chapter work, without any great effort. Our number of men is equal to or greater than any of the opposing frats., and our quality, of course, we think is not equaled.

Although at present other frats. may think the Chapter is in a dormant state, still if they should cause us any trouble they would find us equal to the occasion. Other frats. appear sanguine at their prospects for next year, but they had better prepare for disappointment. Our motto has been to promise little but do much. We have succeeded in keeping that and see no reason for changing it. We regret to have to say that one of our number was compelled to quit his studies on account of weak eyes. Brother Gilchrist is a hot and enthusiastic Phi, and his presence at our meetings will be greatly missed. He is afraid he will not be able to finish his course in College, but it is the hope of us all that his fear is unfounded and that he may soon be counted again among the attendant members.

Yours fraternally,  
T. E. M.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## ILLINOIS GAMMA.

MONMOUTH, ILL., Dec. 12, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* We received your card and copy of the SCROLL this morning, and in reply to the card will say that Illinois Gamma will immediately go to work to have things arranged financially and otherwise. It is a hard place to run a Fraternity where the Faculty is down on you. That is just our fix. We have had but one meeting this fall. The I. O. O. F. kindly allowing us the use of their lodge room for that purpose. Still we feel that we have the cream of the College within our Bond, and we propose to take in every man of that kind that we can get, Faculty to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is a long time since the old Gamma has been represented in your columns.

It is also a long time since we have seen a copy of the SCROLL, so long in fact that we began to fear lest the stately craft of Phi Delta Theta, had set sail and left us behind. We are once more glad to be in communication with our brethren. Old Gamma is reviving and we now number eight active members, three of whom have been admitted into the mystic circle this year. We have two choice "barbs" pledged and will admit them soon. One of our brothers left College the 25th of October, and is attending College in Burlington, Ia. As our Faculty is anti-frat. we suppress all names. But any brother Phi desiring any information can have the same by addressing myself.

Yours in the Bond,  
CHARLES S. MCKELVEY,  
Box 837, Monmouth, Ill.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

GALESBURG, Dec. 3, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* We have received the SCROLLS for November and are highly pleased with them. Not being able to have our banquet Thanksgiving eve, we were bound to have a Thanksgiving time on last evening, so we took five of the best men in school into the light of Grecian culture. Their names are as follows: T. W. Perry, L. Fairchild, J. A. Burke, U. M. Tucker and F. Surter, making a total of fifteen active members. Yours in the Bond,

A. T. WING.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

Mo., December 1, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* Since "the communicating of man's self to his friends, redoubleth joys and cutteth griefs in halves," we rejoice in having the opportunity of telling, through your beloved columns, that since last we addressed our brotherhood, we have had many joys and few griefs.

We have initiated one man, a good one Brother Pollard, and have stirred up considerable enthusiasm in our ranks. We have secured the presidency of one of the literary societies for its first exhibition, and our man, Brother Fink, acquitted himself with honor. Mu.

## MISSOURI BETA.

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 9, 1882.

*Editor Scroll:* We are rather late this month but we have been waiting to receive the November SCROLLS which

reached us only a few days since. In our last report we gave notice of the initiation of Brothers Southern and Ott, but as that did not appear in the November number, we again do so.

In the last month we have completely revised our by-laws, principally those relating to our literary exercises, and now we propose to go forward with new vigor.

The practability of a grand banquet on our next anniversary has been considerably agitated lately.

With many wishes for the success of the new management, I remain,

Your Brother in the Bond,  
DON P. BARTLEY.

### Among the Phis.

Brother A. D. Owen, Indiana Delta, '78, is now Professor of Science in his *Alma Mater*.

Brother Frank E. Hunter, Indiana Alpha, '80, is situated at Bloomington, Ind., as a full-fledged lawyer.

Brother J. R. Edwards, Indiana Delta, recently delivered the Decoration Day oration, at Warsaw, Ind., where he is located as pastor.

Brother Calvin McCormick, Indiana Delta, '79, and Yale Summer Scientific School, '80, is taking special lessons in science in Philadelphia, Pa.

Brother L. W. Squier, Ohio Beta, '81, was recently appointed United States Consular agent at the port of Yokohama, with headquarters at Hakodada, Japan.

Brother Emmett Tompkins (Captain Jack), read a paper on "Criminal Procedure," at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Bar Association, held at Cincinnati on the 27th inst.

Brother Frank A. Doll, Pennsylvania Beta, '87, is editor of *The Gleaner*, published at Frederick, Md. Brother D. does very well for a young man. He has our best wishes for success.

Brother George B. Taylor, jr., formerly of Virginia Beta, is at present in Rome. He says he has not forgotten Phi Delta Theta, and should any Phi visit the Eternal City he would be glad to meet them.

Brother T. C. Donnell, Indiana Delta, '74, College Physicians and Surgeons, '77, and Ohio Medical University, '78, was recently married. Dr. D. has a nice house and a big practice. He is also Secretary of the Indiana Alpha Alumni at Franklin, Ind.

### Among the Greeks.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) held their National Convention at Madison, Wis., last August.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) have lately established Chapters at Iowa University and Northwestern University, Illinois.

Wooster, O., is at present experiencing a fraternity war. Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi seem to be the principle contestants.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* has suspended, and it is rumored that D. K. E. will enter the field of fraternity journalism in January.

A number of students of Lutherville Female Seminary have organized a society and expect to apply for a charter from some prominent fraternity.

Rumor has it that five new fraternities will enter the University of Michigan this year; among them are Chi Phi, Phi Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta.

Delta Gamma (ladies) has lately established Chapters at Wisconsin University, University of the Northwest, Illinois, and Hanover College, Indiana.

It is rumored that Beta Theta Pi has a member at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. We wonder if it is a fact and if they expect to established there.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon was held at Providence, R. I., October 18th. Fifty-six delegates were present, representing twenty-six Chapters. Hon. A. J. Jennings was the orator of the day.

The hall of the Delta Upsilon at Marietta, O., was broken into a short time since and some valuable property taken. The Alpha Digammas were suspected as the guilty parties and arrested thus raising quite a disturbance. Nothing definite has culminated yet.

The Beta Theta Pis at Vanderbilt have an ingenious way of evading the anti-frat. laws. They carry their new men to Lebanon, which is twenty-five miles from Nashville, and initiate them in their Chapter at Cumberland University. They can then tell the Vanderbilt faculty that they are not members of any chapter connected with the institution.

The Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* devoted twenty pages of its Oct. edition to Convention notes, giving an extended account of the work done; it also pub-

lished the responses to toasts at the banquet. The one most to be commended was the reply to the toast "Our Sister Fraternities." The speaker has certain right ideas of fraternities and fraternity men.

The report last year that Delta Kappa Epsilon had withdrawn the charter of its Chapter at Indiana Asbury has never been explained. The Chapter did not suspend, but sent on a delegate to the recent Convention, and it is said his mission was to have the Chapter rechartered. As the institution has recently received some very large donations, which will make it equal to almost any institution in the country, D. K. E. may decide that it would be well to have a Chapter there. It is now reported that the Fraternity has withdrawn from Chicago University.

The following items are from the *Chi Phi Quarterly* for October: "Sigma Chi has established a Chapter at Columbia. ....Chi Phi is repairing and altering her recently purchased club house at Hamilton. ....Beta Theta Pi organized an Indiana State Association in Indianapolis last May. ....Delta Upsilon's Chapter at Madison University has already \$5,000 subscribed towards a Chapter house which is to cost \$18,000. ....Phi Kappa Psi's, Lafayette Chapter, killed a petition for a charter from Lehigh. ....Alpha Tau Omega has started a Chapter at Pennsylvania College with four men. The Chapter at University of Virginia, contemplates building a hall of its own and has published a call to its alumni."

Delta Tau Delta held its twenty-fourth annual Convention at Cleveland, O., August 23, 24, 1882. The register showed an attendance of one hundred and four members, including delegates from twenty-four Chapters, and Hon. J. L. N. Hunt, of New York, one of the original founders. It was decided to incorporate the Fraternity under the laws of Pennsylvania. It was also determined not to initiate "preps" where there are no rival Fraternities, and where opposition exists to initiate none lower than "senior preps." Delta Tau Delta has recently entered Lehigh, Western Reserve, University of Georgia, Envoy and Indiana Asbury. The *Crescent* had five hundred and sixty subscribers last year and more than supported itself. The paper is enlarged this year to twenty pages besides cover. A new lithographed title page adds to its attractions. This would do well to take this paper as it gives much

general Fraternity news. E. E. Blair, lock box, 1,728, Meadville, Pa., will receive subscriptions from anyone at \$1 a year. The following items are clipped from the October number:

"Beta Theta Pi refused an application for a charter from Colby University, Maine. ....The Chapter of Chi Psi at Wesleyan University, Conn., has expired. ....Phi Gamma Delta has a *sub rosa* Chapter at Simpson Centenary Coll., Iowa. ....Sigma Chi wishes to enter Iowa State University and University of California. Efforts are being made which promise a successful issue. ....At Mt. Union Coll., O., the anti-frat. rule still exists but is virtually powerless. Fraternity men openly avow their allegiance. ....The faculty of Ohio Wesleyan believe that one at least and perhaps both of the ladies Fraternities which they prohibited last year are still in working order. ....The ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Chapter at University of Minnesota, camped at Lake Minnesota one month of the summer vacation. ....The Beta Theta Pi Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan is rapidly recovering from its trouble of last year, and the latest additions are men who are calculated to restore it to its former good standing. ....The Chi Phi Chapter at University of Minnesota, has purchased a plot of ground in Minneapolis, and the designs are complete for a \$7,000 building. ....The correspondent from Injory College, writes as follows: We have five Fraternities to contend against, viz: Ihi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The Ihi Delta Theta is the largest and strongest, but, upon the principle of attacking the strongest first, we initiated a young man, Allen Clements, whom they seemed to want very much; Chi Phi is a very dangerous rival. From the rest we have little to fear."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces its intention "to widen the sphere of its usefulness outside of college life and to offer its exceptional social and intellectual features to desirable gentlemen in all communities." It has established a Chapter at Nicholasville, Ky., which is not connected with any educational institution, and whose membership is not confined to the resident alumni. The Fraternity seems to be losing fast the characteristics of a College Fraternity.

Sigma Chi held its fourteenth Convention in the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, November 7th, 8th and 9th. Some Constitutional amendments were adopt-

ed. Provisions were made for raising a general fund for extension work. The magazine is to be improved and to have a staff of five alumni and five active editors. A Grand Council was elected composed of the following: J. M. McMillen, Lafayette, Ind.; C. C. Law, Lewisburg, Pa.; James Cameron, Macon, Ga.; Joseph Andrews, Cincinnati, O.; G. P. Merrick, Evanstown, Ill., and J. A. Miller, Iowa City, Ia. A charter was granted to Stevens Institute of Technology, and one to an alumni Chapter at Indianapolis, Ind. Several applications were received and referred to the Grand Council. The literary exercises seem not to have been public. Hon. J. M. Hamilton was the orator. The poet failed to appear, and there were no other speakers on the programme. The banquet, a carriage ride around the city, and an excursion to Evanstown were among the other features. The Convention meets at Cincinnati in August, 1884.

The hall of the Yale Chapter of Psi Upsilon on the Western side of High street, a short distance from Elm, was completed in 1870. It has a front of twenty-six feet, a depth of sixty-six feet and is something over thirty feet high. The material of the walls is brick ornamented with freestone trimmings, the latter including the projection at the entrance of the sill and cap of the window in the centre of the second story front. A mansard roof, under which is a handsome cornice, and above an ornamental railing of iron adorns the front of the edifice and gives it a light tasteful appearance. The bands of dark colored tiles—one just above the foundation, the next at the beginning of the second story and the third directly beneath the cornice—add to the beauty of the pressed-brick front. The freestone slab above the door, which is of oak, bears in relief the Greek letters Psi Upsilon, while the key-stone above the window over the entrance bears in relief the Greek letter B, indicating that the hall is owned by the Beta Chapter of the Fraternity.

Psi Upsilon at Yale is a junior society, and about forty members of every junior class are elected to membership in the organization. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in term time, and the elections are given out two or three weeks before commencement. On that occasion the members form in line, two deep and preceded by a calcium light born on a wooden frame by four members of the society, march around to and visit various rooms, in each of which

a certain number of men, pledged to join the society, are awaiting their coming. The procession file through the room, each member shaking hands with each candidate and receiving on marching out again, two or three fine cigars, presented by the elected members. The other junior society, D. K. E., is always out on the same mission, under similar circumstances. Accident or design, or both, always cause the two processions to pass each other several times during the evening, and each singing its own society song, attempts to the best of its ability to down the voices of the other.

It is always done with the utmost good nature, and both sides enjoy it heartily, as do also the numerous spectators. The hall of Psi Upsilon was planned by Mr. David R. Brown, and cost about \$15,000. The Yale Chapter was organized in 1838.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Hall occupies a lot of land on the Eastern side of York street, a few steps South of Elm street. It has a frontage of twenty-four feet six inches and a depth of forty-five feet, with a height of something over thirty feet. The building is of brick and was erected for solidity and strength rather than beauty apparently, as there are few attempts at ornamentation. A slab of brown sandstone at the entrance has carved into its surface the letters "D. K. E." and the Chapter letter Phi is located just above the door.

The hall was erected in 1861 and is valued probably at from \$8,000 to \$10,000. The society to which it belongs is controlled by juniors exclusively.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, when, so Danie Rumor has it—for the proceedings in all the society halls at Yale are secret—literary exercises occur and a lunch is partaken of.

Once in every term, quite an elaborate programme is prepared, including one or two short plays, speeches, etc., full of jokes concerning College affairs of every sort. This is no secret, as copies of the printed programmes are exhibited at the members rooms without any attempt at concealment. An unusually good supper accompanies such occasions. As to the interior construction of the society hall at Yale, there is of course nothing known about it, except what parties who saw the various buildings while in course of construction say, which is, that these edifices are divided into an upper and lower hall—the upper hall being used, it is supposed, as a theatre, and the lower one as a place for holding meetings.

D. K. E. like its rival Psi Upsilon, chooses about forty members from each junior class, and gives out its elections in precisely the same way stated in article describing Psi Upsilon hall.

The Yale Chapter of D. K. E. which is the parent Chapter of the fraternity was organized in 1844.

The hall of the Scroll and Key at Yale on the Northwest corner of College and Wall street, is undoubtedly the handsomest, most tasteful and costly College society building in America. Standing in the center of a lot 48x92 feet, the edifice has a front of thirty-six feet, and a depth of about thirty-five feet. It is built of yellow Cleveland stone, ornamented with dark blue marble. Four marble-capped pillars of Aberdeen granite, sustain three arches on the front of and above the entrance to the structure. Within each arch is a window-slaped opening, through apertures in which ventilation is received. Five similar, though not projecting arches each enclosing the window-like opening just described, adorn either side of the hall, these greater arches surmounting five smaller ones, located just above the surface of the ground. The entrance, approached from either side by a flight of Cleveland stone steps, is protected by a pair of massive iron doors, made to look lighter than they really are by iron lattice work. Stone steps surmount the walls, and slabs of stone, each perforated with star-slaped orifices, fill the spaces between these pillars, thus forming a coping, which entirely conceals the chimneys, ventilators, etc., from view. A handsome iron fence, having stone posts at the angles and at either side of the gate, separates the lot on which the hall stands from the highway.

The entire property must be worth at least \$50,000. The architect was Richard M. Hunt, of New York.

Scroll and Key, like Skull and Bones, is a senior society, and as far as can be seen by the public, is very similar to it, each choosing fifteen members from every senior class, each giving out its election in the same way, each holding its regular meetings on the same evening—Thursday—and each striving to secure the leading men in the class. Scroll and Key was organized in 1841 by members of the class of 1842.

Skull and Bones Hall on High street, directly opposite the Northwestern wing of the Art School, is a plain massive looking structure of brown sandstone, standing in the centre of a lot held in

trust for the society occupying the building.

To the gaze of the observer the edifice seems to be entirely cut off from light, as far as the interior is concerned, inasmuch as there are no windows to be seen, and the doors, made of iron, are ponderous and close fitting, affording no opportunity for light to penetrate in that direction, while a luxuriant Virginia creeper covers with its dense foliage the entire front of the hall, scarcely excepting the massive doors. The hall was erected in 1856 and has a front of thirty-three feet and a depth of forty-four feet, and is in the neighborhood of thirty-four feet in height. Ventilators and chimneys rise from the edge of the roof, which is covered with plates of iron half an inch in thickness. Two blind windows in the rear of the building are very firmly latched, as are also the scuttle-holes just above the foundation; everything about the structure presenting the appearance of strength and solidity. It is occupied by the famous senior society known as "Skull and Bones."

This association was organized in 1832 by fifteen members of the class of 1833. Fifteen members are elected from every senior class, the election being given out a short time previous to commencement in junior year.

Early evening is the time chosen for notifying of their elections the men that have been chosen, and several hundred students and ladies with their escorts gather on the campus, between North College and Dunfee, to witness the ceremony. The members proceed from the hall one at a time, search among the students for the ones elected, and on finding them, touch them on the shoulder and ask them to go to their rooms, whither they are followed and given a formal offer of election, which is practically always accepted.

Those of the men elected who are popular among their associates, are heartily cheered and congratulated by their class mates and friends, as an election to the society is looked upon as one of the greatest student honors in the entire course.

As a rule, of the fifteen members chosen, two are editors of the Yale *Literary Magazine*, one or two are chosen from the three great athletic interests—baseball, football and boating—one from each of the Yale newspapers, one or more for high scholarship and so on, the intention being, apparently, to secure representatives from all the leading student interests in the class.

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The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

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## THE ISLE OF YORE.

POEM READ BEFORE THE OHIO BETA CHAPTER, NOVEMBER 11, 1882, BY GEORGE W. OZIAS, CLASS '83  
O. W. U.

'Twas a shadowy evening in the days no more,  
That I sat by my window and books pondered o'er,  
Of the things I had read in my mystical lore,  
And fancy took wings to the island of yore ;  
In my solitude appeared a shadow—  
And swinging wide went memories door.

In this state appeared a vision,  
Coming from some isle elysian,  
No doubt came by wise provision,  
And cast her shadow on the floor ;  
Where I thinking thus intently  
Appeared this vision here so gently—  
Traveling from the isle of yore

Entranced I sat in no small measure,  
Just to hear her ghost-like pleasure ;  
Then in visionary madjesty 'rose  
And here her tale I now disclose.

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"On the breast of life's broad river,  
Is an isle of shining silver,  
Where the softest echoes chime,  
'Mid the breath of trophic clime,—  
In the quite summer time  
Come the voices we adore  
From that silv'ry isle of yore."

"'Mid the tinkling of the bells  
On this isle of silv'ry dells,  
Music swelling, ever flowing  
With the rushing and the going,  
Golden memory ever dwells."

"Halls upon this isle of golden,  
Where the pictures hang of olden,—  
Sunny smiles and bright eyes beaming,  
Fail to tell us 'tis but dreaming ;  
Dreaming now of days before,  
Dreaming of the isle of yore."

“If you ask me by some claim  
 What we call this mystic name,  
 I would tell you to the last :  
 ’Tis the isle of beauty’s past ;  
 ’Tis the isle of never more,  
 ’Tis the blissful isle of yore.”

“In graves upon this isle so fair,  
 Buried are our treasures there ;  
 No more to waken—no more to weep,  
 Resting in a church yard sleep ;  
 Coming from the long ago,  
 With the river’s gentle flow,  
 Coming from the days no more,  
 Sweeping to the gates ajar.  
 And within the mouldering tomb,  
 Lie the bodies of the dumb ;  
 Never here to see them more  
 Buried on the isle of yore.”

“On the bosoms of the fair,  
 There are ringlets—there are tresses,  
 There are braids of golden hair,  
 There are brothers—there are sisters,  
 There are lovers buried there ;  
 Friends whom we adore,  
 Buried on the isle of yore.”

“On this silv’ry isle of sadness  
 Sepulchers of deeds of madness ;  
 Strides of fame through wild ambition—  
 Inspiration of perdition—  
 How they tried to rule a land,  
 With a strong and rigorous hand—  
 Hopeless, helpless ever more  
 On the silv’ry isle of yore.”

“By the castles in the vaults  
 Buried there are many faults ;  
 There remain till some day greater,  
 Facing then the great creator  
 Then be judged by him alone  
 Ransomed by his only son—  
 Judged by him for deeds of yore.  
 Silent then forever more.  
 Taken from the isle of yore  
 Wafted to the golden shore  
 There to live forever more.”

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Suddenly the figure vanished  
 In the stillness of the night ;  
 Long I sat since she had finished,  
 With some feelings of delight,  
 With my hope no less diminished.  
 For the realms forever bright ;  
 Then unto myself I muttered  
 “Darkness here forever more,”  
 “Light upon the golden shore,”  
 “Hope upon the *isle of yore.*”

## A BROWN DIAMOND.

MANAGER JOHN D. FLEMING, OF THE LEE  
MINE, THE RECIPIENT.

Merry Christmas has come and gone, and perhaps no place in the mountains contained more healthy and genuine surprise than the Robert E. Lee mine on Fryer hill. When a few weeks ago there was a slight disruption on the part of the miners, Mr. Fleming, the manager and financial agent, asserted his prerogatives, and when asked by the men to stand by them, he replied that he would just as long as their claims were meritorious, and proceeded therewith to adjust the difficulties to the satisfaction of the employes. At that time the miners said openly, "If you stand by us, we'll stand by you," and remembering this promise, they could think of no more fitting occasion than on Christmas day to demonstrate their good will toward their able and respected manager. A few days previous, Surface Foreman T. J. Daly, began the subscription list and caused it to be circulated among the miners and so universal was the acquiescence that the liberal sum of \$500 was raised. A committee was then appointed who visited Messrs. Joslin & Park's establishment and after inspecting the stock decided to purchase a beautiful fancy brown diamond, weighing two-and-a-half carats, as the stone had been admired most warmly by Mr. Fleming on a previous visit to his store. This part of the work having been accomplished the next step necessary was to devise means by which the manager could be taken to the mine without exciting his suspicion. This was accomplished by one of the attaches of the office informing him that he was wanted up at the Lee as there was trouble brewing. A second invitation was not necessary, so in a few minutes he arrived at the office door. There he was informed that the men were on a strike and were up in the shaft house. In a second Mr. Fleming threw open the

door and sure enough found his men assembled. "Well, boys; on another strike, hey?" excitedly queried the manager, a look of merriment shadowing his face. To this question Mr. John McCafferty responded as follows:

*Mr. Fleming:* I have been honored and my vanity highly gratified in being chosen from so many to represent the employes of this mine. Ever since you came here as manager the boys have always thought well of you and placed great confidence in you. And when, a short time since, you stood by them in a matter which they are all interested in, they saw that their confidence was not misplaced. After a slight consultation they came to the conclusion to show their appreciation of you, and the eagerness and liberality with which they subscribed showed how heartily they entered into the movement. This is the result. It is a beautiful present, and one of which you may be heartily proud. And yet beautiful as it may be, it is but a slight exponent of the esteem in which you are held. In after life you may look upon this stone with pleasure and say: "This is the expression of feeling held for me by the employes of the Robert E. Lee' mine. Hoping that you may live long to wear it, I take the pleasure of presenting it to you."

When the speaker concluded, he handed the jewel case to the now thoroughly bewildered manager, who in turn attempted to respond in a fitting manner, but found his feelings almost beyond control. He finally managed to express his thanks, and cordially invited the boys to indulge in the office at his expense. Everybody accepted, and champagne and whisky flowed for the next two hours like water, while elegant imported cigars disappeared most rapidly amidst social converse and the best of good feeling. The *Herald* takes pleasure in congratulating Mr. Fleming, not only for his beautiful, rare present, but for the good fortune of commanding the respect and esteem of such an honest and loyal set of workmen.—*Leadville Daily Herald*.

## NECROLOGY.

NATHAN LEWIS RICE.

Was born in Garrard county, Ky., December 29, 1807. When sixteen years of age he taught a small school in his native county and in the next year he entered Centre College. In his second year there, he took charge of the Preparatory Department. While in College there was a widespread and powerful revival of religion during which he united with the Presbyterian Church. Before his conversion it was his intention to make the law his profession, after that it was his sole desire to preach the gospel. I am not sure whether he graduated in the class of '26 or '27. After he had studied theology he was licensed by the Presbytery of Transylvania in 1828. While a theological student under Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D. D. and Master of the Preparatory Department, he preached in the country and built a church, and on his licensure he was invited to take charge of the congregation, which he did, still retaining his connection with the College. In 1829 a formal call was made out for him by this—the Harmony—church, but though attached to the people, he severed his connection with them and the College and went to the Theological Seminary at Princeton where he graduated in the class of '31. Besides pursuing his Seminary studies during the first year he labored near Princeton in prayer meetings. The second year he preached steadily in Morrisville, N. J., then remarkable for drunkenness and profanity—a large number of persons were converted and united with the church at Trenton. He was then offered the place of assistant pastor to Dr. Skinner, of the Arch Street Church, Philadelphia, but declined the call and returned to the West. In the spring of 1833 he was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Bardstown, Ky.

In 1832 he was married to Miss Catharine P., the daughter of Rev. James K. Burch, an eminent minister of the

Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. Bardstown at that time was the seat of the Papal Bishop of Kentucky, as well as St. Joseph's Jesuit College and Nazareth Female Academy and a great effort was made to crush him, but he was not only successful in maintaining his place, but in breaking their power. Besides his own pastoral work he carried on a sharp controversy with the Roman Catholics and founded and edited the *Western Protestant*, afterwards called the *Protestant and Herald*, and established and conducted successfully a Female Seminary. Dr. Rice spent nine years in Bardstown. In 1841 he accepted a call to Paris, Ky., and shortly after in Nashville, Tenn., had a debate with Rev. Dr. Fanning, the President of Franklin College.

In 1843 he had a debate in Lexington, Ky., with Rev. Alexander Campbell on the mode and subject of baptism and four other subjects. Henry Clay, who was umpire in this debate, publicly expressed his admiration of the masterly skill and exceeding ability exhibited by Dr. Rice in this discussion. Soon after this he was invited to take charge of a colony from the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, that soon became a large and flourishing church. While successfully doing his pastoral work he edited the *Presbyterian of the West*, and wrote his books, "Romanism not Christianity," "God Sovereign and Man Free," "Phrenology and Mesmerism" and "The Old and New Theology," and besides had oral debates with Rev. Mr. Pingree on "Universalism," and Rev. Dr. Blanchard on "Abolitionism and Slavery," and as if this were not enough to fully employ his time, he established a Theological Seminary and taught as a professor until 1853, when he accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis. Besides his direct church work he edited the *St. Louis Presbyterian* and published two of his most important books, viz.: one on "Baptism" and the other on "The Signs of the Times."

In 1855 he was made Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that met in Nashville, Tenn. In 1857 he accepted a call to the North Presbyterian Church in Chicago. In 1859 he was chosen also Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the N. W. Theological Seminary there, at the same time he edited a monthly paper called the *Presbyterian Expositor*. In thus doing the work of three men, his health gave way and he in 1861 accepted a call to the Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street Presbyterian Church New York—now Dr. John Hall's church. He continued with great ability to fill the pulpit there until 1867, when his health utterly failed. He retired to a farm near New Brunswick, N. J. In 1869, in feeble health, he accepted the Presidency of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., at the same time taking charge of the Presbyterian Church in Fulton. In addition to the duties thus discharged he wrote two more books, "Immortality of the Soul" and "Spiritualism."

In 1874 he was chosen to the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Seminary at Danville, Ky., which he accepted. Before he left Fulton there was a great revival of religion in which one hundred and fifty joined his church.

For three years he discharged his duty in the Seminary with signal ability, working however, beyond his strength, and with the harness on ceased from his labors at Chatham, Ky., June 11, 1877.

ROBERT MORRISON.

K. M. I.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* As the establishment of a Chapter at Kentucky Military Institute has been editorially approved in the columns of your December issue, I desire, as a member of the General Council, to present my reasons for opposing

such a move. The matter is really no longer open to debate, for an adverse decision has already been forwarded the applicants, but the petition for a charter has been given so much notoriety that the causes for its denial may be of interest to the Fraternity at large. K. M. I., in its palmy days was not without some celebrity, but many of its friends now acknowledge that it has measurably lost its prestige, and from the beginning of its efforts to secure a charter from the Phi Delta Theta the advocates of the measure have found it necessary to defend the institution. The Committee on Chapters and Charters at the recent Convention, a majority of whose members were Southern brothers, was opposed to chartering K. M. I. and the Convention sustained that opinion. Not a few of the Virginia and Kentucky Phis personally advised me to withhold my signature should the petition be presented to the G. C., and while there was general regret that so noble a body of young men as the applicants were represented to be should be sacrificed, the inexorable logic of the facts of the situation compelled the refusal of the charter. Some of those facts were and are palpable and (to me) convincing. The Institute is at best a limited school with a three-year's course and an aggregate attendance of about one hundred and twenty-five in all departments. It is a private institution and depends solely for support on the tuition. As I understand from the catalogue there is no endowment fund and no support from the State, save that the latter furnishes the military equipments and assumes supervision of the military organization. It is not impossible that such an institution may live and wax great, but the friends of other Colleges, in order to insure there perpetuity, have found it necessary to back them with State funds or endow them munificently.

It seemed to me inadvisable to charter a College against which there is a positive opposition on the part of a con-

siderable number of the brotherhood and at least one Chapter as a unit. The harmony of the council fires is a matter not unworthy of attention; and in many similar organizations the objection of a single chapter to the granting of a charter is sufficient to veto it. I believe Brother Hindman to be a true and worthy Phi and to have acted in good faith; and had I followed a natural inclination to Grecianize the whole world, his labors would long ago have been crowned with success. But the granting of charters is not a matter of sympathy but of expediency. Somebody blundered in having the K. M. I. boys proceed so fast and he must bear the blame if any attaches. The Fraternity is old enough and ought to be wise enough to grow more conservative. There are a hundred Colleges and Institutes that would revel in glory could they secure charters from our Fraternity. But shall we stop to pick up pebbles while pearls are still before us? We are looking for a strong arm to plant our banner at Ann Arbor; we are turning our hopeful eyes to the great institutions East, and all future extension will add little to our strength unless it places the name of some of them on our roster.

H. U. BROWN.

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TO THE PHIS OF EPSILON  
PROVINCE.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Jan. 17, 1883.

*Phis of Epsilon Province*: I have only a few words to say. The organizations of the Chapter at Hillsdale makes the Epsilon a large Province; giving her eight Chapters and an aggregate membership of about one hundred and twenty members.

But the territory over which she extends is small and compact; the Chapters all active and square with the Treasurer; and there is nothing to prevent good solid work.

I shall not attempt a detailed account of the work to be done; but in a brief summary, repeat some of the advice of the President of Delta Province.

Our only hopes of extension have been realized in the establishment of Michigan Gamma, and now we can turn all our attention to Chapter work.

There are three things I think essential to success in fraternity life: organization, punctuality and work. Let us complete our organization by electing Province officers and having a Province Convention.

Let every Chapter be prompt in sending in reports, paying dues and attending to fraternity correspondence.

And finally let us all work. Endeavor to secure good men, do good work, maintain harmony in the Chapters, and verify the saying that "it is good and pleasant to dwell together in unity."

Hoping to meet as many as possible at Province Convention, I am your co-worker in the Bond,

P. H. CLUGSTON,

*President Epsilon Province.*

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TO THE PHIS OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

We have been to Richmond and have returned. We were strengthened! We all felt "Oh! that *all* could be *here*," and yet were we not *satisfied* that the Convention was only biennial? I ask it as a question for thought: would not frequency wear away the charm and power of these assemblages? Of course there is room here for difference of opinion. But when this question is narrowed down to the limits of a Province, and we recognize that our Province contains about an hundred active members, so separated that the average cost of each member, visiting a central Convention would be \$15 or more, we at least *begin* to look unfavorably upon the subject. I make these remarks be-

cause it is a matter which concerns every Phi; and but very recently I had my attention and my opinion directly drawn to the subject, by a loyal brother of our Province. In order to make the meeting a success, *very few* of our Province could remain away. The questions for us to consider are, first, "Can we afford this expenditure for any object?", and second, "Could we find no better way of spending on our Chapter \$10 per capita?" If we have no debts to pay, have we no Chapter rooms to make attractive. If we can answer satisfactorily both the above questions then, and not till then, should come the Province Convention! Until then, let us content ourselves with letters and *personal* visitation.

But another subject whispered to Alpha's ear alone: Our Province now holds no general fraternity offices. It should be the seat of power. If it is not, why not? Look around you for your answer. You know the co-operation which is necessary, without which we cannot expand our borders. I could scarcely be expected to be, and I confess I am not, acquainted enough in many of our larger Colleges to obtain a grasp on the lever of admission. Many sources of little aid can only swell the torrent of power. A word is sufficient! You will hear from me personally, very soon. Without material, systematically collected, there will be a blank; but with the material around us, our own power, and the aid which our beloved Bond lends we can and ought to rear structures which shall shield many forms from the cold "barbarian" blasts. I trust it is no delusion which makes me see the rosy hue of Grecian light already tinting the long standing walls of one of our prouder Colleges. May a prosperous and happy new year dawn upon us all, is the earnest wish of your affectionate brother in the Bond,

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT,  
*President of Alpha Province.*

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE  
EX-G. B.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 22, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I have just received the SCROLL for November and December with editorials *marked*. I am obliged to you for an opportunity to say something to the Fraternity in regard to the matter mentioned in your editorials. I see that you look upon me as a common swindler, and you are hasty to spread your impression to the world. My story is simple and easy to understand. But it had no effect with the executive committee, for they have persecuted me beyond all conscience or common sense.

I did my duty as an officer as well as I knew and satisfactorily to the Committee who audited my accounts at the close of each Convention. The permanent fund was left in my hands and I gave notes for it at each Convention. This money was donated for a given purpose and prohibited for use in any other way. When the Convention, after I had made my report in 1880 and gone home, decided to use the permanent fund for general expenses, to pay, if you please, for the viands and musical luxury of a grand banquet and chivalric pagentry, etc., etc. I said no, this fund was not donated for such a purpose and can't be used for it with my consent. My *unworthy* successor then plied his pen and says that he received the consent of nearly all of the donors to this fund that it might be turned over to general expenses. This information I received from their attorney Sebastian, at St. Louis in November, 1881. On his statement of the fact that consent was had from the donors, I agreed to pay him early in 1882, as he had the notes for collection. When that time came I was cramped so I could not pay. Still later before suit was brought I failed entirely on account of speculation made by my partner on the firm account and for which I was no more responsible for than you are.

Your *reliable information* that the law firm, with which I was connected, had an annual income of \$20,000, is about as reliable and reasonable as the whole tale Brother Reddig has been spreading to the Fraternity. The law firm did not realize half that much while they were together, out of which I had to keep myself and family five years. We did the work to make more than that, but we were the attorneys for an insurance company which refused to pay our bills and we sued them and got judgment for a little over \$3,000, which they appealed and the suit is still pending in the Supreme Court. Of course no money is yet realized out of that. My law partner was in financial embarrassment and I let him draw more than his share of fees and he still owes me.

Your information that I have covered up property in the name of my wife is another conclusion jumped at and wholly contrary to the facts in the case. All the property in my wife's name is her own, the proceeds of property given her by her uncle. About the time of our marriage he gave her three lots in Irvington, a suburb to the city of Indianapolis. The property we traded for eighty acres of land in Iowa and a house and lot in Lebanon, Ind. This property we sold and with it bought the ground where we now live and with the balance and some borrowed money built the house. The property all together would not sell for over \$2,500, and there is a mortgage against it for \$1,500. It was a gift to my wife and shall be held sacred for her and her children. If you are to investigate you will find this as I have stated. You say the "books show a deficit in my account of nearly \$1,000." That is another mistake. The books were turned over to the Committee that audited my account and examined carefully, each item being checked off, and there has been no error reported to me, except one by the Indiana Delta, the amount of which I allowed in the judgment taken against me by consent.

When the Executive Committee demanded that suit be brought and I could not persuade them that they would injure me and do themselves no good, I filed an answer admitting the facts set up in the complaint, viz.: liability on the notes I had given and consented that judgment might be rendered for the amount and interest, making a total of about \$830.

Execution was at once issued and pressed with vigor, only to my injury as it drove me out of the business I had been following and when I might by this time have been able to pay this claim. The executive committee were not satisfied in simply pressing their claim but rushed into the newspapers with slanderous letters calling me a *rascal, thief and defaulter*. This is the kind of spirit manifested toward me all along in this prosecution. It has injured me much and has done the Fraternity no good. It has been prompted by malice and fed upon false information eagerly accepted for true. I did once love the order and I have many friends in it still, but if the *brotherly love* of our bond is to be exemplified by such men as Reddig, and *persecution* is to be the reigning, ringing watchword, I'll send my resignation by next mail. I want no fellowship with such. I invite an investigation so you may be satisfied that I have herein told the truth. If you think I am making such sums of money as you mention and hiding them away in my wife's name to avoid payment of a debt like this, you never saw me and don't know me. I would be a fool of the silliest sort. No man could afford it, and most business men could see it in a moment. I shall be able sometime to pay all I owe. All I ask for is *justice and truth*, of which your Executive Committee have been very economical.

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

BEAR in mind that our supplement is to be kept strictly *sub rosa*.

“SECRET SOCIETY SYSTEM.”\*

The preface to Mr. Aiken's little book announces that it is substantially a reprint of a series of articles which appeared in the *Yale Critic* in the early part of 1882. It contains, besides an introduction and a conclusion, eight Chapters, the titles of which are as follows: 1. Social Relations; 2. same continued; 3. Intellectual Influence; 4. Political Relations; 5. Political Influence; 6. Moral Value; 7. Relation to the Church; 8. Opinions.

Its design is to show that the college fraternities are bad in conception, pernicious in their influence, and, in short, wholly evil; and it is fair to presume that the author has gathered together all the material at his command in support of his position. His sources of knowledge seem to have been those accessible to the average student at Yale College. He states that he was a member of one of the senior societies at that college, and goes out of the way in his introduction to say that his own society “was almost ideally perfect.”

In order to estimate aright the author's work and argument, it is necessary to call to mind the society system under which he received his experience. Until within a few years, the college societies at Yale were unique, finding their counterpart in no other college. There were societies peculiar to each year of the college course. The freshmen societies were mere gangs of students, the whole and sole aim of each of which was to exceed its rivals in numbers. Its initiations consisted in mischief of a more or less malicious nature perpetrated upon the unfortunate candidates, who took their revenge out of the next class. Its meetings had no earthly object, and after the first four or five ceased altogether until the advent of the next class gave an opportunity for *fresh* brutali-

ties. Such *were* the freshmen societies, for they were abolished by the faculty in 1830. The societies of the sophomore year were, if anything, worse. They were smaller in numbers, a principle of selection being exercised, and their mischief was more intense, and sometimes dangerous. The faculty were compelled to abolish these organizations in 1875, upon the occasion of some more than usually flagrant violation of college laws and good order. The junior societies are chapters of the general college fraternities of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon. They were too large and unwieldy to be of any use as centers of intellectual improvement, averaging about fifty members apiece in each junior class. They do not offer social advantages to their members, who sometimes are not acquainted with each other, and who certainly would never consider their membership a sufficient basis for friendship or introduction. The worth of their intellectual and literary exercises may be guessed from the frank confession of one of their members to the writer, not a year since, that they never did anything at Delta Kappa Epsilon meetings but pay dues and expectorate at the stove. The senior societies it is well to dwell upon for a moment. They are two in number, named respectively the *Skull and Bones* and *Scroll and Key*, from the emblems which their members display. They each select fifteen men from a class, and usually succeed in getting the pick of the class. Their membership is more highly prized than any honors the college can offer, and the amount of intrigue, hypocrisy, and deception which they give rise to would have caused their abolition in another college long since. They effect a secrecy which is as profound as it is silly. The members make it a point never to speak about their organization, and go the length of never taking badges off their person, carrying them under their armpits in swimming and on their *robes de nuit* at night. However, these

\*THE SECRET SOCIETY SYSTEM. By E. E. Aiken. New Haven; O. H. Briggs. 1882. 12ml. 35 cents paper. pp. 110.

senior societies are small enough to be of some little personal value, and if their graduates return to Yale they are welcomed as friends and not treated as intruders.

This is the present society system at Yale College. It has none of the good features of any other fraternity chapters elsewhere and adds some bad ones of its own. As the members belong to a new organization each year, ties are no sooner formed than broken, and membership in any college society or activity in any college enterprise is too often regarded by the student simply as a means of gaining entrance to the mysterious senior societies. There is no frank, fraternal intercourse as in chapters at other colleges, the men of one class do not help and assist those of another, the family influence is entirely wanting, and discord and suspicion take its place. The system is bad, and the members of every true college fraternity will rejoice when Yale men become independent enough to break away from it.

We have, perhaps, digressed from our subject, but we wished to show just what system it is under which our author has gained his knowledge and which alone he is combating. For he has failed to appreciate any features of fraternity life beyond those to be found at Yale, and as many of his remarks apply only to those features, the book so far comes short of its purpose.

Next to the experience at Yale the chief source of his information seems to have been a work entitled "College Secret Societies," published by Ezra A. Cook, of Chicago. In mentioning the report of President White, of Purdue University, in the June number of the *Beta Theta Pi* we commented upon the quality of the misinformation contained in that report and derived from the same source.

Mr. Aiken, in considering the influence of the societies upon the social relations of the students, mentions two particulars in which he deems it pernicious.

The first is their secrecy, and the second is their fraternal character. The secrecy he says is distinctly bad, and quotes Howard Crosby and President Porter, of Yale, to support him. Dr. Crosby has publicly stated that the fraternity to which he belonged (the Phi Delta) has changed its character for the better since he was an active member, and we can well believe that what was true in 1844 is not true now. President Porter is of Yale, and we heartily agree with him in condemning the silly secrecy that surrounds the doings of the Yale societies. We are quite content, however, without questioning the value of such support, to take up this question of secrecy anew.

In a word, it is, in our humble opinion, a pure humbug, and the sooner the college fraternities cease to call themselves secret the better. There is no element of real secrecy about them. Their members are known, and they wear prominent emblems that they may be known. The times and places of their meetings are a secret to nobody with curiosity enough to ask about them. Their journals (and the very idea of a secret society having a newspaper is absurd) discuss their order of exercises and the doings of their conventions. If Mr. Aiken's information had been wider he would hardly have devoted twenty pages of his little book to fighting a state of things which no longer exists. The only really secret society in this land of colleges is the one Mr. Aiken complacently refers to as "ideally perfect." His second point is that the fraternal character of the societies is entirely lacking in the element of sociability claimed for it. Here, again, we see the influence of the Yale system upon Mr. Aiken's position. The class societies he is familiar with cannot meet his accusation. They do not satisfy any social want; they are loose congeries of students, only united in their desire to know the mysteries of those "ideally perfect" Yale senior societies. But the

author is greatly in error in measuring the value of the general fraternities by that of the narrow, useless, Yale societies. In the chapters of the true fraternities, he would find an element of home life, an affection for brothers in the bond, an earnest, manly desire to help others of the family that would be as surprising to him as it is grateful to those who have experienced it. To many a homesick, weary student the chapter house, with its home comforts, affectionate sympathy, and privacy, has been a blessing to be thankful for. No such benefit can come from membership in societies like those at Yale; but in chapters numbering from twelve to thirty, containing men of all classes, this social and fraternal element is the most valuable feature of the fraternities. The author says fraternities tend to make cliques, and embitter the relations of the students. They do not make cliques. The cliques already existed years before Kappa Alpha was founded, and the fraternity chapters have materially lessened their unpleasant features. Cliques will be formed in spite of the societies, and it is better to use this innate tendency than let it run wild to disorganize the entire college life. If our author had been familiar with the literature of the fraternities, he would not need to be told of the steady disapproval of such practices manifested by all fraternity editors and writers. If the fact that cliques pertain to any organization were a good reason for its abandonment, there would not be a single church congregation left in all the United States.

The subject of the second chapter is the "Intellectual Relations." The first sentence in it is, "The secret societies are claimed to be substitutes for the literary societies." Who claims it? The societies at Yale, and at most of the New England colleges and a few in the Middle States, have really done much to lessen the influence of the old literary organizations. But a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the doings of

the fraternities will permit us to assert that but three fraternities can be pointed to in support of this statement, and these are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon. And even some of their chapters must be counted out. But without such deduction, the aggregate number of chapters in these three fraternities is sixty-four, while that of the remaining fraternities is not far from six hundred. The Alpha Delta Phi distinctly claims to be a literary society, and so practically do Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon. The chapters of these three societies have too many members to realize our "ideally perfect" chapter. But their very size enable them to encourage a literary activity which is not usual in other chapters. The old literary societies in New England, to which Mr. Aiken doubtless refers in making his broad statement, have outlived their usefulness. They were schools of oratorical exercise, and oratory itself is losing its value. The newspaper has taken the place of the rostrum. This is one reason for the decline of the literary societies. Another is to be found in the unwieldy nature of such societies and the resemblance of their exercises to those of the classroom. The chapters of the three fraternities mentioned give a better and closer literary training than the older organizations ever did, and no one ever regretted their decay but older alumni, full of regret for all the inconsistent, impracticable, and useless things of the "good old times."

But Mr. Aiken's remark does not apply outside of New England. At the colleges where ninety per cent. of the fraternity chapters are situated, the literary societies are not dead, but flourishing. Their annual contests and interstate meetings form a most prominent feature of Western college life. They are not of the same humdrum type that Mr. Aiken regrets, but are living organizations in which the fraternity men take active part. Mr. Aiken's informa-

tion on many points was gathered too close to the Yale campus.

The fourth and fifth chapters of the books are devoted to "Political Relations and Political Influence." We mention them together for they are essentially the same. The parts of these two chapters which apply to the subject at all are devoted, as usual, to considering the situation at Yale alone, and quoting from President Porter. We believe Yale College to be the scene of more disgraceful political struggles than elsewhere, and we refer any fraternity man to the work entitled "Four Years at Yale" for information upon this point. We fully recognize that the Yale system gives opportunity for the exercise of an amount of political trickery and bad faith unknown at other colleges, and we agree with Mr. Aiken in nearly all he says upon the subject. But it is neither fair nor just to apply these remarks to fraternities elsewhere. Curiously enough, he fails to see what most fraternity men regard as the great danger under this head, and that is the evils arising from the chapters forming "combinations" for political purposes. He rather praises them, in fact.

Chapters VI and VII treat of the Moral Value of the fraternities and their Relation to the Church. Mr. Aiken frankly acknowledges their great value as training grounds for habits of faithfulness and business. He further says that they exercise certain traits of benevolence, digressing here to a discussion of the value of Freemasonry in this direction, which has no more bearing on the subject than the binomial theorem. We believe that no intelligent observer, with more than a partial knowledge of the subject, would be foolish enough to accuse the fraternity of immorality. They are much too shrewd to countenance such conduct, and the character of the members is a sufficient guarantee that there is generally no immorality among them. The founder of the *Beta Theta Pi* was a clergyman; so have been

several of its editors. The same is true of other fraternity journals, the *Phi Gamma Delta* being another example. The president of Chi Phi is a clergyman. More than one-half of the bishops of the Methodist and Episcopal Churches are fraternity men. The officials of the Presbyterian Church are fraternity men, several of them Betas—and out of some fifty thousand living members of all the societies the clergy number twelve per cent. Is it to be supposed for an instant that if the fraternities were hot-beds of vice and immorality, these christian gentlemen would countenance the societies, much less work for them and appear publicly identified with them? The position is too foolish to controvert.

Chapter VIII is taken up entirely with the opinions of other men on this subject. The author was so straitened to find expressed and unfavorable opinions upon the subject of the fraternities that he was obliged to name several who speak merely of such secret organizations as Freemasonry, with which we have nothing to do. Among those mentioned as opponents of the secret societies are John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Quincy Adams, and others who died before the college society system was born. He quotes from President Finney, of Oberlin (where there are no fraternities); from Moody, the revivalist, who is not a college man; from Francis Lieber, whose remarks are applicable only to secret political organizations, etc. He says twelve religious denominations are opposed to secret societies, and instances the Disciples, the United Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Friends, the German Baptists, and the United Brethren. To our certain knowledge there are many ministers in each of these denominations who are supporters of the fraternities. The Disciples have two principal colleges, Bethany and Butler University, the former containing chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta; the latter of Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta. A

Disciple minister was at one time the editor of this paper. The United Presbyterians alone have nearly sixty clergymen who are Betas, and these include the president and five professors of their most prominent educational institution. The Lutherans have all their good colleges crowded with fraternities. The remaining denomination have no colleges of high enough standing to warrant the establishment of chapters. It is significant that the other gentlemen quoted are either graduates of Yale, connected with colleges that the fraternities do not care to enter, or belong to religious denominations opposed to secret societies of all kinds. The latter class write principally against the secrecy. The only one quoted who is a college man, a fraternity man, and an intelligent observer, is George William Curtis. He is a graduate of Brown and an honorary Alpha Delta Phi, and even he seems to have changed his mind, for the article from which the quotation is taken was written in 1874, and since then he has appeared before the public more than once as an Alpha Delta Phi. And since Mr. Aiken chooses to quote Mr. Curtis, why does he not believe him when he says, "Every collegian knows that there is no secrecy whatever in what is called a secret society," and leave out his ponderous argument against a secrecy which does not exist?

The college fraternity system is daily growing stronger. Its members are daily perceiving with increasing clearness what a wonderful engine for good it can become. It unites the colleges, and the increasing liberality and Pan-Hellenic spirit among fraternity men can have no other result than greatly to increase its power, and confirm its tendency for good. Educators are beginning to see that it is a powerful aid to discipline, and that it is aiding the colleges by attracting relatives of alumni, by keeping the college ever fresh in the minds of its former students, graduates or not, and by cultivating an acquaint'ance among edu-

cated men. The President of the United States, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the members of the Senate and the House, the Governors of the Commonwealths, the Presidents of colleges, the heads of churches, and hundreds of ministers of the gospel, are members of these fraternities, and encourage and help them. Can an intelligent public believe that a system such as Mr. Aiken says this is produces such men? B.

#### A COLLEGE FRATERNITY IN POLITICS.

Alpha Delta Phi has lately been figuring rather prominently in the politics of the Empire State, and several New York daily papers have devoted considerable space to our sister fraternity's thus presuming to come forth from college walls and meddle with national politics.

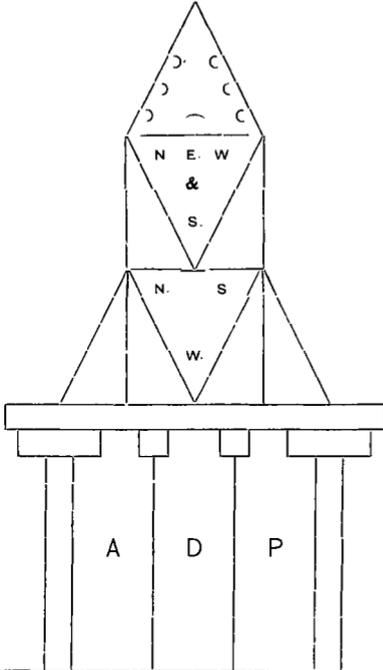
We did not see the article first calling attention to the matter hence we cannot give the whole story. It seems, however, that there was a contested election in the State between Sprague and Bliss. Speaker Chapin, of the New York Assembly, appointed a committee to investigate into the relative merits of each of the above mentioned gentlemen's claims, and after the committee had been appointed it was discovered that the majority of those composing it were members of Alpha Delta Phi, as was also Mr. Sprague. As Mr. Sprague is a cousin to Speaker Chapin, the appointment of this committee looked something like a put up job, whereupon the *World* proceeded to ventilate the affair in its columns, but rather overdid the thing by terming it a conspiracy to overthrow the liberty of the citizens of New York State and eventually the whole country.

The issue of January 8th contains the following:

#### THE MOTHER SYMBOL.

The widespread public interest felt in the mystic order of the Alpha Delta Phi since it came bounding to the front as a new political power, rivaling the

Know-Nothing Dispensation in the days of the great Hindoo Daniel Ullman, leads the *World* to print to-day the following reproduction of a sketch of The Motlier Symbol (whatever that may mean), pencilled during the performance of the committee on Friday last by an accomplished member of the committee who takes no stock in the attempted operation :



How can a "base mechanic" like Thales Bliss, despite his philosophical name, look on so dread a shape as this and live ?

Referring to the appointment of committees by Speaker Chapin, its Albany correspondent relieves himself thus :

"Why should all the interests of the State be exposed to attack and thrown into confusion by a small clique of newly fledged youths and bound together in the mystic brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi, if not by closer pecuniary ties, and acting without taking any opportunity to acquire any knowledge of the members of the Legislature and of the wants of the different sections of the State?" And again, "One district of Kings, thanks to our peculiar methods of political machinery, shapes the legislation for a hundred and twenty-seven districts having a voice in the matter un-

less he happens to be a personal friend of the one member from Kings."

It editorially inquires: "Does the Democratic speaker of the New York Assembly propose to carry his allegiance to the awful mystery and majesty of the Alpha Delta Phi to the point of adopting the Republican tactics of 1876 in Louisiana, and indorsing the claim of his Alpha Deltic friend to an election by "clerical errors."

The *Times* is rather disposed to ridicule the *World* upon its making a mountain out of a mole hill in this affair and says editorially :

#### THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

Valuable as our esteemed contemporary, the *World*, undoubtedly is as an authority in regard to the British perage, Jay Gould, and trousers, it is not often that it encroaches upon the domain of newspapers by supplying its fifteen subscribers with news. It is, therefore, all the more remarkable that the *World* should have recently discovered the existence of a conspiracy against the liberties of our beloved country of which no other paper has contained the slightest hint. It is a dark-lantern conspiracy, and is the work of a nefarious secret society known as the Alpha Delta Phi. To simply read the *World's* account of this infamous society is enough to make any man's blood run cold, at least during the present cold weather.

When Speaker Chapin appointed a committee to examine the rival claims of Messrs. Sprague and Bliss no one but the *World* noticed that there was anything unusual the matter. That able journal, however, discovered that Mr. Sprague and the majority of the committee were members of the Alpha Delta Phi. Further investigation showed that the appointment of the Sprague-Bliss committee was only a step in the vast conspiracy to overthrow the State and national governments, and to concentrate all power in the hands of the Alpha Delta Phi Society. It is, perhaps, even now too late to avert the threatened calamity, but whatever may be the result, the country owes unspeakable gratitude to the *World* for its bold exposure of the truth.

The Alpha Delta Phi Society has hitherto been supposed to be a harmless college society, organized for the purpose of permitting its members to wear breast-pins of a peculiar form. It has branches in several colleges, and from time to time it holds conventions which sit with close doors. Under the

oaks of innocent breast-pins the society is nevertheless—as the *World* has discovered—endeavoring to make itself the ruling power of the nation, and its dangerous character can be readily perceived under the light of alleged publicity which the *World* has thrown upon

To begin with, the Alpha Delta Phi society is an oath-bound association. This is alone sufficient to show that it is as dangerous as Freemasonry. Its members are men, ostensibly of studious and quiet habits, but really of deep, deep depravity. They meet together in secret for the purpose of holding orgies, at which they drink hot body and soul-destroying beverage—lemonade—and extinguish every feeling of humanity and decency with oysters. When rendered sufficiently reckless by these stimulants the members devise plans for overthrowing the government and crushing the people under the iron heel of a depraved oligarchy. College graduates who have once belonged to the Alpha Delta Phi never sever their connection with it, but labor night and day to further its wicked purposes. One of the songs frequently sung by the Alpha Deltas—as they shamelessly style themselves—has the following chorus:

“Horror! Horror!  
Alpha Delta forever!”

This means unmistakably that the man who is once a member of the society must remain a member forever. He is bound by his oath, and he is forever the slave of a reckless and persistent conspiracy.

The oath of an Alpha Delta Phi is killfully worded, so as not to appal the new member, and yet to render him little better than a slave. It reads in part as follows: “I do solemnly swear to assist all Alpha Delta Phis with my tobacco, my ponies, and my examination papers, provided such assistance is needed.” The neophyte fancies that this obligation has no hidden meaning, but he soon finds his mistake. It is not enough that he gives cigars and “lends ponies” to his fellow Alpha Delta Phi. Under the apparently innocent words “tobacco,” “ponies,” and “examination papers” lie hidden meanings which are sooner or later boldly declared. Tobacco is found to be synonymous with all valuable property—money, lands and stocks. The “pony,” instead of being a translation of a Greek or Latin author, means nothing less than life, and “examination papers” means all the ener-

gies which man possesses. The Alpha Delta is thus pledged to assist his fellow-member of the society with his life, his property, and all his influence. That is to say, the members of his society are pledged to stand by one another in all circumstances to the utmost extent.

We see in the Sprague-Bliss affair an instance of the wickedness of these conspirators. The Alpha Delta Phi Society is determined to use all the executive and legislative power of the State for the nefarious purpose of giving to a properly elected candidate his rights. If the conspirators succeed in this where will they stop? They now number fully four thousand. All they have to do is to fill every office, State and Federal, with members of the society, and to put none but Alpha Deltas in command, either in the army or navy, and they can seize the supreme power, and compel every man, woman and child to drink lemonade, eat oysters, and wear outlandish breast-pins. Possibly the exposure which the *World* has made will frighten these wretches into an abandonment of their conspiracy, but the probability is that it is already too late to save the nation from the grasp of the Alpha Deltas.

H. G. C.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 27, 1883.

*Dear Brothers:* I desire to call the attention of Chapters to Sec. 7, Art. VIII in constitution which provides that a full history of the Chapter work for the year be filed with the G. C. by the first of April. It is quite important that the Chapter historians observe this duty carefully and promptly, as these reports must furnish all the data for the report of Historian G. C. which he is required to make to the General Convention.

Our Chapter correspondence shows that Phi Delta Theta is making history every day; we have many worthy brothers in and out of college who are achieving honors for themselves and reflecting credit and honor to the fraternity. These facts should be collected and filed among our archives. It is to be hoped our historians will be diligent in compiling the histories of their Chapters so that at the close of the year we may

know what has been done among the  
Phis. In the Bond,

A. A. STEARNS,  
Historian G. C.

FROM ZETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, February 1, 1883.

*Brother Phis of Zeta Province:* The new year of 1883 finds our little Province still prosperous, and with bright prospects. I made the mistake in my December letter of stating that we had three active college Chapters, whereas we have four. I beg pardon of Illinois Gamma of assuming it to be defunct, and shall gladly count it among our strong Chapters. Brother McKelvey promises that it shall soon report twenty members.

I stated also that Illinois Eta would soon be planted in Illinois Industrial University. Everything was ready for this step, when the G. C. decided that the work must be dropped, as the University is (nominally, at least) hostile to fraternities. Another petition from an Illinois University of high standing is now in the hands of the Council, which we hope will meet with better success.

Allow me to remind the Illinois Chapters, especially Illinois Epsilon, that the State reunion was appointed to be held at Bloomington in May of this year. Shall we take hold of this and make it a success? I cannot see why we should not. Our big Chapter at Bloomington has a reputation for energy and hospitality which would guarantee an enjoyable and profitable time, and I am sure every Chapter would send a large delegation.

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a cordial invitation to be present at the anniversary of Illinois Epsilon, January 27th, which I doubt not was a thoroughly enjoyable affair. I regret that a severe attack of malarial fever prevented me having the pleasure of attending.

I trust all have complied with the request of Brother Thomas that every Chapter have a report in this issue of the SCROLL. Fraternally,  
MILO C. SUMMERS.

FROM ACTING PRESIDENT OF  
ETA PROVINCE.

*Brother Phis of Eta Province:* Since the Richmond Convention, I have by direction of the General Council, temporarily acted as President. While our relations have been of the pleasantest nature during this time, as well as during the previous two years, when you were part of Gamma Province, I nevertheless feel that my attention is now due to my own province, Zeta. It is better for you, therefore, that you have another President, and it is accordingly with pleasure that I introduce to you as your presiding officer, Brother P. L. Sever, of Iowa City, who has been duly appointed by the General Council. I know that Brother Sever will work heartily for your interests, and I trust he will receive from you that good will and hearty co-operation which he deserves. The interest I have felt in you for over two years, will not soon be lessened, and I hope that our acquaintance may be always remembered with mutual pleasure. With best wishes for you all, I bid you an official good-bye.

MILO C. SUMMERS.

WE were highly gratified as well as suprised upon receipt of the current numbers of the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL. The late action of the convention making the paper *sub rosa*, has caused great dissatisfaction among the more progressive chapters, and as a result the editors have wisely concluded to adopt the exchange system. This action cannot fail to be highly pleasant and profitable to not only the SCROLL but to her sister journals. The paper has been enlarged one-third and placed under the editorial control of George B. Thomas, of Maysville, Ky. A distinct improvement in its appearance and general tone is easily noticeable and the Phis would be very unwise in attempting to suppress its circulation among other Greeks. Much more space is devoted to general fraternity news than in former years.—  
*D. T. D. Crescent.*

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WISCONSIN Alpha has purchased a \$400 piano, and is rolling in wealth, music and enthusiasm.

THANKS to Brother Charles D. Moore, Dick M. Thomas, Lot D. Guffin and Cliff L. Donnell, for the beautiful New Year's remembrance sent us by them.

ABOUT the handsomest thing in the way of an invitation we have ever seen is the invitation to their fifth anniversary, which the Illinois Epsilon honored us with.

WE hope our readers will not be startled by our glaring cover. The house from which we ordered the paper made a mistake, but we did not have time to wait for a new supply.

OUR contributors will please be very careful when writing proper names to make them distinct. It is almost impossible for the compositor to decipher a name when not carefully written.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA (ladies), Delta Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Psi have recently started the publication of journals. The *Golden Key*, of K. K. G., is spoken of highly by our exchanges.

If there are any of our readers who don't keep all their SCROLLS we would be pleased to have them send us their December number, as we need several to send to Chapters which received none.

THANKS to several kind brothers, our file is now nearly complete. Vol. VI, No. 9, is all we need and we hope that our friends will take another look for it. One certainly ought to be found as all of that issue cannot have disappeared since last June.

WE publish in this issue, and will continue to publish hereafter, a directory showing what rival fraternities our Chapters come in contact with at the different Colleges and Universities in which we are represented. It is a novel idea originated by Brother Palmer and a feature that no other fraternity journal has.

ACTING upon advice of several of our friends and for economy's sake, we decided to issue only one number for January and February with the minutes of the Richmond Convention as a supplement. The supplement is not gotten up as nicely as we would like to have it, but we thought it best to have it printed as cheaply as possible.

WE are sorry to note that some Chapters are very derelict of duty in complying with requests made of them. If they would think for a moment that by spending from five to fifteen minutes and a three-cent stamp or a postal card, they might save us a great amount of work, surely they would comply with despatch. Let every Chapter try to answer important questions promptly.

WE are pleased to receive such a favorable report of our new Kansas Alpha from a disinterested source. The correspondent from Kansas University to the *Beta Theta Pi* says: "It is rumored that Phi Delta Theta is established here. If made up of those we imagine, our opposition will be greatly increased. But as our institution is growing, the material to build from will not be proportionally decreased."

THE sample badge sent us by J. F. Newman is a beauty and the workmanship could not be improved. Mr. Newman is now ready to fill all orders for Phi Delta Theta badges on short notice, and as it is his intention to keep a stock of badges made up so he can get out a badge in a very short time, the Fraternity will realize the long needed improvement in the time of getting pins after they are ordered.

No apology is necessary for presenting to our readers in another column, the article on the "Secret Society System," which we take from the current number of *Beta Theta Pi*. It is one of the best articles on the subject we have ever seen and recognizing it as such we have no hesitancy in reproducing it, as it will no doubt prove interesting to all fraternity men. It was written by Baird, the author of "American College Fraternities."

WE are very sorry to announce that another Chapter of Phi Delta Theta is numbered with the things that were. Brother Wing, of Illinois Delta, writes: "Illinois Zeta at Knox is practically dead. Their ritual is in the hands of James Fullenwider, I believe, of Illinois Epsilon. W. H. Chambers, of this city, has their charter. I have seen Fred W. Sisson, who is at Knox, and he says that on account of having a college paper, two or three literary societies and a gymnasium and no opposition society they did not have time to run the society properly. This is all I could find out about Illinois Zeta."

OUR official jewelers, L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., have sent us their illustrated price list of badges, studs, buttons, rings, charms, etc., from which we notice they have made a slight reduction from former prices. Those contemplating ordering badges would do well to send for this list as it will help them to decide what style

of badge they want. We are requested to inform the fraternity that this firm has lately increased its force by several of the finest workers in their line in the East, and that they guarantee their goods first-class in every respect. They wish it especially known that all orders will be filled promptly in the future and that badges will be delivered in a short time after orders are received.

WE are in receipt of a communication from the editors of *Beta Theta Pi* submitting a plan for a convention of fraternity journal editors on February 22nd, at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, which ever may be determined upon by the majority. The same plan has been submitted to all the other editors.

The main object of the meeting is to adopt ways and means for the advancement of the interest of fraternity journalism. Aside from this it is designed as a preparatory step toward the Pan-Hellenic council and representatives from all the prominent fraternities have been invited to be present, so it is probable that some definite action will be taken in the matter and from present indications it is almost certain that the P. H. C. scheme will materialize. The meeting will probably be held in Philadelphia and our present intention is to attend.

BROTHERS Foster and Palmer earnestly request the members who are longing for the appearance of the catalogue to possess their souls in patience. They will have to wait but a little longer comparatively. The work is so peculiar and of such a particular kind that the printers have to go slowly to avoid errors, and the revision and proof reading has to be very carefully done. The work, however, is being pushed as fast as is compatible with accuracy. It is requested that all Chapters shall continue to send in additions and changes to Brother W. B. Palmer, Nashville,

Tenn., until he notifies the Reporters by postals that the forms containing their lists have gone to press and no further addenda will be of use. Be sure to observe the directions given last month before sending additional matter. We hope to give some advance sheets of the catalogue as a supplement to the March SCROLL.

THE January number of the *Beta Theta Pi* contains the following: "We are indebted to Mr. W. B. Palmer, of Phi Delta Theta, for the following, and take this opportunity of thanking him for this and other items of interest concerning Betas. He is editor of the Phi Delta Theta catalogue and an enthusiastic and tireless fraternity worker."

This compliment from our sister journal to one of our best men is a deserved one. If Phi Delta Theta had more enthusiastic and tireless workers like Palmer she would soon be far in advance of her rivals. He is the best informed man in the country as to everything pertaining to Greek fraternities—not even excepting Baird—and he understands how to utilize his knowledge for the advancement of our order. He has been the leading spirit of Phi Delta Theta for five or six years and almost every feature of improvement during that time can trace its origin to him. Of a truth we are proud of Palmer.

ADVICES from the G. C. indicate the continued prosperity of our order. There has never, in the history of the fraternity, been so great a demand for charters and no less than five petitions are now on the table of the President. Their fate has not been determined as yet, but the chances are against them.

Michigan Gamma was organized January 13th, Brother G. W. Procter, of Pennsylvania Delta, conducting the installation exercises. The Chapter starts with eleven members, all of whom were recommended for class standing and

ability by the President of Hillsdale to the G. C. Brother Procter says the Gamma will reflect great credit on Phi Delta Theta. It starts out with unusually bright prospects, having a good membership, about eight hundred students to draw from and only one rival.

The H. G. C. writes that he has recently been down in New England and reports considerable encouragement for Eastern extension. If his efforts are successful, and the prospects are flattering, our colors will ere long be established at Williams. Pennsylvania University is receiving the attention of Alpha Province President, and with one accord our workers have turned their attention to the great institutions of the East. We have been thinking a little scheme for some time by which we can gain a foothold in one of the largest colleges in the East.

As each report came in we scanned it closely to ascertain what was the desire of the majority of units which compose the grand total of Phi Delta Theta, as to the advisability of again placing the SCROLL on the exchange list with other fraternity journals.

They are nearly all in, at the present writing, and, although some Chapters have not given their views, the greater number have spoken emphatically in favor of it and there is only one dissenting vote.

We do not wish to be understood as posing as an amateur prophet, but must say that we foresaw the ultimate result of the action of the convention in this matter, and before the convention adjourned we had determined to exert our humble efforts to the utmost to again enter the friendly circle of exchange as soon as possible.

Thanks to the energy and good sense of Indiana Alpha, our object *in prospectu* was accomplished sooner than we expected and without any effort on our part, so we are again happy.

JOHN D. FLEMING, the recipient of the brown diamond, an account of which is given in another column, was a member of the class of '75, at Centre College, and of Kentucky Alpha. He is to-day one of the most prominent men in mining circles in Colorado.

WE started out with the intention of having this issue contain reports from every Chapter in the fraternity, so about two weeks ago, on account of the rapid manner in which reports failed to come in, we laid aside our editorial dignity, and rushing into the composing room seized a printer's stick and put in type the "important" notice that about half of our Chapters received. In most cases it had the desired effect and we have received, so far, forty-four reports. We hope the others will be in before we put our Chapter correspondence forms to press. It is probable that on account of the large number of Chapter reports we will leave out our personal and other fraternity items.

A CHAPTER letter from Asbury, in the November issue of the D. T. D. *Crescent*, says: "Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn from her combination with Phi Kappa Psi and entered our combination, which now consists of Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta."

The *Beta Theta Pi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* have both called upon their respective Chapters for an explanation of this state of affairs and the latter cites this as a case, all the like of which should receive the attention of the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council. There is no doubt that this is one of the weakest points in our American college fraternity system, a great drawback to our usefulness, a state of affairs thoroughly at variance with the teachings of our Bond and the principles of our order, one of the chief arguments urged against fraternities by their enemies and an evil we hope Phi Delta Theta will in the future avoid.

It is said that there is a skeleton in the closet of every family. Phi Delta Theta has been possessed of one for the last two years, which, thanks to our efforts, has been brought forth and bids fair to be disposed of.

Our views in the ex-G. B. matter were not written out of malice or with a desire to injure any one, but as the question came up for discussion at Richmond and the general impression seems to be that some definite action should be taken, we thought it best to have the matter investigated and disposed of as speedily as possible.

We have stated the plain facts in the case as nearly as we could and believe them to be just as we stated. Mr. Whitehead has written his explanation and seems to invite an investigation. At any rate the unfortunate affair has proceeded too far to be dropped, and we hereby call upon the General Council, either as a body or through a committee appointed for the purpose, to inaugurate such an investigation.

We believe that the members of this fraternity and Mr. Whitehead desire such action.

If upon investigation it is found that our statement of the facts was correct, we say most emphatically that all pecuniary consideration should be cast aside and Mr. Whitehead should be expelled immediately, not from his Chapter but from the Fraternity at large.

If, on the contrary, the facts are not proven and there seems to be a reasonable doubt that there is no foundation for them, and if it appears that he has been treated with undue harshness and persecution as he represents, Mr. Whitehead should receive an official vindication of the charges against him.

The accusation has been made and it is only just to Mr. Whitehead that he should have the advantage of an impartial trial and decision.

It is absolutely necessary that the matter should be decided and disposed of, as Phi Delta Theta cannot afford to have it said that she is cursed with internal dissension of a disgraceful nature.

WE note with pleasure the many letters of congratulation from our readers and are truly gratified that the journal meets the approbation of so many. We shall attempt to keep up the high standard of the SCROLL so that we may deserve the same high praise throughout the next two years. The only method for any paper to enlist the hearty sympathy and co-operation of its readers and contributors is, no doubt, to desire that support. We propose to try this method and see what is in it. The Reporters from the several Chapters can assist us in a great measure by never failing to have a report in EVERY ISSUE and let that report be the result of careful study, and not be a production thrown together in a few moments.

A brother from the far West kindly writes: "I have just finished reading our SCROLL, in which there were so many suggestive and well-written articles that I determined to express (by the way of encouragement) our hearty appreciation for our editors work."

One of our ex-officials to whom the fraternity owes a vast debt of gratitude for his excellent management of our finances during his term of offices, writes: "I received the November and December SCROLLS this morning. Allow me to thank you for the honor of sending them. I cannot afford to drop my interest in fraternity affairs, hence cannot do without the SCROLL, and appreciate your kindness in sending it to me, and don't think it at all out of place, that as an old official we ought to have it. Again I say thanks."

The new arrangement of the SCROLL is splendid and promises to continue of more interest with each issue. I trust you will continue earnest in the work and make the SCROLL superior to any similar publication of any other fraternity. You can do it if you only *will* and I know you have the work at heart and it *shall be done*."

One of our oldest and best friends, compliments the present management thus: "I think the inside typographical appearance of the SCROLL is excellent. The editorial department will do us good if kept up to present standard. I thought that the — paper excelled all in good editorial department but now I think the SCROLL leads them all."

WE are daily in receipt of letters and cards wanting to know why we only sent such and such a Chapter twelve SCROLLS instead of seventeen, why such and such a man did not get his SCROLL as he had forwarded his subscription at the beginning of the term, why this Chapter did not receive any SCROLLS at all and couldn't we send that Chapter about forty back numbers and so on till we just simply tear our hair with rage and despair.

For the benefit of all whom it may concern we will say that the T. G. C. sent us, when we first assumed control, a list of all Chapters to which we were to send SCROLLS, and also directed us the number to send to each. We have sent each month *exactly* the number we were directed to send, and if any complaints are to be made just call on Brother Foster and he will rectify all such mistakes—we have no authority to do so.

The subscription book that was turned over to us resembled a war map more than anything else, and as our honored predecessor did not excel in beautiful chiography we could hardly read the names—as to the hieroglyphics opposite the names, we gave them up in despair. We have heard from about fifty of our alumni who wrote that they had paid their subscription, so we placed their names on our books but could not send back numbers as they requested. When Chapters do not receive their SCROLLS it is not our fault as we are very careful in mailing them, and if they are not received the fault is with the mails. Several Chapters have received none because we did not know the name of their Reporters, so sent them to the Reporters of last year. We hope that no one thinks we have been indifferent about this matter and the mistakes were made on account of carelessness on our part. We have tried our best to rectify all mistakes and think we have attended to all of them with the exception of sending back numbers.

## TEXAS STATE CONVENTION.

Being under the impression that a former number of the SCROLL contained an account of it, we have neglected to mention the first annual convention of the Texas State Association, of our fraternity, which was held in Waco, Tex., on the 20th of June last. We regret that we have not sufficient data at hand to give a full account of the proceedings, but from all we can hear our Texas brothers and their lady friends present had a royal good time. Brothers Drew Pruitt, of Fort Worth, F. N. Drane, of Corsicana, S. B. Cantey, of Fort Worth, Rufus Hardy, of Corsicana, Wallace Hendricks, of Fort Worth, W. D. Johnston, of Corsicana, and C. D. Pickett, of Waxahachie, composed the State Executive Committee, and at their written request a copy of the historical address delivered by Hon. John McCoy, of Dallas, was given them for publication, a copy of which is on our table. It is a neatly printed pamphlet of thirteen pages about the size of the SCROLL, containing a short sketch of Miami, an account of our foundation and founders, objects, symbols, causes to which we owe our birth, system of government, first convention, catalogue, magazine, song books, struggles and victories, and in fact a detailed history in a condensed form, from 1848 to 1882. It is written in a concise and masterly style giving evidence of careful study and thought and an intimate knowledge of the aims, objects and general workings of Phi Delta Theta. Had we space we would like to make a thorough review of it. We clip the following:

## SECRECY.

The society is a secret organization; that is, its work is private. Its membership, its locality, its modes of thought, its methods of living, studies and amusements are public. It has its coat-of-arms, its colors, its catalogue, its magazine, its conventions, its halls. The members publicly wear their badges, publicly associate together, and publicly and joyously recognize each other. What's the secret? Signs, grips, sym-

bols and pass words! What for? says the venerable founder: "Only a means to an end—to enable us the better to do our work in helping each other, and in getting the better ready to be useful to many outsiders." It is a select order, yet not selfish or aristocratic. No student was ever rejected on account of his poverty—unless poverty of morals, intellect or integrity. It is select, in choosing students believed to have an ardent desire for development into true and noble manhood. Its design is to select real students—earnest, intellectual students; and in all cases students of native integrity, truth and character. And to keep from its councils all doubtful of the characteristics, whether rich or poor, high or low, secrecy to the extent mentioned was regarded, and has proved by experience to be the best weapon.

## GRADE.

The fraternity took its place in the front ranks of the Greek college fraternities of the land. The fact was soon discovered that the members developed rapidly in scholarship, character and influence. Genuine merit crowned their college efforts with success as a genius, and they bore off college honors as a class. Their college exercises and public performances gave evidence of thorough study, extra training, and rigid discipline. In college vernacular they were *Greeks*, worthy the steel of any competing Greeks; and when they meet in any public debate, the old maxim was not uncommon: "*When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war.*"

## PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

During our brief experience as editor of the SCROLL, we have discovered two facts to be certainties—that the undertaking is by no means a small one and that our editorial force is not large enough and our editorial matter is not possessed of that excellence that it should be, that it *can* be and that it is our determination to *make* it be possessed of.

In our humble opinion the provisions of our constitution for the management of the SCROLL, though infinitely wise in financial and other matters pertaining to it, are not sufficient when the question of the number required to edit and conduct it properly and as it should

be edited and conducted is presented.

When the SCROLL was issued quarterly and as an eight-page monthly, an editor and his assistant could manage it very well and with credit to themselves but since it has been increased to its present size, being larger than any similar journal, it is not at all probable that two men can conduct it as it should be.

Since '75 the editorial department has never amounted to much and very few articles have appeared in the editorial columns which evidenced much thought and which were calculated to be productive of thought on the part of others.

It is our desire to make the SCROLL excel in this particular, to organize a corps of writers from our number, whose productions will be read with pleasure and profit and whose suggestions will be acted upon with the assurance that their practicability was fully determined before they were made. We want to make the SCROLL an educator, one that will teach the true spirit of our Bond and disseminate the higher aims and object of our fraternity among our members in such a manner that when they go out from college walls they will not for a short time, remember Phi Delta Theta merely as a pleasant social organization, claiming their allegiance only during their college days, but as a fraternity in every sense of the word, founded upon the purest and noblest principles and one which will claim their devotion for all time to come.

We frankly acknowledge our incapacity for such writing, not having the age, experience and mental qualifications requisite therefor, and even granting that we were eminently capable it requires more time and care than we can possibly devote to it.

When it is taken into consideration that we have the collecting of suitable matter for our miscellaneous department and personal and other fraternity items, correcting chapter reports, attending to arrangement of articles, proof

reading, mailing and other matters pertaining to the management of the SCROLL and in addition to all this our other duties connected with active business, it will be seen at once that our editorial writings must be done at odd times, and, not having the advantage of thought, time and care, are necessarily of a more or less superficial nature.

What the SCROLL needs to place it in the very foremost ranks of fraternity journalism is *men*, men in every sense of the word; writers who have time to think over a proposed article for several days or more and the mental capacity and literary ability to formulate their ideas into articles of weight and value which will have the desired effect upon their readers.

We have such men and believe that a sufficient number can be found whose interest in Phi Delta Theta will prompt them to give a little of their time each month to make her journal what it should be.

We have in mind several of our alumni and active members whose talent for writing we are assured of, and we hope, if our suggestion meets with the approbation of the members of the G. C. and of chapters, that they will comply with our request to take a position on our editorial staff.

By increasing our force every department could receive more attention, the styles of articles would be more varied, thus relieving the monotonous sameness always attendant upon the productions of one person, the work would be equally distributed and each one's duties would be more of a pleasure than a task.

We could introduce two and probably three new features which would prove interesting and productive of good, one especially—an alumni department—which has been neglected since the first year of the SCROLL'S existence. With a good man at the head of this department, the interest of our alumni would be awakened and our circulation among them would be increased.

With one man at the head of each department whose only duty would be to attend to his particular work each month, it can be seen at a glance that the SCROLL would be greatly improved.

Our idea is to select from our best men a number which we think will be sufficient, extend them a proposition to become one of the editors of the SCROLL and publish them as such in the event of their appearance. Of course we will expect to retain our position as editor-in-chief and general manager, as we were so highly honored as to be elected as such at the recent convention.

As we have no authority, according to the constitution, of appointing more than one assistant, we deem it best to lay the proposition before the G. C. and the chapters, and if they give us permission to do so, as they no doubt will, we will proceed at once to organize our corps of editors and the SCROLL will enter upon a career of increased usefulness.

We do not desire this change in order that we may shirk any work and responsibility, but because we are confident that it is for the best interest of the SCROLL and the Phi world. The G. C. and all of our chapters are requested to favor us with their views.

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#### CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

There is perhaps no question pertaining to Fraternity matters that has been so eternally harped upon and has had so many exhaustive articles written about it as Chapter correspondence. In fact the subject has been so thoroughly exhausted since the era of Fraternity journalism began that it is hardly probable that anything purely original could be written upon it, but as it needs attention again, we will, without the slightest desire or intention of reflecting on any one, but having in mind only the best interests of our Fraternity and the success of its journal which we are responsible for during the next two years, say a few words.

The cry for some time has been "not extension but internal improvement," and there is certainly nothing more susceptible of improvement than our Chapter reports and no better place to begin.

At the convention nearly every Chapter complained that our predecessor took entirely too much liberty with their reports, in many cases making such changes that when they appeared in the SCROLL they were hardly recognizable by the writers of them, and requested that the new management be directed to insert all reports *verbatim et literatim*.

We entered upon our editorial career with the intention of obeying this command to the letter, as it was our intention to conduct the SCROLL in a manner pleasing to every one, but before the November number was issued we saw that it was impossible to pursue such a course as some of the reports were, to use a slang expression, "hopeless," and if we had inserted them just as they were written our readers would have wanted to know why more care was not taken in writing them and why we had permitted such wonderful literary productions to appear in our columns.

We do not wish to be understood as saying that all reports are of that kind or even a large number. On the contrary the majority are models of excellence in every respect, some only need a few corrections, but in a few cases our only resource is to gather the sense and rewrite them entire.

The remedy for this is very simple. Let each Chapter select its *best* man as reporter—a man known to possess some literary attainments, and one who will take a pride and an interest in making his communications first-class in every particular.

As a general thing some old and experienced member should be selected to fill this responsible position, members of the senior or junior class being preferable to members of one of

the lower classes and in no case should new members be chosen, as they know next to nothing of the spirit of our order and but little more of the character and history of their own Chapter and consequently are not capable of satisfactorily discharging the duties devolving upon Chapter reporters.

We know it to be a fact that some of our Chapters do not select their best men for reporters, as we have received private letters from members of several Chapters which were greatly superior to the reports sent to the SCROLL from the same Chapter.

There is one thing we wish our contributors to guard against and that is the disposition to indulge in "slush." We used to read in the SCROLL such flattering reports of the conditions of each Chapter that one was impressed with the idea that there was practically nothing left to accomplish. The most complete victory over rivals, the most perfect harmony, the highest scholarship, the most untiring zeal for the good of each and all, the noblest manhood and in fact the very acme of success. From our experience in fraternity matters we are inclined to the opinion that no one Chapter of *any* Fraternity can truly claim the appellation of the *best* Chapters at the college or university at which it is situated, unless the college or university is a very small institution or the number of rivals is limited to one or two. Anyone reading such communications unless he is prejudiced to the extent of a "fraternity fanatic," will involuntarily take such statements at more or less discount and make some allowance for the writer's enthusiasm and love for his fraternity.

Where is the good in writing such statements even though they may be true to a certain extent? It may be said in reply that it encourages other Chapters, but on the other hand does it not create a disposition to rest on our arms - indulge in temporary if not perpetual relaxation and rest? If our idea

is already attained there is nothing left to strive for, and, judging from such reports, such is the case. The very conception that any Chapter has experienced all the good possible is the initial step toward its downfall. After all, if a Chapter takes our Bond and Constitution as its guide, and *works*, its encouragement will be in itself and of itself.

Reporters should confine themselves strictly to facts and make their reports as concise as possible, strive to make them interesting to the general readers and not merely of local interest, and above all never indulge in spiteful recrimination against rival fraternities even when just cause is given for complaint. Give scraps of Chapter history, standing in the eyes of the professors and college authorities, manner of conducting meetings, peculiarities of government and by-laws, amusements, descriptions of Chapter hall and its adornments, number and individual characteristics of members, progress and prosperity of other fraternities and of the college—the latter of especial interest—and many other items of a like nature that will suggest themselves to a judicious correspondent.

We make this suggestion to the members of our Chapters and are confident that, if acted upon, a decided improvement will be immediately noticed in our Chapter correspondence; after the best man has been chosen for Reporter, don't leave everything to him, but let each member make it a point to inform him of items of interest, and before his report is sent in it should be read at a meeting of the Chapter to see if it meets with the approbation of the other members. In this way criticisms or suggestions could be made and the views of the members as a body would be arrived at. A Reporter would thus be merely the mouth-piece through which a Chapter gives utterance to its feelings and opinions instead of being virtually the whole Chapter, as far as Chapter correspondence goes, as is now the case.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

U. V. BURLINGTON, VT., Jan. 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* We begin a new term and a new year with excellent spirits and send a happy new year to the whole Phi world. The December SCROLL was greatly enjoyed by us. Full to the brim with interesting matter and treating so fully and soundly questions of vital interest to the fraternity, we say emphatically *we must have the SCROLL*; and while speaking of the SCROLL and since you invite criticism, brother editor, we will simply say that it occurred to some of us in reading it that it would be more convenient, when we have occasion to refer to the articles in the SCROLL, as we often do, if the more lengthy of the editorials had headings to catch the eye.

In regard to the matter of exchange of SCROLL, Vermont Alpha is, almost to a man, heartily in favor of exchange. The sentiments expressed in the editorial in regard to the question, met with our approval most fully, as also do those in regard to the Whitehead affair. We earnestly hope that the G. C. will take immediate action in the matter, if the Chapters are in favor of the proposed change of policy.

As to the information you desire in reference to the fraternities represented in the U. V. M., we report as follows: Phi Delta Theta, twenty-five; Delta Psi (local), twenty-three; Lambda Iota (local), eleven; Sigma Phi (chaptered), ten; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies' fraternity, chaptered), ten. In my last report I said that we had taken in thirteen of the class of '86, which was not quite correct. Up to January 1st we have secured twelve of '86 and one of '85.

In conclusion we would like to suggest to the Chapter Reporters (we hope they will all see this suggestion) that they tell us what sort of exercises, both literary and social, their respective Chapters are accustomed to have. It seems to us that it would be a source of great profit and benefit to the Chapters, would secure such variety and novelty as would create and sustain a hearty interest in our work and keep us from falling into ruts and thus losing ground in the race for improvement. Fraternally,  
CHARLES F. BAILEY.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA., }  
January 23, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* I am sorry that no report from our Chapter appeared in the last issue of the SCROLL; but, as a recompense in part for the omission, I have the pleasure this time, to report affiliation with us of Brothers H. N. and W. H. Campbell, '84, who came to Lafayette at the beginning of this term, from Pennsylvania Gamma, at Washington and Jefferson College.

With this welcome and valuable addition, our Chapter now numbers eighteen active members.

We have been agitating somewhat, the question of refurbishing our Chapter room; and have even made a start in that direction; I shall probably have something further to report on the subject in a later issue. With best wishes for the success of the SCROLL, I remain, yours in the Bond,

F. M. HARSHBERGER.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

PENN. COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA., }  
January 9, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our vacation ended on the fourth, but two of our number, "Kiski P" and "Charles I," have not yet put in appearance. They will be here in a week or two.

A splendid time during vacation is reported by all except Shadle and Bergstresser, both of whom had the misfortune to be sick.

Yorger assisted Brothers Dyess and Hill to take care of the fair ones at Leechburg; and, according to report, he succeeded admirably. He still carries in his pocket numerous notes directed in a delicate hand.

Rensburg and Musselman spent their time in a study of social science from a scientific standpoint. Both made startling discoveries concerning the subject and have new theories to announce about it.

Marsh and Reinewald have such happy and smiling faces that we are confident *something* happened to both of them. Perhaps that's what made Marsh so late in getting back.

The faces of our freshmen and preps bear an expression of sadness which speaks volumes of the sorrow of parting from their —s.

We are now engaged in furnishing a new hall, our old one being too small and inconvenient.

It is the opinion of all of the brothers

to whom I have spoken on the subject that our ex-G. B. should get the g. b. (grand bounce) from the Chapter which initiated him. After treating us as he has, it is anything but pleasant to think of him as a "brother in the Bond."

As was stated in the last report of our Chapter, our boys believe that the SCROLL should exchange with other Fraternity journals.

We began this college year with fourteen men, and have initiated six, in all twenty. We are opposed by Phi Gamma Delta with fifteen men, Phi Kappa Psi with eleven, Alpha Tau Omega with ten, Sigma Chi with eight.

We are anxiously awaiting the new catalogue and will give it a warm reception when it comes. Truly yours in the mystic Bond,

M. LUTHER HOLLOWAY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COL., }  
WASHINGTON, VA., Jan. 11, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The readers of the SCROLL will doubtless infer that Pennsylvania Gamma has gone the way of all earth, but such is not the case. We have about come to the conclusion that such a sad fate has overtaken the new editor, as we have received no SCROLL for some time. We have heard nothing of the Phi Delta cause since the Richmond Convention, and of course know nothing of its proceedings except what we learned through our *delegats*.

The SCROLL, under the management of Brother Troxell, always contained something interesting and invigorating to every true Phi Delta Theta, and was always anxiously waited for and we hope it may not only continue as good but that its star of progress may ever be in the ascendancy. We think it was unnecessary to restrict the exchange of other Fraternity journals, as the SCROLL certainly compares favorably with other publications of a like character, and could in no way as we now view the matter deteriorate from the best interests of our Fraternity at large.

We have paid for nine copies and hope you will have them forwarded to us regularly, our back numbers included.

Pennsylvania Gamma is in a very prosperous condition and wishes all other Chapters a prosperous year's work. We have commenced another term's work with earnest hearts and willing hands, and the faculty here try to give us plenty of it to do. But on the journey of college life we come to a beautiful oasis every two weeks where we can

refresh ourselves and cheer each other to persevere in the toils of every day life and this pleasant retreat is found in the hall of Phi Delta Theta.

But while we have much pleasure at being reunited after our vacation, we are also sorry for having lost two of our best and most worthy members, Brothers H. N. and W. S. Campbell, of '84, who are now members of '84 at Lafayette, and we congratulate our brothers there upon securing two such agreeable Phi Deltas.

We have't much of a report to make, our Chapter at present as it is so early in the term and last term's battles are all fought and *won* and the victories duly recorded in the number of men we rescued from the ranks of the barbarians; in the number of the contestants whose names are found on our roll; in the good times we passed in each others company, etc., etc., unless it might be to say that we are attended with prosperity and good feeling. I am yours sincerely in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

J. R. McQUAIDE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, }  
MEADVILLE, PA., Jan. 22, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* In compliance with your request for a report of the number of members with which we began the college year, the initiates up to January 7th and the list of rival fraternities, we submit the following: We had thirteen members at the beginning of the last term, but expelled one, Willis N. Kerr; and have initiated two men since, Brother Grignon, who was mentioned in our last report, and Will R. Murry, of Corry, Pa., who united with our Chapter December 17, 1882. Brother Murry is a man of whom we have every reason to be proud and whose accession to our number will prove a benefit to us. The list of rival fraternities named in the order of their strength is as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta.

Brother R. R. Ross, who left college in the spring of '81, to engage in the book business, presented our Chapter on Christmas a very handsome album, bound in crimson plush. Brother Ross, by his continued, enthusiastic interest in our welfare, holds and ever will hold the warm place in the hearts of the boys which his kind heart and manly bearing made for him. He has within a few days been married to Miss Mary Willey, of Boston. The happy couple have the Chapter's heartiest congratulation.

Among the newly appointed officers in the military department we notice Brother E. H. Pond, captain; Brother W. W. Case, first lieutenant and Brother E. S. Blair, second lieutenant.

Brother C. W. Proctor, who has just returned from Hillsdale College, Mich., where he has been to initiate the members of the new Chapter established there, reports himself as highly pleased with our new brothers and prophesies for them the success which they merit. Pennsylvania Delta extends to Phis of Hillsdale hearty congratulations and best wishes for their prosperity.

Yours in the Bond,  
WILL H. GALLUP.

#### PENNSYLVANIA FPSILON.

CARLISLE, PA., January 27, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* We write you again and hope to see you this time. Our boys were greatly disappointed because the December number did not put in an appearance.

We are having grand times at our Chapter meetings. Last Friday evening was the most interesting thus far experienced in our new hall. We are moving along grandly, and managed to get every man for whom we tried.

We have the honor of being the strongest Chapter in the college, numbering sixteen strong Phis, nine of whom were captured this year. We will be three years old the fourth of next month. We would be pleased to receive a visit from any brother Phi who may pass this way.

We are now preparing for anniversary to be held on Friday evening, February 9th.

Word has been received that Brother Charles McAnney, formerly of Pennington, Seminary, has become a Phi in one of the Western Colleges; if this should come under his notice, he would do well to drop us a card, giving information of his whereabouts. We have a friend of his among the newly captured men, also of Pennington.

Yours in the Bond,  
J. WESLEY PERKINPINE.

#### VIRGINIA ALPHA.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VA., }  
January 24, 1884. }

*Editor Scroll:* Virginia Alpha, after a long silence, again comes to the front, and begs leave to inform the Phi world that she still lives. Yes, lives an honor to herself, an honor to the institution in which she is established, and an honor to the

great national order of which she forms a part. Mother as she is of all the Chapters in the great State of Virginia, she nevertheless has had difficulties to encounter and overcome, but at length overall victorious, we are now able to proclaim "old mother" to be in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Our silence cannot be attributed to the inactivity of the members, for all the while they have been loyal to Phi Delta Theta, and the Phis, after a long-fought contest, now "hold the fort" at Roanoke, which end they have been zealously striving to attain over the heads of organized Chapters of Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega. But they now wear the palm, and the "White and Blue" triumphantly floats to the breeze, and our beautiful little city, nestled away among the lofty ranges of Blue Ridge and Alleghanies, may justly be called a "dear Phi home." The other Fraternities may truly be said to be "a second Daniel come to judgment." And I now come with greetings from Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland and Ohio, a band of true and working young men, telling to our brothers all over the land that Virginia Alpha is with them, and bidding God speed to our brethren everywhere. Our boys who attended the Richmond Convention were elated, and are more enthusiastic than ever with the great work. And the happy pleasure experienced while there, have been laid away as cherished souvenirs and bright gems in the casket of memory.

But Virginia Alpha, as a unit, is heartily in favor of placing the SCROLL on exchange list. We cannot see what induced our convention, which made such choice decision in other directions, to decree that our beloved paper, under such efficient management, should remain *sub rosa*. But guess the decrees of "ye power that be," are implacable. We think the suggestion of submitting the advisability of placing SCROLL on exchange, to a vote of the Chapters, a good one. Only in this manner can we secure the happy result of which we will otherwise be deprived for the next two years.

Our boys have organized a "glee club," and many nights when the pale faced moon is shedding his midnight radiance on the quiet city, the beautiful strains of Phi Delta Theta songs are wafted out on the balmy breezes, to the delight of "fair maidens and brave men." We have the best musical talent in college, and what could we do without our

very *best* of friends, Walter Coontz? Not a great while ago we had a social and banquet at the Duval House, and it proved to be one of the pleasantest events of the season. The "beauty and chivalry" of the place were gathered there in considerable numbers, and the "sound of revelry" continued till a late hour. To do justice to the supper, in the preparation of which no expense had been spared, we can only say, "now, good digestion wait on appetite."

Our good work has been somewhat checked, and report to SCROLL been delayed by the breaking out of smallpox in our midst, and the consequent adjournment of college till the first of February. The boys have nearly all dispersed to their homes, but we hope to welcome them back soon.

We started the collegiate year with four men. We now have fourteen, making the largest order and composing the best material in college. Our new men, admitted to the mystic realm and allowed to don the "White and Blue" since convention, are Snyder, Baker and Swygert, a trio of whole-souled bearers of the "Sword and Shield." We must admit that Brother Snyder is our "ladies man," but he does it so elegantly, that I guess it will rebound to the best good of the Chapter. We have recently, at a considerable expense, fitted up a neat hall, believing an established place of meeting essential to the welfare and success of the Fraternity.

We have a strong hold in college. The larger part of the faculty are in full sympathy with us. Dr. W. B. Yonce is an honored Phi, having been a charter member in Pennsylvania, and he still loves the grand old order. The brother of Dr. Fox, and the brother of Dr. Dreher, President, are both Phis.

Brother C. N. A. Yonce, of the junior class, has entered the field contesting for the medal in Greek, and we are not only hopeful, but success is certain. All our men stand well in their respective classes.

Owing to my continual absence from Virginia Alpha, and on that account deficiency in knowledge of the internal workings of the Chapter, I wish the honor of Reporter transferred to Brother C. N. A. Yonce, box 120, Salem, Va.

And now, wishing for increased success prosperity in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which in the past has been so instrumental in the accomplishment of good, and hoping that the Phis throughout the length and breadth of our land will not be content with the

halo of light and radiant beauty reflected from the past record of the order to light their future way, but that they will labor diligently to eclipse all former efforts, I am, yours in the Bond,

C. J. GROSECLOSE.

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VIRGINIA BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Jan. 12, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Since last writing it has been our good fortune to add four good men to our number, Brothers Long, Buchanan, Hordaway and Jackson. At a recent meeting of the club, a unanimous resolution was passed to the effect that in our judgment the SCROLL should *not be kept sub rosa*.

Yours in the Bond.

E. C. HUFFAKER.

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VIRGINIA GAMMA.

RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, }  
January 25, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We regret to send our report in this month with no additional members, but as we try to get the *best* and only the *best*, could not make up our minds; two men we selected before the Beta Theta Pi's had secured them. Our opponents are the Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha, *Skull and Bones* and the Kappa Sigma Kappa.

The Beta Theta Pi have a strong chapter here, but as we have succeeded in taking one of their elected why can't we do the same thing again.

I have heard it said that the Kappa Alpha has its largest Chapter at this college. It is true two of the professors march under their banner, notwithstanding these difficulties, Brother Moss took the math. prize from them.

Wishing success to our sister Chapters, and looking forward to our future prosperity, we are fraternally yours in the Bond,

W. G. TOWNSEND.

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VIRGINIA DELTA.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 26, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* At the request of our regular Reporter, I shall endeavor to send you a report of our Chapter.

We began the session with seven men, Currie, Fowlkes, Lyons, Puryear, Shipman, Stearns and Thornhill. We have not added any to our roll, and hence remain seven still.

There are two other Fraternities here, Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha. Sigma Chi also has one representative.

We were all greatly surprised to hear that there was any thought of discon-

tinuing the publication of the SCROLL. For our part, we shall agree to that only as *un dernier ressort*; for it would be the death to the whole Fraternity.

We agree heartily with what you say concerning the case of the ex-G. B., and hope that some action will be speedily taken.

Our Chapter seems to be somewhat divided concerning the advisability of placing our paper on the exchange list of other similar publications; but I will bring the matter up at our meeting next Monday night, and let you know their opinion.

Before closing, I should like to make a correction in your directory. The name of our regularly elected Corresponding Secretary or Reporter is V. L. Fowlkes, and not (your truly,)

FRANK PURYEAR.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, }  
SPARTANBURG, S. C., Feb. 3, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll*: At the request of Bro. Pegues, I write this report. South Carolina Alpha, though late in sending in her report, is still flourishing.

We have ten members now, who are, taking everything into consideration, among the best students in college. Some of our members have taken the highest honors in the literary societies. Brother A. G. Rembert has been elected Chief Marshal and an annual debater.

Brother Marley Pegues has been appointed chairman of reception committee. These three positions are very important ones, and we are proud that our members have the honor filling them.

We have taken in one new man recently, Brother W. H. Massey, who will ever wear the shield and dagger with honor to the Fraternity.

We have succeeded in getting a permanent hall, and expect to make our meetings more interesting than they have ever been.

With the best regards of South Carolina Alpha to all Phis, I am yours in the Bond,  
COLIN D. JOHN.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, }  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 26, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll*: The South Carolina Beta has been under way for about two months and is running as smoothly as could be expected. Our number has increased to nine in spite of the fact that we were organized a little late in the session, and had to contend with three

other Fraternities which have been longer established. All we need, I think, to make us prosper, is a little more activity and energy which we will acquire as we grow more united and as we get more thoroughly organized. We have elected as our President Brother Dirrum, of Charleston, S. C., who assisted in establishing our Chapter here. The college in which our Chapter is located, has been in operation for about three years, and is rapidly increasing in renown, and consequently, we hope soon to have material sufficient to gather around us a respectable body of men. I am yours,  
W. D. SIMPSON, JR.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA.

ATHENS, GA., January 10, 1883.

*Editor Scroll*: Our former corresponding secretary was exceedingly inert and negligent in sending in the report of our Chapter, which we all deplore indeed; inasmuch as we regard that feature of our Fraternity journal not only the most important but the most readable matter therein contained. We will endeavor to be more prompt with our contributions in the future than in the past. We have all reassembled in college invigorated by our brief respite from the monotonous humdrum of college duties. Apropos, I must really embrace this opportunity for congratulating Brother Minor, Brother Smith, of Hogansville; Brother Coolley, from Lagrange; Brother Merritt, from Americus, and last but not least Brothers Paterson and Ashton, from Waynesboro.

With the hope that all of our numerous Chapters are prospering like Georgia Alpha, I subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

T. B. FELDER, JR.

#### GEORGIA BETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD, GA., }  
January 1, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll*: Although we have been comparatively silent this term we have been doing good work. There is quite a large attendance here this term, and we have the pleasure of introducing Brothers Hodges, Howard, Speer, Stansel, White, Hollingsworth, Quigg and Quillian, all splendid fellows and in every respect worthy to become Phi Delta Thetas. We have an active membership of twenty-eight and have not yet attempted to get a single man but we have succeeded.

Our banquet last commencement was a complete success, a good many of the Alumni were present. Last year we did finely, both in the literary societies and in the classes. Brothers McLarin and Gibson took the first and fourth honors in the graduating class. Brothers Murry and Harwell are on the third and fourth mark in the present senior class; Brothers J. F. Quillian and Green are on the second and third in the junior class. Brother Allen is leading the Sophomore, your Reporter is on the second and Brother Hankin on the third. We had twelve speakers on the stage commencement. Brother Griffin took the Boynton essay medal from the junior and senior classes. From the two literary societies we had three champion debaters, the two anniversarians and have one February orator, and we now have two editors on the staff of the *Emory Mirror*. This term Brother Murry represented the Few Society as anniversarian and Brother Harwell has been elected from the Phi Gamma. Our boys are at work and are contestants in every department, and we hope to number this as one of our most prosperous years in every department. Wishing prosperity and success to all the Phis,

I am yours in the Bond,

E. C. MOBLEY, JR.

### GEORGIA GAMMA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA.

*Editor Scroll*: After spending a delightful Christmas at home, we have returned, and now the tramp of the Phi (loaded with Xmas turkey) is heard on the University campus. Since our last report we have initiated two worthy men, viz: Mr. E. Hutto, '85, Americus, Ga., and Mr. S. P. Nottingham, Eastville, Va., '86.

As requested, I will state that there are three other Fraternities in college, viz: S. A. E.'s, A. T. O.'s and K. A.'s. The S. A. E.'s are at a low ebb. They have only four men, all clever fellows and deserve better luck. The A. T. O.'s number fourteen members, now composed of theologues and infants. Their best man, Mr. A. L. Dasher, has quit them. K. A. numbers thirteen men.

We began last October with eight men, we now number fourteen. Georgia Gamma is heartily in favor of putting the SCROLL on the exchange platform.

Yours Fraternally,

E. G. BASSETT, JR.

### ALABAMA ALPHA.

July 6, 1883.

*Editor Scroll*: At the opening of college last September we organized with eight members. Only seven were active members; one of the members declined to meet, as he is a very conscientious man (our Chapter is *sub rosa*) and a consistent church member.

Owing to the fact that our Chapter is *sub rosa* we have to contend with many inconveniences. We have to hold our meetings at the dead hour of night, and often in-out-of-the-way places.

But every member is "loyal, bold and true" to the "Shield and Dagger" and the "White and Blue," and since the beginning of the term we have initiated eight good men. The names of some have already been published, but for reasons already mentioned, I deem it prudent to withhold the names of the others.

We had a pleasant visit a few days since, from a former member of our Chapter. He is now attending college in a sister State.

One of our members has recently resigned college to enter business. Success attend him.

Another one of our members will resign college shortly to attend a sister institution in this state. We regret very much to lose these brothers from our ranks, and hope they will see fit to return to our institution where they can partake more fully of the benefits of Phi Delta Theta.

There are but two Fraternities at this institution, the noble Phi Delta Theta and the Alpha Tau Omega. As they are *sub rosa* I am not able to state their (A. T. O.) strength, but suffice it to say that the Phis stand first in their classes, first in society, first in offices (this is a military institution) first in literary societies, first in the estimation of the faculty, first in the favor of the ladies and first in true fraternal spirit or *solidness*, as it is generally termed.

In regard to the editor's exchange of Greek journals, this Chapter has discussed the matter and is decidedly in favor of it. This exchange will keep Phis posted with the Greek world—a state of affairs much to be desired. Besides, as has already been urged, it is impossible to keep the SCROLL within its legitimate bounds, and information dishonorably obtained will be dishonorably used. Let us hear from all the Chapters on this subject.

"GYPSEY LEE."

## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., January 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It is our pleasure to report Mississippi Alpha in a flourishing condition. Since our last communication to you, our members have all been in fine health and progressing finely with their studies. Our school exercises were suspended eleven days for the boys to go home to spend Christmas. Nearly all the students left for home to spend the holidays and I am happy to inform you that our men all returned promptly to school, after having enjoyed themselves immensely during the Xmas recess. They are now very high spirited and have resumed their studies with unprecedented zeal and energy, and they seem further to be determined now as formerly to stand first and foremost in their classes.

Brothers Hill and Holman who left for home during the fall to mourn the loss of a deceased sister, have not returned to us yet, the former is reading law at home and will not return before next session, the latter will return in February. We will give him a hearty welcome on his return. We are still buoyant spirited over our recent success, and believe our future to be very bright indeed. I remain yours fraternally,  
L. A. WEISSINGER.

At first opportunity Mississippi Alpha has acted on the question presented to the Chapters by the G. C. and she is in favor of exchanging with other Fraternity Journals. REPORTER.

January 13th.

## TEXAS ALPHA.

TEHUACANA, TEX., Jan. 27, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I am glad to say, notwithstanding the many difficulties we have had to contend with during the present year, that we are prospering, are having good success in our work, and are striving to keep up this, the Southwest corner of our Phi world. Although we have to meet *sub rosa*, we have some gay times, and frequently find a boy worthy of our brotherhood, and let him ride our well-fed "goat." Our numerical strength is not as great as I have seen it, but we are not working for that, but we are working for intellect and morality. We find that too many fraternities do not pay enough attention to the moral characters of their men. Nothing would make me vote for turning a member out of our Fraternity quicker than to see him take a drink of whisky or hear him swear an oath; we propose to take the

bible for our standard, and we do not find any such teachings there. We do not believe that a Phi should do or say anything he would not be willing for his mother, sisters or sweetheart to see or hear. But notwithstanding this, we know of and know some Phis who indulge in these things to some extent; the boys of Texas Alpha do not keep such in their Chapter. Our boys are sociable, and if any of the boys from any part of the Phi world, chance to be passing through the "Lone Star State," we ask such to make it convenient to call at Trinity University, and we will assure a pleasant visit; do not think because we are separated from the other Chapters by distance, we are not near every Phi, and the Fraternity at large, great success during the remainder of the year, I am yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, }  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 24, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Tennessee Alpha has been so busy trying to concoct some scheme to evade the anti-fraternity law, which the faculty of Vanderbilt are endeavoring to enforce to their fullest extent, that she has neglected to forward her regular monthly report to the SCROLL, for the past two months.

Since our last, Tennessee Alpha has had a pretty tough time of it. She has met with reverses that compelled Bro. Gilbert to resign as Reporter, and for the time being must keep some of our oldest and best members from attending our regular semi-monthly meetings. Dr. Garland (old Gray), the chancellor of the university, made an announcement in chapel a week or so ago to the effect that students, who had any connection whatever with secret societies or any secret organization of any kind, should not be allowed to receive a diploma or enter a contest for any of the honors of the university. Each man must swear upon his sacred honor that he has not attended meetings, or, in any way connected himself with Fraternities since December 22, 1882, before he can receive an honor from Vanderbilt University. This will necessarily keep the greater part of our brothers from our meetings as the most of them are seniors, or candidates for commencement places. But we who have nothing at stake, but the welfare of

our Chapter, have no idea of discontinuing our meetings. On the contrary we shall meet as usual and will have the pleasure in introducing to the Phi world, before a great while, some as fine men as were ever taken into any Chapter.

Tennessee Alpha is doing well. Our rivals acknowledge our supremacy. There are represented here three other Fraternities beside the Phis. The Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi and the W. W. W. or Rainbows. The Phis and Betas are the most intimate, and generally go together in elections. If there were no anti-fraternity law hanging like a pall over our heads, we would have no rivals, as a Chapter, in the Greek world.

We are especially proud of three men, recently captured from the barbarian ranks—*i. e.*, G. H. Armistead, of Tennessee, formerly a D. K. E. from Oxford, Miss. He has carried off nearly every honor that that university confers, and in addition wears two medals given to the first honor man at the high school of Richmond, Va. Brother Snodgrass, of Tennessee, is one of the finest writers and most eloquent young orators of the South. Through him we expect to capture the Founders Law medal this year. Brother L. H. Williams, of Alabama, is universally loved and respected and before a great while we hope to see him succeed his father in the halls of Congress, where we feel he is destined to represent the State and people he loves so dearly.

During February we must bid farewell to some six or eight of our brothers who are in the musical and pharmaceutical departments. The day of their departure will be one of sorrow and regret to their many friends. They are noble minded boys and have done most excellent work for their Fraternity. May fortune follow them into the world of business they are about to enter.

Let us not think of discontinuing the publication of the only paper we have, but on the contrary let each Chapter endeavor to assist the editors and make it one of the best publications of its kind. Make it a magazine worthy of our order. The convention made a move in the right direction, in having the SCROLL enlarged but we regret that it did not move further and take steps to have a more ornamental covering and instead of having it one-third larger to double its former size.

Our Chapter ordered some time ago, a Phi cigar. They arrived last week and our boys have been smoking continu-

ally since their arrival. It was an excellent hit, and we have compliments passed upon them on every hand. Each cigar has a band around it, on which is an exact cut of our badge in blue and white. The brand is pronounced by experienced smokers to be the best five cent cigar ever sold in Nashville. Any brother wishing to procure some of them can do so by addressing myself or W. D. Mayo, West end Waystone, Nashville. They can be had at the rate of \$4 30 per hundred.

Hoping soon to receive the next issue of the SCROLL, I remain

Yours in the Phi Bond,

J. M. BRENTS.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 23, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Tennessee Alpha Alumni has suspended, for a short time, her regular meetings. Brother Fleming has got married. Brother Goodpasture has gone up the country to take depositions in a contested election case; Bro. Manier is out on the road traveling for his shoe house; Brothers Taylor and Steger are busy in the Legislature, and intend to have passed a resolution giving us the privileges of the capitol building during our Convention in 1884; Brother Palmer is hard at work on the new catalogue, and Brothers Jackson and Price are engrossed in their law practice. During the temporary disorganization the Alumni meet with the Tennessee Alpha. We are helping the Vanderbilt Phis smoke the new "Phi Delta Theta cigars," which is one of the best and most popular brands sold by the Nashville tobacconists.

In the Bond,

ALUMNUS.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 4, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The failure to hear regularly from A. A. A. must not be regarded as significant of our indifference or inactivity. Though few in numbers we are plenteous in zeal, and rich in hopes, the fruition of which we are already beginning to enjoy. I suppose there is nowhere within the pale of our order a more thorough and complete State organization than here in Alabama, and as the restrictions that hedge the Alpha boys prevent them, in "term time," from actively co-operating to work up our annual conventions, this work (and it is a work brothers devolves chiefly upon the alumni boys.

So you see from the very nature of our Phi labors, we may appear "dormant" to the rest of the Fraternity world, yet were you here upon the theatre of activity I believe your Phi heart would expand with a consciousness of pride and pleasure to note the glorious fruit of our exertions.

But along with this good news we tell you our tale of sorrow; the untimely death of "Bud" Redd (Alpha '84) is too sad a theme on which to linger, for to do so would be to rehearse painful memories, speak of sorrowing and oppressed hearts, trappings of mourning and woe. This is the second link that has been severed from the chain of our brotherhood by the cruel and insatiate archer. I presume a sense of modesty (whose exercise in this instance should be pardoned) will prevent our buds at Auburn from reminding the SCROLL and the Phi world generally that they have performed "deeds of valor" that should render us proud of their courage, energy and action. You have heard and know against whom and what they have to contend—yet notwithstanding, they have erected in six months, upon the ruins of opposition and prejudice, a Chapter of which any Fraternity might boast. Knowing and appreciating what they have endured, 'tis not strange that I nor you, brother, in contemplating such quality in our order should exclaim: "Such is the stuff that Phis are made of."

Fraternally,  
ALVA FITZPATRICK.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### OHIO BETA.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }  
DELAWARE, O., Jan. 17, 1833. }

*E. Litor Scroll:* When the year opened last fall we made a solemn vow that if possible Ohio Beta would have a report in each issue of the present volume of the SCROLL; and although at some times the Fraternity spirit is low in college and nothing of seeming importance going on, yet we can manage to say every time that we are still on the field holding our own. But this time the materials for discussion are so plenty that they only trouble I have is in framing them into sentences.

The usual quiet attending the opening of the winter term of school has been broken into; I will not say rudely, for one from my standpoint is scarcely able to judge, yet we are inclined to say "It were better had it never been." It

is not frequently that a man is "lifted" from one Fraternity to another, still ever and anon some one, sometimes from one motive and sometimes from another, is impressed with the idea that he is not in the right place, so he calmly puts himself out before the college world, a subject for conversation, yes *stander*, for days and weeks to come. In short he is "lifted." Chi Phi last week surprised us by coming out with one of Sigma Chi's men. As yet no reason for this action has been given to the outside world, so we are left to draw our own conclusions. Is mere dissatisfaction a sufficient cause for a man to change his Fraternity relations; to forsake the cause he has pledged himself to support; to prove treacherous to his own oath? In some cases there are reasons of sufficient weight to allow him to act thus. But unless a man is able to justify himself before the world, he had best, even if he severs his old, make no new fraternal connections. Better than all, stay by the old ship, as long as she keeps you above the billow.

In pursuance to the call issued in December SCROLL we will try and give our several rivals a friendly mention. Theta Deuteron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta numbers fourteen and holds a good position in the university. The monthly journal of the Fraternity, the *Phi Gamma Delta* is published under the management of this Chapter. Mu, of Delta Tau Delta, has twelve members and her men are of good rank in college. Phi Kappa Psi has a like number. Both of these Fraternities were greatly weakened by graduating large classes last year. Beta Theta Pi has eleven men, and is once more on good footing. Two years ago her outlook was not the brightest, but now she is attempting to regain her former standing and with good success. Alpha of Sigma Chi has lost some of his pristine glory and power, yet still has a modestly strong footing, with several good men in her cause. Six completes her roll. Chi Phi has only seven men, but her men are mostly in lower classes so her outlook is good. Last but not least let me give personal mention. Phi Delta Theta started in the fall with ten men. Initiated three and now numbers thirteen. All the Fraternities have good halls and meet weekly on Saturday nights. An attempt was made recently among some non-frats to charter a new Chapter, and accordingly applications were sent successively to several Eastern fraternities but without success.

Finally several more local organizations were applied to, but as yet the "barb" mourneth for the light of Grecian civilization in vain.

Hoping soon to greet the appearance of the February number,

I am yours in the Bond,  
J. ED. BROWN.

### OHIO GAMMA.

ATHENS, O. January 21, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Since the Phis have gathered together fresh and smiling from the Christmas holidays, the most important event at the O. U. has been a grand "rush" between Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi; which, according to all party justice, resulted in a glorious victory for the former. We Phis had come to the conclusion that it might be proper to allow the Betas to wear plug hats and swing canes, but that it was beyond all reason that they should sit upon chairs at their meetings. We were therefore combating for an idea, and amid all the dreadful sounds of conflict, —amid splashing waters, rattling doors and crashing glass, our hearts remained undaunted and we forever more established the fact that the proper place for Betas to sit is upon the floor.

For some time Ohio Gamma has counted among its alumni two members of the bar of that place. To these there has been added a third since our last report. We had hardly caught a good glimpse of the New Year when his smiling face was eclipsed by that of Virgil Constello Sowny, who sailed down from the capitol in all his glory and legality, after a more than successful examination. We should like to hope that he would not, for some time, follow the matrimonial example of his brother Phis and lawyers of this city, but would continue for some time to meet with us occasionally as a jolly bachelor—but we should be hoping against hope.

During Christmas week Athens received a short visit from Brothers John Laird and T. A. Jones, of '81. At such times we often have ample opportunities for quite an Alumni gathering. Ohio Gamma, while she appreciates the reasons for an exchange, as urged by the editors of the *SCROLL*, yet feels that Phi Delta Theta should have some periodical not public in its character, and as she has but the *SCROLL*, votes unanimously against exchange.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

### OHIO DELTA.

WOOSTER, O., Jan. 12, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* After a jolly vacation when all Phis certainly had their full share of enjoyment, we are again glad to come upon the field of action and say that our Chapter has entered upon a new term as well as a new year in good condition and with bright prospects. At the close of last term we had sixteen men and we begin this with fifteen members. Last term was indeed a bright period in the history of Ohio Delta, as we were successful beyond our most sanguine hopes in securing good men. From the beginning till the close of the last term we initiated eight men. Eight Fraternities have Chapters here, Sigma Chi has fifteen members; Delta Tau Delta, sixteen; Phi Delta Theta, fifteen; Beta Theta Pi, thirteen; Phi Kappa Psi, sixteen; Phi Gamma Delta, eleven; Kappa Kappa Gamma ladies' twelve; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies') fifteen. Brother R. M. Todd is not back this term, but instead has obtained a business situation at his home in Urbana. Brother Miles has not yet returned on account of sickness, but we expect him soon. Our boys are heartily in favor of exchanging the *SCROLL*. We think there is nothing published in its columns that is not creditable to the Fraternity and that it would be better for the Fraternity to place it on the exchange list.

Fraternally,  
C. F. MILLER.

### OHIO EPSILON.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, }

AKRON, O., January 22, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The new year at Buchtel started with ten men, and there has only been one added to that number during the year. We have two men pledged for the coming term and expect to initiate them in a short time. Our object is not the quantity of number but the quality of each one that seeks to enter our order. With only one other gentleman Fraternity here, that of Delta Tau Delta, we are safe in waiting until we see the true merits of each man. We do not hesitate one moment to say that we get the cream when we drop our spoon upon the pan. We are upon the best of terms with both the lady Chapters that are represented here. They are the Delta Gamma and the Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Brother S. L. Thomson, '85, represented the students upon Founder's Day, 18th inst., and Brother F. O. Payne composed the song.

The result of our last election was as follows: President, A. A. Kohler; Secretary, Carry Jones; Treasurer, A. F. Schumaker; Historian, J. K. Pleasants; Warden, F. S. Apt; Chaplin, D. R. Crissinger. Yours in the Bond,  
ROLLA LOUDENBACK.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA.

DANVILLE, KY., Jan. 12, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* We believe this is to be a double number of the SCROLL, so we will try to make our report as brief as possible. Our Chapter began the year with nine men and four have since been initiated, which swelled our number to thirteen, but three of our boys have left college and our number is reduced to ten, all good, active workers, and among the best in college. We are opposed by Beta Theta Pi with eleven and Sigma Chi with nine men. We issue a semi-monthly paper called the *Shield*, devoted to the interests of our Chapter and to the interests of all Phis.

All the boys speak highly of the SCROLL and are much pleased with it, saying that its beauty of type cannot be surpassed. The K. M. I. boys having failed to procure a charter, are thinking either of forming a local Chapter or connecting themselves with some other Chapter. Wishing the SCROLL and Phi world success, we remain,

Yours Fraternally,  
M. R. HUBBARD.

#### OHIO ALPHA ALUMNI.

CINCINNATI, O., January 23, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* If all Alumni Chapters neglect their duty of informing you of their existence—as the O. A. A., I am afraid the active Chapters will think we take no interest in the Fraternity and that we are a Chapter only in name. But if this impression has gone forth and has taken root in the minds of these Chapters, now is the time to uproot such unjust and incorrect views. We do not report regularly because we do not have the material out of which we could, did we so desire, run up the curtain and present a new and beautiful scene to an enlightened audience of Phis. That we have existence none can doubt or deny. But the Chapter, being composed chiefly of business men, cannot have meetings every week or two; nor, are we permitted (and rightly) to bring some poor, unpolished and “nor-is-to-be-

laughed-at” barb into the realms of civilization by putting him “under the ropes” of Phi Delta Theta, and teaching him (*ad libitum*) how to ride the “Billy” correctly by catching him on the “fundamental principles” so as to be able to overcome the stern necessities. Had we the liberty of our college days we would awake some poor Reporter to a lively interest. But we live and our number still continues to increase. We were sorry that we could not press one of our members into going to Richmond and regretted still more that the next Convention could not meet in “Paris of America.” It would be a great pleasure to show the Phis the beautiful sights and retreats which our city affords and above all the young ladies of whom too much could not be said either morally or physically. Our Chapter is composed of preachers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, bankers, U. S. guagers and gentlemen of leisure. Now if any Phi man wants to come and see us we will put him through from the pulpit to the dissecting room. But Phis being as a general rule moral men, we would prefer to leave out the latter place lest their “internal feelings” should give vent with spasmodic out-breaks of a good but slightly digested material. But I must desist, trusting that any Phi coming to the city will call and see us. Yours in the Bond,

W. H. HAWLEY.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI.

WAVERLEY HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
January 25, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* It is with pleasure that I again communicate with you, though I regret that my report cannot be from a live, active Chapter such as the Virginia Delta for which I reported last session. There are only two Phis now studying at this seminary—Brother S. P. Smith, Indiana Delta, '81-'82, and the writer, Virginia Delta, '81-'82.

The Kentucky Alpha Alumni, as an organization, is doing nothing now. The roll embraces many of the most successful and influential men in the city, and though now deeply engaged in life's sterner realities to the exclusion of Fraternity interests, yet they are splendidly illustrating the principles of that Bond which they once signed with youthful ardor. Though separated from the active Fraternity world, and from my own loved Chapter, I am none the less a Phi. In the Bond.

CARTER HELM JONES.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Jan. 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It is rather late in the month to send in a report; but I hope not too late. Since the last report we have not initiated anyone; but we are still active and in an excellent condition, with prospects for a career of usefulness during this term. College opened here January 4th with almost all of last term's students in attendance and also several promising looking new ones.

Brother Mayes is again with us, after an absence of six or seven weeks. Bro. W. H. Holland, '85, who was out of college all last term will probably be in this term. All the boys report a pleasant time at home during the holidays. In last month's report I neglected to state that Brother Wells had been spiked hard by the Sigma Chi; but was invincible and when we spiked him he said he had been waiting for our invitation. The Sig's give us credit for spiking Karl Eigenman, one of their two new men. This is not true. We did not spike him nor contemplate such an act.

We began last term with twelve members and have since initiated nine. We begin this term with twenty-two; Phi Kappa Psi has twenty or twenty-one; Sigma Chi, fifteen; Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta twelve each.

We would like to see a report from every Chapter. It is annoying to wait for months for a report from some Chapters, and sometimes we almost fear that they are dead. Indiana Alpha is thankful to the G. C. for appointing Brother P. H. Clugston Province President. It was a wise choice as he is in every respect capable of fulfilling his duties. Success to the Phis.

S. G. RAMSEY.

## INDIANA BETA.

WARASH COLLEGE, }  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., }  
January 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* After a pleasant vacation of two weeks we are again ready "to do and dare for the eternal right." Our Chapter has considerable opposition to contend against, but composed as it is of earnest, hard working men who know "no such word as fail," we always come in for our share of the spoils and generally that share is large enough to be satisfactory. At present we num-

ber thirteen men, which is considered a good Chapter here. But few new students have made their appearance this term and probably two or three new additions will complete our work in that line for this college year. The resolutions of Indiana Alpha in regard to making the SCROLL an exchange paper, have been approved by our Chapter and we hope to see them carried out, believing it to be the best interests of the Fraternity. It would certainly be very unwise to suspend the publication of the SCROLL and we regret to know that necessity has brought this before the Chapters for discussion. One thing seems to us to be evident. There is too much money expended on Conventions, etc., and not enough care and economy exercised in the disbursements of the funds. There are Chapters, and good ones too, which in paying the assessments of the general treasury and keeping up their local expenses are closely run. A special tax, particularly at this time, is only an additional burden. If necessary the Fraternity can succeed better with fewer Conventions than without the SCROLL, and rather than see it go under we would prefer to reduce its size. While Indiana Beta is as loyal as any Chapter, yet without bringing any one individual to account, we believe that reform in some respects would be attended by no injury, but on the contrary positive benefit.

THOMAS WILKES.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, }

IRVINGTON, IND., Jan. 12, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* As becomes our duty, and moreover in order to quiet the uneasiness of the Province President and kind and anxious friends, Indiana Gamma presents herself to sister Chapters through the medium of the SCROLL. As our previous reports have not been published, it will be necessary to review our work from the beginning of the session. The outlook from the start was most encouraging and our predictions of success have become verified. Thirteen members, zealous in their love and work for Phi Delta Theta, had returned and the especial care to each seemed to be to protect and promote the interests of the Chapter. Our number was soon swelled to sixteen by the initiation of J. B. Miller, of Ohio, and C. L. Donnell and Charles Darrach, of Indiana, into the mysteries and rich privileges of our beloved Fraternity. These brothers have

proved worthy and valuable additions to our Chapter, and it is with pleasure that I introduce them to the Phi world. Our rivals are Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta. They have made but little progress thus far—the former having secured but one new man while the latter has taken none. Their numerical strength is nine and four members respectively. Harmony more than usual has prevailed in our Chapter, and the general good feeling that exists between the members can be attributed largely, I think, to the little “spread” of catables and the unrestrained merriment that we are accustomed to have about twice during a term. We take especial pleasure in congratulating the Convention upon its choice of President. Bro. Brown is one of Gamma’s most cherished sons, and we feel assured that he will reflect honor upon her as well as himself by a vigorous and prosperous administration. We wish to say that our sentiments are with Indiana Alpha as regards the exchange of the SCROLL with other Fraternity journals. But that we may not transgress the limits allowed us, we will close our report, wishing success thought the new year to all Phis. Truly in the Bond,

L. D. GUFFIN.

#### INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, }  
FRANKLIN IND, Jan 25, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Judging from the “important” card just received, we believe our new editor means business, and rather than delay the publication of the SCROLL, we shall send in our message immediately. We commenced the work of the new year by initiating Brother Will Featherngill, class '87, who is in every way worthy of the honors of our Fraternity. We began last term with nine members, have initiated five and have twelve active members at the present time, who will represent us in class honors and in our literary societies. Although we have no rival fraternities, nevertheless our way is not clear. The barb element here is very strong, yet we have succeeded well, not having lost a single man we “spiked.” We, with our sister Chapters, long for the day when the new catalogue shall make its appearance. We all praise the commendable enterprise shown by the editor in his determination to make the SCROLL a journal worthy the support of the Fraternity. Yours Fraternally,

J. W. FESLER.

#### INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER, IND., Jan. 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report nothing of great moment has occurred at our Chapter. We have not initiated any men since September, and at present have none in view that we expect to initiate soon. We started out at the beginning of the year with eleven men and since then have received but two more, making thirteen in all. We haven't as many members as we had last year, but our number is still larger than any of the opposing Fraternities. Sigma Chi has nine members; Phi Gamma Delta, seven; Delta Tau Delta, seven, and Beta Theta Pi, six. With reference to reversing the action of the Convention with regard to the SCROLL, I would say that it is the will of our Chapter that the SCROLL may be again exchanged. Yours Fraternally,

T. E. M.

#### INDIANA ZETA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Jan. 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Here we come again. We have tried in vain to attract your attention thus far and have failed to get in a report this collegiate year. Though we lost our report we still retain our courage and activity. We are glad to announce to the Phi world that the gallant barque, Indiana Zeta, started out on another year's cruise with all sail set, every rope taut, every man at his post and her canvas filled by a gentle breeze of prosperity. We have confidence in our crew. When we touched the wharf at our last commencement, six of Asbury's finest men disembarked and are now fighting well in the arena of professional life. We regretted their loss, but seven others have boarded to fill the vacancies, Brothers George, Spencer, Secrest, Hesler, Wood, Snyder and Savin, making in all, I think, twenty-two. The last two, like the magi, followed the star of empire, and found Phi Delta Theta, not in a manger but in an elegant hall, lively and happy. Savin is a resident of our American metropolis. Glad we are to possess the amalgamation of the Western study, good sense and the fire and energy of the East. We have the roost tree and we believe that the majority of the migrating birds will settle in our nest. The “barbs” came down upon us this year in hordes, but from these great flocks of black-birds we take only those with red wings. Yours in the Bond,

C. H. McANNEY.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

BANCROFT, MICH., Jan. 25, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Our Chapter is having a three-months vacation, our last term having closed in November, and the next to begin February 20th. We began the last term with fourteen members and soon initiated four more from the freshmen, at the same time losing Brother Atchison, who was obliged to leave college on account of ill health, making a membership of seventeen at the close of the term. We are opposed by one Fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta, which is about equal to us in numbers. Most of our brothers are teaching school this winter, but we expect them back at the beginning of the term and hope to do some good work. We hope to send a fuller report for next issue.

CHARLES BAKER.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, }

HILLSDALE, MICH., Jan. 22, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Michigan Gamma is no longer a creature of the imagination but a reality; which announcement could not have been made had it not been for the pertinacity and care with which Brother Shunck and others here labored in organizing and pressing our claims. No less do we appreciate the kind consideration of "those in authority," nor do we lightly deem those friends who have so warmly recommended us as worthy the favorable consideration of the "brotherhood." Brother Proctor, of Pennsylvania Delta, who was officially appointed to establish the Michigan Gamma made a fine impression upon our men; if he is a fair representative of what it takes to constitute a Phi, we feel that in entering the "mystic circle" we have made a most valuable acquisition to our list of friends. The words of wisdom which Brother Proctor spoke to us and the success which he assured us if we but continue as we have begun, will be to us an inspiration to make the future of Michigan Gamma doubly sure. We have started with eleven members which we hope to increase to fifteen before the close of the term. Our only rivals are the Delta Tau Deltas, who are thoroughly established; we already have taken from them three of their prospective men, even after they had misrepresented us in anything but a gentlemanly spirit. There is plenty of good material to draw from and I know of no reason why I may not bespeak for the Chapter success.

F. W. HUNTER.

## INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNI.

FRANKLIN, IND., Feb. 7, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I beg your pardon in not answering your letter sooner. You want a report from Indiana Alpha Alumni. The Chapter's existence is only on paper and it has no report to make. I am no hand at writing fiction so must beg to be excused from my report. There are Phis here—plenty of 'em, but each has his separate altar on which he keeps the sacred flame burning, and we never get together as Phis. Perhaps in the future something may be done towards making the Chapter a reality but there is nothing in it now. Sorry to see that the SCROLL is in danger. There was a tremendous blunder somewhere or the SCROLL money would never have been touched for anything else. It was bad policy, for every tub ought to stand on its own bottom, and the Convention tax ought to pay for the Convention. It wasn't honest, for it defrauds the regular subscribers of what they paid their money for and the Convention had no right to vote other peoples' money for something for which it was not raised. It wasn't politic, for alumni will not be so apt to subscribe for something that is likely to be voted out of existence at any Convention and their money taken for something of little interest to them. Pardon the digression but Conventions ought to have a little judgment and sense of justice.

I can, perhaps, give you a few notes. George Banta, Indiana Alpha, '76, has a new Phi at his home, Sylvester Bergan, Indiana Epsilon, '72, now practicing in Western Pennsylvania, visited his parents and friends at Franklin recently. Has not forgotten his old love for Phi Delta Theta. Adam V. Spiney, Indiana Alpha, '80, recently took to himself a better half. James C. Norris, Indiana Gamma, will be married tomorrow (February 8th,) to Miss Carrie Vawter, of Franklin. To be a tony affair. There's one thing I wish to speak of. Every time I look at our directory I have my feelings harrowed up by seeing my *Alma Mater* put down as "Indiana State University." The real name of the institution as chartered is "The Indiana University." If you object to the "the" at least pull that "State" down out of there and oblige me and other Phis from that institution. If I can do the SCROLL any assistance at any time let me know and I will be on hand.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES BANTA.

## INDIANA BETA ALUMNI.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 24, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It is denied the alumni Chapters the right to make conquests among the heathen, but, doubtless, like Josiah Allen's wife, we have our proper "speah." The alumni of this city have shown unusual interest in the welfare of Phi Delta Theta and that interest is about to crystalize about a series of social meetings, the first of which will probably be holden at the residence of our honored President, Judge Elliott. Like other mortals we are subject to the ups and downs of this life;—for instance, one of our number, Brother Jack Landers has joined the innumerable but happy throng of Benedicts; Brother Professor Mark Brown is in Germany; several of us have been elected to office; several have not; Bro. W. D. Campbell has returned to this city, after much wandering to and fro in the earth, etc., etc. Thus the whirligig of time bears us along with varying degree of success, but it never changes or weakens our allegiance to our dear old Fraternity.

LELAND LULGROVE.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## ILLINOIS GAMMA.

January 6, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Illinois Gamma is entering on the new year with bright prospects. Two have entered our circle since my last report, and four are pledged for the next meeting, which will make fourteen active members. Phi Delta Theta is the only Fraternity in college except the I. C. (ladies'), so we have no opposition and can have the cream of the students. We are sorry to hear of the fact that the treasury is low and will send on our mite to fatten it

Yours in the Bond,

SUB ROSA.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

GALESBURG, January 6, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* We commence the new year with fifteen active members, having initiated seven new men last term. This is the most prosperous time Delta Chapter has looked upon for a long time. We are in a better relation with the opposing society, Delta Tau Delta, than ever before. We have made several improvements in our rooms and everything and everybody is in good working condition. We had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Swart and

Reynolds at our last meeting last term. They were both Phi Sigmas, and we gladly listened to their tales of "war and bloodshed." During vacation Brother F. E. Claycomb, '80, entered the matrimonial state. We wish him success. Brother White, the leader of our choir, has just reported for active duty. He is very frail and can't stand much Christmas. Brother Beacom and one young lady stayed here during vacation. He says he had a very pleasant vacation. As time is precious and space more so, I will wish all Phis a happy New Year.

Yours Fraternally,

A. T. WING.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

I. W. U., BLOOMINGTON, ILL., }  
February 1, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It is with much pleasure that I report through you to our Fraternity at large, the continued success of the Illinois Epsilon, so far during the school year. Prosperity has attended our best efforts on every hand, a natural result always of careful and persistent attention in Phi work. Here is our record: Number of members at beginning of school year, thirteen; number of members initiated this school year, eight; number of members affiliated this school year, one; number of old members come in this school year, two; total, twenty-four; left school, one; total number of active members now in school, twenty-three. On the evening of December 9th, we took in Brothers W. F. Muse, '83; J. W. Ransdell, '83 (law); J. B. Mecham, '86; Joseph Sterling, '86; all of whom had been spiked by our rival Fraternity, the Phi Gams. This term, Brother G. C. Elliott, '84 (law;) received a knowledge, etc., of Phi Delta Theta. These were the acknowledged pick of the "barbs" of our school. We are also glad to note the affiliation of Brother F. W. Ader, Indiana Zeta. The Phi Gams at present have twenty active men. During holiday our hall was repainted, handsome ceiling paper added and generally renovated, making us now a beautified and comfortable room in every respect. One of the most notable events that has occurred in the history of Illinois Epsilon, was the celebration of its fifth anniversary on Saturday, January 27th. At 9:30 a. m. we meet in Phi Hall, Durley Block (which was beautifully decorated with evergreens, etc.,) to hold our private exercises. Many absent members were with us, and we had a grand Phi love-feast.

Our pyx was opened and many a jolly morsel of wit, loyalty and love from absent and present members made merry the hours until e'en high noon, at which time we broke "the fraternal circle around the altar." A goodly number adjourned to a neighboring hotel for dinner, and, of course, had a Phi time. In the evening at 7:30, the Phis, the S. T. P.'s (God bless 'em) duly badged with the White and Blue and a number of friends from the city and abroad began to assemble in a society hall of our university, to listen to our public exercises, for which handsome invitations had been issued some time previous. Several members of our faculty and friends from abroad, together with the following list of visiting Phis completed one of the most select audiences ever assembled at our university: G. C. McEaden, Havana; Will S. Ruby, Bement; N. K. McCormick, Normal; W. H. Burks, Roanoke; W. D. Frantz, Ocoya; Will A. Jones, Plano; Hon. A. E. Stevenson and J. S. Ewing, city. The programme consisted of a history, oration, poem, prophecy and toasts, with responses, to each of the other Greek fraternities in our school. Music (all furnished by the members) was duly interspersed, and a recess was highly enjoyed by all present. One rather novel feature, which created much amusement during recess, was a large frame containing the picture of the Epsilon boys at ages ranging from one to ten years. We received showers of compliments upon the rendition of the programme and upon the way the evening passed off generally. I cannot help mentioning, before I close my somewhat lengthy report, that the writer with the assistance of Brother I. N. Van Pelt, of this Chapter, had the honor of initiating the nine charter members of the Kansas Alpha, a Chapter which was "worked up" by the efforts of Brothers Parmenter and Fullinwider, of this Chapter. We found the Kansas Alpha boys royal good fellows, and left them honored and loved brothers in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, fully convinced that the "Sword and Shield" had gained a renowned and lasting victory by her advent into Lawrence University. At a recent meeting this Chapter instructed the Reporter to say to the Phi world, that we of the Illinois Epsilon, are *unanimously* in favor of taking the SCROLL from under the rose, and favor its free exchange with other fraternity journals. Yours in the mystic Bond.

W. E. HIGUBEE.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY, )

MADISON, WIS., Jan. 9, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We are alive and happy, although we did not succeed in getting a report in the last number of the SCROLL. The boys are spending their spare time now preparing for the interfraternity ball, the great social event of our college year here which will occur February 21st. Those that can't dance are learning and those that can are trying their best to keep up in good prime. I suppose the great point of interest to the readers of the SCROLL is to know that we are happy and prosperous and that we are, yours in the Bond,

J. F. TOURTELLOTTE.

## ILLINOIS ALPHA ALUMNI.

CHICAGO, January 29, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Having little to report in the way of active work, the SCROLL readers have not seen many letters from this, the largest of our alumni organizations. There are on our rolls the names of about sixty Phis resident in this city, and it is safe to say that there are twenty more whose names have not yet been obtained. These are mostly men in active business, and their homes being scattered over forty square miles, it is very difficult to obtain a meeting. The Chapter has not met, in fact, for over a year, and the organization is little more than nominal. Yet the members are individually loyal, and are thoroughly interested in the welfare of the Fraternity, as any visitor to Chicago will find, by calling on a few of our Phis. It is indeed wonderful to see how proud many men who have been out of college twenty years are to claim a membership in Phi Delta Theta. Illinois Alpha Alumni comprises some of the solid men of Chicago, and, while it does not meet often, it will turn out on occasion, and wishes to be considered still as a reliable unit in the Chapter roll of our beloved Phi Delta Theta. In the Bond,

REPORTER.

## ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNI.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, )

GALESBURG, ILL., Jan. 31, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Galesburg and vicinity has been for years almost a hot-bed of Phis. The visitor to our quiet city will find a larger number of Phis to the square mile than anywhere else in the West. The list is maintained and con-

tinually augmented by accessions from the college Chapters in and near Galesburg, though we have representatives of three or four Chapters from a distance. The larger part of our membership is composed of affiliated Phi Sigmas from Lombard University, who make just as good Phis as though they had never belonged to any order but that of the White and Blue. Then we have regularly initiated Phis from Lombard and Knox. We regret most sincerely that our members in the latter college have not at present enough interest to keep up in the work, but, absorbed in other college matters, have of late almost totally neglected Phi Delta Theta. Illinois Beta Alumni does not meet often by itself, but is thoroughly interested in the prosperity of Phi Delta Theta, and makes its identity felt on the occasion of any reunion held by the active members of Illinois Delta or Zeta. We number twenty-five, and there are about ten alumni here whose names are not on our roll. With best wishes for all, Illinois Beta Alumni remains loyal to the Bond, and will welcome any brother from abroad.

Yours in the Bond,  
REPORTER.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA.

MU

*Editor Scroll:* Excuse Mu for having to be awakened, as it were, to get the January report. We are not, nor have not been asleep, but only awaiting the December SCROLL—which from appearances we fear we will continue to await. Our seven seniors are at the present considerably engaged in connection with the honors of the class. We have one and might have had three on the list for Washington's Birthday exercises had not two aspired higher and resigned—they are interested in oratorical honors and the valedictory. The semi-annual examinations have just closed and in German, Greek, Latin and Hebrew one of our boys stands at the head. In chemistry, physics and another Latin class, a prosperous Phi leads. In mineralogy and zoology—in the former we tied and the latter we lead. Such is Mu's report. So with a *new* to the other Chapters and hopes that their reports may compare favorably, we are as ever,

In the Bond.

MU.

#### MISSOURI BETA.

FULTON, Mo., Jan. 8, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The December number of the SCROLL came to hand on the 6th inst., and was, as always, gladly received. We have not much to report except that I (I can only speak for myself) had a grand picnic during the holidays and converted several of Fulton's belles to a love for Phi Delta Theta, which is equalled by their love for nothing, unless it be that which they have for your humble servant. You ask in an editorial in the SCROLL for criticisms and suggestions and, as I suppose that commendations will be equally acceptable, I will say that we are all much pleased, both with the management and the typographical appearance of our beloved journal. You also ask for certain "statistics" which I will endeavor to give below. We began the college year of '82 and '83, with nine active members (one of whom has left on account of failing health) and we have since initiated three good and true men. Our only rival, of whom we know for certainty, is Beta Theta Pi. She is, numerically, just about as strong as we are. There have, been for some time past, rumors of another Fraternity, but even its name cannot be definitely ascertained. By the way, we have in our Chapter a personage whose equal we are sure cannot be found in many of our sister Chapters. He is a Phi novelist who writes Phi novels about Phi characters. One of his productions is now being continued in our Chapter journal. Yours in the Bond,  
DON PEDRO BARTLEY.

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#### IOWA ALPHA.

MT. PLEASANT, IA., Jan. 12, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The Reporter of Iowa Alpha (Brother Carver,) desires me to furnish the communication from this Chapter to the January number of the SCROLL. Since receiving the December issue we have had no regular meeting of the Chapter, and, hence, have not discussed and considered questions suggested there. The opinions, therefore, that I herein express, are not authorized by the Chapter, but are my own conclusions after a careful survey of the questions discussed in the last SCROLL. In regard to the question of exchange, it is my opinion that it would be desirable and conducive to the best interests of the Fraternity. It would certainly give the editor of the SCROLL a broad

latitude, promote a healthy competition with other Fraternities, and very materially enlarge our knowledge of Fraternity life. There seems to be but one serious cry raised by those opposing the exchange system, that comes from *sub rosa* Chapters. Now a plan may be devised whereby *sub rosa* Chapters can continue their correspondence with the SCROLL, and no one outside of our own Fraternity, know from whence the communications come. There are but five *sub rosa* Chapters in our Phi world; let each of them select a *nom de plume* under which to conduct correspondence, and communicate the same to the editor of the SCROLL, who may then notify each Chapter (through its Reporters) the *nom de plume* corresponding to each *sub rosa* Chapter and the college in which it is established. By this means every Phi would know from just what Chapter and college each communication is issued, while others would be entirely in the dark as to the meaning of assumed names. It seems to me that this plan would give quite as secure protection, under an exchange system, as *sub rosa* Chapters now have with the SCROLL under the rose. We are much pleased with the SCROLL, its enlarged capacity furnishes a great improvement over the SCROLL of last year, and its mangement is able and altogether satisfactory. We regret the deficiency in the SCROLL fund, but will furnish our share of what is absolutely necessary to continue its publication. Iowa Alpha contains nine active members at present, most of whom are freshmen in the college course, and give much promise of future power to this Chapter in particular, and the entire Fraternity in general. Yours in the Bond,

J. F. RIGGS.

#### IOWA BETA.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, }  
IOWA CITY, Jan. 13, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We are highly pleased with the present management of the SCROLL and are glad to note its increased size and improved general appearance. We are unanimous in favor of the SCROLL being exchanged. Since our last report we have initiated two new men, Brother George Gruber and Charles Robertson. At present we have fifteen active members. We began the year with eight men and have since initiated seven. There are three other Fraternities represented here, Beta Theta Pi has sixteen men, Sigma Chi, fourteen, and Delta

Tau Delta, fourteen. Our first anniversary occurs February 3rd, and we intend to observe the event with appropriate exercises. Brother William George will represent our interests as Reporter for the remainder of the year.

I remain, yours in the Bond,  
P. L. SEVER.

#### KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., Jan. 27, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The Kansas Alpha knocks for admission to your columns. On the evening of November 24th, Brothers Higbee and Van Pelt, of Illinois Epsilon, took the barbaric scales from the eyes of nine young men of Kansas State University, and initiated them into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. We have been delayed a little in our work by Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and examinations, but we are getting down to work now. We have been meeting in the room of some one of our boys, but before another week we expect to have a hall. We have never come out as yet but will as soon as we get our pins, which we hope will be soon. We have a good deal of fun sometimes listening to the members of the other Fraternities who know that there is a Phi Chapter here but do not know who the members are. They all speak well though, of Phi Delta Theta. Among the young men here we have three Fraternities as rivals, viz: Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi of about fifteen members each, and Phi Gamma Delta with ten members.

Among the young ladies there are the I. C. and Kappa Alpha Theta. They all seem anxious for us to come out. One of our best young men had to leave school for the rest of this year, but he expects to be with us next year. The boys are all enthusiastic in our work. They are training the goat now for a freshman whom we expect to initiate soon. Our nine boys are divided in their college classes as follows: Three juniors, two sophomores, one freshman and three preparatory. We have had some share also of the honors in college. About two weeks ago the Presidents of the three literary societies here are all Phis, since then the term of one has run out. In my next letter I will write more fully. We expect to come out before then. Kansas Alpha sends love to all the Phis, any of whom we will make welcome if they will call on us. I am yours in the Bond,

JUSTIN P. JACK.

## BETA PROVINCE.\*

## MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI.

237 HANOVER STREET, }  
BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 1, 1883. }  
*Editor Scroll:* Your Reporter here has certainly been tardy in sending in his report. He will not make the matter worse by trying to excuse himself, but will hasten to make up for his silence. Although we are sometimes rather negligent of our duty the fires of Phi patriotism burn as brightly now in our breasts as they did when we "spiked" the green barbarians in our college days. We are glad to read and hear from our active brothers, of the success of our Fraternity. Whenever Phis come to Baltimore we hope they will call on some of us, if not on all; for a wearer of the Sword and Shield is always welcome to our homes. With many of the Pennsylvania Beta boys we are acquainted, as they frequently come to this city. From their Chapter we have obtained a valuable acquisition in the person of Brother H. D. Withers, '81, who is now studying medicine here. We occasionally see the smiling face of Brother Weber, '82, whose laughter and Phi love both seem interminable. We have all been so busy that we have not recently held a meeting, but we hope to do so soon. With many wishes to all our Chapters for their success and prosperity, and congratulations to the editors for our handsome and indispensable SCROLL. We are, yours in the Bond,  
REPORTER.

\*Received too late to be inserted in their proper places.

## VIRGINIA EPSILON.

*Special telegram to the Scroll.*

LEXINGTON, VA., February 15, 9:35—  
Editor SCROLL: Not much news from Epsilon. Brother Dodson left to assist father. Brother Turner has resigned Sub Professorship. Finances at low ebb.  
REPORTER.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*Special telegram to the Scroll.*

219 GOVERNOR ST., RICHMOND, VA.,  
February 15, 9:00—Editor SCROLL: Virginia Alpha Alumni in prime condition. Would like to have another Convention here. Greeting to all Phis. Full report soon.  
C. H. CHALKEY.

THE SCROLL, for the first time, contains reports from *every Chapter in the Fraternity*, but it required hard work to get them. As we had started out with the determination of having communications from each Chapter in this issue, we did not entertain, for a moment, the idea of a failure. Some Chapters had to be importuned two and even three times before they could be induced to report, and, in some cases, letters had no effect, so we resorted to the Western Union, and our "special telegrams" is the result. Minnesota Alpha is doubtless defunct, as neither the T. G. C. nor ourselves have heard from them since the Convention, although frequent efforts have been made to learn their condition. This issue contains reports from *forty-three* active and *nine* alumni, making a total of *fifty-two* Chapters, a larger number, by two, than any other Fraternity possesses.

## PHI DELTA THETA DIRECTORY

## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

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## OTHER FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities besides our own, which are established at the Colleges named in our Directory. The years our Chapters were chartered and the years other Chapters were organized are given. The interrogation point implies doubt as to a Chapter's active existence. We hope that our Reporters will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

## VT. A., '79; UNIV. OF VT.

Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local), '36; Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary), '36; Sigma Phi, '45; Delta Psi (not connected with chaptered fraternity of same name), '50.

## PA. A., '73; LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, '55; Zeta Psi, '57; Theta Delta Chi, '66; Sigma Chi, '67; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Chi Phi, '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75, Delta Beta Phi (?) '78.

## PA. B., '75; PA. COL.

Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Sigma Chi, '63; Alpha Tau Omega, '82.

## PA. G., '74; W &amp; J. COL.

Beta Theta Pi, '42; Phi Gamma Delta, '48; Phi Kappa Psi, '52; Delta Tau Delta, '61; Alpha Tau Omega, '81.

## PA. D., '79; ALLEGHANY COL.

Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Delta Tau Delta, '63.

## PA. E., '80; DICKINSON COL.

Phi Kappa Psi, '59; Sigma Chi, '59; Chi Phi, '69; Beta Theta Pi, '74.

## VA. A., '69; ROANOKE COL.

Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Chi, '72.

## VA. B., '73; UNIV. OF VA.

Beta Theta Pi, '50; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '52; Phi Kappa Sigma, '52; Phi Kappa Psi, '53; Chi Phi, '59; Phi Gamma Delta, '59; Beta Phi, '60; Sigma Chi, '60; Mystic Seven (local), '68; Alpha Tau Omega, '68; Zeta Psi, '68; Phi Kappa Alpha, '68; Kappa Sigma, '69; Kappa Alpha, (Southern) '73; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '78.

## VA. G., '74; R. M. COL.

Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Kappa Sigma, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '73; Sigma Chi, '74.

## VA. D., '75; RICHMOND COL.

Kappa Alpha (Southern), '70; Beta Theta Pi, '71; Alpha Tau Omega, '78.

## VA. E., '78; VA. MIL. INST.

Alpha Tau Omega, '65; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '65; Kappa Alpha, (Southern), '68; Sigma Mu (local), '68; Kappa Sigma, '73.

## S. C. A., '79; WOFFORD COL.

Chi Phi, '69; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Chi Phi, '71.

## S. C. B., '82; S. C. COL.

Chi Phi, '82; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '82.

## GA. A., '71; UNIV. OF GA.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '65; Chi Phi, '67; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '72; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

## GA. B., '71; EMORY COL.

Chi Phi, '69; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Alpha Tau Omega, '71; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '82; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

## GA. G., '72; MERCER UNIV.

Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '70; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '73.

## MISS. A., '77; UNIV. OF MISS.

Rainbow, '48; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '51; Delta Psi, '55; Sigma Chi, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '57; Chi Psi, '58; Beta Theta Pi, '79.

## TENN. A., '76; VANDERBILT UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, (branch of Chap. at Cumberland Univ.), '81; Rainbow, '88.

## OHIO B., '60; OHIO WESLEYAN UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, '53; Sigma Chi, '55; Phi Kappa Psi,

'61; Delta Tau Delta, '69; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Chi Phi, '73.

## OHIO G., '68; OHIO UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, '41; Delta Tau Delta, '62; Kappa Alpha Theta, (ladies) '76.

## OHIO D., '72; UNIV. OF WOOSTER.

Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Sigma Chi, '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '75; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Gamma Delta, '81.

## OHIO E., '75; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Delta Tau Delta, '73; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '77; Delta Gamma (ladies.)

## KY. A., '50; CENTRE COL.

Beta Theta Pi, '48; Sigma Chi, '76.

## IND. A., '49; IND. UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, '45; Sigma Chi, '50; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '70; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '73.

## IND. B., '52; WABASH COL.

Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Gamma Delta, '66; Phi Kappa Psi, '70; Sigma Chi, '80.

## IND. G., '59; BUTLER UNIV.

Sigma Chi, '66; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '78.

## IND. D., '60; FRANKLIN COL.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '69; Delta Gamma (ladies), '78.

## IND. E., '68; HANOVER COL.

Beta Theta Pi, '53; Phi Gamma Delta, '64; Sigma Chi, '71; Delta Tau Delta, '72.

## IND. Z., '69; IND. ASBURY UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Gamma Delta, '56; Sigma Chi, '59; Phi Kappa Psi, '65; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '66; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '70; Delta Tau Delta, '71; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '75.

## MICH. B., '73; ST. AGL. COL. OF MICH.

Delta Tau Delta, '72.

## MICH. G., '83; HILLSDALE COL.

Delta Tau Delta, '67.

## ILL. D., '78; LOMBARD UNIV.

Delta Tau Delta, '67.

## ILL. E., '78; ILL., WESLEYAN UNIV.

Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '75; Phi Delta Phi (Law.), '78.

## WIS. A., '57; UNIV. OF WIS.

Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '74; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '75; Chi Phi, '78.

## MO. B., '80; WESTMINSTER COL.

Beta Theta Pi, '65.

## KAN. A., '82; UNIV. OF KAN.

Beta Theta Pi, '82; Phi Kappa Delta, '81; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies.)

## IOWA A., '71; IOWA WESLEYAN UNIV.

Beta Theta Pi, '68.

## IOWA B., '82; ST. UNIV. OF IOWA.

Beta Theta Pi, '66; Delta Tau Delta '76; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies.)

## OTHER FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

We desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by all the Chaptered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with information needed to make the list of announcements complete:

Sigma Phi, Schenectady, N. Y., March 4, 1883.

Chi Phi, Albany, N. Y., October 17, 1883.

Delta Upsilon, Marietta, O., October, 1883.

Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, O., August, 1884.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, N. Y., August 29, 1886.

Beta Theta Pi, Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 28, 30, 1883.

Delta Tau Delta, Indianapolis, August 24, 26, 1883.

Phi Gamma Delta, Indianapolis, Sept. 28, 30, 1883.

Zeta Psi, New York, N. Y., January 3, 1883.

# JOURNAL

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,

HELD IN RICHMOND, VA.,

Oct. 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1882.

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### FIRST DAY.

#### *Morning Session.*

EXCHANGE HOTEL, RICHMOND, VA., Tuesday Oct. 24, 1882.

The Convention was called to order at 11:30 a. m. by the President of the General Council, George Banta. Prayer was offered by J. A. Lancaster. Upon motion the reading of the journal of the last National Convention was dispensed with. C. R. Sands, in behalf of Virginia Delta and Virginia Alpha Alumni, bade the Convention welcome to Richmond. [NOTE: Address published in November SCROLL.] A response in behalf of the Convention was delivered by H. C. Carney. The President then declared the Convention open for the transaction of business. On motion W. H. Lyons was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. Committees were appointed as follows:

*On Credentials of Delegates*—C. R. Sands, C. P. Bassett and H. S. Abbott.

*Minutes of Convention.*

*On Roll of Visiting Members*—V. L. Fowlkes, E. E. Stevenson and D. R. Crissinger.

*On Nomination of General Council*—G. B. Thomas, R. F. Jackson and M. W. Hutto.

*On Order of Business*—W. B. Palmer, T. H. Simmons and J. H. Irish.

*On Excursions*—C. H. Chalkley, G. E. Sawyer and P. L. Sever.

*On Newspaper Reporting*—C. R. Sands, H. U. Brown and R. O. Bigley.

O. L. Stearnes was appointed Marshal. The thanks of the Convention were tendered W. B. Palmer for the presentation of a blank book for statistics. On motion the Convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

## FIRST DAY.

*Afternoon Session.*

The Convention was called to order by the President. The reports of the Committees on Delegates and Visiting Members were adopted. [See Exhibit A.] The report of the Committee on Nomination was received [see Exhibit B.] and the following were elected to compose the General Council during 1882-4:

President, H. U. Brown; Secretary, W. E. Knight; Treasurer, C. A. Foster; Historian, A. A. Stearns.

A Committee escorted the President to the chair. All of the newly elected officers who were present made enthusiastic speeches. A Committee consisting of F. O. Payne and T. M. Iden was appointed to telegraph A. A. Stearns of his election. On motion the Convention proceeded to the election of First Vice President, Second Vice President, First Assistant Secretary, and Second Assistant Secretary. The election resulted as follows:

First Vice President, W. B. Palmer; Second Vice President, W. B. C. Brown; First Assistant Secretary, G. E. Sawyer; Second Assistant Secretary, R. O. Bigley.

The Convention decided to consider no motion unless submitted in writing. The Committee on Excursions reported that the fare to Washington City and return would cost \$5 apiece. A motion to make the trip was lost. The Convention then adjourned until the following morning.

SECOND DAY.

*Morning Session.*

EXCHANGE HOTEL, RICHMOND VA., Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1882.

The Convention was called to order by the President, H. U. Brown. Prayer was offered by A. W. Weaver. On motion of W. B. Palmer the President appointed Committees as follows:

*On Chapters and Charters*—A. G. Rembert, W. B. Palmer, E. S. Swigart, F. O. Payne and S. W. Yantis:

*On Rearrangement of Provinces*—E. E. Stevenson, P. L. Sever and M. C. Remsburg.

*On Constitution and Ritual*—W. B. Palmer, W. E. Knight and C. S. Bridges.

*On Scroll and Nomination of Editor*—T. H. Simmons, R. F. Jackson and M. W. Hutto.

*On Secret Work*—D. R. Crissinger and ———.

*On Engraving Charter Design*—C. J. Reddig, J. H. Vance and ———.

*On Pan Hellenic Council*—J. W. Christian and ———.

*On Fraternity Jeweler*—C. J. Reddig, C. A. Foster and R. O. Bigley.

*On Time and Place of next Convention and Nomination of Literary Performers*—W. H. Goodpasture, C. A. Foster and J. E. Randall.

*On Settlement with Ex-Grand Banker*—R. F. Jackson, T. S. Ridge and C. B. Gaskill.

*On Invitations to other Fraternities at Richmond College to Attend Literary Exercises* ———

*On Special Resolutions*—G. B. Thomas, J. H. Irish and T. M. Iden.

[NOTE: This list of Committees is not complete because the paper on which it was written has been mislaid.]

All the delegates present made reports of their Chapters. The reports were very satisfactory of all Chapters except Virginia Gamma, whose only attendant member was present at the Convention. On motion the Convention adjourned until evening. The afternoon was spent in driving about the city in carriages furnished by the hospitable Virginia Alpha Alumni. About twenty-five carriages were in procession. In each carriage were

three members from a distance and one resident member, who pointed out the objects of interest. Each member is indebted to the kindness and liberality of G. G. Valentine for a copy of "The Battle Fields of Richmond," which is a guide to all the historic places in and around the Capitol City of the Confederacy, and which is a most interesting souvenir of the Convention. At the water works the long procession alighted and "three times three" were given for the noble Phis of Richmond.

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## SECOND DAY.

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### *Evening Session.*

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The Convention was called to order by the President and opened with a song. The Treasurer of the General Council made his report, [see Exhibit C ] which was referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of S. W. Yantis, C. R. Sands and C. A. Foster.

The Historian of the General Council made his report. [See Exhibit D.] No reports were received from the President or the General Council. The reports of Gamma Province President [see Exhibit E] and Epsilon Province President, [see Exhibit G] were read by W. B. Palmer. The President of Delta Province made his report. [See Exhibit F.] The President of Alpha Province made his report. [NOTE: The paper has been mislaid.] No report was received from the President of Beta Province, but a statement of the general condition of the Province was made by R. O. Bigley. The report of the editors of the Catalogue was read by W. B. Palmer. [See Exhibit H.]

On motion the following Committee was appointed to arrange for photographing the Convention: E. E. Stevenson, C. H. Chalkley and George Bryan.

A letter was read from H. C. Mabrin offering his resignation as a member of the Fraternity. A motion was made to accept the resignation but it was amended by referring the matter to the General Council.

The Committee on Pan Hellenic Council reported in opposition to the movement and their report was adopted. On motion the Convention adjourned until the following morning.

THIRD DAY.

*Morning Session.*

EXCHANGE HOTEL, RICHMOND, VA., Thursday, Oct. 26, 1882.

The Convention was called to order by the President. A Committee consisting of T. H. Simmons and C. B. Gaskill was appointed to conduct Hon. B. K. Elliott into the hall. Inspiring remarks were made by Judge Elliott, who assured the members that they were doing a noble work in educating the mind and heart. He said it is appropriate to gather a flower of pleasure as we pass along the dusty road of life. Great enthusiasm followed.

A recess was then taken to allow the members to purchase the new song book. A large number were sold. The report of the Committee on rearrangement of the Provinces was presented and adopted. [See Exhibit I.]

A letter was read from H. P. Scratchely, who said he fully expected to be present to represent Virginia Epsilon, but was unavoidably detained.

The local Committee here came in and a protracted discussion followed relative to a banquet. No conclusion was reached. On motion the Convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

THIRD DAY.

*Afternoon Session.*

The Convention was called to order by the President. The report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters [see Exhibit J.] was received and considered by sections. The General Council were instructed to issue a charter to the applicants from South Carolina College.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to work up a Chapter at Ohio State University: A. A. Stearns, J. W. Criswell and R. O. Bigley.

The University of the South was highly recommended by C. M. Beckwith, who would favor planting a Chapter there, provided the consent of the Trustees were obtained. The matter was referred to the Tennessee Alpha. The matter of entering the University of Pennsylvania was referred to Pennsylvania Al-

pha and Beta. The matter of entering Harvard College was referred to the General Council and W. B. C. Brown. The re-establishment of Illinois Alpha at Northwestern University was referred to the General Council. The General Council were instructed to take proper action to recover the Fraternity's property in the hands of a Fraternity at Northwestern University. A motion was carried instructing the General Council to issue a charter as soon as an application in proper form is received from Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical College. A motion to grant a charter when an application is received from Arcadia College was lost, but the matter was referred to the General Council, who were directed not to be controlled by the action of the Convention. The establishment of Chapters at Adelbert College and University of Kansas, was referred to the General Council.

On motion the following Committee from Virginia Delta was appointed to go to Randolph Macon College and put Virginia Gamma on a firm basis: C. W. Tanner, Frank Puryear and V. L. Fawlkes.

A motion was carried that the General Council be authorized to appoint any Committee to assist in organizing a Chapter. On motion the General Council were instructed to issue duplicate chapters to all Chapters which have lost their original charters. On motion H. U. Brown and R. O. Bigley were added to the Committee on Secret Work. A motion was carried that the Convention unanimously tender a vote of thanks to the local Committee. The Convention then adjourned until 8 p. m.

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### THIRD DAY.

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#### *Evening Session.*

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The Convention was called to order by the President and opened with a song. The report of the Committee on Settlement with the Ex-Grand Banker was read and approved. [See Exhibit K.] A majority of the Committee on Fraternity Jewelry recommended that some other jeweler than the present official jeweler be chosen, the minority recommending that no change be made. A motion was carried to have two jewelers. On motion J. F. Newman was selected as one of the official jewelers.

A motion was carried that he be required to manufacture badges of the Burgess' pattern. On motion the firm of L. G. Burgess' & Co. were retained as official jewelers. A motion was carried that neither of the jewelers be allowed to make black enamelled scrolls or badges with only three stones. On motion of W. B. Palmer it was resolved that all badges, etc., be ordered through the Chapter Reporters, and that the President of the General Council shall furnish a list of the Chapter Reporters to each of the jewelers who shall be instructed to fill orders only from members whose names are on the list.

The Committee on Secret Work here made their oral report, which was considered by section. The Committee found that as many as six different translations to the motto were in use in the different Chapters. After a protracted discussion in which several members displayed how little they understood about Greek, the Convention adopted the translation recommended by the Committee, and which, according to one of the founders, Robert Morrison, was the original translation and which has always been used in the two oldest Chapters, Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha.

No change was made in the grip. The Committee found much confusion in the different Chapters about signs of salutation and recognition. A slight modification was made in the signs heretofore used. A new code of oral challenges was adopted. No change was made in the test word or the mode of making signatures. A motion was carried that the President in opening the session to morrow morning, shall explain all the secret work. A motion was carried that the pronunciation of the Fraternity shall be Phi Delta Theta, and that this pronunciation be uniform. It was resolved that the sobriquet of members of the Fraternity shall be "Phis." The Committee on Photographing the Convention reported the arrangements they had made. On motion of W. B. Palmer, it was resolved that the members meet at the Washington Monument in the Capital Park at 12 m. tomorrow for the purpose of having the photograph taken.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to procure an official seal: C. A. Foster, T. E. Montgomery and H. C. Carney.

The following Committee was appointed to procure a present for Hon. B. K. Elliott as a token of the Convention's high ap-

preciation of his ever-cherished regard for the Fraternity: W. H. Goodpasture, J. E. Randall and C. W. Tanner. The Convention then adjourned until 9 a. m. the following morning.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

##### *Morning Session.*

EXCHANGE HOTEL, RICHMOND, VA., Friday Oct. 27, 1882.

The President called the Convention to order. On motion the Treasurer of the General Council was directed to forward the catalogue fund to the editors of the catalogue by December 1, 1882, and if the amount is insufficient to publish the book, the editors shall draw on the treasury; and if, on the contrary, there is a surplus it shall be returned to the Treasurer of the General Council.

On motion of W. B. Palmer it was ordered that the address of Welcome, Oration, Poem and Prophecy be published in the SCROLL, and that the journal of the Convention be published in a supplement to the SCROLL which shall be strictly *sub rosa*.

A motion was carried that all reports of officers and Committees be published with the journal of the Convention. The representative of Missouri Alpha requested that the letter Mu be used in designating that Chapter.

A motion that the amount of M. C. Summers against the Fraternity, be paid was carried; also a motion to pay C. B. Sebastian \$30 for legal services and expenses.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the General Council reported that they were found satisfactory, which report was accepted.

The Convention excused delinquent Chapters as recommended in the report of the Treasurer of the General Council.

A motion was made to require the Treasurer of the General Council to give bond in the sum of \$2,500; amended by making the amount \$5,000; and ordering the bond to be executed to C. B. Sebastian as Attorney of the Fraternity; carried.

On motion of M. W. Hutto, it was ordered that as soon as the finances of the Fraternity shall justify it, an emblematic watch charm shall be purchased for the use of the President of the General Council during his term of office and when his term

of office shall expire it shall be turned over to his successor. A Committee consisting of M. W. Hutto and — was appointed to purchase the same. The Committee on Engraving Charter reported, [see Exhibit L.] and it was decided not to have the engraving done at present. The Convention then adjourned until afternoon. From the hall the members repaired to the Capital Park where two large photographs of the Convention were taken. In one the Washington Monument, said to be the finest equestrian monument in this country, served as back-ground; in the other the members were standing in different positions on the monument. It is to be regretted that a few of the members were not included. [NOTE: The pictures can be procured of G. W. Davis, 827 Broad street, Richmond, Va., at \$1 each; postage twenty cents additional.]

#### FOURTH DAY.

##### *Afternoon Session.*

The President called the Convention to order. The report of the expenses of the Local Committee was as follows: Printing invitations, etc., \$25 25; rent of hall for Convention, \$35; miscellaneous, \$) 32; total, \$69 57. The report was adopted and the amount ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of the General Council.

On motion of W. B. Palmer it was resolved that the printing establishment at Maysville, Ky., of which G. B. Thomas is manager, shall be called the "Phi Delta Theta Publishing House," and that the official printing of the Fraternity be done there and that all Chapters and members be urged to give it the benefit of their patronage.

The report of the Committee on Time and Place of the next Convention and Nomination of Literary Performers was read and the majority report was adopted. [See Exhibit M.]

In behalf of the Catalogue editors, W. B. Palmer presented the following which was adopted: *Resolved*, That the members of Nebraska Alpha be enrolled with Missouri Alpha and the members of North Carolina Alpha with South Carolina Alpha. On motion B. G. Gregg was authorized to obtain possession of the records of North Carolina Alpha and forward same to the South Carolina Alpha to be preserved in its archives.

The Committee on SCROLL and Nomination of an Editor for same made their report. [See Exhibit N.]

The majority report was adopted, and while the paper is not to be marked *sub rosa*, the editor was directed to take such precautionary measures as he may think necessary to keep the magazine from falling into alien hands.

The chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Ritual reported that the Committee had prepared some amendments but did not think that the Convention now had time enough to discuss and decide upon them, so it was recommended that no changes be made until 1884. The report was adopted.

A motion was carried that a Committee of three be appointed to sit during the interim until the next Convention, and to present to that Convention a revision of the Constitution and Ritual. W. B. Palmer, T. H. Simmons and C. P. Bassett were appointed to compose the Committee.

The following resolution, introduced by H. C. Carney, was referred to the consideration of the Committee on Constitution and Ritual: *Resolved*, That each member of the Fraternity at the expiration of his attendant membership, either by graduation or otherwise, shall pay into the treasury \$5, which shall entitle him to a life subscription to the SCROLL.

M. C. Remsburg offered a resolution providing for the election of the General Council at the last session of the Convention instead of the first, in order that the delegates might be better prepared to make selections of officers. The question was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Ritual. A resolution looking to election of Province Presidents by the Chapters was also referred to the same Committee.

The report of the Committee on Special Resolutions was read and unanimously adopted. [See Exhibit O.]

During the afternoon Rev. C. M. Beckwith and Rev. J. J. Clopton were in the hall and responded appropriately and fraternally to the calls on them for remarks.

Hon. Emmett Tompkins, well-known to old members as "Captain Jack," was present and made a characteristic speech, besides reciting his favorite declamation, "Shamus O'Brien."

As the shades of evening deepened the members feeling that a precious time was drawing to a close, gave fitting expressions to their sentiments by pledging anew the bonds of fraternal friendship and by giving and receiving words of brotherly love.

All joined in giving three cheers for the Fraternity and the Convention adjourned to meet in Nashville, Tenn., at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 27, 1884.

In the evening the literary exercises were held in the House of Delegates in the Capitol, which was filled by a cultured audience, among whom were a number of the belles of Richmond. The bride of C. J. Reddig and the daughter of Hon. B. K. Elliott also graced the occasion. A band of music occupied the gallery. The oration was delivered by Hon. B. K. Elliott, the poem by Prof. W. W. Seals and the Prophecy by Hon. Emmett Tompkins. [NOTE: These were published in November SCROLL.] The Historian elected for the occasion, Rev. Robert Morrison, had written expressing his regrets at his inability to attend. Rev. C. M. Beckwith, therefore, in compliance with a general request made an impromptu address. A telegram of congratulation from Indiana Alpha—twenty-four strong—was read, whereupon there was prolonged applause. A feature of the evening was the presentation to Judge Elliott of a diamond studded badge by President H. U. Brown, in behalf of the Fraternity. Judge Elliott responded in a feeling and appreciative manner. Thus happily ended the National Convention of 1882.

H. U. BROWN, *President.*

W. E. KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

# EXHIBIT A.

## ROLL AND STATISTICS OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

### GENERAL COUNCIL.

NAME.	Residence.	Office.	Chapter.	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
George Banta	Franklin, Ind.	President, Ind. A	1876	Covington, Ky.	May 16, 1857	5.10	133 1/2	D.	Presb.	Insurance	
Chauncey Jacob Rieding	Shippensburg, Pa.	President, Pa. B.	1877	Shippensburg, Pa.	Nov. 1, 1855	5.6	125	R.	Luth.	Merchant	
Walter Benjamin Palmer	Nashville, Tenn.	Historian, Tenn. A.	1880	Richmond, Va.	July 9, 1857	6	155	D.	Meth.	Business	

### PROVINCE PRESIDENTS.

NAME	Residence.	Province.	Chapter	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation
Carroll Phillips Bassett	Newark, N. J.	Alpha.	Pa. A.	1883	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Feb. 27, 1863	5.9	150	R.	Presb.	Student
Lyman Chatkley	Richmond, Va.	Delta.	Va. B.	1883	Richmond, Va.	Oct. 20, 1861	5.10	140	D.	Baptist.	Student

### LITERARY PERFORMERS.

NAME	Residence.	Position.	Chapter	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
Byron Koshko Elliott	Indianapolis, Ind.	Orator	Ind. G	1856	Hamilton, O.	Sept. 4, 1835	5.6	101	R.	Presb.	Lawyer
William Wirt Seals	Groff, Ga.	Poet	Ga. B.	1859	La Fayette, Ga.	July 27, 1858	5.9	160	D.	Meth.	Teaching
Charles M. Beckwith	Alabama, Ga.	Historian	Ga. A.	1853	Prince George, Va.	June 3, 1851	5.11 1/2	185	D.	Epts.	Ministry
Emmet Tompkins	Aubens, O.	Prophet	Ohio G	1874	McConnelsville, O.	Sept. 1, 1853	6	165	R.		Lawyer

### OFFICIAL DELEGATES OF ALUMNI CHAPTERS.

NAME	Residence.	Al. Chap	Col Chap	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation.
George Banta	(Pres. G. C. V)	Ind. A		1880	Richmond, Va.	May 5, 1859	6	156	D.	Baptist.	Lawyer
Conaway Robinson Sands	Richmond, Va.	Va. A		1880	Indianapolis, Ind.	Feb. 20, 1859	5.11	144	R.	Presb.	Journalist
Hilton Columbus Brown	Indianapolis, Ind.	Ind. B		1879	Baltimore, Md.	May 2, 1858	5.10	138	D.	Baptist.	Civ. Eng.
Robert Burns	Baltimore, Md.	Md. A		1881	Baltimore, Md.	Oct. 12, 1858	5.61	154	D.		Lawyer
Robert Fenner Jackson	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. A		1881	Baltimore, Tenn.	Oct. 12, 1858	5.61	154	D.		Lawyer

### OFFICIAL DELEGATES OF COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

NAME.	Residence.	Chapter.	Class.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Height.	Weight.	Pol.	Church.	Occupation
George Edward Sawyer	Harrington, Vt.	Vt. A.	1883	Roxsutton, Vt.	Sept. 29, 1859	5.7	145	R.	Epts.	Student
Carroll Phillips Bassett	(Pres. A. Prov. G. V)	Pa. B.	1883	Middleton, Md.	Sept. 29, 1859	5.8	145	R.	Luth.	Student
Milton Chalmers Reinsburg	Middleton, Md.	Pa. B.	1882	Washington, Pa.	Aug. 3, 1858	6.2	189	R.	Presb.	Student
Mark Austin Demme	Washington, Pa.	Pa. G	1883	New Lisbon, O.	Oct. 28, 1859	5.11 1/2	153	R.	Epts.	Student
Joseph Alexander Vance	Washington, Pa.	Pa. D	1883	Absecon, N. J.	Apr. 23, 1859	5.3	145	R.	Meth.	Student
Alphonso Wilhitts Weaver	Absecon, N. J.	Pa. E	1882	Rural Retreat, Va.	June 30, 1861	5.7	145	D.	Luth.	Teaching
Charles Jackson Glusckose	Saltville, Va.	Va. A	1882	Wytheville, Va.	Apr. 15, 1860	6.5 1/2	185	D.	Presb.	Student
John James Stuart	Saltville, Va.	Va. B	1882	Ashtand, Va.	Sept. 15, 1864	5.9	135	D.	Meth.	Student
Virginia Lee Fowler	Walden, Md.	Va. C	1883	Notoway Co., Va.	July 29, 1861	5.4	124	D.	Baptist.	Student
Arthur Howard Rebert	Notoway, C. H., Va.	Va. D	1883	Charleston, S. C.	May 30, 1860	5.6	118	D.	Epts.	Student
Henry Howard Poyzer	Charleston, S. C.	S. C. A	1882	Russell Co., Ala.	Apr. 14, 1864	5.9	142	D.	Meth.	Student
Henry Clark Gregory	Columbus, Ga.	Ga. A	1882	Tampa, Fla.	June 9, 1855	5.6	160	D.	Meth.	Student
William Gense Greer	Madison, Ga.	Ga. B	1882	Wilmington, N. C.	May 19, 1860	6.7	146	D.	Meth.	Student
Wilson Sled Hill	Winnona, Miss.	Miss. A	1881	Wilmington, Tenn.	Nov. 28, 1859	5.7	133	D.	Meth.	Student
William Henry Goodpasture	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. A	1881	Livingston, Tenn.	Nov. 28, 1859	5.8	142	D.	Chris.	Lawyer

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	CHAPTER.	CLASS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	WEIGHT.	POL.	CHURCH.	OCCUPATION.
Rush O. Bigley	DeGraff, O	Ohio B	1863	Richwood, O	Jan. 4, 1859	135	R.	Univ.	Student.
Gannet Pressly Armstrong	Athens, O	Ohio G	1864	New Castle, Pa	Dec. 13, 1858	155	R.	Presbt.	Student.
Joseph White Criswell	Cambridge, O	Ohio D	1864	Cambridge, O	Aug. 30, 1859	121	D.	Univ.	Student.
Daniel Robinson Crissinger	Caledonia, O	Ohio E	1865	Caledonia, O	Dec. 10, 1861	135	D.	Baptist.	Student.
William Elliott Knight	Lexington, Ky	K. V. A	1864	Fayette, Co., Ky	Nov. 15, 1861	135	R.	Presbt.	Student.
Millon Wayman Hutto	Kokomo, Ind	Ind. A	1865	Kokomo, Ind	Dec. 20, 1860	150	R.	Presbt.	Student.
Thomas Wilkins	Linden, Ind	Ind. B	1868	Linden, Ind	Jan. 10, 1861	155	R.	Presbt.	Student.
Thomas Medary Iden	Bethel, O	Ind. C	1833	Bethel, O	July 21, 1856	160	R.	Baptist.	Student.
Elmer Elkworth Stevenson	Franklin, Ind	Ind. G	1863	Rozetta, Ill.	July 26, 1861	154	R.	Baptist.	Student.
Theophilus Eugene Montgomery	Greencastle, Ind	Ind. Z	1864	Sexmour, Ind	July 27, 1862	156	R.	Univ.	Student.
Charles Sumner Bridges	Parnell, Ill.	Ill. D	1865	Marton, Ind	Nov. 9, 1862	139	D.	Univ.	Lawyer.
Edwin Sutton Swigart	Bloomington, Ill	Ill. E	1865	Cooville, O	Dec. 11, 1860	159	D.	Univ.	Lawyer.
Charles Harvey Simmons	Madison, Wis	Mich. A	1861	Monroe, Wis	Jan. 30, 1861	172 1/2	D.	Univ.	Druggist
Charles Albert Foster	Pontiac, Mich	Mich. B	1862	Pontiac, Mich	Sept. 13, 1858	140	R.	Univ.	Druggist
Jefferson Henry Irish	Kansas City, Mo.	Mo. A	1862	Pontiac, Mich	Aug. 24, 1859	120	R.	Univ.	Druggist
Thomas Smart Ruder	Rolla, Mo	Mo. B	1864	Columbus, Ky	Nov. 26, 1859	153	D.	Presbt.	Student.
Samuel Wesley Yantis	Rolla, Mo	Mo. C	1864	Columbus, Ky	Apr. 12, 1860	143	D.	Presbt.	Student.
Samuel Ashme of Wood Carver	Mr. Pleasant, Ia	Iowa A	1863	Kirkville, Ia.	Mar. 6, 1859	150	R.	Univ.	Student.
Prenton L. Sever	Cambridge, Ill.	Iowa B	1863	Indianopolis, Ia.	Mar. 18, 1861	176	R.	Univ.	Student.
Howard Strickland Abbott	Rockford, Minn.	Minn. A	1865	Rockford, Minn	Sept. 15, 1862	160	R.	Univ.	Student.

### VISITING MEMBERS.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	CHAPTER.	CLASS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	WEIGHT.	POL.	CHURCH.	OCCUPATION.
Charles Butch Gaskill	Atlanta, Ga	Ch. A	1872	Griffin, Ga	Apr. 22, 1851	150 1/2	D.	Baptist.	Lawyer.
George Bauer Thomas	Maysville, Ky	Va. B	1861	Maysville, Ky	Jan. 13, 1863	140	D.	Univ.	Journalism.
Frank Owen Payne	Richmond, Va	Va. J	1862	Richmond, Va	Mar. 4, 1861	145	D.	Epis.	Student.
John Curbio	Fairfield, Pa	Va. B	1863	Fairfield, Pa	Dec. 15, 1862	135	D.	Univ.	Student.
John Elmer Musselman	Lexington, Ky	Va. B	1878	Lexington, Ky	Mar. 26, 1862	148 1/2	R.	Univ.	Student.
George Gatewood Hamilton	Mr. Sterling, Ky	Va. B	1861	Mr. Sterling, Ky	Oct 21, 1861	140	D.	Presbt.	Farmer.
John Edgar Randall	Prox, O	Ohio B	1863	Vandalia, O	Aug. 2, 1861	150	D.	Presbt.	Farmer.
Lee Hamilton Todd	Uniontown, Pa	Ohio D	1865	Uniontown, Pa	Jan. 26, 1864	140	R.	Epis.	Student.
George E. Van	Independence, Mo	Mo. B	1862	Mo. River	Apr. 11, 1861	200	D.	Presbt.	Lawyer.
William Bantley Cla. Ke Brown,	Richmond, Va	Va. B	1861	Allegheny, Pa	Feb. 11, 1850	155	D.	Presbt.	Lawyer.
John Alexander Louaslet	Richmond, Va	Va. B	1865	Richmond, Va	Dec. 11, 1860	117	D.	Presbt.	Student.
William Henry Lyons	Richmond, Va	Va. B	1865	Richmond, Va	Nov. 2, 1867	80	D.	Univ.	Student.
Charles Newton Alfred Yonce	Richmond, Va	Va. A	1864	Salem, Va	June 30, 1865	145	D.	Univ.	Farmer.
James Lawson Converse	Plain City, O	Ohio E	1860	Plain City, O	Jan. 31, 1861	130	D.	Univ.	Farmer.
Frank George Vandenberg	Southfield, Va	Va. C	1860	Richmond, Va	Jan. 7, 1861	165	D.	Epis.	Nurse.
George W. Vandenberg	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1860	Richmond, Va	Aug. 10, 1860	135	D.	Baptist.	Student.
William John Thornhill	Lynchburg, Va	Va. D	1863	Charlottesville, Va	Apr. 23, 1862	125	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Thomas Hudson Shipman	Salem, Va	Va. D	1863	Salem, Va	Aug. 23, 1862	125	D.	Epis.	Business.
Frederick Wolford Nobard	Richmond, Va	Va. B	1861	Friedericksburg, Va	Feb. 16, 1861	130	D.	Baptist.	Lawyer.
Archibald Williams Patterson	Richmond, Va	Ind. G	1861	Noblesville, Ind	Mar. 22, 1858	130	R.	Univ.	Student.
Ira Washington Christian	Noblesville, Ind	Ind. G	1861	Noblesville, Ind	Oct. 25, 1856	130	R.	Univ.	Student.
Charles Matthews Shields,	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1876	Richmond, Va	Jan. 1, 1860	140	D.	Epis.	Medicine.
Charles H. Chalkley	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1878	Henry Co., Va	Mar. 8, 1858	135	D.	Baptist.	Merchant.
James Harrison Spencer	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1878	Richmond, Va	Dec. 24, 1860	130	D.	Univ.	Student.
George C. Powers	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1864	Mocklenburg, Va	Sept. 25, 1863	140	D.	Baptist.	Student.
Frank Puryear	Petersburg, Va	Va. D	1879	Richmond, Va	Nov. 10, 1858	130	D.	Epis.	Ministry
John James Clapton	Nicholasville, Ky	Va. B	1864	Nicholasville, Ky	Aug. 14, 1860	135	D.	Univ.	Student.
George Shanklin	Louisiana, Va	Va. B	1863	Louisiana, Va	Jan. 22, 1858	170	D.	Univ.	Student.
Orren Hunter Pendleton	Dublin, Va	Va. D	1864	Dublin, Va	Dec. 17, 1863	155	D.	Baptist.	Student.
John Lewis Stearnes	Bloomfield, Va	Va. D	1864	Bloomfield, Va	Jan. 7, 1867	155	D.	Univ.	Student.
John Burton Gibson	Richmond, Va	Ind. A	1863	Richmond, Va	Nov. 1, 1860	155	D.	Univ.	Business.
Charles Wortham Tanner	Richmond, Va	Va. D	1877	Bloomfield, Va	Nov. 1, 1860	155	D.	Univ.	Business.

A number of others in attendance failed to register.

**EXHIBIT B.****REPORT ON NOMINATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL.**

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* The undersigned Committee on nominations present the following: For President of the General Council 1882-4, H. U. Brown; for Secretary, H. H. Weber; for Treasurer, C. A. Foster; for Historian, A. A. Stearns.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. THOMAS,  
R. F. JACKSON,  
M. W. HUTTON.

**EXHIBIT C.****REPORT OF TREASURER OF GENERAL COUNCIL.**

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* It gives me pleasure to present to you my official report as Treasurer of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity during the past two years.

The condition of finances at the opening of the Convention of 1880 was anything but encouraging.

With notes and unpaid subscriptions almost worthless to the value of \$700 and with a bill of over \$200 for Catalogue and SCROLL account remaining unpaid for two years, even the enormous Convention tax of 1880 was not sufficient to liquidate your indebtedness.

With your hearty support endorsing my efforts to readjust our financial difficulties, you saw fit to select me as your Treasurer, which position I accepted with the promise of my faithfulness to your trust, and to present to you at this Convention the assuring statement that *Phi Delta Theta was free from debt* and instead of notes, I would present to you a *cash surplus*.

Brothers I am now ready to prove how I have fulfilled my promise made to you two years ago.

PHI DELTA THETA IS FREE FROM DEBT and it gives me pleasure to present to you a CASH SURPLUS of \$263 86.

Our finances are in the shape they should always be. Let each Chapter resolve that in the future they will be more prompt in the payment of dues and take a just pride in keeping out of debt.

Thanking you for your confidence and support during my official career, and wishing our beloved order continued prosperity,

I Remain the Fraternity's Obedient Brother,

C. J. REDDIG.

Shippensburg, Pa., October 13, 1882.

REPORT IN FULL FROM CASH BOOK.

SUMMARY.

*General Fund.*

	<i>Dr.</i>
To notes and unpaid subscriptions transferred.....	\$1,239 40
To notes redeemed in cash.....	107 65
To cash from Ex-Grand Banker.....	344 84
To cash for Convention tax 1880..	115 50
To cash for Convention tax 1882.....	252 00
To cash for SCROLL and initiation' fees.....	1,085 35
To cash for song books and catalogues.....	19 50
To cash for Alumni SCROLLS.....	88 00
To cash gratuity from Charles W. Bixby.....	40 00
	\$3,292 24

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By unpaid subscriptions on notes returned.....	\$1,194 40
By cash paid expenses Convention 1880.....	538 40
By cash paid old Catalogue and SCROLL account.....	200 00
By cash paid M. F. Troxell for SCROLL.....	833 20
By cash paid postage, advertising and expressage.....	78 63
By cash paid ritual and charters.....	38 50
By cash by P. W. Search.....	100 25
By note Edgar M. Wilson.....	45 00
By cash balance on hand.....	263 86
	\$3,292 24

*Resources.*

Judgment note against C. D. Whitehead Ex-Grand Banker.....	\$ 824 00
Edgar M. Wilson's note.....	45 00
Cash on hand.....	263 86
	\$1,132 86

*Catalogue Fund.*

Receipts.....	\$651 50
Disbursements to Banta.....	\$38 10
Disbursements to Palmer.....	25 20
Disbursements to Foster.....	10 20
	\$ 73 50
Cash balance on hand.....	\$578 00

*Memoranda.*

One hundred and eighty-four orders for badges sent to L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., Albany, N. Y., the official jewelers, valued at.....	\$2,649 10
Discount allowed to Chapters.....	195 50
	\$2,453 60

*Delinquent Chapters.*

Amount due from	Amount due from
Pennsylvania Gamma.....\$14 00	Kentucky Alpha.....\$20 00
Pennsylvania Epsilon..... 21 00	Illinois Gamma..... 7 00
Ohio Gamma..... 54 50	Illinois Zeta..... 41 00
Ohio Delta..... 24 00	Virginia Alpha..... 79 00
Ohio Epsilon..... 2 50	Virginia Gamma..... 48 00
Indiana Beta..... 18 00	Virginia Epsilon..... 59 00
Indiana Gamma..... 4 00	Georgia Beta..... 68 00
Indiana Epsilon..... 17 00	Alabama Alpha..... 78 00
Iowa Alpha..... 57 00	Texas Alpha..... 13 00

Total indebtedness of delinquent Chapters \$625 50, of which I recommend the excusing of the following only: Indiana Epsilon, \$3 00; Iowa Alpha, \$57 00; Kentucky Alpha, \$20 00; Virginia Alpha, \$55 00, and Virginia Gamma, \$48 00.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

C. J. REDDIG.

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## EXHIBIT D.

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN OF GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,*  
*Greeting:* In presenting a report as Historian of the General Council, I must regret that I am compelled to offer excuses.

The office of H. G. C. was created at the last National Convention, and is a very important one. The compilation of the annals of the Fraternity has been neglected too long. A third of a century has elapsed since Phi Delta Theta was founded, and unless energetic efforts are made soon to gather up the fragmentary historical details, they will forever be lost.

When I had the honor of being elected H. G. C. two years since, I hoped to have collected much interesting historical data and to have had it in fair shape by this time. The Convention, however, imposed double duty upon me in making me both H. G. C. and Catalogue editor. I learned that I had made a mistake in accepting both, for it is impossible for one man to discharge satisfactorily the duties of two such important positions. I was, however, dissuaded from the intention of resigning the office of H. G. C. by the advice of members who considered such action a bad precedent from one of the G. C. to establish.

During the two years I have held office, personal affairs have kept me closely employed. I have had to apply the time I could devote to the Fraternity to the matters which were most pressing. I have discharged as faithfully as I could my share of the general duties of the G. C. I have carried on much correspondence, endeavoring to advance the Fraternity's interests; I have

been as prompt as possible in answering inquiries ; and I do not think that I have failed to respond to a single one of the many communications which have reached me to which responses were necessary. But I am disappointed in not being able to report that I have done more historical work. Outside of my general duties as a member of the G. C., I deemed it was most important for me to apply myself to the preparation of the catalogue, which I knew the Fraternity would expect to be completed by this Convention. The catalogue work has been the most laborious I ever engaged in, and I soon found that it would be impossible for me to do anything towards compiling a history. However, I have procured a number of interesting historical documents, and have carefully preserved everything that would throw light on the past of the Fraternity. In 1881 I received the histories of several Chapters, after endeavoring to get them all. This year I did not receive a single Chapter history. The Constitution directs that, annually, on the first day of April, each Chapter shall forward its history to the H. G. C., and I hope this regulation in future will be strictly observed. Before the Chapter—records became more defective, the histories should be prepared. Several of the oldest Chapters have among their archives some valuable papers bearing on the history of the Fraternity. Committees should be appointed to examine them, and furnish the H. G. C. with copies or with the originals from which to copy. Without the combined assistance of the Chapters and members, the H. G. C. can do nothing. I trust that in the coming two years there will be a united movement to gather up all the materials necessary to form a complete history, and that at the next Convention my successor will be able to exhibit a MS record of the establishment and advancement of the Fraternity which we will be glad to publish that the world may read of Phi Delta Theta's greatness and fame.

Wishing the Convention a most successful and harmonious and enjoyable session, I remain, yours in the Bond,

W. B. PALMER.

Nashville, Tenn., October 22, 1882.

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## EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:* Finding myself unable to be present at Richmond, I

feel it my duty to make a brief report from Gamma Province, to the Province of which I had the honor to be chosen two years ago. I will not make a detailed report of my work, nor of the condition of the Province and the respective Chapters, at different times, for it would require too much of the valuable time of the Convention to listen to the same. *Furthermore*: Whatever of the details of my work would be interesting have been communicated to the proper ones by letter, or have been published in the SCROLL, and what I might say at length would be mere repetition.

When I assumed the charge of Gamma Province, it was the smallest of the five Provinces created in 1880; and it was with no very sanguine feelings that I, inexperienced as I was in Fraternity work, accepted the task of building up our noble Fraternity in the growing colleges of the Northwest. From the start, however, I have been favored with willing and capable assistants; harmonious co-operation was tendered me from every Chapter; and while Gamma Province is but yet in its infancy, and has a future before it which no one, perhaps, can foretell, it has already doubled its strength, and now contains some of the best chapters on Phi Delta Theta's roll. Several new chapters have been founded, and petitions from five colleges and universities have been refused by the General Council. As to the condition at present of the several chapters, I will let each one speak for itself, through its accredited delegate. I am sure the record in most cases will be found to be an honorable one.

In connection with my work, which involved starting new chapters, reviving old ones, deciding disputes and points of our constitutional law, and giving all manner of information to those applying for it,—information of the most varied character, from the manner of paying Convention tax to telling a brother whether he might allow his lady friend to wear his badge,—I have in the last two years written nearly a thousand communications, and made three trips by railroad in the interest of the Fraternity. I have doubtless made mistakes, but they were errors of judgment and not of heart, for I have always ardently desired Phi Delta Theta's interests to prosper.

I would respectfully recommend to the Convention that in view of the rapid growth of Gamma Province, and of its prospective growth in the near future, it be divided by the Missis-

issippi River, so that Gamma Province would form this or include only Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin; and the States West of the river would form a new Province to be denominated Zeta Province. I think this is generally desired by the chapters but the question will of course be settled in accordance with your judgment.

The time has arrived to say good-bye; and I say it with profound regret, for my associations with you all have been of the pleasantest nature. I regret too that I cannot be with you at your reunion, and say to you many things I have on my mind. Phi Delta Theta has my best wishes, and if ever in my life I can do it a favor it shall be done. Brothers and official delegates of the Convention, farewell. Fraternally through life,

M. C. SUMMERS.

Corine, Ill., October 6, 1882.

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## EXHIBIT F

### REPORT OF DELTA PROVINCE PRESIDENT..

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* I beg leave to submit the following report of Delta Province: Delta Province cannot be said to be in a very flourishing condition. It consists at present of nine Chapters—six in Virginia, two in Kentucky and one in Tennessee.

In Virginia, the Alpha, which has recently been organized, the Beta, Delta and Alpha Alumni are in very good condition. The Gamma has existed for the last two years with only one active member. The Epsilon has never, since its establishment, been set financially upon its feet and did not commence their present session with as bright prospects as formerly.

In Kentucky—the Alpha—one of the oldest Chapters in the Fraternity, and having upon its roll some of the greatest names Phi Delta Theta has been proud to own, still holds its place, and, if reports be true, is doing a little more. The Alpha Alumni has never been successfully established, although the charter is held by some Alumni in Louisville now. In that city are some of the best men, of our Fraternity, and an Alumni Chapter there would be most beneficial to the interests of the fraternity at large.

In Tennessee, the Alpha, since it was first inaugurated, has been most successful and now is said to be upon a particularly

sound footing. As to extension in Delta Province since the last Convention. The President has now but one College at which he considered it would be to the interests of our order to establish a Chapter. The General Council, as the President took for granted since he was not informed, refused the application from the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical College at Lexington, on what grounds he has not yet been able to find out.

The foregoing is the condition of the Delta Province to-day.  
Very respectfully and fraternally submitted.

LYMAN CHALKEY.

Richmond, Va., October 25, 1882.

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## EXHIBIT G.

### REPORT OF EPSILON PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* Regretting beyond expression my inability to attend the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta, and wishing you and the Fraternity at large every imaginable success, the President of Epsilon Province begs leave to make a brief report of the condition and prospects of the Province over which he has, since your last meeting, presided.

As soon as notified of my appointment I set to work earnestly and diligently to learn the condition of the various Chapters under my supervision, with a view to the more intelligently organizing and extending the work of the Fraternity within the limits of this Province. I was given as the list of Chapters over which I was to have supervision, eight active and one Alumni, to-wit: N. C. Alpha, Trinity College, N. C.; S. C. Alpha, Wofford College, Sportsburg, S. C.; Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; Georgia Beta, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia; Georgia Gamma, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Alabama Alpha, Alabama State College, Auburn, Ala.; Mississippi Alpha, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.; Texas Alpha, Trinity University, Tehuacana, Tex., and Alabama Alpha Alumni, Montgomery, Ala. After considerable investigation I learned that N. C. Alpha had disbanded sometime previous in obedience to an anti-Fraternity law of the College, and every effort thus far made by me and others interested looking to the re-establishment of our banner there has proved futile.

All the other active Chapters named in the above list were in good condition.

The Alabama Alpha Alumni, although weak in point of numbers, has always done good work, and it will doubtless continue to grow both in membership and influence. As soon as I had acquainted myself with the condition of affairs, I took steps looking to the organization of the Province, and before the close of the collegiate year 1880-81, there was a thorough organization in each State in which there existed a Chapter and North Carolina and Louisiana were attached respectively to South Carolina and Mississippi.

Proceeding a step farther in the same direction I called for a Provincial Convention, which met in Atlanta, Ga., November 24 and 25, 1881, and elected a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee, and took other steps looking to the interest of the Fraternity in the Province.

The Convention certainly had a very good effect and the attendance was both large and enthusiastic, being beyond all question far superior to any other Fraternity Convention ever held within the territory of this Province, not excepting National Conventions if our rivals in these fields. I feel quite sure that it will be but the first of a long line of biennial Conventions and as such gave a very auspicious beginning, which I hope may be even improved on in future years.

I have to report that owing to hostile legislation on the part of the Alabama State College and Trinity University, Texas, our Chapters at those institutions are in a very precarious condition; yet we have reason to hope that by diligent work we may be able to get them both again on a prosperous footing.

I feel sure that representatives from S. C. Alpha, Georgia Alpha, Beta and Gamma and Mississippi Alpha will bear me out in the assertion that these Chapters have never before been in such good condition or had such bright prospects before them. With all the preliminary work of organization completed; with five live, active, enthusiastic working Chapters and one efficient Alumni Chapter to assist him, I feel sure that my successor can but achieve victory in the attempt to restore Alabama Alpha and Texas Alpha to their late flourishing condition, to resuscitate and place on a firm foundation N. C. Alpha, and establish

some new Chapters in institutions worthy of us within the next two years.

Hoping that the representatives of the various Chapters in this Province may be able to give you a more complete report of the condition of the Province than I can at present give, owing in part to the difficulty of getting full reports from the various Chapters that early in the session, allow me to express the hope that my absence may not be felt, and that you all may have a most pleasant and profitable meeting. Yours in the Bond,

J. M. BARRS.

Jacksonville, Fla., October 1882.

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## EXHIBIT H.

### REPORT OF CATALOGUE EDITORS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* The fourth edition of the catalogue issued in 1878, though superior to former editions, was not equal to what a catalogue should be. The Fraternity had grown faster than its publications, and a more elaborate work was demanded. On this account Messrs. G. Banta and W. R. Palmer were prompted to begin the preparation of a new edition, and, though their efforts were without authority, they received the sanction and aid of the Executive Committee and the succeeding National Convention.

In 1879 they printed two thousand circulars, one of which they directly, or indirectly through the Chapters, forwarded to every member of the Fraternity. Returns came in slowly, and a majority of these did not elicit the needed answers; so postal after postal was sent begging that the middle name or class or residence or, may be, the Chapter should be sent in to the well-nigh distracted, and by no means omniscient, editors. Sometimes there would be a response, oftener not; and then the kind services of postmasters, fellow-citizens or relatives of the delinquent were asked, and the desired information at last obtained.

Thus the work went on until the summer of 1881, when the blanks were exhausted, and not a fourth of the members had responded. The editors found it would be impossible to perform the gigantic labors by themselves, for it was necessary to direct

a systematic personal campaign against every Phi who had not been traced. They sought some energetic member in every Chapter, and entrusted the case of the Chapter's list in his keeping. A revised edition of circulars was printed, so pointed that there could be no doubt as to what information was wanted. And now individuals were singled out, and when a trail was struck, it was followed until the member was corralled and surrendered full name, Chapter, class, residence, occupation and all, oftentimes with a choice bit of Fraternity history.

Late in the fall of 1881, the burden proving too heavy for the two editors, A. G. Foster was added to the corps. In the spring of 1882, G. Banta, from a pressure of outside business, was compelled to resign.

A third edition of circulars, again revised, was issued this year. The work of compilation was begun during the last summer. It was then a race to get the manuscripts completed by the time of the Convention. Owing to late and incomplete reports from some Chapters, we have fallen a little short, but we expect to be ready for the press in a few days more.

From frequent reminders every member is, no doubt, familiar with the plan of the book. This we have studied with great care, examined diligently all similar publications, and noting their excellencies as well as defects.

The plan we have adopted is the result of four years observation and experience, and we are assured will meet with approbation from the Fraternity.

We wish to thank publicly those who have labored so patiently with us, and the number is very large. We would like to mention the names of all, but do not know where to begin or end. It gratifies us to state, also, that every Chapter, without exception, has taken a deep interest in this enterprise and endeavored to make its list complete. The great trouble has been in getting the members to understand exactly what we wanted, as very few of them have ever seen a catalogue anything near as comprehensive as we intend ours shall be.

This catalogue work has proved a mighty revival in the Fraternity. The money and time were well expended to exalt the *esprit de corps*, even should all the tangible data be swept away. Responses have come in from members who were before unaware

of the extent and strength of the Fraternity, and whose hearts warmed towards it as they wished us "God speed" in our undertaking.

The result of our labor for several years we hope soon to publish, and we feel that it will rebound to the credit of our beloved Phi Delta Theta. We have the honor to remain,

Yours in the Bond,

W. B. PALMER,  
A. G. FOSTER.

October 20, 1882.

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## EXHIBIT I.

### REPORT ON REARRANGEMENT OF PROVINCES.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* We, your Committee on Provinces, submit the following arrangement:

*Alpha Province*—The Chapters in Vermont and Pennsylvania.

*Beta Province*—The Chapters in Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina.

*Gamma Province*—The Chapters in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee.

*Delta Province*—The Chapters in Ohio and Kentucky.

*Epsilon Province*—The Chapters in Indiana and Michigan.

*Zeta Province*—The Chapters in Illinois and Wisconsin.

*Eta Province*—The Chapters in Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

E. E. STEVENSON,  
P. L. SEVER,  
M. C. REMSBURG.

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## EXHIBIT J.

### REPORT ON CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* The Committee has received an application for charters from South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C., which has recently been reorganized and now stands on an equality with other State institutions. The application is strongly recommended by all who know of the College and we advise the granting of a

charter. We recommend that Chapters be established at the following institutions :

- Ohio State University, Columbus, O.
- Adelbert, College, Cleveland, O.
- University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.
- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
- Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
- Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical College, Lexington, Ky.

- University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.
- Arcadia College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. REMBERT,  
 W. B. PALMER,  
 E. S. SWIGART,  
 F. O. PAYNE,  
 S. W. YANTIS.

## EXHIBIT K.

### REPORT ON SETTLEMENT WITH EX-GRAND BANKER.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,*  
*Greeting:* We, the undersigned Committee, appointed to inquire into the indebtedness of Ex-Grand Banker, C. D. Whitehead, beg leave to make the following report :

In 1874 the National Convention decided to incorporate into the financial policy of the Fraternity, what was known as the Permanent or Endowment Fund, the same to be raised by each member paying on his initiation into the Fraternity \$1, and by private subscriptions also. This fund was to be safely and judiciously invested and the interest arising from the same turned into the General Fund. The Grand Banker or financial agent of the Fraternity to collect, manage and control this Permanent Fund from 1874 to 1880, was C. D. Whitehead, who, it appears from the evidence submitted to us, collected on the account of the Permanent Fund and failed to turn over the following amounts, to-wit :

\$ 74 00  
 238 00  
 80 00

and on the Permanent and General Fund together \$238, but as to how much of this last amount was due the Permanent and how much the General Fund, your Committee are not able from the proof before them to say. For these different amounts mentioned above, C. D. Whitehead executed his promissory notes payable one day after date to the order of the Grand Banker of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and dated respectively on May 21, 1875, June 30, 1876, May 24, 1878, and October 27, 1880. Your Committee are informed that these were not executed until after said Whitehead had failed to turn over the money collected by him on the account of the Permanent Fund and that the Fraternity for its protection and not as an investment, took the above mentioned notes, but not before said Whitehead had violated one of the well-known principles of trusts, viz.: that the trustee shall not speculate with, nor derive any profit from the use of the trusts funds. It is true that the Permanent Fund, by order of the National Convention, was directed to be loaned out, but said Whitehead had no right or authority from the Fraternity, according to the proof before us, to use the Permanent Fund to his own profit and advantage. He would have been acting within the scope of his authority had he judiciously invested the Permanent Fund. The point of our censure is that he was not warranted in law or morals in using said fund without having first obtained the loan of it from the Fraternity. The action of the National Convention in taking said Whitehead's notes was not in justification of his conversion of the Permanent Fund without the consent of the Fraternity first had, but for its own protection. The wrong had been committed and the execution of the notes was a step in the direction simply of repairing it without, as far as we have been able to find out, to express any opinion in regard to the moral feature of the transaction.

Whitehead in his letters to C. B. Sebastian, Attorney at Columbia, Mo., (which correspondence is herewith submitted as a part of this report) raises the following technical legal point, but does not rely upon it as defence, viz.: that as the National Convention in 1880, by resolution merged the Permanent Fund into the General Fund, that original trust or donation was defeated and that the funds reverted to the original donors and that he held the same in trust for them. Such an argument we think is

entitled to very little consideration, for the reason that a large majority of all the Chapters in the Fraternity were represented in the National Convention of 1880 and all such that had previous to that time paid anything to the Permanent Fund are forever stopped from, insisting that said fund was diverted from the original purposes of the donation, and having through and by their duly appointed and empowered delegates or representatives voted to merge the Permanent Fund into the General Fund. Besides all this C. J. Reddig informs us that he has corresponded with all of the Chapters and individuals that made contributions to the Permanent Fund and they are willing that said fund should be as it is already merged into the General Fund. To obviate any possible difficulty that might arise out of such a question as this, the National Convention could instruct the Treasurer or Grand Banker to indemnify said Whitehead for any moneys that he may be compelled to pay back to the Chapters on account of a failure of the original donations. At the April term of the Circuit Court of Nodaway county, Mo., judgment for \$824, principle and interest was rendered in favor of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity against C. D. Whitehead, on the above described notes and execution issued thereon soon afterwards but was returned *nulla bona*. Your Committee are of the opinion that said suit was well instituted by C. J. Reddig and that C. B. Sebastian, or some other reliable Attorney, should be retained to watch closely the interest of the Fraternity in this matter and to collect the judgment whenever an opportunity presents itself. Since Court costs and Attorney's fees have already accrued in this cause, but the amount of the same we do not know exactly and therefore think it would be well to instruct the Treasurer of the General Council to write to C. B. Sebastian, Columbia, Mo., who has been conducting the case for the Fraternity, and find out how much the Fraternity owes in this matter and send him a check for the same. We do not believe that any steps looking to an expulsion of C. D. Whitehead should be taken during this Convention, but we are of opinion that the Fraternity shall prosecute with vigor the suit already commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. JACKSON,  
T. S. RIDGE,  
C. B. GASKILL.

**EXHIBIT L.****REPORT ON ENGRAVING CHARTER.**

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,*  
*Greeting:* The Committee on Engraving the Charter design beg leave to report their conclusion on this matter. Although the finance of the Fraternity are in a most excellent condition and the desirability has long been expressed for an engraved charter, the Committee would be adverse to it for the present. The cost of an engraved plate of the proper size and fineness would be much greater than even our Treasury's excellent condition would warrant. I cannot advise running into debt for an unessential thing like this. The Committee would however suggest that there be a Committee of three of the most capable members be appointed to draw up designs, and prepare estimates for their engraving and make a most thorough and complete report to the next Convention.

C. J. REDDIG,  
 J. A. VANCE.

**EXHIBIT M.****REPORT ON NEXT CONVENTION.**

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,*  
*Greeting:* We, the Committee on Time and Place of next Convention and Nomination of Literary Performers, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend, first, that the next Convention be held from Tuesday, October 27th, to Friday, October 30th, inclusive, 1884. Second, that it be held at Nashville, Tenn. Third, for Orator, Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky; alternate, Hon. J. F. Phillips, of Missouri; for Poet, W. A. Jones, of Illinois; alternate, E. H. Hall, of Indiana; for Prophet, D. U. Fletcher, of Florida; alternate, George Bryan, of Virginia; for Historian, the H. G. C. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GOODPASTURE,  
 C. A. FOSTER,  
 J. E. RANDELL.

**ADENDUM.**

Two minority reports are made, one that the time shall be August 28 to September 1, 1884, the other that Cincinnati shall be the place.

## EXHIBIT N.

## REPORT ON SCROLL.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting: We, your Committee on SCROLL and Nominating Editor, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend, first, a more suitable cover such as the tastes and judgment of the editor shall suggest. Second, that the number of pages be enlarged from twenty-four to thirty-two. We believe that the present interests of the Fraternity demand this enlargement. The present size does not admit of the reports of the different Chapters being printed at all in many cases and in others they have to be cut down. The cost of the proposed enlargement would be about one-fourth more than the present cost. This additional amount we believe can be raised without increasing the SCROLL tax. The Phi Delta Theta is the only Fraternity which requires its attendant members to take its paper. Hence with this requirement and our increasing membership we think the receipts for subscriptions will be ample for all expenses of said enlargement and improvement. Third, that the SCROLL be issued promptly between the first and tenth day of each month, excepting the months of July, August and September. Fourth, that each Chapter keep a file of the SCROLL and have the same bound for future reference. Fifth, that George B. Thomas be editor.

T. H. SIMMONS,  
R. F. JACKSON,  
M. W. HUTTO.

## ADDENDUM.

T. H. Simmons, of the Committee, recommends that the obligatory *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL be removed, but that it still be considered a private journal, and that it be exchanged with other Fraternity papers for the following reasons. It is better not to publish secret matter than to have the same made public when published. Since the SCROLL is distributed so widely it is bound to fall into the hands of many careless Phis. It is not often that we have secret matters to communicate and in important cases it could be done by circulars. This change would necessitate a little more care on the part of the Chapter reporters and the editor. We should exchange with Fraternity papers for the information we would derive from them. But it is inconsistent to send our *sub rosa* papers to the headquarters of information of other Fraternities. We cannot keep it strictly *sub rosa* and therefore had better not pretend to. *Sub rosa* Chapters by omitting to mention in their reports the places of their location and the names of their members can escape inconvenience from the change. M. W. Hutto concurs in this, that a *sub rosa* paper

should not be exchanged but opposes the removal of the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.

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## EXHIBIT O.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:* We, your Committee on special Resolutions, present the following:

*Resolved,* That a vote of thanks be extended to the proprietor of the Exchange Hotel for the interest taken in our comfort, and the many courtesies received at his hands by each delegate to the Convention.

*Resolved,* That the Convention appreciates the kindness of the publishers of the Richmond *Despatch* and *State* in giving space in their columns to the daily report of its proceedings.

*Resolved,* That we heartily indorse the management of the SCROLL for the past two years, and congratulate the editors upon their success in making that publication everything that a Fraternity journal should be.

WHEREAS, The officers of the Ex-General Council have, for the past two years exhibited such commendable zeal and untiring efforts in their strife to place *Phi Delta Theta* at the head of Greek Fraternities, and WHEREAS, They have, by their efforts placed her at a height of prosperity before unknown in her existence, be it

*Resolved,* That *Phi Delta Theta* in Convention assembled, does but partially express her appreciation of their efforts when she extends to them a most hearty vote of thanks.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Convention are due to the Alumni members, Judge Elliott, Brother Seals, Brother Tompkins and Brother Beckwith for their labor in preparing the literary exercises of the session.

*Resolved,* That the *Phi Delta Theta* Convention extends to the members of the Virginia A. Alumni and Virginia D. Chapters, especially to those acting on the Local Committee, best wishes and heartfelt thanks for the generosity and kindness they have bestowed upon us during our sojourn in their city. That we thoroughly appreciate their enthusiasm and loyalty, their whole-souled devotion to the advancement and prosperity of our beloved Fraternity. May peace and happiness go with them and may happiness and peace remain. Respectfully submitted,

G. B. THOMAS,  
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## JIM'S KID.\*

BY EUGENE FIELD.

Jim was a fisherman—up on the hill  
Over the beach lived he an' his wife  
In a little house—you kin see it still—  
An' their two fair boys; upon my life  
You never seen two likelier kids.  
In spite o' their antics an' tricks an' noise,  
Than them two boys!

Jim would go out in his boat on the sea—  
Jest as the rest of us fishermen did—  
And when he come back at night tha'r be  
Up to his knees in the surf each kid,  
A beck'nin' and cheerin' to fisherman Jim—  
He'd hear 'em, above the roar  
Of the waves on the shore.

But one night Jim came sailin' home,  
And the little kids weren't on the sands—  
Jim kinder wondered they hadn't come,  
And a tremblin' took holt o' his knees and hands,  
And he learnt the worst up on the hill  
In the little house, an' he bowed his head—  
"The fever," they said.

'Twas an awful time for fisherman Jim,  
With them darlin's dyin' afore his eyes—  
They kept a callin' an' beck'nin' him,  
For they kind o' wandered in mind—their cries  
Were about the waves and fisherman Jim  
And the little boat a sailin' for shore—  
Till they spoke no more.

Well, fisherman Jim lived on and on,  
And his hair grew white and the wrinkles came,  
But he never smiled, and heart seemed gone,  
And he never was heard to speak the name  
Of the little kids who were buried there  
Up on the hill in sight o' the sea,  
Under a willer tree.

\*This poem is circulating through the newspaper press of the country. Brother Eugene Field was a charter member of the Chapter at Knox in 1871. He affiliated with the Chapter at Missouri University and was in the class of 1872. He is now editor-in-chief of the Cleveland (O.) Herald.

One night they came and told me to haste  
 To the house on the hill, for Jim was sick,  
 And they said I hadn't no time to waste,  
 For his tide was ebbin' powerful quick,  
 An' he seemed to be wand'rin' and crazy like,  
 An' a seein' sights he oughtn't to see—  
 An' he called for me.

And fisherman Jim sez he to me,  
 "It's my last, last cruise—you understand—  
 I'm a sailin' a dark and dreadful sea,  
 But off on the further shore, on the sand,  
 Are the kids, who's a beck'nin' an' callin' my name  
 Jess as they did—ah, mate, you know—  
 In the long ago."

No, sir, he wasn't afraid to die,  
 For all that night he seemed to see  
 His little boys of the years gone by,  
 And to hear sweet voices forgot by me;  
 An' just as the mornin' sun came up—  
 "They're holding me by the hands!" he cried—  
 An' so he died.

## GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES.

### THEIR ORIGIN, PROGRESS, MANNERS, CUSTOMS, ETC.

College students have always shown a more or less marked tendency to form themselves into societies. Whether founded upon a national, literary, or social basis, these organizations seem to have been coeval with the colleges themselves. Throughout the United States there is a class of students' societies, usually secret in their character, which rapidly grew in favor, and have become of great importance in the college world. They are composed of lodges or branches placed in the several colleges united by a common bond of friendship and a common name, generally composed of Greek letters. From this latter fact they are known among non-collegians as "Greek-Letter Societies," or, more frequently, from their secrecy, "College Secret Societies," but among themselves they are styled "Fraternities." Before tracing their origin and progress it will be well to give some description of their customs and practices.

The name of each Fraternity is composed of two or three Greek letters, as Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi. These letters commonly represent a motto, unknown to all but the Fraternity's members, which indicates the purposes, aims, or actions of the organization. The lodges situated in various colleges are affiliated, and are, with one or two exceptions, termed "Chap-

ters." The Chapters receive various names, sometimes of the Greek letters in the order of their establishment, as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.; sometimes without any apparent order, as Theta, Delta, Beta, Gamma, in which case the Chapter letter is generally the initial of some word peculiar to the college. Sometimes they are named from the colleges, as Union Chapter, Hamilton Chapter, or from the college towns, as Waterville Chapter, Middletown Chapter. In one case, at least, all these are departed from, and the Chapter is named after some prominent member. When Chapters have become so numerous that the letters of the alphabet are exhausted, they are combined, either by chance, as Theta Zeta, Beta Chi, or by design, in the addition of supplementary letters, as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, etc., or Alpha Beta, Beta Beta, Gamma Beta. In other cases a regular system is employed, and some word or words used to donate the repetition, as Alpha deutron, Beta deutron, or, in case the alphabet is being used for the third time, by Alpha triteron, Beta triteron, the supplementary words being generally denoted by their initial letters, Deita and Tau respectively.

The distinctive badges or pins of the Fraternities are of three kinds. First, a shield or plate of gold, displaying

upon it the Fraternity name, together with symbols of general or peculiar significance. This kind of badge is worn as a pin, as a pendant from the watch-chain, or as a watch-key. Secondly, a monogram of letters composing the name; these pins are by far the handsomest of all, and are almost always jewelled. Thirdly, some symbol representing the name of the society or some of its degrees, as a skull, a harp, or key.

In addition to the badges, which are worn as pins and attached to the vest or necktie, many of the Fraternities have chosen distinctive colors. As the fraternity Chapters are generally known by letters, the members of each Chapter frequently wear their Chapter letter or letters as a guard-pin, and attach it to the badge proper by a tiny chain. When the college colors are worn in connection with the badge, and no fraternity colors are used, the college chapter, and Fraternity of an individual can thus be told at a glance.

Many of the colleges publish what are known as "annuals" or "year-books," being undergraduate catalogues, containing lists of the students, class histories, college organizations of various kinds, such as the fraternities, musical, dramatic, athletic and social clubs, and a few caricatures. The catalogues are always in reality, if not nominally, under the control of the fraternities, and considerable space is devoted to their interests, giving rise to a peculiar class of "posters" or "cuts." These appear opposite the names of the society's members, and consist of a representation of the fraternity name or badge, together with a collection of symbols, the date of founding the fraternity, establishing the chapter, mottoes, etc. This class of pictures is of recent origin, and the style and kind of poster differs with every fraternity and nearly every chapter, ranging from a meaningless landscape to a coat-of-arms, having, it is true, little heraldic significance, but generally in good taste.

The systems of government in vogue among the fraternities are almost as numerous as the societies themselves. With some the authority is given entirely into the hands of the parent chapter or some chapter appointed in its stead; with others, the government is carried on by an executive council, chosen by election or in some other way; and with others still, the government is conducted by a grand lodge or by a system of State lodges. In general, however, whenever the fraternities hold

conventions, authority of all kinds is vested in that body during its sessions, and with many of the fraternities charters for new chapters can only be granted by these conventions. These reunions or conventions are made up of delegates from the various chapters. As presiding officer, some old and well-known member is usually chosen, and in addition to the transaction of business, public exercises are held, during which the assembly is addressed, poems are read, etc. The session usually concludes with a more or less expensive banquet. Such meetings make acquainted the students of various colleges, and promote educational interests in many ways.

Within the past ten or fifteen years, it has been the practice of the members of the fraternities not in college residence, when they have been sufficiently numerous, to form alumni Chapters, and these graduate Chapters of the best known fraternities are now in nearly all the large cities of the country. In some cases, the alumni Chapters act in every way like the collegiate chapters, transact business, send delegates to conventions, and hold regular meetings. In others, the Chapter is only one in name, an occasional supper or assessment being the only reminder which the members have of its existence. Few, if any, of these non-collegiate chapters admit members to the fraternity.

The oldest and best of the Greek-Letter fraternities publish neat and tasteful catalogues of their members at stated intervals. These catalogues are at times expensive, and are illustrated by one or two steel engravings, and a plate of symbols or coat-of-arms for each Chapter. The members' names are usually arranged alphabetically by classes, or by the years in which they initiated, and foot-notes indicate the military, political, civil, or collegiate titles of individuals when distinguished. Some of the Fraternities also print a series of private symbols, composed of Greek letters, numbers, astronomical and mathematical signs, etc., which donate rank held in the Fraternity, the college honors or prizes gained, etc., of the person to whose names they are attached. Death is universally denoted by an asterisk (\*). The cost of printing such symbols has deterred all but the most wealthy from incurring such an expense, and a catalogue is considered sufficiently complete if it gives the name, residence, occupation, official titles, and class of each member. Song books are also pub-

lished, both by fraternities and individual Chapters, and the minutes of conventions, reports of officers, historical sketches, supper programmes, poems and mortuary notices are usually printed.

Many of the fraternities have printed their constitution and initiation services, but in the case of a secret organization it is rather a hazardous experiment.

The laborious correspondence which a large number of widely scattered Chapters necessitates has of late years caused a curious class of journals to make their appearance. These journals are published either monthly or quarterly, and are devoted to the interests of the Fraternity under whose badge they are issued. Published at first by private enterprise, they have generally received in a short time the official sanction of the Fraternity, and are given in charge of an official board of editors. They awaken new interest in the minds of graduates, by giving them news of their former Chapters, and serve an important purpose by providing means for free expressions of opinion in regard to matters of interest. These papers have generally taken their name from peculiarity in the badge of the Fraternity which they represent, as the Theta Delta Chi *Star*, the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, the Psi Upsilon *Diamond*, the Phi Delta Theta *SCROLL*, the Beta Theta Pi the *Phi Gamma Delta*, etc.

Musical talent has not been wanting among the members of the Fraternities and their friends, and, in addition to original melodies for Fraternity songs, there has issued from the musical press a whole series of marches, waltzes, gallops, *et id omne genus*. Of these, the best known are the Delta Kappa Epsilon March and Chi Phi Galop.

Since the Fraternities have begun to feel that they are firmly established, undergradute and graduate members have united in contributing towards Chapter building funds, and lodges and Chapter houses have been built sometimes at a cost of \$30,000, or even in one case of \$40,000. These buildings usually contain sufficient sleeping room for the higher classmen, and serve as Chapter homes.

The first American society bearing a Greek-Letter name was founded at the College of William and Mary, in 1776, and was called the Phi Beta Kappa. It was secret in its nature, and tradition has brought down several accounts of its origin. One states that it came from Europe, another that it was founded

by Thomas Jefferson, a third that it sprang from a Freemasons' lodge. Whatever may have been the manner of its beginning, the cause was undoubtedly the common friendship and interdependence of its founders. It was purely literary in its character, its meetings were held monthly or semi-monthly, and only seniors were eligible to membership.

The Chapter or lodge was termed the "Alpha," and the first exoteric branch was established at Yale College; from there it spread to other colleges in the manner which is hereinafter related. It will be seen that the causes for its foundation were friendship and the promotion of a common object. These causes, and a spirit of opposition or imitation, will satisfactorily account for the foundation of every Fraternity now existing. Phi Beta Kappa remained alone until 1821, when a senior society was founded at Yale, and called the Chi Delta Theta. Between the establishment of Phi Beta Kappa and that of Chi Delta Theta, a class of societies differing from either had arisen. These were mostly of a literary character, and bore names such as Hermesian, Philalæthean, Erosophian, Linonian, Adelphi, Philotechnian, etc. Some of them were secret and some were not. Their exercises consisted in debates, the reading and discussion of papers on literary subjects, and the like. Encouraged as they were by the faculty, the students joined them as a matter of course, but there was little actual interest taken in their proceedings, except, at the literary contest, or when elections were about to take place. These societies, though excellent in affording forensic training and practice in oratory, did not satisfy the want which resulted in the formation of the secret Fraternities shortly after. Such were the societies existing in the colleges when in 1824, a secret and select literary society was organized at Princeton, and they bore the name of Chi Phi. It was promptly abolished by the faculty on account of its secret nature, and disappeared for a time. One year later, at Union, four years of constant intercourse among a few congenial spirits promoted the formation of a club which was called the "K. A." or "Kappa Alpha Society." This was, in reality and spirit, the first Greek-Letter Fraternity, being the first to put into practice the principles which have since guided these societies. The new society met with much opposition, but was secretly popular with the students for two years later, in 1827, two

similar organizations were founded in the same college, Delta Phi and Sigma Phi. In these three societies we see the germs of the present Fraternity system, and, curiously enough, their badges and system of naming Chapters are now, with one or two exceptions, the only methods in use. Kappa Alpha's badge was a watch key, and its Chapters were named after the colleges in which they were situated; Sigma Phi's pin was a monogram, and its Chapters were named alphabetically by States; and Delta Phi's pin was a cross, and its Chapters were named in alphabetical order. Sigma Phi was the first of the trio to establish a branch organization, and in 1831, calling itself the Alpha Chapter of New York, the Beta Chapter of New York, was placed at Hamilton College. This move resulted one year later in the foundation of Alpha Delta Phi at that college. In 1833, Psi Upsilon was founded at Union, and the year after, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi having placed Chapters at Williams, found themselves confronted by a new rival, in the shape of an *anti*-secret society, the Delta Upsilon. Alpha Delta Phi's second Chapter was organized at Miami University in 1833, and in 1839 the first Western Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was founded there in consequence. Union College gave birth to Chi Psi in 1841, and Theta Delta Chi 1847; Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon entering Yale College as junior societies, soon after their establishment, in 1844. Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded there, its rapid progress soon giving it as great influence and greater numerical strength than its older rivals. By this time, the Fraternities had established chapters in New York City colleges, and in 1847 Delta Psi originated at Columbia, and Zeta Psi at the University. In 1848, Phi Gamma Delta started from Jefferson College and Phi Delta Theta from Miami, and these two Fraternities, together with Peta Theta Pi, were to be to the West what the "Union" Fraternities had been to the East. The first Southern Fraternity, the "Rainbow," or "W. W. W.," was founded during this year at Mississippi University. In 1850, Phi Kappa Sigma was founded at Pennsylvania University, and immediately spread West and South. In 1852, another Fraternity, the Phi Kappa Psi, issued from Jefferson, and in 1855, Sigma Chi from Miami. The next year, 1856, saw the birth of the second Southern Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at Alabama University. In 1857, Phi Sigma, now a local Frater-

nity, had its origin at Lombard University, and in 1858 Sigma Delta Pi, of the same class, was organized at Dartmouth. 1850 was prolific in secret organizations. Delta Tau Delta, at Bethany, Southern Chi Phi, at North Carolina University, Northern Chi Phi, at Hobart, and Sigma Alpha, at Roanoke, were all organized in this year. The civil war then put an end to college enterprise everywhere; many of the Southern colleges were destroyed and their faculty disbanded, and in the North some closed their doors for want of professors and students. When peace was declared, fresh activity was observed among the ranks of college men. In 1864, Theta Xi was founded at the Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. In 1865, Southern Kappa Alpha was established at Washington-Lee and Alpha Tau Omega at the Virginia Military Institute. As the work of reorganization went on, Alpha Gamma was founded at Cumberland University, and Kappa Sigma Kappa at the Virginia Military Institute in 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha being one year later at Virginia University, and Sigma Nu at the Virginia Military Institute. In 1859, two special Fraternities were founded, the Phi Delta Phi, at Michigan University, in the law department, and D. G. K. at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Kappa Sigma was also founded this year at Virginia University. In 1870, Zeta Phi, a distinctly Western society, was founded at Missouri University, and a second agricultural society, the Q. T. V., at Massachusetts Agricultural College. In 1872 Phi Kappa Alpha at Brown; in 1874, Alpha Sigma Chi at Rutgers and Phi Delta Kappa at Washington and Jefferson; and in 1878 Delta Beta Phi at Cornell, bring the roll down to the present time.

The first of the Ladies' Greek-Letter Societies was Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at Indiana Asbury University, in 1870. The same year Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded at Monmouth, Ill. The third society, Delta Gamma, originated in Oxford, Miss., in 1872.

Almost unconsciously, the Fraternities, as well as the colleges, have come to be classified on a special basis, and we have, in consequence, Eastern, Western and Southern Fraternities, although the division cannot be made with exactness, owing to the fact that some belong as much to one section as another. Having its origin in New York State, the Fraternity system could progress but in three directions: on the one hand were the New England colleges;

on the other, the old but poorly supported denominational colleges of the West; and in front the State universities of the South. In speaking of Eastern colleges we will mean the colleges and universities of New England, New York and New Jersey, Kenyon College, Western Reserve College, in Ohio, Lafayette College, in Pennsylvania, and the University of California. The latter university, though separated so far from the East in a geographical sense, is entirely Eastern in its customs. The Western colleges include those of Pennsylvania and Ohio, together with those of the remaining Western States, except Michigan University. The Southern colleges are sufficiently well defined geographically, but exceptions must be made in the cases of the State universities of Mississippi and Virginia. As far as Fraternity life is concerned, Michigan University possesses the features of both the Eastern and Western colleges, and the same remark will apply with equal truth to the two Southern universities above named.

Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Sigma Chi, Delta Beta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Kappa Alpha, Theta Xi, Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Alpha and Psi Upsilon, may with justness be styled Eastern Fraternities, though one or two of them have Chapters in the West and South. Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Zeta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi are types of the Fraternities of the West. Alpha Gamma, Alpha Kappa Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are strictly Southern societies. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi are Southern and Western. Chi Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Sigma are Southern and Eastern, Phi Delta Phi is Eastern and Western, and Chi Psi all three.

Until 1860 the Eastern Fraternities had placed Chapters in many of the colleges of the South, and some few in those of the West. The Western societies also had placed Chapters in the Southern States, so that frequently the Eastern and Western Fraternities would come in contact for the first time in some Southern college. The war, however, seriously crippled the Fraternity system in the South, and at its close, when the colleges reopened their doors, many of the faculties denied the Fraternities admission. The Eastern Fraternities had hesitated about placing Chapters in the South again, and the

local Fraternities and those from the West have undisputed possession of the collegiate field in that section. So we see that there are three different classes of the Fraternities, the Eastern, the Western and the Southern. Some Fraternities belong more or less to all sections, but we have yet to see a national Fraternity in the best colleges and universities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the lakes to the gulf. Beta Theta Pi is the nearest approach to such a Fraternity as yet, and its Eastern section is comparatively small.

The colleges and universities of New England and the Middle States have been superior to those of the South and West, in that their endowments have been larger, and being in more settled communities they have afforded better facilities to students. In the same way the Eastern societies have considered themselves superior to those of the remainder of the country.

This distinction has been somewhat intensified by the fact that two or three desertions have occurred from Western to Eastern Fraternities, and Western students coming East have failed to place Chapters in Eastern colleges. These failures have been due to a variety of causes, but in no case to inferior ability on the part of their promoters. In the East the Chapters have on an average, been established from ten to fifteen years longer than in the West, and from twenty to thirty years longer than in the South, and Southern and Western students fail to recognize the fact that it takes time to properly establish a Chapter. Being older, the Eastern Chapters have built houses and lodges before the Western ones have thought of it, and being as a rule wealthier, their badges and other appointments have been costlier. These things, however, are rapidly becoming equalized; the State universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Georgia are fast becoming of equal grade with the best New England colleges, and the students are of a higher social grade than were formerly accustomed to frequent these institutions. The South is recovering from the effects of the war, and the West from a period of depression consequent upon that struggle. The course of educational as well as political empire is toward the Mississippi Valley, and in a few years the Fraternities of both sections will be alike in standing, membership, wealth and scholarship.

In the East the iron hand of custom has now regulated all that pertains to

the life of Chapters and their peculiar practices. As we have said, the Fraternity Chapters are now fixed in New England colleges, and some extraordinary efforts are put forth to obtain members. Many of them are now between thirty and forty years old, and a freshman going to college has his mind already made up that he will join some Fraternity to which a brother, cousin, or other relation belonged during college life. Chapters will also often draw members from some particular town or school; friends from either place will be a great inducement to a freshman. Curious results sometimes grow out of this practice; for instance, in some New England colleges the men from Boston will all join Psi U., all from Providence, Zeta Psi, and so on. In the face of such difficulties it will be seen to be quite an undertaking to organize a new Chapter. In the West such customs have not as yet attained much force, but are rapidly doing so, while in the South the Fraternity system may be said to be in its infancy, as everything is now dated from the days of reconstruction.

A practice more or less in vogue among the Fraternities has of late been somewhat prevalent, and cannot be too severely condemned. It is that of members leaving one Chapter and joining another in the same college. It is euphoniously termed "lifting," perhaps with the idea that a man always joins a better Fraternity than he leaves.

In the early days of the Fraternities, only seniors were admitted to membership; other classmen were then taken in, until now, with the exception of Yale and Dartmouth, the members are from all classes. At Yale the Chapters are only junior societies, and at Dartmouth, though members are pledged, they are not admitted until the sophomore year. In some of the larger Western and Southern colleges, such as Indiana Asbury, Emory College, Ohio Wesleyan, etc., the preparatory schools being intimately connected with the colleges, "preps" are not only pledged, but initiated, before they enter the college proper. As the colleges usually open about the middle of September, the campaign for freshman members is then commenced, and lasts until Christmas, when each Chapter has secured its most desirable candidates; where there is great rivalry, however, initiations take place all the year round, and the Chapters continually surprise each other with new members.

In the South the Chapters are often

termed "clubs," a name derived from the University of Virginia, where the Fraternities usually board in clubs, one or two Fraternities call their Chapters "colleges" and "charges." The badges worn are more expensive in the East than in the West. The D. K. E.'s and Psi U.'s pins admit of more or less ornamentation according to taste. Some are heavily jewelled, and some are as plain as possible. We should say that the average price of a badge in the East was \$12, and in the West, \$7.

All these college fraternities are secret in their character with the exception of Delta Upsilon, which is *anti-secret*, and Phi Kappa Alpha, which is *non-secret*. To one, however, who has given any consideration to the subject, the secrecy is such only in name, and carefully-worded inquiries will elicit all that is wished to be known. The societies have stolen each other's constitutions with more or less frequency, and these documents are not so difficult to obtain as might be supposed. There is a remarkable family resemblance among the constitutions, and their arrangement into articles is generally as follows:

1. Preamble and definition of the society's object.
2. Definition of name and motto.
3. Conditions and degrees of membership.
4. Outline of government.
5. Duties of officers.
6. Relations of Chapters and appointment of special officials.
7. Oath of membership.

This order is not always adhered to, but it is usually so done. By-laws are added which contain the rules for badges, colors, seals, conventions, trials and other minor matters.

The initiation services are also very much alike, although there has been much scope of originality in their composition. A perfect initiatory service should consist of two parts, so that, after having undergone one trial, the initiate could retreat if necessary. It should, in addition, teach the candidate, in a thorough and impressive way, all the passwords, mottoes, grips, and recognition signs of the Fraternity.

Certificates of membership, like diplomas, are given by a few societies, but the practice is not common.

The above is the first Chapter of "American College Fraternities," written by William Raymond Baird, and published by J. P. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, in 1879. Mr. Baird is now engaged in getting out a new and improved edition and all who desire to become conversant with the American Greek Letter Fraternity System would do well to subscribe for it.

## THE PURDUE CASE.

In our issue of December we gave a brief account of the facts in the Purdue case as we understood them, and the decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana, which virtually left the matter about in the same condition it was in before any legal steps were taken.

We have not learned by what means it came about but the matter came before the Indiana Legislature and has created quite a furor among the college authorities, Fraternity men and politicians of that State.

When we wrote what we did in December, we were under the impression that we were giving an exact statement of the case, as we heard nothing to the contrary and it had not even been whispered that such a thing was possible that the question could have two sides to it. During our visit in the East, however, we learned from good authority that the true inwardness of the affair had never come to the ears of the Greek World and it was intimated that the principal question involved in the Purdue Case was not the Fraternity question, but that it was only used as a blind to further personal and political ends.

We have no opinion to express about the matter but if there are two sides to the question we propose to give them both to the Phi World.

We have not the facts at hand at present but will probably give them next month.

The latest developments we have heard of are that when the question of paying the appropriation to Purdue University came up in the Legislature, the proviso or "rider," as seen in the following, also came up as an amendment:

The Finance Committee of the Senate presented as an amendment to the appropriation of \$12,000 to Purdue University, the following proviso (Mr. Willard's proposition):—"Provided, however, that this appropriation shall only be drawn quarterly, and the Auditor of State shall issue his warrant for the same only in case that the President of the Board of Trustees of Purdue University shall file with said Auditor, on or before the first day of July, 1883, a statement that *all* restrictions or regulations, of *any* nature whatsoever, in regard to students in said institution joining or belonging to *any* college secret society shall have been *absolutely and completely* abrogated, and shall remain so; that *complete* immunity has

been granted said students to connect themselves with *any* college secret society they may desire, and a like statement shall be filed with the Auditor before each quarterly warrant is drawn."

The following substitute, offered by Mr. Johnson, was adopted by the Senate: "For Purdue University \$20,000, *provided*, that before any part of the appropriation, here made, be paid, the rule adopted by Purdue University affecting secret societies and Greek Fraternities in particular, shall be rescinded."

Immediately upon the introduction of this amendment, President White tendered his resignation as President of Purdue University and addressed an appeal to the General Assembly, a portion of which we give below:

*To the Honorable, the Members of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana—Gentlemen:* Fully believing that the so-called "rider" attached by the Senate to the appropriation to Purdue University, will seriously injure the institution, and jeopardize its success as an industrial college, I feel it to be my duty to do all in my power, consistent with due self-respect, to remove any seeming occasion for its enactment. To this end I have tendered to the Board of Trustees my resignation as President, asking to be relieved of my duties at the earliest possible day, not later than the close of the present college year. I take this step after due reflection, with the hope that my withdrawal, if it do not placate those who, *for personal reasons*, are urging this legislation, may, at least, satisfy the members of the General Assembly that they can safely continue to entrust the internal management of the University to its legally constituted authorities.

When I first became aware of the intention to put a "rider" on the Purdue appropriation, I propose to leading Senators in both political parties to relieve the situation by a prompt withdrawal from the University. They assured me that such a step was not necessary, since there was no expressed dissatisfaction with my administration of the affairs of the University, as its President; the only objection having reference to the regulation of the institution relating to the so-called Greek Fraternities.

When this amendment was reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee, Hon. J. H. Willard, author of the proviso, addressed the Senate as follows:

"Mr. President: As the author of the proviso which has been unanimously

reported from the committee on finance, and as a member of that committee in charge of the appropriation bill, it is proper that I should give the reasons for the amendment proposed. I desire in advance to state to the Senate that I have no personal interest in the matter whatever, as the only Greek Fraternities into which I ever had the honor to be initiated, so far as I am aware, have never sought to establish a Chapter in Indiana. But none the less warmly is every impulse of my nature in sympathy with this proviso. The object of the proviso is almost too well known in the Senate to require explanation. Its purpose is to declare, by solemn legislative enactment, that the faculty of Purdue University shall not trample on the civil liberty of students in that institution, whether citizens or minors.

"It proposes to declare, in the most emphatic form in which this General Assembly can enunciate it, that Guitcausism and hobby-riding shall have no place in the advanced education which we are laboring to bestow on rich and poor alike in Indiana. It is indeed strange, Mr. Chairman, that in this our advanced civilization, in a State which has the finest system of common schools on the continent, a legislator should be forced to insist that the blessings of civil liberty and freedom of thought shall not be denied to any citizen of Indiana."

After reviewing at some length the history of the "Purdue Case," the Senator continued:

"In this way the faculty of Purdue reimposed upon the students the very rule which the Supreme Court had termed degrading and extraordinary. These rules assume to establish a condition subsequent to admission instead of a condition precedent, but in truth and in fact they establish a condition precedent by making the student pledge his honor to abide by the condition subsequent. You ask, perhaps, why do they not again go into the courts? Remember, Senators, that these students are, many of them, young boys—poor, perhaps, and unable to bear the heavy expenses which an appeal of cases to the Supreme Court necessarily entails—and what assurance will they have that another contest will not be followed by another attempted evasion? They have been victorious in the courts, but it has been of little avail, and, therefore, they come to you as the representatives of the people, and they have the right to make their appeal to you. They ask you to relieve them from these regula-

tions, which the Supreme Court has pronounced to be degrading. They ask you to burst the shackles which bind their consciences. They ask you to say, through the medium of legislation, that you will not permit any class of inhabitants of this State to be held in moral slavery by any combination of men whatsoever. And these students have the right to appeal to you. It was a right guaranteed to them by their fathers, and that it might never be disregarded it was placed in the supreme law of the State in these words: 'Knowledge and learning generally diffused throughout a community being essential to the preservation of a free government, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to encourage by all suitable means, moral, intellectual, scientific and agricultural improvement, and to provide by law for a general and uniform system of common schools, where tuition shall be without charge and equally open to all.'

"Every Senator upon this floor is aware that it is under this provision of the constitution that aid has repeatedly been granted to the State University, the Normal School, and Purdue University; and to the credit of the other institutions be it said that Purdue has been the only one to violate the constitution of Indiana as expounded by the Supreme Court of the State.

"I appeal to you my fellow-Senators, to right this wrong. I appeal to you not to close your ears to the demand of the downtrodden students of Purdue University. I appeal to every liberty-loving sentiment which animates your bosoms. I appeal to you Republicans, whose hearts thrill with just pride when you recall, as the grandest achievement of the greatest representative of your party, the striking off the fetters from the limbs of four million enslaved, and I ask you, are you ready to maintain a species of moral slavery right here in the free State of Indiana? I do not believe it.

"I appeal to my Democratic friends, members of a party which has survived so many successive defeats only because it is founded on inalienable and unchangeable principles, and I ask you, are you going to deny the prayer of the oppressed in utter disregard of the fundamental principle enunciated by the founder of our party, 'equal and exact justice to all men?'

"Again, I appeal to you as Senators acting under the obligation of a solemn oath, and I ask you, are you going to

disregard the sacred provision of the constitution that the system of common schools shall be equally open to all? Are you going to say that a man who joins a Greek Fraternity should be classed in the same category as a criminal, that he shall not be accorded the same liberty as other inhabitants of this State? Why, what are the Greek Fraternities? If you listen to the drivel of the President of Purdue you would suppose that they were the offspring of sa'an and the damned. Away with such fanaticism! These Fraternities have numbered in their catalogues the grandest names in American history in the nineteenth century. You find their members in every assemblage of educated men. As I look around upon my colleagues, I find that well-nigh half of them have experienced their blessings and known their worth. They throw around the young man just entering collegiate life the most secure protection imaginable. He leaves his home doubting, hesitating, untried, inexperienced, totally unfamiliar with the ways of the world, and when he enters the Fraternity he finds himself amid a brotherhood whose older members will guide and counsel him. He finds himself protected, advised, admonished, urged onward in the pathway of ambition, while his course is regarded with the most affectionate solicitude and brotherly care. He finds himself at once admitted.

"To a sphere where love's the center,  
Where all hate and envy cease,  
Where dissensions never enter  
To a fellowship of peace.  
Each for every other caring,  
Learns his brother's good to prize,  
With his brother honor sharing—  
Every honor multiplies."

"The Greek Fraternities train the student by the art of criticism into habits of correct thought. They teach him the first rudiments of political maneuvering. They give him new and broader ideas of humanity. They elevate him in all that constitutes true manhood. These Fraternities form the green oases in the dreary desert of collegiate labor. For myself I can say that the Greek Fraternities into which I had the honor to be initiated accomplished for me fully as much as the collegiate course itself; and in after days, when fighting the battle of life, in the pauses of the contest, with what fond remembrance does the mind look back and dwell upon Fraternity experience! I have experienced the beneficent influence of the Greek Fraternities, and

never shall my voice be silent when they are assailed until my tongue is stilled in death.

"But there is another aspect in which this question should be viewed. What means this sudden attempt to engraft into the youthful mind the belief that a society is simply a league with hell? Are we going back to the dead issue of the palmy days of Thurlow Weed, and attempting to revive the spirit of Morganism in the land?"

"Are we expending the money of the State that the worn-out, so-called principles of the anti-Masonry party may be instilled into the minds of the young? If so, I, for one, am ready to call a halt, and say that not one single cent of the money of the State shall be expended for the inculcation of such pernicious doctrines. You can never eradicate the innate principle from the human mind. The tendency of men to associate themselves together in secret societies is a part of human nature. I challenge all history to disprove the assertion. The records of secret societies are found engraven in stone amid the hieroglyphics of the Rameses. The songs of these orders were chanted beneath the hanging gardens of Babylon; they were re-echoed along the shores of the Ægean in the Eleusinian mysteries; they were heard again in the *Vehm Gericht* of Germany and Burgundy, and finally in our own times they are echoed and re-echoed in every clime and beneath every sky—

"Where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run."

"The influence of the secret society is to-day well-nigh forming a brotherhood of mankind as the various orders extend their power. The secret orders are cementing and uniting humanity in a 'solid phalanx of friendship which no foe can sever, neither can the gates of hell prevail against it.'

"They are hastening that day of universal brotherhood which the Scottish bard, with fatidical eye, foresaw more than a century ago, and prophesied in his grandest poem:

"Then let us pray that come it may.

\* \* \* \* \*  
It's coming yet for a' that  
When man to man the world o'er  
Shall brothers be for a' that."

"Mr. Chairman, I sincerely trust that the proviso may be adopted by such a decisive majority as shall thoroughly and finally settle this question for the future."

## ALPHA DELTA PHI.

THE COLLEGIATE WING OF THE  
COMMITTEE REPORTS IN FA-  
VOR OF BRO. SPRAGUE.

A REMARKABLE INVESTIGATION AT-  
TENDED BY REMARKABLE COINCID-  
ENCES AND WITH A REMARK-  
ABLE RESULT.

[Special dispatch to the World.]

ALBANY, February 16.—The long-ex-  
pected report of the Alpha Delta Phi  
Committee on Contested Seats has been  
made and seven of the nine members  
favor the seating of H. S. Sprague. It  
is a singular coincidence that on the day  
the committee was appointed by speaker  
Chapin the friends of Mr. Sprague  
stated that seven of the committee  
would report in favor of seating him.  
After the committee had taken the evi-  
dence, the half-breed Republican paper  
at Albany stated that the committee  
stood seven for Sprague and two for  
Bliss, and yet all the members of the  
committee stated then that no vote was  
taken in the committee on that case  
and state now that no vote was taken  
until after 1 o'clock this morning. The  
remarkable coincidence in the case, not  
to mention the announcement in the  
*Journal* at the outset that the commit-  
tee was made up to seat Mr. Sprague,  
furnishes evidence that the committee  
was intentionally packed to do what it  
has done.

The Thirteenth District Assembly of  
New York seems to be an unfortunate  
one for the Democrats. Twice during  
the last ten years they have elected a  
member from that district and twice  
the seat was given to a Republican con-  
testant by a Republican Assembly. Now  
a committee in a Democratic Assembly  
reports in favor of unseating a Demo-  
crat from the same district. The action  
of Republicans in former contests has  
made it difficult to find a Democrat to  
accept the nomination for this particu-  
lar district, and it will not be the fault  
of the Alpha Delta Phi committee of  
this house if it is not impossible to find  
a Democrat to accept the nomination  
hereafter.

The report of the majority makes no  
attempt at an analysis of the evidence  
taken, nor does it give any reasons why  
the conclusion is reached in favor of  
Mr. Sprague. It is in that respect one  
of the most remarkable reports ever sub-  
mitted. The statement is made in the  
report that the question all turns on one

election district, and, whether Sprague  
or Bliss received the one hundred and  
seventy-two votes in that district, they  
determined to declare for Sprague and  
do declare for him. The evidence taken  
by the committee has been submitted  
by a member of the Legislature to a  
Supreme Court judge who has been recog-  
nized by both parties on the Supreme  
Court bench in the State, with a request  
that he examine it and state his conclu-  
sions. The Judge has since stated that  
there could be no two sides to the ques-  
tion on the testimony, nor any reason-  
able ground for a committee to report in  
favor of seating Mr. Sprague.

The majority report in favor of Mr.  
Sprague was presented to-day by Mr.  
Rice. Mr. Bartlett, of Broome, pre-  
sented a minority report in favor of  
Thales S. Bliss retaining his seat, which  
was signed by himself and Mr. Dele-  
hanty, of Albany. Mr. M. C. Murphy  
moved that the two reports be laid on  
the table and printed with the testi-  
mony to be considered at some future  
time. Mr. Brooks believed that it would  
be proper to fix the date for consider-  
ing the report, and suggested next week  
Thursday, and after a brief debate the  
reports were made a special order for  
one week from next Thursday evening.

Mr. Rice then reported in case of Coffey  
against Sheridan, in the Fifth Dis-  
trict of Kings, in favor of Sheridan, the  
sitting member, retaining his seat, and  
the report was adopted. The contest-  
ant in this case was not an Alpha Delta  
Phi.

LATER.

ALBANY, March 8. The discussion of  
the Sprague-Bliss contest was continued  
in the Assembly this evening. Mr.  
Delehanty, Mr. Brooks, Mr. O'Connor  
and Mr. Benedict advocating the seat-  
ing of Mechanic Bliss, while Mr. Ely, of  
Otsego; Mr. Church, of Queens; Mr.  
Van Alen and Mr. Rice spoke for the  
Alpha Deltas in favor of giving the seat  
to Alpha Delta Sprague. After three  
hours' discussion the vote was reached  
on the adoption of the substitution of  
the minority report. The vote was sixty-  
seven to fifty-two and Mr. Bliss was  
declared entitled to his seat. Fourteen  
Democrats voted with the Republicans  
against the minority report.

Mr. Brooks said that he has remained  
silent until now as to how he should  
vote. He went over the whole ground  
of the contestants and said that he could  
arrive at no other conclusion than that  
Mr. Bliss was entitled to the seat he  
now occupied.

## THE GREEK WORLD.

THE FRATERNITY MEETING  
AT PHILADELPHIA.

COLONNADE HOTEL, Feb. 22, 1883.

Pursuant to a call issued by the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* at the suggestions of *Chi Phi Quarterly*, the representatives of several Fraternities met at the above named hotel, February 22, 1883, at 11 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robb, Beta Theta Pi, and Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, Alpha Tau Omega, was upon motion elected as chairman and Messrs. Wm. R. Baird, Beta Theta Pi, and George B. Thomas, Phi Delta Theta, were named as secretaries.

The roll was called to ascertain who were present and what Fraternities they represented, with the following result:

Alpha Tau Omega, O. A. Glazebrook, F. H. Easby.

Beta Theta Pi, W. O. Robb, Wm. R. Baird.

Chi Phi, J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Reninger.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chas. H. Beckett.

Delta Phi, M. C. Work.

Delta Tau Delta, H. W. Plummer.

Phi Delta Theta, G. B. Thomas, Frank Fithian.

Phi Gamma Delta, S. L. Black, H. L. Stahler.

Northern Kappa Psi, C. H. Kendall, Norman Ellison.

Phi Kappa Sigma, Ben Reath.

Psi Upsilon, C. W. Smilley.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, J. H. Young.

Sigma Chi, E. A. Stahler, J. Fahnestock.

Zeta Psi, G. Remak, jr., J. I. Scott.

The following gentlemen were present as visitors: W. D. Roberts, Zeta Psi; J. D. Raht, Sigma Chi; F. M. Fox, Zeta Psi; E. E. Johnson, Chi Phi; C. S. Mastin, Chi Phi; E. M. Young, Chi Phi; W. A. Ford, Delta Kappa Epsilon; J. Marshall, Phi Kappa Psi; E. L. Smith, Phi Kappa Psi; L. J. C. Kimmel, Delta Phi; F. L. Loudon, Sigma Chi; C. B. Williams, Delta Phi; J. W. Kinnear, Phi Gamma Delta; F. C. Cook, Delta Tau Delta; A. P. Trautwein, Delta Tau Delta; F. F. Martinez, Delta Tau Delta; E. W. Clark, Delta Tau Delta; H. A. Hare, Beta Theta Pi; T. B. Bradford, Beta Theta Pi; N. P. Grimm, Beta Theta Pi; H. H. Cremer, Chi Phi; J. Nelson Lentz, Phi Delta Theta.

Mr. Robb then made a few remarks, stating that the movement to call the meeting had been a spontaneous one and that the main object of the assembly was to ascertain whether it was desired by the Fraternities that a general conference of Fraternity men should be called, and if so, at what time and place and what subjects should be suggested for its consideration and discussion.

Upon motion the meeting went into a committee of the whole to consider the matter, and the roll was called to ascertain the views of the several Fraternities. Mr. Glazebrook spoke of Alpha Tau Omega and proceeded to set forth views that such a conference could devise means to protect the best interests of the Fraternities, to overcome the prejudices of hostile faculties and cultivate good feeling among the Fraternities themselves. Mr. Smilley then asked a number of questions. It became evident that this discussion would consume too much time, and upon motion a committee consisting of W. O. Robb, Beta Theta Pi, chairman; C. H. Beckett, Delta Kappa Epsilon; C. W. Smilley, Psi Upsilon; G. B. Thomas, Phi Delta Theta; J. H. Young, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and W. R. Baird, Beta Theta Pi, were appointed to express the sense of the meeting in a series of resolutions.

The meeting then adjourned until 2 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30 P. M.

After the meeting was called to order the committee, through Mr. Robb, presented the following report:

"At a meeting of representatives of the following Greek-Letter Fraternities, viz: Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Psi Upsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi and Zeta Psi, held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 1883, at a call of the Fraternity press, the following proposition was unanimously adopted:

First—That a Pan-Hellenic Conference be held at New York City to begin July 4, 1884, *provided* that ten Fraternities shall signify their intention to participate on or before January 1, 1884.

Second—That every Greek-Letter Fraternity having three or more living Chapters be entitled, in the proposed conference, to be represented by three delegates. That each Fraternity be entitled to one vote.

Third—That the general object of the proposed conference be the promotion of inter-Fraternity courtesy and the advancement of the general interests of the Fraternity system.

Fourth—That this object is sought to be obtained, not by legislation which shall bind the Fraternities participating, but by the moral force of this and similar assemblies.

Fifth—That the following, among other topics, are suggested for the consideration of the proposed conference:

1. Membership in Chapters.  
a. As to preparatory students.  
b. As to membership in two or more Fraternities.

c. As to "lifting."  
d. As to the consequences of expulsion from one Fraternity.

2. Chapters.  
a. "Sub rosa" Chapters.  
b. "Lifting" Chapters.  
3. Relations of Fraternities and Colleges.

a. The best means of securing the recognition and co-operation of college authorities.

b. The prevention of Fraternity combinations in college politics.

4. Fraternity Statistics and Publications.

a. Their limits as to secrecy.  
b. Methods of collecting statistics for catalogues, etc.

c. Method of conducting Fraternity journals.

5. That the details for perfecting the arrangements for the proposed conference be intrusted to a committee consisting of the editors of various Fraternity journals. Signed.

W. O. ROBB, Beta Theta Pi, *Ch'n.*  
C. H. BECKETT, Delta Kappa Epsilon.  
C. H. SMILEY, Psi Upsilon.  
G. B. THOMAS, Phi Delta Theta.  
J. H. YOUNG, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.  
W. R. BAIRD, Beta Theta Pi."

The report was upon motion received and adopted. It was then considered *seriatim* and accepted. In reply to questions by Mr. Remak, Zeta Psi, and Mr. Cromwell, Chi Phi, the committee stated that Sec. 4 should not be construed to mean that a Pan-Hellenic conference should not legislate, but that the committee expressed the opinion that the sanction of its enactments would be their moral force.

Meeting adjourned until 3:45 p. m.

O. A. GLAZEBROOK, A. T. O., *Ch'n.*  
W. R. BAIRD, Beta Theta Pi. } *Sec.*  
G. B. THOMAS, Phi Delta Theta. }

## ANNOUNCEMENT

OF THE SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE.

52 WILLIAM STREET, }  
NEW YORK CITY, Mar. 6, '83. }

To the *Phi Delta Theta Fraternity—Gentlemen*: The Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Press Association begs leave to call your attention to the minutes of Fraternity Editor's Convention, held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 1883. (If not enclosed they have been sent to the editors of your journals, the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL, through the kindness of Mr. Baird, the Secretary of the meeting, and Mr. Black, the recorder of the editor's meeting.)

Among other important enactments, the following proposition was unanimously adopted at said convention:

"That a Pan-Hellenic Conference be held at New York City, to begin July 4, 1884, provided that ten Fraternities shall signify their intention to participate on or before January 1, 1884."

The convention of Fraternity editors carefully discussed the arrangements for the proposed conference, which are detailed in the minutes of the meeting.

I take this opportunity of calling the same to your attention as a member of your Fraternity and would request you to present the same, or to see that it is presented to your Fraternity, in convention or in any other proper manner according to the procedure of your order. And I would respectfully urge you to request your Fraternity to take some definite and immediate action, so that the Secretary of the association may know whether to report you affirmatively or negatively in this matter.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication as soon as is conveniently possible, and inform us of the action of your Fraternity at the earliest moment that you can consistently with a careful consideration of the matter. The Secretary wishes to report the action of the Fraternities to the Association at an early date and he will likewise inform you of the final determination of the Fraternities as a whole.

Any further information, as to this matter, which the Secretary may be able to give will be gladly furnished. Trusting to hear from you forthwith, I have the honor to remain,

Very truly yours,

C. H. BECKETT,

*Sec. Inter-Frat. Press Association.*

## AMONG THE GREEKS.

Mrs. R. B. Hays is a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Delta Tau Delta claims five hundred men in Ohio.

Sigma Chi has revised and improved her constitution.

Alpha Delta Phi catalogues seven Roman Catholic priests.

Phi Gamma Delta desires to enter University of Georgia.

Phi Kappa Psi has re-established at Franklin and Marshall.

Alpha Delta Phi's new catalogue contains eight hundred pages.

Lew Wallace, the author of "Fair God," is a Phi Gamma Delta.

The Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, at Kenyon, is reduced to three men.

Phi Kappa Psi's history is now ready and only awaiting funds for publication.

Chi Phi has a Chapter in embryo at Vanderbilt. It contains eight or ten men.

Seven new Fraternities have been established at Columbia in the past two years.

The Phi Kappa Psi held their convention at Pittsburg, Pa., February 21st, 22d, and 23d.

Kappa Alpha Theta held a convention on February 22d under the auspices of the Indiana Asbury Chapter.

Miss Anna Holman, the newly elected instructor of modern languages at Asbury University, is a Kappa Alpha Theta.

Chi Phi has just issued a new catalogue and Delta Tau Delta is making extensive preparations with that object in view.

Phi Gamma Delta has come from under the rose at University of Pennsylvania. The Chapter has been there a year or more.

Quite a number of Delta Kappa Epsilons are skirmishing about the University of Pennsylvania. Probably they want to enter.

Zeta Psi and Theta Delta Chi have entered Harvard. Delta Tau Delta is prospecting round about the outer walls of that institution.

Phi Beta Kappa has been chartered at Cornell University. The President and twelve professors are named as charter members.

Professor S. S. Hamill is claimed both by Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi. The chances are, however, in favor of the Phi Gam's.

President Arthur recently donated \$100 to his Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Union. The Chapter is contemplating building a Chapter house.

Greek-letter societies are considering the question of initiating the freshman in the fall, instead of deferring it till spring, as has been the custom heretofore.—*The Dartmouth*.

"Beta Theta Pi is the only Western Fraternity having any Chapter in New England."—*Golden Key* We haven't any Chapters but we have something like a Chapter up about the University of Vermont.

Some years since the Alpha Delta Phi had a petition for a Chapter from Vassar College, N. Y. The faculty who were composed largely of Alpha Deltas, would not allow the Chapter to be established.—*Golden Key*.

A number of the Fraternities have been harassed for some time past by petitions for a charter from some "sour grape men" of the Ohio Wesleyan University. We are happy to state none have as yet been granted them.

At the last convention of Beta Theta Pi an amendment to the constitution making the general convention biennial instead of annual, passed by a small majority, but it will have to pass the next convention to become a law.

The Chi Phis are running a *sub rosa* Chapter at the Ohio State University, Columbus, O. There is no probability of the O. S. U. boys getting a charter, as the Fraternity objects. They all belong to the Chi Chapter at Delaware, O.

The *Palm*, Alpha Tau Omega, urges a constitutional amendment preventing Chapters from approaching new students until they have been in college some time. They think in this way to avoid mistakes liable to occur from too hasty action.

The Chi Phi *Quarterly* contains an extensive account of their "Hobart order," whose three Chapters swallowed up the old Princeton order in 1867. By

this they are making a desperate attempt to make their founding date back as far as possible.

The conference of the second division of Delta Tau Delta met at Delaware, O., Thursday, January 25th. The object being to bring the men together and consider points of interest. The second division comprises those Chapters in West Virginia, Ohio and Georgia.

At University of Mississippi Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Rainbow have agreed not to initiate sub-freshmen and not to spike any student until he has been in the university two months. Phi Kappa Psi refused to sign the agreement.

Miss Sallie J. Harris, the lady who took first honor at the preliminary oratorical contest at the Ohio Wesleyan University, is a Kappa Alpha Theta and represented the O. W. U. in the State contest held at Marietta, February 12, 1883. Kappa Alpha Theta may well be proud of having such a member in its ranks.

The plate from which the title page of the *Beta Theta Pi* is printed, was taken from the original cut used on a magazine published in Germany. An electrotype from the same cut is used on the title page of a work published in New York called "Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations." It is "complete in about forty parts" and is vended throughout the United States by the festive book agent.

Being under the impression that the D. K. E. or "Dicky" sophomore club at Harvard disclaimed any connection with the D. K. E. Fraternity, we inquired of one of their "big bugs" about it. He assured us that it was a regularly organized Chapter of D. K. E. and was recognized by the Fraternity and considered itself as such. It is a significant fact, however, that it is the only one of their twenty-eight Chapters which was not represented at their last convention and which has no report in the *Quarterly*.

One of the professors at Lehigh, a member of Psi Upsilon, is very anxious to have a Chapter at that place. Some wealthy member gave money enough to build a Chapter house which is nearly completed. A number of students have already been initiated, but it is rather doubtful as to whether a charter will

be granted them, as Psi U's. policy is against extension. A prominent member told us that if the proposition were made in convention to establish a Chapter in Heaven negative votes would be cast. It looks as if Lehigh's chances are slim.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for February makes the following mention of our Bloomington, Ill., Chapter: "The Phi Delta Thetas, our only rival in this institution, held an open session and reunion the middle of last month. They acquitted themselves in a creditable manner and won for their Chapter many tributes of praise. At the banquet the following toasts were responded to: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Gamma Delta. Ladies graced the occasion with their presence and added to the pleasure of the evening."

The exact cause of complaint is not stated, but in some way or other the members of the different Fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan, have of late been walking in any path other than that of rectitude—at least their manner of procedure does not meet with the approbation of the President of that institution. He has, in his correspondence to a prominent Fraternity worker, written words to the effect that if there was not, at an early date, a mending of ways in a certain quarter, he would inaugurate a scarcity of Greeks and in fact cause an exodus thereof from O. W. U.

Immediately upon the appearance of the first number of the *Golden Key*, a member of Delta Tau Delta, of heart-breaking proclivities, conceived the brilliant idea that it would be a good scheme to "mash" the entire membership of Kappa Kappa Gamma. With this object in view he perpetrated nine verses of the "Spring" order, "to the ladies" of the *Golden Key*, and published them in the *Crescent*. His challenge was forthwith accepted by the editor of the *Key* and now they are "at it." It is probable that if they are not "headed off" they will continue their "poetic mash" till there is a union of the two orders—or at least two members of them.

From the foundation of Delta Kappa Epsilon in 1844 until the meeting of the thirty-fifth convention, the parent Chapter at Yale was the seat of authority and exercised absolute control over everything the Fraternity as a whole, undertook. This system of government

proved anything but satisfactory to the Dekes and did not result in any great benefit to the Fraternity, as everything was looked at from the Yale point of view which is noted for not being very broad. At the above time a new departure was taken in Dekedom and a Council, composed of graduates taken from the Chapters in rotation, was chosen, which took possession of the reins of government and which has since given general satisfaction.

Speaking of the last convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the *Key* says: "We, however, had never before met face to face, but were a group of enthusiastic Kappas, which accounted for this friendly meeting." The *Key* omits to state in what manner the "sisterin" greeted each other—whether with the enthusiastic "grip" that the boys give each other on such occasions or with the ordinary female osculatory demonstrations. We have no desire to pry into the secrets protected by a door barred with gold which is opened only with a golden key, but have lots of curiosity to know whether our lady friends really have a "grip" or whether their constitution provides for a peculiar "kiss" as a means of recognition.

The February *Beta Theta Pi* gives a *fac simile* specimen of our new catalogue, including Greek letters, symbols and all. The specimen was obtained from first proofs and in publishing it in advance of the book, and even before sample pages had appeared in the *SCROLL*, the *Beta Theta Pi* displayed very commendable enterprise. Such enterprise is not unusual with the *Beta Theta Pi* however. The following kind mention is made of our catalogue: "The work has been a long time in the hands of the editors, and they have done very thorough work. There are to be, besides the Chapter lists, a residence directory on a new plan, and a list of members who have relatives in the Fraternity. Chi Phi has just issued a new catalogue which does not approach this as to excellence. Delta Tau Delta is busily preparing one which will have essentially the same features as that of Beta Theta Pi. In connection with the catalogue of Phi Delta Theta we would remark that that Fraternity has many more eminent names in its catalogue than the Eastern Fraternities would give it credit for, and this, we think, is rapidly proving the case with other Western organizations."

## THE GREEK PRESS.

With this issue we introduce to the readers of the *SCROLL* the above new feature. It is our intention to give each month, such extracts from our exchanges as we may deem interesting to the Phi World and as we have space for. Our sister journals, for the most part, are managed and edited by intelligent and progressive men and many articles appear in their columns which are instructive and of benefit to the Greek World as well as to the Fraternities which support them.

This department is from its very nature a Pan-Hellenic feature and the management of it is enthusiastically in sympathy with the Pan-Hellenic spirit which has for some time been slowly permeating the Greek organizations, which had a partial culmination in the meeting at Philadelphia last month, and which will have a grand culmination in the conference to be held in New York City in 1884.

We give below the minutes of the late editorial convention and a sketch of the history of Fraternity journalism and of our exchanges. A history of the *SCROLL* will be given in some future issue:

### INTER-FRATERNITY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

COLONNADE HOTEL,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 22, '83. }

The editors of the following journals assembled at the above named time and place:

Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, O. A. Glæzbrook, F. H. Easby.

*Beta Theta Pi*, W. O. Robb, W. R. Baird.

Chi Phi *Quarterly*, J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Reninger.

Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, C. H. Beckett.

Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, H. W. Plummer.

Phi Delta Theta *SCROLL*, George B. Thomas.

*Phi Gamma Delta*, J. L. Black.

Psi Upsilon *Diamond*, C. W. Smilley.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, J. H. Young.

*Sigma Chi*, E. A. Stahler.

Upon motion of Mr. Stahler, Sigma Chi, Mr. H. W. Plummer, Delta Tau Delta, was elected Chairman and Mr. S. L. Black, Phi Gamma Delta, Secretary.

The following communication was then read and the Secretary instructed to return a suitable reply:

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1883.

To the Inter-Fraternity Press Association—Gentlemen: The First Grand Division of Delta Tau Delta in conference assembled, sends greetings and best wishes for the success of your convention. Hoping that it may be productive of great benefit to the Greek Fraternity World, we remain,

Yours respectfully,  
 W. G. MAYBERRY,  
 A. C. CAMPBELL, } Com.  
 E. H. FOSTER.

Upon motion the convention went into a committee on the whole to discuss the subject of a press association. After some discussion the committee rose and reported that it was advisable to establish a Fraternity press agent for the collection and distribution of accurate and reliable Fraternity and college news. Mr. Baird was instructed to secure such an agent if possible and report to the editors severally.

The plan for carrying out the arrangement of the Pan-Hellenic Conference was then discussed. Upon motion Mr. C. H. Beckett, D. K. E., was appointed a committee of one to communicate the results of the meeting to the several Fraternity authorities, to receive their replies and to call a meeting of the Association when ten Fraternities have signified their intention of participating in the Pan-Hellenic Conference, and to act as Secretary of the Association during the recess.

It was decided upon motion to hold the next meeting at such place as a majority of the Fraternity editors should agree and communicate to the meeting.

Mr. Glazebrook expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting and moved that a vote of thanks to the Chi Phi *Quarterly* for suggesting it and the Beta Theta Pi for executing it.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

H. W. PLUMMER, *Chairman*.

S. L. BLACK, *Secretary*.

## FRATERNITY JOURNALISM.

During the period from 1830 to 1860 when the college Fraternities were laying the foundation of their present prosperity and taking possession quietly of the college world, the project then generally entertained among college men to found a periodical to be devoted to college interests, supported entirely by college subscribers and to contain only the writings of college thinkers, found a

partial utterance in attempts to have the Fraternities issue and support such periodicals.

The idea was introduced at an early date in the conventions of at least the Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Phi and Beta Theta Pi, and probably the early records of other Fraternity conventions will show similar resolutions. These schemes all failed, from lack of subscribers principally, and the scheme was finally abandoned by all, though Mu, of Beta Theta Pi at Cumberland University, Tenn., had one member adventurous enough to try his luck and publish the *Beta Theta Pi Magazine* in 1856. Two brief numbers show the extent of his courage and failure. From that time until 1868, the Fraternities made no move in the matter. Then some ardent and enthusiastic members of Theta Delta Chi residing in New York endeavored to start a journal to be called *The Shield* devoted to the interests of all the colleges and Fraternities. This, too, was a failure.

In 1872 the Pennsylvania Chapters of the Chi Phi Fraternity issued an eight-page paper three columns wide called the Chi Phi *Chaekett*. This was merged into the Chi Phi *Quarterly* in 1874 upon the union of the Northern and Southern orders.

The first Fraternity journal, however, devoted to an entire organization and which had the features and aims of the current Fraternity periodical, was the *Beta Theta Pi*. This was founded in December, 1872, by Rev. Charles D. Walker, professor at the Virginia Military Institute. A member of the Beta Theta Pi, he had been made its General Secretary at the convention held the preceding September. He chafed at the amount of time which the duties of his position demanded, and determined to found a journal that should do part of his work for him and relieve him of so much writing.

The paper was named after the Fraternity. It was a four-page monthly of the size known as "small quarto," and was filled with Chapter news, reports, constitutional discussions and personals. In 1874 it was made the official organ of the Fraternity, its size reduced and the number of pages increased. During 1875 it was discontinued, but its issue was again begun in 1876. Since that it has continually added improvements. It is now edited at Cincinnati as a twenty-eight (average) page monthly. Its editorial department is especially good and contains articles of benefit

to other Greeks as well as to Beta Theta Pi. The editorial staff is composed of W. O. Robb, W. C. Sprague, C. M. Hepburn and W. R. Baird.

As we remarked above the Chi Phi *Quarterly* was established in January, 1874. The journal was printed at Carlisle, Pa., and so little was known of the Fraternity field at that time that the editors stated in the first number that he knew of no similar journal. Until 1880, the *Quarterly* was a magazine in form. Each issue contained about seventy pages and about one-half of its space was devoted to general literary articles. It was not very successful and was reorganized in 1880. Under its present form, it is a magazine of some fifty-six pages, beautifully printed, bound in a laid paper cover printed in the Fraternity colors and brimful of items of interest to all good Chi Phis. It is under the editorial management of Rev. M. L. Zweizig, E. H. Reninger and J. H. Cromwell.

Chronologically the next periodical of this kind which appeared was issued by the Phi Kappa Psi. This was called the Phi Kappa Psi *Monthly*, and the first number bears the date of January, 1875. It was not successful and in 1877 became a quarterly. In 1878 it suspended for lack of support. In November, 1879, some of the alumni in New York and Philadelphia began to publish a Fraternity newspaper anonymously, calling it *The Shield*. It was in form of a large quarto and was a lively and interesting paper. In 1881 its third volume assumed the popular octavo form but suspended in April, 1882. At the convention held at Pittsburg, February 21st, 22d and 23d, the *Shield* was re-established and is to be edited by Prof. Young, of Wittenberg, as chief and Charles Van Cleve, of Ohio Alpha, as associate. Upon its third advent it will, no doubt, be more successful than in the past, as a constitutional amendment makes subscription, on the part of the active members, compulsory.

In 1877, J. P. L. Weems, of the Pi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, started a periodical for his Fraternity termed the *Crescent*. The name was a happy omen. It was a fourteen-page double-column monthly. The convention of 1878 made it official and entrusted its management to the Alpha Chapter which has since controlled it. In 1880 a blue cover was added and in 1881, a cover lithographed in the Fraternity colors—purple and gray. It presents a neat appearance and has powerfully assisted the Fraternity

in many ways. It has published a history of Delta Tau Delta. Its special feature is its full and reliable items of information concerning other Fraternities. It is published at Meadville, Pa., and edited by H. W. Plummer, an undergraduate.

Until 1878 this new feature of Fraternity administration had been monopolized by the Western Fraternities. Now, an Eastern organization entered the arena and the Cornell Chapter of Psi Upsilon began the publication of *The Diamond*. It was sometimes an eight and sometimes a four-page monthly and was mainly filled with items and statistics derived from the Fraternity catalogue. It was not well supported by Psi Upsilon and soon suspended. It was revived in June, 1882, by the Union Chapter but is not a success, being frowned upon by several strong Chapters of that Fraternity.

In 1879 Phi Gamma Delta came forward with an official journal of the same name. It was published by the Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan and has since continued under the same direction. It was a double-column, twelve-page monthly. It has now nearly doubled the number of its pages and seems to be very successful. Its historical sketches have been very interesting. It is edited by S. M. Black and D. S. Craig, at Delaware, O.

This same year the Southern Fraternity of Kappa Alpha originated the Kappa Alpha *Journal*. It is a quarterly of octavo magazine style. It is strictly *sub-rosa*, and we are thus prevented from further mentioning it. An agricultural society called the "D. G. K.," likewise began the issue of a journal called the *Cyclops*, from their one Chapter at the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1879. It was designed to be issued yearly but we have seen but this one number.

1880 was prolific in this class of journals. J. L. Mead, '77, Cornell, assisted by some of his Fraternity brothers at Amherst, issued the trial number of a periodical for Alpha Delta Phi called the *Star and Crescent*. It makes a handsome appearance typographically. It is imperial quarto in form, printed in double columns. Each number contains eighty pages. It has a cover printed in the Fraternity color—green. It is not very newsy and has not yet developed beyond the quarterly form. It is probably very interesting to Alpha Delta Phis.

A second Southern Fraternity now

appears on the journalistic field with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* issued under the supervision of the Grand Chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute at Farmdale, Ky. In 1881 it was suspended for a short time, but is now again on its feet and if pluck and fair dealing will make a journal a success it has a bright future before it. It is ably edited by Major J. H. Young.

In December, 1880, another Southern Fraternity began to show its face to the world in the handsome features of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*. It is in magazine form of a fluctuating number of pages and is issued from four to five times a year. It has been very successful, having been conducted with rare vim. It is published at Richmond, Va., under the management and energy of Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, one of the founders of Alpha Tau Omega. The alumni department is especially to be commended.

In March, 1881, the Delta Beta Phi *Quarterly* was issued by the youngest of the college Fraternities, from Ithaca, N. Y. It was a quarto of thirteen pages and had a startling red and black cover. It was the first and last number.

In April, 1881, a more successful enterprise was inaugurated by the publication of the first number of the *Sigma Chi* by the Fraternity of that name. It is issued bi monthly and is in magazine form, and each number containing from twenty to forty pages. Two volumes have been conducted to a successful issue.

In May, 1882, the young ladies' Fraternity, called the Kappa Kappa Gamma began the issue of an enterprising little magazine called the *Golden Key*, after their visible symbol. Two numbers have been issued. The *Key* is well edited by Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, of Greencastle, and its contributors are ladies of talent. A simple glance at its contents is enough to impress the reader with the fact that it unmistakably *feminine*. For instance: The first article in the first number is written about a "college flirtation," a "bold bad man" and a "broken-hearted maiden," under the title of the "College Adonis." It runs thus: "He was a tall, slender young man, with pale, unmeaning blue eyes, and light brown hair; but he *dressed* exquisitely. From the well-polished boots, which report said were two sizes smaller than any man's in college, to the artistic tie of his lavender-colored cravat, there was nothing that the most æsthetic critic could have objected to,

or desired to see changed. \* \* \* Upon shy, pretty Marcia May, the Adonis burst forth like the evening star from a cloud. \* \* \* So Marcia saw and adored. \* \* \* The silent and shy devotion rendered by Marcia to the Adonis, became so conspicuous to all beholders, that at last it appeared to move even him from his deep admiration of himself to notice and to approve of it. And then began one of those college "flirtations." \* \* \* The Adonis grew marked in his attention to Marcia. \* \* \* And so the summer drifted away, and the winter spread the earth with a soft winding sheet of snow. \* \* \* Still the Adonis and Marcia lived their own life, and into that life none were invited to enter. The sleigh rides that those two took together, would have been glorious, had they not been so pitiable. \* \* \* But Marcia saw and heard none of these things. She only saw the cloaked furred figure at her side; heard only the old, old story—his story, remember. \* \* \* One bright, beautiful day in early spring, the splendid turnout of the Adonis was seen to flash down the shadiest avenue of the dreary old town, by his side sat, not the graceful figure of Marcia, with the soft, rose-flushed face turned as usual toward him, but a thin figure. \* \* \* Poor Marcia! If all the bitterness from all the years that may come to her in this life, had been, or could be, thrust into one day, that day could not be so dark to her as was that bright May morning. \* \* \* One May evening as she was slowly walking behind a lilac hedge, she beheld Adonis approaching. For one moment her heart beat, as if it would suffocate her, the next she felt as if she had turned to ice. For she heard a stern voice arrest the fleet step of Adonis, and then she heard her own name mentioned, and then: "What do I mean? Why, fellows, if you were not one of my Fraternity men I would resent such a question to the point of—of—well, never mind!" \* \* \* "Do you mean to tell me that you have never led the lady to believe that you intended to marry her some day?" "Oh, I never trouble myself about other people's opinions or beliefs! I am not wealthy myself." \* \* \* I know a girl who has forty thousand dollars in her own right, who is just waiting the word from me. \* \* \* "You have acted like a scoundrel in winning the girl's regard; and now you talk like a heathen about it!" But Marcia waited to hear no more; alone in her own room, with the solemn silence of night brooding around her, she battled with her

great grief. \* \* \* Adonis married the little, brown lady. \* \* \* A gloomy and discontented man; a man who yet prides himself on his personal appearance; sometimes meets a calm, smiling woman who has made her own position in life, and fills it well; and the two bow and pass—the man with a scowl upon his face, and the woman with a sigh that is forcibly suppressed. So meet, and so part, Adonis and Marcia."

1883, though just begun seems to be preparing for a series of new journals whose advent will no doubt make it memorable.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, published under the supervision of the Grand Council of that Fraternity, is the first of the year. It is a handsome magazine of ninety pages, of much the size and style of the *Century*, but of course without illustrations. If the future numbers of the *Quarterly* are equal to the one just issued, it is destined from its birth to occupy a position in the front ranks of Fraternity journalism. The first number is excellent—excellent in every department. It contains good editorials, good Chapter reports, good contributions and good—yes, actually a *good* poem. Though it is nominally edited by the council it is probable that the greater part of the work is done by Messrs. J. De W. Warner and C. H. Beckett. An edition of three thousand was gotten out in January and in the future it will be placed on the news stands in the East, for the convenience of D. K. E.'s and others who desire it. The Zeta Psi *Monthly* and the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* are both announced though not yet issued.

In 1879 the exchange system was begun we think by the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, and has now extended to all the periodicals except the organ of Southern Kappa Alpha. The *Crescent*, the *Palm*, the *Record*, and the D. K. E. *Quarterly* all receive outside subscriptions. The other journals do not.

In 1879 a paper differing from those mentioned above, but which might with propriety be classed in the same category, appeared upon the field of college journalism. It was called "*The Occident*," an anti-Fraternity paper, published every Thursday at the University of California. The editor-in-chief up to August, 1882, was E. C. Sanford, of the class of '83. Up to this time the board of editors had consisted of a chief and four associates, but with the change of chiefs a fifth was added in the person of Miss May L. Sheppard.

We have upon our table eighteen numbers of the third volume, the last of which was issued on Christmas day, 1882. Since then we have not heard of it and know not whether it has suspended publication or not, but as the last number was anything but weak, and gave no evidence of an early demise, we should judge that it is still waging its warfare against the "naughty Greeks."

The numbers we have before us were issued weekly as an eight-page, double column quarto, with cover of a reddish-yellowish color, neatly printed and with taste. They generally contained three pages of miscellaneous literary productions, two pages of editorials and three pages of local and personal items concerning the university and students.

The paper was well managed and well edited, there being probably as much literary talent employed on it as on any of our Fraternity journals. The literary department was always brimming over with bright, interesting and well written articles, generally giving some personal experience of the contributors.

Probably the best contributor to *The Occident* was "The Man about College," who wrote in a peculiarly pleasing style about the prominent incidents of college happenings each week. He was rather inclined to be facetious at times and occasionally something of the humorous would appear in his writings, but there was always an absence of anything that would impress one that he was "trying to be funny." His special hobby and antipathy seems to have been the lady students or "co-eds," as they are called at that university. It is amusing to note the cool, condescending and patronizing manner in which he spoke of and to them. It is evident from his writings that there is an unmistakable vein of sarcasm well developed in the man, and as a satirist he would be a success.

We have read carefully every editorial in each of the eighteen numbers, and if our opinion should be asked we would most certainly express one of commendation rather than of condemnation. When we first heard of the *Occident* we thought of course that it was simply an enterprise gotten up by a party of disappointed "sore head" and prominent members of the "O. C. W." (out-in-the-cold-weather) brigade, but upon a careful perusal of it we are confident that Mr. Walcott, who is author of the article on Fraternities, is a thorough gen-

tleman, who assumed and maintained his anti-Fraternity position from conscientious principle, and that the *Occident* was simply an outgrowth of a widespread feeling on the part of the majority of students who realized that a warfare should be waged against a crying evil. We have not a doubt, since reading the *Occident*, even if facts and statistics were not produced to prove the assertion, but that the Fraternity system at the University of California is, or rather was, abominable, and that it possessed few of the better features of the system as seen at other colleges and universities and the worst features predominated to an alarming extent.

The editors dealt in a perfectly fair manner with the Fraternities and gave their good points as well as their bad ones. There was nothing spiteful written against any of them, but plain facts and statistics were given in such a forcible and scathing manner that the showing was bad for them.

After glancing over the entire ground we incline to the belief that the editors, contributors and supporters of the *Occident* were forced into their anti-Fraternity position by existing circumstance at that particular place and time, and that if they had been differently situated, say as students of the University of Virginia where there are eighteen Fraternities which are known and appreciated as organizations productive of great good both to the university and to the students, they would have been enthusiastic supporters of the American College Fraternity System.

As intimated above, there was nothing narrow-minded in the policy of the *Occident*, and no evidence of a desire to vent a petty spite—the result of a disappointment—as can plainly be seen by the following: "There was much criticism of the *Occident* last term, because, though announcing itself as an anti-Fraternity paper, so few of its editorials touched on the Fraternity question; and as the future course of the *Occident*, in this respect, will probably be the same as before, we may be allowed a few words of explanation: Our adoption of anti-Fraternity head-line was in no way intended to limit us in other directions; it is but a statement of one plank of our platform. Our full purpose is to aid, as far as we are able, every influence which sets for the genuine improvement of the university, and to oppose every influence, from whatsoever direction it comes, which tends to circumscribe its influence or hinder its progress

toward the wide completeness which in time we hope it shall attain. We are convinced that Fraternities, as *here* and *now* existing, do impede the best and most effective work of the college, and therefore we oppose them. And we take special pains to announce our position by an anti-Fraternity head-line, not because we believe the Fraternities to be the only or, indeed, the most serious evil in our college life, but because the nature of the subject and its almost personal connection with many members of the college, would otherwise make unnecessary hard feeling. We keep our head-line, therefore, to do away with the apparent suddenness of our opposition when we shall have cause to criticize Fraternity matters and not as stating our sole and only object for being.

"We know that there are radically different opinions on the Fraternity question. We wish to force no one's opinion. We shall leave to the Fraternities the monopoly of their tactics; we shall run no one. Our aim in this matter simply is to give from time to time, that side of the question which is omitted by the Fraternities, so that those having the matter under consideration, may hear both *pro* and *con*. If any one with a fair understanding of the case makes up his mind to be initiated, he has passed beyond our range."

Of Phi Delta Theta the *Occident* speaks as follows: "Our duty this week is a more pleasant one than has hitherto fallen to us in our contest against Fraternities. We give below a sketch of the best Fraternity that our university has seen: The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was established in the university in 1873. Its charter members were men as high in character as any in the Zeta Psi Fraternity; they were from the best students in the university, and to a high degree kept this character to the end. The chief cause for the founding of the Fraternity was the desire for an organization that could cope successfully with the powers of the Zetas. The first contest provoked by the latter Fraternity has just ended and the leaders of the successful opposition formed themselves into a Fraternity. However much we may condemn a secret political organization, we do not think that it proved a very great evil in this case. Apparently selfish motives had little to do with the organization. Their object did not seem to be to control university matters but to prevent a single clique from having everything its own way. Thus the Phi Delta Theta never placed itself in

antagonism to the non-Fraternity interests of the university. The organization was always respected by the outsiders. We do not by any means intend to imply that the Fraternity had attained perfection, and indeed will show that it did not; but we are convinced that it was as nearly perfect as a Fraternity gets to be. Experience proves that Fraternity men are but indifferent readers of character; the glitter of wealth or position generally blinds the perception of even the best Fraternity men, and like charity covers a multitude of sins. The Phi Delta Theta found it so; in spite of its care it was but little more fortunate than other societies. The class of '76 seems to have been the starting point for the decline of this Fraternity as well as for the Zetas. The Phis, however, were by no means so unfortunate as the Zetas. Out of thirteen members in the Phi Delta Theta from the class of '76, two proved to be black sheep, instead of half the representation as in the Zeta Psi. With succeeding classes they were not fortunate, and the general course of the Fraternity seemed downwards. When it became evident to its founders, and to its best members that its degeneration was inevitable and that it must become in time what the Zeta Psi has since become, like honest and honorable men who had failed in an honorable purpose, they dissolved their organization and sent back their charter. The Phi Delta Theta was more fortunate in its death than its rival was in its life.

We have no desire to recall unpleasant records against a dead Fraternity; we are willing to let death quit all scores; but we wish to show that even at its best a Fraternity is not a perfect organization. With this wish we quote the statistics of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity: From its foundation to its death the Fraternity contained forty members. The proportion of offenses to the number in the fraternity was 20 per cent. Six members, or 15.3 per cent. appear on the black list. The list of graduates shows well for the Fraternity. Of the forty members thirty were graduates; one of these thirty was the medalist of the class of '75, and after the death of the Fraternity, one became the meadlist of '79. The list, as a whole, is a favorable one for the Fraternity. The history of the Phi Delta Theta in the university can never bring a blush of shame to its members and might be studied with profit by the Fraternities now in the university."

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

With this issue, for the second time in its history, a part of the SCROLLS set aside to be devoted exclusively to our Alumni. We desire to make this department a medium of communication between and a vehicle of information concerning those brothers who have gone out from college walls into the busy world, and who no longer enjoy the pleasant privilege of managing a vigorous campaign against the barbarian students, exercising their best efforts to bring them into the light of Grecian culture; who no longer sit in Chapter meetings and enjoy friendly intercourse with brother Phis; who no longer have the opportunity of hearing the social, intellectual and moral laws of our Fraternity as set forth in our Bond, expounded; who perhaps have not read that Bond for many years; in whose minds college scenes, college friends, college experiences and college associations linger only as dim, indistinct, yet withal pleasant memories of the past—yet who, "although now deeply engaged in life's sterner realities to the exclusion of Fraternity interests, are splendidly illustrating the principles of that Bond they once signed with youthful ardor."

We know that there are scores, hundreds, aye thousands of Phis scattered all over the world whose enthusiasm in the cause, the best interest of which they are pledged to promote, is not dead but only dormant, and who, if they are approached upon the subject, will give evidence of a deep interest in the welfare of their "old college society." After they have been out of college several years, have had no occasion to do Phi work, have had no active connection with their Chapter and perhaps have not heard from it for some time, their enthusiasm naturally cools, and as business and other cares accumulate their Fraternal relations while at college appear to them only at times, and then, only as half-forgotten memories of a pleasant dream. But wherever a man may go, whatever department of life his lot may be cast in and whatever may be his duties, his occupation, his trials, his struggles, his failures or his successes, the recollection of his college days are never entirely obliterated from the tablets of his memory and there always remains a germ of the love for his boyhood and early manhood associations, which, if cultivated by a slight effort on his part, will bud forth in his after-life as a source of genuine pleasure to himself and benefit

to his college and Fraternity and will die only when he has ceased to be.

During the brief period since we became connected with our beloved order it has been our good fortune to meet with men who had signed the Bond of Phi Delta Theta—some as far back as 1850—some who joined the Fraternity in almost every year since that time, some at one Chapter some another, and we can say with pride that we have yet to meet with a Phi who was indifferent toward his Fraternity and who did not gladly welcome any news we could give him of Phi Delta Theta.

The love for Phi Delta Theta is present to a greater or less degree in the hearts of all her members, be they of the class of '49 or of '87, and if some means could be devised by which our Alumni and active members could be brought into closer relationship with each other and by which the former could be induced to exhibit more interest in the latter, from the co-operation which would naturally follow from such a state of affairs an era of progress and prosperity would at once be inaugurated which would bring Phi Delta Theta much nearer to our ideal conception of what she should be than she is to-day.

There is a very erroneous idea prevalent in the minds of many of our Alumni that their interest and co-operation is not desired by the active members. Many an alumnus, no doubt, says to himself, "Well, I guess I won't trouble myself about them, I have been out of college several years and have long since been forgotten. The Fraternity is doubtless prosperous and able to take care of itself without any advice, assistance or interference from me." And so the matter is dropped and not thought of again until perhaps he meets one of his old Fraternity chums who was in college with him, and the two sit down and talk of their college days, of other of their contemporaneous Fraternity men, of Phi Delta Theta as she was when they were in college, thus showing an interest in our common mother and her elder children, but never a word for her younger sons who are struggling to fulfill a sacred trust by keeping a pure and honorable record for the Chapters left them as a legacy by former members.

Our Alumni make a mistake when they entertain such thoughts. They are *not* forgotten, they are *not* held in indifference by the active members, their advice and counsel would *not* be disregarded if proffered, but would be gladly

accepted in the same spirit in which it was offered and when meritorious would be acted upon, and their co-operation *is* desired. Those who think they are forgotten should hear the air with which our boys speak of "our Alumni," should hear them say, "yes, that man is a Phi," when news reaches them that an Alumnus has been elected to some high office, when they hear an old member spoken of as a prominent lawyer or politician, as an eminent preacher or successful physician, or when any member prosecutes to success a laudible undertaking and reaps the reward of his merit. Our Alumni are probably not aware of the fact, but is it a fact nevertheless, that when any of them meet with success in the literary, religious, political, legal, medical or mercantile world or in any other department in life, there are several hundred students in colleges all over the United States who feel almost an equal pride at their success. This feeling does not extend only to the distinguished portion of our Alumni but to those of recent graduation who are toiling and struggling to fit themselves for the occupancy of the places of their older brothers when they shall have passed away. It is not infrequent that rising young lawyers, young ministers and physicians of promise, young men meeting with success as teachers and Phis who have as yet not made much progress in solving the problem of life but are whole-souled good fellows, are spoken of.

AN alumnus who has been out of college nearly ten years, who, although his professional duties require his closest attention, still keeps a warm place in his heart for Phi Delta Theta and is always ready to extend a helping hand when her interests demand it, who has worn his badge since the night of his initiation and still wears it, who always goes to our National Conventions, who is always glad to meet a Phi, who is held in high esteem by every Phi who knows him and many who only know of him, writes thus:

"To-day, Mr. Editor, Phi Delta Theta is, no doubt, enjoying its highest degree of prosperity. The various Chapters are healthy and lively. The active members are enthusiastic, industrious and ambitious. The alumni, some at least, are equally so.

The borders are extending, its horizon widening, its field of operation enlarging, its power and influence growing greater day by day. Already its virtues

strength and attainments have raised it to that degree of excellence where it can, and docs, challenge rivalry, and deny the existence of a superior Greek Society.

Now it is truly an honor to be a Phi. Now the shield and dagger commend the wearer to respectful and courteous treatment. They constitute a pass-port to the highest consideration of our fellow men. This badge signifies that the wearer has been tried and found not wanting, that he was, when in college, a thorough student, a moral man, a gentleman, a good fellow, and made of such metal that he would never retrograde.

I have traveled some. Have been through the West, the South and the North, and in my rounds have met many Phis. I have never made a mistake in greeting them on all occasion, and making myself known, I have always found them to be such as above described. Passing through the country, no matter where, if you see through the car window a Phi badge out on the platform, when the train has stopped for a moment, don't stand on ceremony, rush out and take the Phi by the hand, tell him who you are, and you are sure to be cordially treated. Phis are always glad to see each other, anxious to extend their acquaintance. The simple declaration "I am a Phi," by a stranger, will inspire more confidence than a list of recommendations as long as that held by an applicant for a first class postoffice. Isn't that true? Did you ever think of it? There is something in Phi Delta Theta that cannot be found in any other Fraternity. It is an *intense* degree of fraternal spirit. Similar organizations may have bonds equally binding, may exact similar obligations from their members to each other, may desire to cultivate this spirit, but for all that, so far as my observation and information extend they do not acquire that degree of social, friendly, *brotherly* feeling that Phis have for each other. I am glad—proud to be able to say this. It's a consolation—a cheering comfort to know that whenever you meet a Phi you meet a friend. A person with whom, at the very flush of your acquaintance, you are on good terms—and free social footing.

Of what other Fraternity can this be as truly said! I have been told by members of other Fraternities that such is not true with them. Beyond the members of their own Chapters this spirit **docs** not extend, worse still, it is con-

finied to contemporaneous membership. What a commentary! A Phi can hardly believe it. They do not belong to *Fraternities*. The term is misapplied. I do not say this of all as I have not heard of all. But it is bad enough no matter how limited.

And now, after looking over the field, after summing up all my experience, I am of the same opinion as when first I became a "Greek," that there is no mark of distinction of more honorable significance for a young man to wear home from college than the "Shield and Dagger." Its more than a prize medal. The medal signifies superiority in one particular, perhaps; the wearing of our badge comprehends his whole manhood—his entire make up.

Such is the opinion of an alumnus. I do not speak with the buoyant, exuberant enthusiasm of a novice—of one who has just tasted the sweets of our cause, but as one who has been out of college and mingled with the world for nine years. It is not my impulsive, unsupported, unwarranted, untried judgment, it is a calm, settled and fortified *conviction*. It is the result of a thorough test—a deduction from premises that are true.

If I am right in this, as I believe I am, it is the duty of every Phi to use all honorable means within his power to further such an institution. Every man who has been found worthy to espouse such a cause, worthy of being vested with such privileges, honors and immunities, should make it one of his highest aims to keep our standard in the van.

Don't quit work when you quit college. Your diploma is not a discharge from service as a Phi. Your usefulness is only increased, and with it your duty is increased. Keep pace with your opportunities. Don't become lukewarm and indifferent. Carry into your office, your study, your store, your fields, or wheresoever else you may go, the same love and *active* interest for our Fraternity that you felt in your college days. I appeal to the alumni to stop a minute, if they are busy, and think of their old society. They are out in the great world, jostling through the crowds, pushing to the front, working hard, mindful only of the present and the future, and being thus situated are apt to forget their college days, but if thought of, its only for the nonce.

They do wrong, they are hurting themselves, they are denying themselves rich pleasures, they are divorcing them-

selves from the purest and sweetest relations of life, they are shutting out the light that brings warmth.

Don't let the whirl of business draw you away from Phi Delta Theta. Remember how proud you were the night you were made a "Greek," remember how high you stepped when you entered chapel next morning with the shield and dagger shining at the most conspicuous part of your apparel; remember how happy you were to be no longer a "Barb," remember how dear the cause—how you guarded its interests—how faithful to your obligations. What inspired all this? What made you proud—what made you step high, what made the cause dear—what made you watchful of its interests and faithful to your obligation? Was it a transitory fancy, a spell? No! You were inspired and actuated by the inherent fundamental principles of the cause that you had espoused. Your nature in those days may have been more tender and susceptible, but it can never be more pure or real. You yielded to your finest instincts. You were mastered by the influence of a divine and glorious *idea*, an idea embraced in, and formulated by, our Bond.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Let me tell you that this idea is *eternal*. The fundamental principles of our cause are immortal, and so being they should have made enduring lodgement in your hearts, and the demands of a busy life should not callous you against their influence. You may not yield as readily to their influence as of yore—you may not have the all absorbing enthusiasm of a young student—you haven't the time—nor is it necessary—but you do have time to retain and assert the sober, earnest and useful enthusiasm of a man of the world.

Keep up the spirit—and the spirit will help to keep you up. Go to the National Conventions, attend the alumni reunions—visit the old Chapter, and by all means subscribe for the *SCROLL*. These things in their effect, come as near equalizing the powers of the "Fountain of Youth," as anything mortal can."

#### AMONG THE PHIS.

Brother L. M. Rue, Kentucky Alpha, '75, is a banker at Harrodsburg, Ky.

Brother E. W. Knight, Kentucky Alpha '83, is a banker of Helena, M. T.

Brother C. E. Kincaid, Kentucky Alpha, '78, is railroad commissioner of Kentucky.

Married, Brother L. U. Downey, Indiana Delta, '78, to a Miss Wampler, of Gosport.

Brother J. St. J. Boyle, Kentucky Alpha, '66, is President of the L. N. A. & St. L. R. R.

Brother John W. Lovejoy, Georgia Gamma, '73, is a well known lawyer of Galveston, Tex.

Brother W. T. St. Clair, Kentucky Alpha, '80, is professor in preparatory department of Centre College.

Brother Edward Waring, Kentucky Alpha, '69, is a member of the Kentucky Legislature.

Brother W. B. Fleming, Kentucky Alpha, '64, is a member of the Kentucky Legislature

Brother William George, Kentucky Alpha, '59, is President of Austin College, Sherman, Tex.

Brother C. A. Hardin, Kentucky Alpha, '56, is judge of the Mercer county (Ky.) Circuit Court.

Brother G. W. Wade, Indiana Zeta, '72, was recently married to Miss Ida Eusey, of Rockville.

Brother A. P. Humphrey, Kentucky Alpha, '66, is Chancellor of the Louisville Chancery Court.

Brother John L. Cleveland, Kentucky Alpha, '63, is professor in the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati.

Brother G. H. Elgin, Indiana Delta, has been elected Secretary of the Indiana Baptist Association.

Brother T. M. Pascall, Kentucky Alpha, '66, is Judge of the twenty-fourth judicial district of Texas.

Brother John Montgomery, Kentucky Alpha, '56, is President of Caldwell Female College, Danville, Ky.

Brother W. C. Palmer, Indiana Alpha, '83, has secured a position in the Columbia City High school.

Brother T. W. Bullitt, Kentucky Alpha, '58, is a director in the Second National Bank, Louisville, Ky.

Brother J. K. Sumrall, Kentucky Alpha, '57, is a director in the Farmers' National Bank, Danville, Ky.

Brother L. S. McMurtry, Kentucky Alpha, '70, is professor of anatomy in the Louisville Medical College.

Brother Abner Rogers, Kentucky Alpha, is professor of languages in Daughters College, Harrodsburg, Ky.

Brother E. S. Wilson, Kentucky Alpha, '57, is professor in Saulsbury Divinity School, Fairbuilt, Minn.

Brother William Le Roy Dulaney, Kentucky Alpha, '57, is Judge of the tenth district Kentucky Circuit Court.

Brother P. W. Search, '75, Ohio Delta, is now in his sixth year as superintendent of the West Liberty, O., high school.

Brother W. S. Garbur, Indiana Epsilon, '72, is making his mark in the journalistic field as editor of the *Madison Courier*.

Brother W. P. Fulton, class '81, Ohio Beta, is now in his second year as superintendent of the Shornville, O., public schools.

Brother J. S. Vaughn, Ohio Beta, '82, is studying law at Jackson C. H., Ohio, in the office of Brother C. A. Atkinson, of that city.

Brother F. H. Mulkey, Indiana Alpha, has gone the way of graduates. He's teaching school near his home at Bloomington.

Brother F. L. Rosemond, '82, Ohio Beta, is at present pursuing the study of law in the office of Walter Campbell, at Cambridge, O.

Brother C. B. Sebastian, Missouri Alpha, is a successful lawyer at Columbia, Mo. He is an ardent Phi and exercises a watchful care over "Mu."

Brother J. E. Crews, Indiana Zeta, '81, has been appointed train dispatcher on the Chicago and N. W. R. R. His headquarters are at Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Brother J. C. Mellele, Indiana Alpha, '63, recently visited his *Unna Mater* and his Fraternity at Bloomington. He is now a prominent lawyer at Newcastle, Ind.

Brothers Lentz and Schwalm, Pennsylvania Beta, are attending the law school at University of Pennsylvania, and are reading in Attorney-General Brewster's office.

Brother J. A. Thompson, Indiana Delta, was recently elected one of the resident physicians of the Cincinnati

hospital, having passed a very satisfactory examination.

The many friends of F. E. Hunter, Indiana Alpha, '78, will be pleased to know that he now occupies one of the cosiest offices in Bloomington, and is fast working up as an attorney.

Brother J. B. Welsh, Kentucky Alpha, '72, is one of the proprietors of the largest wholesale dry goods stores in Kansas City. Brother J. W. Metcalfe, Kentucky Alpha, '81, has a position in the same store.

Brothers J. C. and G. M. Shirk have removed from Brookville, Ind., to Petoskey, Mich., and are proprietors of a hardware store and a bank. They report Petoskey a lively place and their business successful.

We are in receipt of a neat little circular containing information about the Hagensville (Ga.) Academy. The attendance last session was one hundred and fifteen. The academy is ably managed by Brother J. C. Boozer.

Brother R. R. Ross, formerly of class '83 at Allegheny College, but at present residing in New York City, on January 12th took unto himself a better half in the person of Miss Mary E. Willey. Brother Ross is located at No. 26 Frankfort street, and can't do without the SCROLL.

Brother Frank Fithian, Kentucky Alpha, '80, is attending the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. The Fraternity owes Brother F. a debt of gratitude from the fact that he was instrumental in reviving Kentucky Alpha in '79. He is one of the SCROLL's old standbys.

Rev. Robert Morrison, Ohio Alpha, '49, writes: "I have as yet not seen any copy of the SCROLL since June, 1882. I know nothing of the Richmond Convention. I am in the woods but would like to know something of the news of the Fraternity. What must I do to gratify my curiosity?"

Brother George William Cone, Virginia Gamma, '79, writes from Galveston, Tex.: "Between the time I devote to a responsible position in the bank—the Secretaryship of Tucker Lodge A. F. & A. W. and the dearest little wife in all the land, I have very little time to work for Phi Delta Theta, though I delight in doing so, having lost no interests in its prosperity."

## PASSING HIM AROUND.

Mr. J. W. Foster, of Indiana, if he lives long enough, may grace every court in Europe as a diplomat. He has been a Minister to Russia, and is now sent to let the Senoritas of Spain gaze on his classic frontispiece. After a dose of Hannibal Hamlin, Spain is to be congratulated upon the President's selection.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Judge Byron K. Elliott, Indiana Gamma, '56, writes: "I should like to become a subscriber to the SCROLL and if you will inform me the price per annum will send it to you. I should also like some extra copies of the number in which the convention addresses are published, and shall be glad to be allowed to pay for a dozen copies. When you meet any of the Phis remember me kindly to them."

Our hearts were saddened on the 2nd inst. by the announcement of the death of R. E. Lee King, Kentucky Alpha, '84. He died at St. Louis, March 1st, of pneumonia. He left Danville last November to attend school at that place and was then enjoying good health. He was a noble specimen of young manhood, a marvel of physical strength, kind and obliging and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his sad loss.

We are sorry to announce the death of Brother Henry Palmer Dudley, Kentucky Alpha, '79. He always took an active interest in Phi Delta Theta and at one time was the only member left to keep Kentucky A's. head above water, internal dissensions having crept into the Chapter. After his graduation he moved to Larnard, Kan., and engaged in the practice of law. From there he removed to California where he died February 21st.

Brother Charles W. Bixby, Pennsylvani Alpha, '76, writes: "Enclosed you will find \$1 for my subscription to the SCROLL for the current year. This would have been paid long before this but I have been in Europe since October 1st and so neglected it. Allow me to congratulate you on your success in conducting the paper. I shall probably be able to report a new member of Phi Delta Theta before very long. In fact she wears the badge already."

## OUR JOE.

Mr. Francis A. Baird, electrician of the House of Representatives, and correspondent of the Zanesville (O.) *Signal*,

writing from Washington City, gives a series of "pen pictures of prominent leaders of both parties," and in the language of the head-lines of the paper, "above and beyond all of which looms the eloquent Joe Blackburn," Kentucky Alpha, '57. The following is the picture referred to:

A shapely figure of medium height, nut-brown hair and heavy mustache, dark, handsome eyes, a genial smile, and cordial manner that immediately puts one at his ease, a strong but well modulated voice such is the *tout ensemble* of the most popular leader of the Democracy. He is known and loved by countless thousands, who, though they may not be numbered among his constituents, are as proud of him as any of Old Kentucky's son's can be. In fact there is not a man on the floor who can muster the friends that rally around Joe Blackburn. A Republican friend of mine discussing House measures and men the other day, thus tersely gave his opinion: "I am not of Joe Blackburn's way of thinking, but in common with all who know him, I think him a man of sincere honest opinions—one of the best parliamentarians in either House, and excelled by none as a presiding officer."—*Lexington (Ky.) Press*.

## ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

The marriage on Tuesday night of Mr. James C. Norris, of Fahuley & McCrea, of this city, to Miss Carrie Vawter, daughter of David Vawter, esq., was the society event of the week at Franklin. Over fifty people from this city went down to the wedding, the J. M. I. furnishing a special coach to accommodate them, and the total number of guests present was nearly two hundred. Among them were Mrs. Fred Fahuley, Dr. P. H. Jameson and wife, R. H. McCrea, Mr. John Duncan and wife, Mrs. Alex. Jameson, William Wallace, esq., Ovid Butler and wife, thirteen of "the boys" from the store of Indianapolis, Mrs. Warrack, of Chicago; Mrs. Leavitt, of Vernon; Mrs. Bearsdley, of Elkhart; William Todd, of Brown Valley, Minn., and Miss Jones, of Baltimore. The wedding ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Torrence, of Franklin, and was a marvel of grace. The attendants were Miss Carrie Chittendon, of Anderson, and Mr. Will Cronin, of Indianapolis, and Miss Marie Ray, of Shelbyville, and Mr. John Stem, of Indianapolis. The bride was dressed in cream colored crepe de chine, and wore diamonds, all blending harmoniously

with her many natural attractions. The other ladies were elegantly and becomingly dressed, and the entire assemblage was one of "beauty and chivalry." Upward of \$2,000 in presents, chiefly in silverware, were received by the "twain made one," and, to press into service a gray-haired phrase, Mr. Norris and his bride started upon their new life with the heartfelt wishes of a wide circle of friends. They left immediately for St. Louis, and after a brief wedding tour will locate temporarily in Franklin. It is their intention eventually to cast their lot among Indianapolis people.—*Indianapolis Sentinel, February 11th.*

HON. JOHN W. FOSTER.

WASHINGTON, February 25th.—The nomination of Hon. J. W. Foster (Indiana Alpha, '55,) to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Spain, is received here as pre-eminently a good appointment. It was entirely unsolicited, either by Mr. Foster or his Indiana friends. The first intimation he had of it was Wednesday last, when he met the President in obedience to a private note from the latter, received Tuesday. The President then stated that both Secretary Frelinghuysen and himself desired his acceptance of the position, as they wished to secure the services of a gentleman who could speak and write the Spanish language and was a trained and experienced diplomat, with special reference to several delicate questions pending between Spain and the United States. Mr. Foster asked two or three days in which to decide the matter, and subsequently suggested to Secretary Frelinghuysen that he desired that some one or all of the Indiana delegation in Congress might be consulted in reference to the appointment. The Secretary informed him that he had already spoken to Senator Harrison (Ohio Alpha, '52,) of the matter, and that Senator had replied that while he had been pressing others for a similar position, yet, under the circumstances, he could only endorse such an appointment most heartily, regarding it as a very flattering compliment, not only to Mr. Foster, but to Indiana. On learning this, Mr. Foster accepted the position, asking to be allowed sixty days to arrange his affairs here. It is well known to Mr. Foster's friends that financially he is loser by the change, but coming to him as it did, he felt that he could not in honor decline the appointment.

Mr. Foster was for six years Minister to Mexico, and for five years Minister to St. Petersburg. In 1872 he was Chairman of the Indiana Republican State Committee, and for many years prior to that had been editor and proprietor of the *Evansville Journal*, one of the leading papers in his State. Since his return from St. Petersburg, a little over a year ago, he has resided in this city, representing certain claims in the interest of the Mexican government.—*Associated Press Dispatch.*

ENTHUSIASM AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

Brother Frank E. Hunter, Indiana Alpha, '79, of Bloomington, Ind., writes: "I'm tickled half to death. I want to shake you to pieces; I want to dance a hornpipe on your carcass; I want to do anything that will show you my appreciation of the January-February SCROLL just received. I thought to 'glance through it,' but before I was aware, I had devoured the entire contents, including the supplement, advertisements, directories and even the *border* on the title page, and then was hungry for more. I've had some little experience as 'devil,' compositor, foreman, proof-reader and editor in my short life already, but I never saw a number of *any* college, Fraternity, weekly or daily paper as complete in all respects as this number of the SCROLL. I'll forgive you for saying I was of the class of '88, I'll let you call me any name you want and won't fight, and I'll even agree to 'set 'em up' the first time we meet, for this number of the SCROLL has done me more good than a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil or Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup with molasses candy to take the taste out, in other words you've stirred up my enthusiasm. I've got 'em *bad!* I'm so glad I'm a Phi, that I'm going to 'lick' the first fellow that comes in the office to prove it.

Let me tell you, Thomas, you've done a big thing. I have been a subscriber to the SCROLL ever since it started and have watched it closely, and I congratulate you upon getting out the best number ever published. My chief delight is in the editorial and personal columns. Although the latter is omitted in this issue the former is so ably filled that its absence is scarcely noticed. But who ever dreamed of ever getting a report from *every* Chapter but you? Shake again! I wish you would have a phrenologist feel of your head, and I'll hire a man to bump mine up just like yours. But what troubles me now is,

that you may not live always. You know great men do die sometimes (I feel 'puny' myself occasionally,) so keep plenty of paregoric and castor-oil by the head of your bed, and a life insurance policy in your pocket, payable to the Fraternity, and, my word for it, your name, like that of 'Captain Jack,' will live through all eternity.

Excuse me if have encroached on your time, but I *know* it don't hurt an editor to be told of his success, and my half-dormant ardor was so completely stirred up, that I *had* to express myself or run the risk of bursting the safety-valve. I have already kicked myself fourteen times for not going to Richmond, and you will find me in Nashville in '84 or you'll find my skeleton on the road."

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MANUEL M. CORELLA,

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

The recent announcement of the death of Manuel M. Corella, of the class of '74, was a painful surprise to his friends in California. To those of us who knew him well during his student and college career, who have chummed with him, camped with him, dreamed with him—who know his warm, impulsive nature, his quick sympathy, his ready repartee and the loyal, manly heart within him, it is sad indeed to realize that he has gone out into the darkness and that we shall see him no more.

Corella is one of the most conspicuous figures of those good old times which date back to the palmy days of Brayton's school, covering the transition period, during which the College of California was merged into the University, and embracing the earliest years of that institution. The writer can remember him as a boy of about seventeen shortly after his arrival in this State from his home in Mexico. He spoke no English at the time and was somewhat shy and reserved at the influence of his new surroundings. Unlike the majority of his young countrymen, at that time attending the Brayton school, he ignored amusements of every kind, and applied himself earnestly and exclusively to his studies. His power of application was great and sure. Nothing that he undertook was done in a half-hearted or slovenly way, and everything had an aim and a purpose. His quick and thorough mastery of the English language was remarkable not

accomplished, however, without hard labor and tireless perseverance. Many a time has the writer seen him, book in hand, stretched beneath the oaks on the old campus—since invaded by ruthless cross-street and vandal axmen—pronouncing over and over again some series of words which illustrated the varying sounds of the perplexing English vowels, or studying into the mystery of some paradoxical construction of Anglo-Saxon idiom. How well these difficulties were overcome all know. There was, however, one main purpose in Corella's life to which all things else were subordinate. I refer to his love for his native land and his desire to fit himself for a sphere of usefulness among his countrymen. From his earliest school days this was his most cherished ambition, and none who knew him well can doubt that it was heartfelt and sincere. It was the incentive to all his study and careful self-preparation, and the hope around which he planned his future. The misfortunes of his unhappy country touched him to the soul, and he loved her loyally all the more for her very ills. It was his hope to do something towards lifting her to a higher plane of civilization and of seeing more liberal and progressive ideas take root in his native soil. It is sad that he has died so young. We do not think that he has lived in vain; but being so far in advance of the great mass of his countrymen, they had not, perhaps, learned to value him as he deserved, and their opportunity and his disinterested love are now lost in the grave. Mexico needs more such men; nor do we believe that national prosperity and happiness are possible to any country where just such virtues as Corella embodied are not recognized and rewarded. The practical in his composition was sometimes overshadowed by the enthusiastic, and his better judgment was occasionally influenced by the warmth of his impulses; but these are errors with which the world is ever lenient. Honest impulse, even when it errs, takes a more kindly hold on the human heart than the soulless calculation of right and wrong.

Corella was a man in every way calculated to inspire the love of those with whom he came in contact, nowhere will his loss be more sincerely felt and mourned than among his old school-fellows of California. As he was ever loyal to them in act and thought so will they be to his grateful memory. *The Occident*, August 17, 1882.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND GENERAL MANAGER.

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.

MAYSVILLE, KY., MARCH, 1883.

TENNESSEE Beta sounds well.

FOUR Chapters this college year and indications that there are "more to follow."

THE Pan-Hellenic Conference scheme has assumed such shape that no first-class Fraternity can afford to frown upon it or refuse to take part.

SEVERAL of our alumni and active members have consented to accept positions upon our editorial staff and the G. C. has notified us that it will confirm their appointment.

OUR associate editors will please forward us "copy" for April SCROLL as soon as possible. They can't send it too soon or too much of it. We want to do something we have not done yet—get out on time.

WHILE in Philadelphia attending the Editorial Convention we found six Phis attending the University of Pennsylvania. Several of them will be back next session, and even if they don't establish Pennsylvania Zeta this session they will do so next.

THOSE brothers who have kindly consented to assist us in our editorial work, will please accept our thanks. We desire to announce to them, however, that we do not desire their names simply as ornaments to our directory, but want them to make themselves useful.

PHI DELTA THETA will take part in the Pan-Hellenic Conference and will have a full representation at New York, July 4, 1884. Advices from the G. C. are that it will insist on our being represented, and if it is necessary will ask the next convention to confirm its action.

WE ask pardon of our readers and Chapter Reporters for omitting Chapter reports in this issue. We have received a large number which are in the main unusually good ones. If we don't receive others within one week after this issue is mailed we will print the ones we have.

WE are confident that the policy of our executive body in reference to the P. H. C. will meet with the approbation of our readers. The action of our recent convention in the matter was owing to the delegates not having a proper understanding of the aims and objects of the Conference and an indifference on the part of the majority as to whether we should take part or not.

WE got out the January-February issue on such good time that we thought we could catch up in March. On account of the meeting at Philadelphia we were away two weeks and after our return, just as we were getting along nicely, our press broke, and we were compelled to do our press work at other establishments in the city. Different parts of the SCROLL have been printed on four different presses and at present it is doubtful whether or not we will get out before June.

PURSUANT to an order from the G. C. we desire to say just a few words about our "skeleton" and then consign it again to the closet from whence we brought it. The committee appointed to investigate the matter at the Richmond Convention, advised that no action looking toward expulsion should be taken, and the G. C. seems to be of

the same opinion. The G. C. has the matter in hand and will attend carefully to the Fraternity's interest till the Nashville Convention when it will make a full report and final action will probably be taken.

IN our last issue we stated that Minnesota Alpha was dead but we are glad to say that we were mistaken. After the entire edition had been printed and bound a report was received from that Chapter. Not wishing the SCROLL to go out without reports from every Chapter, we had it printed on separate pieces of paper with the intention of putting one in each SCROLL. The person charged with this work failed to put them in a number of SCROLLS, hence we make this announcement. We now have forty-four instead of forty-two active, and ten instead of nine Alumni Chapters.

OUR readers can now form an idea of what the appearance of the forthcoming catalogue will be. The sample pages at the back of this number were printed from the same form which has been used in printing the first pages of the book. The work suffered a protracted and provoking delay, first, in waiting on the type foundry to cast the Greek letters and symbols; and, secondly, in waiting for the paper, which was specially manufactured in New England, and which was long delayed *en route* on account of the floods. The work is now proceeding rapidly, however, or as fast as four printers can set the type, which is about as fast as the editors can give final revision to the MSS. and correct the proofs. Reporters should remember the notice that they can get in addenda to the Chapter lists until informed by postal card that the forms have gone to press. Send to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., the full names, residences, classes and dates of initiation of new members, also data concerning college honors and changes of correspondent members.

IN this issue we present to our readers, for the benefit of those who have never read it, an entire chapter, taken from "American College Fraternities," giving an account of the establishment, manners, customs, progress and other items of information concerning our Greek-Letter Fraternity System. Such information as is contained in this chapter is valuable to every Fraternity man and Phis would do well to study it carefully. We recently had the pleasure of spending a day with Mr. Baird, the author, at his home in Plainfield, N. J., and he informed us that two editions of his book had been entirely exhausted and that he had been for some time busily engaged preparing a third one. A new plan will be adopted, much new information will be given and the articles concerning the Fraternities will be either finally reviewed or indorsed. The cost of a copy of the new edition will be \$2, and we would strongly urge Phis to subscribe for it, as the strongest Fraternity workers are those who are the best informed about Fraternities. Mr. Baird's circular will be issued at an early date.

WE have just heard that the Trustees of the University of the South have acted favorably on the petition from Phi Delta Theta praying to be admitted to the University. The application for charter has been signed by seven men. The Nashville Phis are jubilant, and a large delegation of them will go down to Sewanee to give the boys of Tennessee Beta a good "send off." No doubt the rest of the Fraternity will be greatly pleased, and we know the clerical President of Gamma Province will be delighted. The institution presents the most promising outlook in the South, and it takes the same rank in the Southern States that Kenyon, Hobart and Trinity do in the Northern. Tennessee Alpha and Alpha Alumni have faithfully discharged the trust imposed upon them by the Richmond Convention, and we now suggest that congratulations

are in order. Bravo, Tennessee Phis! when did they ever fail? Both Chapters have been liberal in paying the expenses of the enterprise. Brothers S. P. Gilbert and J. M. Brents, of Tennessee Alpha, were the two commissioners who went to Sewanee last fall and gave the boom a start. Brother R. F. Jackson, of Tennessee Alpha Alumni, drew up the petition to the Trustees which induced them to recognize Phi Delta Theta. Now, brothers, join hands all around, and welcome the Tennessee Beta.

THE circulation of the SCROLL is seven hundred and twenty-one, which is probably a larger number than is issued by any other Fraternity journal. Of this number six hundred and fourteen go to active members, ten to exchanges, thirteen go "D. H." to officers, Alumni Chapter Reporters and to the founders of our Fraternity. This leaves only eighty-four *bona fide* Alumni subscribers. This is not as it should be. We should have at least three times that many. As subscription on the part of our active members is compulsory, the revenue derived from that source is sufficient to support the SCROLL, and it has not been necessary, from a financial standpoint, to increase our circulation among our Alumni, and the names of those we have were secured without much difficulty, the majority being those who "can't do without it."

If we want to keep up the interest of our Alumni in the Fraternity we must keep them informed about it, and as the SCROLL is the best source of information, the best way to accomplish this is to increase our circulation among them.

There is no doubt but that there is a larger number of our Alumni who would not grudge the price of subscription to the SCROLL but would willingly pay it if the matter was brought to their notice in a proper manner. It is too large an undertaking for one person

to attempt to make any material increase in our circulation. Such an undertaking necessitates an extensive and laborious correspondence. One person hasn't the time to write the large number of letters necessary for the accomplishment of any good in such a matter and the best they can do is to send out a number of printed postal cards soliciting subscriptions. Very little attention is paid to these cards. They are looked upon in the same light as circulars, advertising cards and other printed matter received through the mail and are generally consigned to the waste basket. The recipient generally think that these printed requests are sent out once a year as a matter of course and he receives one simply because his name happens to be in the catalogue. If a letter is written to an Alumnus stating that it is desired to keep our old members informed as to what we are doing, that, as the SCROLL will furnish such information, we desire as many as possible to take it and that we would like to have him subscribe, it is probable that he will reply enclosing the amount of subscription.

As we stated above, this is too large an undertaking for one man and the work ought to be equally distributed. There are active members in every one of our Chapters, who are personally acquainted with at least two or three Alumni members, and who have influence enough to procure us a few subscribers, if they will only take the trouble to attend to the matter and write a few letters. We would like to have a man in each Chapter who is willing to do his share towards getting Alumni subscribers, one who will take an interest in the work and do his level best. All who are willing to do this much for the benefit of the Fraternity will please send us their names and we will send them three or four extra SCROLLS each month to send out to those to whom they write soliciting subscriptions.

# FRATERNITY CALENDAR.

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The dates of Chapter anniversaries given below are the dates the charters were granted, which in some cases differ from the dates of establishment. The dates some Chapters were chartered are not given and perhaps cannot now be determined:

*January 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for January SCROLL.

*January 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month.

*January 1*—On this day, and as often at other times as they think proper, correspondent members forward to their Chapters personal notes of themselves and of other members known to them.

*January 2*—XI Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*January 19*—VIII Anniversary OHIO EPSILON.

*January 20*—VII Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA.

*January 30*—IV Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA.

*January 31*—IV Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

*February 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for February SCROLL.

*February 9* V Anniversary VIRGINIA EPSILON.

*February 12*—XXIV Anniversary ILLINOIS ALPHA.

*February 25*—XXII Anniversary OHIO BETA.

*March 1*—By this day Colleges and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for March SCROLL.

*March 16*—XII Anniversary ILLINOIS ZETA.

*March 27*—I Anniversary IOWA BETA.

*March 28*—XV Anniversary OHIO GAMMA.

*April 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for April SCROLL.

*April 1*—Reporters of College and Alumni Chapters forward annual reports of members to Province Presidents, who forward them to S. G. C.

*April 1*—Historians of College and Alumni Chapters forward copies of Chapter histories for previous year to Province Presidents, who forward them to the H. G. C.

*April 1*—XIV Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*April 9*—XXXIII Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA.

*April 28*—XXIII Anniversary INDIANA DELTA.

*May 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for May SCROLL.

*May 8*—IV Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*May 18*—V Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*June 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for June SCROLL.

*June 5*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA ALPHA. X Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

*June 7*—X Anniversary CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*June 6*—VI Anniversary MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

*June 15*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*June 20*—Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON. V Anniversary TEXAS ALPHA.

*June 27*—XXVI Anniversary WISCONSIN ALPHA.

*July 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month.

*August 22*—III Anniversary MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI.

*September 1*—On this day, or on the opening of the collegiate year, Reporters of College Chapters forward to the T. G. C. \$1 for each attendant member to pay for SCROLL. For each member initiated after the opening of the year Reporters at once forward \$1, with the name, class, address and date of initiation.

*September 17*—IV Anniversary INDIANA BETA ALUMNI.

*September 30*—VIII Anniversary VIRGINIA DELTA.

*October 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for October SCROLL.

*October 1*—Province Presidents forward to SCROLL names of members who will certainly be in College to be addressed as Reporters until Reporters for the collegiate year are elected.

*October 1*—T. G. C. forwards for October SCROLL statement of dues paid by each Chapter during 1882-3.

*October 11*—XXXIV Anniversary INDIANA ALPHA.

*October 12*—II Anniversary MINNESOTA ALPHA. II Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI. II Anniversary ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNI.

*October 24*—XXIV Anniversary INDIANA GAMMA.

*October 26*—I Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

*October 27*—III Anniversary MISSOURI BETA. III Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON. III Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*October 30*—IV Anniversary VERMONT ALPHA.

*November 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for November SCROLLS.

*November 1*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

*November 4*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS DELTA.

*November 5*—I Anniversary KANSAS ALPHA.

*November 8*—X Anniversary MICHIGAN BETA. X Anniversary VIRGINIA BETA.

*November 9*—VII Anniversary founding first Alumni Chapter, INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*November 18*—XI Anniversary OHIO DELTA.

*November 26*—XIII Anniversary MISSOURI ALPHA.

*December 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapters forward letters for December SCROLL.

*December 4*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

*December 14*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON.

*December 17*—II Anniversary OHIO ALPHA ALUMNI.

*December 18*—XIX Anniversary MICHIGAN ALPHA.

*December 21*—I Anniversary MICHIGAN GAMMA.

*December 26*—XXXV Anniversary founding of the Fraternity and first Chapter, OHIO ALPHA.

*December 26*—IV Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI.

# PHI DELTA THETA DIRECTORY

## PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,

Founded at Miami University, Oxford, O., December 20, 1848. Incorporated under the State Laws of Ohio, March 14, 1881.

## FOUNDERS.

Rev. Robert Morrison, Eldon, Miller Co., Mo.; Ardivan W. Rodgers, deceased, Surosa Springs; John W. Lindley, Fredericktown, O.; Rev. Robert Drake, deceased; Col. Andrew W. Rogers, Warrensburg, Mo.; John Mc. M. Wilson, deceased.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 27, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

*Orator*, Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Versailles, Ky.  
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*Illinois Alpha Alumni*, Chicago, Ill.  
*Illinois Beta Alumni*, Galesburg, Ill.

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# OTHER FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which are established at the Colleges named in our Directory, with the years when the Chapters were organized. The interrogation point implies doubt as to a Chapter's active existence. We hope that our Reporters will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.**  
Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local,) '36; Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary,) '36; Sigma Phi, '45; Delta Psi, (not connected with chartered fraternity of same name,) '50; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Kappa Epsilon, '53; Zeta Psi, '57; Theta Delta Chi, '66; Sigma Chi, '67; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Chi Phi, '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Delta Beta Phi, '77.

**PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Sigma Chi, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Alpha Tau Omega, '82.

**WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '62; Phi Gamma Delta, '49; Phi Kappa Psi, '52; Delta Tau Delta, '61; Phi Delta Theta, '76; Alpha Tau Omega, '81.

**ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Delta Tau Delta, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '79; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '81.

**DICKINSON COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '59; Sigma Chi, '59; Chi Phi, '69; Beta Theta Pi, '74; Phi Delta Theta, '89.

**ROANOKE COLLEGE.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Chi, '72.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '50; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '52; Phi Kappa Sigma, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '53; Chi Phi, '59; Phi Gamma Delta, '59; Delta Psi, '60; Sigma Chi, '60; Mystic Seven (local,) '68; Alpha Tau Omega, '68; Zeta Psi, '68; Phi Kappa Alpha, '68; Kappa Sigma, '68; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '73; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '78.

**RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Kappa Sigma, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '74; Sigma Chi, '74.

**RICHMOND COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '70; Beta Theta Pi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Sigma Chi, '80.

**VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '65; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '67; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '68; Sigma Nu (local,) '68; Kappa Sigma, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**WOFFORD COLLEGE.**  
Chi Psi, '69; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Chi Phi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '82; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '82; Chi Psi, '82.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.**  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '66; Chi Phi, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '72; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**ESSEX COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Chi Phi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Alpha Tau Omega, '81; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '82; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**MERCER UNIVERSITY.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '70; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '74.

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.**  
Rainbow, '18; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '51; Delta Psi, '53; Sigma Chi, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '57; Chi Psi, '58; Phi Delta Theta, '77; Beta Theta Pi, '79.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '76; Beta Theta Pi (branch of Chapter at Cumberland Univ.,) '81; Rainbow, '87; Chi Phi (not yet chartered,) '82.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '75; Phi Delta Theta, '83.

**OHIO Wesleyan UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '53; Sigma Chi, '55; Phi Delta Theta, '60; Phi Kappa Psi, '61; Delta Tau Delta, '78; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Chi Phi, '73.

**OHIO UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '41; Delta Tau Delta, '62; Phi Delta Theta, '68; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '76.

**UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Sigma Chi, '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Gamma Delta, '81.

**BUCHTEL COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '81; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '81.

**CENTRE COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '46; Phi Delta Theta, '50; Sigma Chi, '76.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Delta Theta, '49; Sigma Chi, '58; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '70; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '81.

**WABASH COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Delta Theta, '52; Phi Gamma Delta, '66; Phi Kappa Psi, '70; Sigma Chi, '80.

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '9; Sigma Chi, '66; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '74.

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '60; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '69; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '78.

**HANOVER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '53; Phi Gamma Delta, '64; Phi Delta Theta, '68; Sigma Chi, '71; Delta Tau Delta, '72; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '81; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '81.

**INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Gamma Delta, '56; Sigma Chi, '59; Phi Kappa Psi, '65; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '66; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '70; Delta Tau Delta, '71; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75.

**STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '72; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**HILSDALE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '82.

**LOWARD UNIVERSITY.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**ILLINOIS Wesleyan UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '75; Phi Delta Theta, '78; Phi Delta Phi (Law,) '78.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '57; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75; Chi Psi, '78; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '78.

**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '68; Phi Delta Theta, '80.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '76; Phi Gamma Delta, '81; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '81; Phi Delta Theta, '82.

**IOWA Wesleyan UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '66; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Delta Theta, '82; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '82.

**MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.**  
Chi Psi, '74; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**OTHER FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.**  
We desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by all the Chartered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with information needed to make the list of announcements complete:

Sigma Phi, Schenectady, N. Y., March 4, 1884.  
Chi Phi, Albany, N. Y., October 17, 1883.  
Delta Upsilon, Marietta, O., October, 1883.

Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, O., August, 1884.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma, Canton, N. Y., August 18, 1884.

Beta Theta Pi, Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 28, 30, 1883.  
Delta Tau Delta, Indianapolis, August 24, 26, 1883.

Phi Gamma Delta, Indianapolis, Sept. 25, 30, 1883.  
Zeta Psi, New York, N. Y., January 3, 1884.  
PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE, New York City, July 4, 1884.

# PHI DELTA THETA

## STATIONERY.

We are now prepared to furnish to members of the Fraternity, Letter Heads, Note Heads, Envelopes, Visiting Cards, etc. at the rates given below. *Smaller quantities than are mentioned in Price List will NOT be furnished and NO SAMPLES will be sent.*

### NOTE HEADS.

5 lb Commercial, 1/2 ream,	480.....\$2 25.	1 ream, 960.....\$3 00.	Each additional ream.....\$2 00
6 lb " 1/2 "	" 480..... 2 40.	1 " 960..... 3 25.	Each additional ream..... 2 25
6 lb Packet, 1/2 "	" 480..... 2 40.	1 " 960..... 3 25.	Each additional ream..... 2 25
7 lb " 1/2 "	" 480..... 2 60.	1 " 960..... 3 50.	Each additional ream..... 2 50
8 lb Elongated, 1/2 "	" 480..... 2 75.	1 " 960..... 4 00.	Each additional ream..... 2 75

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 Reporter Supr. Ct. Ind., '60-1, '64-8; Author Reports  
 do., vols. 15-17 and 23-29; "Digest Ind. Rep.," 3 vols.  
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 Dept. Ed. *Sanitary Commission Bulletin* during war;  
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COLLEGE NOTES.

1829. G. V. Dorsey, Delivd. An. Ad. before Lit. Societies, '72.

1840. Chas. Elliott (Essayist, Washington Soc., Lafayette).

1848. C. S. Doolittle (Valedictorian, Kenyon, '48). — J. M. Worrall (Valedictorian, Anderson Col., '48; Ed. Col. paper).

1849. S. C. Baldrige (Orator Union Soc., Hanover, '47, '48, '49). — R. Morrison, Valedictorian, '49; Ed. Cat. Soc. Inq., '49.

1851. W. H. Wynn (Metaphys. Hon., Wittenberg, '51). 1852. W. B. Yonce (Valedictorian, Wittenberg, '52).

1853. S. Hibben, Valedictorian, '53.

1855. R. Smith, Orator Alumni Day, '71.

1856. J. M. Miller, Valedictorian, '56.

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1867. A. Ellis, Spkr. Wash. Birthday, '67; Delivd. Diplomas to grads. Lit. Societies, '72. H. O. Evans, Math. Hon., '67. J. Z. Moore, Addressed Lit. Soc., '68.

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1868. B. P. Jones, Ed. *Miami Student*, '66-8; Spkr. Erod. Exhib., '67. J. Q. Spence, Math. Hon., '68. L. F. Walker, Poet Cl. Day, '68.

1869. W. E. Evans, Ethical Hon., '69. J. K. Gibson, Orator Wash. Birthday, '69. H. E. Grand-Girard, Orator Cl. Day, '69. J. M. Oldfather, Poet Cl. Day, '69.

1870. J. B. Elam, Valedictorian, '70; 2d Orator Jr. Exhib., '69. — J. W. Feighan, 1st Orator Jr. Exhib., '69; Poet Cl. Day, '70. — E. Fisher, Salutatory, '70; Orator Cl. Day, '70; Ed. *Miami Student*, '68-70; Addressed Lit. Soc., '72. — C. B. Fitzpatrick, Orator Erod. Exhib., '67. — H. Lee, Ethical Hon., '70.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

1828. E. P. Humphrey, Addressed O. Alpha, '53.

1840. C. Elliott, Read poem to O. Alpha, '53. Cf. Ill. Alpha Al.

1848. J. Lindley, 1st man intd. in Frat. — J. M. Worrall, Orator Nat. Conv., Philadelphia, Pa., '76. Cf. Ill. Alpha Al.

1849. S. C. Baldrige, Prepared poem for Nat. Conv., Indianapolis., Ind., '69. — R. Morrison, Founder; Author of 'The Bond'; 2d Pres.; Ed. 1st ed. Catg., '60; Chap. Nat. Conv., Bloomington, Ind., '64; do., Indianapolis., Ind., '80; Mem. Ex. Com., '68-9. — J. McM.

Willison, Founder; Cf. Frat. Notes, Ind. Alpha.

1850. R. T. Drake, Founder. — J. W. Lindley, Founder; 1st Sect. O. Alpha.

1851. A. A. Barnett, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — A. W. Rodgers, Founder. — A. W. Rogers, Founder. — W. H. Wynn, Mem. Wittenberg Chap.

1852. J. K. Boude, Char. Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — B. Harrison, Cf. Ind. Beta Al. — J. MacHatton, Mem. Wittenberg Chap. — W. B. Yonce, Mem. Wittenberg Chap.

1853. J. A. Anderson, Char. Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — P. C. Conklin, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — S. Hibben, Orator Nat. Conv., Danville, Ky., '60.

1854. H. L. Brown, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — T. C. Hibbett, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — W. Owens, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — E. P. Shields, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — H. Stoddard, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — T. Williams, Mem. 2d Miami Chap.

1855. H. H. Boon, Mem. Austin Chap. — A. Cahill, Mem. Wittenberg Chap. — F. E. Hutcheson, Char. Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — M. Kirby, Mem. Wittenberg Chap. — T. W. McLean, Mem. 2d Miami Chap. — Namesake T. A. Wylie, Ind. Alpha, 30. — A. M. Rafter, Mem. Austin Chap. — R. Smith, Orator Nat. Conv., Athens, O., '73. Master Cer. Banquet, Ind. St. Conv., '76. — T. B. Ward, Intd. Ind. Beta; Cf. Frat. Notes, do.

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## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION AND BANQUET.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 10th, the boys began to roll into Indianapolis from all of the eight Chapters in Indiana and Michigan, to attend the second annual convention or reunion and banquet of the Chapters in the Epsilon Province on the afternoon and evening of the 11th. It was the occasion of the Indiana State oratorical contest, and Fraternity men from all parts of the State were there; indeed the Grand Hotel office was crowded with college students and their glittering badges made an unusual display. But no Fraternity could lay claim to a finer looking lot of boys and more of them than that of the Shield and Dagger.

While the contest created considerable interest "as oratory is good for boys, hence the immortality of the soul," yet the main incentive to the Phi boys for congregating there was a matter of decidedly more importance and interest. The idea of meeting each other, being together, talking over Fraternity matters, of cultivating a nearer and a closer friendship for each other, of enjoying a banquet in the name of Phi Delta Theta, of encouraging those who are young in the cause, of drinking to those veterans who have long ago left college days and college scenes behind them were the reasons, no doubt, that made the boys of the White and Blue drop all things else and meet each other in friendship's sacred place.

The convention was called to order by Brother H. U. Brown at 4 o'clock on April 11th, in the parlors of the Grand Hotel, on whose motion Brother Lot D. Guffin was selected as chairman. After a few well chosen remarks by Brother Guffin, in which he thanked the brothers for the honor conferred upon him, he stated the object of the reunion to be a general discussion of Fraternity affairs. Brother J. M. Goodwin was selected Secretary and proceeded to make a list of the Chapters in the Province, and at the suggestion of the members called the Chapters and recorded the names of the delegates. The representation was as follows:

Indiana Alpha, C. L. Goodwin.  
Indiana Beta, Thomas Wilkins.  
Indiana Gamma, J. B. Kuhns.  
Indiana Delta, R. A. Brown.  
Indiana Epsilon, C. A. Swope.  
Indiana Zeta, Jess Bridges.  
Michigan Beta.  
Michigan Gamma, H. F. Schunck.

The chairman then stated that the first thing in order was the reports from Chapters. The Secretary calling the Chapters, reports were given by the delegates, showing the Epsilon Province to be in an excellent condition, carrying no dead Chapters but all active and full of zeal.

Brother Thomas was on hand and gave a short report of Kentucky Alpha and Virginia Beta.

Brothers S. P. Ayres and Wilbur Campbell, Alumni members, made impromptu speeches.

The Committee on Finance reported a small debt of \$7 50 incurred for printing and a *pro rata* assessment was made on the members for its liquidation.

Brother H. U. Brown offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The leading Fraternities of the country are taking steps to organize a Pan-Hellenic Conference for the discussion of business pertaining to the Fraternity system, and for an interchange of views on the many and delicate questions of inter-Fraternity interest and for promulgation of feelings of friendship between the different Fraternities; and

WHEREAS, It is to the interest of Phi Delta Theta, enrolling forty-four active and ten Alumni Chapters, that she should follow up the lead taken by Brother George B. Thomas in enrolling our order in that organization. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta in Convention assembled, give its heartiest endorsement to what Brother Thomas has done in this matter, and that she hereby solicits, with the greatest emphasis, the General Council to identify the Phi Delta Theta with the Pan-Hellenic Conference.

A good deal of interest centered about the re-establishing of Michigan Alpha. Brothers Brown and C. L. Goodwin thought the Chapter might be revived if a man of superior force and brains would go there and work it up. Brother Schunck said that he didn't think Phi Delta Theta could enter Ann Arbor with any show of a permanent residence there without supporting a Chapter house.

The Convention adjourned at 6 o'clock *sine die*.

LOT D. GUFFIN, *Pres. pro tem.*

J. M. GOODWIN, *Secretary.*

## BANQUET.

The banquet was the principal feature of the reunion. At about 11 o'clock on the evening of the 11th about sixty of the jolliest Phis in the world marched into the large dining room of the Grand Hotel to the banquet, not merely to eat but to celebrate by that banquet a living, glorious principle, to "eat, drink and be merry," under the in-

signia of that peculiarly expressive motto—"Phi Delta Theta." There was a total lack of ceremony and a plentiful amount of real pleasure. The table extended nearly the whole length of the large dining room and at one end was a cross table, in the middle of which Judge Elliott, toast master of the evening, sat looking down the long rows of boys. Around him were Judge Robinson, Hon. C. Byfield, C. A. Harris, Judge Banta, Irwin Robbins, S. P. Ayres, W. D. Ripley and others, men who have grown grey but not weary in the service of Phi Delta Theta.

Judge Elliott welcomed the boys in one of his characteristic, cordial, hearty speeches.

Arthur Kautz, Indiana Gamma, responded to "The Bond."

Judge Banta spoke in his usually interesting vein about "An Old Indiana Alpha Boy."

Brother C. L. Goodwin on "College and Chapter Life," made a short but thoughtful speech.

"The Girls We Left Behind Us," were left to the tender mercies of Brother W. D. Campbell, whose stock of wit is un-failing.

Brother Cass Byfield responded to "Auld Lang Syne" in an expressive manner.

Brother Irwin Robbins spoke on "The Policeman's Lot not a Happy One."

Unusual interest was attached to this toast, "The Province Infant" by H. F. Schunck, Michigan Gamma.

Brother George B. Thomas responded to "Odai," and sung the "Sir William Goat" in a manner that kept the boys in a roar of laughter.

Brother J. M. Goodwin responded to the toast "Indiana Alpha" at some length.

"Indiana Delta" was disposed of by Brother Ed Brown, the "Beta" by Bro. Thomas Wilkins, the "Epsilon" by Brother Montgomery and the "Zeta" by Brother McCormach in a beautiful way.

Brothers Judge J. C. Robinson, C. A. Harris, S. P. Ayres and W. D. Ripley made pleasing toasts on "Our Alumni."

Brother H. U. Brown ended the toast list with a warm speech on general Fraternity principles. After a rousing song the happy boys marched out gladder and *fuller* than when they went in.

"The Phis did eat and a few did sleep  
And so run the night away."

J. M. G.

## FINANCIAL.

AUBURN, ALA., March 10, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* In the supplement of the last SCROLL we see Alabama Alpha is charged with indebtedness to the amount of \$78. This debt as charged is as follows:

1880-1881.	
To SCROLL \$1 (26 members).....	\$26 00
To catalogue tax \$2 (26 members).....	52 00
Total.....	\$78 00

There are also the accounts for SCROLLS for years 1881-1882 and 1882-1883 both of which are balanced, leaving the Chapter's account for 1880-1881, the only debt unpaid. Our members claim that they paid the SCROLL tax and ought to be credited with it. They say they have never received any receipt for it, and you say that you don't give receipts—that if the SCROLL is received that is a receipt itself. How about it? We have sent you money for SCROLLS and have received the SCROLLS all O. K. but have not received receipts for the money. Please send us a receipt it will be very little trouble to you and may save us a world of trouble. We call the attention of the General Council to this and want to hear something concerning it. Give us receipts for moneys paid out, no matter if we are brothers in the Bond. Again the twenty-six members who were here in 1880 and 1881 did not pay their catalogue tax. Some of them have left college. What are we to do? Will those of us who are here now have it to pay? Of those that are here now and were here in 1880 and 1881, has the catalogue tax again been levied upon them? Well they have to pay the tax twice? Please publish our letter (this) in the SCROLL that it may reach the eyes of the G. C., the ex-Treasurer and ex-editor of SCROLL and that we may come to a clear understanding of what is before us.

Yours in the Bond,

"GYPSEY LEE."

## FROM THE T. G. C.

MADISON, WIS., April 1, 1883.

*Brothers in the Bond:* A letter was forwarded to me a few days ago by the editor of the SCROLL. The letter is to be published, and I suppose was sent to me that I might write an answer to appear at the same time with it. The Alabama Alpha, from the letter it seems, has a debt that was bequeathed to her by former members, and there are several Chapters that are similarly situated.

They are opposed to paying debts not contracted by themselves. But if debts are to be contracted they should certainly be paid. If debts are to be thus easily excused, how easy a matter it is to defer paying just dues for such a time till the persons who contracted them are out of school, when they become manifestly unjust, but only so far as the new members of the delinquent Chapter are concerned.

It is not right that the Treasury should be depleted simply because the Treasurer has been lenient enough to wait for the dues in order to help the members over a tight place. The last Council was called upon to excuse debts for Chapters, simply because those Chapters had finally become so involved that the delegates in convention assembled had to take pity upon them, credit them with the full amount of their indebtedness and give them the opportunity to repeat the operation. There are of course instances when Chapters are perfectly excusable and this may be said with special reference to new ones, those that find their burdens at the start in furnishing their halls, etc., too heavy to allow them to meet the obligations. And right here let me say, and I speak from experience, that of all the debts contracted by a Chapter, that to the T. G. C. is left to the very last, and finally quite liable to be left unpaid. The dues to the T. G. C. are manifestly the ones that should be paid first, if they had been previously paid in this manner there would not at the present time be an aggregate balance of over \$500 due the Treasury, which will dwindle to almost nothing as soon as excuses begin to be the order of the day.

The members of the Chapter in consideration, claim to have paid the editor for their SCROLLS. Several such instances have arisen. They should have sent their dues to the T. G. C. direct, where their account is kept, and who would have sent them a receipt for the same. In settling with the editor of the SCROLL the T. G. C. is liable to forget to give the Chapters credit for monies paid to him.

In regard to the catalogue tax, I will say that every person who has paid \$2 will be furnished with a copy. Thus the new members of the Alabama Alpha for example can pay the tax that should have been paid by their predecessors and receive their books. They will certainly not be required to pay the tax twice. Yours in the Bond,

CHARLES A. FOSTER, T. G. C.

FROM ZETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

ATHENS, O., April 16, 1883.

*Brothers of Zeta Province:* After due consideration by those concerned, it has been deemed best not to hold a Province Convention this spring. I would suggest that each Chapter have a reunion of its Alumni at commencement time. Much good may be affected by a little effort expended in this way. I would remind Chapter reporters that their annual reports are due. Please forward as soon as possible, to enable me to make up an annual report. So far as heard from, the Province is in excellent condition.

Many of my correspondents have been neglected at times this winter, but most of them know the cause. I have had six months and a half of malaria, with almost continuous chills and fevers. I am extremely glad to announce to those who have kindly manifested an interest in my recovery, that M. A. Laria died on the 11th of this month, and I think I am entirely rid of what is well-known to be a terrible enemy. I need no longer sing

"And to-day the swallows flitting  
Round my cabin see me sitting  
Moodily within the sunshine,  
Just inside my cabin door,  
Waiting for the 'ager,' seeming  
Like a man forever dreaming;  
And the sunlight on me streaming  
Throws no shadow on the floor;  
For I'm too thin and sallow  
To make shadows on the floor,—  
Nary shadow any more!"

The petition received from Lincoln University has not been granted by the General Council.

Will each Chapter reporter please give as his last report for the year, in the June SCROLL, a brief outline of the Chapters history for the past college year? These historical reports will be valuable for reference.

During my stay here I have formed very pleasant acquaintances with the members of Ohio Gamma and with Brother Emmett Tompkins and other Phi Alumni. Fraternally,

MILO C. SUMNERS.

FROM ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, April 16, 1883.

The position of Eta Province makes it necessary that the greatest diligence should be exercised, for occupying as we do the gateway of the West, extension in that direction can only be accom-

plished by one united effort. The Chapters that compose this Province have been mostly established in the last few years. Our first duty will be to see that our Chapter is placed on a firm basis; and to secure this end permit me to make the following suggestions: Keep your accounts square with the Treasurer of the General Council; discharge all local indebtedness, if any, as soon as possible; correspond with all the Chapters in the Province, and with as many outside as may be convenient; keep a constant watch for suitable members and especially for those who will be freshmen in the fall, and lastly observe that oft-repeated admonition, report monthly in the SCROLL.

The subject of an Eta Province Convention claims our attention. I desire to see an expression in the next SCROLL from every Chapter in regard to this matter. The work of extension must also be considered. The State University of Nebraska is growing rapidly and we should look well to our interests in that quarter, any advice or suggestions relative thereto or to extension in other directions will be thankfully received. Our opportunities for work are many, let us use them, let us make Eta Province one of the grandest in our noble Fraternity. To attain this end I ask your hearty co-operation so that success may crown our efforts.

Yours in the Bond,

P. L. SEVER.

FROM THE P. G. C.

*Brothers of Gamma Province:* Your Province President, Brother C. M. Beckwith, having forwarded his resignation, we have accepted it regretfully. Brother S. P. Gilbert, of Tennessee Alpha, has this day been appointed to the recent Presidency by the G. C. Please give him your hearty co-operation and support. His address is at present Nashville, Tenn., home at Columbia, Ga., in the heart of the Province.

Fraternally,

H. U. BROWN, *President G. C.*

CONVENTION POINTER.

WHEREAS, The Phi Delta Theta, one of the largest and most prosperous of all the Greek-Letter Fraternities, will hold its Biennial Convention in this city in October, 1884, and as said convention will bring together a large number of young men from all sections of our broad land to view (many of them

for the first time) the attractions of Nashville and the "new South,"

WHEREAS, The resident members of said Fraternity being desirous of providing in a comfortable and suitable manner for the entertainment of their visiting brethren in the Bond while in our midst,

Therefore be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the use of the Hall of Representatives, or the Senate Chamber (at the option of said Convention) be and the same is hereby tendered to said Fraternity during the week beginning October 27, 1884, if either should be desired for the purpose of holding meetings or public exercises therein.

Adopted March 26, 1883.

W. L. LEDGERWOOD,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

B. F. ALEXANDER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved March 28, 1883.

WM. B. BATE, *Governor.*

FROM PRESIDENT OF GAMMA  
PROVINCE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 22, '83.

*Editor Scroll:* You will please allow me space to address a few lines to the Chapters of Gamma Province. I have received official notice from President Brown that I have been selected to succeed Brother Beckwith as President of that Province.

I feel as if it were almost presumption on my part to accept an office once held by Brother Beckwith, when I reflect that there are few men in our Fraternity of whom we are prouder, and none more competent to fill any position to which he may be assigned. I enter into the duties of the office with a full realization of the situation, and shall attempt to supply other deficiencies by devoting much time and labor to the charge.

I have written to the T. G. C. for a statement of the account of each Chapter in this Province, and I am determined, if possible, that every Chapter, by the beginning of next term, shall owe nothing. It is absolutely essential to the welfare of a Chapter that it be clear of debt. I desire, then, that each Chapter write me in full its condition in every particular. Frequent and prompt correspondence will be necessary, and I hope all my communications will receive prompt attention. Hoping to see Gamma Province the banner Province, I am, very truly, etc.,

S. P. GILBERT,

## THE GREEK PRESS.

We regret that our columns are so much taken up this month as to render it impossible for us to devote more space to this department. There are several interesting articles in our exchanges which we would like to reprint, some of which we have in type.

Our brother editors would confer a favor by exchanging two copies of their paper with us. If this arrangement is satisfactory to them they will please continue one copy to our address and send one copy to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. We will send an extra copy of the SCROLL to any address they may direct.

The *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon (anti-secret) is trying to get into the Inter-Fraternity Press Association and has entered upon an exchange with other journals. Nos. 1 and 2 of Vol. I. have been issued as sixteen-page, double-column quarto. It is to be published by each Chapter in turn; the Amherst Chapter will publish it this year.

We are in receipt of Vol. I., No. 4, of the Zeta Psi *Monthly* marked X. It is a sixteen-page, double-column octavo. The first three numbers were published at Toronto, Canada. Its present place of publication is Newark, N. J. It was not very successful as a Canadian enterprise, but, judging from the present management, we should say it will take a good rank with our other exchanges.

If there is anything in our governmental policy which is peculiar to us, and of which we should be proud, it is our system of *per capita* assessments for Convention and SCROLL.

The *per capita* plan for defraying the expenses of delegates to the Convention originated as far back at least, as 1874, and the financier who conceived it was a wise man in his day and generation. Each member, no matter in what Chapter, whether it is near to, or distant from the Convention, contributes an equal amount with every other member. The burden of taxation, by this arrangement is evenly distributed, and it has resulted in our Chapters being more unanimously represented by official delegates in Convention than is the case with any other Fraternity. The scheme is attracting the notice of the other Greek orders, and it seems to find much favor with them, especially with Beta Theta Pi.

The rule requiring attendant members to pay for the SCROLL dates back to 1878. Before that time the journal was not self-sustaining. It is now beyond question that such a requirement is the only plan by which the SCROLL can be successfully supported. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, after failing entirely because subscriptions were voluntary, has been re-established on this basis. The *Crescent* has called on the Delta Tau Delta Convention to adopt the same regulation. The *Record* says it is the best plan to insure success that they have heard of, and in many other Fraternities the chapters have by-laws requiring active members to subscribe for their official organs. These two provisions were valuable inventions, and have contributed materially to Phi Delta Theta's present state of high prosperity.

The *Beta Theta Pi* comes up smilingly this month, the March and April numbers both being upon our table. The March number disposes of us in the following manner:

"The January-February SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta is a magazine of forty-six pages, remarkable for excellent typography, and for the additional extraordinary fact that it contains a letter (or, in two instances, a telegram) from each of its forty-four active and nine Alumni Chapters, making a total of fifty-three Chapter letters. If the effort does not kill some of those Chapters, the Phi Delta Theta is tougher than most other orders. We will go a supper that friend Thomas doesn't live long enough to repeat the exploit. But whether he does or not, he has made the SCROLL one of the very best Fraternity journals going, and is likely to keep it at that notch. He reprints our review of Aiken's 'Secret Society System,' but that by no means indicates that he was short of original matter, for the man who can prepare nine pages of editorial matter for one issue of his paper could most likely have prepared nineteen with equal ease. Phi Delta Theta can afford to support her paper very handsomely."

We had it in mind to say lots of nice things about our E. C. in this issue, but for fear our other exchanges might think we were indulging in an interchange of "taffy," we will refrain from so doing; we, however, appreciate highly the compliment, coming as it does from such a source. Apropos to his wager about not getting a report from every Chapter for another issue,

we will assure the exchange editor that he will lose his evening repast as we will do that same little trick in next issue. The April number says: "The SCROLL is certainly one of the very best of the Fraternity journals now published." We must have made a mash on the sons of Wooglin.

#### A JOURNALISTIC "HOO-DOO."

The *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon is a sort of mystery. What it is, what it is for, why it is and since it is, why under the canopy it isn't of some account, are questions that have never been satisfactorily explained. Its position with respect to Psi Upsilon, the world and itself would be difficult to define, and there seems to be nothing tangible about this unique little jewel unless the superabundance of narrowmindedness, conceit and arrogance is capable of being "caught on to." There is an utter nothingness about it which is painful to think of. Psi U. does not claim it as an "organ;" on the contrary it frowns upon the sparkling little gem. It is a private enterprise, owned, controlled, managed and made generally objectionable by a select coterie of

Only ONE Fraternity Psi Us

No other Fraternity Psi Us

Quite ultra exclusive and rashly conclusive

Verging-on-cranks Psi Us.

This journalistic prodigy, until recently, had a playful little way of ignoring the existence of Fraternities, and of speaking of "The Fraternity," meaning Psi U. Finally it was forced to recognize the existence of Alpha Delta Phi. Since that time it has apparently determined not to make any further concessions in the way of recognition and no doubt regrets that our language has no dual number, so that, in speaking of "The Fraternities" (Psi U. and A. D. P.) it may not by any possible means be mistaken as alluding to any others. On one occasion at least, however, some member of the firm so far forgot himself as to actually mention our sister Fraternities. He relieved himself "thusly:"

"One cannot close this imperfect review without expressing the hope—already in some measure justified by events—that these two societies" (A. D. P. and Psi U.) "whose positions are so well assured and whose futures are so brilliant, will join hands in the advancement of certain interests common to both. It is in their power to create a healthy public sentiment against the useless multiplication of societies, and against the introduction into the old

colleges of such Fraternities as Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, etc., etc., which being necessarily destined to a short-lived or at least to a precarious existence, serve only to make society institutions appear less permanent."

The *Diamond* seems to have a special antipathy for Beta Theta Pi—probably because the latter has been so presumptuous as to encroach upon Psi U.'s territory in the East. It sneers at the Fraternity, at its Harvard Chapters and by the way of being unusually pleasant it mentions several Psi U.'s who formerly belonged to Beta Theta Pi. The jewel evidently emitted several false scintillations when it hopped on to Beta Theta Pi—made a slight mistake as it were; woke up the wrong party. The last number of the *Beta Theta Pi* devotes two pages to a friendly (?) review of its esteemed cotemporary the *Diamond*. The writer views the gem from all points of observation, rakes it from stem to stern, and handles it in such a manner as would take the conceit out of anybody except these journalistic lapidaries. In fact he polishes the *Diamond* down to such a fine point that its feeble rays would sink into insignificance beside the wonderful brilliancy of a defunct codfish's optic. The review is about the neatest little piece of sarcasm we have ever read, and the subject most certainly merited it.

## THE GREEK WORLD.

The Stevens, Asbury and O. W. U. Chapters of Delta Tau Delta publish special Chapter papers.

We, Delta Kappa Epsilon, will watch with interest the attempt now being made by the powerful Western Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, to establish itself as a rival of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon in the Eastern colleges, and shall welcome such attempt in direct proportion to the strength her new Chapters manifest. We have nothing to fear, she has everything to gain. If successful, we shall congratulate her without envy. If she fails, we shall follow the proverb, "*De mortuis nil nisi bonum*," and plant the little graves with flowers.—D. K. E. Quarterly.

The second division of Delta Tau Delta, composed of the Chapters in Ohio, West Virginia and Georgia, held a conference at Delaware, O., January 23d, in which Wooster, Kenyon, Mt.

Union, Butchel and O. W. U. were represented. The following subjects were informally discussed, and we would recommend the same for consideration to our State and Province Conventions. 1. Chapter reports; 2. Discussions of Chapter matters; (a) Chapter papers; (b) Chapter records; (c) Chapter meetings; (d) Unwritten law; (e) Initiation of preps.; (f) Badging; (g) Manner of initiation; (h) Our relation with other Fraternities; (i) Relation with non-frats.; (j) How to interest Alumni. 3. Reports of Committee on Colleges. 4. Suggestions on constitutional matters. The Conference decided to meet again next year and closed with a banquet.

The following is from the March *Crescent*: "Ohio State University at Columbus, supports three Fraternities, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi. Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Chi Phi have a number of men pledged, and will charter Chapters during the year. Vanderbilt University, with its large endowment, increasing attendance and general prosperity, offers tempting inducements to wide-awake Fraternities. The only drawback is the fossilized condition of the faculty, who, in the fullness of their wisdom, have instituted a series of anti-frat. laws. Despite this, several Fraternities are already represented by flourishing Chapters, and the prospects are that the number will be largely increased in the near future." The Butler correspondent, speaking of the Purdue case, says: "The victory was won by the united Greeks of the State. Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi each had one or more men in the Legislature, who upheld Fraternity interests nobly."

Mr. Baird has performed a valuable service for his Fraternity by publishing in the *Beta Theta Pi* a history of its constitutional development, a service which we would be glad for some one to do Phi Delta Theta. The original constitution as reported to the Miami Chapter, August 13, 1839, is given in full, excepting the motto, pass word and obligation. The only peculiar section is that providing that "the badge shall not be worn by any member whilst in attendance at college, nor in such place as may be deemed by himself or other members imprudent." It is said that "this constitution does not differ in essentials from the one now in force, and we might be working under it to-day except for a few regulations as to the

mode of wearing badges and other minor matters." Triennial Conventions were provided for. In 1842 the rule as to wearing badges was repealed. It was then made a duty of each Chapter to issue semi-annual reports of its condition. In 1847 the presiding Chapter system was inaugurated which remained in favor until 1879, and it is said "led to many disagreements and misunderstandings, and the wonderful progress of the Fraternity since its abolition proves how much it retarded the development of the Fraternity." In 1854 biennial Conventions were substituted for triennial, and in 1864 the conventions were made annual.

The presiding Chapter system has been in vogue with nearly all Fraternities, but it has been discarded as unsatisfactory as they increased in number of Chapters and members. It is now recognized that it is unjust to give one Chapter absolute power, and there is a growing feeling that the reins of government ought to be in the hands of Alumni who are informed about the condition of colleges and experienced in Fraternity work. Beta Theta Pi gave up the system in 1879, and established a Board of Directors, located at Cincinnati, to take charge of the general interests of the Fraternity. Phi Delta Theta abolished its National Grand in 1880, and the General Council, which took its place, is considered a great improvement. Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi each have an executive Council in New York, and recently Delta Kappa Epsilon has transferred the powers of its Yale Chapter, which was formerly the presiding Chapter, to a Council of Alumni in New York. The executive department of Phi Gamma Delta consists of an Alumni Chapter in New York, but for some reason it does not give satisfaction. Alpha Tau Omega has a High Council in Richmond, Va., which has done a great deal in extending the Fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon still adhere to the old system. The Grand Chapter of Psi Kappa Psi is chosen every three years by its Convention, and rotates. The Delta Tau Delta Chapter at Allegheny College, not only has sole power of granting charters, and is intrusted with publishing the Fraternity journal, but seems to have supreme legislative powers between the sessions of the Convention. The S. A. E. Chapter at Kentucky Military Institute has similar privileges and authority.

## THE SCROLL

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MAYSVILLE, KY., APRIL, 1883.

CHAPTERS should not send their SCROLL tax to us. The T. G. C. is the proper person to send it to.

WILL some members of each of our Chapters please send us a copy of the "year book" or students or Fraternity mens publication of their college for this year?

"PROCRASTINATION is the thief of time"—it also keeps Reporters from attending to their duties properly. Please don't indulge in procrastination this month.

IF one single Reporter fails to send in a report by May 20th our record will be incomplete and the whole scheme will be spoiled. We implore you not to spoil the scheme.

BY the time Reporters have read our remarks on the subject they will, no doubt, understand that we are *extremely* anxious to receive reports from every Chapter for next SCROLL.

CHAPTER Reporters and brothers everywhere, will please send us items concerning our Alumni for next issue. Don't wait for some one else to do it but send them right in at once.

REPORTERS will remember that May 20th is the latest possible date reports can be received to insure insertion in next SCROLL. We hope they will not have to be reminded of it again.

WE would like to give a full account of our visit among our Indiana Phis but we have not the space. Suffice it to say that we went, we saw and we had pleasure. The Phis of Epsilon Province are all royal good fellows and were decidedly the best looking set of Fraternity men that attended the Oratorical Contest.

JUST a few words to Phis who will leave college this year, either by graduation or otherwise; all of them most certainly ought to take the SCROLL. Don't put the matter off until the beginning of next year or you may forget it. When you receive your remittance from home which you design to spend on the gayeties of commencement week, take out \$1 and send it to the T. G. C. and receive the SCROLL for one year.

AFTER our request to Reporters has been read we would like for all who intend to send us reports without further urging, to drop us a postal card to the effect that we may expect to receive them by a certain date. By this means we will know upon whom we can depend and will begin at once to send touching appeals to those who don't notify us that their reports will be in on time. This, however, is expensive and requires time and trouble. We hope all of our Reporters will drop us a card.

THE following opinions show that great minds do not always run in the same channel. Brother Van Nostrand, our ex-S. G. C., writes that he is much pleased with the SCROLL under the present management—especially the title page. Our job printer returns thanks.

Our fair sister of the *Golden Key* writes: "Aren't you going to make the SCROLL more æsthetic next year? Those blues and whites are enough to chill the soul of William Morris and suggest, — may I say it?— a country fair or a patent medicine advertisement." Our j. p. does not return thanks.

## CATALOGUE

THE publication of the catalogue is now proceeding as rapidly as the nature of the work will permit. The greatest pains are taken by the editors to avoid all errors in the MSS., and to bring additions and changes down to the latest day; and the utmost care is taken by the compositors and proof readers to prevent all typographical mistakes. After the pages are made up as correct as the editors and printers can get them, proof sheets are mailed to an average of four members in each Chapter. The forms have to wait until the mails bring back the corrected proofs. It is obvious, therefore, that the work cannot be rushed very fast. All that is promised is that no time shall be lost. At this writing about one hundred pages have been put in type, and many Chapters have had the privilege of correcting the proofs of their lists. The editors renew the following requests: Continue to send changes of address, occupation, etc. of Alumni members; if they cannot be noted in the body of the book they will be in the addenda. Send all college honors obtained by attendant members during the collegiate year, including commencement appointments and prizes. Send memoranda of all new initiates, but be sure not to omit either the *full name, address or exact date of initiation*. Comply with these requests at once, so that the changes can be made in the copy, as changes in the forms after the pages are made up are very expensive. When the proofs are sent out, do not delay in returning them corrected, as there are limits to the patience of printers; and tardiness might materially postpone the day of publication, or necessitate the forms going to press without proper corrections, either of which results would be deplorable. Address all correspondence to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. The editors have recently received from the T. G. C. a list of the number of copies of the catalogue paid

for by each Chapter. They find that the instructions in the act of the Convention of 1839 making the catalogue assessment have not been followed. It was directed that the names and addresses of all the subscribers to the catalogue be forwarded with the amount of the tax, so that when the work would be completed the editors would know who had paid and to what addresses to send books. As it is, most Chapters are credited with having paid for so many copies, and the editors anticipate much trouble in distributing them to the actual paid up subscribers. They invite correspondence at once from all the Reporters in order that the matter may be straightened up and that there may be no complaints about the delivery of the books.

If a Reporter seems inclined to shirk his work and there is any prospect of his "going back on us" we hope the members of his Chapter will organize a procession, take him up into the hall and pound him with a stuffed club till he promises to send the report which we have casually mentioned that we want. Be sure not to let him out of the hall until the aforesaid report is forthcoming.

PROVINCE Presidents, Chapter Presidents, Chapter officers, and each individual member of every Chapter in the Fraternity will please see that Reporters do their duty in sending in reports for next issue. Remind them, every fifteen minutes, of what is expected of them, and don't let them rest till they have sent in report.

ANYONE glancing at these columns would probably be impressed in a slight degree with an idea that we have somewhat of a desire for Chapter reports for next issue. Do we want them? Are we quite certain that we want them? Well, we would kinder observe an observation to that effect. Moreover we will get them.

#### UNANIMITY IN CHAPTER LIFE. RESULT OF DISCORD.

"Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." The spirit of this ancient saying is one of the fundamental principles upon which our Fraternity is founded and its teaching has been handed down to us by our predecessors for thirty-five years.

Is the ineffable truth of this, one of our most sacred tenets, to be considered by us as naught? Does this expression contain a sound and wholesome doctrine worthy of our order or is it merely a pleasing jingle of words? Are we to hear it only on the occasion of our advent into the Fraternity simply because it sounds well and smacks of "good form" rather than because it is fraught with a real meaning, and are we, during the remainder of our college days and even after we have gone forth from college walls, to hold it in mind, if indeed it is even thought of, as a pretty saying but a dead letter in our written and unwritten laws?

In this age of progress we are in danger of over-stepping the mark. In a hasty selection of new men there is danger of procuring undesirable acquisitions to our ranks, therefore it is best to go slow. Watch a man, test him thoroughly, convince ourselves that there is something in him before asking him to join us, but after he has taken the vows that make him a Phi, after he has become a brother in the Bond, stand up to him through thick and thin, in public and in private—as far as is consistent with honor—and teach him by example that our first laws are brotherly love and harmony.

We should always remember that when we became Phis we entered into a solemn compact of perpetual binding obligation to treat all Phis as friends and brothers, to perform to each member the duties arising from that relation, to consult and advise with him in regard to his true interests, to act as a

conservator of his morals, to guard his character from calumny.

It is not an infrequent occurrence, in the hurry of a fall campaign for recruits, that one or more men with whom we are not sufficiently well acquainted are taken into the Chapter. We have made a mistake in not being more cautious, but if we are not very careful we are apt to make a more grievous one. After matters have settled down to their normal state and the dull routine of college life has begun in earnest, we have plenty of leisure to take in a retrospective view of our recent work and then perhaps we notice personal idiosyncracies of our late acquisitions which we had not noticed prior to their initiation. Perhaps one new brother is inclined to neglect his college duties from sheer lack of energy. Another exhibits a proneness to indulge his appetite and animal passions. 'Tis then that we are in danger of making our great mistake. Our duty is clearly to do what we have taken a solemn promise to do. We should go to such brothers as brothers, talk to them as brothers, strive to make them understand the folly of their ways and show them the ultimate result of their course, consult and advise with them about their true interest, act as conservators of their morals in the strictest sense of the term and not as austere judges passing upon their shortcomings. Rare indeed are the cases in which this method of procedure will not be productive of a good result, unless the parties in question are too far advanced on the downward road to be reclaimed, in which event they should be instantly expelled. Many an erring brother has been reclaimed in this way.

It too often happens that exactly the opposite course is taken. At first these brothers are treated with a marked coolness which they are not slow to perceive, which causes many a pang and which arouses a feeling of anger, hatred and resentment in their hearts which it is impossible to overcome. We have mere-

ly to injure a man's pride and self-love and we have an enemy for life. Next the members begin to whisper among themselves about the "black sheep" and murmurs of regret that they should be among us are heard; finally some injudicious member confidentially informs a member of some other Fraternity that we have men of whom we are ashamed; he in turn confides it to others that our Chapter has undesirable members and that there is a lack of unanimity in our ranks, and so it goes the rounds until it is a theme of conversation all over college and the college town; an odium is thus cast upon Chapters and the short comings of our erring brothers have grown into enormities of waywardness, thanks to the frequent repetitions of the tale. The effect upon the offending brothers is almost certain to be of an unfortunate nature. Finding themselves to be looked down upon and almost ostracised, they loose self-respect, conduct themselves in such a manner as to deserve the condemnation that has already been heaped upon them, go from bad to worse, are probably expelled from college, and their after life is darkened by this bitter experience.

This is no fanciful pen picture of a possible but highly improbable occurrence—a creation of the vivid imagination of the writer with no precedent upon which to base his statements—but is the result of observation of several similar occurrences. This state of affairs is by no means improbable; it has happened in Chapters of our own Fraternity and of others, and the truth of it may come home to us in any of our Chapters if we follow this course.

Our readers will compare these two methods of procedure and judge for themselves which is preferable. Is it better to lift up, encourage and reclaim a wayward brother by approaching him with christian charity and brotherly love, than to herald his offenses to the four winds, publish his disgrace before

he is really disgraced and make ourselves the subject of idle conversation by our rivals? There can be but one answer.

The mission of our order is to elevate her members in heart, mind and soul, to encourage in them by her precepts, an ambition to acquire a thorough education in intellectual and social ethics; it is not to degrade, to treat with injustice or to push to desperation any of her sons, yet it seems that we lose sight of this fact if we act toward a brother as above described. It certainly is not for us to cast the first stone at an offending fellow-man, yet that is just what we are doing.

There is another and still a more unfortunate state of affairs apt to arise from such action. Let the members of a Chapter once fall into the habit of making slighting and disparaging remarks about their fellow members, even if their may be sufficient provocation for it at first, and the habit grows upon them until we hear unpleasant comments made about harmless little peculiarities in each other. The members begin to lose confidence in each other, become estranged from each other, petty differences are engendered, there is a feeling that a man is not among friends and he wishes himself out of the Chapter, discord reigns supreme, and the Chapter is cursed with the most accursed of all curses that can befall an organization—internal dissensions. This state of affairs cannot last long and unless there is a speedy adjustment of this fraternal strife, the Chapter goes to pieces, the charter is given up, and all that remains to the Fraternity at that college is the history of the disgraceful death of one of her Chapters. Of a truth "a house divided against itself cannot stand"—no more can a Chapter exist under the same circumstances.

There is nothing that we should more zealously guard ourselves against than internal dissensions. California

Alpha, New York Alpha, and Illinois Beta, were killed by internal dissensions, and Kentucky Alpha, Indiana Zeta and other Chapters have suffered reverses from the same cause.

Let us, above all things, preserve harmony in our Chapter homes. Without harmony a Chapter is but a hollow mockery of the name. Honors, prizes, distinction and men do not make a Chapter. It is when we see a number of congenial college students bound together by friendship's sacred tie, living not for self alone, but striving "to promote and do each other good," that we say this is indeed true Fraternity life.

Again we say let us live together in harmony and should discord ever enter our sacred abode of friendship let us sheath the sword of internal strife and bury it in the coffin of oblivion; let us plant the olive branch of peace and good will and across the mound which covers our former differences let us extend the hand of brotherly love renewing our pledges of friendship and vows of fidelity.

WE have a faint idea that while consuming the midnight oil—or rather gas—and running our taper fingers through our beautiful auburn locks, striving to concentrate our thoughts upon a subject, about which we were sublimely ignorant, in order that we might perpetrate a "heavy weight" editorial upon the suffering readers of a political paper with which we are connected, that we gave it up in despair and scribbled off several editorial paragraphs to the effect that we would like to have reports from all our Chapters for next SCROLL. These paragraphs may not be possessed of the amount of dignity they should be, to appear in our columns, yet we had an object in view and if they have sufficient effect upon the persons for whose benefit they were written, for the accomplishment of that object we will be satisfied and are confident that our readers will pardon us.

## WHEN TO PLEDGE.

There was an item in the last SCROLL to the effect that at the University of Mississippi an agreement had been made by the majority of the Fraternities represented there, not to initiate sub-freshmen or to pledge any student until he had been in the university two months. This suggests the question as to the proper time to pledge new men. No doubt the membership of a college organization ought properly to consist of college students, so that, to our mind, the practice of *initiating* sub-freshmen or preparatory students of any grade short of college freshmen is one that ought not to be entertained. Such a practice would tend naturally to produce a lack of stability and solidity in the Chapter by introducing into it a class of young and inexperienced members, boys instead of men. But it seems to us that the propriety of *pledging* men before they enter college, if such a thing can be done, cannot be doubted. The one great question to be considered by the Chapter is, is this the kind of a man we want? If the Chapter and man are so situated that this question can be decided before he enters college and he can be pledged, that is certainly a point gained and an important one too. But if the matter is put off till after the beginning of the college year, amid the hurry and excitement of the "horse shedding" season, there is much less chance either that the man will get a full and intelligent comprehension of the character, the aims, and the workings of the Fraternity he is asked to join—which knowledge he is entitled to and certainly ought to have—or that the Fraternity will thoroughly understand the character of the man. It appears to us that none of our principles would be sacrificed or endangered by the adoption, so far as possible, of this policy. We are led to these remarks by our knowledge of the fact that some Phis are opposed to the plan but, as we think,

without sufficient reasons. Furthermore, we have known of good men being lost and poor ones secured in consequence of neglecting thus to take time by the forelock. *Thorough* acquaintance of the *whole* Chapter with a man is the essential thing previous to pledging. If he is found to be a desirable man, then "spike" him. By this method of procedure we escape the possible evils of a hasty, insufficiently considered choice resulting in that bug-bear of the Fraternity, a "black sheep."

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HOW TO MAKE THE "SCROLL"  
OF INTEREST TO ALL

To excite and sustain interest, variety is necessary. Nothing is truer than that "variety is the spice of life." This sort of seasoning is unlimited in the extent of its uses. It is good anywhere. Not only life as a whole but every element that enters into life is made more palatable by its presence. This is noticeably the case in literary works. This kind of spice has made the SCROLL of interest in the past, though, perchance, some may have found fault occasionally with the cook. A liberal use of the article in question makes the SCROLL, we trust, a welcome visitor to every Phi now; and we believe that a little more generous portion would be followed by gratifying results. But what sort of variety do we want? As to the number of different subjects treated, the field presents quite a variegated appearance. What we need is a variety of contributors, and then variety of topics will unavoidably follow. What an immense difference it would make with the reception of the SCROLL, if every Chapter had a full report in each issue, along with items of more than especial interest to itself than to other Chapters, *e. g.*, facts concerning its own Alumni or absent members, news in regard to other Fraternities, especially those represented in its own college, occasional accounts of the plans of work it has

tested, views on any matter touching the welfare and prosperity of the order and literary productions of unusual excellence and reasonable length from its members. A man might thus get two dollars worth of good per annum out of the SCROLL instead of only one dollars worth. Certainly that is a great point with Yankees and we are *all* Yankees from Vermont to Texas. Every Chapter Reporter ought to constitute himself "chief cook and bottle-washer" of his locality for scraping together as many as possible of the articles indicated above. We want them, we urge you to send them. We desire to make the SCROLL as indispensable as an old lady's "sduff bogx" is to her. We want to stir up the fire under the boys until they have to boil over, like Brother Hunter. We want to make the SCROLL a grand success—no half-way work about it. Will you help us, brothers?

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THE *Beta Theta Pi* in venturing the prediction that it will be long before another number of the SCROLL will contain a letter from every Chapter in our Fraternity forgets that what has been accomplished once can be done again, and also that the SCROLL stands pre-eminent as regards the number of Chapter letters which it publishes. For several years each number contained from twenty to thirty-five reports, or about three times as many as are given by any other monthly Fraternity paper. Our Chapters like for the Fraternity at large to know what they are doing, and as a result of publishing so many letters the standing of the Fraternity in every section of the country is very accurately known at all times to all readers of our journal.

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ALMOST any price will be paid for the January and July, 1875, numbers of the SCROLL, or other scarce copies will be exchanged for them. Address this office.

## ATTENTION, REPORTERS!

For several very good reasons, which it is not necessary to mention herein, we will combine the May and June numbers of the SCROLL into one issue and we hope to mail it on or before the 10th of June.

Our intention is to make it an unusually good number and one which will be of great benefit to the Fraternity if our Reporters will read carefully the directions given below and comply with our request.

Of course, as it will be a double number, there will be plenty of space in our columns for all the desirable "copy" sent us. We have made arrangements with our associates for each of them to furnish us with articles for our editorial columns, upon subjects of interest to the Fraternity. Several of our Alumni have promised to send us valuable suggestions, items of interest and letters for publication in our Alumni Department. Will also have miscellaneous, personal and other Fraternity items and gleanings from the Greek press. The brothers everywhere are hereby requested to send in such items.

The principal feature, however, will be the same as that of the January-February number—but on a somewhat grander scale—it will contain reports from every Chapter in the Fraternity. Now here is an opportunity for every Reporter to distinguish himself by sending us a communication which will display his ability as a writer, in which he may take a pardonable pride, and which will be of great benefit to his Chapter and to the Fraternity at large. It is also an opportunity for us to judge of how much interest in and love for the Fraternity each Reporter feels and to what extent we can rely upon their co-operation in our labors to make the SCROLL a journal worthy of the support of the members of the Fraternity. We are fully aware of the fact that it is no small undertaking to get reports

from all of our Chapters, but we did it once and will do it again. We hope, however, that our Reporters will not cause us as much trouble by putting the matter off till the last moment as they did before, which made it necessary for us to squander several big, round, shining silver dollars on postage and telegrams.

It is desired that these reports furnish in brief a short history of the year's work done by each Chapter, which, when taken in the aggregate, will be a summary of the work done and progress made by the Fraternity as a whole. It can be seen at a glance that such information as we desire, given in as convenient form as we intend to present it, will be of incalculable benefit to each individual member inasmuch as it will give him a correct idea of what he is working for, and knowledge keeps up ones interest amazingly. It will also be valuable for future reference.

Reporters will please note carefully the nature of information we want the reports to contain and we hope they will comply with the directions as nearly as possible.

First—Each report should contain a short sketch of the institution at which the Chapter is situated—such as, when founded, whether it is under the control of the State or some religious denominations—if the latter mention denominations. From whence it derives its support—if endowed state amount of endowment; how many professors and tutors in faculty; how many students in college classes this collegiate year; how many in preparatory department. This information should be given in the briefest possible manner consistent with a correct statement of the facts. Five minutes conversation with the Secretary of the faculty will give a Reporter this information.

Second—A very short sketch of the Chapter's history; when founded, by

whom; what success or failure it has met with during its career. Every Reporter should have this on the point of his pen.

Third—How many members the Chapter began the collegiate year with; how many have been initiated up to date; how many have affiliated; how many have left college or resigned, and what is the present membership and how are the members distributed in classes—names of members may also be given. How many will return at beginning of next session.

Fourth—What kind of hall you have and do the members meet regularly; what kind of literary and other exercises are held; have you had banquets, anniversary exercises, etc., during the year; will you have anything of the kind during commencement.

Fifth—What position of honor in college, literary society, on college paper, athletic sports, etc., have your members held; how many members will *certainly* graduate or receive degrees, and how many will probably do so.

Sixth—A few remarks about rival Fraternities; what their strength was at beginning of year and what it is now; how our record compares with theirs.

The above information and other interesting items are what we want. It does not matter if some of it has been stated in former reports. We want it again.

In order that we may get out on time it will be necessary for us to receive every report by the 20th of May and we would prefer to receive them before that time.

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THERE are many errors, both of fact and typographical, in our directories and calendar. We are sorry that they have to go out uncorrected but we have not had time to correct them. Anyone seeing an error of fact will please notify us at once and we will attend to the matter and send them out all right in next issue.

## Chapter Correspondence.

### KENTUCKY ALPHA.\*

FARMDALE, KY., March 14, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Doubtless you have already seen from the K. M. I. *News* which I sent you, that we have been so exceedingly unfortunate as to lose one of our beloved and enthusiastic members. The blow was certainly one of the heaviest that could have befallen us and we deeply grieve his loss. I therefore enclose you copies of resolutions adopted by both the Fraternity and literary society of which he was a member the latter will appear in the next issue of the *News* and you will confer an everlasting favor upon the boys of this Chapter by making mention of his death in the May *SCROLL* and if it does not require too much space, we would be glad to have you publish everything concerning the sad occurrence and mail to us one extra copy. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition in every way. We have a nice hall and are as "snug as a bug in a rug." You certainly deserve credit for the many novel improvements you have added to the *SCROLL* since your connection with it, and I think it already excels or at least favorably compares with any other similar journal. We will let the charter matter rest until later on. Several of our best Chapters are in favor of us. Trusting that '84 may crown our efforts with success, and with kindest wishes for the future success of *SCROLL*, I am, in the Bond,  
T. C. HINDMAN.

### IOWA BETA.

IOWA CITY, April 14, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It has been some time since Iowa Beta sent her last letter to the *SCROLL*, but we are still an active Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. Since our last report we have initiated a new brother, O. K. Young, one of the leading members of the freshman class. Brother Young is highly esteemed by his classmates, both as a student and as a gentleman.

Brother George, of Aurora, Ill., who left us in the fall term on account of poor health, has not yet returned. He has not, however, lost any of his old love for Phi Delta Theta in general and Iowa Beta in particular, as is shown by

\*K. M. I. branch—not chartered.

the general interest he still takes in our welfare. This interest has been recently manifested by a present from him of an elegant emblem for the decoration of our Chapter hall. The emblem consists of a handsomely gilded and ornamented Sword and Shield, made to resemble a gigantic Phi Delta Theta badge. We are all anxiously waiting for the time when we may welcome our esteemed brother back to his Chapter.

We have made many improvements in our hall, which is now quite well furnished and is a very pleasant retreat for the Phis. A number of our members have purchased badges recently, some of which are among the finest in the university.

Although it is only a little more than a year since Iowa Beta was chartered, we are now on as secure a basis and have as promising a future as any of our three rival Chapters. We are opposed here by the Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and the Beta Theta Pi. That similar success may attend the efforts of our newly founded Chapters elsewhere, and that the older ones may encourage them as they have us by their kind sympathy, is the earnest wish of every member of Iowa Beta.

L. G. WELD.

### TENNESSEE ALPHA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., April 15, '83. }

*Editor Scroll:* Brother Gilbert has let his official robe fall upon me, and though I know my unfitness, I ask a place in your columns for the doings and sayings of as fine a Chapter of Phis as exists in the Fraternity. Where my predecessor left off in his chronicle of our Chapter I don't know, but I am going to begin with our last banquet, a splendid place for Brother Gilbert to have left off, and a place for another fellow to begin, the Texas Alpha to the contrary notwithstanding. The occasion was the departure of our pharmaceutical and medical boys, and a sad enough one for us, but to speed the parting guests of the evening had gathered every Phi, each of whom had on his sweetest smile and gayest *boutonnier*. That day had been awarded the pharmacy medal and that night hundreds of Nashville upper-tens had gathered in the grand Masonic Theater to listen to the address of the valedictorian of the medical class, and both the medalists and that valedictorian were of our number. I fear to attempt to describe that banquet. Can a man attempt to paint the sun?

Or hope to catch the refrain of the nighingale? 'Twere as easily done as to tell you of that banquet. A room elegantly carpeted, a light reflected as it was from hundreds of silver dishes dazzlingly beautiful, a band of music as fine and sweet in execution as the soft Lydian airs, a table groaning under the luxuries of the South, viands rich and costly sparkling in the silvery light. We do not brag on the Tennessee Alpha a great deal, but dear Brother Thomas, we are but human, and no Phi will complain, I am sure, when I reveal the fact that early in the action

Pop! went the gay cork flying  
Sparkled the gay champagne,  
And by the music sottly sighing  
We filled up our glasses again

Morning stood almost on tip-toe ere the last eloquent toast was finished, ere hands were clasped all around the circle, while the deep rich notes of "Auld Lang Syne" rolled out upon the air Don't think it was a revelous orgy, for it was not, but was the perfection of good fellowship.

Apropos of your complimentary notice of the Tennessee Alpha and Beta which we very much appreciated, will say we adopted resolutions congratulating our infantile but already giant-like sister on her existence and prospects and forwarded a copy. She is said to be composed of the very richest material of the university, and of course it is so. How would you like to hear Tennessee Zeta? Our boys have their eyes on Knoxville, and who knows but some day you'll hear it?

Search the Phi World through and a nobler heart than that of Morgan Brents would not be found to beat within it. An indomitable will, active mind, persuasive powers unexcelled (so our female Phis say,) and an enthusiastic love of the Fraternity made him invaluable to us, and perhaps to his individual efforts more than the efforts of any other one person, do we owe the present prosperity of our Chapter, and yet Brents is compelled by ill health to leave us. He has just recovered from a severe illness and goes home to recuperate. No other student could leave as many friends behind him, the Chapter would mourn no member more keenly.

As commencement days come on we are casting about for a suitable programme of enjoyment before separating. The SCROLL will be invited.

Brother Palmer, our historian, wears a happy smile and talks of a trip to Europe. Try as we will we cannot find out where the ceremony is to be. We

know the whole Chapter will be invited and promise the SCROLL shall not be forgotten.

Brother Manier, another Alumnus, has also the look of one who is an elect upon his countenance; it is said from Kentucky comes his election and from Kentucky soon will come his —.

While our festive brothers, Jackson and Goodpasture, whom you met at the convention, are off for Europe pretty soon with a merry crowd, partly composed of twenty fair maids from Vassar. So you see our Alumnus has it bad, but let us hope that all this prospective excitement will not depreciate the number of enthusiastic Phis.

Our dear brother Ed Price, another Alumnus, is once more on his feet from a spell of illness, much to our gratification.

Yours in the Bond,

W. A. HAWKINS.

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### OHIO DELTA.

WOOSTER, O., April 14, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* After a short vacation when Phis, as well as other Greeks, rested their aching brains from study, we find ourselves back again pursuing the monotonous routine of school duties. Very little Fraternity work was done last term but occasionally Fraternity circles would be startled by the invitation of some student long deemed anti-frat. The Phis were not behind but took their accustomed place in front where they effectually displayed their powers and wore their laurels. Although the fraternities were alert and watching the drift of events they were greatly astonished at the appearance of Brother Greenlee with the Shield and Dagger at the close of last term. Ohio Delta certainly never displayed better judgment in securing a new man than she did when she extended to Brother Greenlee the hand of friendship and raised him to his true position among the Phis. He is a sophomore, a splendid student, a true brother and it is with much pride we introduce him to the Phis.

Our Chapter is certainly not inferior in literary talent and genius. Brother T. S. Anderson is our poet. Some of his poems rival the productions of distinguished writers, and he is destined to become famous through his poetical talent. Brothers Boone, Greenlee, Palmer and Morrison successfully represent us in literary contests and entertainments. Several of them take place soon when more will be told.

We have fifteen men this term and consider the number very good. Bro. Criswell is not in school now but has gone into business with his father. He expects to return next year and complete his course. Brother Todd has also stopped. He expects to enter West Point and is preparing for it.

The Chapter has lost two able and efficient Phis and they are greatly missed. But while we have lost we have also gained. Brother Calder, who quit school last year, is with us again, and is as jolly and wholesouled a Phi as formerly. The boys were much pleased with the last SCROLL although minus Chapter reports. Yours in the Bond,  
E. F. MILLER.

### INDIANA GAMMA.

IRVINGTON, IND., April 7, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The Indiana Gamma has no reason to complain of her prosperity. Every advantage gained has been securely held and one success leads to another. We have taken no new men since last report, but our eye is fastened upon one who will probably be named in the next SCROLL as a Phi Delta Theta. Our meetings are enlivening and the enthusiasm that pervades the Chapter is due to these pleasant and harmonious associations. President Brown is frequently with us and from him the Chapter derives much that is profitable and encouraging. The record of last term's examinations shows that the Phis generally captured the highest places—a proof that we do not rush in men merely to make a pretentious number. We are made happy by the return of Brother Robert Sellers, '84, and a card from Brother Pruitt, '85, stating that we may expect him soon. We look forward to a season of festivities soon. Truly in the Bond,

L. D. GUFFIN.

### MISSOURI ALPHA.

COLUMBIA, MO., April 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Bring forth the fatted calf and finest robe—not that a prodigal hath returned but that a deserving Phi, an enthusiastic Phi and a man that has all the requisites of a true Phi—was entered, ran and “got there” in the recent race for valedictor of the class of '83, of the Missouri State University. Oh! but wasn't it grand, to sit off—no, to take a hand in such a glorious victory? Bro. Ellis entered with reluctance because of his natural timidity, and two days before the election, had it not been for his

backing, would have withdrawn. The start was made without any difficulty (because the entire class had been canvassed thoroughly) at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with three entrants—each having a splendid record. The first heat was a walk away, being as follows: Ellis, eleven; Theilman, nine, and Legget, seven. At this point, according to law, Legget was declared shut out and on the second heat Ellis, with head up and tail erect, walked under the wire to the tune of sixteen to eleven. Oh! but wasn't it grand! At this juncture forbearance ceased to be a virtue and the most ridiculous demonstrations of delight were made, “shaking hands” and “I told you so,” and I will acknowledge some tears of delight and happiness were indulged in. Had order prevailed one minute longer I haven't the least doubt but what the vote would have been made unanimous. But I must stop with informing you of one achievement; it truly seems that Mu's cup of joy runneth over. At the law commencement, last Thursday a week ago, there being two theses to be read (of course the best,—according to a committee of three disinterested) Brother J. J. Campbell was one of the two. It was a masterly production and had there been fifty to select from we know it would have been one of the two.

Yours in the Bond, MU.

### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, WIS., April 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It has been some time since we have reported, but it was not on account of any lack of peace or prosperity in our midst. Since you last heard from us we have made two capital prizes in the persons of A. W. Shelton, of River Falls, and G. A. Buckstaff, of Oshkosh. Brother Shelton wears the senior “plug,”—the honor of being on the victorious side in the joint debate this year, which is considered among the university debaters as one of the great events of the year. He has also received an appointment with a few others to appear on the commencement stage and compete for the “Lewis prize.” G. S. Hulbert, another of our promising seniors, will also contest for the prize, and we are more than hopeful of carrying off the honors as we did last year. Brother Buckstaff is a junior in the law department—a fine student, crack shot and curve pitcher.

Yours in the Bond,  
JOHN F. TOURTELLOTTE.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Apr. 9, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Although it is a little late in the month I will send in a report in hopes that it may be published. If this be not published we all desire to see the reports from other Chapters instead of being so sadly disappointed as we were last month. Since the last published report from this Chapter, two more barbs were considered worthy and initiated into our number, accordingly I introduce Brothers G. G. Floyd, '87, St. Paul, Ind., and H. D. Orchard, '88, Bloomington, Ind..

Brother L. C. Lansing, '86 left us last term and is now engaged in business in Charleston, Ill. At the beginning of this term Brothers Gibson, '84, and W. D. Halderman, '87, closed their active connection with us and are now pursuing various vocations. Brothers Floyd and Gant are now at home but will be with us soon. Notwithstanding this wholesale thinning out, there are sixteen of us left to guide the good old ship. The common question among the Phis here is "Are you going to the Province Convention and banquet at Indianapolis?" Fraternity news of a startling nature is scarce here, hence brevity. With the earnest desire to see some Chapter reports in April SCROLL, I am,

Yours Fraternally,  
S. G. RAMSEY.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

GALESBURG, April 12, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Delta Chapter is again at the beginning of a new term of school with two live, active members. On Friday evening, the 23d of March, we gave our long-talked-of and much-wished-for banquet. And it was a grand success. Before supper we made the halls of the best hotel in the city ring with the festive tunes of "William Goat," "Golden Weapons," etc. Before moving on to supper our president gave an address of welcome to our visiting brothers. While regaling the inner man with the good things that were bountifully spread before us, the mind was feasted with responses to toasts by numerous brothers. Immediately after supper Brother H. E. Parker and his fair partner led us through the mazes of the Grand March. After this we tipped the "light fantastic" till the next day. When everybody had thoroughly enjoyed themselves our choir gathered around the piano and sang that heart rending song, "Good

Night, Ladies." And in a few hours the boys were dreaming of the glorious past and the pleasant future of Phi Delta Theta.

I notice in the March number of the *Crescent* (Delta Tau Delta) that "the Knox College Chapter of Phi Delta Theta had gone where the woodbine twineth." This may be so but Illinois Zeta will never cast a shadow of reproach on us. A few years ago an annual prize for oratory was offered in Knox College. From the establishment of which Phi Delta Theta has carried off the majority of honors. This year of the six who entered two were Phis. One of the Phis carried off second prize while many thought the other should have had the first.

Yours in the Bond,  
A. T. WING.

## ALABAMA ALPHA

A. & M. COLLEGE, }  
AUBURN, ALA., March 10, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report, our Chapter has done nothing of sufficient importance to interest the Fraternity at large. Our Chapter however is working harmoniously, and I hope to be able to report something important before long. I have to report the loss from our midst of another brother in the Bond. This makes three we have lost from our little band since January, by their resigning college. Though these brethren cannot be present at our meetings, their heart is in the cause, and they promise to be with us at our State Convention to be held in Eufaula, Ala., the last of June or first of July.

I have carefully perused your editorial on "Chapter Correspondence" and agree with you, and I will proceed to act upon your suggestions. In my last report I gave you our standing in society and with college authorities, so will not repeat. The manner of holding and conducting our meetings are peculiar and can be common only to *sub rosa* Chapters. We generally meet every two weeks at "Palace Hall"—of college notoriety—a spacious room where several of our members "reside," smoke cigarettes, read newspapers and discourse such *sweet* music on the violin, guitar, banjo, bones and harmonica, that rents have considerably lowered in that part of town. How we wish you could attend one of our meetings and see us as we come in about midnight, one by one, with noiseless steps, and eyes and ears

on the alert for spies. If you could be with us on one of these occasions, you would be able to appreciate the almost insuperable obstacles in our path, and you would be able to judge of our love for the noble order. But our college is flourishing, and with it our Chapter, and we do not believe that the college will require us to sign the anti-Fraternity pledge after this year.

At its last meeting the Websterian Literary Society elected Brother Alva Fitzpatrick, of Montgomery, Ala., to deliver the annual address before the literary societies at commencement. Brother Fitzpatrick graduated here in 1880 and is now a prosperous and rising lawyer. He has already acquired considerable reputation as an orator and lawyer, and his name on our programme will draw a large audience. But he is too widely and favorably known to the Fraternity to need any notice from my humble pen. To every Phi Delta Theta we extend a cordial invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the A. & M. College, Auburn, Ala., June 24th-27th, in which exercises Phis will hold a prominent part. All who attend will receive a hearty welcome, and we promise that Brother Fitzpatrick's oration will repay them for their trips. With best wishes for the success of the SCROLL, I am yours in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,  
 "GYPSEY LEE."

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., March 6, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I am happy that I can again report Mississippi Alpha in a firm condition. Everything moves smoothly along it seems, with us. We have fewer Fraternity troubles and grievances, happier meetings and finer boys than any Fraternity in the university. We had the pleasure at our last meeting of initiating Brother C. R. Smith, who is almost a genius. We are very proud of him and have rated him already as one of our honor men. It was a hard and patiently contested struggle between the Fraternities as to which should have the gratification of calling him brother, but Brothers Mayo and Norman, both characterized for their energy and Fraternity love, would not rest until the matter had been decreed in our favor.

We have a great deal of Fraternity pride and interest in the cause. 'Tis true Mississippi Alpha is young compared with some of the other clubs here, but it is by no means the weakest—either

in its present membership, record as to its good character or Alumni over the State. It has all the while been its good fortune to initiate as members, men who not only love their own moral characters, but who love their Fraternity and its good character also, and truthfully it may be said of such men that when they come together or unite in fraternal interest and put forth herculean efforts for the accomplishment and promotion of any cause, they can, in a very short while, perform the requisite labor and achieve for themselves Fraternity honors of which they may be justly proud. Our members are all true-hearted men, they are true to themselves and to their Fraternity, and your humble writer feels confident that none of them will ever be charged with any bad deportment or conduct, while a student at least, that will mantle with dishonor the good character or render any the less sacred or dear to our hearts the much cherished name of Mississippi Alpha. With best wishes I am,  
 Yours in the Bond.

L. D. WEISSINGER.

#### VIRGINIA BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, }  
 March 16, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We are sailing in quiet waters now, the intermediate storms have passed and most of us have weathered through them. It takes a regular ironclad to withstand the assaults of the faculty. Chalkley is our ladies man. The air with which he saunters into the club room, with the remnants of a love song still on his lips and a smile of complacency unutterable, while we poor devils are fagged out with text books, is quite exasperating. If he would fall on his examinations or *cork* in his recitation, it could be borne. But as it is — Well, well, we believe in the harmonies of nature, and in the equity with which she distributes her blessings and her curses, and hence we can but believe that somewhere, somehow, out in the great wide world perhaps, evil will betide the youth. Sometimes he is absent from roll call, and there is a genuine pleasure in the President's words: "Fine Brother Chalkley."

There should be more liberty among the members; surely the rights of individuals have not been delegated to the Chapter. For instance a member went to Ambroselle's and called for broiled oysters. Now it seems to us the member had a right to have his oysters fried,

stewed, broiled, or with the shell on, according as his taste ran. Why then should he be called before a special club meeting to state his reasons for preferring broiled oysters? This is a question of gastronomy as applied to oysters, and is beyond the jurisdiction of Chapters.

Hardaway is involved among the infinities, here, supposing himself to be two straight lines drawn out to unknown length and finally meeting in two points, while in truth he can hardly be regarded as one straight line. "Coming events cast their shadows before."

So Summer long glories in a beard that is to be, founding his hopes on the dim outlines which he casts upon the pavements. He is a splendid fellow in spite of his beard.

J. J. is studying law like a Turk and growing whiskers. George got on a bender two weeks ago and asked his boon companion if he "saw him pass the wash hall one day." Our best wishes to all the Phis. Truly,

E. C. HUFFAKER.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,  
GETTYSBURG, March 29, 1882. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our regular reporter Holloway being very busy at present and who expects to be employed for some time, has appointed me to send a communication to the SCROLL. It was only after considering the great number of "cousins" our reporter has to visit during vacation that we consented to fill the appointment.

Perhaps our report will not have quite enough sugar coating to place under the head of "editorials" to form mental food on which hungry Phis can feast their stunted minds—minds which have been destitute of an editorial of real merit for years, for as we are told by our present editor, "Since '75 the editorial department has never amounted to much and very few articles have appeared in the editorial columns which evidenced much thought and which were calculated to be productive of thought on the part of others." If such were the case it is very well for the good of the Fraternity at large, and for the good of each individual member that a change has taken place for the better. However, it is believed by some who are very competent to judge that our editor always found something more for the Phi World to think of than such statements as the above. We do not want editorials merely for the purpose

of making others think, for there certainly is a right and wrong way of thinking. Some consideration must be made of this fact.

In the same editorial we are told "we want to make the SCROLL an educator, one that will teach the true spirit of our Bond and disseminate the higher aims and object of our Fraternity among our members, etc." This is certainly a very good desire, but when our editor says, of one who took hold of the SCROLL and placed it in the position it held in October, '82, that his "editorial department never amounted to much" and "which never evidenced much thought," it places our Bond in an entirely new light. We never thought our Bond taught anything like this. It must be a revised edition for the editor's private use.

It is impossible for any journal to amount to much without good editorials, and as the SCROLL is among the first of Fraternity journals, the department in question must have contained more thought than our editor makes allowance for. Thought has very little to do with the amount written.

It is very well to have our editorial column increased, and if our editor wants to make Phis think more and to teach them the true spirit of our Bond, let him give us editorials based on the *old Bond*, but let him dispense with such political campaign documents as "Proposed Change for the Better" found in January-February number of the SCROLL.

We now occupy our new hall. It has a very neat appearance and makes a very comfortable Phi home. I am,

Very truly in the Bond,

EDWARD MILL.

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#### INDIANA ZETA.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY, }  
GREENCASTLE, IND, Mar. 1, '83. }

*Editor Scroll:* It is time already that our report should be before you. I should wait until next month when I could tell you something more definite in regard to our institution and its Fraternities, were it not that I fear our boys would feel disappointed. As a man who meets the last train of the day in which he expects his wife, eagerly looks first for her, and finding her, leisurely chats with other friends afterwards; so the boys, when the ever-welcome SCROLL arrives in our midst, hurriedly look for Indiana Zeta's smiling face, and then find more enjoyment in the chats of the Phi world at large.

One thing we can state of general interest, because it illustrates the strength of our brotherhood. Brother Elrod, who was graduated here last year, went to Dakota, where he began the practice of law. He found an old Phi who, he supposed, had almost forgotten the Bond and the interest of Fraternity life. Elrod was smitten down with typhoid fever. The rush of the wing of the destroying angel was heard, and rumor told us that our brother must die. Through this long and severe illness he was nursed back to life and health by Brother Melett, who now has the hearts of this Chapter for his kindness. Bro. Elrod, during his convalescence, visited us, but soon returned to the chosen field of his usefulness. May his shadow never grow less.

We were glad to hear from Brother Perkinpine, of Dickinson College, and of Phi's prosperity there. I met one of their boys last summer at Ocean Grove, N. J., and found it a grand thing to be a Phi. We have also received a friendly letter from Brother Frink, of Hillsdale College, Mich.

Mr. Editor, we believe in your prerogative to use the waste basket, and if you think this is too personal, too loose, or "too thin," just consign it to the shades. We will try to *report* next time; until then let us extend our sympathy to those brethren who are compelled to meet *sub rosa*. May the time soon come when they shall emerge from the dark tunnel of intolerant arrogance into the broad light of liberty and fraternal enjoyment. In the Bond,

C. H. McANNEY.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA.

VANDERBILT UNIV., Mar. 21, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* But little has been done by Tennessee Alpha since my last report that is particularly startling. The Chapter still holds its own. True Bro. M. C. Willis, of Waco, Tex., has graduated in pharmacy with the first honor of his class, winning Founder's medal, and Brother Ira Bowman, of Louisiana, came next to him. But this is what we naturally expect of our boys. Bro. J. E. Crook, of Alabama, delivered a beautiful valedictory to the graduating class in the medical department and Brothers J. M. Zarecor and S. S. Jackson, both from Kentucky, received the degree of M. D., and Brother H. Winn, of Kentucky, immortalized himself, the boys say, as anniversary orator of the

Philosophical Society on February 22d. But this is the way we do it. We gave quite an enjoyable banquet to our departing brothers, at which we all got jolly. We have received official notice that we were admitted at the University of the South, and now truly Tennessee Beta is a reality. We have long wanted a Chapter there, and we think in future the Fraternity will have cause to be proud of her Tennessee Beta. We will send a man up there to-morrow to stay a week and get it into good running order. Fraternally,  
REPORTER.

#### OHIO BETA.

O. W. U., DELAWARE, O., }  
March 12, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The winter term is drawing to a close and we do not hesitate in looking back over the term and surveying the work done. Although we have added none to our numbers yet we feel stronger than we did three months ago. "The tie that binds" has a deeper seat in our hearts to-day than it had in our yesterdays, and although we cannot fold our arms and say that we are "monarchs of all we survey," yet we feel proud of our position to-day. The Chapters of the Fraternities represented here were to have met on last Saturday morning for the purpose of organizing a Pan-Hellenic government, by which the interests of the Chapters might be furthered. But owing to imperfections in arrangements, representatives were present only from Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi; Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Chi Phi failed to materialize, so nothing was done further than the appointment of a committee, consisting of one member from each Chapter to draw up a constitution.

In Fraternity circles all has been quiet during the last month; but that leader of the meager anti-Fraternity element here, who also tries to convince the public that he also represents the non-Fraternity element, has as usual been trying to reveal the "rottenness and corruption" which is found festering behind the Greek badge. This leader (self-appointed) happens also to be editorial contributor to our college paper and takes this opportunity of flinging out the "soured scum" of his thoughts to the readers of that paper, who for the most part are Fraternity men. One has only to read his various editorials of the past few months to see their absurdity and falsity, and his contradictory

statements and jealous thrusts are apparent to the most disinterested reader. It is needless to say that he has lost rather than gained friends even among those whose cause he had pretended to champion, his uncalled for and unfounded attack against Kenyon College served only to bring forth the stinging rebuke which he received from the other members of the corps in the last issue of the paper. Mr. Newson, from his barbarian standpoint, when a Fraternity man is elected to any position and his cry of "schemes," "down with the Greeks" and "long live the larb," ring out on the air of college politics, is unwilling to acknowledge that *merit* and not *badge* elects the man.

And to-day, notwithstanding opposition, Fraternities are in a more flourishing condition than they have been for years, and we are steadily advancing to that point which every Greek-Letter Society is seeking to gain, when we may be able to say that the interests of the Fraternities in the O. W. U. are *one* with the interests of the faculty. With the best wishes for the success of our sister Chapters,

I am, Fraternally yours,  
J. ED BROWN.

#### ILLINOIS GAMMA,

MONMOUTH, ILL., April 17, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The SCROLL and journal came to hand a few days ago and were read with interest. The SCROLL was especially good, the best since I joined Phi Delta Theta three years ago. We welcome this improvement and hope it may long continue to disseminate Phi news to the brothers all over the broad States. The SCROLL found Illinois Gamma as prosperous and resolute as ever, but with one member less. We now number thirteen, the fated number; but superstition has no terror for us.

February 17th we met with fourteen men for the last time for a while. But we met around the banquet table, and after we had gotten ourselves on the outside of the substantial and hidden much which makes men happy, we indulged in speech making for a time. One of the brothers toasted brother Johnson to which he replied in choice words, and with a depth of sentiment that would warm the heart of any loyal Phi. Altogether we had a very enjoyable time and one long to be remembered by all participating. Brother Johnson goes to labor in the interest of

the Western Publishing House in Chicago. During the spring he will visit the colleges of Ohio and Indiana. We recommend him to all Phis whom he may meet in his travels. Next year he expects to take charge of a branch house for the above company in the far West.

Illinois Gamma is being closely watched by the "neck"—anti-fraternity men, so we are not noisy, but a more determined set of Phis will be hard to find.

Brother R. P. Brownlœe, of '82, has taken to himself a wife and bid adieu to the single blessedness.

Yours in the mystic Bond,  
SUB ROSA.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON.

I. W. U. BLOOMINGTON, ILL., }  
March 12, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Score Illinois Epsilon! Twenty-five members—and the best I can say of each is he is loyal to the core. The two additions since our last report are accounted for as follows: Brother L. A. McDaniel, who has been teaching school near Decatur, Ill., this year, has again entered college and will be with us the rest of this year. R. B. Criswell, '86, was initiated February 24th. It is a happy fact that each one of this year's reports from our Chapter has contained an account of one or more initiations. We feel very proud in announcing to the Phi World an event which indexes plainly, and beyond dispute, the standing of our men as students. Our professor of Latin and German has been compelled to be absent during the remainder of this college year, and the disposition of his classes has been as follows: Sophomore German, Brother W. M. Carr; junior German, Brother C. W. Hickman; *all* Latin classes, Brother C. S. Rarmenter; in short the tutorship of each class, where a vacancy occurred, fell to a Phi.

It is rumored that a Sigma Chi Chapter will be organized here, but as yet no charter has been granted nor any organization completed.

We have added to our Chapter Hall a fine President's stand, which materially enhances the appearance of our loved Phi Home. Several badges have been ordered by our boys, and more will soon doubtless follow.

We think the discipline derived from our Senate hard to beat. I will give a brief example by way of illustration: At a recent meeting the evening was consumed in the discussion of parli-

mentary points. At the next session, wholly unawares to all the members, Senator Ader, from Georgia, introduced resolutions of respect concerning the death of the late Governor of Georgia. This called forth appropriate remarks and expressions of sympathy from each member on the floor. Then came up a regular bill for discussion, which in this instance proved to involve the question of the government purchasing all railroads. Both sides of the bill were ably supported. Brother J. W. Ransdell, author of the bill, made one of the best speeches ever heard in the hall. This is a fair sample of the variety and kind of literary work done. As indication of the interest taken in our Chapter work, I will simply say that our last meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock sharp and adjourned at 11:50, the recess being three minutes in length.

Brother W. F. Merse is temporarily absent from us, having accepted a position as assistant principal of the Rock Island (Ill.) public schools. He will return at the close of this term and continue with us through the year. With Phi love to all. Yours in the Bond,

W. EMMETT HIGHBEE.

#### TEXAS ALPHA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, }  
TEHUCANA, TEX., March 10, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* At the request of several of my dear brothers, I will give you a few dots relative to Texas Alpha, and the statements that I will make will be plain and as I understand them. The question comes up from all sides, is Texas Alpha really alive? I thought she had "kicked the tub." In this many of our boys are very sadly left—I am glad of it too—for Texas Alpha has never been dead! I hope that it will not be a big undertaking to persuade many of you that we have had to "keep close and lay still" for about eight or ten months. This, all *sub rosa* Chapters, I have no doubt, will say is their experience for the first year. We have been abused and have no way to defend ourselves. And let me tell you it is like being forced to take medicine when "bread pills will do just as well." But in all of these things, the true nobility of Phi blood presented itself, and all our boys have behaved splendidly.

No, we were not represented at Richmond! But not because we did not want to be, but because we could not. This, you and every true Phi can appreciate, knowing—as you do—our condi-

tion. But you may just look out! We expect to have our man at Nashville, and if we have two or three do not "kick."

I am going to make one more effort to free our Chapter here, and I ask that all the brothers lend a helping hand; for with the strong aid of Phi Delta Theta we entertain high hopes. In this work almost every Phi can help, for what we want is *names*. Now if any brother will send us the name of any influential man, with a few remarks from him, I will, oh, how I will thank him. And more especially to you boys, who are in colleges where Fraternities are allowed, can't you get your President—of the college I mean—or some of the professors, to give us a lift? If they will only say that you are good boys, that will do. The thing is this, I want to get up a petition and present it before the Board of Directors of this college in person. Something like this will do:

*"To the Board of Trinity University—*  
*Sirs:* I have had experience with the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and will recommend that you allow the meeting of Texas Alpha Chapter. This to be on condition that its members obey the regulations of your college in full." Something like the above, or in any form you may deem best will be most thankfully received. Some of the boys are blue, some cheerful. Yours,

J. H. S.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA.

DANVILLE, KY, March 14, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report we have been enjoying a quiet repose but have in the meantime been at work. We have pledged two senior preps, whom we will elevate from the gloom of "barbarism" at no distant day. It is needless to speak of their virtue and we only say that they come up to the requirements of the Bond. We wrested one of them from the Betas, gaining a glorious victory over them. We had with us at a recent meeting, Brother J. R. Burnham, Richmond, Ky., who gave us an address that sparkled with literary gems and was highly appreciated by us. We are anxiously expecting the catalogue and hope it will soon make its appearance. We were much pleased with the last SCROLL and are glad to know that we have so many Chapters. Not wishing to consume too much space, we will subside. Yours in the Bond,

M. R. HUBBARD.

## MICHIGAN BETA,

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, }

LANSING, MICH., March 5, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our spring term commenced February 20th, after a long winter vacation of three months, and Michigan Beta has again taken up the work which she laid aside last year. We held our first regular meeting last Saturday evening and fifteen brothers responded to roll call. We expect one more back for our next meeting, who will raise our number to sixteen, one less than we had last term, Brother Potter having left college. Many of the students have been teaching during the winter and were necessarily a week or two late at the beginning of the spring term, but nearly all have returned. We are at present busy watching the new comers, with a view to their Phi qualities and I hope in the next report to be able to introduce several new members. With best regards from Michigan Beta to all Phis, I remain, yours in the Bond,  
C. BAKER.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA,

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, }

EASTON, PA., March 16, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our Chapter is in a flourishing condition. We have lately refurbished our rooms, and, to one who was familiar with the appearance of the old rooms, the change for the better would be particularly striking and pleasant. The members responded unhesitatingly to the call for funds with which to accomplish this, and feel amply repaid for their trouble and expense. Recruits from our division of the Grecian army are somewhat slow in coming in, but those whom we have received we consider to be the pick of the barbarians. Yours in the bond,  
F. M. HARSHBERGER.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA,

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, }

MEADVILLE, PA., March 13, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Pennsylvania Delta enjoyed continued prosperity throughout the college term so nearly completed. Last month we were favored with a short visit from Brother D. W. Thayer who was obliged to leave college this year on account of ill health. He has taken a general agency for a New York publisher and is located at Atlanta, Ga. Brother W. W. Case has been elected editor-in-chief of the *Alleghenian*, a comic annual issued by the Fraternities of the college. Brother C. W. Proc-

tor has been unanimously chosen to represent the Athenian Literary Society at the inter-society exhibition to be given commencement week. On March 5th we had the pleasure of adding to our Chapter roll the name of W. R. Graves, a man of sterling worth.

Yours in the Bond,  
WILL H. GALLUP.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA,

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, }

GETTYSBURG, PA., Feb. 27, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our boys are very much pleased with the January-February number of the *SCROLL*. The number and length of the editorials supply a want long felt by your readers. As regards the change in the number of editors, Pennsylvania Beta would say that she desire the *SCROLL* to be managed in the most successful manner possible; and that, as an increased number of editors would help make the *SCROLL* more beneficial, by all means let us have them. We heartily welcome Kansas Alpha and Michigan Gamma to our brotherhood.

We are yet working at "that new hall" It goes very slowly, for our painter and paper hanger are taking their time to it. It has taken the painter about their weeks to get inside the hall; and now that he is there he promises to get through in a week. Then we hope to get the paper on and the carpet down. If any of our Chapters have so much trouble with their workmen we would like to remind them of the fact that misery likes company, and invite them to call around and smoke a sympathetic cigar with us.

We have made an addition to our literary exercises in the shape of a bi-weekly journal, whose editor is appointed by the Warden. From present indications we will derive a great deal of benefit from it. Brother Britt is the editor of the first number.

If any of our Chapters have members claiming to be descended from any of the royal families of Europe two of our Pennsylvania Beta boys would like to hear from them in order to draw up resolutions of sympathy with the persecuted family of Orleans. Of these two one asserts that he is *remotely* descended from the royal house of Holland, and the other proudly declares that in his veins flows the blue blood of the *ancient* Scottish kings.

The Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at our college recently held a banquet. They seem to have had a fine time.

The Chapter was established last June and began with only two men. They have nine men and a very good hall. They have worked hard and deserve their success.

We have the lion's share of the Fraternity men of the junior class. Out of fourteen Greeks in that class seven wear the Shield and Sword.

Truly yours in the Bond,  
M. LUTHER HOLLOWAY.

### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, }  
COLUMBIA, March 4, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* In accordance with the Constitution it becomes necessary for me as Reporter, to inform you of the resignation of a member of our Chapter, Mr. J. E. Elerbe, by request of a two-thirds majority of the members. A charge was brought against Mr. Elerbe by our President, C. A. Durham, of acting ungentlemanly towards him, of acting in a manner disagreeing with the spirit of the Bond. After considering the case the society determined to request the resignation of Mr. Elerbe, who immediately complied with the request.

Since my last report we have taken in four additional members: Messrs. L. H. Griffith, A. B. Watson, J. Wilson and W. A. Evans, making in all twelve members, Messrs. Griffith and Watson, having belonged to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in Roanoke College, Va. We have also prepared us a convenient and pleasant hall in which we now meet regularly.

Respectfully yours,  
W. D. SIMPSON, JR.

### ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 26, '83.

*Editor Scroll:* Another accession to Alabama Alpha Alumni in the person of Brother J. C. Smith, is about the best thing we have to communicate to the April SCROLL. Brother Smith was a member of the first Phi Chapter established in Alabama (the old Alpha, now defunct) of which he was, I think, a charter member, but is most prominently known as the founder and father of the splendid Tennessee Alpha. The fires of Phi Delta Theta love still burn within his heart, than which there is not a nobler and truer one that beats. He comes among us to fill an office of honor and trust, that of clerk in the office of his father, the recently appointed Treasurer of Alabama. Alabama Alpha

Alumni cordially welcomes Brother S. within her folds.

Will you not allow the Alumni to mingle her feeble voice with those of an admiring brotherhood in congratulations and praise that Phi Delta Theta can boast of such an organ as the new SCROLL. Of course I mean no reflection upon the recent management of Brother Troxell and his able assistant—they did nobly well—but along with our progressive studies, it would be something less than ingratitude, not to note *particularly* the marked improvement of our peerless journal. I think it unpardonable selfishness to restrain its circulation and for one am sorry that it is *sub rosa*. At any rate it should be exchanged with sister journals of the Fraternity order.

Can't some pacifying brother "adjust a meeting" between our two ex-G. B.'s—I suggest that olive branches be named as weapons. In the Bond,  
A. FITZPATRICK.

### OHIO GAMMA.

ATHENS, O., March 22, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Those of our brethren who had the opportunity of seeing him, were overjoyed by the short visit of our worthy editor as he "swung around the circle" of Phidom. V. C. Lowry (not Sowny, as printed last month,) attorney at law, has set his professional net at Logan. Brother Pitcher (whether for love of money or not,) has left college to help support the power of the press. The Phis secured two out of the six positions of the contest between the literary societies, one of the most interesting events of commencement. They are represented by Armstrong, Philomathean essayist, and De Steiguer, Athenian debater. News being scarce I make my report the same.

Yours in the Bond.  
REPORTER.

### VERMONT ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, }  
BURLINGTON, VT., March 1, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* I have just been reading for the second or third time the editorial in the SCROLL on "Chapter Correspondence." It seems to me also, that this is one (and a most important one) of the many ways in which the Fraternity might improve. There are faults to be corrected and new and valuable features to be added, if anyone is fortunate to discover them. It occurred to

me that if the Chapters could, in their reports to the SCROLL, more directly communicate with each other, a result would be secured which would better accomplish the ends aimed at in this department of our journal. This element in the reports would create a personal interest in them, on the part of the members, and make them really what it seems to me in their possibilities they *are*, all things considered, viz.: the best means at our disposal for developing the feeling of brotherhood, the Fraternity spirit. Seeing that we are at the head of the Fraternities in numbers of Chapters, we ought to turn our attention to internal affairs and double and treble our efforts at improvement there until we attain to the greatest excellence possible.

Vermont Alpha rejoices at the prospect of a sister Chapter in New England, and especially one in glorious old Williams. If the "Green Mountain boys" can render any assistance in the undertaking, they will be only too glad to do so. We should like to hear, as a Chapter, from Indiana Zeta. Kappa Alpha Theta, which has a Chapter here, has just held a convention there, as of course the boys know. We have had glowing accounts of the way in which the delegates were received and entertained by the other Fraternities represented at Greencastle. Our fair informant, who was not the delegate, has forgotten the names and favors of the societies and naturally Vermont Alpha is somewhat interested in knowing the same. To those that are interested in hearing of the prosperity of the "Universitas Viridium Montium," I will say that she is just entering upon a new and glorious epoch in her existence. Providence is smiling upon her and opening the purses of her rich friends. The library of the Hon. George P. Marsh, deceased, late and for a long time minister to Italy, has been given to us. This large (twelve thousand volumes) and valuable addition to the university library has necessitated the erection of a larger building for its accommodation. A gymnasium and observatory are also decided upon. All these structures, built by friends of the university, are to be of the finest. They are likely to be followed by still others which are demanded by the increasing number of students. The main building of the academical department was demolished last year and a new and noble edifice occupies its place. So you see we are having stirring times and are happy

withal. Beside this, I had almost forgotten to say we are to have a fine bronze statue of Lafayette, who laid the corner stone of the old academical department. This is also a gift of one of our benefactors. The unveiling of it will form part of the exercises of the coming commencement. But I am afraid, brother editor, that if I continue you will take me up for trespass. So with the best wishes of Vermont Alpha,

I am, Fraternally yours,  
CHARLES F. BAILEY.

#### GEORGIA BETA.

EMORY COLLEGE,

OXFORD, GA., March 2, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Georgia Beta can still report progress. Since our last report we have initiated Brother Tuggle, class '86; Brother Sale, of Alabama Alpha, has affiliated with us. In the last term work, Phis stood among the first in every class.

But it becomes my sad duty to announce the death of Brother Shields, class '84, one of our most worthy members. He died January 24th of pneumonia. This is the third time the dread messenger has invaded our midst.

We have weekly meetings, at which we have debates, elocution, essay reading and declamation alternately. In the literary societies our men take the lead. We have three of the six champion debaters for commencement.

We are very much pleased with the marked improvement in the SCROLL and cannot do without, even if we have to pay an extra assessment.

Brother Mobley, our former reporter, was compelled to resign on account of press of business and the Chapter has elected me to fill that position. With love for all Phis, I am,

Yours in the Bond,  
DANIEL A. GREENE.

#### KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., March 10, '83.

*Editor Scroll:* Our boys were all glad to get the last SCROLL. We had had no Fraternity news for some time. Since I last wrote, Kansas Alpha has been steadily progressing. We have secured a hall, taken in a new member and gotten our pins. We introduce to the Phi World, M. D. Brady, of the class of '86. Mr. Brady is one who is fully worthy to wear the Phi badge. Our Chapter room is in a good location. We have carpeted it, and are making other im-

provements. About two weeks ago we received our pins and donned them for the first time. There was quite a little stir in college when we first came out, but we seem to have made a good impression. The Fraternities here are rather quiet now. The Phi Psis have taken in two new members since my last report. With love to all Phis,

I am, yours in the Bond,  
JUSTIN P. JACK.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 13, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Since the meeting of the Convention here in October, we certainly haven't seen as much of the Phis as we did during those pleasant days of reunion and hand-shaking, but we have thought of the boys, in the aggregate and individually, often and over again, which calls to mind the well-known couplet:

"You may the Convention break up as you will,  
But the memory of the delegates will linger here still."

While we cannot report any accessions to our Alumni Chapter, yet as this is in the nature of things hardly to be expected, we are not at all melancholy, but gratify our Phi aspirations by taking a paternal interest in our Virginia Delta Chapter. Our medical brothers still pursue their murderous calling, and the legal minds continue to stir up strife "against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth." Wishing the SCROLL and the Fraternity a prosperous year, I am, theirs sincerely,  
GEORGE BRYAN.

### OHIO EPSILON.

BUTCHEL COLLEGE, }  
AKRON, O., March 3, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Thinking that the Phis may be interested in the success of Ohio Epsilon, I take the liberty of this unusually long report. Before another SCROLL has made its welcome visit we will be safely ensconced in our new hall. The Phi Delta Theta parlors occupy the entire south end, second story of the banking house of Brother Schumacher. The building is of light sand stone, richly embellished with carving, bearing on the north gable a *bass relief* of Phi Delta Theta coat-of-arms. The edifice was built at a cost of \$50,000, and is pronounced the finest building of the kind in the west. The large plate glass windows bear the characters Phi Delta Theta in gilt.

The hall is beautifully frescoed and contains two chandeliers of burnished bronze. The floor is covered with seventy-five yards of body brussels, and each member is to occupy a fine arm or rocking chair; these chairs are upholstered with raw silk, with the exception of the President's chair, which is covered with plush. The walls are adorned with numerous paintings and drawings, and the chairs and tables are graced with tidies and tables (trophies not of the chase) but gifts from numerous Phi girls in college and in the city. This is the finest hall in the city and few Chapters in Phi Delta Theta can show its mate.

Brother Schumacher especially deserves the thanks of Ohio Epsilon for his generosity since he alone prepared the hall for our entrance, and we expended our energies in procuring carpets and furniture. The Chapter has already spent \$300 in making the room in keeping with the building.

Brothers Crissinger, Payne, Pleasants, Schumacher, Loudenback, Slade, Page and Knoeing have lately become the possessors of garnet and diamond badges which they procured of Newman.

I now take occasion to introduce to the Phi World E. C. Page and E. K. Koeing, who became Phis at our last meeting. These brothers showed of what stuff they are made by immediately procuring the above named badges. Mr. P. is the best extempore speaker and Mr. K. one of the first botanists in college.

Brother Loudenback has been called home sick, but will return next term. He left his badge on a nobby Phi girl however.

With a total membership of thirteen, with the prospect of two more men and our fine hall, Ohio Epsilon is one of the best equipped Chapters in the land. In the copy of the Convention minutes, the Treasurer's report has Ohio Epsilon charged with \$2 50. This is a mistake as Brother Reddig must remember, and our Chapter was not so reported at Richmond. It is the boast of Ohio Epsilon that she is not and *never has been in debt* to Phi Delta Theta *one cent*. Furthermore we were at Wooster reported as the only Chapter which was straight on the books. The boys feel justly indignant that the printed copy of the minutes should contain even so small an error as this. Hoping soon to entertain the Phis in our new quarters,

I am, in Bond,  
FRANK O. PAYNE.

# FRATERNITY CALENDAR.

The dates of Chapter anniversaries given below are the dates the charters were granted, which in some cases differ from the dates of establishment. The dates some Chapters were chartered are not given and perhaps cannot now be determined:

*January 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for January SCROLL.

*January 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month.

*January 1*—On this day, and as often at other times as they think proper, correspondent members forward to their Chapters personal notes of themselves and of other members known to them.

*January 2*—XI Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*January 19*—VIII Anniversary OHIO EPSILON.

*January 20*—VII Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA.

*January 30*—IV Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA.

*January 31*—IV Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

*February 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for February SCROLL.

*February 9*—V Anniversary VIRGINIA EPSILON.

*February 12*—XXIV Anniversary ILLINOIS ALPHA.

*February 25*—XXII Anniversary OHIO BETA.

*March 1*—By this day Colleges and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for March SCROLL.

*March 16*—XII Anniversary ILLINOIS ZETA.

*March 27*—I Anniversary IOWA BETA.

*March 28*—XV Anniversary OHIO GAMMA.

*April 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for April SCROLL.

*April 1*—Reporters of College and Alumni Chapters forward annual reports of members to Province Presidents, who forward them to S. G. C.

*April 1*—Historians of College and Alumni Chapters forward copies of Chapter histories for previous year to Province Presidents, who forward them to the H. G. C.

*April 1*—XIV Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*April 9*—XXXIII Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA.

*April 28*—XXIII Anniversary INDIANA DELTA.

*May 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for May SCROLL.

*May 8*—IV Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*May 18*—V Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*June 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for June SCROLL.

*June 5*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA ALPHA. X Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

*June 7*—X Anniversary CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*June 6*—VI Anniversary MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

*June 15*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*June 20*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON. V Anniversary TEXAS ALPHA.

*June 2*—XXVI Anniversary WISCONSIN ALPHA.

*July 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month

*August 22*—III Anniversary MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI.

*September 1*—On this day, or on the opening of the collegiate year, Reporters of College Chapters forward to the T. G. C. S1 for each attendant member to pay for SCROLL. For each member initiated after the opening of the year Reporters at once forward S1, with the name, class, address and date of initiation.

*September 17*—IV Anniversary INDIANA BETA ALUMNI.

*September 30*—VIII Anniversary VIRGINIA DELTA.

*October 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for October SCROLL.

*October 1*—Province Presidents forward to SCROLL names of members who will certainly be in College to be addressed as Reporters until Reporters for the collegiate year are elected.

*October 1*—T. G. C. forwards for October SCROLL statement of dues paid by each Chapter during 1882-3.

*October 11*—XXXIV Anniversary INDIANA ALPHA.

*October 12*—II Anniversary MINNESOTA ALPHA. II Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI. II Anniversary ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNI.

*October 24*—XXIV Anniversary INDIANA GAMMA.

*October 26*—I Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

*October 27*—III Anniversary MISSOURI BETA. III Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON. III Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*October 30*—IV Anniversary VERMONT ALPHA.

*November 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for November SCROLL.

*November 1*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

*November 4*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS DELTA.

*November 5*—I Anniversary KANSAS ALPHA.

*November 8*—X Anniversary MICHIGAN BETA. X Anniversary VIRGINIA BETA.

*November 9*—VII Anniversary founding first Alumni Chapter, INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*November 18*—XI Anniversary OHIO DELTA.

*November 26*—XIII Anniversary MISSOURI ALPHA.

*December 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapters forward letters for December SCROLL.

*December 4*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

*December 14*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON.

*December 17*—II Anniversary OHIO ALPHA ALUMNI.

*December 18*—XIX Anniversary MICHIGAN ALPHA.

*December 23*—I Anniversary MICHIGAN GAMMA.

*December 26*—XXXV Anniversary founding of the FRATERNITY AND FIRST CHAPTER, OHIO ALPHA.

*December 26*—IV Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI.

# PHI DELTA THETA DIRECTORY

## PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,

Founded at Miami University, Oxford, O., December 20, 1848. Incorporated under the State Laws of Ohio, March 14, 1881.

## FOUNDERS.

Rev. Robert Morrison, Surosa Springs, Miller Co., Mo.; Ardivan V. Rodgers; deceased, John W. Lindley, Fredericktown, O.; Rev. Robert Drake, deceased; Col. Andrew W. Rogers, Warrensburg, Mo.; John Mc. M. Wilson, deceased.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 27, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

*Orator*, Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Versailles, Ky.  
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*Poet*, W. A. Jones, Plano, Ill.  
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*Illinois Beta Alumni*, Galesburg, Ill.

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*Iowa Beta*, State University of Iowa, Wm. George, Iowa City, Ia.  
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# OTHER FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which are established at the Colleges named in our Directory, with the years when the Chapters were organized. The interrogation point implies doubt as to a Chapter's active existence. We hope that our Reporters will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.**  
Lamda Iota ("The Owl"—local.) '36; Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary.) '36; Sigma Phi, '45; Delta Psi, (not connected with chartered fraternity of same name.) '50; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Kappa Epsilon, '55; Zeta Psi, '57; Theta Delta Chi, '66; Sigma Chi, '67; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Chi Phi, '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Delta Beta Phi, '77.

**PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Sigma Chi, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '74; Alpha Tau Omega, '82.

**WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '62; Phi Gamma Delta, '48; Phi Kappa Psi, '52; Delta Tau Delta, '61; Phi Delta Theta, '76; Alpha Tau Omega, '81.

**ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Delta Tau Delta, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '79; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '81.

**DICKINSON COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '59; Sigma Chi, '59; Chi Phi, '69; Beta Theta Pi, '74; Phi Delta Theta, '89.

**ROANOKE COLLEGE.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Chi, '72.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '50; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '52; Phi Kappa Sigma, '52; Phi Kappa Psi, '53; Chi Phi, '59; Phi Gamma Delta, '59; Delta Psi, '60; Sigma Chi, '60; Mystic Seven (local.) '68; Alpha Tau Omega, '68; Zeta Psi, '68; Phi Kappa Alpha, '68; Kappa Sigma, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Kappa Alpha, (Southern) '73; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '75.

**RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Kappa Sigma, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '74; Sigma Chi, '74.

**RICHMOND COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern), '70; Beta Theta Pi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Sigma Chi, '80.

**VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '65; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '67; Kappa Alpha, (Southern), '68; Sigma Nu (local.) '68; Kappa Sigma, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**WOFFORD COLLEGE.**  
Chi Psi, '69; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Chi Phi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '82; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '82; Chi Psi, '82.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.**  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '66; Chi Phi, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '72; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**EMORY COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern), '69; Chi Phi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Alpha Tau Omega, '81; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '82; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**MERCER UNIVERSITY.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '59; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '70; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Kappa Alpha (Southern), '73.

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.**  
Rainbow, '48; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '51; Delta Psi, '55; Sigma Chi, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '57; Chi Psi, '58; Phi Delta Theta, '77; Beta Theta Pi, '79.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '76; Beta Theta Pi (branch of Chapter at Cumberland Univ.,) '81; Rainbow, '78; Chi Phi (not yet chartered), '82.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '77; Phi Delta Theta, '83.

**OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '53; Sigma Chi, '55; Phi Delta Theta, '60; Phi Kappa Psi, '61; Delta Tau Delta, '68; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Chi Phi, '73.

**OHIO UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '41; Delta Tau Delta, '62; Phi Delta Theta, '68; Kappa Alpha Theta, (ladies) '76.

**UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Sigma Chi, '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '75; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Gamma Delta, '81.

**BUCHTEL COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '81; Delta Gamma (ladies.)

**CENTRE COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '46; Phi Delta Theta, '50; Sigma Chi, '76.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Delta Theta, '49; Sigma Chi, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '70; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '81.

**WARASH COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Delta Theta, '52; Phi Gamma Delta, '66; Phi Kappa Psi, '70; Sigma Chi, '80.

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '59; Sigma Chi, '66; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '77.

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '60; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '69; Delta Gamma (ladies), '78.

**HANOVER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '59; Phi Gamma Delta, '64; Phi Delta Theta, '65; Sigma Chi, '71; Delta Tau Delta, '72; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '81; Delta Gamma (ladies), '81.

**INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Gamma Delta, '56; Sigma Chi, '59; Phi Kappa Psi, '65; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '66; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '70; Delta Tau Delta, '77; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) '75.

**STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '72; Phi Delta Theta, '73.

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '82.

**LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), '75; Phi Delta Theta, '78; Phi Delta Phi (Law.), '78.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '57; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '70; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '75; Chi Psi, '78; Delta Gamma (ladies).

**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '68; Phi Delta Theta, '80.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '76; Phi Gamma Delta, '81; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '81; Phi Delta Theta, '81.

**IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '66; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Delta Theta, '82; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies).

**MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.**  
Chi Psi, '74; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

## OTHER FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

We desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by all the Chartered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with information needed to make the list of announcements complete:

- Chi Phi, Albany, N. Y., October 17, 1883.
- Delta Upsilon, Marietta, O., October, 1883.
- Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, O., August, 1884.
- Kappa Kappa Gamma, Canton, N. Y., August 28, 1884.
- Beta Theta Pi, Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 28, 30, 1883.
- Delta Tau Delta, Indianapolis, August 24, 26, 1883.
- Phi Gamma Delta, Indianapolis, Sept. 28, 30, 1883.
- Zeta Psi, New York, N. Y., January 3, 1884.
- PAN-FRATERNIC CONFERENCE, New York City, July 4, 1884.

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## THE PHI DELTA THETA.

No idle visionary scheme,  
An airy nothing, aimless dream,  
But worthy in your poet's theme—  
    The good Phi Delta Theta;  
Ordnained to aid aspiring youth  
In Love, in Godliness and Truth,  
    Life's great desiderata.

Since revelation first began.  
To teach the brotherhood of man,  
Has been Jehovah's constant plan,  
    Wrought out by evolution;  
First love within the tribe, and then  
Thy fellow Hebrew—now, love men,  
    Is Jesus' institution.

To love each other as we ought,  
To love as Jesus loved and taught,  
A task with difficulty fraught  
    Demands our best endeavor;  
To pass beyond the golden gate  
Where joys untold eternal wait,  
    And love bears rule forever.

Then every bond that serves to bind  
The members of the great mankind  
In fellowship of heart and mind,  
    And teach them to be brothers;  
So far is on the side of right,  
And casting in, at least, a mite  
    To bless its own and others.

## OUR NEXT CONVENTION.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 11, '83.

*Editor Scroll:* If I am not imposing on your good nature I will ask space to say something about conventions in general and the convention of '84, in particular. The government of our Fraternity is intrusted to biennial conventions, and as the well government of a Fraternity, as large and as widely dispersed as ours, is no easy undertaking, the importance attached to the acts of our conventions is considerable. It is indeed important that every Chapter be represented, and some method of compelling such representation should be adopted. We should have a large number of visiting brothers to lend dignity and counsel and to impress us with the magnitude of the Fraternity. In order to make these conventions a success, the financial part of the question needs only to be solved.

I wish to offer a solution to be tested by your readers: Require each Chapter to send a delegate, no matter how much it owes to the Fraternity. Make no convention tax assessments as we now do, but in its place make each member of an active Chapter pay an annual tax for convention purposes and other necessary expenses. Collect this in the same manner as we do the SCROLL tax. The assessment will not come so heavy because half is paid one year and half next. Besides these conventions are for the good of the whole Fraternity and in this manner every active member will pay his share. According to our present plan, suppose a member is at college but one year and that a convention year. He pays his assessment. Next year we have another member that year. He pays nothing. The same benefits have accrued to him as did to the member the year before. Suppose this annual tax be \$2, then at the beginning of each scholastic year each member forwards \$3 for SCROLL and convention taxes. This will be a burden to no one as it is divided out at such long intervals. Then pay the expenses of a delegate from each Chapter and make a penalty for his non-attendance, from which the Chapter may be excused if a valid excuse be presented to the convention. This, I think, will insure a full representation of Chapters and consequently a success.

The convention to be held in Nashville, October, 1884, will possibly exceed all others in importance, and I am sure it will be by far the largest attendance we have ever had.

Every Chapter should endeavor to send its best man as delegate. A man who has had some experience in Fraternity work, and who has studied Fraternities and especially our own, and who has thought on the topics most likely to arise. Ours is probably the most progressive of all Fraternities. It is making rapid advances and is gaining solid footing, and if we make the Nashville Convention a success, the Fraternity success in future is assured.

Circulars should be sent to a large number of members urging their attendance. A large number would gladly attend but they never see the SCROLL, and hence are ignorant as to the time and place of holding conventions. The Legislature of Tennessee has tendered the use of the Hall of Representatives or Senate to use for a week. The capitol of Tennessee is the most beautiful one in the South and I doubt not but it can cope with any in the union.

There is no reason why we can't make the next convention the grandest success of them all. Another question I wish to mention incidentally, I am decidedly in favor of the Eastern movement. At the next convention we should take steps to organize in the prominent Eastern institutions. There is no reason why we should not cope with any other Fraternity in the East and we can do it. Hoping this convention problem may be settled to the best interests of our Fraternity, I am,

Very truly and Fraternally,  
S. P. GILBERT.

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HALL OF LAMBDA CHAPTER,  
BETA THETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec., '81.

*To our Sister Chapters and Alumni* — *Greeting:* In pursuance of the provisions of Title I, Chapter 3, Sec. 17<sup>th</sup>, of the by-laws for the Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, I have the pleasure of presenting herewith our

## THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Our brother graduates in the class of '81, Lit. Dept., are now disposed as follows:

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\*Each Corresponding Secretary shall, on the first Wednesday in May and the first Wednesday in December, of each year, prepare and send to all the sister Chapters a circular letter stating the general condition and prosperity of the Chapter; and on the first Wednesday of December, of each year, he shall send a similar letter to all the non-resident members of the Chapter.

Willis Boughton, Princeton, Ill.—Local editor on Ann Arbor *Courier*.

Thomas Bertrand Bronson, Ann Arbor, Mich.—Professor of Latin and German in Orchard Lake (Mich.) Military Academy.

Don Alonzo Garwood, Cassopolis, Mich.—Now reading law in the office of Judge McClellan, Waterloo, Ind.

Ormond Fremont Hunt, Ann Arbor, Mich.—In the class of '82, Law Dept.

Will Turner Whedon, Ann Arbor, Mich.—With Lynnman Smith's Sons, wholesale leather dealers, Norwood, Mass.

The boys are doing nicely, and of course there is no such class as '81—oh no! Brother Whedon's recent visit—short but sweet—was the occasion of a fine serenade by the "famous quartette" to a number of our lady friends. It is needless to remark that we enjoy these visits of the boys immensely. Come often.

The following is our number as listed in this year's *Palladium*, the annual publication of the secret societies:

## FRATRES IN URBE.

Willis Boughton, B. A., '81.

Charles Henry James Douglas, B. A., '79, Brown.

Franklin Leonidas Parker, M. A., '47.

## LAW.

'82, Ormond Fremont Hunt, B. A., '81, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'82, Almon Nicholas Taylor, Lit., '82, Portland, N. Y.

'83, Edward Adams Benson, B. A., '80, Beloit, Wis.

'83, Alfred Claiborne Downs, B. A., '81, Centre, Danville, Ky.

'83, Harry McNeil,\* Lit., '83, Union City, Ind.

## MEDICAL.

'82, William Thomas Wright, B. A., '79, Kenyon, Des Moines, Ia.

'83, Daniel Edward Osborne, Ph. C., '80, Chardon, O.

## HOMŒOPATHIC.

'83, John Johnson Sturgis, B. S., '80, Hanover, Washington, D. C.

## PHARMACY.

'83, Robert Burns, Ransom, Lansing, Mich.

## POST GRADUATE.

Lucius Lincoln Van Slyke, M. A., '81, Pike, N. Y.

## LITERARY.

'82, Junius Emery Beal, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'82, William Byron Cady, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'82, Will Edgar Chandler, Pontiac, Mich.

'82, John Henry Grant, Burlington, Ind.

'82, John Jacob Lentz, Alpha Lambda, St. Clairsville, O.

'82, Frank Ludowick York, Dearborn, Mich.

'83, Henry Elmer Moseley, Grand Rapids, Mich.

'84, Harry Bitner, Mt. Carroll, Ill.

'84, James Albert Case, Auburn, Ind.

'84, Charles Henry Denison, Saginaw City, Mich.

'84, William Foster Word, Virginia City, Montana.

'85, Fred Reynolds Babcock, Manistee, Mich.

'85, David Kipien Cochrane, Manistee, Mich.

'85, Carrill Maurice Coe, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'85, Wilber James Gregory, Rockford, Ill.

'85, Thomas Charles Phillips, Calumet, Mich.

This gives us a total of twenty-nine, with an active membership of twenty-five. By way of explanation, I will say that four men have been initiated in '83, literary department, but through the absence of two and the change of a third to the law department, we have but one at present in that class.

Brother Douglas, of Kappa, after graduating at Brown in '79, pursued post-graduate work for two years—one year at Yale and one year at Johns Hopkins. He is now professor of elocution in the Ann Arbor High School, which serves the purposes of a preparatory school to the university.

Brother Van Slyke returned a year after receiving B. A. here and took M. A. last July. He is with us again this year, and while prosecuting his studies for the degree of Ph. D., occupies the position of assistant in the chemical laboratory. Both of above are active and enthusiastic with us in the interest of Beta Theta Pi.

Our individual relations with the professors and students in general are very satisfactory and pleasant. We have no reason, either, to complain as to the positions of honor and trust our boys hold in the various college organizations. Among others, we have at present the managing editorship of the *Chronicle* and the *University* in the persons of Brothers Beal and Wright respectively. I might mention, also, that a year ago

\*Home on account of ill health, but expects to return after the holidays.

Brother Boughton held a similar position on the *Chronicle*. The latter is the publication proper of the literary department, with a subscription list of nearly a thousand, while the *University* is the organ of the professional schools.

As President of the Adelphi Literary Society, Brother Lentz occupies a place similar to that of Brother Hunt a year ago in the Alpha Nu.

Brother Bitner, one of three society men on the present Rugby Team, had the pleasure of representing us in that capacity in the East recently in the games with Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

We congratulate ourselves on the continuance of a fine quartette organization—Brothers Douglas and Phillips following Brothers Whedon and Hunt respectively. In connection with his college work, Brother Osborne sings regularly, on salary, at St. Paul's Church, Detroit.

Brother Grant is our editor on the '82 *Palladium*, which is now on sale at fifty cents per copy. Our Alumni will find it full of interesting matter and in many respects ahead of previous issues of the same. We are pleased to report at present writing two fine fellows pledged for '86.

Our rivals in the literary department, named in order of their strength, are: Psi Upsilon, thirty-two; Delta Kappa Epsilon, twenty-four; Alpha Delta Phi, twenty-four; Delta Upsilon, twenty-three; Phi Kappa Psi, twenty-three; Chi Phi, twenty; Sigma Phi, seventeen; Zeta Psi, thirteen. There is a Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, not in the *Palladium*, with a membership of perhaps fifteen in our department. In the law department are Phi Delta Phi, twenty-nine, and Sigma Chi, eighteen.

Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, the only ladies' Fraternity here, is flourishing and in its third year, containing among its number, now thirteen, some of the finest ladies in the university. They appear in the *Palladium* this year for the first time.

Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon have Chapter houses. They have both held banquets in Detroit recently under the auspices of the Chapters here. A large two and one-half story brick building, completed in 1880 at an estimated cost of \$14,000, furnishes the members of the former a dwelling house and place of meeting. Delta Kappa Epsilon finished in 1879, at a cost of about \$3,000, a very neat building used as a Chapter Hall. Sigma Phi has just purchased

Professor Tyler's house and grounds for \$6,000. Alpha Delta Phi has a fine building lot, purchased about two years since, and the latest news reports them ready to build the coming spring.

As for ourselves, I may say that a Chapter House fund has been started, and not a little done by way of interesting our Alumni in our behalf. We have met with some encouraging replies from various sources, and hope that the near future may see a Beta temple at the University of Michigan. Meanwhile, we have the use of a nicely furnished hall, in a good location, and are in easy circumstances financially.

Our university scarcely needs detailed mention; however, I offer a few statements respecting it, which may have some special interest. The seat of our schools is a very pretty city of about nine thousand population, situated thirty-eight miles west of Detroit, and her people are very courteous and cultured withal. We have upon the campus of forty acres six departments, with the following registration of students for 1881-2, viz.: Literary, 498; law, 394; medical, 391; pharmacy, 103; homœopathic, 67; dental, 76. Total, 1,529. This number is exclusive of between three and four hundred students in the A. A. H. S., who are preparing for the university. Number of professors and instructors, eighty-four. A School of Political Science, embracing a course of three year work, leading the degree of Ph. D., has been established this year, and will undoubtedly be very successful. A flourishing School of Music is in immediate connection with the university, and through its widening influence Ann Arbor is becoming quite a musical center.

The various buildings necessary to the different departments are rapidly filling up the campus. A fine library building at a cost of \$100,000 is now in process of erection. On a prominence of ground not far from the campus is located a finely equipped observatory, the scene of so many brilliant discoveries of our late brother, James Craig Watson.

A word must be said, in passing, with reference to our prospective gymnasium, for which something over \$3,000 has in a comparatively short time been accumulated in various ways by the students, and with a possible appropriation by the next Legislature, we hope ere long to see the realization of something we so much need.

Dr. James B. Angell, who as recent

United States Minister to China has given us a solution of the Chinese problem so quickly and satisfactorily, is now on his way home to resume his duties as President in February. While we are anxious to welcome him back, meantime the university in all of its departments is moving on harmoniously and successfully under our esteemed acting President, Dr. Henry S. Frieze. Michigan is justly proud of her great university, whose praises as heard on both sides of the Atlantic.

*To our Alumni:* We take much pleasure in being able to report thus favorably of your old Chapter. If there is any tendency in the busy work of life to forget occasionally your college days and the Fraternity associations of Auld Lang Syne, we trust that a reading of this may warm your hearts anew to *Alma Mater* and Lambda. Some of you we see nearly every year at commencement; we are glad, indeed, to meet you, and wish that you could all make it convenient to visit the university and us frequently at this gayest season of the college year, or at other times. Especially are we anxious to have you meet with the coming June commencement, for we anticipate holding a Lambda reunion that week. Arrangements have not been perfected in full as yet but soon will be, when you may expect to hear from us in detail. Please give the matter a *sincere consideration*, and make an earnest endeavor to be with us. Let us have a large attendance and make as great a success of it as did Delta this last year on a similar occasion, when Governor Porter, of Indiana, acted as the presiding officer. I might add that a number of the "old boys" know of our proposed reunion, and in addition to a warm approval except to heartily co-operate with us in making it a grand success.

With respect to our Fraternity in general, allow me to state the following facts, viz.: That we are in our forty-third year, and have forty-three living Chapters distributed through twenty-one States; that we have Alumni Chapters at Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Evansville, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Louisville, New York City, San Francisco and Wheeling; that we number between four and five thousand members; that with an attendance of nearly two hundred and fifty, we held at Chicago this year the largest Convention of the kind ever held; in short, that we have a Fraternity which is not

alone a four year's college pleasure, so to speak, but one that is rapidly becoming—nay is national in scope and character, and every Beta may well be proud to have his name associated with such an order.

Permit me, please, to commend you to the official organ of the Fraternity, the *Beta Theta Pi*, published monthly during the college year, by Brother John I. Covington, box 498, Cincinnati, O. It will average twenty-three pages per number of very interesting reading, besides a Beta Theta Pi legal directory of nine pages nearly. In this connection I might remark that America has seven hundred and fifty Beta lawyers. If you would please the Betas in college and yourselves too, favor Brother Covington with a dollar at once and become a regular subscriber.

I desire also to remind you of the completion and publication of the Decennial Catalogue of the Fraternity, containing names and data of all the members of Beta Theta Pi. Copies may be secured of Brother C. J. Seaman, box 26, Cleveland, O., at the following rates: Cloth, \$3; one-half Turkey, \$4; full Turkey and gilt, \$5.

To our brothers in Beta Theta Pi, all—we trust that in the foregoing you may find some interest and pleasure withal, and that on the receipt you may favor us with a rousing letter. Then will have been accomplished, in a great measure, at least, the aim of him, who with Lambda's hearty invitation to visit us whenever you can, extends, also, her best wishes, and has the honor to remain,

Yours in—Kai—,  
JAMES ALBERT CASE,

Cor. Secretary Lambda Chapter.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a call meeting of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, April 7, 1883, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted in memory of our deceased and dearly beloved brother, Benjamin Mortimer Lay:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his all-wise providence has seen fit to call him from our midst, we meet to-night in our once bright and cheerful hall with feelings of the deepest sorrow for the loss of our dear brother. Though but nineteen years of age, he had been for more than two years a zealous member

of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Winona, Miss., and showed long ago to his brethren at the K. M. I. that his fond mother who reared him had by no means forgotten to prepare him for that mysterious life beyond the grave.

We first knew the noble boy in September last when he reported at Kentucky Military Institute, which he attended up to the time of his death with marked success, and though his fond parents had ever nourished him with the most constant and tender care, he early evinced a depth of mental culture that would have done honor to a much older head. His efforts at school soon placed him among the first in his class and often gained for him an honorable mention in the columns of the *K. M. I. News*. He had always departed himself like a true, noble man; and no one in the corps of cadets can say that Mort Lay ever treated him with other than a most thoughtful and gentlemanly consideration. His desire for honors soon manifested itself and at the time of his death he was studying bravely to obtain a medal in the department of natural science—an honor which the professor informs us he would have carried off with credit to himself and parents. He had also intended to declaim for a medal at our June commencement, and with well founded hopes of success. His speech—Eternal Punishment—which he had already prepared, is a model of beauty and Mort could deliver it with an enthusiasm and eloquence that held the listener in wrapt attention; and with a touching expression from his soft, sweet eyes, that told of the gentleness and loveliness of nature. But a few short weeks ago he met us with a bright cheerful smile and said, "Mamma will soon be here to see me and I want all the boys to meet her;" and soon the devoted mother came and after remaining for several days with her only child, she bade him good-bye for the last time on earth; she had hardly reached her home when the wires announced the cruel intelligence that Mort was not expected to live. Father and mother came hurriedly to see him, but alas! scarcely had the rapid feet passed the threshold of K. M. I., than the terrible messenger of sorrow and devastation had claimed Mort for his own; and the heart broken parents arrived too late to hear even a whisper from their darling child. Oh! how lasting their agony, how heart rending their sorrow! Sad, grief stricken parents, our hearts burn with genuine pity for you both, and we would to God

that our tears could quench your anguish! We will no longer see your pleasant smile, Mort, and feel the warm pressure of your friendly hand, for

"The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo,  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On fame's eternal camping ground,  
Their silent tents are spread  
And glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead."

Kind and as affectionate as a child, true and faithful as a friend, generous, magnanimous and forgiving as a foe, his death has left a vacuum in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him, which it will be difficult to fill. Among the members of his Fraternity, Mort Lay was honored and loved, and each one of them was his warm true friend. Let us then cherish his memory, emulate his virtues and forever blot out his errors. He who was ever ready to palliate and excuse the errors of his fellow man, and whose charity was broad enough to cover all the frailties and foibles of others, might have well expected that his own should be seen dimly by his friends, if seen at all. Trusting in the goodness and mercy of that great being who is the common father of us all, let us have faith to believe that the "accusing spirit" when he flew up to Heaven's chancery to present his charges, "blushed as he gave them in," and that the recording angel when he had written them down "dropped a tear upon the words and blotted them out forever." Let us remember that in the death of our friend and brother it is well that we should reflect upon our own frailties and mortality, and the certainty that we too shall soon be called from this to another bar and another court, and in presence of the great judge of the universe.

It should admonish us to be patient, forbearing and charitable in the struggles which are necessarily incident to our lives here, and that however much of wealth, honor or fame we may acquire, we too shall soon pass away! That we are at best but worms of the dust, as frail and fleeting and unsubstantial "as the shadows of the clouds which pass over our fields and are seen and remembered no more.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave  
Await alike the inevitable hour;  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

While bitterly regretting our loss and deeply sympathizing with those who loved him, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we—the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity—deeply deplore the loss of one of our most valued and honored members, whose career was ever upright and honorable and of whose name we shall always be justly proud.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the parents and relatives of our dear dead brother our most earnest sympathy in this sad bereavement, and pray that the blessed Savior who loved their boy, may also aid them to bear up under their affliction.

*Resolved*, That the chair of our deceased brother shall be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the members of our Fraternity shall wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

*Resolved*, That copies of the above be furnished our SCROLL and the Winona *Advocate* requesting their publication.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the relatives of the deceased with a copy of the tribute.

T. C. HINDMAN,  
H. M. JOHNSON,  
BISCOE HINDMAN. }

Z. CHARLES BATDOFF

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

WHEREAS, In the providence of almighty God, for some reason which we cannot fathom, it seemed good to Him to summons, at an unexpected hour, our beloved brother, Z. Charles Batdoff, from his earthly friends, we, the members of Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in his death we recognize the loss of a social, courteous, gentlemanly and affable young man, true, generous and noble hearted, pure and unsullied in character, deeply sensitive to right and greatly averse to wrong, just and upright, extremely conscientious in all his works, words and actions, a friend to all and loved by all.

*Resolved*, That in his death we recognize the loss of a brother who was dearly loved by us one and all, who was deeply interested in the mysteries which united so many hearts and minds in one common brotherhood, who evinced those traits of character that should adorn every follower of Christ, and who well deserved to be honored and respected.

*Resolved*, That we deeply mourn his death, but submissively bow to the divine summons.

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our sincere sorrow, we extend to the parents and friends of our departed brother our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; that they be published in the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL, Tremont News and Pennsylvania College *Monthly*; that they be preserved in the archives of our Chapter.

M. C. REMSBURG,  
J. ELMER MUSSELMAN, } Com.  
F. L. BERGSTRESSER. }

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## GREEK PRESS.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for April has two poems—one fair and the other, copied from the *Century*, good; an article on "Fraternity Character," which is no doubt very learned and logical but rather unintelligible; two good communications—"Officers" and "Let us Work,"—which are written to encourage internal improvement; and the usual amount of editorials, etc. This number is hardly equal to the two preceding ones which were unusually good ones.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has been revived and is published at Springfield, O. The April number has been received with a request to exchange. The outside is not very attractive, being of a rough paper which feels like fine sand paper and of a dirty reddish color, printed in black with old-fashioned type. The inside typographical appearance is more attractive and seems to have been modeled after the *Beta Theta Pi*. It is mostly filled with an account of Phi Kappa Psi's recent convention at Pittsburg, but considerable space is devoted to Chapter letters, etc. We are much pleased with the number before us and wish the *Shield* success.

The *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* for April is quite an improvement on the preceding number both in point of mechanical make up and contents. A good poem, article on Liberty-Fraternity, reprint of Baird's review of "Secret Society System," rather flowery article on Aspiration of Life, three pages on the eternal subject of Chapter Correspondence, minutes of the Philadelphia meeting and good editorial on same, the usual amount of editorial,

Chapter letters, personals, other Fraternity and exchange notes make up a very readable number.

We can but admire the pluck and energy displayed by the editor in his management of the *Record*. When he assumed control the *Record* had only a few *bona fide* subscribers but was sent to every member of the Fraternity whose address could be ascertained, with the hope of inducing them to subscribe. The editor says "we agreed too publish it a year, money or no money," and it seems that he lived up to his agreement with "no money," or rather furnished it himself. It is to be hoped that the convention, which meets shortly, will put the *Record* on a more substantial financial basis.

The *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi for January is called the Hamilton number. With the exception of six pages of "personals" and three pages of Chapter reports its contents are devoted entirely to matters pertaining to the Hamilton Chapter and its members. An artotype of Samuel Eells, founder of the Fraternity, account of the laying of the corner stone of the Samuel Eells Memorial Hall, reminiscences of Chapter life at Hamilton, biographies of the five founders of the Fraternity and of twenty-one of the prominent Alumni of the parent Chapter make up a valuable number.

The *Star and Crescent* is published at 53 Fulton street, New York City. The editor-in-chief is probably Mr. H. C. Folger, Jr., a graduate of Cornell and son of Secretary of the Treasury Folger. The special editorial contributors are Rev. Edward Everett Hale, '38, Boston; Prof. James Morgan Hart, '60, Cincinnati; Prof. Truman Jay Backus, '64, Poughkeepsie; Richard Rogers Bowker, '68, London, Eng.; Wm. Cray Brownell, '71, New York, and Talcott Williams, Philadelphia. We understand that it is the intention of the managers of the *Star and Crescent* to devote one number to each of the Chapters of Alpha Delta Phi. It would take four years to complete the list of Chapters they now have but at the end of that time they would have an amount of historical data at hand which would be invaluable.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* Vol. I, No. 1, is on our table and is a neat little sixteen-page journal of excellent typographical appearance. From the *Quarterly* we learn that the anti-secret Fra-

ternity known as Delta Upsilon was not always known by that name. It seems that in 1834 a society of an anti-secret nature, was founded at Williams called the "Social Fraternity." In 1838 a non-secret society called *Ouden' Adelon* was formed at Union which became extinct several years prior to 1868. In 1847 the "Social Fraternity" was founded at Hamilton but the name was subsequently changed to Equitable Fraternity. July 29, 1847, saw the birth of another non-secret society at Amherst, which adopted the constitution of the Williams society but took the name of Delta Sigma. On November 10, 1847, representatives from Williams, Union and Hamilton (Amherst represented by letter) met at Troy for the purpose of organizing the four non or anti-secret societies then in existence into one Fraternity having a common name, badge and constitution. A common constitution was adopted but the matter of name and badge was deferred. At a convention May 4, 1848, it was voted that "This Association shall be called the Anti-Secret Confederation and shall consist of the Theta Phi societies of Williams, Union, Amherst and Hamilton and such other societies as may unite with us." In 1858 a convention was held at which the name of the Anti-Secret Confederation was changed to Delta Upsilon and the foundation of the Fraternity really dates from that time as prior thereto the Confederation consisted simply of four anti-secret local societies having different names, different badges and to some extent different objects. Although nominally working under the same constitution from 1847 to 1858 each Chapter had its own governing laws and little was done towards centralization.

The *Quarterly* contains three pages of editorial matter, report of the forty-eighth convention, an article on Chapter Houses and historical sketches of the Union, Amherst, Collby and Hamilton chapters from which we make the following extracts:

"Hence the introduction of Fraternities whose members were exclusively attached to one another together with the fact that they were secret aroused the most jealous antagonism.

"Not ignorant of the advantages which these societies offered, yet believing that much of the strife and bitterness which they produced was due to their secrecy, the original founders expressed their intention to combine for the diffusion of liberal principles and the

promotion of literary and social improvement. \* \* \* \* In relation to the other societies in college the members of Delta Sigma were more considerate and reasonable than the members of some of the other Chapters of the Confederation. Though expressing the belief that secret societies should be abolished, and thoroughly convinced that their own principles were right, as a rule they avoided challenging warfare. Early in the existence of the society, the question arose whether a pledge to Delta Sigma should prevent a member from joining a secret society after graduation, and the more radical insisted that their efforts should be directed against Masonry as well as Greek-Letter Fraternities. The better sentiment prevailed however, and though but few of the graduate members have become Masons, it was decided that the pledge should apply only to college societies. \* \* \* \* Soon after the meeting a room was secured for the society's use in South College. And now arose another question, important since it involved a principle which has most frequently been used as a weapon by the enemies of the society. Baird in his work on Greek-Letter Fraternities makes the remark that "The meetings of the Chapters are not open to the public in spite of the Fraternities avowed war against secrecy." Should the members invite the public to their meetings, or should they be for the members of Delta Sigma alone? Did it imply that the meetings of the society were secret because the public were not invited? The position taken on this question has been held by the society ever since; it was that the property of any institution was its own, and that no one could reasonably charge the owner with injustice because he only invited his friends. The same charge might be made that the home was a secret institution because every one could not be admitted to the family circle. \* \* \* \* It would not be desirable to discuss here the merits of the principles of the society. Only a word in regard to the success of her mission. Is it true that the increase of secret societies proves that her principles have failed? Those who make the charge do not take into consideration that over three thousand college men had their lives influenced by devotion to this principle. \* \* \* \* The theories of our Kappa and Zeta friends that a feeling of brotherhood can exist only in secret societies, the whole history and present condition of our Chapter goes to disprove. It proves

on the contrary that it cannot only exist but be as strong among the members of a non-secret society as among the members of a secret society. It proves that a meaningless 'grip' or signal not only does not constitute brotherhood, but is in no way essential to it; that warm hearts united for mutual aid in the attainment of a common and noble purpose give life to the fraternal feeling, and that hearts can be truly joined only when this purpose is known beforehand. In short it furnishes a complete vindication of the principles upon which the Fraternity was founded."

The *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, one of our favorite exchanges, is always on time, always interesting, always contains full and reliable Greek World items, is seldom boastful, never spiteful, and on the whole is an honor to Delta Tau Delta and an ornament to the Greek press.

The April number opens up with a reprint of our article on Fraternity journalism with the exception of the extract from the *Key* and our review of the *Occident*. The following is taken from the March number:

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND ITS FRATERNITY SYSTEM.

"The idea of a Michigan University was first conceived as early as 1817. The idea lived until 1837 when a commission was appointed to give it a local habitation near Ann Arbor. The present spot was selected and work immediately commenced. The first class, consisting of one student, was admitted in 1842, and graduated in 1844. The next class consisted of fifty-three members, which was the average number in the literary department for nine years. The only department for several years was the literary department. The medical college was the first added. Since then additions have been made from time to time, until now the university contains colleges, or departments of literature, science and the arts, medicine, law, pharmacy, dentistry, homœopathy and political science. The students attending these schools number more than fourteen hundred, twelve per cent. of whom are women. The number in the literary department last year was five hundred and thirteen, this year it is about the same.

"Chi Psi was the first Fraternity to enter the university, a Chapter being founded here in 1845. Beta Theta Pi followed closely in the same year, swinging pins at commencement soon after

the Chi Psi's came out. The faculty at once began to oppose the Fraternities, and when Alpha Delta Phi applied for admission in 1846, an answer to their application was delayed. During the delay however, a Chapter was organized and showed themselves at commencement of the same year. The faculty then began a more vigorous opposition, which was finally settled by the Fraternities securing the insertion of a clause in the constitution, by which regents were to be elected by the people and not appointed by the Governor, as the law had been previously. The constitution was ratified and a new board elected. At almost the first meeting of the board all but three professors of the existing faculty were dismissed and others appointed who were more liberal in their views on the Fraternity question. From that time no opposition had been shown by the faculty, and at present more than twenty per cent. of its members are Fraternity men.

"Closely following the three Fraternities named, others entered, until now there are more Fraternities represented in the University of Michigan than in any other college or university in the United States. The list of Fraternities is as follows in the order of the establishment of the living Chapters in the literary department:

"Chi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, with two ladies Fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Gamma Phi Beta; in the law department, Phi Delta Phi, Sigma Chi and Phi Chi; in the medical department, Nu Sigma Nu only. To these we may add two Fraternities, Chi Phi and Phi Alpha, recently established here, which do not confine themselves to any one department in selecting their members. In conversation the names are shortened as at most other colleges into 'Chi Psis,' 'Alpha Delts,' 'Dekes,' 'Sigs,' 'Zetes,' 'Psi Us,' 'Beta Thets,' 'Phi Kaps,' and 'Delta Taus.'

"The membership of the Fraternities is supplied from two sources. The first, those coming from abroad; these are hastily 'rushed,' and initiated, or have been pledged by some Fraternity man before coming. The second, the senior of the city high school which bears the relation of a preparatory department to the University, as there is no such department under the direction of that institution. The conditions and difficulties of the 'prep' question are

here and the method of meeting it, I commend to the Fraternity. No senior 'prep' or 'sub' is initiated, although he may be pledged in the middle of the year. Exceptions to this custom are few. The average number of members in the Chapter of the literary department, was last year a little more than sixteen, this year it is a little less. A custom has prevailed many years that does not countenance the initiation of students of any professional department into a Fraternity of the literary department.

The Fraternity system, while differing from many of the Western colleges, is like the Eastern plan in one particular—that each Chapter occupies a house in which most of the members live during their college course. These Chapter houses are more or less elegantly furnished, according to the wealth of the Chapter. Psi Upsilon occupies the most convenient of these houses, but Alpha Delta Phi is to commence work on one in the spring which is expected to be finer than the Psi U mansion. Of the Chapters in the university two only, Chi Phi and Phi Alpha, have no Chapter house.

"The various students associations are, 'The Athletic Association,' which is striving to build a gymnasium, and to promote athletic sports in the university; 'The Students Lecture Association,' which provides a course of entertainment in University Hall during the winter; the two associations which publish the college papers, the *Chronicle* and *Argonaut*. The proceeds from these various enterprises go to increase the gymnasium fund after the various managing boards have enjoyed their annual banquets. The *Sophomore Oracle* is published in the interest of that class, the proceeds going into the pockets of the editors. The Fraternities unite and issue the *Palladium*, an annual in their own interests. The editors are chosen by the Fraternities from their senior members. No Fraternity is allowed representation on the board if it has not been established here two full years.

"The politics are somewhat complicated owing to the number of Fraternities interested. I can scarcely do more than to name the combinations. The two parties are named after the journal each supports as *Argonaut* and *Chronicle*, parties. The first is composed of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta Fraternities, and a portion of the independents. While the

second is composed of Sigma Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Chi Psi and Beta Theta Pi Fraternities and the remainder of the independents. At present the Argonaut has the stronger following, that party being in the majority in the three lower classes, and controlling the Lecture Association.

Although party feeling sometimes is high, each Chapter is uniformly respectful to all the others. When one loses a member by resignation or expulsion, notice of the fact is given to all other Fraternities, represented upon the *Palladium*. To give clearly the relations existing between the Chapters and individual members, I cannot do better than to quote from an editorial upon Fraternities in a recent number of the *Argonaut*:

There are several peculiarities in the system at Ann Arbor which deserve to be noted. One is the diffidence which the Fraternities seem to manifest about appearing before the public in any way. They are never mentioned in the college papers, except where it is necessary as a matter of news. It electrifies a student of the university to take up a periodical published at some other college and read that Mr. Smith, of '86, was elected into some Fraternity or other a few nights since, and to see items of news in which the meeting rooms of the different societies are glibly mentioned. It seems best to avoid all unnecessary mention of society affairs; hence it happens often that subjects which form the common talk and gossip of a large proportion of the students are never hinted at in the college papers.

The same diffidence to which the peculiarity is traceable shows itself in the conversation of Fraternity men in the unnecessary caution displayed, and in their unwillingness, as a rule, to speak of their own societies. This produces in some Fraternities a policy of exclusion, injurious to the system as a whole, and unpleasant for the rest of the community. This exclusive policy brings about another result which distinguishes the customs of Fraternities at the university from those of any other colleges, viz: The practice of taking men only for the freshman year. It is becoming quite rare for men to be elected after they have passed the first year, much more so than formerly. If the Fraternity system is what it claims to be, there is no reason why men should not be taken later in the course, after they have had time to develop their good qualities. In other respects the secret

societies at the university much resemble those at other institutions, and it is perhaps as good a place to study their good or bad influence as can be found."

The following is from the January number of the *Beta Theta Pi*:

"A FRATERNITY man in college should never forget that he is not merely a Fraternity man. He sustains other relations that he has no right to ignore or underrate because of that one. His obligations to his college, his class, or his literary society, for example, must never be set aside nor interfered with by his ties as a Fraternity man. Render Cæsar his own, but all things are not Cæsar's.

Fraternity brethren are bound to help each other and promote each other's interests, not in *all* ways, but in all *honorable* ways. And they are bound *not* to help each other in any dishonorable way by the same law that binds all men alike to keep from stealing or lying. Now, no way is an honorable one which leads to the substitution of the lower for the higher allegiance. And there certainly are times when one's allegiance to his Fraternity cannot rightfully be made the first consideration.

Elections for college, class, or literary society honors are such occasions. At these elections a voter's first duty is, assuredly, not to his Fraternity at all, but to his college, his class, or his society, as the case may be. He is bound to vote for the man who is, according to his honest judgment, best fitted for the position and most deserving of the honor at the hands of the body holding the election. And he is bound *not* to vote for a Fraternity brother in preference to a man better qualified for the place, just as much as he is bound to tell the truth. No possible ingenuity can change or obscure this fact. It will, of course, be the inevitable and laudable desire of a Fraternity man to bring honor upon his Fraternity. But he has only one lawful way by which to do this: he can see to it that his Chapter is composed of men capable of fairly winning such honor for themselves and their Fraternity. He should desire, in behalf of his Fraternity, not "honors," technically so-called, but *honor-men*—men, that is, who can win "honors" upon their merits. And he no more owes it to his Fraternity to seek to add to her renown by helping one of her men to an "honor" he does not deserve than a man owes it to his wife to try to steal a diamond for her hair.

Duties do not conflict. In the presence of the higher the lower has not existence. If a man is called upon to vote for class orator, he owes it to his class to vote for the best man. To his dearest Fraternity brother, who may be a candidate for the place, he owes, if that brother be not, in his honest opinion, the best man—nothing; and to his Fraternity, if she have not that best man in her ranks, he likewise owes—nothing.

It is perfectly true that friendship may bias the judgment of the most upright. And no one complains of the motive, whatever he may think of the intelligence, of the man who honestly finds in his friend greater qualities than others see, and so prefers him before stronger and better rivals in a contest. So, also, of two men, one of whom we know but slightly, and of whose strength we cannot be certain, we will naturally and properly choose to confer honor upon the former, though events may afterward prove that the second man would have better filled the post. Again, of two men of equal abilities and fitness for the position sought by both, we will be perfectly right in choosing to favor the one better known to us, rather than the one less known, the friend rather than the mere acquaintance. The men who "stand by their friends" in either of these ways do not come under the condemnation of the law we are setting forth. But the student who always gives a Fraternity brother the preference in any contest or election in college, just because he *is* a Fraternity brother, and without regard to the manifest qualifications of the candidates, not only proves disloyal to his college, but brings dishonor upon the Fraternity for whose good name he professes to be solicitous. If it could be shown that the principle upon which he acts is one universally characteristic of his fellow-Fraternity men, any college would be justified in ordering such a Fraternity to disband upon the plain ground of antagonism to good order and the best interests of the institution. But no thoroughly honest Fraternity man does or will allow himself to be actuated by any such principle. He will remember that the real basis and end of the Fraternity relation is a friendship which aims at mutual helpfulness in *being*, rather than in *seeming*, and that the sway of common ethics is not more absolute anywhere in this complex life than it is in the realm of friendship and fraternal regard."

The *Beta Theta Pi* has begun the

publication of a series of articles on "the objects of Alumni Chapters" which seems to have been prepared by one who has carefully studied the subject. A valuable feature of this periodical is the publication of the full names, addresses, classes, dates of initiation and courses in college of all members initiated from one convention to another. This is required by the Fraternity's statutes. Speaking of itself the *Beta Theta Pi* says: "Looking forward to the coming year, plans are being laid for the improvement and modification, in many particulars, of the paper as now published. It is probable that the form of the publication will be changed, a new title page adopted, and increased facilities provided for the collection of Fraternity and college news, and a high order of contributed articles. The amount of matter will be increased and new and interesting features introduced. Constant improvement is the demand in the rapidly growing field of Fraternity journalism."

The burden of preparing the *Golden Key* seems to fall almost entirely on the editress, Miss Minnetta Taylor. In the last number the Chapter letters and a "Kappa Song" (to the air of "Last Cigar") are the only contributed pieces. The fair editress, however, is fully equal to the responsibility. A poem deep in thought and beautiful in construction and a prose article full of the richest word painting do great credit to her literary ability. The following is from the editorial department anent the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference: "We give the plan our most cordial support, and earnestly hope that Kappa Kappa Gamma will participate in it. There are many points of discipline which one Fraternity cannot carry out unless the others are governed by similar laws; the rapidly increasing number and publicity of Fraternity papers will raise new complications in Fraternity ethics; and it is particularly desirable that the assembled Fraternities should determine their individual rights and privileges in order that they may not ignorantly trespass upon those of each other." Strong grounds are taken against extreme secrecy among Fraternities, the concluding words being, "may the Pan-Hellenic Conference strike off some of the shackles of non-essential Greek secrecy, so that we may show the world that we are well-intentioned at least." There are seventeen Chapters now in the Fraternity, and letters are published

from five of them. We notice that the Chapters are divided into Provinces, named by Greek letters, as is the case with Phi Delta Theta.

The *Key* has for its motto the line from Loksley Hall:

"Every door is barr'd with gold, and opens  
but to golden keys."

As an exchange says; "Tennyson undoubtedly had a very different idea in his head, to which to attach this sounding line, from that to which it is applied by the fair editoresses of the *Golden Key*." If we are not mistaken, the mission of Kappa Kappa Gamma is to instill into the minds and hearts of her fair adherents a love for the true, the beautiful and the good; therefore it is only appropriate that chaste gold should accompany these charming attributes of femininity. Another, and probably a more important mission, is to instill into all the hearts and minds of the sterner sex a love for the true, the beautiful and the good personified in the wearers of the Golden Key; therefore the lines immediately following the above would also make an appropriate motto:

"Every gate is" (or should be) "thronged  
with suitors, all the markets overflow."

Snyder, dear to the hearts of Delta Tau Deltas, was doubtless suffering from a severe attack of admiration when he wrote his spring poem "To the ladies of the *Golden Key*," and our fair, frail and delicate friend of the *Key* undoubtedly had in mind the motto which we suggested, especially the parathetical part, when she aimed a broadside from her poetic battery loaded with "*Salve Frater*" at the "gentleman who was requested to purchase a canine."

During our recent visit among our Indiana Phis we had the pleasure of a three minutes conversation with, or rather three minutes listening to, Miss Taylor. She did all the talking and we sustained our reputation most admirably as a listener. She was rather severe and ironical in her remarks and expressed surprise at finding that the editor of the *SCROLL* was not "very tall, very dark and very fierce and sarcastic." Had mentally pictured us as a distinguished looking brunette Adonis with a supercilious curl to our left hand upper lip and cynical expression in our right eye. Did not know that we were a youthful specimen of *genus homo*, very short, very chunky, rejoicing in the possession of a very red head and very "unpretty."

The May number of *Beta Theta Pi* which has just put in an appearance calls attention to the D. K. E. *Quarterly's* mistake in attributing to us the authorship of the review of Mr. Aiken's work on the "Secret Society System" which we copied from, and gave due credit to, the *Beta Theta Pi*. We are sorry they did it as we much preferred that it should have been left for us to do. Although we would be glad to father such a production still we believe in "honor to whom honor is due" and would most assuredly have rectified the mistake of the *Quarterly* without any reminder. The exchange editor says, "we grieve to see that the *SCROLL* speaks of our friendly and appreciative remarks about the *Diamond* as a "neat little piece of sarcasm." It was nothing of the sort. It was an honest effort to call the attention of Fraternity men to the surpassing merits of the *Diamond* as a humorous paper. Admiration is not sarcasm."

We plead ignorance about many things but hardly think ourselves so obtuse as to confound "admiration" with a "neat piece of sarcasm." If the *Beta Theta Pi's* remarks about the *Diamond* be not well leavened with sarcasm, then is gall all turned to gizzard—bitter irony to admiring appreciation. However, if we are mistaken, we beg pardon.

The following kind mention and friendly and valuable advice is from the Trowbridgian *Sigma Chi*: "As noticed elsewhere, the *SCROLL* has determined to exchange once more. But we see that certain portions of two Chapter reports are cut out, evidently on purpose. Now, don't be afraid to let your rivals see what you say of them, or if you clipped what should not be seen by other than Phi eyes, it would be best not to put it in at all. Of course we don't know what was taken from the copy of the December issue we received, and it may be other copies were treated likewise, but take our advice and don't do it again. It don't look well to say the least."

The insinuation which the paper makes are uncalled for and unjust. Now be it known to all to whom these presents shall come that we do not care who reads what we publish concerning the suspicious *Sigma Chi* or any other Fraternity.

The Greek World may be assured that we intend to treat all Fraternities fairly. We would like for them to understand the reason of the previous *sub rosa* char-

acter of the SCROLL. Unfortunately at several colleges where Phi Delta Theta is established, the faculties are hostile to such societies as ours. Some of our Chapters, therefore, have to be very circumspect and guarded in order that the faculties may not hear of their existence through letters, publications or other means of information as the consequences would be serious. Some Chapters have declared that they would be obliged to return their charters if the SCROLL were allowed to circulate outside of our Fraternity. We think they are now satisfied that the danger is not so great, and hence we have returned to the exchange system. We hope that our esteemed cotemporaries now understand.

Since the above was written we have received the April number marked "extra edition" and, as another exchange remarks, it "is an extra edition in several particulars." The place of publication has been changed from Gettysburg, Pa., to Madison, Ind., and Walter L. Fisher is the new editor-in-chief, *vice* C. R. Trowbridge, resigned. Typographically it is a great improvement over former issues and barring a few "bad breaks" is a beauty. At first glance the title page is very pleasing but upon closer inspection one is impressed with the likeness of the armorial bearings to a section of an iron fence after dark. The Sigma Chi badge and numerous unnecessary and unmeaning flourishes takes the place of the fancy fret-work; "published bi-monthly" is a good substitute for the bottom rail and "*In Hoc Signo Vinces*" serves for the top rail. The owl perched upon the latter and the "halo of glory" coming from nowhere in particular, heightens the illusion and makes it seem as if the stray bird of wisdom had just settled down for a short rest and had gotten between the observer and a light in the basement window.

Our impression is that it is also an improvement in other respects over former issues. We only received three copies under the former management, one of which (and it by the way was the best we have received with the exception of this one) consisted of the cover and stub from which all the reading matter had been cut.

The editor, as is seen by the following extract, originates rather a novel, but at the same time sound, argument, to sustain Sigma Chi's claim to excellence:

"Recently we have heard advocated against Sigma Chi the fact of her youth;

and whether or not the gentlemen who made the inference regarded youth as a fault or crime, Sigma Chi is proud to say that it is in her youth she glories most. True it is that she sprung into existence not many years ago and that her progress was soon checked by the advent of the civil war. But with the true vitality of youthful blood she rallied from the blow and has made a record which she dares to offer in comparison with the oldest and strongest of her rivals. Yes, it is among the young men of this country that Sigma Chi loves to show you her sons and tell you that in a time when powerful Fraternities already possessed the field, when difficulties were innumerable and help unknown, then she raised her young arm and claimed a place by the right inherent in the principles which she has always advocated. She points you to Hon. J. M. Hamilton, thirty-five years old and Governor of Illinois, to Hon. L. C. Collins, jr., the youngest man who has ever been made Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, unanimously nominated for the position, to the men who have graduated from the colleges of the West and South during the last ten or twenty years; and she claims that the "white cross" glistens on the breast of the finest and truest men,—young men that have during these years gone forth from college halls. Other Fraternities may point to a long list of departed and honored *alumni*. Sigma Chi does not rest her claims upon such ground. Her roll of honor contains the names of men who stand by the side of any that her rivals can boast; but she talks not of these. She lives not in the past, but in the present."

We notice from the directory that W. R. Asher, the self-confessed plagiarist, of Indiana University, is one of the "special Chapter contributors" and the following brilliant production no doubt emanated from his gigantic intellect: "It is confidently asserted that C. L. Goodwin, Phi Delta Theta, of Bloomington, Ind., stole his prize speech last year from Vol. 129, of the *North American Review*. Not having looked it up, we can give no opinion."

Mr. Asher would have displayed better taste if he had allowed that little matter to drop as, unfortunately for him, the circumstances connected with it are known as are also the motives which actuated him to cause the publication of the contemptable item which is utterly without foundation.

The facts are these; at the primary oratorical contest at Bloomington, Mr. Asher was awarded first place, but before his credentials, entitling him to represent Indiana University at the State contest at Indianapolis, were given him, it was discovered that he had been guilty of gross plagiarism. The matter was referred to a committee of three citizens of Bloomington, which committee to say the least, was a peculiar one and their report exceedingly so. Mr. Asher *did not deny that he had been guilty of literary theft*, but the committee, after expurgating the passages of his speech which had been stolen, reported in favor of allowing him to represent the university, at Indianapolis. This seems a queer transaction to students of other colleges and to all fair-minded people as it is *prima facie* evidence that a man, who is so devoid of honor as to be guilty of plagiarism and then, tacitly if not by the ordinary written pledge, leave people under the impression that his production was entirely original, is no fit person to represent his college in any respect and is entitled to very little consideration from honest people. This is exactly the view that the President and faculty of the university took of the matter and their action resulted in Mr. Asher's suspension.

Now as to his motives in causing the publication of the above item. After his little crookedness had been discovered, not having the assurance to deny it in the face of the overwhelming proofs against him he offered as a palliating circumstance the *misstatement* that Brother Goodwin, who had won first place in the State contest the preceding year—and that too without a hint of dishonorable means being used,—had been guilty of the same offense that he (Asher) had just been convicted of.

It seems to us that it is rather cowardly to attempt to shield ones self by falsely accusing another or striving to make ones own short-comings appear less culpable by dragging another person down to ones own level.

This accusation naturally incensed Brother Goodwin and in order to vindicate himself he took the manuscript of his oration and books from which he had derived his information on the subject of his oration, to the President or some member of the faculty, and requested that a thorough examination should be made to ascertain whether or not Mr. Asher's accusation was without foundation. The examination showed

*that there was not the slightest evidence of plagiarism.*

On account of his false accusation Brother Goodwin took an active part in fastening Mr. Asher's guilt upon him in which he succeeded.

Mr. Asher, not stopping to reflect that it was himself who gave the first offense in the hope of injuring Brother Goodwin, caused the above to be published. Our readers can now take the item for just what it is worth.

There is a saying that "we must crawl before we can walk," and while it has proved true with most of us the fallacy of it, in at least one instance, has been shown by the *D. K. E. Quarterly*. The *Quarterly* never did crawl, never did even walk but made its advent upon the field of Fraternity journalism with a hop-skip-and-jump and is now moving about upon stilts—being so much above the average.

The second number is like the first—good in every department, and we doubt whether the *Quarterly* or any other Fraternity journal will ever reach a higher standard than that maintained by the *Quarterly* at present. If it ever develops into a monthly and keeps up its present degree of excellence, then will be reached the acme of Fraternity journalistic perfection.

It opens with an artotpye of "the D. K. E. temple" at Yale, which, by the way, resembles a brick smoke house infinitely more than it does a temple, but then you know that "D. K. E. temple" sounds better than D. K. E. smoke house. A well written article by Edward Griffin Bartlett, Yale '46, gives an account of the foundation and early customs of the parent (Yale) Chapter. "Procrustes—a sermon in Rhyme," by Willis Judson Beecher, Hamilton '58, is well worth reading. Seven pages are devoted to the best account we have yet seen of the meeting at Philadelphia. The writer does not confine himself to the rather unsatisfactory minutes of the meeting, although he makes quotations when necessary, but enlarges upon and gives his own views about the subject. He says: "Greek-Letter societies in this country have become so great; their internal organization so complete; their endeavors and enterprises so ambitious, and their general objects and goal of achievement, in the main, so uniform, that it is expedient and necessary that there should be a conference, of some nature, of Fraternities in general, for mutual understanding and benefit. With

their growth, this need has increased until at the present time, it seems imperative. \* \* \* It is to be remarked that this was probably the first time in the history of the Greeks, that representatives of the Fraternities at large have assembled with the common purpose of promoting mutual advantages and possibilities, and all conferences heretofore have been confined locally to Chapters or to individual Fraternities. In this assembly, for the first time in Fraternity history, were collected representatives from extended and powerful orders dominant in widely separated sections of the country; not delegated, it is true, with authority from their respective Fraternities, but each filling important and honorable positions in his own Fraternity; each having its best interests at heart, and each conscious of the fact that a new birth or a new departure in the course and bearings of Fraternity endeavor, might be at hand. \* \* \* After adjournment the editors lingered to compare notes, and passed a few hours in pleasant conversation and graphic narrating of their woes and trials; and each had sympathy for the other, and could respond to the latest experience with the comforting words, "we have been there before." Many plans were talked over, and the lines of Fraternity feeling melted away in the desire to mutually aid and assist the enterprises of brother editors, and with many hand shakes and kind words the editors separated to go back to their editorials and exchanges, the Chapter letters and—the subscription list."

The *Quarterly* chronicles a very sad event. At a D. K. E. banquet held by the Kenyon Chapter one Saturday night in April, 1869, at Gambier, Ohio, Mr. Henry Kirke White, of the class of '64, read a poem, which we give below, and on the following Monday he died after an illness of but a few hours, although he was in perfect health when he read it.

## I.

When I've gone and left you, fellows,  
And fairy nights of June  
Throw shadows o'er my grave, fellows,  
With trees and stars and moon.  
And the old park rings again, fellows,  
With pæans loud and free,  
That vocalize soul harmonies  
Inspired by D. K. E.

## II.

Before you say good night, fellows,  
And form the "Mystic Ring"

To chant "Io Triumphe," fellows,  
And crown good will your King;  
Before the sacred grip, fellows,  
Has passed the circle round,  
And the echoes cease to vibrate  
With the pulses of sweet sound;

## III.

Stroll over by the church, fellows,  
Beneath its sacred shade,  
To the little mound that marks, fellows,  
The place where I am laid.  
And cluster 'round the head-stone, fel-  
lows,  
Nor sink your voices low,  
Lest strains of earthly music  
Disturb the form below.

## IV.

I do not want a dirge, fellows,  
A funeral refrain,  
Because my voice will fail, fellows,  
To chime with yours again.  
So, sing no requiem sad, fellows,  
Nor weep—that shroud and pall  
Must, some day in the future,  
Enwrap the forms of all.

## V.

But roll along the glee we sung  
When I was with you last,  
That foretells "Delta's" future  
From the glories of her past,  
And merry join the chorus.  
—What if your voice don't chord?—  
I'll only hear your *spirit*,  
And not the spoken word.

## VI.

And I will get the fellows  
That have preceded me,  
Who in the flesh were members  
Of the same old D. K. E.  
We'll listen to your chanting,  
If your hearts be in the strain,  
And in our spirit land, boys,  
We'll be Delta Kaps again.

In the editorial columns the *Quarterly* says of the Pan-Hellenic Conference: "The composition of the Conference will probably be such as to command the attention and respect of the entire 'Greek' world; yet we doubt if this first meeting will do anything more than discuss the various questions brought up, and make certain recommendations in regard to them. The idea of the Conference is so novel, and many of the delegates will feel so uncertain as to their powers, that their united action will doubtless be conservative. \* \* \* Equally important with such legislation will be the moral effect of the Con-

ference if it is properly carried through. It will inaugurate an era of good feeling and mutual understanding, which will gradually put an end to the practice of misrepresenting rivals, which some Chapters still indulge in during close 'campaigns.'"

We also clip the following from the editorial columns:

\* \* \* \* \* Thus—following precedent—had we invoked, and then waited for the afflatus which should inspire the sounding periods in which the Mahon-Smithiad should ring down the revolving years. Pending the arrival of the muse, we were collecting such strains as—'Arma virumque cano,' 'When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war,' when the Utica-dwelling Herald, dear to Apollo, uttered the winged words, to be repeated, not rivalled by mortals:

"The students' duel, which was to have saturated the sands of Long Island and reddened the waters of the sound with gore, was a case of Greek vs. Greek—Alpha Delta Phi vs. Theta Delta Chi. Members of these societies, who had always been friends, were enjoying a 'social' at the classical shrine known in the English tongue of New York as the 'White Elephant.' A member of one society spoke disparagingly of the other. A war of words ensued which concluded thus:

Mr. Smith—Phi, Phi! to you.

Mr. Mahon—Chi, Chi! to you.

Subsequently Mr. Smith denied saying so. Mr. Mahon said he did.

Mr. Smith—'I didn't.'

Mr. Mahon—'You did.'

Mr. Smith—'You travel apart from the truth.'

M. Mahon—'You're another.'

Then Mr. Smith snote Mr. Mahon upon the cheek, and Mr. Mahon said: 'You'll hear from me.'

"Preparations for blood letting immediately began. Mr. Mahon's seconds, no 'snide' affair, either, one being a Brazilian count and the other a Castilian of purple tinted blood, waited on Mr. Smith and informed him that the insult to their principal could only be washed out in blood. They offered him for the place Long Island, and for engines of massacre foils without buttons. The purpose of the fierce Mahon was not to cut but to perforate. Being the challenged party, Mr. Smith's friends demurred to the dictation of weapons, and after several days' negotiations pistols were substituted for foils. The seconds tried to arrange matters between

the belligerents, but nothing short of the weltering corpse of his enemy would satisfy the honor of either. Therefore, it was appointed to cross the Hellespont (*Anglice*—Hell Gate) above Blackwell Island, and on Persian territory determine, for posterity and the archives of their respective societies, which was the better Greek. The seconds provided that, however much noise there might be, there should be no blood. They had blank cartridges for the dueling pistols, and, besides, a mutual friend quietly posted the police on the affair. So it happened that as all but Mr. Smith were gathered on the hither shore waiting for the boat to waft them to the field of honor, the unpoetic 'cops' came upon them, and the scene of strife was changed from the honor grounds of Long Island to the vulgar quarters of Yorkville court.

"It is such episodes as this that show the real progress we have made since mankind has been free from the demoralizing influence of familiar association with the gods. So prodigal was the sacrifice of warriors required for an epic in the old time, that the possible number of such productions was limited to one in a generation, and a funeral was the approved finale of any discussion between heroes.

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"But in these favored days, the dude-provoking Smith and the Titan-defying Mahon may still move among breathing men, and safe, except from the approach of old age, may yet furnish the theme not merely of epics to sate the world, but of numberless tales of chivalric daring and of morals wherewith to adorn the same.

*O, sic si sic semper!*"

Considerable space is devoted to "doing up" exchanges, and it is done in fine style. The exchange editor's remarks are bright and interesting and every paper is treated fairly but if it has any weak points or makes a questionable statement it may expect to hear from the *Quarterly*. As can be seen from the *Beta Theta Pi* and our remarks about the same, the *Quarterly* made a mistake in attributing friend Baird's review of Aiken's book to us.

The *Quarterly* says of us:

"The SCROLL evidently feels that it can afford to be generous, for it expresses itself as so much moved by the editorials of the *Occident* that it has 'not a doubt, even if facts and statements were not produced, that the Fraternity system at the University of California was abominable,' all of which

is pardonable in view of the fact, that there remains there of Phi Delta Theta only the ashes of a funeral pyre, to which the *Occident*, believing, doubtless—as did Sheridan, of Indiana—that dead Chapters are the only good ones, contributed incense-bearing woods for the more complete combustion of the same. We congratulate the *SCROLL* upon its circulation of seven hundred and twenty-one, but must correct its error in suggesting that this 'is probably a larger number than is issued by any other Fraternity journal.' Our own January edition was some hundreds above three thousand, while our April one will be larger yet, and we are already figuring up the cost of a new edition of the January number."

In the first place we think the *Quarterly* has treated us badly in making such a horrible botch of its alleged quotation from us. It strikes us that our remarks about the *Occident* as the *Quarterly* gives them is rather awkward, and, while it may be improved upon, the original is much better English. We said: "We have not a doubt, since reading the *Occident*, even if facts and statistics were not produced to prove the assertion, but that the Fraternity system at the University of California is, or rather was, abominable, and that it possessed few of the better features of the system as seen at other colleges and universities and the worst features predominated to an alarming extent." We made the statement in good faith and intend to stick to it. Ever since we began to study the Fraternity question we have heard that the Fraternity system at Yale, Ohio Wesleyan and University of California, although each differing widely from the others, had many objectionable features and our perusal of the *Occident* fully confirmed the statement as to University of California. The *Occident's* quotations from the "black list" show that there was more innate cussedness to the square inch among Fraternity men at the University of California than would be tolerated at most of our other colleges or by the executive authorities of the Fraternities if the conduct of the Chapters came to their ears. For instance a member of a Fraternity—Chi Phi or Zeta Psi, we have forgotten which, but incline to the belief that it was the former—with more money than brains and more disregard for common decency than either, conceived the brilliant idea that, as his college duties were very arduous, he should have a

helpmate, so he determined to indulge in matrimony on the "temporary plan." With this object in view he hid himself away to the city and having selected from a *maison de joie* a frail fair one of the soiled dove persuasion, took her to Berkley and introduced her at his boarding house as his *sister*.

It may be claimed that a Chapter should not be held responsible for the shortcomings of an individual member. This is true to a certain extent, but on the other hand a Chapter *is* responsible for such things to a *greater* extent and criminales itself as a body by countenancing such action on the part of one of its members. In this case the Chapter did worse than merely countenance the goings on of this brilliant specimen of gilded young America. The aforesaid frail maiden became a *sister*, not only to the youth who had brought her to Berkley but also to the Chapter, and quite a number of these gentlemen (?) entered the matrimonial market on the temporary plan and the same "temporary" became common property. And yet, in the face of this, our friend, the *Quarterly*, seems to think it strange that we should call the Fraternity system at the University of California "abominable." It is by no means pleasant for us to chronicle such action on the part of persons belonging to a Greek Fraternity and we only do it for the sake of sustaining our point. If the system as formerly existing at the place in question was not "abominable" it was to say the least disgraceful.

His simile as to defunct savages and Chapters that are no more is good—probably the best the exchange editor ever uttered, but we are sorry to see that our critical friend attributes our expression of opinion entirely to the influence of "incense bearing wood." We hope that we are capable of forming and giving utterance to an unbiased opinion, although we are fully aware that it is not of any great importance, and can assure the *Quarterly* that our opinion would have been the same—or strengthened—if the *Occident* had mentioned Phi Delta Theta in the same category with D. K. E., or even Zeta Psi and Chi Phi. Indeed we were greatly, and at the same time pleasantly, surprised to learn that Phi Delta Theta had left an honorable record at the University of California. It was something we did not expect as it seemed impossible that a pure Fraternity could exist side by side with such Fraternities as the histories of rivals show them to have been

without partaking of their nature. Phi Delta Theta did maintain an honorable existence for three years, but it was only a question of time as to when she would sink to the level of her rivals. As the *Occident* says: "When it became evident to its founders and to its best members that its degeneration was inevitable and that it must become in time what Zeta Psi has since become, like honest and honorable men who had failed in an honorable purpose, they dissolved their organization and sent back their charter." As a general thing dead Chapters are tender subjects and sources of regret to the Fraternity of which they were a part—the Harvard Chapters of Psi U. and D. K. E. are good examples—but we can honestly say that we would much prefer to enter California Alpha in our catalogue as a dead Chapter with an honorable record than as a living Chapter on a par with rivals who have survived her.

Now as to our misstatement about circulation. We acknowledge that we made a mistake, a very slight one—only twenty-two hundred and seventy-nine and "some hundreds above"—and beg pardon if we have hurt the *Quarterly's* feelings, but then you know we said "Fraternity journal" and anything that does not appear but four times a year ought not count as such, besides the *Quarterly* had just "bobbed up serenely" upon the scene of action and we did not know whether to consider it as a permanent institution or not, and—and—well it don't make any difference to us any how.

But seriously, we congratulate the *Quarterly* most heartily that it has been received with such substantial and well merited appreciation at the hands and pockets of the knights of "red, blue and gold." We envy but do not grudge them their circulation of "some hundreds over three thousand."

Perhaps it would be of interest to the Phi World to know how the *Quarterly*, as yet in its early infancy, can boast of a subscription list of five or six times as large as that of any other similar publication. The *Quarterly* has, or rather the Chapters of D. K. E. have, adopted a plan which is the best, if not the only, practical one of placing a Fraternity's publication in the hands of its Alumni. Each Chapter voluntarily pledges itself and pays for a certain number of copies which they expect to circulate among their Alumni. If the Alumni in turn pay the Chapter for the *Quarterly* so much the better for all parties con-

cerned; if they do not pay it is sent to them any way and great good accrues to the Fraternity from the simple fact that nearly every living member of D. K. E. is kept informed as to what his Fraternity is doing, and being thus informed naturally keeps up an active interest. The price of subscription is \$2 per annum. Six of the Chapters have contributed as follows and other Chapters have not completed their lists as yet, hence they are not published: Yale, \$700; Columbia, \$600; Dartmouth, \$300; College of the City of New York, \$300; Cornell, \$200, and Trinity, \$100. Thus the *Quarterly's* income is already \$2,200 with twenty-two Chapters to hear from. It seems as if the *Quarterly* ought to get along right nicely on that amount.

There is no doubt but that the Eastern Fraternities have the best of Western ones wherever the almighty dollar is concerned.

Immediately following "exchanges" the *Quarterly* devotes a dozen or so pages to "Greek World items," or as they call it, "our Greek World" rather than "the Greek World." In speaking of this departure of the *Quarterly* the *Beta Theta Pi* says: "This journal has the audacity—for we can call it nothing else—to print an estimate of the more prominent Fraternities as they exist in colleges where D. K. E. has Chapters." It does require a little audacity to enter upon such an undertaking with a hope of fairly representing the comparative strength and standing of each of the Fraternity Chapters that D. K. E. comes in contact with in colleges all over the country, but the *Quarterly* has succeeded remarkably well and seems to have given each rival its just dues. The "items" in question are valuable to D. K. E., inasmuch as it gives the entire active membership, a tolerable accurate understanding as to what rivalry the Fraternity has to contend with at each of its Chapters.

Another, and extremely valuable, feature of the *Quarterly* are the items of information concerning the institutions wherein D. K. E. has a home. They are arranged like Chapter reports and on an average of half a page is devoted to each college.

The contents of the Chapter letters, twenty-eight in number, are devoted almost entirely to a statement of the number of medals taken by D. K. E.'s, the number of Dekes in baseball nines, foot ball teams, boat crews and other athletic sports, and the showing is good.

It is questionable, however, whether it is well to make the true fraternal spirit subservient to a craving for scholastic, athletic, and college political honors, which seem to be the case with all distinctly Eastern Fraternities. It is a fact that Chapter letters in Eastern Fraternity journals seldom if ever contains an expression of interest in and brotherly feeling for the members of other Chapters. In this respect journals of Eastern Fraternities differ widely from those of the West.

The "March & April" number of the Zeta Psi *Monthly* has just been received and is a great improvement upon the *Monthly* as a Canadian enterprise. The editor grows pardonably exultant over Zeta Psi's success in the Queen's Dominion and in a burst of enthusiasm, becomes very visionary as to extension as can be seen by the following extract, the last sentence of which is decidedly *a la Psi U. Diamond*: "Our Fraternity is the first to venture without the province of Uncle Sam, and this venture has met with such signal success that further mission work is urged. May we not even hope in time to plant the seeds of Tau Kappa Phi in the universities of the Old World and ultimately claim membership in a Fraternity upon whose dominion the sun never sets? The task would be stupendous, but not impossible. Nothing is impossible where Zeta Psi is concerned."

Zeta Psi has been very successful so far in her venture beyond the borders of the United States, but it is safe to say that the dream of the *Monthly* about foreign extension will not have been realized before the Millennium is upon us. Chi Phi is the only Fraternity that has ever tried the European experiment. In 1867 a Chapter was placed in Edinburg University by some "Kiffies" who had gone to Scotland to complete their education. The experiment did not result successfully and the Chapter died after a short existence, and, we believe, without having made any initiations. We also understand that a prominent member of Beta Theta Pi, while traveling in Europe several years ago, had *carte blanche* from the board of directors to plant the banner of the immortal dog eaters in any institution of learning of the Old World which he might deem a fit home for the sons of Wooglin. His report was unfavorable to the movement and since that time Beta Theta Pi is constitutionally re-

stricted to the United States of America.

We, also, have indulged in day dreams about an inter-national or pan-national Fraternity with branches in all the leading Colleges and Universities of the great nations of the globe, but time and close investigation of the subject have confirmed us in the belief that the scheme is utterly impracticable. There is not a doubt but that such a Fraternity, composed of highly educated men scattered all over the world but having the same general aims, objects and ambitions, and knit together by a common bond of union, would be of great benefit to society in general and the College world in particular.

A great deal could be said to show the impracticability of the scheme but it is not our purpose to enlarge upon the theme. We will say this much however. The chief obstacle is that student life at European universities is entirely different from that at American ones, and we could hardly expect European students to conform to our manners and customs, and, from the nature of our Greek-Letter Fraternities, we could not conform to theirs. In England, for instance, the lines of social distinction are as clearly defined and as strictly adhered to in the Universities as in after life. In America our Fraternities, which recognize the superiority of one man over his fellow man only so far as he may possess inherent qualities of a superior nature, being institutions of a Republic, could not well draw their membership from a class of society where so much stress is laid upon aristocracy as in England, and still retain their individuality as organizations founded upon the principles of social equality.

In Germany as in England, the same state of affairs exist but in a much less degree on account of the immense number of Barons, which title is of meagre importance, causing German nobility to be rather at a discount, and on account of the cosmopolitan character of her great Universities where a man's social (in the sense of birth) worth is made subservient to his intellectual worth. But on account of the migratory habits of students of German Universities, Chapters of such Fraternities as ours could not well exist. Professors go from one university to another, remaining for a short time only, lecturing on special subjects, and a large number of students follow them. In this way the same students attend three or four different universities in one year. From

this fact it is evident that a Fraternity could not be assured of a permanent establishment and must be "necessarily destined to a short life, or at least to a precarious existence." Although these Universities support the "colored cap corps," societies which take the place of, but are not at all similar to, our Greek-Letter Fraternities, this on the wing life of their members does not interfere with their objects. The objects of these "corps" seem to be to educate their members in the high art of consuming immense quantities of the national beverage and to instruct them how to give and receive wounds which cause those highly prized scars—mementoes of a duel with foils between representatives of corps of different colored caps. This highly commendable system of education can be prosecuted as well at one place as another but to maintain a good Chapter of a Fraternity the members should be a well selected number of congenial students permanently settled in one place for a year at least. Unless this is the case it is impossible to accomplish any real good Chapter work.

However if Zeta Psi ever makes the attempt we will watch her efforts with interest and congratulate her in the event of success.

The *Monthly* taking the cue from the *Quarterly*, or perhaps from a firm conviction that we were guilty of an unpardonable error in expressing an opinion contrary to that entertained by its editor, all because Zeta Psi happens to have a Chapter at the University of California, must needs make the following comment upon our remarks about the *Occident*: "Fraternity editors are but human, and subject to the same weakness and frailties of less dignified mankind. We have heard of an anti-Fraternity paper, the *Occident*, published at the University of California, and must at the same time confess, have heard little good of it. To our surprise the *SCROLL*, the organ of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, defends this publication and credits its editor with the possession of most estimable and desirable traits of character. Somewhat puzzled at first by this laudatory notice of a common fraternal enemy, our comprehension was made clear upon reading in the article an extract from the *Occident* in which Phi Delta Theta was singled out from its unregenerate rivals as worthy of passing commendation. Of course a little 'back-scratching' is always in order. The *SCROLL* is a prosperous monthly, and reflects credit upon its editor."

We did not realize that we had done anything so very awful when such a small affair as the *Quarterly* mentioned our little shortcoming, but when the most high and mighty recent journalistic importation from Canada deigned to notice our lapse from the paths of rectitude we were moved to tears of repentance and most humbly beg pardon for presuming to have an opinion. But really, gentlemen, we would be grateful if you would permit us to express an opinion without the accusation of being influenced by soft-soaping or "back-scratching."

We did not intend our article as a defense of the *Occident* and think it needs none. There can be no effect without a cause, and, as the *Occident* owes its origin to a bad Fraternity system at the University of California, the laxity in morals of Fraternity men at that place must be the cause. One thing is worthy of note. While almost every college paper in the country has had its little say about the *Occident* none have as yet toed the scratch fairly and given a satisfactory denial to its statements of Fraternity life at this great Western University. They generally content themselves with a subterfuge or remarks, whose object is to cast odium upon an opponent they cannot cope with, and which has very little weight in an argumentative point of view. As we said before, our remarks were not intended as a defense but simply to give a description of, and what we considered the cause of, the *Occident*. We did say that we considered Mr. Walcott a thorough gentleman who assumed and maintained his anti-Fraternity position from conscientious principle, and with the kind permission of the *Monthly* we will continue to hold the same opinion.

The *Monthly's* comprehension as to our "laudatory notice" was "made clear" upon reading the commendatory article on Phi Delta Theta. On the other hand, perhaps the articles on Zeta Psi might have had the same effect as to what opinion he should form about the *Occident* and what comments he should make about us.

For fear that some of our readers may infer that we are in sympathy with the *Occident's* anti-Fraternity principles we will state that such is not the case. We agree with the *Occident* only in so far as its remarks apply to Fraternity life at the University of California. We are, always have been and always shall be heartily antagonistic to any anti-Fraternity move designed to injure the

Greek-Letter Fraternities as a body, any one Fraternity or any Chapter or Chapters of a Fraternity—as the action of the authorities of Purdue University—the anti-Fraternity laws in force at any desirable college—still, when there is rottenness in any branch of our great Greek Brotherhood, we believe that that branch should be purified or exterminated. We believe that rottenness does or did exist at California University, hence we have no hesitancy in ventilating our opinion, however unpleasant an effect it may have upon the olfactory organs of some of our brother editors.

We would like to know what we have done to the *Phi Gamma Delta* that they should treat us “thusly.” Under the head of “Our Cotenporaries” it says: “The January number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* and the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent* of the April number, have each given to their readers a brief history of the various Fraternity journals now in existence, from which we obtain some of our data.” It goes on to mention in a general way all its exchanges, even the *Zeta Psi Monthly* and *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* which they had not yet received, but no mention is made of the *SCROLL* of *Phi Delta Theta*. This omission is either to show us that we are “sat upon” by the editor-in-chief, or the result of ignorance on the part of the compiler of these interesting statistics. Probably it is a combination of both. Up to date we were laboring under the impression that we were of sufficient importance as to deserve a passing remark when the different Fraternity journals were mentioned as the “various Fraternity journals now in existence.” The *Phi Gamma Delta* has, however, shown us that we were in error.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* neglected to state that the article on Fraternity journalism in the April *Crescent* was taken from the *SCROLL*, notwithstanding the fact that the *Crescent* stated it distinctly. We would not make this little correction if we did not believe that the *P. G. D.* would not take the trouble to do so.

Although it does not recognize us as one of “the various Fraternity journals now in existence,” it finds us very convenient for reference. It says: “The Fraternities on our exchange list will hold their conventions as far as are appointed, as follows.” Then follows a list similar to that in our “other Fraternity

Conventions,” and we notice that the *P. G. D.*'s list contains the same inaccuracies as ours. *Phi Delta Theta* must not be on their “exchange list” as the date of our convention is not given. The editor must be short-sighted or he would have seen the date of our convention printed on the page preceding the one from which he copied his convention list.

In order to make a paragraph in an editorial on Chapter correspondence the following appears: “The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* in last issue had letters from all the Chapters in the Fraternity. Just how they managed to obtain them is a mystery to us.” The explanation to this seeming mystery is this. It needed only a simple request to make a large majority of our Reporters respond with a report and when all but a few of our careless correspondents had complied with our request, instead of grumbling at their negligence, we went to work at them through the mail and over the telegraphic wires and the result was a report from every Chapter. The *P. G. D.* made a mistake of only two months in the date of our issue which contained fifty-two Chapter reports.

This original and startling statement appears in the *P. G. D.*: “Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, Fraternities originated as junior class organizations at Yale College.” This is quite a valuable piece of information to the Greek World, especially to Psi U. and A. D. P. The former has a tradition that it was established at Union, six years prior to its entrance into Yale. The latter has always been under the impression that Hamilton College gave it birth five years before its eighth Chapter was established at Yale; and it is the only Fraternity that ever existed at Yale as a general Fraternity, drawing its members from all classes. It is fortunate for the *P. D. G.*'s reputation for accuracy that it happened to be right as to D. K. E.

The May number of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* is before us, and, although its painfully æsthetic terra-cotta cover still grates on our optical nerves, we are more pleased with it than we were with the initial number issued under the present efficient management. Instead of Prof. Young being editor-in-chief, as we stated in our March issue, C. L. VanCleve holds that position.

We give below three extracts from the most finished editorial we have seen

in any of our exchanges. The author was moved to write the editorial by the article from the Psi U, *Diamond* which we gave last month. It contains some good points on Eastern and Western Colleges and Fraternities: "The author of the article above referred to, indulges in epigram—"The leaders lead"—and we hope the inquiry will be considered pertinent when we ask, whom do the leaders lead? If there are but two great and noble College secret societies, are we to have repeated the famous experiment of the lamented A. Ward, showman, who, to satisfy the all-absorbing desire of the American heart for military honors, created an army in which there was no rank lower than Brigadier General? The originator and organizer of this famous band of patriots found himself without rank amid his highly distinguished compatriots, and may not the same predicament be the lot of our contemporaries if they insist on thus creating a caste in the Fraternity microcosm?"

\* \* \* The cause of higher education cannot and ought not to be relegated in this broad country with its multifarious interests and cosmopolitan population, to any few institutions however great and wealthy they may be, and however well adapted to the wants and desires of the educational interests of the American scholar; for, the necessities of the problem to be solved in this nation's development can only be adequately met by the many and oft times poor and struggling Colleges scattered all over this land of ours. The poverty of the student is perhaps the chiefest reason why the position just taken is tenable, and many of us who to-day are striving to make a place for ourselves among the men of thought and action, have been compelled by no less inexorable a law than necessity to content ourselves with the mental discipline afforded in institutions more fitted to our resources, than to our inclinations.

That the much-despised Western College has a right to live, is attested in more than one instance of honored sons filling positions of high trust, in the same institutions which affect in so lofty style to denominate their less fortunate rivals, as 'High Schools' and 'Academies,' and it has always seemed to us in questionable taste for Eastern men to make the specious rejoinder 'Oh! yes, we do owe something to those Western men among us, but then, you know, they out-grew the West and do not in any sense belong to it, they are of the whole country and now are

ours.' We have in mind now at least three men, all Alumni of a Western College, that has been often pooh-poohed for its narrowness and superficiality, who to-day have national reputations in their respective specialties and who occupy professorships in the richest and most powerful Eastern Colleges, and who, far from despising their *Alma Mater* revisit it, delighting to do honor to those who first instructed them and inspired them with a thirst for searching into the un-explored realms of thought. And, further, they were all members of a Fraternity characterized as short-lived and precarious, the one of which the *Shield* is the official organ. \* \* \* It is urged by the writer of the article on Society Catalogues that such Fraternities as Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi and Phi Kappa Psi should be excluded from old colleges, and while we feel hardly prepared in the premises to express a mature conviction, are inclined from our own experience, to admit that the opportunities for successful rivalry with the best organizations there represented, seem to be few. So many causes militate against maintaining a fair rank among powerful and long established rivals, that the establishment of Chapters by organizations distinctively Western seems to have an element of rashness. We do not wish to appear as criticising the movements in this direction by some of our Western contemporaries, but we still look upon their ventures in the light of experiments, for though there is doubtless abundant material in the large Eastern Colleges for the maintenance of more general Fraternities than now there exist, one element of danger continually threatens a new organization, and that is, that as soon as a Chapter secures a fair position and seems destined to become a power, some longer established and possibly more esteemed Fraternity seizes upon the young victim and swallows it hair, tooth and nail. No doubt, this could not be done were the members of the newer society true to their trust, but it is not unlikely to happen that a growing Chapter of a Western Fraternity established in good standing in an Eastern College may become too important and inflated with its own sense of prominence to remain connected with an organization which their rivals affect to despise. For ourselves the most notable illustration occurred some years ago at Cornell College, when a strong and in every way prosperous Chapter

went over to Psi Upsilon, and the memory to-day is a bitter one in the hearts of those loyal Phi Psis who labored long and ardently in the furtherance of New York Alpha's prosperity."

Since noticing the accusation of the *Sigma Chi* against Brother Goodwin, the May number of the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* has been received.

The correspondent from Butler University writes: "There is considerable ill-feeling among Indiana College orators over the accusations of plagiarism that are being made so freely. The last number of the *Sigma Chi* makes this charge against Mr. Goodwin, of the State University, who represented Indiana last year in the Inter-State contest. Mr. Goodwin is an old Butler boy, and there are many students in Butler who will testify that Mr. Goodwin won a prize in a literary society contest here more than two years ago with essentially the same production, and that was one re-written from one prepared long before.

"If any one will take the trouble to compare Mr. W. L. Fisher's oration on 'The Negro in the United States' with an article in the February number of the *Popular Science Monthly*, entitled 'The African in America,' we will insure him to be deeply interested."

We are pleased to see that a disinterested person, a member of a rival Fraternity, thus gives a refutation to the charge against Bro. Goodwin. Whether or not Mr. Fisher, the present editor of the *Sigma Chi*, was guilty of the same offense that his journal accuses Bro. Goodwin of and that his brother Sigma Chi, Asher, was guilty of, we do not know. We hope not. We had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Fisher deliver his oration, which was well written and well spoken, and would be sorry to know that a brother editor would resort to plagiarism.

The editor and present excellent management has greatly outgrown the paper itself and announce that they find themselves cramped for space—can't very well "spread themselves" in a sixteen-page journal. They want the *Crescent* enlarged, and if Delta Tau Delta will consult her best interest she will comply with the request. It is safe to say that the *Crescent* has contributed more to the recent wonderful growth and improvement of Delta Tau Delta than all other causes combined. Prior to 1877, Delta Tau Delta had by no means as good a rank among College

Fraternities as it has since acquired. The probable cause was that it possessed a very defective system of government for many years after its foundation and a large number of Chapters were placed at low rate colleges, high schools, academies and preparatory institutes.

The establishment of the *Crescent* in 1877, seems to have been the beginning of a new era of success for the Fraternity, and since that time almost every undertaking has been signally successful and to-day Delta Tau Delta stands well up to the front among Fraternities as does the *Crescent* among Fraternity journals.

The editor thinks the best means of securing a firm financial basis "is to insert a clause in the constitution requiring each active member to pay an annual subscription to the *Crescent*, making the Chapter as fully responsible for the payment of the annual dues."

The mails have brought to us a monthly journal, of a Fraternity which is the smallest, that has yet attempted the journalistic enterprise on such a large scale. Other small Fraternities have issued, from time to time, journals which were designed to appear yearly or quarterly but their speedy death has always followed. Sigma Nu, however, is the only Fraternity, possessing only three Chapters, venturesome enough to essay journalism on the monthly plan. We gather from the number before us, which bears the date of April, 1883, that it is not intended as an experiment as the editors have begun in a business like manner and announce their paper as a permanency. We assure them of our heartiest best wishes for their success.

It is called Sigma Nu Delta; is a paper of sixteen pages and a lavender-colored cover printed in red, blue and gold; somewhat resembles the Chi Phi *Quarterly*; is creditable to its editors as being a fair number for a beginning, but has nothing particular about it to be commended except the temerity and self-confidence displayed in issuing such a journal on so slim a prospect of financial success.

We make the following extracts from extracts which the *Delta* made from the original minutes of Sigma Nu: "The Legion of Honor was conceived and established by Cadets R. E. Semple, Mississippi; J. F. Hopkins, Arkansas; G. Quarles, Arkansas, and J. M. Riley, Missouri, on the first day of January,

eighteen sixty-nine, (January 1, 1869,) at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. Its objects at that time were the " \* \* \* and the establishment and encouragement of strong ties of friendship among its members." Each member was at that time called a Knight, and was required by the constitution to wear a black gown and mask at meetings and in time of action, and also to decide upon some title by which he was to be known at meetings, etc. Nothing of any moment transpired from its beginning until May 8, 1869, except the initiation of some gentlemen whose names can be seen by reference to the roll, up to that time.

"Mr. R. E. Semple, of Mississippi, having joined another secret society, it was decided at the meeting before the last recorded, that although he had not acted contrary to the old constitution, that the choice should be given him of leaving it, and remaining with the 'Legion of Honor,' or of leaving the latter entirely. He said that he was sorry he had acted so, but could not honorably leave the one he had lately joined. He was dismissed. It was thought fit at that time, since the order did not prosper well with its first object, and as Mr. Semple was dismissed, knowing as he did our first object, that we should adopt a new preamble and constitution."

The *Delta* publishes under the heading of "Chapters of Sigma Nu," Virginia Military Institute, University of Virginia, Ashville, N. C. (Alumni), Tarboro, N. C. (Alumni), University of Alabama, Howard College, North Georgia Agricultural College and Washington and Lee University. None of these are noted as dead Chapters, but that is probably the case with all except the V. M. I., W. and Lee, N. G. A., and perhaps the two Alumni Chapters, as we can find no trace of the others.

The *Delta* is responsible for this: "Phi Gamma Delta has a Jewish Chapter at the University of Georgia."

The high and mighty, great and only original "I AM" comes to us in the person of the April number of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*. This issue of our esteemed cotemporary might with propriety be termed a treatise on the Pan-Hellenic Conference in one volume. From the action of one of the *Quarterly's* representatives at the Philadelphia meeting, who made himself very unpleasant by his insulting manners, stupidity and odoriferousness, the gentlemen who

were present will not be surprised that the *Quarterly* has placed its veto upon the Pan-Hellenic Conference, the above named meeting and the Inter-Fraternity Press Association. Too bad you know—very sorry indeed, but *of course* if *Chi Phi* will not take part in the Conference and the *Quarterly* will not belong to the association, the Conference may as well dissolve into thin air and the association declare itself as out of existence. We had hoped to see these schemes materialize, but since the *Quarterly* has frowned upon them our hopes are ruthlessly cast to the ground.

The ball is started rolling by Mr. Stockbridge, one of the general officers of *Chi Phi* and a member of the Philadelphia meeting. In an article on "Pan-Hellenicism" he gives his impression of the meeting and of the work done by the gentlemen composing it and his reasons for believing that the Pan-Hellenic Conference is impracticable. His article is, in the main, written in a well-tempered style and is worthy of much more consideration than other articles in the *Quarterly* on the same subject. Many of his points are well taken and many of his arguments are good ones. Every one knows, however, that such an important question, as the P. H. C. has grown to be, cannot fail to have two sides to it and it does not necessarily follow because one person can advance arguments against it, that it is impracticable and that fully as weighty arguments cannot be advanced to show that it would be of benefit to the Greek World.

We find this rather peculiar sentence in Mr. Stockbridge's article: "Of what was done or said at that convention it is not worth while to speak, as but few of the gentlemen there present were in any manner authorized to speak for their respective Fraternities; and the meeting was at best but a meeting of individuals interested in the promotion of harmony among members of different Fraternities, to a certain extent, and each with his own axe to grind."

We know not whether we understand rightly the expression "each with his own axe to grind," but if it was intended to imply that any of the gentlemen present took part in the meeting with selfish motives or with the expectation of reaping any personal benefit from it, we consider the remark uncalled for. To some of the gentlemen present, especially those from the West and South, the meeting was the cause of a considerable expenditure of time

and money, and if they had an axe to grind it proved rather an expensive one.

The editor-in-chief takes up his pen to announce that, although he had fully intended to be present, he was rather pleased than otherwise that he was prevented at the last moment since the affair did not go off to suit him. We are sorry he was not present. Had he been there he would probably have a slightly modified opinion about the meeting from that which he has formed from hearsay. He makes this wild statement: "But as long as human nature is what it now is, a Pan-Hellenic Council, as such, is an impossibility." This remark sounds rather rash and premature—looks too much like taking time by the forelock. It is not safe, as a general thing, to venture a hasty opinion about some future event when the signs of the times all have a tendency to show that the opinionated one is wrong. July 4, 1884, will probably convince the gentleman that he might have been mistaken when he gave utterance to the above opinion. Every thing except the *Quarterly* at present points that way.

The editor closes his remarks thus: "The minutes sent out by the self-constituted Secretary of the meeting we do not give, because, from all accounts, they are not authentic." Of course the *Quarterly* had a perfect right to publish the minutes, or not, just as it chose, but it could have exercised that prerogative just as well without using the expressions "self-constituted Secretary" and "they are not authentic." We can testify that there was no "self-constituted Secretary" and that the minutes, as sent out by Mr. Baird, were authentic as far as necessary. The representative of the SCROLL had the honor of being chosen Secretary of the meeting and at his request Mr. Baird was also appointed. This appointment was made because our representative considered Mr. Baird better qualified to do the work than he himself was. Of course the report, as sent out by Mr. Baird, did not contain all the minor details of the meeting but all the important enactments were truthfully chronicled therein. If the minor details, the actions, sayings and condition of each person present, had been given, the *Quarterly* would have been very much edified to learn the actions, and condition of one of its representative.

And now cometh to the bat, one J. Howard Cromwell, the real genius of the *Quarterly*, who hails from Cranford, in the Mosquito State, who was looked

upon with disgust by the members of the Inter-Fraternity Press Association, as was shown by their unanimous expression of opinion after J. Howard had removed his undesirable presence from among them. J. Howard was the most conspicuous person present for the simple reason that he was the only one who exhibited a disposition to be mulish. He showed himself to be a "kicker" as soon as his presence was discovered.

It is evident from J. Howard's remarks that the meeting was not conducted in such a manner as to suit his lordship, probably because his views upon things and things in general were not asked with much solicitude and when volunteered were not received as being of much importance. Perhaps if J. Howard Cromwell had appeared where O. A. Glazebrook was written and if Chi Phi had appeared numerous after the names of officers and members of committees, the meeting would have pleased J. Howard and have received more lenient treatment at the hands of the *Quarterly*.

J. Howard says: "As to the practical results of the convention we can say nothing, (a *vacuum* is rather a small subject to enlarge upon,) except that when the meeting had adjourned, the *cycle* had been completed, and all were exactly where they had started from, save that some there present were thoroughly impressed with the uselessness and absurdity of the whole affair."

The illustrious J. Howard would do well to explain in what respect the meeting resembled a vacuum. Most of the journals that have appeared since the meeting, agree that it was productive of good results, but J. Howard does not see it in that light—in fact it was as much as J. Howard could do to see at all on February 22, 1883. The "some" he referred to as being "thoroughly impressed with the uselessness and absurdity of the whole affair probably consisted of "he, him and his self."

J. Howard proceeds thus: "The *Quarterly* now takes opportunity to withdraw absolutely and entirely from the 'Inter-Fraternity Press Association'; not in any spirit of animosity, but as matter of policy. The minutes of the Philadelphia meeting sent us by Mr. Baird we do not publish because they are inaccurate and peculiar, and because, from our standpoint, it is deemed unnecessary. In so far as the *Quarterly* can speak for the Chi Phi Fraternity as her official publication and representative, Chi Phi needs and

desires no assistance from her sister Fraternities; she considers herself a strong *Fraternity*, and as such "can gain little or nothing, and perhaps *lose* much, by the proposed convention." Our Fraternity was not 'born amid the throes of the dying confederacy' (see A. T. O. *Palm* for December, 1882), nor amid the 'throes' of anything else in the preliminary stages of decomposition. She is the legitimate offspring of a rational, sensible, healthy mother, born in peace, dedicated to peace, and hope to die (if at all) in peace; but this much we must say, that we cannot but rejoice that Chi Phi, as a College Fraternity, had no official connection with the Inter-Fraternity Convention, and that she takes her stand with the old, strong Fraternities not officially represented at the convention, in a perfectly friendly and kindly yet *independent* relation with the Greek World at large."

It is a pity that he did not specify "much" that Chi Phi might "*lose*" by the proposed conference. Perhaps it is afraid of losing its birth right—the 1824 one not the 1854 one. It is amusing, to those who know the true circumstances of Chi Phi's birth, to read J. Howard's statement that "she is the legitimate offspring," etc."

We will say this much about J. Howard, and we think that the members of the Press Association will bear us out in it. Instead of having her opinion of the meeting moulded by his statements, Chi Phi should administer a hearty rebuke to him for his actions and condition at Philadelphia. He began by acting in an ungentlemanly manner toward the chairman, a minister of the gospel and many years his senior. He took it upon himself to call a gentleman to order, having not the slightest authority for so doing, and was therefore guilty of an unpardonable rudeness. He was insulting to the chairman of the editorial meeting and made himself so objectionable by his consequential and dictatorial manner that there was a sigh of relief when he left the room. It was fortunate for Chi Phi that she had other representatives present who knew how to conduct themselves as gentlemen, for had J. Howard been the only one present her reputation would have suffered sadly at his hands.

Mr. Reninger, associate editor of the *Quarterly*, next offers a few observations on "Pan-Hellenic Council." Mr. Reninger conducted himself in an entirely different manner from J. Howard, at Philadelphia, and as a consequence

he was held in high esteem by the gentlemen present. His article, with the exception of one misstatement and one injudicious expression, does not amount to much either one way or the other.

He says: "Further proceedings developed the fact that this meeting had been previously organized in private, and that but few Fraternities were actually represented in the council. \* \* \* The general impression amongst the unofficial representatives of the Fraternities seemed to be such that we felt warranted in holding ourselves aloof as much as possible, and placing ourselves in the position of spectators rather than actors in the farce."

The gentleman is mistaken as to their being anything secret or private connected with the organization of the meeting. We watched closely and with interest the development of the scheme from the time the first circular was issued by the *Beta Theta Pi*, and if there had been any secrecy about it we would have found it out. There certainly was no object in secrecy, or our friends of the *Beta Theta Pi* would not have taken so much trouble to send circulars containing information concerning the meeting to all Fraternities, whose secretaries' address they could ascertain.

For the benefit of those who "held themselves aloof as much as possible," we will state that they must have a peculiar idea of the meaning of "as much as possible," and that attendance upon the meeting was not compulsory and there certainly was no string tied to Chi Phi's representatives. All Philadelphia was before them and they could have made their exit with perfect freedom. No regret would have been expressed at J. Howard's departure.

It strikes us that it requires a large amount of assurance to term the deliberations of such men as Glazebrook, Young, Robb, Beckett, Smiley, Baird and others, as a "farce." It is probable that if Chi Phi had been given the leading part in the so-called "farce" it would have assumed the proportions of a Shakesperian drama in the eyes of the writer.

These two items, which are about as unmeaning and absurd as could be imagined, are printed in the *Quarterly*:

AFRAID THEY MAY NOT BE BENEFITED.

*From the Phi Gamma Delta.*

In point of pleasure the council of editors is unique. Excepting one of Chi Phi's representatives (whose temper was too much for his better judgment and

good sense) everybody seemed pleased with the meeting.

GREEN AS JEALOUSY.

*From the Beta Theta Pi*

Chi Phi is beneath the Vanderbilt rose.

We reprint part of the report to the *Quarterly* from the Ohio Wesleyan University without any further comment than that the writer, W. Grey Jones, should be presented with a medal of petrified gall: "Since our last report we have added to our number Charles E. Williamson, formerly of Sigma Chi. Brother Williamson was the oldest man in experience, in their Alpha Chapter, and an ex-associate editor of the *Sigma Chi*. Internal dissensions had been threatening to rend the Chapter in twain for some time past; and such was the state of affairs that Bro. Williamson, who had always been an ardent 'Sig,' could not conscientiously work in the interests of the Fraternity. After due deliberation, and in the cool of judgment, he severed his connection with Sigma Chi, and then joined Chi Phi. And now, the novelty of his new position having worn off, he is as enthusiastic a Chi Phi as ever bore the name."

"The conditions of Fraternities at the O. W. U. has not materially changed since last year. The various Chapter lists are about the same, with the exception of Beta Theta Pi. This Chapter has increased her membership to twelve men, and is now in possession of the one great characteristic of the Fraternity, namely, numbers. Then, too, Phi Delta Theta has come out in a new light. For the first time in the history of the Chapter, they hold (?) sway at the seminary. These miraculous 'mashers' carry everything before them, while other Fraternity men gaze on with awe and admiration. Whenever an opportunity is afforded to converse with the Sems, whether in the church, in the class room, or the street, there will be found these "highly poetical super-aesthetical young men," despite all rules of the institution to the contrary. But so much pleasure do they draw from this source of enjoyment, that we are disposed to pity, rather than to condemn."

The *Beta Theta Pi* is the only Fraternity journal that rejoices in the possession of a patent mailing apparatus.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

A Chapter of Sigma Chi at Hillsdale is reported.

Phi Gamma Delta's latest is a Chapter at Lafayette.

Sigma Chi has established an Alumni Chapter at Indianapolis.

Sigma Phi is contemplating a new Chapter House at the University of Vermont.

Delta Psi, at Madison University, has a Chapter house fund amounting to \$18,000.

Chi Psi is contemplating the publication of a quarterly to be called *Purple and Gold*.

Each Fraternity admitted to the University of the South must receive the special permission of the trustees.

President White, of Cornell, is both a Psi Upsilon and a Sigma Phi, but the latter claims the "lion's share" of him.

Delta Tau Delta had two contestants in the recent inter-state oratorical contest; Howard, of Iowa, and Krichbaum, of Ohio.

The Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at Wabash is very much demoralized. The Phi Kappa Psis recently "lifted" three of their men.

Psi Upsilon held its semi-centennial convention at Schnectady, May 23rd, 24th and 25th. Some of the founders of the Fraternity were present.

Sigma Chi was founded by six ex-D. K. E.'s, who left the latter Fraternity on account of internal dissensions, so says one of the founders of Sigma Chi.

Newson, the great anti-frat. leader at Ohio Wesleyan and editorial contributor to the *College Transcript*, has been nick-named "Nuisance" by the citizens of Delaware.

President Buckham, of the University of Vermont, is a Sigma Phi, as is also ex-Vice President William A. Wheeler, although the latter abandoned his studies at the universities before graduation.

The Chi Chapter of Chi Phi at Ohio Wesleyan started out last fall with five men in the college classes. They now have seven men in college and ten *sub rosa* preps. She graduates no men this year so her outlook is very good.

If Indiana Asbury succeeds in securing the De Pauw endowment, which is now conditionally offered her, she will no doubt become a leading university of the West, and also blossom into a great Fraternity center. Nine Chapters are already established there.

The University of Wooster supports six Fraternity Chapters and they all seem to be doing well. Delta Tau Delta, which was established there three years ago, and Phi Delta Theta, which was revived two years ago, after a six months sleep, have both met with remarkable success since their establishment.

The first American Greek-Letter Society, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded in the year of the declaration of independence, 1776. Some patriotic Beta has discovered, no one knows how, that Beta Theta Pi was founded on the sixty-third anniversary of that great day—July 4, 1839. With a twenty-four-hour backward stretch of our imagination—or veracity—we can claim that Phi Delta Theta made her advent into the Greek World as a Christmas gift—December 25, 1848.

The feeling between the Fraternities at the University of Vermont is very bitter and hostile. This is a fact to be greatly lamented, wherever it exists, and when, as in the case under notice, it leads to the most dastardly attempts on the rooms and other property of rival Fraternities, such a despicable, diabolical spirit cannot be characterized in too strong terms. Vermont Alpha has taken its stand firmly and squarely in opposition to this barbarous policy. The steps recently taken toward the holding of a Pan-Hellenic Conference indicate that that conception of a Fraternity which finds its expression in such outrageous performances as those above alluded to is doomed; and the sooner its funeral pile is built the better.

The University of Virginia glories in sixteen live Fraternities, which is a larger number than any other American institution boasts. The Virginia University *Magazine* says: "As a rule, Fraternity interest and feeling is stronger here than at any other college or university, which is displayed, not only in the existence of a larger number of such clubs" (University of Virginia for Chapters) "but also in the fact that, in addition to their natural ties, they occupy, in some respect, the position which

classes hold at colleges." Most of the Chapters depend, to a large extent, on additions received from Chapters at other institutions. On account of these peculiar conditions, the following statistics from the April number of the *Magazine* probably will be of general interest. The year of establishment and the total membership to date of each Chapter is given in brackets. The number of last year's members in attendance this year, the number of members affiliated this year from Chapters in other colleges, and the number of members initiated this year are stated. The number of members which each Chapter had last year is given in Roman numerals. Beta Theta Pi [1850, 233], returned 4, affiliated 3, total 7 [XII]; Delta Kappa Epsilon [1852, 235], returned 11, affiliated 1, initiated 2, total 14 [XV]; Phi Kappa Sigma [1852, 114], returned 2, initiated 2, total 4 [VI]; Phi Kappa Psi [1853, 235], returned 3, initiated 5, total 8 [VIII]; Chi Phi [1859, 139], returned 8, initiated 6, total 14 [XVII]; Phi Gamma Delta [1859, 114], returned 4, affiliated 3, total 7 [VIII]; Delta Psi [1860, 150], returned 5, initiated 8, total 13 [XII]; Sigma Chi [1860, 152], returned 10, affiliated 6, initiated 4, total 20 [XXI]; Mystic Seven [1868, 77], returned 3, initiated 8, total 11 [VII]; Alpha Tau Omega [1868, 113], returned 11, affiliated 1, initiated 2, total 14 [XVII]; Zeta Psi [1868, 90], returned 2, total 2 [II]; Pi Kappa Alpha [1868, 86], returned 11, initiated 5, total 16 [XVI]; Kappa Sigma [1869, 76], returned 1, affiliated 1, initiated 3, total 5 [IX]; Phi Delta Theta [1873, 67], returned 7, affiliated 2, initiated 5, total 14 [XVI]; Kappa Alpha, Southern [1873, 57], returned 4, affiliated 5, initiated 1, total 10 [VIII]; Kappa Sigma Kappa [1868, 18], returned 2, total 2 [III]. Total Fraternity membership in university, 1880-1, 188; 1881-2, 177; 1882-3, 161.

The *Cap and Gown* published at University of the South has introduced a Fraternity department, an excellent feature for a college journal. We glean the following items from the April number: "We learn that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will soon build a hall.—It is whispered around that Delta Tau Delta has picked her men and is almost ready to come out."

The Gamma Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon established at University of Mississippi, 1865, and suspended 1879, has been revived. An Alumni Chapter has been established at Madison, Ga. We

notice that it is customary for the Chapters of this Fraternity to decide by vote on the location of the general convention. The next convention will be held shortly and the *Record* says: "Many subjects of great importance are on *tapis*, chief of which are the changes which are contemplated in the constitution, and the revision of the ritual."

To Zeta Psi is due the credit of establishing the first Chapter of an American college Fraternity in Canada. In 1879 the Ann Arbor Chapter was instrumental in planting a Chapter at the University of Toronto which has been very successful. It recently entertained the convention and with it originated the *Zeta Psi Monthly*. The Canadian Zetes seem to have caught right on to the idea, and last January the second Dominion Chapter was established at McGill University, Montreal. A letter from the new Chapter in the *Monthly* says: "We are the only Fraternity in a college having over four hundred available students. We have thus the choice of every man in college, and there is no reason to prevent our keeping our Chapter always full without admitting a single undesirable member. Our members are to be taken from all faculties, medicine, arts, law and science." Since the experiment of Zeta Psi in crossing the border has succeeded so well, other Fraternities need not fear to experiment the same way.

Baird's "American College Fraternities," published in 1879, has a record of five defunct Chaptered Fraternities, viz.: Sigma Alpha Theta, Kappa Phi Lambda, Theta Epsilon Mu, Iota Alpha Kappa and Upsilon Beta. Since the publication of the above book, three more have been added to the list—Sigma Alpha, Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon.

Sigma Alpha, or, as it was generally called, "Black Badge," was founded at Roanoke College in 1859. For ten years the parent Chapter was the only one in existence, all growth of the Fraternity being hindered by the war. In 1869 a Chapter was placed at Hampden Sidney and subsequently Chapters were established in Virginia University, Virginia Agricultural College, Salado College, Baltimore Medical College, Washington and Lee University, King's College and Somerville Institute. Local Chapters were formed at Bristol, Tenn., Galveston, Tex., Wytheville, Va., New Orleans, La., Marion, Va., and two at Lynchburg, Va. We are under the impression that Sigma Alpha did not con-

fine its membership to college students. The number of local Chapters would lead us to think that such was the case.

For some cause or other all the local Chapters but one at Lynchburg, Va., were withdrawn in 1876. This left nine collegiate Chapters which number Sigma Alpha possessed when it disbanded. The Chapter at the University of Virginia suspended in 1877 and the one at Hampden Sidney was withdrawn in 1879.

At a convention, held we believe in Lynchburg, in 1880, the delegates got into a wrangle over something involving the Northern and Southern question and formally declared the Fraternity disbanded.

The records of the Fraternity were given into the possession of the general Secretary, Mr. Brewster, now a law student at the University of Virginia.

There was some talk of an attempt to revive the Fraternity in 1881, but if anything ever came of it we have never heard it. Thus perished the "Black Badge" Fraternity, having possessed nineteen Chapters and eight hundred members.

Delta Kappa was founded at Yale in 1845, as a freshman society. Chapters were established at Amherst College, North Carolina University, Virginia University, Mississippi University, Dartmouth College and Centre College. Some of these Chapters did not confine their membership to the freshman class.

In 1879 the only Chapters living were Yale, Dartmouth and Centre. The latter was merged into the Kentucky Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, September 3, 1879. The Yale Chapter, together with its rival Kappa Sigma Epsilon, was abolished by the faculty in 1880. Last fall the Fraternities at Dartmouth, which had not up to that time initiated freshmen before the commencement preceding their sophomore year, decided to initiate them at the beginning of their first year. Thus, as at Yale, Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon received their death blow at the same time and the last Chapters of two bitter rivals, who had waged war against each other for more than a quarter of a century, expired together.

Delta Kappa in her life time, had seven Chapters and over three thousand members.

Kappa Sigma Epsilon was a freshman Fraternity founded at Yale in 1840. It had other Chapters but in 1880 all were dead except Yale and Dartmouth. These Chapters were killed at the time and in the manner stated above.

About the middle of May, Thomas Arnold, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and a member of Sigma Chi, was at Hillsdale College, Michigan, where a Chapter of Sigma Chi has lately been established, giving the students some peculiar information about Fraternities.

Phi Delta Theta seems to have been a favorite topic of conversation with this youth, and after making several disparaging remarks about the Fraternity in general he wound up by saying that it was of such a low order as to take in a Chapter of negroes at Nashville, Tenn. (rather rough on Tennessee A.) The youth also said that Beta Theta Pi was in such a hurry to advance its interests that it had established a Chapter in a college for negroes.

The extreme absurdity of such a statement as the above would cause it to be passed by without comment under ordinary circumstances, but this case needs a little attention. Besides we wish to say a few words about Mr. Arnold.

Hillsdale is a college of about eight hundred students and until last year Delta Tau Delta was the only Fraternity there. As is always the case where a Chapter has no rival, the Fraternity men take very little interest in Fraternity matters and none at all in Fraternities other than their own. Consequently they are in blissful ignorance as to what the Greek-Letter Fraternity System is—know nothing about the relative merits of the sixty odd different Fraternities that compose it—simply know that they belong to a Fraternity and that is all. If Fraternity men are ignorant about such matters it is not to be expected that non-Fraternity men should be informed about them.

In the latter part of '82 a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was established at Hillsdale, which move was a benefit to Delta Tau Delta, from the fact that the Delta Taus were awakened to the fact that a rival would make it necessary for them to display more energy than formerly if they expected to maintain their place. Shortly afterwards Sigma Chi appeared at Hillsdale and this move was a benefit to both Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta as it stirred them up to put forth their best efforts. Now we have three Fraternities at a college of eight hundred students, plenty of room for all three and a good prospect for a healthy, friendly rivalry, which is always desirable.

Everything was going along nicely when this little ass from Fort Wayne, not satisfied to let Sigma Chi fight on

her own merits, attempts to advance her interest by circulating disparaging and calumnious reports about an honorable rival. These reports naturally started a Fraternity war at Hillsdale, and it will be some time before the Fraternities there will be on friendly terms again. Had Mr. Arnold made such a statement at any college where there are several Fraternities whose members keep informed as to the happenings in the Greek World, he would have been laughed at and set down as an ignorant. But at Hillsdale it was different; the majority of the students knew nothing about Phi Delta Theta or any other Fraternity and therefore had no grounds to disbelieve Mr. Arnold, and many, no doubt, believe that Phi Delta Theta really has a Chapter of negroes. The Sigma Chis took the trouble to bruit the tale all over college and as a consequence it has proven a positive injury to our Chapter there.

The whole affair is summed up thus. Mr. Arnold took advantage of the ignorance of the students of Hillsdale College to circulate a slanderous report which was intended to injure Phi Delta Theta.

We have only this to say. Mr. Arnold lied when he made that statement, he knew he was lying when he made it and he knew that other people knew he was lying when he made it.

At the Northwestern Inter-State oratorical contest held in Minneapolis, May 2d, J. M. Ross, a "barb" of Monmouth, Ill., took first prize; D. M. Kellogg, Sigma Chi, of Madison, Wis., took second.

It is not often that Fraternities cast their eyes in the direction of the educational institutions of Kentucky with a view of establishing Chapters, but we find that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is under the rose at Central University at Richmond, and Alpha Tau Omega has recently entered the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Lexington. The former is not a desirable college from a Fraternity point of view, and although many efforts have been made to get a charter from Phi Delta Theta, a professor at that college, a Phi, has always advised a refusal. The latter is on a firm financial basis, has over three hundred students and has the best outlook of any college in the state. At present, however, the class of students is not such as to justify a Fraternity to place a Chapter there.

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

## TO OUR ALUMNI.

Several hundred copies of this issue of the SCROLL have been sent gratis to a corresponding number of our Alumni in different parts of the country. Some of them have been out of college for a few years only, and will doubtless recognize many names that appear in these pages, as belonging to those who flourished as "sophs," "freshies" or mayhap "preps," when they, our Alumni brothers, were active members, but who now are earnestly striving to keep Phi Delta Theta up to the standard which their older brothers had gained for her. Others have been out in the busy world for many years, and perhaps have heard little or nothing of Phi Delta Theta since they left college. Such will be surprised, and we are confident pleased, to learn that their old college society had made such rapid progress of late years, and from a society of a half dozen or dozen Chapters has grown to be one of the most powerful Greek organizations in the college world, having branches in forty-four colleges and universities and Alumni associations in ten cities—a larger number of Chapters than is possessed by any other Greek-Letter Fraternity. A glance at our personal columns will perhaps give them tidings of college chums from whom probably they have not heard in many years. We will state in this connection that in the future we will make our personal mention a special feature of the SCROLL and the whereabouts and occupation of all the pioneers in Phidom will be given. As another, an Alumnus of some years standing has said, we desire in this department "to enable the tired lawyer, the busy merchant, the weary politician, *all* good Phi Delta Thetas, who are earnestly engaged in the great battle of life, to cast aside for the moment all care, and to look back through the enchanted telescope of time to their school boy days. To unite long separated college chums with remembrance of their boyish joys and sorrows, defeats and triumphs, of their oft-talked-over hopes and fears for the future, of their glorious air castles of an ideal life, and to see now how many of their precious idols have been sacrilegiously battered down by the great, bustling world. Perhaps the boy with whom you scanned Virgil has now a seat in Congress, or is a missionary in some foreign land, or you know not where till you hear from him through

the columns of the SCROLL. He who was the laughing stock of your class, may now be elevated to the highest position of honor, and whose every word is treasured as if from the lips of an oracle. He who has aspired to political renown, may be quietly solving the great problem of life on some obscure farm on the outskirts of civilization, or as pastor of a flock dwelling in Arcadian simplicity."

The cause of our sending these extra copies of the SCROLL to our Alumni is briefly this—we want our Alumni to subscribe. We do not solicit their subscriptions with a view to the money that will be realized from them. Although money is at all times and under all circumstances a desirable thing to have and our exchequer is by no means overflowing with that commodity, still we are glad to say that the SCROLL is on a firm financial basis and it is not necessary, from a monetary point of view, to increase our circulation. Our request for subscriptions from our Alumni does not cloak a petition for financial aid, and our only reason for desiring them to take the SCROLL is that it is for the best interests of the Fraternity to keep them informed as to what we are doing.

We would like to impress one fact indelibly upon the minds of our Alumni and that is: that while the active members—those who are to-day fighting the battle of Phi Delta Theta in college and are the wheel and axle of the machinery which is perpetuating our order—are the bone and sinew of our Fraternity, the Alumni compose the remainder of our fraternal body; and while it depends upon the active members what rank we shall hold in the college world, it depends upon our Alumni what rank we shall hold in the nation, "By their fruits ye shall know them"—by our Alumni shall our Fraternity be judged; and according as they do well or the contrary, in the different departments in life which have been assigned them, will Phi Delta Theta take her place in the sisterhood of Greek-Letter Fraternities. That the Alumni of a Fraternity should take an interest in it is essential to its further advancement, and it is a noteworthy fact that those Fraternities whose Alumni do take an active interest in them are the most successful ones. It is our aim to make this department do as much as possible towards arousing and keeping alive the interest of our Alumni and we hope to meet with the co-operation and assistance of every Phi in the land.

In conclusion we extend a cordial invitation to our Alumni of the North, South, East and West, old and young, without reference to age, height, weight, size, location, personal appearance or previous or present condition—in fact ALL of them—to use our columns whenever they may be so disposed. We place our columns at their disposal and urge them to take advantage of it. Letters from Phi having reference to themselves or other Phi, containing anything pertaining to Phi Delta Theta will always be thankfully received, published with pleasure by us and read with interest by the Phi World.

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ONCE A PHI ALWAYS A PHI.

ATHENS, O., July 1, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I notice with interest the new "Alumni Department" in the SCROLL, and I hope no effort will be spared to make it a success. Such a department, if well maintained, cannot fail to be not only interesting to both active and correspondent members, but also a valuable and effective means of bringing into still closer relationship the college member and the Alumnus. This most desirable result is worth working for. In certain respects the Alumni constitutes the real strength of a Fraternity. But of how much value to any order is a man who has forgotten that he is a member? His name in the catalogue is perhaps worth something, but not much compared with the name of a Phi who always feels that he is a Phi in college and out; who esteems it an honor to wear our Shield and Sword, and who is always willing to help our order along.

I heartily endorse the editorial statement that there are hundreds of Phi scattered over the world whose devotion to Phi Delta Theta is not dead but only dormant, and who need only to be spoken to to manifest a real interest in our welfare. It is true, too, that the Alumnus makes a mistake in thus allowing himself to partially forget the relations he should maintain to his Fraternity through life; a mistake for which both he and the Fraternity suffer; but much of the responsibility of reclaiming and retaining these Phi Alumni rests with the respective Chapters to which they belong. While the brothers out of college should remember the motto: "Once a Phi, always a Phi," the brothers in college should also remember that when a man joins a certain Chapter, he is always a

member of that Chapter. He should be invited to attend their entertainments and visit their meetings, and in other ways made to feel that he is one of them. The active members should take the initiative, for the Alumnus is held back by fear of being considered forward and officious. No one wishes to enter a circle when his welcome is doubtful.

There are, I am sorry to say, Chapters of our Fraternity where the records do not show and the members cannot tell, the whereabouts and station of half their Alumni. I know for instances of a Chapter (my own) whose roll comprises a member of the present congress and a State Treasurer; but I venture the assertion that not more than one or two of the active members know of this prominence of two of their Alumni. The very least a Chapter ought to do is to keep a frequently corrected list of all its Alumni, with their postoffice address and occupation; and it would seem to me an excellent plan for the members of the Chapter each to undertake to correspond with a certain number of the Alumni. This could not fail to be of equal benefit to both parties, and these beneficent results would in turn react and augment each other. The circulation of the SCROLL among the Alumni is a most effective means of promoting mutual interest.

The assertion that it is truly an honor to be a Phi is emphatically true. The record of our Fraternity is a pure one. Always and everywhere has Phi Delta Theta been a true friend of the college and an earnest teacher of morality. I have yet to hear of a Chapter that has been a mere cover for a hazing society, and I have yet to hear of a Chapter which has been in disgrace with faculty or people generally; but I know personally of cases where Chapters have brought new students to their college, where students have returned to college and remained until graduation, solely by reason of fraternal ties,—where the Chapter has been a means of reforming habits and saving character,—and where the Chapter has taken the place of a home for the friendless student who is far away from home and among strangers perhaps for the first time. There is no Fraternity to which a man need feel prouder to belong to than to Phi Delta Theta. There is, or was, a tendency on the part of Eastern Fraternities to assume a fancied superiority over us, but this feeling is fast giving way to a wholesome respect.

I have been amply repaid each year I have been out of college, for all the time I have ever given to the service of the Fraternity, by the pleasure I have experienced in meeting brothers in all sorts of unexpected places. I know of Phis too who have been benefitted financially through their fraternal relations. Some have secured good situations in this way. This is only incidental, however, as our principles do not require anything more than social intercourse. But indeed were there not some benefits to be received after leaving college, there would be little advantage in belonging to an extended Fraternity. One might as well join a local society if all the advantages are for the student. I have been surprised at meeting so many Phis. Scatter five thousand men over the United States and one would think they would be hard to find; but on the other hand in my travels I find them turning up surprisingly often. And never have these meetings been anything but pleasant.

I would like to propose two subjects for discussion in these columns. First, that of extension in the West. I own that I am not "conservative" in the sense in which some of our workers use the term; and yet I think my "radical" ideas would be conservative of the true interests of the Fraternity. I would like to see many more Chapters in the States of the Mississippi Valley. There are a large number of institutions of high character where I would like to see new Chapters. Illinois, for instance, has twenty-seven colleges, fifteen of which could support good Chapters. We can enter these colleges now. In future years we may not be able to do so. They are all growing. "Westward the star of the empire takes its way," and in the Mississippi Valley is to be our strength in future years. It does not do to judge of a college by its catalogue, or number of students, or any outward signs which are visible to the casual visitor. I know some of our best Chapters are in small colleges, and I know of some institutions of from five to fifteen hundred students where I think a Chapter would do us no credit. In the graphic language of Uncle Joe—

"Dey catches little minners in the middle of de sea;  
And dey find de smallest kind of 'possum up de largest kind of tree."

But I will say no more at present on this subject. I have given my thoughts briefly, and I would like to hear from others. It is a practical questions, and

I think that Brother Thomas will give the space for a discussion.

The second subject which I propose is "our Alumni Chapters." They have been established in the last three years experimentally, to the number of ten. Now are they a success? If not, can they be made a success? It is a difficult problem, I know, but it is one that should be solved. We must learn by experience. It is only by doing so that we progress. Our present admirable constitution, system of government, ritual, etc., are all the results of years of trial and experience and comparison. Now with these fundamental matters settled, we can look further ahead, and comfort deeper questions,

Your in the Bond,

MILO C. SUMNERS.

### AMONG THE PHIS.

Brother W. A. Dixon, Indiana G., '60, is a physician at Ripley, O.

Brother J. A. Davison, Iowa A., '73, is a banker at Morning Sun, Ia.

Brother Ernest Davis, Missouri A., '76, is a banker at Bellville, Kan.

Brother G. E. Bailey, Indiana D., '74, is Territorial Geologist of Wyoming.

Brother A. P. Collins, Ohio B., '60, is a member of the Kansas Legislature.

Brother Frank McKeen, Indiana Z., '68, is a banker at Terre Haute, Ind.

Brother John A. Lancaster, Virginia B., '81, is a banker at Richmond, Va.

Brother John W. Lindly, Ohio A., '50, is farming near Fredricktown, O.

Illinois Delta has a member who resides in Australia. He is a physician.

Brother Henry Stoddard, Ohio A., '54, is postmaster at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Brother A. W. Rogers, Ohio A., '51, is practicing law at Warrensburg, Mo.

Brother David S. Burson, Indiana D., '78, is an oil manufacturer at Richmond, Ind.

Brother Edwin Johnson, Indiana E., '85, is a cadet at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Brother John H. Wills, Missouri A., '76, is Second Lieutenant in the U. S. army.

Brother S. F. Pratt, Illinois G., '75, is cashier of the Roseville (Ill.) National Bank.

Brother E. W. Smith, Georgia A., '73, is teller of the Athens (Ga.) National Bank.

Brother O. G. Mingledorff, Georgia Beta, '81, is a missionary at Shanghai, China.

Brother W. A. Brown, Ohio G., '73, is engaged in farming near State Center, Ia.

Brother T. E. Means, Georgia B., '73, is principal of the Atlanta (Ga.) high school.

Brother R. M. Springer, Illinois B., '70, is editor of the *New Era*, Portland, Maine.

Brother C. H. Sweet, Indiana D., '82, is attending Arcadia College in Nova Scotia.

Brother W. F. Vilas, Wisconsin A., '58, is regent of the University of Wisconsin.

Brother J. Thompson, Wisconsin A., '59 is a member of the Wisconsin Legislature.

Brother Norman Buck, Wisconsin A., '59, is Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho.

Brother J. B. Swing, Indiana E., '76, is Judge of the Probate Court, Clermont county, O.

Brother G. M. Lambertson, Indiana D., '72, is U. S. District Attorney for Nebraska.

Brother J. J. Welch, Ohio G., '83, is book keeper in the First National Bank, Athens, O.

Brother Thomas Mason, Indiana Z., is principal of Waldon Seminary, Little Rock, Ark.

Brother Eli Long, Indiana A., '55, is practicing law at 145 Broadway, New York City.

Brother Casper W. McLaughlin, Indiana G., '63, is a real estate broker at Oakland, Cal.

Brother L. C. Haworth, Indiana D., '78, is Secretary of the Franklin (Ind.) gas company.

Brother William F. Yocum, Wisconsin A., '60, is President of Fort Wayne (Ind.) College.

Brother James C. Smith, Indiana D., '79, is cashier of the Franklin (Ind.) National Bank.

Brother J. R. Hanna, Illinois G., '75, is Secretary of the Weir Plow Company, Monmouth, Ill.

Brother S. H. Thompson, Indiana D., is professor in Thomasville Seminary, North Carolina.

Brother W. B. Yonce, Ohio A., '52, is professor of ancient language in Roanake College.

Brother A. C. Rogers, Indiana D., is clerk of the Iowa asylum for feeble minded children.

Brother J. M. Worrall, Ohio A., '48, is one of the most popular pulpit orators of New York City.

Brother Joseph Lindley, Ohio A., '48, is superintendent of an orange grove near De Land, Fla.

Brother L. W. Squire, Ohio B., 81, is missionary and U. S. consular agent at Yokohama, Japan.

Brother H. E. Dickason, Ohio G., '77, is bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Jackson, O.

Brother J. M. Barker, Ohio B., '74, is a Methodist minister at Pachuca, State of Hidalgo, Mexico.

Brother J. Henry Cook, Ohio Beta, '78, is with the National Starch Company, Cincinnati, O.

Brother W. S. Holman, Indiana D., is known in Congress as the "Watch dog of the Treasury."

Brother W. W. Parsons, Indiana Z., '72, is professor of languages in Indiana State Normal School.

Brother D. Webster Herriott, Indiana E., '72, is in the Treasury department at Washington.

Brother L. A. Stocking, Michigan A., '70, is chief physician at Illinois State Insane Asylum.

Brother John E. Davies, Wisconsin A., '60, is professor of physics in the University of Wisconsin.

Brother Buena Vista Marshall, Indiana Z., '72, is Attorney and Secretary of the T. H. & S. E. R. R.

Brother O. N. Stotard, Ohio A., '48, is Kauke professor of natural science in the University of Wooster.

Brother Henry Eitel, Indiana D., '74, is Superintendent of Bradstreet's Commercial Agency for Indiana.

Brother Oscar J. Frost, Wisconsin A., '82, is assistant assayer of Boston Smelting Works, Argo, Col.

Brother David F. Simpson, Wisconsin A., '82, is instructor of elocution in the University of Wisconsin.

Colonel Fielding Mansfield, Wisconsin A., '61, is President of the Alligator Match Company of St. Louis.

Brother James Springer, Illinois B., '48, is chairman of the Greenback Illinois State Central Committee.

Brother Edward Porter Little, Illinois D., '75, is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, N. H.

Brother J. A. Anderson, Ohio, A., '53, is a member of Congress. Permanent address, Manhattan, Kan.

Brother J. E. Crews, Indiana Z., '82, is assistant cashier of the American Express Company, St. Paul, Minn.

Brother A. E. Stephenson, Kentucky A., '60, has retired from Congress and is practicing law at Bloomington, Ill.

Brother Philip Clayton Slaughter, Wisconsin A., '59, is a cotton merchant at 134 Pearl street, New York City.

Brother N. B. P. McKee, Indiana E., '72, is instructor in the Indiana Deaf and Dumb Institute at Indianapolis.

Brother J. H. Field, Missouri A., '77, is assistant civil engineer of the U. S. Mississippi River Commission corps.

Brother A. P. Dobbs, Indiana G., '62, and an ex-member of the Indiana Senate, is practicing law in Indianapolis.

Brother C. C. Cody, Georgia B., '75, is professor of mathematics in Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.

Brother George E. Smith, Ohio E., is Auditor of the S. V. & St. L. R. R., with headquarters at Greenville, Mich.

Brother A. H. Hamilton, Indiana B., '55, was a member of the last Congress. He is now practicing law at Fort Wynae, Ind.

Brothers P. S. Goodwin, Ohio G., '72, and E. H. Baker, Ohio G., '77, are practicing law at 45 Johnson building, Cincinnati.

Brother Nelson, K. Crowe, Indiana A., '51, has retired from the ministry and is living on his farm near Delaware, O.

Brother D. B. Kelley, Missouri A., '80, and ex-clerk of the Missouri Senate, is in the real estate business at Savannah, Mo.

Brother A. P. Stewart, Ohio A., '48, is Chancellor and professor of history and political economy in the University of Mississippi.

Brother W. E. Spencer, Wisconsin A., '61, formerly chief clerk of the U. S. Senate, is in the treasury department at Washington.

Brother Benjamin Palmer Gaillard, Georgia A., '72, is professor of Latin and ancient history at North Georgia Agricultural College.

Brother J. T. McFarland, Iowa A., '71, is Vice President and professor of belles lettres and history in Iowa Wesleyan University.

The Hull professorship in the University of Chicago was founded as a memorial to Brother Charles Morley Hull, Illinois B., '66.

Brother J. H. Dryden, Missouri A., '73, is city attorney and lecturer on merchantile law at Miller's Merchantile College, Keokuk, Ia.

Brother Henry G. Thompson, Indiana Z., '73, private Secretary of U. S. Secretary of Navy, '79-'80, is practicing law at Terre Haute, Ind.

Brother F. A. Parker, Illinois A., '62, and also a graduate of the Boston School of Music, is instructor of music at the University of Wisconsin.

Brother A. B. Johnson, Illinois D., '72, is First Lieutenant in the Ninth U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Fred Steele, Wyoming Territory.

Brother A. W. Little, Illinois D., '77, is rector of St. Paul Episcopal Church, Portland, Me., and is also tutor in the family of Governor Robie.

Brother J. V. Hadley, Indiana G., '63, and ex-member of the Indiana Senate, is President of the First National Bank of Danville, Ind.

Brother J. L. Fletcher, Indiana E., is the junior member of the firm of Coffin, Greenstreet & Fletcher, extensive pork packers in Indianapolis.

Brother Frank H. Terrill, Virginia B., '74, has resigned his commission as surgeon in the U. S. Navy and is now professor of Therapeutics in the University of California

Brother Charles S. McClelland, Ohio D., '77, is a missionary at Petchiburi, Siam.

Brother A. S. Jones, Georgia G., '75, is principal of College Temple, Newnan, Ga.

Brother S. W. Carpenter, New York A., '75, is with a railroad surveying party in Mexico.

Brother A. J. Jamieson, Ohio D., '75, is editor and proprietor of the *Urbana (O.) Citizen and Gazette*.

Brother Dudley R. Horton, New York A., '75, is practicing law at 7 Nassau street, New York City.

Brother W. O. Leffingwell, New York A., '76, is President of the Lyndon Mining Company, of New York.

Brother Samuel J. Flickinger, New York A., '76, is city editor of the *Ohio State Journal*, Columbus, O.

Brother George H. Carpenter, a member of Ohio D., is now a member of the junior class at Princeton, N. J.

Brother Herbert Hackney, New York A., is superintendent of Brown, Bunnell & Co.'s rolling mill at Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother A. C. Greene, New York A., '75, and ex-clerk of the New York Senate, is engaged in civil engineering at Palmyra, N. Y.

Brother J. M. Catching, Mississippi A., and Brother J. K. Battle, Alabama A., received diplomas as M. D. in New Orleans, March 29th.

Brother V. E. Rhodes, Ohio B., '84, is at present reading law at his home in Carthage, Mo. He will return next fall and graduate with his class.

Brother W. H. H. Raleigh, Illinois A., '60, is judge of credits with Hodges Brothers, one of the largest, oldest and wealthiest firms in Baltimore.

Brother Samuel W. Siberts, Iowa A., '72, is director and professor in the theological school and orphanage of the Methodist mission at Pueblo, Mexico.

Brother A. B. Thrasher, Indiana G., '73, and editor of *SCROLL*, is resident physician of the Cincinnati hospital.

Brother W. O. Bates, founder of the *SCROLL* and father of New York Alpha, has a responsible position on the editorial staff of the *Cincinnati News Journal*.

Brother Sam B. Eward, Indiana G., '76, was on May 1st elected Mayor of the city of Greensburg, Ind., by a nice majority.

Brother Henry Durant Howren, Georgia Beta, '80, and a member of Florida House of Representatives, '80-'82, is in the lumber business at Savannah, Ga.

Brother J. F. Brant, Ohio B., '73, is pastor of the M. E. Church at Mt. Gilead, O. He was in Delaware lately and led religious exercises in the O. W. U. Chapel.

Brother E. Le B. Gardiner, New York A., '75, is Secretary of Dundee Water Power Company and agent of Rittenhouse Manufacturing Company, Passaic, N. J.

Brother James R. Burnham, Kentucky A., '77, is the Democratic candidate to represent Madison county, Ky., in the next Legislature. He will certainly be elected.

Brother Thomas C. Early, Missouri A., '75, and ex-clerk of the Missouri Senate, is a stock and mining broker with office in Tabor Grand Opera House, Denver, Col.

Brother H. E. Grand-Girard, Ohio A., '69, is at present engaged in the drug business at Circleville, O. Brother G. is one of the most prominent business men of that place.

Brother R. H. Callahan, Ohio B., '84, is at his home in Jacksontown O., this spring, but will return to school to graduate with his class. "Bob" is the fancy poet of his class.

Brother Charles H. Butler, Indiana E., '72, formerly teller of the Second National Bank of New Albany, Ind., is clerk in the U. S. Treasury department at Washinton.

Brother F. D. Ader writes from Bloomington, Ill.: "Am reading law with Brothers Stephenson ('60) and Ewing ('58) both of Kentucky A.—finest lawyers in the city you bet."

Brother Brig. Gen. T. J. Morgan, Indiana D., '67, has resigned his professorship in Chicago Theological Seminary and is now principal of the Potsdam (N. Y.) Normal School.

Brother Ira C. Adams, Ohio G., '70, is living at Viroqua, Wis. He is doing a lucrative business in the Recorder's office there, and is one of the popular temperance advocates of his city.

Brother D. D. M. Woodmansee, Ohio B., '81, was recently called home to Carthage, Mo., to attend the funeral of his brother. Brother Woodmansee has the heartfelt sympathies of all Phis.

Brother H. F. Holloway, Ohio E., '78, is assistant Secretary of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron Company—a big corporation. He is held in very high esteem by the company. He takes the SCROLL.

Brothers S. G. Andrew and A. F. Balch, New York A., '71, are living at St. Johnsbury, Vt. The former is with the Fairbanks Scale Company, and the latter is Treasurer of the Passumpiac Savings Bank.

Brother T. H. McConica, Ohio Alpha Alumni, will graduate at Cincinnati Law School this coming commencement. Tom, in all probability, will hang out his shingle at some office in the "Porkopolis."

Brother Jotham Potter, Indiana E., '76, is a director of the Brush Electric Light Company; he is also sole agent for the company for China, Japan, Sumatra and Java, with headquarters at Yokohama, Japan.

Brother Scott Bonham, Ohio B., '82, ex-President of Beta Province (now Delta), is Superintendent of Public Instruction at West Unity, O. His Ohio Beta brothers hear from him about once every "steen" months.

Rev. Edward Brown, Ohio D., '76, is M. E. minister at Green Lawn, Long Island. Brother Brown, a short time ago, spent a week at his old home in Delaware, Ohio, where the boys of Ohio Beta were glad to see him.

Brother C. R. Anderson, Kentucky A., '75, recently received the Democratic nomination for the Legislature from Boyle county, Ky. Not caring to neglect his successful merchantile pursuits, he declined with thanks.

Rev. J. S. Bitler, Ohio B., has just gone as missionary to Dakota, and will locate at Chamberlain. Brother Bitter is still an enthusiastic Phi and shows his interest in the Fraternity in the right way—subscribing for the SCROLL.

Brother J. F. Steele, Ohio B., '84, rusticated during spring vacation at Defiance, O. Jim's home is at Circleville, but why he went to Defiance is easily explained. He came back and reported a new Phi Delt—it's a sister.

Brother W. S. Moffet, Indiana G., is a rising attorney at Crawfordsville, Ind., and still wears the "Sword and Shield."

Brother Sam Eccles, Indiana B., '81, one of the most enthusiastic Phis in the State, is in the drug business at Franklin, Ind.

Brother C. W. Miner, Pennsylvania D., '87, is the successful and popular pastor of the M. E. Church at North Warren, Pa.

Brother D. W. Thayer, Pennsylvania D., '83, has established a branch publishing house for an Eastern firm at Atlanta, Ga.

Brother R. R. Ross, '83, Allegheny College has located at 27 South Broad street, Atlanta, Ga., where he is engaged in the subscription book business.

Brother H. M. McKnight, Indiana B., is superintendent of the Covington, Ind., schools, and has the inside track for the office of county superintendent there.

Brother W. G. Warner, Pennsylvania D., '81, graduated at Dren Theological Seminary, May 17th, and has already accepted a very flattering call to Christie Church, Cincinnati, O.

We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. S. J. Pugh, Kentucky A., '73, a week or so ago. He is County Attorney for Lewis county, Ky. He still wears the "Sword and Shield" and is a subscriber to the SCROLL.

Brother Henry R. Thomson, Indiana B., '68, professor of chemistry and mineralogy in Wabash College has been studying in Germany during the past year. He will return to his post of duty about September 1st.

Brother J. C. S. Blackburn, Kentucky A., '57, has represented the old Henry Clay district (Ky.) in Congress for nine years. He is prominently mentioned as the proper person to send to the U. S. Senate, and will probably succeed Gen. Cero Gordo Williams at the expiration of his term.

Brother La Fayette Hoyt De Fries—name formerly "L. H. Smith"—California A., '74, has added the profession of law to that of "dude" and may be gazed upon with awe and rapture unspeakable at 160 Broadway, New York City. Brother La F. H. De F.—formerly "Smith"—learned the "dude" business at Harvard where he graduated in '76.

Brother W. W. Seals, Georgia B., '79, is professor in Middle Georgia Agricultural College.

Brother Hugh M. Willett, Georgia G., '78, is cashier of the First National Bank, Macon, Ga.

Brother W. F. Ringland, Indiana B., '77, has been elected President of a college at Hastings, Neb.

Brother Enoch Callaway, Georgia G., '73, is lecturer on physiology in the Southern Female College, at La Grange, Ga.

Brother D. D. Banta, Indiana A., '55, is Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Indiana. He takes an active interest in Phi Delta Theta, goes to all the Phi reunions and has contributed two sons to help along his Fraternity.

Brother W. P. Fulton, Ohio B., '81, superintendent of the public schools at Thornville, Ohio, spent his spring vacation among his old friends at Delaware, O. "Fult" says that it does him good to meet in the old Phi Home once more.

Brother E. O. Guerrant, Kentucky A., '60, is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, was Captain and acting Adjutant General in the confederate army during the late unpleasantness and is now one of the most eloquent evangelists in Kentucky.

Brother C. H. Beckham, Ohio B., '85, has been compelled to drop his studies on account of ill health, but will be in school again next year if his health will permit. Brother Beckham was Captain of Company A, O. W. U. military department. His address is Marysville, O.

Brother Rosser D. Bohannon, Virginia B., '76, after having occupied the chair of mathematics in the Suffolk (Va.) Collegiate Institute, Emory and Henry College and Dabney University School, N. Y., has gone to Europe to complete his education. He spent some time at Cambridge University, England.

Brother Milo C. Summers, Illinois D., '81, is historical writer for the Inter-State Publishing Company, of Chicago. He is now engaged in compiling the "History of the Hocking Valley," which is to be a work of from twelve to fifteen hundred pages. In the past year he has compiled over a thousand octavo pages of historical matter.

Brother Sam B. Hunt, Indiana B., '78, owns a fine fruit ranch near Los Angeles, Cal.

Brother J. C. Hinton, Georgia G., '77, is professor in the Middle Georgia Military College.

Brother C. D. Pickett writes from Waxahachie, Tex.: "Enclosed you will find \$1 for SCROLL. Please send it to my address as it is impossible for me to do without it. I live away out here in Texas where we can't hear anything about the Phi business. Our State Convention will be at Corsicana on the first of July. We hope to have a fine, large time."

Brother E. Junius Edwards, an Alumnus of Illinois Zeta, writes us an enthusiastic letter from Minneapolis, Minn. Among other things he says: "Minnesota A. is doing better. We had a meeting at my office last Tuesday for initiation. Brothers Otis Jones, of Chicago, and J. E. Crews, of St. Paul, were present, also Brother Bullis, of this city. We expect to meet to-night for initiation. I think that I can occasionally send you items for the SCROLL from this part of the Phi World."

Brother John W. Foster, Indiana A., writes: "Your letter of the 5th inst. reaches me in the midst of the hurry of preparations on the eve of my departure for Spain. I only have time to extend to you my best wishes for the success of the SCROLL and to express my continued interest in the Fraternity, whose enlarging membership and usefulness should be a source of pride to all of us. Please forward the SCROLL for one year to John W. Foster, U. S. Minister to Spain, care of Department of State, Washington, D. C.—\$1 enclosed."

Phis visiting Florida can make their trip all the more pleasant by bearing in mind this bit of information concerning our boys there. In Jacksonville they will find A. D. Basnetto, Michigan A., Charlton DuPont, Georgia B., and D. C. Fletcher, H. B. Phillips and J. M. Barrs, all of Tennessee A. All are attorneys-at-law and will be delighted to meet with and extend the courtesies due to Phis at any time. Any brother visiting that State without seeing these boys and then allowing W. L. Calhoun, Georgia B., an opportunity to show how he can treat Phis in Palatka makes a mistake and loses much of the pleasure of the trip. Brother C. is emphatically *the* rising young attorney and society man of Palatka.

Brother Tom Hood, Indiana B., '81, will graduate at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, next year.

Brother G. E. Bertrand, Vermont Alpha, '80, is a successful lawyer at Plattsburg, N. Y., and as warm a Phi as ever.

Brother H. L. Van Nostrand, Vermont A., '81, Secretary of the G. C., 1881-82, is trying "life among the Mormons" at Park City, Utah, as head assayer of the Climax Mining Company.

Brother J. C. McCoy, of Dallas, Tex., an accomplished lawyer, an enthusiastic Phi, has been elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Texas. Our congratulations to Sir Knight McCoy and the Texas Templars.

Brother H. M. Woods, one of Vermont A.'s charter members, who left the university and engaged in other pursuits for a time, finally accepted Horace Greeley's advice and is now the valiant leader of the sophomore class, Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Brother A. C. White, Ohio E., '79, is a universalist minister stationed at Augusta, Me. Brother White is especially prominent from the fact that he was the youngest soldier on the pay rolls United States army during the late war. He was drummer of Company D. 64th Ohio Infantry at *nine years of age*.

It is stated upon reliable authority that shortly after Postmaster General Howe's death, Brother John W. Foster, Indiana A., '55, was consulted by President Arthur as to a suitable person to fill the vacancy. Brother Foster recommended the present incumbent, Judge Gresham. And although he had not been previously mentioned with the host of applicants for the office, the President tendered him the appointment through Brother Ben Harrison, Ohio A., '52. Judge Gresham accepted the appointment which caused a vacancy in the U. S. District Court of Indiana. This was recently filled by Brother W. A. Wood, Indiana B., '59, who resigned as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana in order to accept.

On the evening of May 23th, during the commencement exercises at the University of California, the class of '79 held their Quadrennial Reunion at Berkeley, Cal. Brother Fremont Morse, California A., '79, was elected President of

the class, to remain in office four years. Three members of the class have died since graduation and their friends and relatives sent a beautiful floral memorial in the shape of a horse-shoe. In the body of white flowers were neatly traced in red the initials "B. C. and S.," the last of which stands for Brother Henry William Sander, who died in San Francisco on the 26th of last August. The class resolved to found and maintain a scholarship to be attached to their *Alma Mater*.

In the recent trial of Congressman Phil Thompson for the killing of Walter Davis, which created such a sensation and was the topic of so much newspaper talk all over the country, Judge Charles A. Hardin, Kentucky A., '56, was upon the bench, Dr. M. L. Forsythe, Kentucky A., '62, was upon the witness stand and Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Kentucky A., '57, a warm personal friend of Mr. Thompson, was counsel for the accused. His closing speech was a masterpiece of legal reasoning. His vivid and eloquent word-painting of the unfortunate tragedy and his impressions of the causes which brought it about were extremely realistic and had a powerful effect upon the audience and the jury. Phil Thompson is indebted, in a great measure, to that speech, for his life.

Brother Alexander Lackey, Ohio G., '75, was attorney for George Ellis, one of the trio of notorious "Ashland murderers," Neil, Craft and Ellis. It will be remembered that it was necessary to order out the Kentucky militia to guard these prisoners from the fury of the people of Eastern Kentucky and when a mob attempted to take them several citizens of Ashland were killed and a large number were wounded.

We were on duty as the "highest private in the rearest rank" when the case was opened and recognized Brother Lackey by the "Sword and Shield" which he wore. It is a pity that his client was hanged by a mob before he had a chance to use his persuasive eloquence on the jury. We found him an affable gentleman and loyal Phi who has continued to wear his badge, although he has been out of college eight years.

This took quite a prominent position at the recent Republican State Convention at Lexington, Ky. Brothers Logan McKee, Kentucky A., '68, J. Z. Moore, Kentucky A., '66, and J. W.

Lewis, Kentucky A., '62, each took an active part in the proceedings of that body. Brother Moore was chairman of the convention on several occasions during the sessions, was appointed Vice President of the Central Committee for the state at large and was nominated for Governor but at his own request his name was withdrawn. Brother Lewis was also a strong candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, but after a good race he was defeated with many other aspirants for that honor. However, he was as highly honored by having his name prominently before the convention as he would have been had he received the nomination, as the "nomination" is about all Republicans get in this state.

Brother Alva Fitzpatrick, Alabama Alpha Alumni and one of the most enthusiastic Phis in the land, delivered the oration on decoration day at Montgomery, Ala. We regret that we have not the space to reproduce his oration. One of the Montgomery papers says: "Mr. Levi then introduced Mr. Alva Fitzpatrick, the orator of the day, as one too young to have participated in the struggle for independence, but as one of illustrious family whose name is interwoven with the proudest and noblest deeds in Alabama's history.

"Mr. Fitzpatrick's oration was fervid and eloquent, polished and scholarly, and his delivery showed the orator of culture and talent. His oration was listened to with the closest attention and was greeted with frequent demonstrations of applause. He showed in every look and word that his heart was in what he said. In short, Mr. Fitzpatrick covered himself with glory, gratified his friends and has been receiving congratulations ever since."

Brother C. N. Ousley, Professor of Physics and Chemistry in Marvin College, Waxahachie, Tex., writes: "I received the last number of the SCROLL this morning and did not put it down (except to eat dinner) until I had read it from beginning to end. I write merely to tell you how much I appreciate the excellent manner in which you are conducting the enterprise that will, above all other things, keep the Alumni interested and the Fraternity at large alive. Although I have been battling with the world for two years, I have not lost any of my love or enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta. Like Brother Hunter, I feel like kicking myself for not attending

the Richmond Convention. I will most assuredly be on hand at Nashville. Incidentally, I would like to have your opinion of a matter of which I have been thinking a little of late. I refer to a constitutional amendment admitting a delegate from each State Association as a regular member of the Biennial Convention. It seems to me that such an act would greatly encourage the State Association and give them a more substantial organization—a recognition by this convention. I would be pleased to have your opinion of the matter and if worthy of consideration, I would like to discuss it in the SCROLL at some time in the future. Our State Association is well organized, and we expect to have a grand time at our next session. There are many Phis in this State and all are typically enthusiastic."

The following communication from Columbus, Mo., which appeared in the *St. Louis Presbyterian*, March 30th, will be of interest to the Phi World inasmuch as it gives an idea of the noble work in which our venerable Brother, Robert Morrison, founder of Phi Delta Theta and author of the Bond, is engaged:

"As the crow flies, it is about fifty-five miles from my home to Brother Morrison's in Aurora Springs; but the intervening river and the different lines of railroad between here and there, make it a two-days' journey, with the opportunity, a forced one, of lying over at three or four different points between the two places.

Brother M. was found holding the fort as bishop over a large diocese. On Sunday, 25th of March, the Aurora Springs Church was organized with ten members, and several others are expected to join them very soon. It was inexpedient to elect a session just at this time, but it will be done very shortly, and the Church fully equipped for work.

Aurora Springs is rather a remarkable place with a remarkable growth. Two years ago there was nothing but the hills, the rills, the springs and solitude. To-day there is a village of one thousand inhabitants, with more to follow.

The Church building is a noble monument to Brother Morrison's untiring energy, perseverance and pluck. A handsome, slightly building it is, capable, when seated, of accommodating four hundred persons. As in his work for our college, so in regard to this I,

know of no other man who could have accomplished it. Brother M. is personally responsible for \$150 of debt still on it; and in order to furnish it, put in seats, and plaster it, it will take at least \$300 more. Are there not some of his friends and friends of the cause who will come forward to his relief, and gladden his heart? It is greatly needed and richly deserved.

Among many pleasant memories of a busy life, not the least will be the week spent under Brother M.'s hospitable roof, and the kindness shown by him and his."

The Aurora Springs *Autogram* of March 29th says editorially: "The new Presbyterian Church, on Aurora and Fourth streets, is nearly completed, and when finished, will be an ornament to Aurora Springs, a credit to the county and a favorable exponent of the moral status of our community. Too much praise cannot be ascribed to the generosity, public spirit and energetic exertions of Rev. Robert Morrison, toward the erection of this graceful structure. Mr. M. has labored long and faithfully in organizing the building fund, as well as in superintending the details of construction, and is now justly entitled to the satisfaction of beholding his arduous efforts crowned with success."

The following from the *Daily Chronicle* of Leadville, Col., explains itself: "In Mr. Fleming, as a candidate for Mayor, we have an exemplification of the merits of the entire ticket. He is qualified to fill the position well. His legal attainments, especially, fit him to direct the legislation of the city. At the same time he is as widely known as a mining man as in the legal profession. It may be relied on that he can and will do much to remedy the evil resulting from the attack on the mining industry by the Democratic county commissioners. That is the industry in which this camp is most interested, and the insidious attempts of the Democratic organ to misrepresent its real relations to our people and the results of attempted unconstitutional legislation, have undoubtedly created some mistaken feeling. No man is better acquainted with the interests of the city and the adjacent country than Mr. Fleming, and no one could be better trusted to bring about complete reconciliation and harmony. Personally his integrity, his ability and his adherence to the party, are above question, while his social qualities have made him universally popular."

After the election which was held on the 3rd inst., the *Chronicle* said further of him: "John D. Fleming, the newly-elected Mayor, was born in Flemingsburg, Ky. He began his studies at Mr. James P. Hendricks's academy, at Flemingsburg, and was there prepared for Centre College. At Centre College he took the usual collegiate course and graduated. He afterwards became a Latin and Greek tutor at this college. From Centre College he went to the University of Louisville, where he entered the law class. Graduating from this institution with his diploma he took a special law course with Mr. John B. Minor, at the University of Virginia. In 1879 Mr. Fleming came to Leadville. He associated himself with James Y. Marshall, esq., and begun the practice of law. He was also associated with William Harrison before that gentleman was appointed Judge of the Chaffee district. A short while after this Mr. Fleming was made the financial agent and general manager of the Robert E. Lee mine. On the first of March he resigned this position and entered politics. He received the republican nomination for Mayor and has been elected by a handsome majority."

Friday night of last week was the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. S. B. Alderson (Kentucky A., '70), of the Presbyterian Church in this city. The occasion was marked by large assemblage of the members of the congregation and their friends at Mr. Alderson's residence. A most delightful evening was spent by all present, refreshments being served at the proper time by Traxel, the veteran caterer. Several of Mr. and Mrs. Alderson's friends gave expression to their affection and esteem in which they are held by presenting them with handsome and useful articles. On the Sunday following Mr. Alderson delivered an anniversary sermon which will be found entire on our first page. Both he and his wife have a number of friends outside of the congregation who join the latter in wishing them many such pleasant anniversaries in our midst — *New Maysville Republican*, May 26th.

Brother Ben Harrison, a sketch of whose life we give on the following page, is prominently mentioned as the next Republican Presidential nominee.

The last unofficial letter written by President Garfield was to Brother J. C. S. Blackburn.

HON. BEN'J. HARRISON,\*  
INDIANA ALPHA, '52.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM INDIANA

SEE FRONT-PIECE.

Benjamin Harrison, in his election to the United States Senate, signalized one of the results upon which the Republican party may well pride itself, as an outcome of the heated political discussions and fierce party contests that have agitated the whole country during the last few years, which is the redemption by a large majority of the great and influential State of Indiana, whereby it has regained a seat in the National Senate. It is also a matter of felicity to that party, not only in that State but throughout the country, that it has made good use of the power thus acquired, and placed in that senatorial chair a man so worthy to wear the political mantle of Indiana's "great war governor" and distinguished statesman, the late Senator Morton.

Hon. Benjamin Harrison traces his lineage through a long line of distinguished ancestors. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, was a member of the Continental Congress from Virginia, having been elected a delegate to that body in 1774. Until his death, which occurred in 1791, he was prominent in public affairs. He was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; twice a member of Congress, and three times Governor of Virginia. General William Henry Harrison, son of the latter, served his country in military and civil offices from 1791 to 1841, when he died. He was President of the United States during the last month of his life. President Harrison's son, John Scott Harrison, was a man of civil distinction, also serving as a member of Congress from 1853 to 1857. He died a few years ago in Cincinnati.

Senator Harrison was born August 20, 1833, at North Bend, Ohio, on the Ohio river. At the age of seventeen, having received the benefit of a thorough academic course, he entered the junior class of Miami University at Oxford, O., graduating at that institution in the class of 1852. After graduation he chose for his profession the practice of law, and at once began his course of study preparatory to admission to the bar. In 1853 he married Miss Carrie L. Scott, and in the following year removed to

Indianapolis, where he soon became prominent as a lawyer, being known as a safe counsellor and eloquent advocate. He first became active in politics in 1856, and has been engaged in every canvass since, as a Republican. In 1860 he formed a law partnership with W. P. Fishback, which lasted for a long time. In the same year he was elected Reporter of the Supreme Court of Indiana, but in 1862 when the Union armies had met with reverses, he resigned this office and engaged in raising volunteers for the 17th Indiana infantry. Of this regiment he was made Colonel, and not long after he was made a brigade commander. His services in Kentucky and Tennessee and in the Atlanta campaign were the subject of special mention by his superior officers. He was universally esteemed by the officers and men under his command.

In 1864 General Harrison was elected Supreme Court Reporter, and during the same year became a member of the law firm of "Porter, Harrison & Fishback." The senior member of that firm is now Governor of Indiana. In 1876 General Harrison was the Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana, having been nominated when absent from home, and only consenting to accept when it had been urged that it was his duty to do so. The campaign which ensued was one of the most exciting in the history of the State, General Harrison bearing the brunt of the battle for the Republicans, and failing of an election by but a small majority.

In the Chicago Convention of 1880 he favored the candidacy of Mr. Blaine, and worked nobly for him up to that time when that great leader directed his friends to give their support to General Garfield, and thereafter he labored earnestly and assiduously for the latter until his nomination had been accomplished. General Harrison was elected United States Senator for six years, and took his seat March 4, 1881. He is a man of unblemished character, sterling integrity, and remarkable firmness of purpose in what he believes to be right. In early life he was a Whig, but for nearly twenty-five years has been among the foremost in the Republican ranks.

To the discharge of the duties of his high office he brings qualifications so varied and rare that they justify the prediction of a career so useful and honorable that it shall meet the highest expectation of the state and nation and preserve undimmed the bright luster of his ancestral name.

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A WORD to '83. The SCROLL from October '83 to October '84 costs only \$1.

THE Reporter from Tennessee Alpha is somewhat enthusiastic; and with just cause.

WE would be pleased to have any back numbers our readers may send us. Several copies of January-February issue would be very acceptable at present.

THE Chapters, if possible, should meet weekly rather than once in two weeks. Success in the cause of Phi Delta Theta means to keep things booming. Once in two weeks is too spasmodic.

THE rose, under which Tennessee Alpha has been sheltered since her establishment, has been drooping for some time and has at last withered and died, thanks to the efforts of Brother Jackson.

WE ask pardon of the Reporters who notice a slight alteration in their communications. We took the liberty to add a little to some and strike out a little from others in order to make our columns even. In some instances it was necessary to do so.

DURING our recent visit among the Phis we learned that an article, published in the *Lehigh Burr* several months since, stated that a wealthy gentleman of Bethlehem had offered to build a \$15,000 Chapter house on condi-

tion that Phi Delta Theta would establish a Chapter at Lehigh. Can any of our Pennsylvania brothers give us any information about this?

WE understand that J. Proctor Knott, of "Duluth" fame and Democratic nominee for Governor of Kentucky, is an honorary member of Phi Delta Theta, having been elected several years ago by Indiana Alpha and initiated by a member of that Chapter. We don't as a general thing go much on honorary members but since J. Proctor is an honorary member and is also to be the next Governor of Kentucky we will not disown him.

THIS number of the SCROLL is the most valuable one ever issued, from the fact that it contains reports from every Chapter in the Fraternity, the majority of which contain a great deal of interesting historical data. A careful perusal of these reports will give a better idea of the history and present general standing of our Fraternity than could be acquired by several years investigation without the aid of them. We advise our readers to preserve their copies as they will prove valuable for future reference.

TEXAS Alpha is no more. She fought manfully for an existence, against narrow minded prejudice, and died fighting. Although we are not now represented by a single Chapter in the Lone Star State, there are many loyal and enthusiastic Phis to be found within her borders. This fact is attested by their preparations for a State Convention composed entirely of Alumni. Texas is safe in the hands of Texas Phis and when their great university is opened they will see that Phi Delta Theta will be among the first to enter.

BEFORE long the cry "On to Nashville" will be sounded, and when it comes we hope it will be resounded from Vermont to Texas and from Flor-

ida to Minnesota. One must attend a National Convention to appreciate it. That we can grasp the hand of a stranger from a home far removed from ours and know him from that instant as a brother is a benediction on our Fraternity. The convention and the SCROLL are the unifying elements in our system. Let us cherish both and early lay our plans to visit Nashville.

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ON the evening of June 12th, at the Phoenix Hotel, Bloomington, Ill., occurred the banquet and reunion of Illinois E. It was the most elegant affair that has occurred in social circles of that city for a long time. Hon. A. E. Stevenson and James S. Ewing, resident Alumni of Kentucky A., were present and made remarks during the programme of toasts. The *menu* and programme were simply elegant and will be cherished by all present as a souvenir of the happy occasion.

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WE would advise the Chapters to make their membership as large as possible with due care in selection. There is an inspiration in numbers that small Chapters cannot have. Every project can be carried out with much more vim and greater success. With a Chapter of ten or twelve good men the new member, though he be not all they wish for a brother, can be moulded to their standard if they are firm. A new member soon discovers he must conform and becomes a Phi in every sense surprisingly quick. No Chapter can be to large as long as the proper quality is preserved.

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THERE has been considerable complaint from our readers on account of the SCROLL not appearing on time during the collegiate year just completed. If they will pause and think for a few moments they will plainly see why such

has been the case. The present editor was elected at the last convention which did not adjourn until October 27th. It was about ten days before we began to make much headway getting out the November issue, and, on account of it being a new departure for us, we were naturally ignorant of many matters pertaining to publishing such a journal as the SCROLL and as a consequence were subjected to many annoying delays. It requires at least a month to "get up" the SCROLL and as the first number was behind time the subsequent ones were necessarily so. No one regrets as much as we do the late date at which this number is issued. At the same time we must disclaim being the cause thereof. We could have gotten it out a week or so sooner but as it was delayed by the failure of our reporters to respond promptly to our request for the right kind of reports, until after the majority of our colleges had closed, we decided to indulge in a few days of pleasure which could not be conveniently indulged in at a later date. We hope our efforts during the last nine months to maintain a good rank for the SCROLL among Fraternity journals will compensate for our brief desertion of our post of duty. We will be promptly on hand in September and hope our friends will send in items of interest and prices of subscription early and often.

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AGAIN we would remind the Phis, who leave college this year by graduation or "quitting," of a duty they owe to themselves and to the Fraternity. That is to subscribe for the SCROLL and to urge others to do likewise. Our pet idea at present is to acquire a strong and enthusiastic support from our Alumni and the best means we know of by which to test ones interest in and love for the cause is to attack him financially. When one pays out money for any purpose he always wants that purpose accomplished, and if our Alumni

contribute financial aid to the support of the SCROLL and the Fraternity it is probable that they will also contribute their interest to the cause and that is what we are after. If we do not get the active interest and substantial support of our young Alumni—those who have just left college and were recently enthusiastically active in promoting the welfare of Phi Delta Theta, what hope have we of success in working on the dormant interest and half-forgotten memories of members of ten, twenty, thirty and thirty-five years standing. Again we say to graduates and “quituates” of '83, by all means send the first dollar you earn—if you don't owe it to some one—to C. A. Foster, Madison, Wis., and receive the SCROLL for one year. Next year send another dollar, repeat the experiment the next year and the next and continue to do so and you will never regret it. What does the out lay of one dollar amount to when you get in return monthly reminders of your college days, college friends and information about your “old college society?” Subscribe at once; don't put it off till the beginning of next year or you may put it off for ever.

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WE as students are nearing the close of another college year, and to many of our members it brings the farewell to active college life. But to the loyal Phi, graduation will not mark the cessation of active Fraternity life. For thirty-four years at each commencement Phi Delta Theta has sent her representatives out into the vast arena to struggle for supremacy, until now almost five thousand are numbered on her Alumni roll. These members when in college were as fully alive to the interests of our Fraternity as is our present active membership to-day; but too many of them, ceased their active labors in behalf of the Fraternity when they graduated from their Chapter, although their love for “Phi-dom”

is as strong as it ever was. Now their is a greater power resting in the hands of our Alumni than they can imagine. Our fraternity is well enough established now to have conservatism rather than extension for its policy, although we are not at all averse to the latter. “Build up and give internal strength to the Chapters we have, rather than extend” is the idea now seizing upon our leading workers, and we call upon our Alumni to assist us. From every town where there is a Phi, almost every year their starts out to school some man who will make a desirable Fraternity man, and but a few minutes work by an Alumnus, will do what it may be impossible to do after the man has entered college. A conditional pledge to become a member of our Chapter in good standing, can be obtained from a great many of the young men thus starting out, and it would soon firmly establish our Chapters in the colleges where they are situated and give them a high standing. But in order for an Alumnus to work thus he must be acquainted to a certain degree with the workings of our order. Ten or fifteen years works remarkable changes, and our Alumni should keep up with the times. This can be done through the medium of the SCROLL, yet the books show what a small number of our Alumni are subscribers to the paper. One of our sister Fraternities whose journal has a much smaller circulation than ours, reports over three hundred Alumni subscribers. Our number ought to be quadrupled, and when we get an active Alumni we will be strong indeed. Will our Chapter Reporters help us in working up the Alumni subscription?

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THE work on the new catalogue is almost completed. By the time this reaches the readers of the SCROLL all of the Chapter lists will be in type. Proofs have been sent to different members, and the privilege of making additions

and corrections allowed every Chapter. Though this process has somewhat delayed the work, and though the corrections in the pages have been expensive, the result is that the Chapter lists are almost perfect and are revised down to the present date. All Chapters, however, are still urged to send data of new initiates the degrees, and honors taken by members this year and changes in occupation and addresses of old members. Such addenda will be noted in the appendix. The preparation of the residence directory, alphabetical index and special tables are all that remains to be done. The book will be in the binders hands in a few weeks. It will be an excellent specimen of letter press work, and will be bound in blue cloth and morocco with silver side stamp. The price of the cloth edition is \$2; of the morocco, \$4. All Phis who have not paid for it are requested to forward the money for it to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. The money received from subscribers so far falls considerably short of the cost of publication. It is greatly to be desired that remittances be made immediately so that the bills may be paid.

It is astonishing that the notice printed in the SCROLL calling for lists of members who have paid for the catalogue has received scarcely any response. The Chapters mentioned are entitled to copies as follows: Pennsylvania Beta, fourteen; Indiana Delta, twelve; Indiana Zeta, twenty-four, and Ohio Epsilon, seven (three morocco). The names and addresses of the members who have paid in above Chapters have been received and the books will be sent to them promptly. Pennsylvania Alpha has sent names and addresses of only sixteen of twenty paid subscribers; Ohio Beta, only eight of thirteen; Indiana Gamma, only nine of ten, and Texas Alpha, only eight of twelve. The following Chapters are entitled to the number of copies stated, but they will positively not be sent out until a list of

the parties who have paid in each Chapter is received. Vermont Alpha, twelve (two morocco); Pennsylvania Gamma, two (?); Indiana Alpha, twenty-four; Indiana Beta, eight; Michigan Beta, thirteen; Illinois Delta, nine; Illinois Epsilon, nineteen; Wisconsin Alpha, six; Minnesota Alpha, eight (one morocco); Iowa Alpha, twelve; Missouri Alpha, fifteen; Georgia Gamma, thirteen; Virginia Beta, sixteen; Virginia Delta, eight, and Kentucky Alpha, ten. The numbers above include only those who have paid as attendant members. Not the names of a few who have paid are desired, but the full authentic list of those who have paid must be forward to Brother Palmer before the books will be sent out. This rule will be strictly followed and reporters should, therefore, N. B.

IN another column one of our Province Presidents advances several new ideas about our financial government, especially the *per capita* assessment for the SCROLL and conventions. We are glad that some one has started the question and hope that it will lead to discussion which will result in a plan of attending to our finances which will be equitable. It is a problem which we have been trying to solve for two years and as yet we have been unsuccessful. According to our present system the burden of expense falls upon the members of every other year while the members of the "off" years have very little expense. The scheme proposed by our Prov. Pres. is a very good one, but we think it can be improved upon; it will not, however, be perfectly equitable until our conventions meet annually instead of biennially, hence we most strongly advocate annual conventions. We will gladly open our columns to a discussion of this subject and hope that our financiers will take advantage of the offer and send us some readable articles.

WE would like to give an extended account of our recent visit among our brothers in Indiana and Ohio but the rapidly increasing number of pages of this issue remind us that we must be brief. We attended the banquet given by Indiana Z. on the 15th and enjoyed it thoroughly, but we derived more pleasure from our association with the Asbury boys than from the banquet. They are agitating the question of building a Chapter house and have flattering prospects for the success of the scheme. A considerable amount has already been subscribed and promised and with this nucleus to start with we hope in a few years to see Indiana Zeta in handsome and permanent quarters of her own. She already has one of the cosiest and prettiest suite of rooms of any Fraternity in the Hoosier State. We spent two days with our President, Brother Brown, in Indianapolis, and also had the pleasure of meeting our genial brother and prince of Phis, Judge Elliott. Of course we had a long talk with the Goodwin brothers; would not think of leaving the State without seeing them. We were more than pleased to meet Brother J. T. Mellette, of Indiana A., who had been visiting the Greencastle boys for several days before our arrival and whom we left there when we regretfully took our departure. Although he graduated the year we made our advent into the world, he is still an enthusiastic Phi and his badge has been his constant companion for twenty-three years. We also met Brothers Scott and Mitchell, of Indiana Z.—the former a rising young lawyer and the latter the Mayor of Greencastle. Of course we had a pleasant visit with our Ohio Epsilon boys. The fact that one visits them is an evidence that one had a charming time. Butchel College is constantly progressing and with two Phis in the faculty, several Phi members of the Board of Trustees, a strong Chapter of Phi Delta Theta among the students and plenty of financial backing she has nothing to

fear for the future. The dedication exercises at their new hall in the afternoon and the banquet, at the swellest restaurant in Akron, in the evening of the 18th, were enjoyable, occasions but we must again say, as we said of the Indiana Z., that our chief enjoyment was our brotherly converse with the boys. Their hall is probably the finest in the Fraternity and we doubt even if any of our Eastern rivals can boast of a finer one. Situated in the finest building in Akron, the banking house of Hon. Ferdinand Schumacher, prohibition candidate for Governor of Ohio, whose two sons are royal Phis and who has assured Ohio Epsilon that they may occupy it as long as they desire, and furnished magnificently, our boys at Butchel have little else to desire. We had the pleasure of meeting the H. G. C., Brother Stearns, Brother R. B. Carter, Ohio B., Brother C. B. Wright, of Johns Hopkins, Bro. J. C. Tomlinson, of Springfield, and many other brothers whose names we have forgotten but whose faces and kind tokens of a hearty welcome will never be forgotten. Of a truth Indiana and Ohio Phis are all royal good fellows.

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We are sorry to see that our Greek-Letter Fraternities are of late partaking somewhat of the nature of political organizations. "The Alpha Delta Phi Conspiracy," to which we have alluded several times during the past year, created a great deal of newspaper talk in the East, especially in New York City. It seems that the Alpha Deltas were pretty strong in the New York Legislature and were having everything their own way until they ventured beyond their depth and were exposed and defeated while trying to unseat a member of that body in order to make way for an Alpha Delt. The Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio is a member of the Beta Theta Pi while the Republican candidate for the same office has the distinction of being

a Phi Kappa Psi. The *Shield* says in this connection: "The recent Republican State Convention for Ohio honored in no ordinary manner a loyal and enthusiastic Phi Psi in nominating J. B. Foraker, of Cincinnati, for Governor. The *Beta Theta Pi* predicts that Judge Hoadly will be the nominee of the Democratic party. If Fraternity lines are to be drawn, let us hope that every loyal Phi Psi will, regardless of his party affiliations, support and work with his best energies for the elevation of our Brother Foraker to the post of high honor for which he has been nominated."

Within the past few months, an Indiana politician, a member of the Senate, who is well-known to the Greek World on account of his speech in the Purdue case, made overtures to our Indiana Alpha with a view of joining Phi Delta Theta. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and as that Fraternity is comparatively weak in the West, he proposed to resign his membership in it and connect himself with Phi Delta Theta. His object was entirely a selfish one and he desired to make the change to further his political ends, well knowing that Phi Delta Theta had many members who were prominent in politics in the Hoosier State. His overtures were not successful.

We think it only right and natural that members of the different Fraternities should desire to see their members' interests advanced, at the same time all efforts in this direction should be made in a quiet manner and should be a matter of discretion with each individual member and not to be decided by the Fraternity as a body. One of the worst things that could happen to our Greek-Letter Fraternities would be

for them to be considered as organization for the purpose of tampering with state or national politics. Our enemies would at last have one sound argument to urge against us. Fraternities are necessarily college institutions and as such are eminently useful, but let them once meddle with affairs outside of their proper sphere and they inflict upon themselves an irreparable injury.

IT is a well-known fact that the most successful Fraternities are those which have the most active interest and co-operation of their Alumni. To acquire this interest and co-operation the Alumni must be kept informed as to what his Fraternity is doing. The Beta Theta Pi is acknowledged by both Eastern and Western rivals to have, in a greater degree than any other Fraternity, this interest of her Alumni and as a consequence she stands to-day the leading Fraternity in the country. In a great many respects Phi Delta Theta is as strong as Beta Theta Pi and is stronger in several, but, until we can claim as enthusiastic an Alumni as she has, we can never hope to be her successful rival.

The secret of her success in this particular is that she never allows an Alumnus to forget that he is a Beta and that the Fraternity takes an interest in him and expects in return that he shall take an interest in the Fraternity. Twice a year each Chapter sends to every living Alumnus, whose addresses and changes of residence they are very careful to ascertain, a circular letter containing information concerning everything of interest that has occurred during the year; what progress the Chapter has made and what are its prospects for the future; what the progress the whole Fraternity has made and what are its future prospects; calls attention to their official organ and solicits subscription; tells all about the next convention, how to get there, who will be there, and extends a hearty invitation

\*When we put our first Chapter correspondence forms to press we had not completed our editorial labor for May-June issue. We therefore reserved five pages for the future and numbered first page of Chapter correspondence 251. Editorial mischance proving more fruitful than anticipated compelled us to adopt the peculiar form of notation following page 253 that it might appear in that portion of SCROLL assigned to this department.

to attend. In fact these semi-annual reports are histories of each Chapter rewritten every six months and are invaluable for reference. When the Alumni see that the active members take such an interest in them it is only natural that they should return like for like.

In another column we reprint one of these reports in order that our readers may see what an excellent feature it is. We would be pleased to have our next convention pass a law similar to that which has been in force for several years in Beta.Theta Pi. In the meantime, before our next convention assembles, it would be a good idea for our Chapters to pass by-laws to that effect and we are confident that if each Chapter sends to each of its Alumni on January 1, 1884, a letter like the one we give in another column, the circulation of the SCROLL will be increased and the attendance at our convention will be unusually large.

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WE have just received a copy of the Logan (O.) *Gazette* containing the following editorial on "Captain Jack." Every Phi in the land who has heard of this celebrated "Modoc," and there are hundreds of them, will be glad to learn how he stands in his own and neighboring communities. We wish him a handsome majority and are confident that if he is elected Athens county will never have cause to blush for her representative :

"The necessity for strong men in the next Legislature is manifest. There is no question of the earnest intention of the Democracy of Ohio to make almost superhuman efforts to carry the State this fall, and there are reasons to believe that in a measure they will succeed. Unfortunate legislation lost ground to the Republican party last year. Misunderstanding as to certain matters of legislation this year may influence certain elements against us and we may not count our majority in the next General Assembly by the dozens,

as we have done in the past. This fact then demands strong men for candidates and strong men as Representatives. We want leaders, men of power and influence, men who can stand the brunt of severe battle with courage and ability. We want men who have ideas and who can express them with force and vigor. This is not a year to pay up political indebtedness by sending compromise candidates to the front. The best and ablest must now be brought into requisition. With this view of the situation it is with pleasure, aye even with enthusiasm, that we see our sister county of Athens putting forward one of her strongest men. Young, talented, vigorous, with all the elements of a statesman, popular, enthusiastic and uncompromisingly patriotic to the cause of his party, Emmet Tompkins stands the leader of the young Republicans of the Hocking Valley. His nomination as Representative, we believe, is assured, and his acceptance of the trust has been promised. Let Athens county send Emmet Tompkins to the Legislature and she not only reflects honor to herself but she gives to the Republican party of the State a man whose services in the capacity of Representative will benefit us all. As an advocate of the great measures that influence and effect the welfare of our party, where oratory and power are needed none will prove the superior and few the peer of Emmet Tompkins, of Athens."

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It is not, as a general thing, in very good taste for an editor to obtrude his personal affairs upon the readers of his paper, but for fear that silence on our part in this case may result in injury to us, we deem it best to say a few words. About three weeks ago we received a very insulting anonymous letter from a member of a rival Fraternity and a student at Butchel College. We made it convenient to visit Butchel several days after and having learned, from the President of the college, who the writer

was, we had an interview with him. In that interview we said to him: "If you wrote that letter you are a sneaking, contemptible puppy and a liar." He did not have the manliness to resent this and other insults we heaped upon him and when we informed him of what our action would be if he would only say the same things to us, he replied: "I am not very well developed physically and don't care to fight." He afterwards approached one of our friends and stated that he would apologize if we would again meet him. We declined to have anything more to do with him.

He did not have the courage, while we were there, to say a word, but nearly two weeks after we had left Akron, this "courageous" gentleman (?), going on the principle that distance affords safety to a coward, rushes into print and gives us the benefit of a column article in one of the Akron papers. The article contains just enough truth to make it readable but the main facts are falsehoods from the word go. It is highly sensational and is calculated to impress one, who is ignorant of the facts in the case, that we have gotten ourselves into a ridiculous predicament. As he gave prominence to the fact that we were editor-in-chief of the SCROLL and frequently called attention to Phi Delta Theta and will no doubt send copies of the paper broadcast over the country, we thought it best to inform the Phi World that the article was an infamous lie and contemptible slander. Pardon us for taking up so much space with so trivial a matter, and if the article in question meets the eye of any Phi we hope he will take it for just what it is worth.

REALIZING that we were not capable of editing and managing the SCROLL unassisted, we published in the January-February issue, an editorial on the subject and called on the G. C. to allow us to increase our editorial force. In that

article a certain paragraph excited the wrath and disturbed the bile of a brother in one of our Pennsylvania Chapters. He immediately chose himself as Reporter *pro tem* of his Chapter and sent in a report which he no doubt thought would make us feel very small. It was a very dictatorial and ungentlemanly letter and we considered it a personal insult. For this reason we passed it by in contempt and offered no explanation. If we had been approached in a gentlemanly manner we would have been only too glad to have given a free and full explanation. The paragraph in question was as follows: "Since '75 the editorial department has never amounted to much and very few articles have appeared in the editorial columns which evidenced much thought and which were calculated to be productive of thought on the part of others."

When we wrote the above we had not the slightest intention of reflecting on any one and strange as it may seem, we were so absorbed in the idea we had in mind that we did not observe the ambiguity in it. When our attention was first called to it after the issue had been mailed we saw that it was ambiguous and that the construction placed upon it by our Pennsylvania brother was a more natural one than the idea we intended to convey. We regretted that the issue had been mailed before our attention was called to it and had partially written an explanation, which we intended to publish in the April SCROLL, when the communication from our Pennsylvania dictator was received. Not liking its tone we decided not to offer an explanation until urged to do so by several of our general officers and friends in different sections of the country.

When we wrote that paragraph we had in mind two Cincinnati papers, the *Enquirer* and *Commercial-Gazette* and any one that is familiar with these two large dailies will catch our idea at once. The *Enquirer* seldom has more than

a column of editorial matter and this column is made up of a large number of short paragraphs—pithy, newsy, bright and interesting. Our predecessors seem to have favored this style of editorial writing and we must confess that we favor it ourselves. The editorial department of the *Commercial-Gazette* is entirely different from that of the *Enquirer*. It generally consists of at least a page and sometimes more. The articles are generally lengthy, carefully written and contain opinions of weight founded on the thorough investigation and thought of talented men. At the convention, most of the delegates expressed themselves as desiring and stated that the Chapters which they represented desired that the editorial department of the SCROLL should be enlarged and that more attention should be paid to it than formerly. As this was made a special request by the members of the convention we could do nothing less than use our best efforts to make our editorial department what the Phi World desired it to be. We therefore wrote the editorial calling for more assistance and, while doing our best to do as we thought the different Chapters wanted us to do, we were so unfortunate as to give offense to one of our brothers. We are sorry that this little unpleasantness has occurred, and if in the future anything appears in our columns which needs an explanation we hope the party desiring it will pursue a different course from that of our Pennsylvania brother.

FOR several months past we have received weekly visits from the *Student and Statesman* published in New York City and edited by Louis Kempner at 5 Clinton Place, Eighth street. We are much pleased at the tone of the paper and are convinced that it supplies a long felt want of the thinking and educated young men of America who design to enter politics. Below we give its prospectus :

"*Student and Statesman* will be devoted to political culture, and will aim to elevate the standard of honor and efficiency in public life, by uniting the studious men of the country in active participation in practical politics.

It will enlist the services of the ablest writers on political economy. Its contributors will be well-known publicists, statesmen, college presidents and professors.

It will have a staff of correspondents comprising one from each American university

It will voice the best thought of our institutions of learning on all questions of public importance.

It will address itself to all thoughtful young American citizens.

Its object has been heartily commended by distinguished educators and statesmen."

The editor, with a view of encouraging and assisting young thinkers and writers, offers to publish any suitable articles that may be contributed by the students of the various colleges. An offer so unselfish and so materially beneficial, if accepted, should not be rejected, but is worthy of a careful consideration by all American students who have any literary or political aspirations.

OUR T. G. C. sends us the following for publication : "Brothers in the Bond. As this is the last chance I have to speak to the entire Fraternity before another year is upon us, I wish to emphatically urge you all to send in your SCROLL tax as early next term as possible. We will thus be greatly assisted in gauging affairs in connection with the SCROLL for the year."

As we write these few lines we heave a sigh of relief and bid farewell to the Phi World for three months. As the above sentence did not fill the seven lines necessary to complete this column we call attention to the fact in order that they may be filled.

## Chapter Correspondence.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, }  
BURLINGTON, VT., May 8, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Away back in the evening mists of the eighteenth century, the University of Vermont was founded and has had a most honorable existence from that time to the present period of rejuvenation and regeneration. For one year only have the college exercises been suspended and that was in the war of 1812, when the buildings were given up to the occupancy of the United States troops. There is no preparatory department connected with the university. It is under the patronage of the State. The number of students the present year is two hundred and eighty-four in all the departments under the instruction of thirty-two regular and special professors. There are courses in civil and mining engineering, chemistry, medicine, agriculture and general scientific and classical courses. The university is just entering upon a period of great prosperity.

Vermont Alpha was founded in the autumn of '79. The charter members initiated by Brother Reddig were A. E. Bertrand, C. F. B. Haskell, '80; H. M. Woods, '81; E. A. Enright, E. C. Lane, F. O. Sinclair, J. W. Dodds (deceased, 1880), '82; C. H. Hayden, G. E. Sawyer, Alfred Wheeler, '83. The Chapter has been very prosperous, having grown from ten members to twenty-five, has a beautiful hall rented, and is harmonious and united. The Chapter has been visited by several Phis, but has never had occasion to affiliate any. The present membership is twenty-two, three having left since beginning of the college year. Of these, four are seniors, three are juniors, five sophomores and ten freshmen. We expect to begin the next year with seventeen men. There is a good attendance of the members at the regular weekly meetings on Saturday nights. The literary and social exercises are of all sorts and kinds conceivable. As there are no literary societies here, the Chapter supplies the lack.

There are no honors, technically so-called, here in the university. The system of honors has never met with favor in the eyes of the faculty. We are even with the rest in sports, have two of the editors (the same as all the Fraternities here represented, except that of the ladies, which ought not so to be) of the *University Cynic*, and, since our organization, have had the class leaders of '82, '83, '84, and bid fair to have the leader of '86. The leader of '84 also led the whole college by a long length. Four of our number we shall lose this year by graduation.

We are on good terms with the rest of the Fraternities in the university. The Delta Psi (local) is a strong society and has some very able men fully equal to any of Phi Delta Theta's. We are pressing them very closely and they are our chief antagonists. For the others we have no fear. Numerically, we are still ahead. Our prospects are good and we have reason for satisfaction and pride and hope as we lay down our pen for the year.

Fraternally.

REPORTER.

## PENNSYLVANA ALPHA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, }  
EASTON, PA., June 3, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Lafayette College was granted a charter from the State Legislature in 1826, and founded in 1832 by Rev. George Junkin, L.L. D., who was its first President, continuing in office nine years. It is under the patronage of the Presbyterian denomination. It has several endowed professorships and an annual income of \$20,000. For the remainder of its support it is indebted to the strenuous labors of its great benefactor, President Cottell. Its greatest financial benefactor is Arlo Pardee, who has given in all about \$500,000, with which has been built the most noble and beautiful of college buildings. It bears his name. The college is beautifully situated on a hill about two hundred feet above the town and overlooking the most beautiful part of it, which, together with the elegant buildings and campus and beautiful surrounding scenery, makes all of location and comfort that can be desired and cannot be surpassed by any college in the country. The faculty has twenty-five members, three of whom have been selected from the Phi World. In the college classes this year are three hundred and three students, five P. G. and no prep. department.

Our Chapter was founded in 1873, with Brothers J. C. Irwin, T. M. Leard, Asa Leard and W. H. McCurdy as charter members. It has had a most successful career and has taken a very high stand among rival Chapters of other Fraternities during the most part of its existence.

We began this collegiate year with fourteen active members and have initiated three and affiliated two, making a total of nineteen; distributed in classes as follows: Seniors, three; Juniors, seven; sophomores, six; freshmen, three.

All except seniors Walker and Harshberger expect to return next session. Bassett will return as a P. G.

We have handsomely furnished Chapter rooms and hold regularly weekly meetings which are well attended and devoted mainly to transacting frat. business and sociability. We are looking forward with eager stomachs and loyal Phi hearts to our annual banquet during commencement week. We expect several of our Alumni to be with us on that great occasion.

As usual we have this year our share of honors both on class day and commencement day. Two of our brother seniors, Bassett and Walker, will spout on class day.

We do not wish to make any critical remarks about any other frats. here although much might be said. We enjoy good feeling with all and as a comparison of strength the following table will show for itself:

	No. mem- bers beginning of year.	No. taken in.	No. to lose this year.
D. K. E.....	14	3	7
Zeta Psi.....	5	6	5
Theta Delta Chi.	4	2	4
Sigma Chi.....	7	2	2
Chi Phi.....	11	4	8
Delta Tau Delta	8	3	4
Phi Delta Theta.	4	5	2

Hoping you will forgive the tardiness of the report, and that it may meet your approval,

I am, yours fraternally,

J. LOTT LUDLOW.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, }  
GETTYSBURG, PA., May 16, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* This report will be written in accordance with the outline you gave in the April SCROLL. Our college was founded in 1832, and is under the control of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod. Its endowment, though not large, is sufficient for the salaries of all but one or two of the members of the faculty. We have seven professors in the college and one professor and two tutors in prep. This year there are one hundred and seven students in college and forty-seven in prep. a total of one hundred and fifty-four.

Our Chapter was founded on the 5th of May, 1875. Its early life was far from promising on account of serious internal troubles which led to the expulsion of several of the other members. But as the Chapter grew older it grew stronger in every way, as the honor and prize list of our college shows. This prosperous growth has continued thus far undisturbed, and we have golden hopes for the future. We began this college year with fourteen men and have since initiated seven. Our present membership is twenty. Sixteen of this number will return to college next September.

We have recently moved into a new hall which we have furnished very handsomely. We meet every Saturday evening to sing Phi Delta's songs and to engage in various literary exercises. The most enjoyable part of our programme is the reading of our paper, the *Sword and Shield*.

On the 5th of this month we celebrated our eighth anniversary. We all had a royal good time, such a time as only Phis can have. Our dignified President, Dyess, bid us welcome; our æsthetic brother, Rarger, gave us a poem; the genial Reinewald delivered an oration; Shadle, grave-visaged and important-looking, read the history of our Chapter for the past year; and finally the irrepressible Ed. Hill, in the garb of a prophet, gave us a glimpse into the future. And such glimpses as they were too! The boys were continually convulsed with laughter as one after another had the next thirty years of his life painted in such colors as only our dark haired sage of the Kiskiminetas is able to combine. Then our "tombstone," Britt, smiling like a head waiter, led the way to the banquet table. Among the speeches made in response to toasts those of "Patty" (Rouzer, jr.), and Marsh were especially well received.

During the past year our boys have held many of the responsible offices in both literary societies, and have in all cases reflected credit on their Fraternity. Brother Hoshour has been elected by the Philo. society as business manager of our college monthly.

In the base ball and foot ball fields we are not very strongly represented. Reinewald is the second baseman of the college nine, and is the heaviest batter in the club. He is also a fine pitcher, putting in a first rate curve.

Without indulging in self-praise, Pennsylvania Beta can say that she has no superior at Pennsylvania College. Our rivals are Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega. Phi Kappa Psi began the college year with nine men and now has thirteen; Phi Gamma Delta began with thirteen and now has eighteen; Sigma

Chi began eight and now has seven; Alpha Tau Omega began with three and now has nine. As stated before we began with fourteen and now have twenty.

As this will be the last report from Pennsylvania Beta until next September, Pennsylvania College Phis hope that all of the wearers of the Blue and White may enjoy a pleasant vacation. If any of them come to Cumberland Valley let them stop at Newville to see the two Phis who live there.

In the Bond,

M. L. HOLLOWAY.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

WASHINGTON and JEFFERSON COLLEGE, }  
WASHINGTON, PA., May 11, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Washington and Jefferson College is the oldest institution of its kind west of the Alleghenies. It is under the care of the Presbyterian Church. It has an endowment fund of \$200,000. Has a faculty of eight instructors, with James D. Moffat, D. D., President and Alonzo Linn, L.L.D., Vice President. Washington and Jefferson is a college which will recommend itself to any student desiring a thorough college course. Phi Delta Theta first planted her standard here in '76 and has steadily maintained here course onward and upward, always progressing, never retarding. Has no debts and a most beautiful hall. The Chapter commenced this year's work with nine men but the ranks were swelled until they numbered nineteen. One member, Mr. Hugh Morgan, resigned by request of the fraternity.

We now have three seniors, three juniors, three sophs., two freshmen and one prep. Three of our number who left this term will be in college next year. As to our seniors they may be in next year if they fail at final examinations.

We have an elegantly furnished hall and meet regularly every two weeks. Have orations, original and select essays and debates. We always have a banquet during commencement week at which is the usual "feast of reason and flow of soul," accompanied with those many good things which "maketh the face shine and the heart glad." Phis are ever welcome guests on such occasions.

We have among us the men who took the honor upon select and original oration, Messrs. Scandrett and R. D. Irwin, also W. B. Irwin, who is orator for next year's contest, and D. B. Fitzgerald, who is debater. We have also the small man with the large cranium who edited the college journal this year and so on. Three of us will graduate this year with the degree of A. B.

Beta Theta Pi commenced this year with two men and have taken in two; Phi Gamma Delta with five men took four, making their number nine; Phi Kappa Psi with eight men took in five; Delta Tau Delta with seven men have got one new man; Phi Kappa Sigma has two old and one new member. Alpha Tau Omega has been in the back ground for some time and could not say how many they have as part of the frat. resigned, but it is weak here. The record of Phi Delta Theta at this college is good. The non-Fraternity men say we have the best men in college. Further than that we will not speak of ourselves as modesty will not permit.

Yours in the Bond,

J. R. McQUAIDE.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, )  
MEADVILLE, PA., May 21, 1883. )

*Editor Scroll:* Allegheny College was founded in 1817 by the Presbyterian denomination but passed into the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1837. It has an endowment valued at \$500,000. Its libraries contain fifteen thousand volumes and its museum is one of great value. The faculty is composed of eight professors, a lady principal and a military instructor. The college classes number about one hundred and fifty and the preparatory school one hundred. Dr. D. H. Wheeler, of New York, has recently been elected President, and the friends of the college confidently hope that the future will be even more propitious than the past. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity granted a charter to this Chapter May 8, 1879, and on May 30th the charter members, fifteen in number, were initiated by Brother Langfitt, of Washington and Jefferson college. Pennsylvania Delta has thus far enjoyed continued prosperity and harmony. The lively sympathy which exists among its members and the just pride which is manifested in the Chapter's honor, we think a most favorable augury for the future. The past year has been an excellent one; we opened with thirteen members; two have since left college and three have been initiated, making the present membership fourteen. Eleven expect to return next year; three will graduate in June, Brothers Guignon, Pond and Vance.

Our members meet regularly every Saturday evening, at which time we participate in a varied programme of literary exercises under the direction of the Warden. Our hall is neatly furnished and desirably located, and although our rent is moderate, yet we look forward to possessing a hall all "our own," in the near future. On May 30th we celebrate our fourth anniversary; an excellent programme has been arranged and a very pleasant time is anticipated. Our annual banquet occurs commencement week. During the past year Bro. Vance has been editor-in-chief of the *Campus*, the college paper. Brother Proctor has charge of the exchange department and Brother Pond has been business manager of the same. Brother Case edits the *Alleghentan*, an annual published by the Fraternities of the college.

Of class day and literary society honors we have the following creditable showing. Brother J. A. Vance is to be class orator, the highest honor of the day. Brother J. A. Guignon was elected by the Philo. Franklin Literary Society to deliver the oration at the inter-society entertainment which occurs commencement week. Brother C. W. Proctor has been elected to a similar position by the Athenian Literary Society. He has also taken the prize for the best oration at a contest given by that society. Brother Vance carried off the first prize at the annual oration contest at the Philo. Franklin Literary Society and B. L. Wells was the successful competitor for the Kalamatbean essay prize of the same society. Brothers Blair, Graves and Wells have recently ordered very handsome jeweled badges. Brother Wells' badge is a combination of diamonds and rubies, which we think particularly pretty. Burgess, of Albany, whose work we find perfectly satisfactory, continues to manufacture our jewelry.

Yours in the Bond,

WILL H. GALLUP.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, )  
CARLISLE, PA., June 1, 1883. )

*Editor Scroll:* "Dickinson," founded in 1783, is one of the oldest colleges in the land. During fifty years it was a State institution, after which time it came into the hands of the Methodists, by whom it is now controlled. Governor Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, was the first President of the board of trustees, and Dr. Nisbet the first President of the college. The support of the college is mainly from an endowment amounting to about \$250,000. College bills are about enough to pay current expenses. Tuition by scholarship is easily obtainable. There are no scholarships in the prep. department. Number of professors, six; students, eighty-eight; Preps., forty.

Our Chapter was founded at the Zeta Chapter of this State on the evening of February 4, 1880, by Messrs. Bergstresser, Chessman, Hills, Kleinhenn, Spangler and Wever. We have not much history as yet. Will say that we have some strong men among us, and now have some who give promise not only of marked excellence and thoroughness for their entire college work, but also of being men of force and power in active life.

We began the collegiate year with seven members. Nine have since been initiated. One of our number, Marvin E. Cheston, was compelled to leave April 1st. His father died in November last. Brother Cheston is clerking at Williamsport, Pa., and has our best wishes.

Brother Cheesman, of '82, will assume pastorate of a church soon after graduation. Brother Wever will fill chair of English and elocution at Pennington Seminary the coming school year.

We have a very large and pleasant hall. Meetings for a few weeks back have been interrupted because of other college exercises. Our literary exercises are in form of debates, speeches, essays, orations and declamations. Have had a banquet also an anniversary. Found it inconvenient to have these on the same evening. They were both very enjoyable.

Brother Heisse, '86, made most of his preparation for college during the summer previous to his entrance, unaided by a teacher. He is one of the best students in the class, and considering his limited preparation, we may safely say the best.

Bro. Hicks is an adept at chess. He has the law in view and his logical turn of mind and desire for argument are exhibited in discussions with the professor of math. Brother Hicks is *never* wrong.

Brother Wilson, a very excellent student, is also expert at base ball. He is sought by different nines whenever there is likely to be a tug. In physique he resembles the noted Tug Wilson and is sometimes styled "Tug." He is preparing to knock down sinners.

We expect two of our number to graduate and receive the degree of A. B. From what we see and hear we judge the rival Fraternities are nearly on a par. The commencement exercises this year, celebrating as they will, the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the college are expected to be unusually interesting. Dr. Collyer, of New York, is to be present and assist.

Yours in the Bond.

M. M. FRANTZ.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, }  
SALEM, VA., June 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Roanoke College was founded in 1853. The Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, which is the mother of all the other Chapters in the Old Dominion, was established April 1, 1869, with W. F. Dyer, O. D. Miller, D. B. Floyd, W. H. Rex, J. H. Van Deventer and F. H. Terrill as charter members. Her career in the main has been a successful one. She experienced a period of depression from the latter part of 1879 to the first of 1882, but is now on her feet again and is doing good work. We can conscientiously say that she is the best Fraternity at Roanoke. We began the year with four men and have initiated ten. We expect to begin with nine or ten men next year.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## VIRGINIA BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, }  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 5, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The weather is too warm and examinations are too close now for you to expect much from this Reporter this month. Your questions in the April number string out like professor Minor's examinations on law, and their length is proverbial. I positively refuse to more than half answer them. I more than answer half of them. I believe your first instruction is to answer your questions and omit everything else. So here goes. To give a history of this institution would be to tell of such men as Sylvester, Bledsoe and Gildersleve; Minor, Mallet and Venable; to reproduce the inscriptions which mark the tombs of the old cemetery which contains the dust of some of the greatest men of America. To tell of her students would be to tell of Senators and men like Edgar Poe. It is with a strange feeling that I pass the room which he once occupied; the ominous raven seems to still brood over the place, and even the room,  
"—from out that shadow, shall be lifted nevermore."

No I can't give you a history of the place, it would be too long. But for those souls who take delight in statistics we will say that our faculty comprises nineteen professors, five instructors, with two licentiates. As students we have in the academic department 175; in law, 111; medicine, 56; engineering, 18; agriculture, 7. You can figure out the total number for yourself, and as sure as I live that is all the statistics you will get from me. Statistics are "too utterly terrestrial for me."

Second—A very short sketch of the Chapter's history, when founded, by whom,—every Reporter should have this on the point of his pen. When I read that I felt like king Belshazzar when he beheld the hand writing on the wall. It is a question that savors to me of statistics, and you know I have declared war upon them.

We began the year with six members and now have fourteen, including two who have affiliated. Four of us are studying law, two engineering and eight are academicians. We Phis at this point do not seem much inclined toward medicine and agriculture. Some seven of us will perhaps return.

We have a hall nicely furnished and meet regularly every two weeks, with exercises consisting of reading and debating. These debates have proven very interesting. But the dearest of all these meetings consists, not in these exercises, but in the freedom from toil and anxiety which we feel during the pleasant hours which we spend together. We have music too and of course we like that. But we never allow Jackson to sing. It is on record that he once became pious and broke up a camp-meeting by joining the choir. The only instance too of his ever being pious. But Jack will take his B. L. in a few days in spite of his voice.

Buchanan is the present editor-in-chief of the *University Magazine*. Pendleton is President of the Jefferson Society for the Finals. That I believe is the sum of our honors this year; but law! you should see us "tackle" text books and the women. As to rival Fraternities, there are some seventeen at the university and ours ranks as one of the best here. Altogether we have succeeded in almost "smashing" the two literary societies. Good idea, isn't it?

Now, Mr. Editor, I think I have answered all your questions, omitting the statistics. In conclusion let me say as a Reporter I frankly confess my lack of energy, but in the love I bear the Phis with whom I have this year spent so many pleasant hours, and in a less degree to all Phis, I yield the ground to none. To them and you and all, farewell.

Yours in the Bond,

E. C. HUFFAKER.

## VIRGINIA GAMMA.

RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, }  
ASHLAND, VA., June 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The future of Virginia Gamma was anything but bright at the beginning of this collegiate year and, we are sorry to state, although we have had some encouragement, our prospects for next year are not much better. For several years our Chapter has been gradually declining on account of the material of the successive freshman classes being not at all desirable as Fraternity men

Our entire Chapter was on hand at the opening of college, but, as it consisted of Brother W. G. Townsend only, our prospects were not very cheering. In December he took Mr. A. C. Nadenbusch to Richmond where he was initiated by the Virginia D. boys. As both of our members are of the class of '83 and as our prospects for desirable accessions are gloomy the Chapter will probably die out this year. This is a matter of sincere regret to us but from our standpoint it is preferable to die an honorable death than to maintain a precarious existence with a membership of questionable students.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, }  
RICHMOND, VA., May 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since our last report our Chapter has done nothing of sufficient moment to interest the Fraternity at large. Our Chapter, however, is holding its own among the other Fraternities here, and our boys will be sure to get their share of the college honors this session. We had a visit a

few days ago from Brother Carter H. Jones, a former member of our Chapter. Brother Jones was one of the most active members and best workers we have ever had and is now just as enthusiastic as ever. He attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary the past session and will return again next fall. May success attend him in his noble calling.

Our Chapter was founded in 1875 by Dr. Charles M. Shields, of this city, and ever since that time has held equal rank with the best Fraternity at this institution. We have only seven members this year, a smaller number than we have had for several years, but most of us will be back next session, and we hope to increase our membership largely in the early part of next session. As I said in a former report, the new material at our College was worse this year than I have ever known it. We have a neat hall, and expect to get a still better one in a short time, as a very handsome addition to our College building has been recently made. We are highly delighted to know that the printing of the catalogue is progressing so rapidly and hope that the time may soon come when each one of us shall receive this valuable piece of property. With best wishes for the success of all our sister Chapters, I am fraternally yours,

V. L. FOWLKES.

## VIRGINIA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE, }  
LEXINGTON, VA., June 1, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* As every brother knows, or ought to know, Virginia Epsilon is situated at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. This Institute is a state school and is supported by regular appropriations from the Legislature. It has nine regular professors and two sub-professors. It has this session one hundred and twenty students in the four regular classes, a few less than last session. Our Chapter was founded here in 1878, Bros. J. B. Beverley, R. F. Haskins and T. A. Kett being charter members. For several years we had little or no progress; our men initiated at the beginning of one session and not returning the next until in 1880 we only had five men to start with. That session we initiated seven or eight men, and have managed to keep our number up to ten more or less ever since. We commenced this session with eight members, counting Brother J. H. Turner who was one of the sub-professors, we initiated two new men, Brothers J. W. Elliott, of Virginia, and H. Mansfield, of Illinois. Brother J. H. Turner resigned his position as sub-professor to take a position on the U. S. coast survey. His present address is Churchland, Norfolk, county, Va. Then Bro. William P. Dodson left to go into business with his father in Norfolk, Va. Brother W. J. Carlisle is taking a special course in chemistry and—what shall I call it? This leaves us with only eight active members, three in the class of '85, one in the class of '86 and two in the class of '87,—with Bro. Carlisle taking a special course and yours truly at Washington and Lee University. By the way, we are to have a "boss" time here next commencement, on June 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, we would be glad to see any of our Phi brothers that

may chance to come. This is by the way. We expect to commence next session with five or six men but as they promise to return early we hope to get the pick.

Brother B. B. Semmes was the recipient of the orator's medal in one of the societies here. He won it in a contest before judges of some of the best speakers the institute could furnish.

Your humble servant has the honor (if it be any) of being the great B. M. of the *Southern Collegian*, published by the literary societies of W. and L. U.

Our rival Fraternities are as follows named as they rank in numbers: At the Virginia Military Institute, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Tau Omega.

At Washington and Lee University: Alpha Tau Omega, ten; Sigma Nu, nine; Kappa Sigma Kappa Alpha (Southern), Kappa Sigma Kappa, Alpha Kappa, nine; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, eight; Sigma Chi, five; Phi Kappa Psi, five; Delta Psi, four; Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha (Southern), each one.

The Sigma Nu was a local at the V. M. I. until this session when it placed a Chapter here (at W. and L. U.) and claims to have placed some in some Southern colleges but nobody has heard where.

Yours in the Bond,

H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

## SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, }  
SPARTANSBURG, S. C., June 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We began the collegiate year with seven men and have initiated three. We have a nice hall and our meetings are very pleasant. Our members have taken their share of honors during the year. Brother Rembert was elected chief marshal of one of the literary societies and was one of the debaters at the public entertainment. Bro. Marley Pegues was chairman of the reception committee. We have had a prosperous year and our prospects for next year are good.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, }  
COLUMBIA, S. C., May 16, '83. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since my last communication we have had an election of officers, resulting in the election of Mr. James Iredell, of Columbia, as President. Nothing else of much interest has occurred. The most of us are now engaged in the preparation for our final examinations which are not very far off and, of course, occupy the most of our time and attention. Yet this does not prevent us from meeting regularly and executing our customary business which includes the performance of some literary exercises of an interesting and instructive nature. Hoping that this will reach you in time for its publication in the *SCROLL*, I remain very respectfully yours,

W. D. SIMPSON, JR.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

RICHMOND, VA., May 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Pursuant to the urgent appeals of the SCROLL for reports from the various Chapters, I shall attempt to give an account of the Virginia Alpha Alumni. I confess that I have not taken this yoke upon me of my own free will—indeed, I rather shrank from the undertaking, knowing that there are many others of our number better posted in regard to Fraternity matters as well as better qualified in other respects to act as your correspondent; but being beset by the importunities of our most worthy, most constitutional brother, "John of Gaunt, time-honored Lancaster," to respond to your call, and emboldened by his assurance that "anything would do," I determined to sacrifice myself *pro bono publico*. Scattered as we are throughout a large city, engaged in different pursuits and deeply engrossed by the practical, vital questions of life "what shall we eat and where withal shall we be clothed," it is seldom, if ever, our happy privilege to assemble as in days of yore when, treading together the classic shades of college life, all was bright and smiling; when the present opened wide its treasure house of joy and gladness, and the future hid from our eyes its sad realities. It is only when chance throws two or more of us together, that we can speak of such things. Fraternities are peculiarly a college institution, often accomplishing much good there and deserving of encouragement. To enjoy them in after years, we must live in the past occasionally. And after all, how much of life consists in retrospection? How precious to us that faculty of memory, by which, as if by a powerful lens, we may gather up the sunshine of far off days to illumine the darkness of declining years. So let's carry with us thro' life the fraternal feelings of the club room; let's cherish the friendships we formed there, that may "grow with our growth, strengthen with our strength," let's do all in our power to preserve the high standard of morality and honor to which we have attained; and, then, though absent in the flesh, we Alumni shall be ever present together in the spirit.

And now for the boys: Mr. Editor will remember the handsome, portly blonde, with eye-glasses, who figured so conspicuously and did good work at the convention. Yes, that was Dr. Chalkley, a distinguished and rising young "med" of this city. He is a popular and accomplished gentleman for whom we predict a bright future. The reputation of Dr. C. N. Shields as a professor and physician is so well known that no comment is necessary. Bob Scott has recently left us to take up his abode at Roanoke, Va., where he is doing a fine law business. George Bryan is practicing law at this place. He makes a specialty of "attachments" and incidentally engages in criminal procedure. Connie Sands got out his license to practice law last week. George Powers exemplifies the words of the poet, "in the spring time a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," especially towards "May." The other members of our order here are brothers Charles Tanner, G. W. Valentine, Pleasants, Spencer, Lancaster, Noland and your humble servant, a thriving barrister and brother in the Bond,

A. W. PATTERSON.

## MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 31, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I am sorry that my report is so late in being written. The delay was the result not of negligence but necessity; for I have been much out of the city recently, and hence did not receive the editor's appeal until a day or two ago.

One of our number, H. D. Withers, formerly of Pennsylvania Beta, has received his M. D. from the University of Maryland since my last report. Harry has not determined where he will practice.

Your Reporter was at Gettysburg a few weeks ago and found things there materially different from the state they were in when he was in the town before—in '63, when as an officer of the confederate artillery he took part in the great battle. Brother Harry Weber introduced me to all but a few of Pennsylvania Beta's boys, and also showed me their hall. They have a very nice room, neatly furnished and in an excellent location.

It reminded me of old college days to hear the talk upon Fraternity, base ball, foot ball and all the other topics of conversation which interest alike freshman and senior.

The Beta boys are fine men, an honor to their Fraternity, and a credit to their *Alma Mater*. They added much to the enjoyment of my trip, and again proved the truth that the Phis are real brothers whether in college or out in the busy world. With the best wishes for the prosperity of our order,

Yours in the Bond.

REPORTER.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. }  
ATHENS, GA., MAY 17, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* In accordance with your request I send willingly the report from Georgia Alpha so that you cannot number her among the delinquent Chapters, if there be any. The institution in which Georgia Alpha is situated, University of Georgia, is the oldest in the State, and is, as a matter of course, an institution of the State, is supported by her, and it also was endowed a few days since by Senator Joseph E. Davis to the amount of \$50,000. There are nine professors in the faculty and two hundred and five students in college. We have no preparatory department. This Chapter was chartered the 10th day of April, 1871, and the charter members were B. P. Gailliard, C. B. Gaskill, C. R. Gaskill, A. H. Graham, W. J. Moyers and W. H. Venable. It has met with very good success indeed, on the whole, but it was somewhat crippled by having to run *sub rosa* five or six years after its establishment; but it is now recovering from the blow and improving every year with unbounded success.

The Chapter commenced this year under very unfavorable auspices indeed. There were only three members that returned, and through some neglect on the part of one of the members he did not pay for the hall in advance; so when we returned we

had no hall and all the furniture was gone, thereby leaving us to begin anew; and right well have we brought Georgia Alpha out of that chaos; for we have initiated eleven "barbs" who do honor to our Fraternity by their untiring efforts to promote the cause of Phi Delta Theta; and four returned later on in the term, making in all eighteen. We have four in senior class, five in junior, four in sophomore, and five in freshman. Five have left college but the majority will return next term, which opens in October. We will have about twelve men to begin with next year. We haven't a very good hall as yet since we had to begin anew, but next year we expect to have a very fine one.

Our literary exercises are of various kinds. Sometimes we have debates and again to relieve us from a monotony we have essays speeches, addresses, etc. We have had no anniversary exercises this year and no banquet as yet, but some of the "boys" wish to have one during commencement week, and I expect their wish will be accomplished. Our meetings are attended very regularly and great interest taken in them. As to the positions of honor which this Chapter obtained this year there has not been as many as usual, but we have had more than some of our opponents. We have had speakers in both sophomore and junior classes; spring champion debater from both literary societies and members on the editorial staff of the college journal. We will have only three graduates, R. K. Renau, from senior class, and T. B. Felder and J. P. Ross from the law department. We don't allow a man to claim the "Shield and Sword" who do not, or there is a doubt that he will not graduate, therefore you see that we have no probable graduates.

We have at the university six Fraternities including ours; but the ones that are our greatest rivals are Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Alpha, which have a few more members than we have, and ought to have had more, for they had "flowery beds of ease" to walk upon at the beginning of the term. They remarked to one of the "boys" not long since "that they did not understand how the 'Thetas'—for we are called by that name here—could build such a Fraternity out of three men; they, no doubt, deserve a great deal of credit." We have instituted apart from the Fraternity, a club, solely for the young ladies who claim to be Phi, and by the means of this club we have drawn marks of envy from both the aforesaid orders. Our social standing is higher—that is we stand highest in the estimation of the majority of the fair sex than any other Fraternity in college.

But in the midst of all our happiness death has claimed one of our most worthy members. I speak of General W. M. Browne, who was professor of history and political science in the university, and was universally beloved by all who knew him, and more so by the members of his Fraternity who not only knew him in his every day duties but in his drawing room to be a true, bold and valiant Phi. The boys of Georgia Alpha will always love to cherish his name and bear him in their memory to the grave.

This being the last issue of the *SCROLL* for this collegiate year, I will bid you all adieu with a wish that you may have a pleasant vacation and realize a happy return from your sweethearts.

Yours in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta,

T. B. FELDER, JR.

## GEORGIA BETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, }  
OXFORD, GA., May 14, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Doesn't your conscience trouble you sometimes on account of your relentless war against reporters? But perhaps we deserve a great deal of it. In accordance with your request I will try to give you desired report.

Emory College was founded in 1837, and is under the control of the Georgia and Florida conferences of the M. E. Church, South. Until about two years ago it was supported by the conferences and the tuition, but thanks to the earnest efforts of our President, Dr. A. G. Haygood, and the munificence of George I. Senly, an endowment fund has been started. There are eight professors in the collegiate department and four in the sub-freshman. There are one hundred and seventy-five students in the college classes and one hundred in the sub-freshman class.

On the 9th of June, 1871, Georgia Beta (Gamma) was organized by C. B. Gaskill, of Georgia Alpha, with Brothers Means, Barnett, Battle, Anderson, Forte and Martin as charter members. Before the chapter was two weeks old twelve men wore the sword and shield. It met with strong opposition from the faculty and the two fraternities already here. After a sharp contest it was admitted and entered upon its career of usefulness. Since that time it has always been among the most prominent, if not the most prominent fraternity in college. Our Chapter began the collegiate year with twenty-one members, and at once commenced work among the new boys, and the result is ten initiations and one affiliation. Seven have left college and we have lost one by death, leaving a total of twenty-four. Since our last report we have initiated one new man, Brother Burns, who has taken a prominent stand in his class from the beginning. He was strongly solicited by all the opposing fraternities and we consider it a great victory. At present we have four men in the senior class; six in the junior; seven in the sophomore; six in the freshman, and one in the sub-freshman. Think we will open with twenty-four next year, as four of our old men will return. Our hall is very well furnished and we are taking steps to make more improvements. We meet regularly every week and have a debate at one meeting and elocution, declamation and essay reading at the other. We have two banquets yearly; one on our anniversary and the other at commencement.

It would take too much space to enumerate all the honors our boys have taken this year. We have three of the six champion debaters for commencement; both anniversarians for the literary societies, which position, by the way, Phi has filled regularly for four years, and is the highest in the gift of societies; two of the editors of the college paper, and will have one sub-freshman, four sophomore, two junior and four senior speakers on the stage commencement. Will also receive the third and fourth honors. These are the principal honors, not to mention many smaller ones, of which Phi has received a full proportion. Our four seniors will certainly graduate.

There are five rival fraternities here. The Chi Phi commenced with eleven men, have twelve now; the Kappa Alphas with thirteen, have

twenty now; the Alpha Tau Omegas with fifteen, have eighteen now; the Delta Tau Deltas with six, have eleven now; the Sigma Alpha Epsilons with seven, have six now.

Attempts are being made to organize three new fraternities here, but don't think they will succeed, as the faculty is opposed to them. I can't see where they will find the material to organize even one fraternity. I pity the fraternity that gets the men reported as forming them.

What is the matter with the brother from Pennsylvania Beta; doesn't he relish the improvement in the SCROLL? I think his remarks on that subject uncalled for; he needs "airing." Don't quarrel if this is too long, for it is your fault.

Yours in the Bond,  
DANIEL A. GREENE.

## GEORGIA GAMMA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, }  
MACON, GA., May 29, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since you have crushed our Bro. Bassett in that reckless manner of yours, he has handed his place over to me for this month. I hope you may receive this in time, and now in advance ask you to leave open your columns for it.

Mercer University is the educational institution of the Baptists of Georgia, though three of our members, including myself, have parents and inclinations of the Methodist persuasion. It is well endowed (\$250,000) for a Southern College, is in the centre of the State, has a full corps of professors and brilliant prospects for the future, while not doing much at present.

Our Chapter was established January 2, 1872, by Messrs. Wilburn, Marshall, Jackson and Render. From the beginning, and I speak truly, it has had a remarkable success. I refer you to the catalogue soon to appear for my authority. More honors, more medals and more positions dependant upon the suffrage of their fellow students have been received by our boys than any two Fraternities in College.

The collegiate year began with eight members. Since then we have received six, making fourteen. All of these are still in college and our Chapter. Nine will return next term.

We have a splendid place of meeting. It has not been the custom here for College Fraternities to own halls of their own. But we have engaged from a friend of ours, the finest, cosiest, safest retreat "from the outer world" imaginable. Oh, yes, we'll have a banquet or "something of the kind" during commencement. Come down and we promise you the Tennessee A. shall not be alone with the music of champagne bottles parting company with the cork and other contents.

Our career as students has been one of success. All of our members who could contend—ten—received speakers' places. We had to get along with only the second honor in the senior class this year. Brother Northon should have had first, but received second honor. Four of us are members of the senior class and will *certainly* graduate.

You ask about the other Fraternities. We have the Kappa Alpha, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and an alleged Fraternity sometimes known as the Alpha Tau Omega. The first have twelve men, the second only three, the last twelve. But unlike

ours the Kappa Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega have none who take the elective or irregular course. Hence their number of possible speakers at commencement is larger than ours; and yet we have several more speakers. This shows the state of affairs. Thus we have furnished a long report. Our Chapter is on a firm basis. We of the senior class will soon leave our club and our *Alma Mater*. But we have the consciousness that the sceptre will descend upon men—strong, vigilant and active; men upon whom the Fraternity may rely to carry our banner on to greater victory and to more splendid achievement.

Yours in the Bond,  
E. F. HINTON.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

A. & M. COLLEGE, }  
AUBURN, ALA., May 31, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Your postal asking for report received to-day. I have sent you two already but will comply again as the others probably miscarried in the mail.

This institution, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, was built by the Methodists of Alabama in the year 1857, and was the East Alabama Male College, controlled by the M. E. Conference of Alabama till the outbreak of the civil war. It suspended during the rebellion and the building was used for a hospital during the larger portion of that bloody period. After the close of the war the M. E. Conference was unable to support it and the school was not resumed till the act of Congress for the endowment of Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges went into effect, when the use of this building was tendered the State and trustees so long as it should be used for the projected A. & M. C. The college is well fitted up with apparatus, libraries and everything essential to a first-class college. We have a fine faculty and will compare favorably with any institution in the South or any A. & M. college in the United States. We are especially proud of our President, William Le Roy Brown, L.L.D., who would adorn any college in the country. He leaves us next year to accept the chair of mathematics in the University of Texas. We regret the change for his place will not be filled by his equal. Professor Dunklin, of the chair of ancient languages, also deserves mention. He has been connected with the institution since it was first organized as the East Alabama Male College, and besides his intellectual attainments it can be said of him (what can be said of no other man that has been here except Dr. Brown) that he has the love of every boy that ever entered and left the college. The faculty consists of seven professors and two instructors. There are about seventy-five students in the college class this year and twenty-five in the preparatory department.

Alabama Alpha—originally Alabama Beta—was chartered in 1878 with Brothers Isaac A. Lanier (deceased), R. L. Thornton, now a prosperous lawyer and editor at Birmingham, Ala., Alva Fitzpatrick, attorney-at-law, Montgomery, Ala., and C. A. L. Sanford, lawyer, Opelika, Ala., to steer her safely till entrusted to other hands. Alabama Alpha has ever progressed and we point with pride to the roll of names who have enlisted here under the white and blue. We have gleaned information from every possible quarter and we do

not know who is not leading a useful life, and a large proportion of them are in the honored professions treading the path that leads to glory. Our career for the last two years has not been what we desired but it is useless to go into details, all know the difficulties that surround a *sub rosa* Chapter. We are prospering now and our Chapter could hardly be in a better condition as regards our relations to each other were our restrictions removed. But two things could be remedied were we allowed to run regularly. Our financial relations to the Fraternity could be improved as could also our relations to the faculty. They know we violate the pledge because some Alpha Tau Omegas have told them so, at the same time demanding justice for their observance of the pledge while we violate it. I am pained to say that the faculty have lent a credulous ear to their statements and as a result in distributing the honors they ignored the claims of our men, except in cases where the injustice of their course would have been too plain to admit of defense. But we are not "left out" by any means. We will be ably represented commencement, both on the list of speakers and roll of honor. There are eleven in the present graduating class five of whom are Phis. We have three members in the junior class, five in the sophomore and one in the freshman and we have one post graduate, making a total membership of fifteen, only thirteen of whom are active members. We have lost from our Chapter by their resigning college four members of the junior class and one sophomore. We have also lost one junior by death. Our Chapter had at the beginning of this collegiate year six active members and two conscientious ones. We have initiated during the year thirteen members, making a total of twenty-one, supposing no loss by death, resignation of college and conscientious scruples. We have received no members by affiliation during the year. I am unable to make a guess as to how many will return this year. Our post is as follows:

Captain B. H. Fitzpatrick, Jr., '82, post graduate, engineering; Captain C. L. Gay, senior class, '83, engineering; Lieut. D. B. Mangrum, senior class, '83, agriculture; Lieut. E. M. Pace, senior class, '83, science; Lieut. W. L. Ellis, Jr., senior class, '83, civil engineering; Lieut. M. L. Harp, Jr., senior class, '83, agriculture; Sgt. John B. Robinson, '84, science; Sgt. W. W. Mangrum, '84, civil engineering, resigned; Sgt. B. J., B. J. Baldwin, '84, mining engineering, resigned; Sgt. W. Z. Garton, '84, civil engineering; Sgt. D. D. McLeod, '84, literature; Sgt. E. W. Fraser, '84, civil engineering, resigned; Sgt. M. W. Redd, '84, civil engineering, deceased; Sgt. J. F. Gay, '84, literature, resigned. Corporals R. E. Collier, '80, J. R. Barnes, '80, T. Trammell, '80, E. S. McIntyre, '80, R. H. Thach, '85, D. B. Williams, '85, T. L. Scott, '86.

Our place of meeting has the pompous title of "Palace Hall" of which I gave you a full description in my last together with an account of our manner and time of holding meetings. By reference to that production you will see that we have had no banquets, feasts nor public literary exercises. We might as well go before the faculty and ask them to expel us (and I expect they will do it before commencement) as to attempt such a thing.

Our college paper, the *Scroll*, has "busted" though

there were two Phis ("one of whom I am which") at the helm. I will add however that the paper "busted" for want of financial aid from the trustees and not from any fault of the ink slingers.

You want a few remarks about the rival Fraternities here. There is but one other Fraternity here—the Alpha Tau Omega, and I will ventilate them to the extent of my ability. I do not know their number but think they have at least thirty members—twice our number. I will not say how they stand—anybody ought to be able to judge that from their number when it is remembered there are not over seventy-five boys in college, sixty exclusive of Phis and half of this sixty are Alpha Tau Omegas. Will you blame me for saying that we do not recognize them as rivals? We don't put ourselves on an equality with them morally, mentally, socially or otherwise. Of course with all our respect for their characters we are bound to love them, especially when they bootlick the faculty and misrepresent us while they pretend to live and act up to the pledge. I will not dwell on this any longer but turn to a theme more pleasant; our Phi sisters whom I must not forget to mention before closing. As this will never reach their eyes perhaps it is not too bold to give their names. I will at least mention the principal ones who are Misses Maud and Bessie Brown, Miss Willie Schooler, of Virginia; Miss Annie Dunklin, Miss Allie Glenn, Miss Fannie Wallace Drake, Miss Kate Saunders, of Tennessee. These names are familiar to a large number of Phis besides those who joined at Alabama Alpha, and I know many an eye will brighten at their appearance on these pages. They are every one of them loyal, bold and true to the loved and honored white and blue, and we are proud to claim them as sisters in our noble order. I have written more than I intended so will close with our best wishes for the *Scroll*.

Yours in the Bond,

"GYPSEY LEE."

## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, )  
OXFORD, MISS., May 18, 1883. )

*Editor Scroll:* Nothing of any consequence has transpired with us since our last report was sent in. Our meetings have not been regular for some time, but have been held quite as often as we had business to attend to. In complying with the request made of the Reporters of the different Chapters to write historically of the college they are at, and the Chapter to which they belong, I will begin by informing you that the University of Mississippi was founded in 1848, it is a State institution, chartered and endowed by the State, and the original endowment was considerable. The amount now, including both principal and interest due the university by the State, is over \$300,000. The institution is in a thriving condition, the buildings are very good and in fine repair. Ten thousand dollars has recently been expended for painting, penciling and beautifying the buildings and grounds.

The faculty is composed of twelve very able and efficient men who faithfully and thoroughly discharge their duty and thereby reflect credit upon the institution. The number of students in attendance at the university this session is less than has

been for years. About three hundred have been enrolled for the collegiate year, and perhaps of this number one hundred are in the preparatory department.

As for our Chapter it is, comparatively speaking, in its infancy. It was founded seven years ago; Brothers E. A. Enoch, C. T. Butler and W. J. Smith are the men who did the good work. They commenced the work under very favorable auspices. The foundation laid by them upon which our beloved Chapter was to repose, has proved to be firm and lasting, and upon this secure and vigorous foundation she is still reposing, with her proud and spirited head lifted heavenward, singing all the while the sweet song of friendship and mental improvement to all worthy strangers very happily, members have been charmed with this singing and joined the choir, received the promised mental training and formed the warmest and dearest ties of friendship.

We commenced this college year with some old members, and have up to this time initiated eight new men; giving us a membership of fifteen, two of this number were called home. Our men are classed in this order: Four in the preparatory department, three freshmen, three sophs., one junior and two law students.

In the early part of this session the Rain Bow Fraternity was the rival Fraternity in numbers at this place, but now it is very weak, they hardly have men enough to have a meeting, they have had a good deal of trouble besides, while on the other hand we have had no trouble whatever, everything has glided quietly along with us, and only two of our men have gone home, and they were as highly respected as any young men in the university. By no means were they sent home for stealing money nor using unfair and ungentlemanly advantages in the examination room, as some were belonging to other Fraternities. Yea I venture the assertion that if one of our men were to do so dishonorable a thing as that, two of our number being young limbs of the law we would try him, prosecute and convict him and hang him up by the neck until he was dead—d—and delivered. With best wishes for the success of the SCROLL and sister Chapters, I am, yours in the Bond,

L. A. WEISSINGER.

## TEXAS ALPHA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY,  
TEHUACANA, TEX., June 6, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* It becomes my painful duty to write the last report for our beloved Chapter. Not that she has died in the hearts of her members! No! But because all fate seems averse to our cause, and more especially in T. U.

The last meeting of our Chapter to initiate two new men, was in some way found out by a set of boys whom we dared not, even for the love of Phi Delta Theta, to take in as members. They knew this and taking down the names of our members, handed them over to the faculty of our college. Now we could do nothing, they had us "grabbed." But for all this we stood our ground, and even wrote up a paper ourselves to sign, in preference to signing one written by a faculty of any school. They promised us to do nothing with us if we would

stop, or we would receive one step apiece, and then sign their paper or go home. Now we did not like either, and told them we would sign a paper written by our own boys, but nothing they wrote. Well, they did not like the idea, but when they saw that they were pulling against seventeen of their best students, they gave under.

As things are, we exist no more as Texas Alpha in T. U., but would not have you think that we are dead to the cause. We will have a grand Texas Convention at Corsicana in August. We will then take steps as to our future work in this State and report to the SCROLL in September.

Our Brothers, Patterson, McCarty, Pennington, Morgan and one or two more have taken high honors this year. And some of us will have the pleasure of meeting Phi in colleges in other States, because we want to go where we can get the advantages of our dear old frat.

Brethren, one and all! do not let an angry frown rest upon us as we tell you "good-bye." But oh, we would beg you to remember what we have already stood for the sake of Phi Delta Theta and then we know that a tear will take the place of all frowns! May God bless you all and keep you from such fate as ours, we faithfully pray.

Yours in the Bond,

M. C. JOHNSON.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., June 1, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Take off your hat! Sling it around your head and cheer with us! Here we go: Hip, hip, 'rah! 'rah! 'rah! Never were honors more deservedly won, for Tennessee Alpha is not mounting the tidal wave but is the tidal wave itself, sweeping shoreward with uncontrollable force, bearing on its bosom the noblest crafts which plough the intellectual deep. Not bearing them toward a cruel and rocky shore but bearing them to a shore of honor, high respect and intellectual superiority. The wave has swept over the faculty and Board of Trust and all opposition on their part to the admission of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is drowned, but, mark you, no other Fraternity is admitted. Do you know how it came about? I am so full of it I can hardly take time to write. Perhaps it is due as much to the personal efforts of R. F. Jackson, the noblest Greek of all as to any other cause. He it was who prepared, at the suggestion of the Chapter, such an address as has only been excelled by that one article of American production—the Declaration of Independence—and knocking at the council chamber of the Board of Trust of our university, demanded that he be heard for his cause. That he was heard by twenty venerable and distinguished gentlemen—members of the board—that he was listened to with marked attention and respect, that he convinced them beyond a doubt that their opposition to our Fraternity was unjust and wrong, that he answered manfully and honorably the questions they propounded to him in regard to our workings, that he was publicly thanked by the President of the board, the Rt. Rev. H. N. McTeyre, Bishop, etc., for his modest, yet firm and respectful address, to tell you this is but to tell you that we are admitted. But to tell you simply this and stop, though it were

enough to make the Phi World rejoice would fall short of our glorious achievements. Did you ever know the Tennessee Alpha to lag or come up scarce of honor men? Did you ever watch our commencements and see that always around three-fourths of the honor men of Vanderbilt University twine in caressing touches the folds of the white and the blue? Do you know here when the honor men are posted up the knowing barbarian asks if the medalists won with the Sword and the Shield? Ah! those weapons. Invincible! So it is now. The last day of commencement is over. The medals are given, the honors showered down upon heads upon which has rested in caressing stroke the dnbingsword of the Phi Delta Theta. High toned, conscientious fellows who, so long as they saw a sign of opposition from the university, would not unite with us, have now cast in their fate with ours. Wednesday night was our last meeting and annual banquet. On that night we took in the following named men all of whom had been spiked some time before: G. C. Green, founder's medal in literary department; F. M. McConnell, faculty representative; H. M. Meriwether, class representative; Claud Waller, scholarship; Ira L. Smith, society medal and scholarship; — Waller, scholarship; J. E. Harrison, A. B., who declined a fellowship; J. F. Watkins, A. B.; F. R. Murrey.

Every one of them are at the very top of the roll of honor, and are the very pick of the university. After they were initiated Wednesday night, we adjourned to the most fashionable restaurant in the city to a fine supper and partook heartily. While enjoying ourselves in this way, we received a card in the nature of a challenge from the Betas who were having a banquet in a different part of the city. The card was an invitation to send one of our members to their banquet as a representative of our Fraternity and then went on to recite in a boastful way how many members, both active and alumni were present. Appreciating the spirit which incited the card, the Phis immediately adopted the following resolutions:

MOONY'S HALL, 11 o'clk.

*Resolved*, That appreciating the spirit which has moved the Betas to this kind invitation, the Phis return their thanks for the same but will be compelled to decline the same, as they are at present busily engaged acting in the pleasant capacity of host to our distinguished brethren (and here followed a list of honor men), but they extend to the Betas the same cordial invitation to come and see them and partake of the hospitality of their board."

A committee was appointed to carry these resolutions to the banquet hall of the Betas. When the committee was introduced in their hall and read the above, you should have seen them. They had been bragging for a week of the great number of their honor men. Had very patronizingly given us second place, never dreaming that all those irresistible high toned fellows who had taken the medals and whom they consid-*red* bars, were at heart Phis, just waiting to be initiated. What a fall was that, my countryman. When the list was finished I'll vow they looked like they could have crawled under their banquet table. They are nice fellows, you know, but never having taken any honors of moment here had grown so fearfully hungry that one or two good honors had thrown them into spasms, they had gone too far in their bragging and our list fell over them like a wet blanket. A bottle of champagne, with streamers of

white and blue attached, was presented them as an earnest of good feeling. Our banquet continued until 1 p. m., and the last farewell speech was said and many an eye was bedimmed with tears, while out upon the air the rang notes of our farewell song. The morning train bore away in every direction our boys and the few who lingered in the city felt as though they trod some banquet hall deserted. Tonight there left all who had lingered, and as we gathered at the depot and pressed their hands tears stood in the eyes of more than one, and as the conductor shouted "all aboard" and the train slowly moved out there rang out 'three cheers for the President of Gamma Province," and "three cheers for Andrews and Le Grand, Alabama's noble Phis." They were given as only those who love each other can cheer. The President of Gamma Province; Brother Thomas, do you know him? Sterling Price Gilbert we call him, and I tell you that in heart, soul and mind he deserves the name, Sterling. A keen eye, a face whose features while in repose are touched with a slight degree of melancholy which but renders more fascinating the gleaming humor which at times plays over them, a lithe and active body, and that discerning power of knowing the character of those whom he meets. All this added to a strong and passionate love for the Fraternity, made him of inestimable benefit to us, and when you couple this with the personal friendship and love of every member of the Chapter you may form some idea of how we regarded Sterling Price Gilbert. The noble hearted fellow will win his way wherever he goes. I do not want to consume more space than belongs to Tennessee Alpha, but I must tell you of some of our fellows. Alabama has given us three and if they are good samples of the citizens of that State I want to propose for membership the whole State of Alabama. Le Grand, Andrews and Williams, a trio fit for classic halls of learning, fit for society's most exacting demands, for the glory and honor of statesmen, fit for the pomp and circumstance of war, fit for the battle of life. A trio of Southern gentlemen in which is represented the wit of Sheridan, the elegance of a Chesterfield, and the colloquial powers of a Franklin. And while in each one of them one of these distinctions is highly marked, each partakes considerably of the virtues and abilities of all. Look to the pages of history for the names of Andrews, Le Grand and Williams. Let me pause and master my adjectives before I speak of Snodgrass, of Tennessee. He it is of whom Baxter, one of our professors in the law class, and a good Phi, says that his legal arguments would gain the confidence and respect of the supreme bench of the United States and also when he speaks to an audience that rely every sentence is the burst of a bombshell. With the physique of an Achilles, and the eloquence of a Pitt. Beware to the craft that tries to force itself against the sweeping tide of his eloquence and learning, for it will be dashed to pieces against the breakers of logic. One more and I'll let up. One of the few, immortal fellows that never were intended to die in hearts of his friends, I refer to Walker, of South Carolina; six feet two inches in his stocking feet! shoulders broad enough to carry the trouble of the world, a face over which plays the sunshine of good humor and intensely intelligent thought. A

man good to look upon; a keen sense of the ludicrous and a passionate love of fun makes him the most popular man in the university. Everybody knows him and everybody loves him. The women all welcome him, the children in the streets cry for him and the dogs refuse to bark at him. May his statue never grow less. I am almost exhausted for words but command you to uncover your head while I mention the names of Wakefield, of Missouri, Jackson, of Tennessee, Winn, of Kentucky, and Buruham, of Texas, I deserve to be kicked for not telling you of the others but I am exhausted.

Below are our honor men :

G. H. Armistead, Essayist Al. Ass'n., '83 (U. of Miss.) Cont. Found. Orat. Med., '83.

J. E. Crook, Valedictorian Med. Class, '83.

W. Deering, Undergrad. Prize Scholarship, '83.

G. C. Greer, Found. Acad. Dept. Medalist, '83; Grad. Fellow, '83-4.

M. R. Le Grand, President of the Tenn. St. Or. Convention, Chattanooga.

F. W. McConnell, Faculty, Rep. Acad. Dept., '83.

J. C. M. Reynolds, Chief Ed. of *Vanderbilt Observer*, '83; Grad. Fellow, '82-83.

H. M. Meriwether, Bus. Man. of *Vanderbilt Observer*, '83, Class Rep. Com., '83.

I. C. Smith, Undergrad. Prize Scholarship in 1883, Declaimers Medal in Dialectics, '83.

F. L. Snodgrass, Rep. of Law Faculty on Moot Court on commencement, '81.

C. Waller, Undergrad. Prize Scholarship, '83.

M. C. Willis Founder Pharmacy Dept. Medalist, '83.

H. Winn, Anni. Philosophic, '83.

Eighteen of the highest honors besides a thousand and one "distinctions" and "distinguished proficiencies."

It is late at night, Brother Thomas, and I have shouted myself weak of late, so I'll bid you good night. May all other Chapters prosper as we are.

Yours in the Bond,

W. A. HAWKINS.

## TENNESSEE BETA.

SEWANEE, TENN., May 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The University of the South is a Church institution, under the control of eleven Southern Dioceses of the P. E. Church. It was founded in 1858 by Bishops Polk, Otley and Elliott. During the late war its immense endowment was lost, and work on the institution was suspended until after that event. The work was then revived by the Rt. Rev. C. T. Quintard, of Tennessee, to whom the university owes its present existence. Since that time the university has steadily increased both in attendance and literary standing, until now it is second to none in the country. The institution has no endowment, but is entirely dependent upon the tuition fees of its students. By the last catalogue there were one hundred and twenty students in the collegiate department, and sixty in the preparatory. The number of professors in the collegiate department is six, and one master and two tutors in the preparatory department.

The Tennessee Beta was founded in October,

1883, by Messrs. J. F. Bailey, W. G. Allen, B. Smith, J. N. Robinson, J. H. P. Hodgson, W. G. Hylsworth and A. L. Hartridge; but owing to there being a member in the preparatory department, the Chapter was not recognized until March, 1883. During that time three of the founders withdrew from the university. Since that time seven have been initiated, making a total membership of eleven. We have a very suitable suite of rooms in St. Luke's Hall, admirably adapted for Chapter purposes. The members are regular in attendance at meetings and take great interest in the duties and exercises. Most of the members are young; owing to this and the recent establishment of the Chapter, none of the members have as yet attained any distinction, but several bid fair to do so.

There are four Fraternity Chapters here at present, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta and prospects of Delta Tau Delta. The Alpha Tau Omega being the oldest, have had the first pick. The Chapters number as follows: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, twenty-one; Alpha Tau Omega, twelve; Kappa Sigma, eleven; Phi Delta Theta, eleven; Delta Tau Delta, nine. With our present prospects and encouragements we hope within a few years to be the banner Chapter of this university.

Yours in the Bond,

R. E. GRUBB.

## ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., June 1, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The Alabama Alpha Alumni is scoring the proudest period in her young history. Since the accession of Bro. J. C. Smith—about which I have written—it is now our privilege to add to our roll a name of which any order should be proud. Dr. B. J. Baldwin, Jr., was formerly a member of Virginia Gamma at Randolph Macon College, but is perhaps later and better known as Reporter of the K. A. A. at Louisville. Having graduated with distinguished honors at Bellevue, N. Y., he located at Louisville, Ky., where he was enjoying a fine practice, but deciding to embrace a "spech" in his profession he went to Europe and devoted his attention to the pursuit of those studies relating to the eye and ear. After taking his degree in one of the celebrated German universities he has returned to his native State and having decided to locate in this city is already enjoying a splendid practice and fast winning a reputation as a skilled and capable oculist. Phi Delta Theta may well regard him as one from whom she may "note something particular." A. A. A. is proud of him and shall watch his strides with pleasurable pride.

Our members now consists of eight with fine prospects of two accessions in the near future. The State Convention in this city on the 28th and 29th inst. promises to be a grand affair—'tis our third annual reunion and we propose to fix it up in regular Phi style. One of the chief features of our business session shall be an assurance that we heartily appreciate the worth of the *SCROLL* by a more universal and hearty support than heretofore. Congratulations on your proud record as a frat. journalist.

Yours in the Bond,

ALVA FITZPATRICK.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 20, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* It seems that you mean business when you announce that you intend to have a report from every Chapter, and, as we have no idea of letting the SCROLL be delayed on our account, we will be very prompt.

Of late Tennessee Alpha Alumni has been meeting with Tennessee Alpha. The old reliables who are found in the hall every Saturday night are Manier, '80; Palmer, '80; Fleming, '81; Goodwin, '81; Jackson, '81, and Price, '82. We grave and reverend seniors act in a kind of paternal respect towards the young Phis in the University. We do not hesitate to give them the benefit of our elderly advice and they hesitate as little to strike us for money to help them bear expenses, expecting to get it, as a matter of course, like a boy does from his father. We feel proud of them, and as long as they behave themselves and attend to their work as well as they are doing now, we will always respond cheerfully.

In a short time both Chapters will take a recess, for the Vanderbilt term closes on the last of this month, and, on June 10th, Brothers Goodpaster and Jackson leave for a four month's trip to Europe. Of course we will have the traditional banquet at commencement. And such banquets as we do have! We hardly believe they can be equalled elsewhere. To the members of Tennessee Alpha who go out in the world to carve their fortunes, we will say in parting, boys we have done all we could for you, and we now confer upon you the paternal blessing. We will watch your careers with solicitude, as a fond father looks after his dutiful sons, but will rest assured that you will never go back on the training you have received. Farewell, and God be with you.

To "Good" and "Jack" we will say *bon voyage*. It nearly kills us to see you going and not be able to go with you, but, as we cannot go, you must enjoy yourselves for all the rest of us. And when you are smoking on deck, and watching the deep blue sea; when admiring the picturesque scenery of Norway; when dropping with the current, down the beautiful Danube, the moonbeams quivering on the waters, and a Landler-tune floating to your ears; when supporting some of your young (?) and fair (?) traveling companions as you climb the Alpine heights; when seated in near proximity to them during the long ride through Mt. Cenis tunnel; when making yourselves merry over your *vin* 'neath the sunny skies of Italy; when gazing at the magnificence of Paris by day, and reclining at night in the alluring enticements of that paradise for Americans; and when, during your channel passage, you rush with hot haste to the side of the ship, to offer your tribute to mother ocean, why boys, enjoy just as much of it all as you possibly can take in; we would not even have a thought of us poor devils, who will stay in Nashville during the sultry summer, to cross your minds, lest it might in some degree, mar your pleasure. Here's to you, a delightful voyage, and a safe return.

I remain, fraternally yours,

W. B. P.

## OHIO BETA.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,  
DELAWARE, O., May 25, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Delaware, a city of about eight thousand inhabitants, is situated in the central part of Ohio, and is accessible by three different lines of railroads. It has the reputation, and deserves it too, of being one of the prettiest towns in the State. Her wide streets and numerous shade trees give her in the summer time an attractive and charming appearance. Here it is that the Ohio Wesleyan University finds its home. This institution was founded in 1842 and is supported by the M. E. Conferences. It is open to both sexes and this year has had an actual attendance of seven hundred and eighty students, of whom about three hundred are in the regular college department. It has a faculty of eighteen members, besides several tutors and the instructors in the departments of music and art. The university buildings and grounds are valued at \$150,000 and its endowment amounts to \$500,000.

Phi Delta Theta first entered here in 1861, and like many other Chapters was killed by the war, but the charter was never sent in until 1872. A second charter was granted in 1875 to Cyrus Huling, M. C. Percival, E. L. Fosdick, C. J. Read and C. M. Idleman, which is held by the present Chapter. Our existence in the past has been a checkered one, but the omens now bespeak a future of progress. We started in last fall with ten men, and initiated six men, three of whom, however, are not in attendance at school here. At the close of the winter term three of our men dropped out, and so now our number is still ten. We have four seniors, four Juniors and two sophomores. Our seniors are Brothers Bigley, Guy, Ozias and Randall, all of whom will take the degree of B. A. at the coming commencement. We have some men pledged, and three of our old men will be back, so we expect to start in next fall with at least eleven members. On the Friday after commencement we will have our annual picnic, at which we expect eighteen couples to be present. In college honors for the past year we have been very fortunate. We have two men on the editorial staff of the college paper, and five of our men were elected to positions on the programme of the spring public which were to be given during commencement. Owing to a "set-down" of the faculty these will not be given, but the elections showed which way honors pointed.

Our meetings are held every Saturday night of the term in one of the finest halls of the city. Our Chapter expended \$150 this winter in fixing up what we considered a good hall, until now we have as cozy quarters as any in the city.

During the year our rivals have mostly held their own; not gaining much, not losing. There is, however, an exception to this which is worthy of mention. The Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi whose outlook two years ago was so gloomy, has worked hard this year, and has met with remarkable and deserved success, and now proudly stands well up in the Fraternity list. Sigma Chi, on the

contrary, has lost her grip. She has had two men lifted and in all probability will not have over three men to start with next fall. Her prospects are poor indeed. Want of harmony between her members has been the cause of her trouble. According to our estimation we would divide Fraternities in their standing into four classes. The first composed of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi; the second of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Psi; third, Chi Phi, and fourth, Sigma Chi.

But now that we have obeyed the call made in the last SCROLL for statistics, we will turn from the historical facts which are of the past to the more interesting subjects of the present. Our pen could run on and on telling of the good times of "Jolly Phis," but we must necessarily be briefer than we would like in our "goat" story.

Since our last report we have indeed had pleasant experiences in our "Greek" life. The immediate occasion of all this hilarity was the initiation of three men from the Ohio State University, on the evening of April 27th. The initiation was held on Friday evening, and it was not known until Wednesday evening that the boys would be here. Hardly daring to expect a reply in person to so late an invitation, we sent word to the brothers to Ohio Delta, Gamma and Epsilon of the event. Imagine our surprise when on Friday evening we found in our midst Brothers Anderson, Boone, Morrison, Miller, Calder and Anderson, Jr., of Ohio Delta; Brothers Welch and De Stejner, of Ohio Gamma, and the initiates, H. A. Kahler, W. F. Daggett and J. C. Munger, from Ohio State University; making in all twenty-five loyal apostles of "Phikia" in Delaware. It was 10 o'clock ere the initiatory rites were begun, and at 12:30 the ceremonies were finished and Phi Delta Theta had added to her number, three to whose care she need not fear to consign her interests at the O. S. U. In justice to our new brothers and in no flattery to ourselves we must say that we are proud of them; proud for their sakes that they wear the Shield and Sword; proud for our sakes that in them we have secured three true brothers. On that night we *pitied* them, for Ohio Beta's initiation is a long one. Brother Boone, in a toast afterwards, well said, "Verily, he is a get-there-Eli-goat."

After the initiation we sacrificed that which maketh peace with the inner man, and on until the weary clock struck three did we strive to put ourselves around the delicate viands. Jokes were cracked, jests were passed around, and wit flowed full and free, while "toast" after "toast" was devoured by the ears of the eager listeners. The fair denizens within Monnett's gray wall were not forgotten in the hour of gaiety as the ascending baskets, descending notes, and "pulling of strings" too well testified. It was a night when we felt more than ever it was good to be a "Phi," "for the white is good and the blue is true." It was a night which we will not soon forget. The initiation was fine; the banquet was sumptuous; the good fellowship was unbounded. And just as "the morning sun came peeping over the hills," the crowd of twenty-five in number, one in spirit, separated and hastened into the land of dreams.

With this issue I realize that I furnish my last report as corresponding secretary of Ohio Beta.

In the college year that is just passed, I have carefully read the SCROLL and now begin to realize the high standing of our Fraternity. Before I used to think that ours was a good Fraternity because I heard it was. Now I know that it is, because I have the proof of it. Our Fraternity journal this year has won a position she may well be proud of, and which we know she may well sustain and retain. But now we close. To my Brother Reporters I say adieu. To the Phis who graduate this year, Ohio Beta says "God speed." To those who return next fall, she says "good-by—" for awhile To you all I say "success." Fraternally,

J. ED BROWN.

## OHIO GAMMA.

OHIO UNIVERSITY. }  
ATHENS, O., May 16, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* On opposite sides of the Hocking river each out of its beautiful grounds frowning grimly across the valley at the other, stand the two great institutions of Athens—the Athens Lunatic Asylum and the Ohio University. This latter institution dates its origin back to 1804. Though regarded as a State University, the seventy-two square miles of territory which constitutes its endowment, were set apart for that purpose by the United States. Upon the rent and taxes from this land, augmented of late years by appropriations by the Legislature, the O. U. has derived her support. She has, at present, about seventy-five students six professors and a variable number of tutors.

On the 28th of March, 1868, there was granted to T. L. Hughes, E. B. O. Mierse and W. Shinn, a charter to form a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at this college. This Chapter has run steadily along ever since, and has, in all, taken in seventy-seven members. She has met with her fair share of success, and is glad that she can thank Phi Delta Theta for oratorical, prophetic and editorial honors bestowed upon her.

Ohio Gamma began this year with five members. Brother Pilchers leaving college was offset by the return of Brother Leonard, and by the initiation of C. B. Griffith. Our membership now stands at six, leading by one our rivals, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta. Kappa Alpha Theta *leads* us all, but thank heavens! not as rivals. Of our three juniors, two sophomores and one preparatory student, all expect to return, perhaps with some additions, at the opening of next year. Sad to state we have no seniors—but Brother Armstrong's coat has a long, seniorial tail.

When Saturday night comes our members generally gather together for their weekly meeting, and there is to be heard enthusiastically received literary exercises and wide discussions on the interests of the Chapter and "the Fraternity." Our festivities this year, though enjoyable have, thus far, been strictly private; but when our Alumni gather here for the college commencement, we hope to have a banquet softened by a greater presence.

Though we have done nothing worthy of great boasting during the year, we feel that we are not losing but gaining. In more than one respect our prospects have widened and lengthened, but of the six literary contest positions the most esteemed of all honors open to the students of the O. U., two

are filled by Phi men. When, at the close of another year, we must graduate three of our freshmen, we hope that we shall have initiated more than enough new men to take their places. Neither do we lack the helping hands of four old members, for there are C. S. Welch and C. M. Jennings and J. J. Welch, still near us. And if we should ever be tempted from the paths of virtue, there ahead is the shining light of Tompkins, our holy Captain, Jack—for has he not prophesied in the name of the Phi Delta Theta, and in the name of the State of Ohio has he not cast out devils, or at least felons from the pale of society into the depth of the Ohio penitentiary?

When the buds of another spring are blooming, when the mustaches of our present juniors are budding forth, or at least making an abortive attempt thereto, to sustain the dignity of seniors, then Ohio Gamma will bud forth into her "sweet sixteen," and a feeling of gallantry will strengthen the ardor of her followers. Until then, if their zeal should ever seem to flag, if you should ever fail to receive one of those reports of her health and welfare, for which you have occasionally (?) made such affident requests, I ask you not to go into mourning for Ohio Gamma but only to reflect that "she is not dead but sleepeth."

There have been some doubts expressed as to existence and whereabouts of Ohio Gamma, but, Mr. Editor, if you should ever hear such again don't let it escape your recollection that she is always here. And hoping that with her and all her present members, I shall pass another year, and one of even greater success to Ohio Gamma and all other sister Chapters than that about to close.

I remain, fraternally yours,

GEORGE DE STEIGUER.

## OHIO DELTA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, }  
WOOSTER, O., May 21, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* University of Wooster, at which the Ohio Delta Chapter is situated, was founded May, 1866, by the Synod of Ohioana, is controlled by the Presbyterian denomination. It derives its main support from endowments amounting to \$150,000. It also receives support from tuition. There are twenty-one professors and tutors in the faculty. Number of students in collegiate department, 217; preparatory, 185; musical, 100; medical, 54. Phi Delta Theta began her career in December, 1872, with four charter members, Robert H. McClelland, Edgar M. Wilson, Perry L. Allen and A. Z. McGogney. The Chapter was organized as Ohio Zeta but, by action of the convention of 1880, it was changed to Ohio Delta. With varied success she has held continuous existence, having initiated more than one hundred men.

The Chapter began this collegiate year with eight members have since initiated ten men up to date. Three have left college while one returned after being out one year. The present membership is sixteen. Seniors, B. W. Anderson; juniors, W. J. Boone, J. W. Criswell; sophs., A. G. Greenlee; fresh., J. Francis, T. S. Anderson, J. K. Calder, J. T. Morrison, C. E. Bradt, Frank Saylor; sen. preps., W. Z. Morrison, F. D. Price, W. C. Miles, Celsus Pomereuc, S. S. Palmer, E. F. Miller, Middle B. W. Irvin. Expect fourteen men to enter

next term. Have a very good hall comfortably furnished, while the members meet regularly. Our literary exercises consists of declamations, essays, orations and debates.

We expect to have a banquet during commencement. Brother Greenlee is first honor man of the sophomore class while Brother Morrison, Jr., will take two prizes in sen. prep. Brother Boone was declaimer and Brother Greenlee orator in the Shakespearian entertainment of Athenaeon. Bro. Palmer, orator, and Brother Miller, debater, in the contest between Bryant and Philomathean. Bro. Morrison orator in class entertainment; Brother Morrison also took two prizes on the last field day. Brother Anderson will be our only graduate this year.

The relative strength of the rival Fraternities is about the same as it has been. Delta Tau Delta began this year with thirteen, now have nineteen; Sigma Chi began with eleven, now have sixteen; Beta Theta Pi began with eleven, now have thirteen; Phi Gamma Delta began with nine, now have ten; Phi Kappa Psi began with six, now have eight; Phi Delta Theta began with eight, now have sixteen. We have initiated more men than either of our rival Fraternities, having initiated ten. B. W. Irwin was our last initiate and we gladly rushed him into the Phi World.

The different frats. here have arranged for a Pan-Hellenic Council to meet next Saturday night for the purpose of discussing various subjects affecting Fraternities. It is hoped much good may result. A number of the boys had a very enjoyable time recently in Delaware at the initiation of several new men. Hoping this may reach you in time for publication,

I remain, fraternally yours,

REPORTER.

## OHIO EPSILON.

BUTCHEL COLLEGE, }  
AKRON, O., May 13, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* In compliance with your request, our report must needs be as follows: Ohio Epsilon is located at Butchel College, Akron, O., a school under the Universalist Church, founded in 1870, and having an endowment of \$50,000; faculty of seventeen, three of whom are Phis. There are sixty-eight collegiate and two hundred and fifty prep. students. This Chapter was founded in '75 by Arthur Ralston, Albert C. White and William D. Shipman. Ralston is a C. E. in Ashtabula, O.; White was the youngest union soldier in the late war, and is now pastor of the First Universalist Church, Augusta, Me., and Shipman is now professor of Greek at Butchel. Ohio Epsilon has met with nought but success, has never been defunct, in debt or in discredit, has expelled only one man, has never had a death, has had six members in the corps of instructors; has always sustained the highest rank in the class room and in morality. It is our boast that Ohio Epsilon has had the finest mathematicians, orators, scientific students and classicals since our organization.

Began the year with ten men; two have left school, four have been initiated, making a present membership of twelve, all of whom are expected to return next year. Brothers Cook and Berry will also return in the fall.

Our membership now stands as follows: Payne, junior; Apt, Crissinger, Koeing, Emery and Schumacher, sophs.; Pleasants, Pardee and Page, freshmen; Slade, Jones and Kohler, sen. preps.

Our meetings are held on Saturday afternoon regularly in the finest frat. hall in the State, described fully in the last SCROLL.

We generally have some light literary work; have had no banquets this year but according to custom we will hold one during commencement week.

Our rivals are not doing much. Delta Tau Delta has taken in six characteristic men and the other frats. are wasting away. I cannot recall a single honor taken by our rivals. The Delta Gammas (ladies), will hold their national convention here this month. Butchel is the grand Chapter of that Fraternity. By our invitation their convention will take place in our hall. They expect an attendance of forty. Rumor says that Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi are trying to come out here, we hope so and we will do all in our power to aid a healthy rival. Our greatest need is for more rivals and something worthy to rival.

We were all very sorry not to be with our brothers of Ohio Beta at their fine time, but it was quite impossible for us to do so.

Our latest initiate is Mr. W. J. Emery a soph., and an excellent fellow of whom we are justly proud. Brother Emery is hereby duly initiated to the Phis abroad.

Brother E. C. Page has been elected to deliver the memorial address on decoration day at Corry, Penn. We consider this an honor for our freshman brother.

Brother W. D. Shipman, professor of Greek, has just written a song for our Chapter which I hope to send to the next SCROLL.

Brother DeWitt S. Wilcox has been appointed to responsible position of "house surgeon" in the London, Eng., medical hospital, whither he had gone for study. Brother C. B. Wright will soon return from John Hopkins University. Brother J. C. Tomlinson is in town again and things look like an "Ohio Beta Alumni."

We feel duly grateful to our sisters of the *Golden Key* for their beautiful presents. The Kappas are fine girls as many of the Phis will testify. With best wishes for the welfare of every Phi,

I am in the Bond,  
ROLLA LOUDENBACK.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA.

CENTRE COLLEGE, }  
DANVILLE, KY., June 2, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Centre College was founded in the year 1819, and soon became very prosperous, continuing to grow until the civil war, which injured it very much, but since the close of that struggle it has revived and is considered the best institution in Kentucky. It has always been under the control of the Presbyterian Church and is endowed to the amount of \$200,000. It has six professors and there are about one hundred students in college this year and about sixty in the preparatory.

Our Chapter was founded in 1850 and has been very successful, having graduated some of Kentucky's most eminent men. Several years ago our Chapter was so unfortunate as to graduate all of

its members except one, who went into the Beta, but we were not long defunct (if it may be called so), the Chapter being hastily revived by Brother Phister and others.

We began the year with nine men and since five have been initiated; three have left college; our present number is eleven, and the boys are distributed as follows: Seniors, two; Juniors, four; sophomores, three; freshmen, one. We will begin next year with eight men.

Our hall is on Main street, and though furnished not so elegantly as some of our over-the-river brothers, it is nevertheless nicely furnished and we meet regularly on Saturday night.

\*We have just learned that the Kentucky Alpha boys at the K. M. I. have been very successful in the matter of honors and prizes. Brother B. M. Johnson received a first medal for oratory, Bro. Saunders, a medal for excellence in math., Brother T. C. Hindman was first declaimer and Brother Boddie was second declaimer. The highest honor that has ever been conferred by the K. M. I. was received by Brother Brisco Hindman, son of Gen. Hindman, of Arkansas. It was a medal given by the Governor of Kentucky to the cadet who ranked highest in all respects, morally and intellectually. Brother H. graduated with degree of C. E. and will be a professor at the Institute next year.\* \* \*

We are opposed by the Betas with nine men and the "Sigs" with seven, four of whom are seniors and their prospects for next year are not the most brilliant.

We have been discussing the question and will probably buy a musical instrument for our hall next year. Hoping you will "make your point" in regard to SCROLL letters, we are,

Yours in the mystic Bond,  
M. R. HUBBARD.

## OHIO ALPHA ALUMNI.

CINCINNATI, O., June 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Ohio Alpha Alumni was founded December 17, 1881, by C. F. Andrews, Ohio A., '71; C. F. Knowlton, Iowa A., '73; W. H. Hawley, Indiana A., '80; J. A. Thompson, Indiana D., '80; R. M. Thomas, Indiana D., '83; L. B. White, Indiana A., '83, and J. G. Smalley, Indiana A., '84.

Since the above named brothers received the charter many other Phis have taken up their abode in the Queen City and are continually discovering new ones.

We have not held a meeting lately but will do better in the future. Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Kentucky Alpha Alumni was established October 27, 1880, to J. J. Cooke, Kentucky A., '56; J. G. Smrall, Kentucky A., '57; T. W. Bullitt, Kentucky A., '58; E. O. Guerrant, Kentucky A., '60; W. B. Fleming, Kentucky A., '64; J. St. J. Boyle, Kentucky A., '66; G. H. Mourning, Kentucky A., '66; B. J. Baldwin, Virginia G., '75; J. Cochran, Kentucky A., '78; W. T. Harris, Virginia D., '78, and J. E. Hayes, Indiana E., '78. Brother Cook left us in 1881 and is now preaching at Little Traverse, Mich.; Brother Smrall is practicing law

in this city; Brother Bullitt is a director in the Second National Bank and is also a member of the Louisville bar; Brother Guerrant is living at Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Brother Fleming has been a member of the Kentucky Legislature since '80; Brother Boyle is President of the L. M. A. & St. L. R. R.; Brother Mourning is a merchant; Brother Baldwin has left us and is now in Montgomery, Ala.; Bro. Cochran is with the *Courier-Journal*; Brother Harris has graduated at the seminary and is preaching at Glasgow; Brother Hayes has gotten his degree of M. D. and is living at Fairmount, Ky.

We do not meet often as a Chapter but still have the best interest of Phi Delta Theta at heart, and rejoice at her remarkable progress of late years.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, }  
BLOOMINGTON, IND., May 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Since the last report from Indiana Alpha expulsion has been found necessary to the Chapter's welfare. T. Scott Mayes, Springfield, Ky., whom we initiated last October, conducted himself in such a manner that we finally expelled him April 15th. Since then we have been working harmoniously and have good prospects ahead.

In compliance with Brother Thomas' request I will give the desired information so far as I am able.

Indiana University, situated in Bloomington on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago R. R., was founded in 1830, and during the last winter was endowed by the State Legislature. The total endowment now amounts to \$800,000, with a prospect of more in the future. The general management is vested in a board of eight trustees, of whom the President, D. D. Banta, is an enthusiastic Phi. The college faculty is composed of eleven professors and three assistants. The prep. faculty is composed of three Alumni of the university. The Vice President of the college faculty, Dr. T. A. Wylie, is a Phi.

During the year there have been enrolled two post graduates, nineteen seniors, thirty-two juniors, forty-five sophomores, sixty-eight freshmen, eighty-nine senior preps. and one hundred and seven junior preps. Total three hundred and sixty-two, an increase of thirty over last year's attendance. The Indiana Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was established October 11, 1849, and although she has had her ups and downs, has been in continuous existence ever since. Perhaps the darkest days in the Chapter's history were from '73 to '76, when sometimes the Chapter roll showed only one name, that of A. W. Fullerton, who by his own efforts started the Chapter on the upward track and consequently is known among the Phis as "Daddy" Fullerton. Ever since the Chapter has increased in numbers and influence, until now we claim to be, at least, equal to the best.

When college opened last September we started with eleven old members; Brother J. M. Goodwin, Indiana Gamma, affiliated with us; Brother W. J. Dodds returned to college this term; during the

year we have initiated eleven and expelled two, so that our total membership has been, not counting the two expelled, twenty-three, of whom seventeen are at present in college, as follows: Sr., C. L. Goodwin; Jr., O. E. Bradfute, O. L. Kelso, T. W. Wilson, S. G. Ramsey; Soph., W. H. Dye, J. M. Goodwin, E. E. Griffith; Fresh., F. W. Baker, W. J. Dodds, H. N. Gant, A. Heiney, W. D. Howe, J. C. Wells; Sr. Prep., G. G. Floyd, G. D. Hunter; Jr. Prep., H. D. Orchard. Of these we expect thirteen or fourteen to return next year.

Our hall is large, well furnished and finely papered, with two ante rooms. It is the finest hall in town and was dedicated about a year ago. Our meetings are held every Saturday night; the literary exercises are entertaining and instructive and the attendance excellent.

Brother E. E. Griffith represented Philomathean Society on Washington's birthday. Brother C. L. Goodwin is one of the two editors of the *Indiana Student*. Last year we enjoyed almost a monopoly of the society honors but this year "combinations" robbed us of our deserved positions. In base ball we are represented by Brother Wilson as catcher. Brother C. L. Goodwin as pitcher and occasionally by Brothers J. M. Goodwin and G. D. Hunter.

Our rivals here are Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Kappa Psi are our principal rivals. The Betas started here in 1847; the Sigs in 1858; the Phi Kaps in 1869; the Phi Gams in 1870, and the Delta Tau Deltas in 1870 but died in 1875. At the beginning of the college year Phi Kappa Psi started with twelve and enrolled twenty-one; Sigma Chi, started with twelve and enrolled nineteen; Phi Gamma Delta started with ten and enrolled fifteen; Beta Theta Pi started with eleven and enrolled twelve.

Monday night, June 11th, we will give our annual banquet which will be the very best that the town affords. Brother Thomas, Judges J. W. Robinson, Byron K. Elliott, D. D. Banta and others have promised to attend, and would be pleased to meet any Phi at that time.

In last month's report I somehow neglected to mention that Brother P. H. Cluston, '85, President Epsilon Province had left college and will probably not return. We miss him greatly and sincerely wish him success in life.

During the past month Brothers J. W. Robinson, - Bradford and G. B. Thomas, editor of *Scroll*, Charles Bridges, '85, and J. B. Bridges, '85, Indiana Zeta, have visited us.

Before closing I will mention the ladies Fraternities. Kappa Alpha Theta was established in 1870 and at present has twenty-one members. Kappa Kappa Gamma established in 1873 has thirteen members.

With sadness we announce the death of Brother E. R. Hatfield, '58. He died April 17th. Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Chapter and the badge of mourning was worn the prescribed time. Brother Hatfield was highly respected in Evansville where he lived, and was appointed alternate orator in the Alumni literary exercises the coming commencement.

Hoping that all Phis may spend a bappy vacation and return to new victories next year,

I remain, yours in the Bond,

S. G. RAMSEY.

## INDIANA BETA.

WABASH COLLEGE, }  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., May 11, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* For the last two issues our Chapter has not had a report in your paper, but we nevertheless have been greatly interested in its columns, and since my last report we have increased our number by the addition of two new men who stand among the best of the institution. Brother Perrin, who has been absent teaching, has also recently returned.

The college of which Indiana B. is an honored part, is the oldest institution of note in the Wabash Valley and dates her beginning at November 21, 1832. Professor Caleb Mills, the founder of the common school system of Indiana, was the first teacher. Wabash College is controlled by the Presbyterian denomination and is very largely endowed as well as one of the best equipped institutions in the West. The students in the college and preparatory departments number about one hundred and eighty. In the faculty there are ten professors and two tutors. The Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was founded in 1852 with the following charter members: H. D. Wilson, '53, A. H. Hamilton, '55, M. M. C. Hobbs, '53, J. E. Chapin, '56 and L. J. Spelman, '56. It is the oldest Chapter in the college save one, that of Beta Theta Pi. Indiana Beta has been successful from the beginning and without undue praise I may add that she presents a better record than her older rival. We have a pleasant hall in the central part of the city in which the members meet once per week during the college session. At the beginning of the present collegiate year there were eleven members, four have been initiated and three have left college to engage in other pursuits. Two of the members were speakers in the contest exhibition between the literary societies and several have held positions on the *Lariat*—one of the college papers. Two will receive degrees this year. The Chapter will begin next year with at least ten men, who with their energy and ability will certainly maintain if not excel the past success of the Chapter. There are four opposing Fraternities here, but Indiana Beta is equal and we think superior to the best of them.

With this I lay down the pen as Reporter for the SCROLL and with best wishes for the Fraternity Phis everywhere, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,  
THOMAS WILKINS.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

IRVINGTON, IND., May 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* We have enjoyed a quiet rest for a month and can report nothing new or exciting to your readers. We shall attempt to interest them therefore only by giving a brief sketch of our Chapter. The Indiana Gamma is located at Butler University, an institution under the control of the Christian Church and claiming an attendance of one hundred and seven in the literary and one hundred and fifty in the medical department. The institution is on a firm basis, being liberally endowed, and its prospects ahead are bright if only it can escape its present pusillanimous management. The Indiana Gamma of Phi

Delta Theta was established here in 1859 and fortune has ever smiled upon her. Not once has she been disturbed by internal dissensions nor by misfortunes or troubles so serious as in any wise to threaten her existence. The love and constant watchful care of her members have preserved to her all the advantages and opportunities that favored her in the beginning. At present she holds the first place among the frats. of the college. Her membership is sixteen distributed among the classes as follows: Two sen., four jun., two soph. five fresh., two s. n. preps.

Our rivals are Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta. The former has ten and the latter three members. We are not only stronger in numbers than our rivals combined, but our superiority becomes the more manifest in the class room and literary hall. Our sister frats., Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta have each strong Chapters and to them both are we indebted for the many kind favors bestowed upon us.

We have always obtained a generous share of college honors. This year four of the five men chosen by the Pythonian Literary Society to represent her at her annual exhibition are Phis. Next year we shall have a Phi as a member of the faculty—Brother D. C. Brown, who at present is in a German university, will return to fill the Greek chair in his *Alma Mater*.

We delight to boast of our excellence in athletic sports. The captains of both foot ball and base ball clubs are Phis. Brother Kuhus, as a gymnast, dumb-bell and Indian club manipulator has never met his equal, and as a curved pitcher we'll venture can discount our Wisconsin Alpha man. Brother Burgess has repeatedly won laurels in the foot races and Brother Morrison, while he makes no pretensions to prize fighting, dares put on the gloves with any man.

The gay and handsome ladies of the college could testify as to our social qualities. And if you could look a couple of weeks into the future and rest your eyes upon the banqueting Phis and their ladies here, you would appreciate their gallantry and our enthusiasm in Phi Delta's glorious cause.

We will begin next year with about fourteen men. This year we began with thirteen, have initiated three, received back two former members and given up two whose ill-health compelled them to leave greatly to our regret. Thus it will appear that Indiana Gamma is prosperous and nothing is more encouraging or pleasing to her than to hear of the prosperity of her sister Chapters. Reluctantly we extend a parting hand until the beginning of another college year.

Truly in the Bond,  
REPORTER.

## INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, }  
FRANKLIN, IND., June 8, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Franklin College was founded in 1834 by the Baptists of the State, from whom it receives its support. The endowment at present is about \$150,000, but will probably be doubled in the next two years. There are six professors in the faculty; forty students in college classes, and one hundred in preparatory department.

Our Chapter was organized by Judge D. D. Banta in April, 1861, with W. T. Stott, the present President of the institution, General T. J. Morgan and G. W. Grubbs, L. L. D., as charter members. We began the year with eight members, have initiated six; four have left college and we have at present a Chapter of ten active members, distributed in classes as follows: One senior, one junior, four fresh., four preps. We have meetings every week of which literary exercises are an important part.

On the eve of the 6th we celebrated our anniversary at the residence of Miss Jennie Payne, refreshments were served, toasts were responded to, and all left feeling a deeper interest in the Fraternity and—the girls.

Brother E. E. Stevenson, of the senior class, represented the college in the State oratorical contest and acquitted himself with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity.

We have no rival frats. but a strong Chapter of barbs is among us; many of these, however, will be out of college next year and the chances for a prosperous year never seemed better than for next year. Yours in the Bond, J. W. FESLER.

## INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER COLLEGE, }  
HANOVER, IND., May 23, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Of the comparatively large number of universities and colleges now located in the West, Hanover College dates among the earliest. On January 1, 1827, an academy was founded at Hanover, and on December 10th of the following year was incorporated as an institution for the purpose of teaching theology. It remained but a short time, however, as a Theological Seminary alone, but in December of 1833 it was again incorporated as Hanover College. In 1840 the theological department was removed to New Albany, and since that time it has been simply a literary college.

The institution is endowed and is under the control of the Presbyterian denomination. There are but seven professors in the faculty and one tutor. There are, however, two other teachers who are not occupied all the time and consequently not recorded as regular tutors. The catalogue of this year gives a total in the college department of sixty-nine and in the preparatory department the total is seventy-three. The institution is under good management and is in a flourishing condition.

The Epsilon Chapter of Indiana was founded on December 14, 1868, by Brothers S. S. Bergen, J. L. Fletcher and W. T. Evans. As would be supposed by any who know, the founders of this Chapter took a firm footing from its beginning. It was the third Fraternity founded at this institution, but it showed at once that in point of merit and strength nothing but first was to be its rank. True it has its "ups and downs" and at times other Fraternities have claimed the prominence but fate was in its favor as is now shown by its records. Until of late years the number of men could not be called large, but the success they met with in contending with the rival Fraternities shows they must have been of the very best quality.

The worst extremity the Chapter has experienced from its founding, perhaps, was at the beginning of the college year, 1879-80. At the open-

ing of the term but three Phi Delta Thetas were to be seen gamboling about the premises of Hanover College and they were all members of the senior class. It was remarked by other Fraternity men that the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Delta Theta would end its career at the ending of that college year. That was but a hope founded on a possibility and in no wise to be realized. Seven men were initiated that year and were well instructed in the principles of conducting a Chapter that would lead to prosperity. I must add to this that, under all the difficulties the three seniors were compelled to labor, they animated the new men to the point of giving up a hall whose capacity was insufficient and of fitting up one that would accommodate a Chapter such as was contemplated. The second year after the three were counted among the Alumni they visited the hall and were welcomed by seventeen of as bright and intelligent set of young men as could scarcely be found anywhere.

The number initiated at our Chapter is about eighty-five. At the beginning of this college year eleven members returned. We have initiated one and affiliated one and during the year one quit his studies but another started in, thus keeping our number thirteen. The thirteen members now in college are distributed as to class as follows: One senior, one junior, five sophomores, five freshmen and one senior prep. I will give the names beginning with the senior and go down in regular order: J. C. Garrit, T. E. Montgomery, W. C. Covert, L. V. Cravens, W. D. Marshall, C. A. Swope, W. D. D. Hennessy, F. D. Swope, J. V. La Grange, J. W. La Grange, C. H. McCaslin, W. N. Millican, T. E. Shaw. Twelve will return next year.

We have a very fair hall and furnished with all the necessaries complete but somewhat plain. The size of the hall is 16x24 feet. We hold our meetings regularly once a week. Our literary exercises of this year have consisted in declamation, debate, essays and select reading and other exercises of a private nature besides such as our local work considered as irregular.

Thus far this year we have not had any banquets nor suppers of any moment. We have had a banquet at least once a year for a considerable time back but none that were held as anniversaries. We hope to be able this commencement to have a banquet and a reunion of a large number of our Alumni that will be here.

Our men all stand well in their classes and in all the associations and societies with which they are connected, but only a few honors and very marked peculiarities have been assigned them. I can say, however, that the senior will very probably take second classical honor and has held the position of editor on one of the college journals. For speaker and scholarship combined, the junior occupied the second position of honor on the class exhibition. The remaining classes have not been tested in all the particulars yet, but the probability is that they will far surpass what the present junior and senior have done.

I will give a comparison of the Fraternities in point of numbers as they were at the beginning of the year and as they are now. Phi Delta Theta began with eleven, affiliated one, one went away, one returned, thus are thirteen; Phi Gamma Delta began with ten, one returned, making at present

eleven; Delta Tau Delta began with nine, initiated two, five went away, leaving at present six; Sigma Chi, nine; Beta Theta Pi began with six, one returned, making now seven; Delta Gamma (ladies), two; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) began with one, initiated two, at present three.

I will add no comments to my already lengthy statement but leave the facts for the fair consideration of any one who may be interested in them.

Yours fraternally, T. E. M.

## INDIANA ZETA.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY, }  
GREENCASTLE, IND., May 14, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Positions of honor and usefulness are continually arising, and he who is best prepared for their duties is the one who usually fills them. Brother McAnney, our Reporter, because of his worth and peculiar fitness has been selected as delegate to the convention of the Y. M. C. A. to be held in Milwaukee. This leaves us without a regular Reporter; but, at the request of the brothers, I will endeavor to fill his place.

Indiana Asbury University, our justly celebrated institution, was founded in 1837. For a number of years she struggled along with few students and an empty treasury. But the great M. E. Church was the fond mother of the sickly infant and led it to smoother paths. That Church still holds supremacy over the workings of the institution, and all its teachings have the deep stamp of sectarianism on their face. The college draws her support from the beneficence of all true Methodists. Her endowment fund at present is only \$200,000, but a magnificent donation of \$1,000,000 is already assured, which will make her the Harvard of the West. Eighteen professors constitute her faculty, among whom is John Clark Ridpath, the famous historian. Five hundred students, an increase of fifty over last year's enrollment have already entered during the present year, of whom two hundred and eighty-three are in the collegiate department and the remainder in the preparatory school.

Our Chapter was founded on the evening of May 10, 1880, by a committee from Indiana Alpha. Phi Delta Theta had been established in 1869, but soon died. There were twelve charter members at the last establishment, all of whom have worked with unwearied effort toward the prosperity of the Chapter. Its success has been wonderful; in three years it has hewed its way to the front in an institution where many strong and powerful Fraternities were already rooted and firmly established. It now stands universally recognized as the leading one of the institution. Its progress wins general esteem from rivals and enthusiastic praise from friends.

The Chapter began the present collegiate year with seventeen attendant members; since that time five left college and seven have been initiated, leaving nineteen in attendance now. We have in the class of '83, one; of '84, two; of '85, six; of '86, four; of '87, five, and of '88, one member. Probably seventeen of these will return at opening of the next session.

Our beautiful hall is a matter of pride to us, for no Fraternity here can boast of one more elegant and commodious. Our members meet regularly every Saturday night, and the evening is made

joyous and happy with the "old Phi songs." But we neither forget nor neglect the culture and mental development to be derived from interesting literary exercises. Recitations, orations, essays and debates are regularly indulged, and our hearts are made happy by a witty toast, or occasionally by a native poem. Our literary exercises are truly matters of the highest pride to us. No general banquet has been offered in the present year, but several socials have been given, and our lady friends and supporters are becoming quite numerous. I believe that measures are being taken to have a magnificent banquet during commencement week, but no decisive measures have been taken.

Our positions of honor, owing to our short existence here, have been necessarily few; but we have not been idle even in that line. The ideal Fraternity strives to have a surpassing record in everything. Brother Rigbtsell achieved second honor in Latin, C. S. Bridges was President of the State Oratorical Association last April, while in literary societies and other organizations of similar character we hold our own. In the military department we have one Captain, one Lieutenant and various minor officers. As yet we have only one in the senior class, but one of our number will graduate this year. Two of our freshmen have, in a general election by the class, been given places of honor in the commencement exercises: Brother J. F. Wood as orator and your humble servant as poet.

As to rival Fraternities, they are very strong, powerful and well established. Some of them have been here for over thirty years. The Chapters are especially numerous. No other college of the West has so many of the leading Fraternities represented in the halls. Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta have firm establishment here. But the numerous discouragements and difficulties are only causes for new effort and stronger determination; and at the last we are on a par with the best. We have the respect, esteem and admiration of all. The relative condition and relation of the several Fraternities with ourselves has not materially changed during the present year, but we are gradually gaining ground and making new advancement.

As to the Chapter in general, would say that it is in a very prosperous condition. There is no Phi here who is negligent and indifferent. All are attentive, diligent and enthusiastic. We have our eyes on two or three noble "Barbarians," and are already getting "our William Goat" in good condition to warmly receive them. Phi Delta Theta here is proudly climbing up the happy hills of fame and glory. Our progress in the past has been unprecedented; our work has no rival in the present; and our prospects for the future could not possibly be brighter. Three cheers for Phidom and a "tiger" for Indiana Zeta! In the Bond.

FREEMAN E. MILLER.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, }  
LANSING, MICH., May 31, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Our summer term has just commenced after a vacation of one week, and at our first meeting last Saturday evening all the brothers of last term were present except Brother G. R.

Lake, who does not intend to return to college.

I will endeavor to follow as nearly as possible in this report, the outline given in the April SCROLL.

Our college which is under the control of the State, was opened in 1857 and has nine professors and three instructors, there are at present about sixty freshmen, about forty sophomores, twenty-seven Juniors and thirty seniors; we have no preparatory department.

Our Chapter was founded here in November, 1873, with Charles W. Sheldon, Thomas F. Rogers, Frank J. Annis, Grant M. Morse and Mason W. Gray as charter members. Since its foundation at one time our number was reduced to eight, but only for a very short time. The highest number of attendant members in one year was in 1875 when there were twenty-six, the least since that time was eighteen in 1877.

At the beginning of this year we had fourteen members and have since initiated seven new ones, losing at the same time four, leaving us at present with a membership of seventeen, of which there are Brother W. S. Hedzls, of '83; Brothers B. C. Porter, C. E. Smith, W. C. Stryker and C. Baker, of '84; Brothers E. S. Antisdale, G. P. Antisdale, E. T. Gardner, D. J. Stryker, W. D. Watkins, W. Brunfield and Charles Hoy, of '85; Brothers M. W. Clark, C. F. Lawson, W. H. Parker, A. C. Hinebaugh and P. B. Woodworth, of '86.

Before March, 1878, the Chapter met in boys rooms or in recitation rooms, but they were then given a room in one of the dormitories by the State Board of Agriculture. This has been improved from time to time and we have made preparations for further improvements in a few weeks. We meet regularly every Saturday for discussions, talks and papers. We have had no banquets this year and will have none at commencement. We have the orator and historian of the freshman class, orator of the sophomores and president and poet of the Juniors. We have only one senior who will graduate this year. Each of the societies in college have an editor for the college paper.

We are opposed by three college societies, one Fraternity and two open societies. The Fraternity Delta Tau Delta is not very popular here, and the open society men advise freshmen if they intend to join a Fraternity to join the Phis. The Delta Taus are about equal to us in numbers while the others are larger. But although we are not large in numbers we have no trouble in holding our own with them. Yours in the Bond,

CHARLES BAKER.

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## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, }  
HILLSDALE, MICH., May 14, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We would much wish to give vent to our state of prosperity in elegant phrases and well adapted pictures, but as our regular Reporter is one of us only in spirit and the execution of his duty devolves upon me, I will only heed the most imperious diction of our editor and deal in straight facts without circumlocution if possible.

Let it not be interpreted, however, that we add our offering only as complying with a duty which rests upon each Chapter, but in addition that this opportunity, the last one of the year, is deemed

and hailed a pleasant one indeed to announce to our great brotherhood the love which lurks in each of our Phi hearts.

Hillsdale College was founded in 1855 under the auspices of the Free Will Baptist denomination and derives its support from a liberal endowment. Our corps of instructors is composed of fourteen professors, a lady principal, a musical instructor for ladies and four tutors. The attendance this collegiate year is as follows: One hundred and eighty-seven in the college proper, two hundred and sixty-nine in the preparatory department and two hundred and ninety-five in the various other departments as theological, art and musical, making a total of seven hundred and fifty-one.

Our Chapter was installed by Brotner Proctor, of Allegheny College, on the eve of January 13, 1883, and owing to its short existence has not undergone the vicissitudes and uncertainties which undoubtedly most Chapters of many years experience. Starting out with the charter members L. I. Gould, Charles Richards, W. E. Allen, H. M. Hoyt, John McGill, F. W. Hunter, C. S. Olmstead, C. W. Frink, E. W. Hart and H. F. Schunck, we can thus far report but prosperity.

To the above mentioned charter members have been added from time to time during the last two terms W. E. Woodman, G. C. Burges, C. L. Herron, W. Robinson, C. H. Perry and T. M. Greenmau. Out of these we mourn the loss of one Mr. F. Hunter whom we expect to have with us commencement time. In classes we stand with Brother Hunter, two in '83, five in '84, four in '85 and three in '86. The expectations for next year is a good one for we will surely start out with no less than ten men and in all probabilities twelve.

Thus far we have met regularly once a week in various places as we have not been able to procure a permanent hall which was suitable for our purpose. Still as yet we had no reason to mourn for at the beginning of this term Dr. Crum, of our city, kindly and generously put at our disposal his gem of an office for our transient home. Our exercises are of varied characters but mostly of extempores, and I believe some must be practicing now in order to entertain after our banquet at Smith's Hotel during commencement week. It would please us much to have some Phis outside of our little haven with us. Come.

We can boast of a few scintillating stars among our number and here they are: One tutor (algebra); one of the Presidents of three literary societies; finest pianist among the gentlemen; two violinists and a few who belong to our college nine. As remarked before we have two '87, H. M. Hoyt and F. W. Hunter, both will take their degrees.

Under the last head I will only say that which is utterly necessary. The Delta Tau Delta is our only rival and on our entrance were enjoying a peaceful and seemingly prosperous existence with about twelve men, six of whom are seniors; to these were added as they could get them six more making in all eighteen. In comparing the two Fraternities we will make this concession, that the Delta Tau Delta frat. here is some better than our frat. but only a little. The reason why they are and in fact why they should be is because they enroll six of the best men in the Institution, but, and here is the opening which allows the beneficent rays of fortune to smile on us. They will leave this year.

While I speak of other Fraternities let me mention a frat. which does not appear on our "Other Fraternity Chapters" page, namely the Kappa Kappa Gammas, and who by no means are our rivals, and further let me state that it is our conscientious opinion that their frat. does not enroll another Chapter composed of truer and worthier ladies than their Hillsdale Chapter.

Last month's *Crescent* comes out with an article so I am informed, affirming that Sigma Chi has issued a charter to Hillsdale College. I was told by one of the gentlemen on inquiring in regard to the matter that 'twas true, and further that they expected to be initiated next week. We have no reason but to wish them success for they are all gentlemen, judging from our acquaintance with many of them.

During the convention of the State Literary Societies Association, which was held here, we heard a very flattering report of our Michigan Beta Chapter, that it was the leading organization in Lansing Agricultural College.

As this is our last opportunity to say anything to the Phi World, we will bid you all a brotherly farewell. Assuring you that our men evince a tender regard for their Fraternity, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

H. F. SCHUNCK.

## INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNI.

FRANKLIN, IND., June 15, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Indiana Alpha Alumni is the pioneer of Alumni Chapter. It was founded November 9, 1876, by D. D. Banta, Indiana A., '55; C. H. Hall, Indiana D., '72; J. W. Moncrief, Indiana D. '73; S. L. Overstreet, Indiana D., '75; G. Banta, Indiana A., '76; T. C. Donnell, Indiana D., '76; L. U. Downey, Indiana D., '78; O. F. Lambertson, Indiana D., '79, and J. C. Smith, Indiana D., '79.

Judge Banta is one of the prominent lawyers of Indiana; Brother Hall is professor of Greek in Franklin College; Brother Moncrief is professor of history and literature in Franklin College; Brother Overstreet has gone to Louisville where he has a position on the J. M. & I. R. R.; Brother George Banta is in the insurance business; Brother Donnell is a prosperous physician; Brother Downey is Secretary of the Franklin Gas Company; Brother Lambertson is a dentist in New York City, and Brother Smith is cashier of the National Bank.

We do not get together often as Phis but we all feel a lively interest in the Fraternity. We keep a watchful eye over the Indiana D. boys and have cause to be proud of them. Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## INDIANA BETA ALUMNI.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 30, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* The members of Indiana Beta Alumni have kept up a running fire of fraternal intercourse throughout the year, and at the close find themselves better acquainted and more enthusiastic on slighter provocation than ever before. Since my last report one of our number, Judge William Woods, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, has been appointed Judge of the U. S. District Court to succeed Judge Gresham, called to the position of Postmaster General

of the U. S. Another, Brother Major Irvin Robbins has been made superintendent of the metropolitan police. In worldly matters we are meeting with a fair degree of success and in our devotion to the beloved order of our college days we have pledged her the support of our hearts and bank balances. The Phi spirit is abroad in this State and city, it overflows into all the union and tenders to all of you a warm fraternal greeting.

Yours in the Bond,

REPORTER.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS GAMMA.

MONMOUTH COLLEGE, }  
MONMOUTH, ILL., May 31, 1883, )

*Editor Scroll:* The report of Illinois Gamma may come somewhat late and we humbly beg your pardon, as "ignorance is not bliss" this time.

Illinois Gamma is situated under the rule of an institution known among men as Monmouth College and principally famous for its poor preachers and for its "bucking" Fraternity. She is an untimely offspring of the United Presbyterian Church, North. Born in 1857 and at present writing has received from her parent an endowment of \$140,000 and still "cries give, give." With the tuition of two hundred and eighteen college students and thirty-one preps. she easily makes both ends meet. Until 1877 she was friendly to Fraternities and under the reign of D. A. Wallace, D. D., as President, five or six Chapters were established. But the President, J. B. McMichael, D. D., assisted by the other eight members of the faculty and two tutors sat down on the Chapters until none but Illinois Gamma Phi Delta Theta, established in 1871 by Alexis P. Hutchinson and H. G. Bigger, survives. Altogether she has been successful, sixty-two men have come under her influence of light and culture. At one time, 1878 I believe, she had only one man in college, in 1881 and 1882 only two. But she has as it were a magic life and grows best under adversity. We began the year 1882-83 with five members and have initiated ten more, making fifteen. Of these Brothers Thompson, Jackson and Brown have left college, leaving twelve. Brothers Glenn and Regnier will take the degree of B. A. We have five juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen. Only six of these will be under the Shield and Sword next year.

No Chapter hall marks our place of retreat! But we shelter in the hall of the I. O. O. F. once every two or three weeks, where we indulge in "friendly converse" on "frats," "necks," "barbs," etc. We have had one banquet this year and expect to have one during commencement week, but more of it next year.

As to honors our members are not below them. But owing to the baneful (?) appellation of "frat. man" they have hard work in obtaining them. Brother Regnier takes second honors in his class and is also class day orator. There are also other honors received which for the present must be kept under the rose.

Of rival Fraternities there is little to say except that the Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi have all faded away under the withering look of an anti-frat. faculty.

Only Kappa Kappa Gamma and I. C., ladies, remain here.

With a farewell to all graduating Phis, words of cheer and love to all brothers, especially to the Reporters, and of encouragement and congratulation to SCROLL and the Phi Delta Theta at large, we close this last report of the college year.

Yours fraternally in the mystic Bond,  
SUB ROSA.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, }  
GALESBURG, ILL., May 9, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Illinois Delta Chapter is situated in Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill. The university was founded in 1857 under the auspices of the Universalists. It is supported by an endowment of \$100,000. It has eight professors in its faculty. There were eleven students in college and fifty in preparatory classes this year.

The Phi Sigma, a local Fraternity, converged into Illinois Delta Chapter in 1878. The charter members of the latter being O. H. Swigart, F. E. Claycomb, M. C. Summers, D. S. Gingrich, W. McCaan, Jr., P. G. Reynolds and G. M. L. Swart.

From that noble band the Chapter has passed through many difficulties, but to-day its success is no longer in doubt, our future prospects were never brighter.

We began this college year with thirteen members, have initiated nine, nine have left college though some of these expect to return.

We commenced this term with twelve members (not two as April SCROLL stated). In classes they are as follows: One senior, two juniors, one sophomore, three freshmen and five senior preps. Eleven of these expect to return next fall.

We have a large hall and two smaller ante-rooms in the basement of the college. We meet regularly every two weeks. Our literary exercises consist of debates, orations, essays, etc.

We have had only one, our annual banquet, this year, but expect to have a picnic, of the Sunday school order, before commencement.

Our only rival Fraternity is Delta Tau Delta. They were about twelve strong at the beginning of the year and are about ten now. Formerly they were the stronger but now we equal them in standing and excel them in numbers.

Wishing all Phis a pleasant vacation and a happy return to work next fall, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,  
A. T. WING.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., June 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* I am glad to comply with your special request in sending my June report.

The Illinois Wesleyan University was founded about 1856 and is under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Conferences of Illinois. It derives its support from an endowment fund of about \$70,000, and its tuition. The faculty of the college proper numbers seven. There is a department of music, law and commerce. The institution until lately has been burdened by a heavy debt which is at present almost wholly paid.

The Illinois Epsilon of Phi Delta Theta was the fifth Chapter of the Fraternity founded in this State. It was organized December 19, 1878, J. A. Wakefield being the chief organizer. Brother M. L. Johnson, at present our worthy President, is the only charter member of the charge who is now with us.

The Illinois E. struggled along very feebly until the spring of 1880. The reasons for this were lack of Fraternity spirit in our college, and a misunderstanding as to our finances and thence an unjust imposition of a heavy Chapter debt, by the Fraternity at large. In the spring of 1880, however, a new era dawned and several new men were taken in and a room secured in the college building.

By an action of the authorities at the close of the spring term of 1880 we were deprived of our room. During the year of 1880-81 we were without a hall and met in the recitation rooms of the college. In the meanwhile we continued to grow in favor and strength. During the summer vacation of 1881, we fitted up a hall down town overlooking the square, and conceded to command the finest view in the city, which hall we still occupy. Several hundred dollars expense have served to fit it up elegantly and furnish it tastily. It is heated with steam and lighted by gas. It is a favorite retreat and in it we hold weekly Chapter meetings, with excellent attendance and interest.

We began this year with thirteen active men. Have initiated nine, affiliated one, two have left school. With the "recruits" who have come in we number now twenty-five men, nineteen of whom are in the department of letters and science.

Of our college men there are six seniors, one junior, two sophomores, four freshmen and six preparatory.

We held our public anniversary January 20th. Our anniversary of last year was the first open demonstration ever given by a Greek society at our college. We will hold an elegant banquet and Chapter reunion Tuesday evening, June 12th. Two of our literary societies this term are supplied with Presidents from our frat.

Brother H. E. Frantz was state chairman of the Illinois delegation to the Inter-State Oratorical contest recently held at Minneapolis. The Phi Gams began this year with about sixteen men and at present number seventeen active members. The Sigma Chis have organized here with nine men.

One of the most brilliant events that has ever occurred in the social circles of our university was a reception, tendered on the eve of May 17th, by the Kappa Kappa Gammas (ladies), to their friends. It was held at the home of one of its members. Its elegance and tone were only equalled by its genial enjoyment. About thirty-two couples were present, of the Greeks in attendance we noted eighteen Phis, six Phi Gams and one Sig.

Brother George H. Apperson, already enviably prominent in the journalistic field, has resigned his position on the *Pantagraph* of this city, and gone to Lincoln, Neb. Of course we all regret the present scarcity of George's substantial frame and jolly phiz.

We had our Chapter photographed in a group from our university steps. Twenty-seven Phis were present.

We will positively graduate seven men this year : six literary and one law. And although the Illinois E. will greet the Phi world next fall somewhat lessened in members, yet 'tis strengthened in faith and determination to work. Until then, Phi success to you all. Yours in the mystic Bond,

W. E. HIGBEE.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, }  
MADISON, WIS., May 1, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The institution in which the Wisconsin Alpha exists is the State University. It was founded when the State was admitted into the union and is supported by her, but is largely indebted to the munificence of Congress in donating lands for its support. A larger portion of her fund, her grounds, her buildings and the pay of her teachers has been the gift of the general government.

She has a faculty of thirty-nine professors and tutors and a total number of three hundred and sixty-seven students this year. She has only a preparatory Greek class of five members. The preparatory department proper having been crossed about three years ago.

This Chapter was founded January 27, 1857. The charter members being William G. Jenckes, Wm. F. Vilas and Grenville S. P. Stillman. It continued to exist until the breaking out of the war, when her members closed their Chapter door and lent their might to save a greater brotherhood. It was not until 1878 that she survived the shock. Then Dan S. McArthur was initiated by Colonel W. F. Vilas, he having taken possession of the charter after the war. With this start she grew rapidly, and now, although being the youngest Chapter here, she ranks first in quantity and quality.

We began this collegiate year with thirteen members, and up to date have initiated nine. At the beginning of this term three left college but will return next fall, making the present membership eighteen. Our members are distributed in classes as follows: Three seniors, six juniors, four sophoms., one freshman and four law students.

Our hall is a very nice one, nicely furnished, neat and attractive. We meet regularly once a week but have no literary nor any other regular exercises. We have occasionally informal parties but thus far have had no banquets.

Our seniors this year have captured the first and second honors and have been appointed to appear on the commencement stage next June and compete for the "Lewis prize."

We have been fortunate in being represented on all university occasions this year. Such as the joint debate, and upon that occasion Brother Shelton made the finest effort of the evening.

Our members are found on the editorial staff of both the college papers and are popular with professor and student. We are not bothered with rival Fraternities, are on good terms with them all and are jealous of none. The Chapter will start out next year with about twelve members and will be able to pick the best of the new comers.

Yours in the Bond,

JOHN F. TOURTELLOTTE.

## ILLINOIS ALPHA ALUMNI.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 31, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* Chicago Phis send word hereby that they are flourishing in every respect except that they don't get together as an organized body. While we do not meet regularly, at the same time most of us see each other occasionally, Phi Delta Theta memories are thus frequently awakened among us.

The Charter of Indiana Alpha Alumni was granted February 1, 1881, to C. Elliott, Ohio A., '40; J. M. Worrall, Ohio A., '44; H. A. Goodrich, Illinois A., '60; N. G. Iglehart, Wisconsin A., '60; T. J. Morgan, Indiana D., '61; J. D. Wallace, Kentucky A., '61; W. P. Black, Indiana B., '64; J. F. Gookins, Indiana B., '64; D. M. Hillis, Indiana G., '64; W. H. Fitch, Jr., Illinois B., '65; G. Garnett, Illinois B., '66; F. A. Smith, Illinois B., '65; R. W. Bridge, Illinois B., '67; W. J. Button, Indiana G., '67; W. S. Harbert, Michigan A., '67; J. Springer, Illinois B., '68; C. O. Perry, Indiana Z., '69; W. S. Johnson, Illinois D., '72; J. T. Kretzinger, Illinois D., '73; F. L. Brooks, Indiana E., '78; E. T. Johnson, Ohio D., '78; F. S. Gray, Ohio D., '79; W. R. Worrall, Kentucky A., '79; I. C. Tomlinson, Ohio E., '80; V. E. Tomlinson, Ohio E., '80, and Heaton Ousley.

We are numerically increasing as fast as this great city is growing. We have at least a hundred Alumni in Chicago and suburbs,—enough to give a warm reception to delegates from Phi Delta's fifty-four Chapters in case they should hold a National Convention here. And by the way, why can't Chicago have the next convention, after Nashville, which will occur in 1886? It is the opinion of us all here that our Chapters should be revived at an early date at Northwestern and Chicago Universities. Many object to re-entering the latter institution, but it is improving in character as a university, and it would add to our strength materially to have a live Chapter in Chicago. With fraternal best wishes for all, we remain,

Yours in the Bond,

SEVERAL MEMBERS.

## ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNI.

GALESBURG, ILL., May 31, 1883.

*Editor Scroll:* I hope you will be successful in getting reports from all the Chapters this month, and to help you to this desirable result, I send you a word of greeting from Illinois Beta Alumni. We are not meeting here as we should; but are still Phis. What is lacking is some one to lead. There is little doubt that we will do better work this coming winter. We number about thirty-five, in Galesburg and vicinity. Our Chapter at Knox, I regret to say, is practically dead. Yet there are some excellent Phis attending Knox, and their charter has never been surrendered. Yet there is hope for them. Fraternaly, VOLUNTEER.

## ETA PROVINCE.

### MISSOURI ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, }  
COLUMBIA, MO., May 16, '83. }

*Editor Scroll:* In compliance with your request to give as complete a showing of our Chapter here

and the institution with which it is connected, as possible. I send you the following:

Missouri University is located at the Missouri State University, an institution supported by the State, but left by the Curators virtually under the control of its President, Dr. S. S. Laws, a man of distinguished ability as an educator; but unfortunately for us, bitterly opposed to Greek-letter societies. It seems that he imbibed a strong prejudice against them at college, after having been initiated at a college, I think, in Ohio, in the Beta Theta Pi. This being the case we are still running *sub rosa*.

Our institution, which, in many respects, is as good as any in the country, was founded in 1840, at which time Boone county, in which the university is located, appropriated \$125,000 for the erection of an edifice and furnished the grounds. From that time down to five years ago, the institution struggled on in a half-starved way, with scarcely any nourishment from the State. Last year, however, we secured \$193,000 at one stroke for the improvement and enlargement of the main building. The Phi first made their appearance on this field in November, 1870, when Clark Claycraft, J. H. Dryden, C. F. Alloway and James W. Homer, applied for and received a charter from "the grand Alpha of the U. S., the Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta," and which we still cling to, though under the dark pall of a faculty restriction positively forbidding any connection with secret Fraternities.

For a few years after the issuance of the charter to Missouri Alpha, she flourished like a "green bay tree," and that she bore rare fruit, is evidenced by the success of her sons scattered through the State and United States to-day. In 1877, however, through undue haste in replenishing her depleted ranks, some reckless and unworthy members were allowed to creep in, who have since been ignominiously "fired." This, as always, resulted in almost the complete extinction of our Chapter.

About this time the restriction placed upon secret societies, mentioned above, was brought out, and we were given one year in which to close up business and surrender our charter. During that year and every year since we have made constant additions, until this year M. U. stands with sixteen good solid men, all of them prominent in their classes. We lose eight this year who graduate, all of them with high grades, and one, Brother O. G. Ellis, carries off the valedictory. It came near breaking our heart some three weeks ago, when the rival Fraternity the Zeta Phis, carried off the "Stephens medal," a \$30 medal awarded each year to the best orator in the senior class. We had two contestants, Brother Steve Mitchell and Jake Fink, and we came within an ace of winning.

We have the most perfect harmony and all of us affiliate, as we are very careful who we take in.

We, of course, have no hall, as we are forced to run so entirely *sub rosa* as to preclude all possibility of our enjoying such a luxury.

Next year we will number at the opening of the term only six members, but we have our eyes on several good men, who will likely be "spiked" early in the session.

Besides ourselves there are the Phis, a local Fraternity with not more than two Chapters in the United States, both of which are in Missouri. They number now about ten, among whom are in-

cluded several solid men, but on the whole we are ahead of them.

Then there are about eight of our lovely sister Kappa Kappa Gamma girls, with whom we have not been on the best of terms this year, but the general feeling is now improved.

With all the disadvantages of faculty opposition, loss of members, etc., we, who remain behind, though few in number, are inspired with a strong love for our Fraternity and enthusiastic about her success, and we hope in our next letter to you, dear SCROLL, to report new and strong accessions. With the heartiest good wishes for your success and welfare, I am faithfully yours in the Bond,  
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## MISSOURI BETA.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, }  
FULTON, MO., May 26, '83. }

*Editor Scroll:* It has been impossible for me to comply with your request that I send in the report for the May-June number before the 20th inst., inasmuch as we did not receive the SCROLLS until the 23rd.

Westminster College was founded in 1853; is under the control of the Presbyterian Church; it is an endowed institution; I cannot state exactly the amount; the faculty consists of six professors. About one hundred and thirty students are enrolled.

Missouri Beta was founded in 1840 by Missouri Alpha, under the direction of W. B. C. Brown. We have been very prosperous since. We began this collegiate year with eleven members and have since initiated four. Our present membership is thirteen: Seniors, J. Lillard and J. W. Tincker; Juniors, S. W. Yantis, C. W. Chambers, R. T. Scott; sophomores, J. A. Gallaker, T. N. Wilkenson, L. J. Mitchell, A. M. Ott, W. N. Southern, A. B. Yantis; freshmen, S. F. Yantis. Nine of them will return next year. Two have left college.

We generally hold our meetings in the hall of the literary societies. Our meetings have been regular and well attended until within the last few weeks. Since then some of the boys seem to love their sisters more than their brothers. We have changed our literary exercises several times during the year. No banquets or anniversaries.

We have five out of ten June orators. Two of our members will certainly graduate in two weeks.

We have one rival, the Beta Theta Pi. I am not certain as to their numerical strength. Our record compares very favorably with theirs.

Wishing you much success in the matter of obtaining reports from each Chapter and wishing all my brothers in the Bond much joy during the coming vacation, I bid you farewell in the capacity of Reporter.

In the Bond,  
DON PEDRO BARTLEY.

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## IOWA ALPHA.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }  
MT. PLEASANT, IA., May 19, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* Iowa A. is situated at the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Ia. The

university was founded in 1855; is under the patronage and control of the Iowa conference of the M. E. Church; its endowment is about \$125,000; it has a faculty of twelve; there are about one hundred and fifty students in the college department and one hundred and twenty-five in the preparatory. The Chapter was chartered in 1871, and since that time about seventy-five members have been initiated. It took one respite from its duties, viz.: between 1876 and 1881. It was then revived and has been enjoying great prosperity ever since. We began this year with but two members, another one coming in latter. We have since taken in seven men of staunch material, the two latest being Ed E. Kirkendall and Julius J. Laisy. They are distributed as follows: One senior, two juniors, two sophomores, one freshman and four preps. We expect them all back next year except the members of the senior class. We also expect several former members back. We have a hall about 18x24, plainly but comfortably furnished; we hold our meetings regularly every two weeks. We have a regular literary programme each eve, consisting of essay, poem and oration, besides miscellaneous exercises. We have held no banquet this year, but expect to have some kind of a literary and social entertainment during commencement. A Phi has the valedictory in one of the societies anniversaries and the conferring degrees of in the other. Our Chapter also defeated the rest of the university in a match contest at base ball. Our rivals are giving us no trouble now; in fact they are hardly keeping us comfortably stirred up. They numbered seven or eight at the beginning of the year and four now. Our Chapter prospects never looked better. We are as jolly as jolly can be, and brim full of life, and if the catalogue will just hurry up and make us a call before we disband in June we can be satisfied to go into barbaric exile for three months.

Yours in the Bond,

S. A. W. CARVER.

## IOWA BETA.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, }  
IOWA CITY, IA., May 16, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* As we write we have just come home from a successful "spiking" expedition. Our two new victims, for this is a double triumph, are Charles S. McGowan and Orville D. Wheeler, both of the class of '84; and before this reaches you they will be duly initiated into our beloved Fraternity. These men have no superiors among the members of their class, and we are all congratulating ourselves upon their accession to our Fraternity.

But, though the last, this is not the only great victory won by our Chapter since our preceding letter to the SCROLL. We refer to the triumphal occasion on which Mr. Victor G. Cox donned the Sword and Shield and became a Phi Delta Theta in fact as well as in spirit. Mr. Cox is a member of the sophomore class in which he holds that high rank so becoming to a good Phi.

Iowa Beta hails with delight the opportunity offered in the coming number of the SCROLL to tell the Phi Delta Theta world how substantial are her foundations, and how firmly she has built.

The State University of Iowa, in which we are located, is one of the oldest and most flourishing

institutions West of the Mississippi. It receives its support from the State and its present avails are nearly \$300,000. It has an annual endowment of \$20,000 granted by the Legislature, and occasionally receives liberal appropriations from the same body. We have in all thirty-six professors and instructors, seventeen of whom are connected with the collegiate department. The first class was graduated in 1857, although the institution was founded eight years before that date. We have good buildings, fine laboratories, an astronomical observatory an excellent museum and a valuable library of over twenty thousand volumes. The total enrollment for this year has been nearly six hundred. In the collegiate department there are ninety-eight freshmen, sixty-one sophomores, thirty-six juniors, forty-two seniors and thirty-three irregular students, making in all two hundred and seventy-two.

The Iowa Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was founded here by J. L. Kennedy, formerly of Illinois Zeta, and Gardner Cowles, of Iowa Alpha, on February 3, 1882. We had nine charter members, four of whom are still with us. Our career has been one of uniform success and is yet marred by no humiliating blunders. At the close of last year we had fourteen members, of whom five graduated and one left school to return to us in the future.

We began this year with only eight members, and without any material wealth save our charter, our ritual, our Bond and a song book; but we were determined that Iowa Beta should have the outer semblance of prosperity as well as the spiritual reality, and at the present date our Treasurer's books show a judicious expenditure of nearly five hundred dollars, not one cent of which we now owe. During the year we have initiated eleven new members, including the one now pledged. We have lost one member, Brother George, by sickness, so that we are now just eighteen strong.

This year Brothers Hosford and Sever, and the humble Reporter, will graduate, but Mr. Hosford will return enter the College of Medicine next year. We shall also lose our highly esteemed member, C. P. Smith, and we greatly fear that Brother Morrison Richardson is really serious when he talks of leaving us. The Reporter's chum, J. E. McDowell, one of the most loyal of Phis, will be with us only during the spring term of next year. R. J. Miller, who left us about a year ago, will return next fall. At the opening of the coming school year Iowa Beta will probably have fourteen or fifteen members; more than any of our rival Fraternities can expect.

We have all worked faithfully this year to put our Fraternity on a level with the older ones of the institution, and we believe we have not worked in vain. As regards honors, we have received our share. Our social standing, we are proud of. We have only made a beginning at furnishing our hall but none of our rival Fraternities can "lay over" us a great many ways in that respect even now. We have two rooms, 18x33 feet and connected by double doors, besides an ante-room about twelve feet square. One of the large rooms is already finely furnished, and when our next annual report is sent in it will tell you that Iowa Beta has the Chapter in the city.

We are opposed here by the Delta Tau Delta, the Sigma Chi and the Beta Theta Pi, all of which

are in a flourishing condition. The strength of the Fraternities here is very evenly balanced.

As we review the history of our young Chapter we feel proud of our success in the cause of the Phi Delta Theta. We have seen times when it seemed as though failure was inevitable, but we have now gained sufficient strength to meet the adversities of fortune without fear. We have had those little internal troubles which so much endanger new Fraternities, but we have now caught the true spirit of our organization and all is harmony and mutual confidence.

Founded in an Institution supported by one of the richest States in the West, and having already gained our desired place among our sister Chapters, we see no reason why Iowa Beta should not prosper. Yours in the Bond, L. G. WELD.

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## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, }  
MINNAPOLIS, MINN., May 12, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* We received the April number of the SCROLL to-day, and as we had sent the May report not knowing that the May and June numbers were to be combined that fact will account for the lateness of this report.

The University of Minnesota, at which Minnesota Alpha is located, is the University of the State and is supported by the State and partially endowed by the general government. It has at present an annual income of about \$60,000. There are twenty-one professors and tutors, about two hundred and seventy-five students, four college classes and one preparatory. The institution is in a flourishing condition, the income increasing and the State Legislature lately appropriated \$200,000 for new buildings.

Our Chapter was started in October, 1881, not '79," as you have it in your rival frats. In the SCROLL, with a charter membership of six. Brothers Fullenwider, Summers and Thomas conducted the initiatory ceremonies. We initiated two more shortly and before the end of the year we had in all eleven brave loyal Phis. Two graduated in the spring and we knew that another member was intending to leave, so we expected to begin the present college year with eight members, but the truth of Burris, "the best laid schemes" was again proven. First one decided not to come back, then another and so on until but three were left to take care of Minnesota Alpha. This year opened with but little hope. The strength of the rival frats. was great; however we sent a delegate to the convention and worked along and not in vain. First we secured Arthur Grant Holt, '85, a first rate acquisition; then Charles A. Gould, '87, a brother of one of our charter members, and then J. R. Davidson, '87. These are all the members initiated up to date, but we have one pledged and we are certain to get at least three more, probably they will be initiated by the time you receive this.

In Brothers Gould and Davidson we secured two first-class society men. We have now three men from '85. Gray, Abbott and Holt; one from '84, Vaughn; and two from '87, Gould and Davidson, and among our "probables" we will get a representation from '86. Brother Bullis, '84, who is not an attendant member but who lives in the city, is

one of our most enthusiastic members and has done a great deal towards keeping our Chapter alive. We expect all of our members back next year, and also Brother King who left last year, so we count confidently on having at least ten members at the beginning of next year, which will make as strong in men as any frat. in school.

We have had no hall this year but have arranged for two rooms for our use next year. We have had no banquets and do not know whether we will have one during commencement week or not.

Our members have generally occupied prominent positions in school. We have had three editors of our college paper, three orators, presidents of each of our three literary societies, two class presidents, vice president of oratorical association, secretary and treasurer of same, besides many other minor ones.

We have here five frats., Chi Psi, '74; Theta Phi (local frat.), '76; Phi Delta Theta, '81; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), '79, and Delta Gamma (ladies), '82.

The Chi Psis have ruled from time immemorial. *i. e.*, '74. The local frat. was organized to "counteract the pernicious influence of Chi Psis," but their counteracting was not first-class. The Chi Psis have a boundless reputation (here), a wealthy and influential Alumni and an utter disregard of justice and manliness. The local frat. has some first-class men and are very strong but they have the big head and think that some Eastern frat. will give them a charter. They haven't found the frat. yet and as they will lose their best men this year are never likely to. The Chi Psis have thirteen men and will lose four by graduation, the Theta Phis twelve and will also lose four.

The Chi Psis will build this year a Chapter house near the university, costing about \$4,000, hoping that this will boom them along, but Phi Delta Theta is going ahead next year or "bust." The Chis will lose their most talented men this year and our prospects are very bright.

The meeting of the oratorical association was held last night. We helped along the local frat. in a general war against the Chis and routed them horse, foot and artillery. A more dejected crowd you never saw.

Score victory number one. We hope for more hereafter. The Kappa Kappa Gammas help the Chis along and are their recognized sisters, while we hope to take care of the Delta Gammas in the future. I could tell you much more about Minnesota Alpha and our boys but I fear this is too long already. If our men all don't go away next year you may expect to hear of rousing old times in the far Northwest. Regards to all Phis.

Yours in the Bond.

H. S. ABBOTT.

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## KANSAS ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, }  
LAWRENCE, KAN., May 18, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* In accordance with your request I will try to review the history of our Chapter in this my last report for the year. Kansas Alpha is young and our report cannot be very extensive. Phi Delta Theta's Chapter was worked up by the Chapter at Bloomington, Ill.,—the Illinois Epsilon

We were initiated on the night of the 24th of November, 1882. Brothers Higbee and Van Pelt, of the Bloomington Chapter, were sent out to show us the mysteries of the Greek Fraternities. We had been quiet about our work and their appearance with their pins created quite a stir, and although it had been whispered that Phi Delta Theta was trying to enter the university, yet few suspected that they were here for any other purpose than to look around. We continued to work in a quiet manner until the last of March, when, having received our pins, we donned them and showed ourselves to the public.

For the next two months our meetings were somewhat irregular and were held in the room of some one of the boys. But about the last of January we secured a hall and fitted it up; since then our meetings have been held regularly on every Saturday evening. We started out with nine charter members and in February another barb was added to our ranks. Most of our time has been spent in getting acquainted with our work. We have no members in this year's graduating class, but two of our boys will appear before the public during commencement week. Brother Chase has been chosen by Oread society as one of its debaters for its public exercises. Brother Chase is one of the best men they could have picked and will do himself and the society justice. Brother Findley has been chosen by the faculty as one of the five contestants for the Bates prize. If justice is done we feel sure that his oration will win the day. Brother Caldwell is publishing the annual of the university this year. He is the right man in the right place. It promises to be a splendid success. Any Phi who desires to get some knowledge of an university in the far West, by sending fifty cents and their address to E. F. Caldwell, Lawrence, Kan., will receive the *University Cyclone*, which will give them some idea of what we are doing out here.

Kansas Alpha has had her trials. During the Christmas holidays we lost two of our men. Bro. Williams sprained his ankle and was unable to return, and Brother Fowler, by an unforeseen circumstance, was compelled to leave school. About the last of January your Reporter was taken down with a spell of sickness which lasted about three months. We all expect to be here next year. Our Chapter has been well treated by the rival Fraternities here. Their relative strength has changed but little during the year. Besides our Chapter there are Chapters of five other Fraternities here—two young ladies and three gentlemen. They are the I. C.'s, Kappa Alpha Theta and Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta.

Although our Chapter has been reduced to seven active members this session, yet these seven have done their work well. Their interest in the Fraternity has not lagged and I don't think that there has been a week so far during this session in which they have not held their regular meeting. The Fraternities here comprise almost one-fifth of the students and are the leading element of one of the best universities of the West. Our university has eighteen professors and five hundred and eighty-two students. The students are divided as follows, some taking two courses: Collegiate, 214; preparatory, 349; musical, 37; normal, 42; and law, 12.

I have written more than I intended and lest I weary your readers I will close. Kansas Alpha sends love to all Phis.

Yours in the Bond,

JUSTIN P. JACK.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.\*

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY. }  
NASHVILLE, TENN., June 15, 1883. }

*Editor Scroll:* The June Beta Theta Pi, just received, in comparing the honors won by the Fraternities at Vanderbilt during the past year, does us such flagrant injustice that I cannot forbear asking you to publish the comparison as it should be, although our Reporter has previously forwarded you a detailed account of our victories. The paper gives the following figures: Honor certificates, Betas, eighteen; Phis, seven; distinguished proficient, Betas, five; Phis, three; school graduates, Betas, two; Phis, none; degrees, Betas, six; Phis, five; scholarships, Betas, two; Phis, one; medals, one; Phis, one; public speakers, Betas, four; Phis, three. Totals, Betas, thirty-eight; Phis, twenty. No doubt the Beta figures are as high as possible, but, assuming them as correct, the statistics should have read thus: Honor certificates, Betas, eighteen; Phis, twenty-one; distinguished proficient, Betas, two; Phis, none; degrees, Betas, six; Phis, eight; scholarship, Betas, two; Phis, three; medals, Betas, one; Phis, three; public speakers, Betas, four; Phis, six. Totals, Betas, thirty-eight; Phis, fifty-nine. Since the Betas are so fond of comparisons, it might also be stated that we took a \$300 fellowship or tutorship, to the Betas none. Among our speakers were the valedictorian of the medical class, the class representative who is valedictorian in the academic department, and the faculty representative from the academic department. These are the highest speaking positions in the university, and the Betas did not come in at all. Our other speakers were philosophic anniversarian, attorney on commencement Moot Court Case, appointed by faculty, and contestant for Founder's Oratorical Medal. In the way of prizes we secured Dialectic Improvement Medal, Founder's Medal for highest standing in pharmaceutical department and Founder's Medal for highest standing in academic department. The only medal which the Betas got was taken by a man who had been in the university five or six years, and who was initiated by them, on the eve of graduation, in order to get a medalist, but whom the Phis would never have taken had he a cart load of medals. In conclusion it can be added that the three chief editors of the college paper during the year were Phis. Won't the dear Betas bring forward some more statistics?

Pardon us in taking up so much of your valuable space with this second report, but we felt that the Beta correspondent at Vanderbilt had done us an injustice and we wanted the Phi World to know it. Phi Delta Theta, at Vanderbilt, is now, always has been and always will be ahead of her rivals.

VANDERBILT.

\*Second report.

# FRATERNITY CALENDAR.

The dates of Chapter anniversaries given below are the dates the charters were granted, which in some cases differ from the dates of establishment. The dates some Chapters were chartered are not given and perhaps cannot now be determined:

*January 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for January SCROLL.

*January 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month.

*January 1*—On this day, and as often at other times as they think proper, correspondent members forward to their Chapters personal notes of themselves and of other members known to them.

*January 2*—XI Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*January 19*—VIII Anniversary OHIO EPSILON.

*January 20*—VII Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA.

*January 30*—IV Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA.

*January 31*—IV Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

*February 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for February SCROLL.

*February 9*—V Anniversary VIRGINIA EPSILON.

*February 1*—XXIV Anniversary ILLINOIS ALPHA.

*February 25*—XXII Anniversary OHIO BETA.

*March 1*—By this day Colleges and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for March SCROLL.

*March 16*—XII Anniversary ILLINOIS ZETA.

*March 27*—I Anniversary IOWA BETA.

*March 28*—XV Anniversary OHIO GAMMA.

*April 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for April SCROLL.

*April 1*—Reporters of College and Alumni Chapters forward annual reports of members to Province Presidents, who forward them to the S. G. C.

*April 1*—Historians of College and Alumni Chapters forward copies of Chapter histories for previous year to Province Presidents, who forward them to the H. G. C.

*April 1*—XIV Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*April 9*—XXXIII Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA.

*April 28*—XXIII Anniversary INDIANA DELTA.

*May 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for May SCROLL.

*May 8*—IV Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*May 18*—V Anniversary VIRGINIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*June 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for June SCROLL.

*June 5*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA ALPHA. X Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

*June 7*—X Anniversary CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*June 6*—VI Anniversary MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

*June 15*—XII Anniversary GEORGIA BETA.

*June 20*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON. V Anniversary TEXAS ALPHA.

*June 27*—XXVI Anniversary WISCONSIN ALPHA.

*July 1*—Alumni Chapters elect officers first meeting in this month.

*October 27*—III Anniversary MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI.

*September 1*—On this day, or on the opening of the collegiate year, Reporters of College Chapters forward to the T. G. C. \$1 for each attendant member to pay for SCROLL. For each member initiated after the opening of the year Reporters at once forward \$1, with the name, class, address and date of initiation.

*September 17*—IV Anniversary INDIANA BETA ALUMNI.

*September 30*—VIII Anniversary VIRGINIA DELTA.

*October 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for October SCROLL.

*October 1*—Province Presidents forward to SCROLL names of members who will certainly be in College to be addressed as Reporters until Reporters for the collegiate year are elected.

*October 1*—T. G. C. forwards for October SCROLL statement of dues paid by each Chapter during 1882-3.

*October 11*—XXXIV Anniversary INDIANA ALPHA.

*October 12*—II Anniversary MINNESOTA ALPHA. II Anniversary TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI. II Anniversary ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNI.

*October 24*—XXIV Anniversary INDIANA GAMMA BETA. *October 26*—I Anniversary SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

*October 27*—III Anniversary MISSOURI BETA. III Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON. III Anniversary ALABAMA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*October 27*—IV Anniversary KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI.

*October 30*—IV Anniversary VERMONT ALPHA.

*November 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapter Reporters forward letters for November SCROLL.

*November 1*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

*November 4*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS DELTA.

*November 6*—I Anniversary KANSAS ALPHA.

*November 8*—X Anniversary MICHIGAN BETA. X Anniversary VIRGINIA BETA.

*November 9*—VII Anniversary founding first Alumni Chapter, INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*November 18*—XI Anniversary OHIO DELTA.

*November 26*—XIII Anniversary MISSOURI ALPHA.

*December 1*—By this day College and Alumni Chapters forward letters for December SCROLL.

*December 4*—VIII Anniversary PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

*December 14*—V Anniversary ILLINOIS EPSILON.

*December 17*—II Anniversary OHIO ALPHA ALUMNI.

*December 18*—XIX Anniversary MICHIGAN ALPHA.

*December 23*—I Anniversary MICHIGAN GAMMA.

*December 26*—XXXV Anniversary founding of the FRATERNITY AND FIRST CHAPTER, OHIO ALPHA.

# PHI DELTA THETA DIRECTORY

## PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,

Founded at Miami University, Oxford, O., December 26, 1848. Incorporated under the State Laws of Ohio, March 14, 1881.

## FOUNDERS.

Rev. Robert Morrison, Aurora Springs, Miller Co., Mo.; Ardivan W. Rodgers; deceased, John W. Lindley, Fredericktown, O.; Rev. Robert T. Drake, deceased; Col. Andrew W. Rogers, Warrensburg, Mo.; John Mc. M. Willson, deceased.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 27, 1884, and closing the following Friday. Orator, Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Versailles, Ky. Alternate, Hon. J. F. Phillips, Kansas City, Mo. Poet, W. A. Jones, Wyandot, Ill. Alternate, Prof. E. H. Hall, Franklin, Ind. Historian, A. A. Stearns, 236 Superior St., Cleveland, O. Prophet, D. U. Fletcher, Jacksonville, Fla. Alternate, George Bryan, Richmond, Va.

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# OTHER FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which are established at the Colleges named in our Directory, with the years when the Chapters were organized. The interrogation point implies doubt as to a Chapter's active existence. We hope that our Reporters will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.**  
Lamda Iota ("The Owl") (local,) '36; Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary,) '36; Sigma Phi, '45; Delta Psi, (not connected with chaptered Fraternity of same name,) '50; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Kappa Epsilon, '55; Zeta Psi, '57; Theta Delta Chi, '66; Sigma Chi, '67; Phi Kappa Psi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Chi Phi, '74; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Delta Beta Phi, (?) '75.

**PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Sigma Chi, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Alpha Tau Omega, '82.

**WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '42; Phi Gamma Delta, '48; Phi Kappa Psi, '52; Delta Tau Delta, '61; Phi Delta Theta, '76; Alpha Tau Omega, '81.

**ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Phi Gamma Delta, '58; Delta Tau Delta, '63; Phi Delta Theta, '79; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies) '81.

**DICKINSON COLLEGE.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '59; Sigma Chi, '59; Chi Phi, '69; Beta Theta Pi, '74; Phi Delta Theta, '80.

**ROANOKE COLLEGE.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Chi, '72.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '60; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '52; Phi Kappa Sigma, '52; Phi Kappa Psi, '53; Chi Phi, '59; Phi Gamma Delta, '59; Delta Psi, '60; Sigma Chi, '60; Mystic Seven (local,) '68; Alpha Tau Omega, '68; Zeta Psi, '68; Phi Kappa Alpha, '68; Kappa Sigma, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '73; Kappa Alpha, (Southern) '73; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '78.

**RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Kappa Sigma, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '74; Sigma Chi, '74.

**RICHMOND COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '70; Beta Theta Pi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Sigma Chi, '80.

**VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '65; Kappa Sigma Kappa, '67; Kappa Alpha, (Southern,) '68; Sigma Nu (local,) '68; Kappa Sigma, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**WOLFORD COLLEGE.**  
Chi Psi, '69; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Chi Phi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '82; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '82; Chi Psi, '82; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '83.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.**  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '66; Chi Phi, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '72; Alpha Tau Omega, '78; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**EMORY COLLEGE.**  
Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '69; Chi Phi, '69; Phi Delta Theta, '71; Alpha Tau Omega, '81; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '82; Delta Tau Delta, '82.

**MERCER UNIVERSITY.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '69; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '70; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Kappa Alpha (Southern,) '73.

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.**  
Rainbow, '48; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '51; Delta Psi, '55; Sigma Chi, '57; Phi Kappa Psi, '57; Chi Psi, '58; Phi Delta Theta, '77; Beta Theta Pi, '79.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '76; Beta Theta Pi (branch of Chapter at Cumberland Univ.,) '81; Rainbow, '81; Chi Phi (not yet chartered,) '82.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.**  
Alpha Tau Omega, '77; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '80; Kappa Sigma, '82; Phi Delta Theta, '84.

**OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '53; Sigma Chi, '53; Phi Delta Theta, '60; Phi Kappa Psi, '61; Delta Tau Delta, '68; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Chi Phi, '73.

**OHIO UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '41; Delta Tau Delta, '62; Phi Delta Theta, '68; Kappa Alpha Theta, (ladies) '78.

**UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.**  
Phi Kappa Psi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '72; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Sigma Chi, '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Gamma Delta, '81.

**BUCHTEL COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '73; Phi Delta Theta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '81; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '81.

**CENTRE COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '46; Phi Delta Theta, '50; Sigma Chi, '76.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Delta Theta, '49; Sigma Chi, '55; Phi Kappa Psi, '60; Phi Gamma Delta, '70; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '70; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '71.

**WARASHI COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '43; Phi Delta Theta, '52; Phi Gamma Delta, '56; Phi Kappa Psi, '70; Sigma Chi, '80.

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '59; Sigma Chi, '66; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '59; Delta Tau Delta, '75; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75.

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '60; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '79; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '80.

**HANOVER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '53; Phi Gamma Delta, '64; Phi Delta Theta, '68; Sigma Chi, '71; Delta Tau Delta, '72; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '81; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '81.

**INDIANA ASHURY UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '45; Phi Gamma Delta, '56; Sigma Chi, '59; Phi Kappa Psi, '55; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '66; Phi Delta Theta, '69; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '70; Delta Tau Delta, '71; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75.

**STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '72; Phi Delta Theta, '73.

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Kappa Kappa Gamma, '81; Phi Delta Theta, '82.

**LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.**  
Delta Tau Delta, '67; Phi Delta Theta, '78.

**ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Phi Gamma Delta, '67; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '73; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies,) '75; Phi Delta Theta, '78; Phi Delta Phi (Law,) '78; Sigma Chi, '83.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.**  
Phi Delta Theta, '57; Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '74; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '75; Chi Psi, '78; Delta Gamma (ladies,) '78.

**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '68; Phi Delta Theta, '80.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '72; Phi Kappa Psi, '76; Phi Gamma Delta, '81; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '81; Phi Delta Theta, '82.

**IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**  
Beta Theta Pi, '68; Delta Tau Delta, '80; Phi Delta Theta, '74; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies,) '79.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.**  
Chi Psi, '71; Phi Delta Theta, '79.

## OTHER FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

We desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by all the Chaptered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with information needed to make the list of announcements complete:

Chi Phi, Albany, N. Y., October 17, 18, 1883.  
Delta Upsilon, Marietta, O., October, 1883.  
Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, O., August, 1884.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma, Canton, N. Y., August 28, 1884.

Beta Theta Pi, Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 28, 30, 1883.  
Delta Tau Delta, Indianapolis, August 21, 26, 1883.  
Phi Gamma Delta, Indianapolis, Sept. 25, 30, 1883.  
Zeta Psi, New York, N. Y., January 3, 1884.

PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE, New York City, July 4, 1884.  
Phi Kappa Psi, Columbus, O., February 2, 1885.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., October 17, 18, 1883.  
Zeta Psi, New York, January 3, 4, 1884.  
Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, O., August 29, 30, 1884.

# PHI ♦ DELTA ♦ THETA ♦

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