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BENJAMIN HARRISON.

THE DAYS AT FARMERS' COLLEGE.

MURAT HALSTEAD, of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, in response to our request for a few reminiscenses, has kindly contributed the following:

It was in 1848 that I sat down in the Junior class of Farmers' College, at College Hill, Ohio, and there was a slender boy with what we called a tow-head, and fine eyes, a prominent handsome forehead, pleasant features and grave manners, who sat on my left. Perhaps we had been seated in this order because our names began nearly the same and there was some alphabetical arrangement in placing the boys. At the left of Ben. Harrison was his brother Irwin, an older and taller boy. We became very well acquainted and have had very amicable relations ever since, with a touch of school boy affection in them. Ben. Harrison was a spirited boy at school, but it was understood that he was devoted to his studies far beyond the ordinary school boy; and there was a dignity about him beyond his inches as there was a gravity in his manner beyond his years. At the same time he was not a "goody goody" boy, for he participated in the sports of the college and was not lacking in a disposition for adventure, and there was an occasional sparkle of mischief; so that while it was understood in the school that he was there for business and not for any line of idleness or dissipation, he had the reputation of being a good fellow.

This was less than eight years after the burial of his grandfather, and the event was fresh in the minds of the people with an immense impression of the misfortune that the country had suffered in the death of Gen. Harrison, and it was a matter of some importance to us all, of course, with the exception of Harrison himself, that he was the grandson of the lamented President. There were four grandsons of Gen. Harrison at the school, two Harrisons and two Thorntons, but Ben. was the one who attracted attention and received the highest consideration. He didn't stay with us at College Hill to the graduating period—

going off to Miami University, where he graduated with honor, and I remember that it was hinted at the time that one of the inducements that he had to go was that Dr. John W. Scott, who had been our Professor of rhetoric, had established a female college at Oxford, and that Ben. was in love with his daughter Carrie, who is now Mrs. Gen. Harrison. M. HALSTEAD.

We are also indebted to Mr. Halstead for a copy of the editorial written by him for the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, on the "Death of the Founder of Farmers' College," Freeman G. Cary, Esq. In a letter to us Mr. Halstead says: "This article which I wrote for the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* a few days ago relates in part to Harrison at school, and especially the school in which he spent two years."

Speaking of Mr. Cary and the early days of "Farmers' College" the editorial continues:

It was the work of his head and his hands, and he believed in it as the instrument through which he was destined to do a task of incalculably great and almost universal beneficence. At this time Miami University had dwindled to a small school, and the venerable Dr. Robert Hamilton Bishop, formerly President of the University, the most distinguished educator in the West, was one of the faculty of Farmers' College, and imparted an air of the antique and diffused an atmosphere at once severe and kindly of philosophy. There was also a gentleman who had been President of Hanover College, Indiana, and a Professor at the Miami University, Dr. John W. Scott, a most courtly and genial teacher, affable, generous and sympathetic—a man who loved and encouraged young men, and touched the springs of their better nature and honorable ambition with a delicate yet masterful hand; and Bishop and Scott were estimated to carry with them all worth having of the decayed old University. Perhaps there never has been gathered in any American academic institution such a singular and in some respects uncouth mass of material as that which filled the chapel when the bell called to prayers in the fall session of the Farmers' College in 1848. One of the boys, Ben. Harrison, will in all probability be the next President of the United States, and several others emerged after a time so equipped for other struggles and strifes than those in the production of the master-pieces of scientific agriculture, that they have made superficial disturbances in the current of affairs. But the idea of the college was an illusion, and it gradually declined in spite of the courage and devotion and extraordinary ability of Mr. Cary. There is still—there has been continuously for forty years—a good school on the spot, but the name is changed and the inspiring idea of the place is gone forever. The "Farmers'" College has become "Belmont." The farmer idea

was experimented with in a model farm, but there were no crops. Success did not seem to be in the chemistry of the elementary conditions surrounding the situation.

REMINISCENSES BY CHANCELLOR ROSS, OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Aug. 11, 1888.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Dear Sir:—Your letter, July 9, 1888, duly received. It was then my purpose to prepare an article specially, but my engagements have been such as to wholly prevent my doing anything. The enclosed is from my pen, written July 4, and published in one of our daily papers, July 6, 1888. You are at liberty to make any use of it you please.

I knew Harrison well—members of the same class—literary soc. and "frat.," and boarding a part of the time in the same boarding house, we could not be strangers. He was a loyal and efficient "Phi," loved by his friends and feared by his enemies.

Since his nomination I have read his short addresses and have almost wondered at their variety and completeness. Yet I remember the genius of the boy and so conclude that his current speeches come as the fruitage of good natural abilities, strengthened by forty years of study. Very truly and fraternally,

LEWIS W ROSS.

P. S.—I may add that my wife, *nee* "Zoe M. Brown," and Mrs. Harrison, *nee* "Carrie Scott." were classmates. We therefore entertain no ordinary interest in the good fortune that has come to our friends of the Hoosier State. L. W. R.

We present Chancellor Ross' article in full:

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

Forty years ago the writer met the subject of this paper in Farmers' College, a school of considerable merit, located on one of the hills overlooking the city of Cincinnati. Dr. R. H. Bishop, formerly president of Miami University, was professor of history and political economy. He was an extraordinary teacher. He disciplined his students to such an extent as to render it impossible to either forget the man or his instruction. I also met in this school Dr. O. W. Nixon, of the *Inter Ocean*, Murat Halstead, of the *Commercial Gazette*, Joseph M. Gregory, a member of the Memphis Bar, and many others who have attained to positions of honor and trust.

After two years of study at Farmer College a large delegation, including young Harrison and the writer, entered Miami Uni-

versity, located at Oxford, Ohio. We enrolled in the junior class, with at least half of the sophomore year to make up. This implied that we were required to do two and a half years' work within the space of two years, but it was accomplished and all graduated—a class of fifteen members—on June 24, 1852.

This class varied in worldly wealth and available brain about as other classes have done. David Swing, of Chicago, took second honors, and Milton Sayler, now of New York City, took first honors. Harrison, in his class standing and merit, ranked far above the average. Swing was confessedly the best philologist in the class, and during the last year of the course displayed unusual ability. Saylor was gifted in many ways, but lacked application. He has lived the life of the "typical democrat," having served two terms in Congress. Harrison, as I remember, was an unpretentious but courageous student. He was respectable in languages and the sciences, and excelled in political economy and history, the latter being largely due to the foundations laid under the instructions of Dr. Bishop at Farmers' College. Harrison has a good voice and a pure diction. He talked easily and fluently. His manner was indicative of much earnestness of character. He never seemed to regard life as a joke, nor the opportunities for advancement as subjects for sport. During the four years that I was with him, he impressed me with the belief that he was ambitious. As a writer and speaker, he always did his best. By this I mean that he, as a rule, made special preparation, giving as much time as possible to the matter in hand. The subject of his graduating address was "The Poor of England," and his treatment of it showed that he had sounded both the depths and the causes of this poverty. He was a protectionist at the age of 19. He is a protectionist still. His whole career has been illustrative of his desire to save his countrymen from the poverty which oppresses "the poor of England."

It is claimed by his enemies that Harrison is cold hearted, that he cultivates but few friends. This is untrue. When a student he had his likes and dislikes. He was not selfish, yet his love of self made him careful of his time and of his reserve powers. Had he been of the rollicking habit of some of his college acquaintances, he would long since have passed over with them. The sober truth is, that in good sense and manly conduct he was as a student without just reproach. From aught that has come to my notice, in later years, I infer that his entire career has been a living exemplification of the principles which governed his student life. He was just then. He is just now. He was industrious then. He is industrious now. He was ambitious then. He is ambitious still. His was and is a commendable ambition, worthy to be patterned by the youth of the country. When in college he gained mental discipline and a genuine love for his-

tory and political science. When in Judge Storer's office he read, with other texts, Coke upon Littleton, and so laid deep and solid legal foundations. Thus furnished, his success was assured before entering upon the duties of his profession. On all moral questions he has been fearless for the right. At his country's call he answered, proving his devotion and courage. Among lawyers of national reputation he ranks with the best. Among statesmen he is accorded a high place. He is worthy of the cordial support of republicans everywhere for the exalted position to which he aspires.

FROM THE FOUNDER OF PHI DELTA THETA.

BEN. HARRISON.

Thirty-seven years ago, the good ship Phi Delta Theta was sailing in straits, dangerous and new. Fortunately for the craft, though there were no charts nor guide books on board, the pilot was cool headed and brave. And looking back now over the track then traveled, and its peculiar difficulties, we can see, better than ever, how he did just the right thing at the right time. His wisdom, his nerve and promptitude, could hardly have been excelled. The fraternity is to-day enjoying a large measure of prosperity, due perhaps to no one thing in our history in grand results, so much, as the good judgment and skill evinced by Ben. Harrison, the youthful student at Miami University, as president of the Ohio, the grand Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta, in the celebrated crisis of 1851. For that position of presidential honor and responsibility he had enjoyed some three years of preparation. Now, after more than ten times as many eventful years of varied training in camp and court and legislative halls he is called to the helm of the grandest ship ever launched on the ocean of time. His *faithfulness* to all his trusts in these intervening years and the acknowledged *ability* of his performance of duty, become at once a grand preparation and a pledge of successful guidance to the great Ship of State, should it be his to be its next pilot.

Happy will this great people be if no one of its chief rulers should ever prove less competent and trustworthy than our distinguished brother, the Hon. Benjamin Harrison. Congratulations to the Fraternity by ROBERT MORRISON.

Ohio Alpha, '49.

A FEW LINES FROM A CLASS-MATE AT MIAMI.

Editor of The Scroll:—Your request for an article on the student life of General Harrison in college and fraternity was duly received, and I have delayed answering it until now, hoping

that I might have a leisure time to prepare such a paper as you request, but the hoped for rest has not materialized, so I can but jot down a few reminiscenses as they occur to me. The college life of a conscientious student is rather uneventful and furnishes but little material for the biographer of that period of his life.

When Ben. Harrison, as he was called in his younger days, entered Miami University, he was about sixteen, and his slender frame and light complexion made him look even younger. It was soon discovered, however, that though he appeared so youthful his mind was mature beyond his years and he quickly took a high position among his fellow students on account of his readiness as a debater—for he was even then a fluent speaker—and among his classmates by the thoroughness of his preparation for the recitation room.

In the fraternity he was punctual in his attendance upon its meetings and prompt in the performance of the duties assigned to him, and gained the good will of all by his courteous manners and christian conduct.

He maintained this high position throughout his entire college course, and his standing at graduation was within a small fraction of that of the "honor men" of the class. CLASSMATE.

HARRISON'S FRATERNITY RECORD.

THE early minutes of Ohio Alpha, the parent chapter of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, are written in a small black book which is still in a good state of preservation. Evidently, however, through the negligence of secretaries, some minutes were not recorded in the book. So it happens that the minutes of the meeting when Benjamin Harrison was initiated are missing, and we cannot be certain of the exact date of his initiation. But in the archives of the Fraternity there is a letter that makes mention of him previous to his becoming a member of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$.

Before quoting from the letter, however, it will be well to explain that both $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ and $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ were dormant at Miami from early in 1848 to sometime in 1851. In January, 1848, what is known in Miami history as "the great snow rebellion" took place. For participation in that affair a large number of students were dismissed or suspended, and as many of those who suffered this punishment were Alphas and Betas, their chapters became inactive. Neither chapters were in operation in December, 1848, when $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ was founded. In the fall of 1850, Milton Sayler, a member of $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, returned to the university, after nearly three years absence. Sometime during the year 1851, he succeeded in securing a sufficient number of men to revive the chapter, and in getting the authority to do so from his society. With this explanation the following quotation from the letter

previously referred to will be understood. The letter is dated Miami University, November 2, 1850 and was written by J. A. Anderson to Robert Morrison, who was then teaching in Tennessee. It says:

"Milton Sayler is here, and you know he is an Alpha. Well, a good many of our Phis think that he is reviving, or rather rebuilding, the Alphas here—in fact we almost know it. He is with Harrison and a fellow named McNutt all the time. The former is a grandson of old Gen. Harrison, and a smart fellow. Sayler is at the top of the junior class, and he (Harrison) is not far behind him. I don't believe that he is any better than Denny, if as good. He is, however, a smart fellow, and can make a good debate—not one of much depth, but one that will take with the majority. McNutt can also make a debate just like Harrison, but he is not as smart a fellow. Milton is exercising considerable influence with them."

This expression concerning the present nominee of the Republican party for President of the United States was made by a present member of Congress, thirty-eight years ago, when both were together in college, the former being a Junior and the latter a Sophomore.

Denny, whom Anderson referred to, was already a Phi, and McNutt became one the following September. Harrison is first mentioned in the minutes of May 27, 1851. There is a gap in in the minutes from January 15, 1851, to May 12, 1851, and it was probably during this time that Harrison was initiated. Sayler's attentions to Harrison and McNutt did not result in making them Alphas, and the Phis won the victory.

From October 13, 1851, to December 2, 1851, Harrison was President of the society. His name as President, and that of I. S. Lane as Secretary, appear appended to the minutes of all meetings between and including those dates, except that of October 27, when Lane was President *pro tem*, and Anderson Secretary *pro tem.*

During his term as President, Harrison was called to act in a very trying position. He occupied the chair during the trial of J. H. Childs and J. G. McNutt for drunkenness and other violations of the Bond. Robert Morrison calls this affair "the crisis of 1851." The society, then not quite three years old, had not before had occasion to discipline any of its members. The Bond, Constitution and Articles of Union contained no provision for trial and expulsion. What made the situation more trying to Harrison was that he was the room-mate of McNutt.

An account of this case, which is celebrated in the history of the Fraternity, is contained in a letter written by J. Mc.M. Wilson from his home at College Corner, Ohio, five or six miles from Oxford, to Robert Morrison. Wilson says, under date of

November, 29, 1851 : "On October 28, Lane and Harrison called to take me to Oxford post-haste on an account you will sincerely regret." He then tells of Childs, McNutt, Denny, Kemper and one other (doubtless Matthews) getting drunk repeatedly and committing other offenses. Before Lane and Harrison came for him, however, he had heard of these things, and had written advising that influences be brought to bear upon Childs and McNutt to make them reform. The offenses of these two were particularly flagrant because they had both got drunk on the night of the latter's initiation, September 29, 1851, and because they seemed to make a point of getting drunk on the nights of meeting of the Young Men's Temperance Society, of which they were both members. Wilson's advice was acted on, and as he states in the letter referred to : " Denny was to see Childs, and Harrison to see McNutt. Denny, as afterwards appeared in evidence, proved unfaithful; Harrison did not. McNutt promised with tears, on his knees, and calling God to witness, that he would never drink again, and Denny reported favorably from Childs. The society was satisfied, and the matter tacitly suppressed. Within a week they were as drunk as ever, and went at it more openly." In another part of this letter Wilson says : "Harrison in talking with McNutt was told that Matthews had been as drunk as he. Why not arraign him too ? Harrison replied that the offense was as criminal in the one as the other, but Matthews was not under the control of the society." Referring to the last sentence Robert Morrison writes, (1887) : "It was meant that he boarded at home. His father was then Professor of mathematics."

On Tuesday afternoon, October 28, the Warden, Kemper, who was intimate with Childs and McNutt, having refused to arraign them, the society met, and by a unanimous vote (Denny, Childs and McNutt being absent) instructed him to arraign them. The summons then issued to the two defendants citing them to appear for trial was replied to by them on the same day, and another meeting was held in the evening. Their reply was an impudent note, addressed "To the gentlemen falsely styling themselves the Phi Delta Theta," and denying jurisdiction : 1, Because the society had no constitutional power of arraignment; 2, because the members who had voted to arraign them were not the society, as Denny's vote was withheld.

The minutes say :

"That the consideration of the matter might proceed, the Warden was requested to read the Bond and Constitution. Whereupon, it being questioned whether the society had any authority to arraign members for any offense whatever, the President's decision was called, which was as follows :

'That such right inherently belongs to the society as an organized body, and that in all cases it is the duty of the Warden to

conduct such arraignments as the society may order.' The consultation was then continued, but with some difference of opinion. Whereupon, by unanimous wish the society engaged [in] prayer, supplicating the guidance of Heaven in the case before it. Finally all decisive action was postponed until the Thursday evening following."

Robert Morrison writing (1882) says:

"The situation was new and the circumstances exciting, yet the President's head was cool, as evinced by the decision." If by the suffrages of the people of the United States, Harrison is chosen their Chief Magistrate at the next election, he will be called upon to decide many delicate points, but if in all cases he decides with as good judgment as he showed in this instance, the country will have no cause to complain.

The trial took its course. Meetings were held October 29 and 30. On the latter date Childs and McNutt, both pleading "guilty," were expelled "without dissenting voice," and Matthews, Denny and Kemper, resigned. The three latter were *particeps criminis* with the two who were expelled, and their resignations were very prudently offered.

Time passed on, and when the suns of the next April began to shine, Childs and McNutt sent long petitions to the society for a reopening of the case. McNutt's petition was presented by Harrison. Both parties claimed that they had been misunderstood, and had been misrepresented by their attorney on the trial, who had been Matthews.

They indicated a desire to join another fraternity and wished to go with a dismission rather than an expulsion in their hands. All the members present, Harrison included, voted in favor of granting the petitions. When the rehearing took place, Wilson appeared for Childs, and Harrison for McNutt. The result was that the vote of expulsion was rescinded and the gentlemen were allowed to resign. The vote stood 6 to 5, Harrison voting in the affirmative. Wilson, Ross and Harrison were appointed a committee to embody the views of the society with reference to the last decision. They made their report and that ended the case.

Denny joined $\Delta\ \Delta\ \Phi$, and Childs, McNutt, Kemper and Matthews became charter members of $\Delta\ K\ E$.

At the first convention of the society, which met at the Woodruff House, Cincinnati, December 30, 1851, Harrison was present, and was chosen Secretary. At the meeting of Ohio Alpha, December 17, 1851, Anderson, Ross and Harrison were appointed to report to the convention the feasibility of establishing new chapters. The report of the committee was made by Anderson as chairman. At this convention a scheme for a higher order, to be composed of graduates, was adopted. Harrison

sent to Morrison a copy of the minutes of the convention, including the constitution of the higher order, accompanied by the following letter :

"OXFORD, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1852.

"*Brother Morrison*.—Supposing that you would like to read the full proceedings of our wise heads in convention assembled, I have taken the pains to transcribe a copy of them for you. In the constitution you are personally interested as a graduate member of the Order ; does it meet your views? After the adjournment of the convention, Wilson, Elliott and the undergraduates of Miami proceeded to resolve ourselves into the real $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, as the only way of getting the thing under way at once. We appointed a reunion for next commencement at old Miami, at which time we hope to have all the graduated members of the Order present, that we may effect a *permanent* organization. Our chapter here is in a very happy condition ; harmony of feeling and unity of effort are both present with us. Accept my best wishes for your prosperity, and believe me, sir,

"Yours respectfully,

"B. HARRISON, Chairm'n of Com. of Cor'sp."

At the preliminary organization of the higher order in Cincinnati, Harrison was elected Recording Secretary. The 1852 reunion was not a success, an insufficient number of alumni presenting themselves to make a quorum, twelve being necessary. In the latter part of 1852, there was an informal meeting of alumni at the Gibson House, Cincinnati. Those present were : R. G. Elliott, of Indiana Alpha, Wilson, Lindley, Harrison, Lane, Ross, Swing and Gregory, of Ohio Alpha. They talked principally of things pertaining to the reunion of the next year. The reunion took place during commencement week of 1853, and was a grand success in every particular. Harrison, then a graduate of one year's standing, was present. Lane, Ross and Harrison were appointed a committee of correspondence and publication. Both the address and poem were published by the committee, and they are the earliest publications bearing the name of the society.

Shortly before Harrison's graduation in 1852, the question of division came up in Ohio Alpha. It then was thought to be very important to run *sub rosa*, and meetings were held in the rooms of members. As the rooms were small, some members thought that they could get along more comfortably and with less danger of exposure by dividing into two chapters. Accordingly, April 13, 1852, a petition was presented from Anderson, Boude and Hutcheson, asking for a charter to establish a second chap-

ter in Miami. Harrison voted against granting the petition, but nevertheless it was granted. Boude was then President and Anderson, Secretary. At the next meeting, April 17, new officers were elected to fill the places of those who had gone with the new chapter. Swing was elected President and Harrison Secretary. They held those offices during the rest of the term.

The minutes of Ohio Alpha do not often tell us the subjects of the essays that were read before the society, but they mention that February 6, 1852, Harrison read an essay on "Poland," and March 16, 1852, one entitled, "Human reason a humbug."

It will be seen by the foregoing that during the year and a half of his attendant membership, Harrison took an active part in the society. Contemporaneous with him in Ohio Alpha were a set of men who have made themselves distinguished in after life. Among these are: J. K. Boude, a physician of high standing in the Government's service at Washington; L. W. Ross, who has filled the position of Chancellor of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa; B. K. Elliott, who has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana; David Swing, the great independent preacher of Chicago, and J. A. Anderson, a member of the House of Representatives, from Kansas. Some of those whom the society lost in 1851 by expulsion and resignation also afterwards turned out well. J. H. Childs fell leading his brigade to the charge of Gettysburg. J. G. McNutt died before reaching the prime of life. A. J. Kemper is a prominent physician in Cincinnati. Harmar Denny holds a position in a Jesuit college in New York City. S. R. Matthews is a judge of high repute on the Common Pleas Bench. He is a brother of Stanley Matthews of the United States Supreme Court. It may also be mentioned here, as a matter of interest, that Milton Sayler, who returned to Miami in 1850, after an extended absence, and "worked" Harrison and McNutt to get them to help him revive $A \Delta \Phi$, became a Congressman, and is now a prominent member of the New York City Bar.

Miami at the time I have been writing of was in its palmy days. The class in which Anderson graduated, '53, was one of the largest that the institution ever turned out; it numbered thirty-five men at graduation. The record shows that for two years after the society was organized it had no competition. It therefore without trouble secured the most promising students then attending Miami.

I have told all about Harrison as an attendant member that can be learned from the archives of the Fraternity in my possession. Since graduation he has not forgotten his college society. He heads the list of charter members of Indiana Beta Alumni, at Indianapolis, a charter for which was granted in 1879. Three years ago, when Ohio Alpha was revived, almost simultaneously

with the reopening of Miami, among the telegrams that poured in from all quarters was one from the now most prominent son of Φ Δ Θ, Benjamin Harrison.

WALTER B. PALMER.

HARRISON'S PLACE AMONG INITIATES.

BENJAMIN HARRISON was among the very earliest initiates of Phi Delta Theta, and some have even thought that he was the first. In order to ascertain exactly when he came into the fraternity we wrote to Robert Morrison, the founder, and received the following reply. It shows that the name of the Republican nominee for the Presidency was the thirteenth signed to the Bond after the founders.

AURORA SPRINGS, MO., Aug. 17, '88.

Dear Bro. Randolph :—The first man initiated into the mysteries of Φ Δ Θ, was Morton George Williams, on New Year's Day, 1849. He was a grand man. He became a founder of the Kentucky Alpha. April 25, '49, A. A. Barnett and J. K. Boude ; June 12, '49, S. R. Matthews ; Nov. 7, '49, David Swing ; Dec. '49, J. A. Anderson ; Feb. 1, '50, Harmar Denny ; March 11, '50, Jas. H. Childs ; Oct. 30, '50, Jas. Holmes ; Nov. 15, '50, L. W. Ross and I. S. Lane ; spring of '51, P. McMorgan and Ben. Harrison, at different meetings.

I happen to have at hand the copy of original records of Ohio Alpha which I give you so that you may have the exact facts touching Harrison's place in the number of initiates of Ohio Alpha.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT MORRISON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1888.

To the Members of Phi Delta Theta:

Herewith I submit my second annual report, which I was prevented from doing earlier by the tardiness of some chapters. Last year I was compelled to make this same complaint, and I find the tendency to delay not only not lessened, but nearly doubled this year. Last year the average date of receipt of reports was April 17; this year it is May 1, and some reports were over a third of a year late. Notwithstanding this tendency, how-

ever, by diligent and unremitting attention, and the expenditure of a goodly sum in postage, I have again secured the report of every chapter.

A new feature—Table II—has been added, and will reveal the strength of the chapters by classes, which the total attendance cannot do. The members "In Faculty," shown in that table, comprise only those who are active members of the chapter. That table shows that we still have 25 members below the Freshman class, and to Georgia Beta belongs the distinction of having the only man in the class of '93. It is to be hoped that this distinction will not be envied. Some of the chapters which certify that they do not initiate preparatory students will be found to have members in the class of '92. In explanation it should be said that such men were taken in before the decision of the General Council was rendered, and that decision will hereafter be respected and obeyed. The reduction in this list, however, is over 50 per cent., which is gratifying and encouraging.

As against last year, it will be seen that the number of initiations has materially decreased, dropping from 428 to 388, from an average of nearly 7 to an average of a little above 6 per chapter. At the same time, the attendance has increased nearly 20, and the average per chapter has gone up slightly. This average remains pretty steady from year to year, having been 14 and a fraction during 5 out of the past 6 years.

Our grand total membership now reaches 5,360, and while I do not like to make a statement without having all the facts before me (and I have by no means all for this), still I *believe* (and I wish any one who may be better posted would disabuse my mind if I am wrong) that *Phi Delta Theta is growing to-day with a healthier and steadier, and at the same time a more rapid growth, than any other college fraternity in America.* Is there any other fraternity that has an undergraduate membership of nearly 900, that has initiated over 800 men in the past two years, and yet initiates but a trifle over 6, and has attendant but a trifle over 14 per chapter? I doubt it very much. We now, as I believe, have the largest fraternity *in college.* With this healthy and at the same time rapid growth, we soon must have the largest chapter roll of any college fraternity. And it will be a roll of honor, too.

I have abandoned the table showing active membership by States, as I do not see that it is of any value, and I have added a list of members deceased during the year.

With these few remarks and the occasional footnotes, the following tables are respectfully submitted.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH, H. G. C.

NEW YORK, September 1, 1888.

TABLE I.

CHAPTER STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1888.

Founded.	CHAPTER.	INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.	Attendant, April 1, 1886.	Attendant, April 1, 1887.	Attendant, April 1, 1888.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Degrees Taken.	Report Received.	CHAPTER HISTORIAN.
1884	Me. *A*	Colby,*	Waterville,	20	21	13	5	0	10	0	8	Apr. 5	Walter Cary.
1884	N. H. *A*	Dartmouth,*	Hanover,	25	30	26	6	0	9	1_1	7	May 19	Joseph Morgan
1879	Vt. *A*	Univ. of Vermont,*	Burlington,	29	16	27	12	0	3	0	3	Apr. 19	Charles H Stephens.
1886	Mass. *A*	Williams,*	Williamstown,	13	17	19	7	0	5	0	5	Mar. 29	G. L Richardson.
1872	N. Y. *A*	Cornell,*	Ithaca,	9	16	16	12	1	11	0	3	Apr. 24	B. M. Sawyer.
1883	N. Y. *B*	Union,*	Schenectady,	13	15	13	3	0	3	0	3	Mar. 30	C W. Blessing.
1884	N. Y. *Γ*	C. C. N. Y.,*	New York,	11	11	14	8	0	5	0	3	Apr. 28	W. Rainey.
1884	N. Y. *Δ*	Columbia,*	New York,	13	12	9	1	0	1	0	0	Apr. 17	W. H. Erb.
1887	N. Y. *E*	Syracuse,*	Syracuse,	..	14	17	15	1	12	1_2	2	Apr 6	W. S Murray.
1873	Pa. *A*	Lafayette,*	Easton,	15	13	19	9	1	2	0_3	2	Apr. 14	W. McCamant.
1875	Pa. *B*	Pennsylvania,	Gettysburg,	14	12	14	5	0	2	1_1	1	May 16	L. S. Black.
1875	Pa *Γ*	Wash & Jeff.,	Washington,	23	20	16	2	0	8	0	7	Apr. 7	J. L. Ewing.
1879	Pa. *Δ*	Allegheny,	Meadville,	16	15	20	8	0	4	0	2	Apr 14	T. C. Blaisdell.
1880	Pa. *E*	Dickinson *	Carlisle,	19	15	8	4	0	10	1_4	7	Apr. 5	H. Urner
1887	Pa. *H*	Lehigh,*	S. Bethlehem,	..	..	16	15	1	0	0	1	Apr. 5	R. P. Barnard
1869	Va. *A*	Roanoke,	Salem,	12	13	20	13	0	4	0_5	3	May 25	C. F. Kuder.
1873	Va. *B*	Univ. of Virginia,*	Charlottesville,	9	14	20	4	8	8	0	3	Apr. 4	D. B. Myers.
1874	Va *Γ*	Randolph-Macon.*	Ashland,	1	7	13	10	0	2	0	0	Apr. 17	G. H. Lambeth.
1875	Va. *Δ*	Richmond,*	Richmond,	2	6	5	1	0	2	0	1	May 4	C. B. Tippett
1886	Va. *Z*	Wash. & Lee,*	Lexington,	..	5	5	2	1	2	0	0	Apr. 5	H. W. Henry, Jr.
1885	N. C. *B*	Univ. of N. C.,*	Chapel Hill,	9	8	5	3	0	4	0	2	Mar. 31	A. Stronach.
1882	S. C. *B*	S. C. College,*	Columbia,	8	8	7	2	0	4	0	4	Mar. 31	W. T. Aycock.
1871	Ga. *A*	Univ. of Georgia,	Athens,	16	9	9	3	2	2	0	2	June 20	T. W Reed.

TABLE I. (*Continued.*)

Founded.	Chapter.	Institution.	Location.	Attendant, April 1, 1886.	Attendant, April 1, 1887.	Attendant, April 1, 1888.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Degrees Taken.	Report Received.	Chapter Historian.
1871	Ga. *B*	Emory,	Oxford,	26	25	27	12	0	14	3	7	Apr. 17	J. P. McRee.
1872	Ga. *Γ*	Mercer,*	Macon,	23	18	16	11	2	14	0	9	May 17	B Willingham.
1876	Tenn. *A*	Vanderbilt,*	Nashville,	23	30	25	4	1	12	0	2	Apr. 5	P. McC. Jones.
1883	Tenn. *B*	Univ. of the So.,*	Sewanee.	13	8	7	5	1	6	0	0	Aug. 14	R. F. Armstrong.
1877	Ala. *A*	Univ. of Ala ,*	Tuscaloosa,	42	33	29	10	2	16	0	16	July 1	J. Forney.
1879	Ala. *B*	Ala. Poly. Ins.,*	Auburn,	16	17	19	11	0	7	1_4	3	Apr. 19	P. T. Vaughan, Jr.
1887	Ala. *Γ*	Southern *	Greensboro,	..	11	15	15	1	9	1_1	3	Apr. 5	A. J. Scott
1877	Miss. *A*	Univ. of Miss.,*	Oxford,	11	13	18	13	0	5	0	0	Apr. 5	W. M. Mitchell.
1883	Tex. *B*	Univ. of Texas,*	Austin,	21	14	12	5	1	10	0	5	Apr. 7	J. M. Herndon.
1886	Tex *Γ*	Southwestern,*	Georgetown,	..	11	12	6	0	1	0	0	May 11	C. C. Kidd.
1848	Ohio *A*	Miami,*	Oxford,	8	5	11	7,	0	0	0	0	May 1	K. Prugh.
1860	Ohio *B*	Ohio Wesleyan,*	Delaware,	8	13	14	5	6	1	0	1	May 17	W. L. Van Sicklen.
1868	Ohio *Γ*	Ohio,*	Athens,	12	9	8	3	0	3	0	1	Apr. 5	E. H. Eves.
1872	Ohio *Δ*	Wooster.	Wooster,	15	14	15	6	0	9	0	3	May 26	F. Price.
1875	Ohio *E*	Buchtel,*	Akron,	11	11	8	2	0	4	0	4	May 26	E. F. Cone.
1883	Ohio *Z*	Ohio State,	Columbus,	9	11	10	8	1	10	0	5	Apr. 29	F S. Ball.
1850	Ky. *A*	Centre,	Danville,	8	13	13	6	0	7	0	4	Apr. 7	J. R. McRoberts.
1885	Ky *Δ*	Central,*	Richmond,	10	11	6	1	0	5	0	2	May 5	L. Clay
1849	Ind. *A*	Indiana,	Bloomington,	16	21	17	2	2	5	$2\frac{1}{4}$	2	Apr. 14	A H. Beldon.
1852	Ind. *B*	Wabash,*	Crawfordsville,	23	13	14	6	0	6	1_4	4	Apr. 23	J. Tillett.
1859	Ind. *Γ*	Butler.	Irvington,	11	16	10	5	1	13	0	1	July 1	W. H. Graffis.
1860	Ind. *Δ*	Franklin,*	Franklin,	16	19	15	5	0	9	$2\frac{1}{4}$	5	Apr. 14	C. Holmes.
1868	Ind. *E*	Hanover,*	Hanover,	14	11	8	2	0	5	0	2	May 5	C. E. Huffer.
1868	Ind. *Z*	De Pauw,*	Greencastle,	21	23	18	5	0	15	0	6	June 20	A R. Priest.
1864	Mich. *A*	Univ. of Mich.,*	Ann Arbor,	..	..	14	8	6	0	0	0	Apr. 5	G. F. Keiper.

TABLE I. (*Continued.*)

Founded	Chapter.	Institution.	Location.	Attendant, April 1, 1886.	Attendant, April 1, 1887.	Attendant, April 1, 1888.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Degrees Taken.	Report Received.	Chapter Historian.
1873	Mich, *B*	Mich. Agricultural,	Lansing,	14	18	18	8	0	6	0	2	May 28	F. B Stockwell.
1882	Mich. *Γ*	Hillsdale,*	Hillsdale,	20	19	19	4	0	9	0	5	Apr. 16	J N. Greene.
1859	Ill. *A*	Northwestern,*	Evanston,	..	12	14	5	3	3	0	5	Mar. 31	G. B. Greene.
1871	Ill *Δ*	Knox,	Galesburg,	11	10	14	4	0	5	1[4]	4	June 20	B. X. Smith.
1878	Ill. *E*	Ill. Wesleyan,	Bloomington,	13	9	9	4[6]	0	5	0	1	Apr. 15	F. T. Wilcox.
1878	Ill. *Z*	Lombard,*	Galesburg,	19	16	12	4	0	8	0	5	May 9	E. P. McConnell.
1857	Wis *A*	Univ. of Wis.,	Madison,	12	15	15	5	0	4	0	4	June 20	R. C. Brown.
1870	Mo. *A*	Univ. of Mo.,	Columbia,	17	11	14	9	0	0	0	2	May 18	E. M. Watson.
1880	Mo. *B*	Westminster,*	Fulton,	16	10	10	3	0	5	0	2	Apr. 7	W. H Ferguson.
1871	Ia. *A*	Ia. Wesleyan,	Mt. Pleasant,	11	15	17	8	0	3	1[4]	3	May 5	F. A. Havighorst.
1882	Ia *B*	Iowa State,*	Iowa City,	11	12	10	3	0	5	0	3	May 24	I. D. Orton.
1881	Minn. *A*	Univ. of Minn.,*	Minneapolis,	14	18	18	7	0	5	0	1	Apr. 6	W. L. Stockwell.
1882	Kan. *A*	Univ. of Kansas,	Lawrence,	16	17	17	8	0	11	0	1	June 1	V. L. Kellogg.
1875	Neb. *A*	Univ. of Neb.,*	Lincoln,	12	10	7	0	0	4	0	1	Apr. 5	W. J. Taylor.
1873	Cal. *A*	Univ. of Cal.,*	Berkeley,	9	14	12	3	0	1	0	0	Apr. 16	L. R Hewitt.
				829[8]	873[9]	898	388	42	373	16	188	Average date of receipt, May 1.	

Chapters at Colleges marked * certify that they do not initiate preparatory students or sub-freshmen.

1. Expelled. 2. Resigned by request. 3. One man suspended for one year. 4. Resigned. 5. One member of '88 has since resigned. 6. One post graduale. 7. Two in faculty. 8. Plus Pa. *Z*, 13 and Va. *E*, 2—844 attendant, April 1, 1886. 9. Plus Va. *E*, 6—879 attendant, April 1, 1887.

TABLE II.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP BY CLASSES FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1888.

CHAPTER.	In Faculty.	Post Graduate.	Class of '88.	Class of '89.	Class of '90.	Class of '91.	Class of '92.	Class of '93.	Special.	Total.
Me. *A*	0	0	2	4	3	4	0	0	0	13
N. H. *A*	0	0	5	7	8	6	0	0	0	26
Vt. *A*	0	0	5	7	5	10	0	0	0	27
Mass. *A*	0	0	5	4	5	5	0	0	0	19
N. Y. *A*	0	0	1	6	7	2	0	0	0	16
N. Y. *B*	1	0	3	3	5	2	0	0	0	14
N. Y. *Γ*	0	0	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	14
N. Y. *Δ*	0	0	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	9
N. Y. *E*	0	0	5	2	2	8	0	0	0	17
Pa. *A*	0	0	5	4	3	7	0	0	0	19
Pa. *B*	0	0	6	1	2	2	3	0	0	14
Pa. *Γ*	0	0	4	4	5	2	1	0	0	16
Pa. *Δ*	0	0	6	2	5	6	1	0	0	20
Pa. *E*	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	8
Pa. *H*	0	1	2	4	3	5	0	0	1	16
Va. *A*	0	0	4	6	5	4	0	0	1	20
Va. *B* *									20	20
Va. *Γ* *									13	13
Va. *Δ* *									5	5
Va. *Z*	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
N. C. *B*	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
S. C. *B*	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	7
Ga. *A*	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	9
Ga. *B*	0	0	6	4	6	8	1	1	1	27
Ga. *Γ*	0	0	3	1	5	6	1	0	0	16
Tenn. *A*	0	3	9	3	3	3	0	0	4	25
Tenn. *B**	5								7	12
Ala. *A*	0	0	9	7	6	7	0	0	0	29
Ala. *B*	0	0	4	6	6	3	0	0	0	19
Ala. *Γ*	0	0	2	1	5	7	0	0	0	15
Miss. *A*	0	0	2	5	3	8	0	0	0	18
Tex. *B*	0	0	3	5	2	2	0	0	0	12
Tex. *Γ*	0	0	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	12
Ohio *A*	2	0	2	4	1	4	0	0	0	13
Ohio *B*	0	0	4	3	5	2	0	0	0	14
Ohio *Γ*	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	8

* Non-class system.

TABLE II.—(Concluded.)

CHAPTER.	In Faculty.	Post Graduate.	Class of '88.	Class of '89.	Class of '90.	Class of '91.	Class of '92.	Class of '93.	Special.	Total.
Ohio *Δ*	0	0	4	3	2	3	3	0	0	15
Ohio *E*	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	1	8
Ohio *Z*	0	0	3	1	1	5	0	0	0	10
Ky. *A*	0	0	0	4	5	3	1	0	0	13
Ky. *Δ*	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
Ind. *A*	0	0	3	8	4	2	0	0	0	17
Ind. *B*	0	0	4	4	1	3	1	0	1	14
Ind. *Γ*	0	0	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	10
Ind. *Δ*	0	0	3	1	5	6	0	0	0	15
Ind. *E*	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	8
Ind. *Z*	0	0	2	3	6	7	0	0	0	18
Mich. *A*	0	0	3	2	8	1	0	0	0	14
Mich. *B*	2	0	4	5	8	1	0	0	0	20
Mich. *Γ*	0	0	2	2	8	5	2	0	0	19
Ill. *A*	0	0	1	3	5	2	2	0	1	14
Ill. *Δ*	0	0	4	2	5	3	0	0	0	14
Ill. *E*	0	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	9
Ill. *Z*	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	0	3	12
Wis. *A*	0	0	4	5	1	5	0	0	0	15
Mo. *A*	0	0	1	4	5	2	0	0	2	14
Mo. *B*	0	0	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	10
Ia. *A*	0	0	2	5	2	3	5	0	0	17
Ia. *B*	0	0	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	10
Minn. *A*	0	1	1	5	5	5	0	0	1	18
Kan. *A*	0	1	2	4	5	5	0	0	0	17
Neb. *A*	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	7
Cal. *A*	0	0	3	2	5	2	0	0	0	12
	10	8	194	194	216	198	24	1	63	908

TABLE III.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS BY PROVINCES—1886, 1887 AND 1888.

PROVINCE.	Year ending April 1, '86.								Year ending April 1, '87.								Year ending April 1, '88.							
	Number of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Below Freshman Class.	Number of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Below Freshman Class.	Number of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Below Freshman Class.
Alpha	14	98	70	1	233	39	1	9	14	100	96	1	227	68	2	5	15	112	85	4	247	54	3	5
Beta	7	12	17	2	43	8	3	0	8	47	33	1	67	8	3	2	7	35	26	0	75	13	3	0
Gamma	9	139	84	0	191	48	3	4	11	95	88	2	189	48	4	7	11	95	96	5	189	47	4	3
Delta	8	48	44	2	81	17	3	9	8	45	29	4	87	12	3	8	8	38	39	0	85	20	3	4
Epsilon	8	45	47	5	135	23	2	18	8	54	45	0	140	18	2	16	9	45	68	5	133	27	2	5
Zeta	4	30	34	1	55	14	2	9	8	42	30	1	62	11	2	3	9	22	25	1	64	14	2	2
Eta	8	52	31	3	106	15	2	4	8	45	50	1	107	21	3	10	8	41	34	1	105	13	4	6
	58	424	327	14	844	164	16	53	62	428	371	10	879	186	19	51	63	388	373	16	898	188	21	25

TABLE IV.

COMPARATIVE AVERAGES—1886, 1887 AND 1888.

PROVINCE.	Year ending April 1, 1886.			Year ending April 1, 1887.			Year ending April 1, 1888.		
	Initiated, Average per Chapter.	Retired, Average per Chapter.	Attend't Average per Chapter.	Initiated, Average per Chapter.	Retired Average per Chapter.	Attend't, Average per Chapter.	Initiated, Average per Chapter.	Retired, Average per Chapter.	Attend't, Average per Chapter.
Alpha.....	7·00	5·00	16·64	7·33	6·40	15·80	7·46	5·33	16·46
Beta.....	0·85	1·28	4·42	5 87	4·12	8·37	5·00	3·71	10·71
Gamma. ..	15·44	9·33	21·23	8·63	8·00	17·18	8·63	8·72	17·18
Delta.....	6·00	5·50	10·25	5·62	3 62	10·87	4·75	4·87	10·62
Epsilon	5·62	5·87	16·68	6·75	5·62	17·50	5·00	7·55	14·77
Zeta.....	7·50	8·50	13·75	8·40	6·00	12·40	4·40	5·00	12·80
Eta.....	6·50	3·87	13·25	5·62	6·25	13·27	5·12	4·25	13.12
Frat. at large..	7·20	5·50	14·34	6·95	5·88	14·01	6·15	5·92	14·25

TABLE V.

GENERAL SUMMARY FOR YEARS ENDING APRIL 1.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Total membership.....	3,460	3,820	4,154	4,570	4.988	5,360
No. of active Chapters.....	43	51	54	58	65	63
No. of Alumni Chapters.....	10	10	14	16	13	21
Initiated.....	307	376	350	424	428	388
Retired.....	237	284	277	327	371	373
Attendant.....	617	778	776	844	879	898
Av. initiation per Chapter.....	7.14	7.37	6.49	7.20	6.95	6.15
Av. retired per Chapter.....	5.51	5.57	5.13	5.50	5.88	5.92
Av. attendance, per Chapter....	14.35	15.25	14.37	14.34	14.01	14.25

TABLE VI.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1888.

N. Y. *A*, '86. Robert Henry Stodder, El Paso, Tex., June 24, 1887.
Va. *A*, '71; Va. *B*, '74. Frank Heath Terrill, San Francisco, Cal., January 20, 1888.
Va. *B*, 85. Edward Vose Sumner Long, Birmingham, Ala., March 12, 1888.
Va. *Γ*, '88. Archibald Allen Darden, Suffolk, Va., March 22, 1888.
S. C. *B*, '89. Albert Rhett Nicholson Johnston, S. C., February, 1888.
Ga. *A*. '81. W. W. Hardy, Senora, Ga., 1888.
Ga. *A*, '82. P. H. Burns, Columbus, Ga., 1887.
Ga. *B*, '74. William J. Ray, Monroe, Ga., September 9, 1887.
Tenn. *A*. Robert Allen Carter, Louisville, Ky., July, 1887.

Ala. *A*, '85. John Wesley Gilbert, Pleasant Ridge, Ala., ———.
Ala. *B*, '82. Benjamin Harrison Fitzpatrick, Montgomery, Ala., February 23, 1888.
Ala. *Γ*, '88. Edward H. Cobb, Tuskeegee, Ala., August 15, 1887.
Ind. *B*, '76. Joseph Warren McBroom, Crawfordsville, Ind. ———.
Ind. *Γ*, '58. Cyrus Newa Blount, Kokomo, Ind., December 28, 1887.
Ind. *Z*, '87. Charles Fordyce Jenne, Brazil, November 6, 1887.
Ind. *Z*, '90. Frederic Marion White, Otterbein, October 20, '87.
Mo. *B*, '86. William Yancey McChesney, Odessa, Mo., February, 1888.
Cal. *A*, '89 Joseph Alonzo Norris, Pleasant Valley, Cal., September, 1887.

ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

EASTON, Pa., *May 11, 1888.*

THE second annual convention of Alpha Province was held here on the 19th and 20th of April. Bro. Horton, Province President, called the meeting to order Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock, and the following organization was effected :

President—Dudley R. Horton.
First Vice-President—Prof. C. C. Brown, N. Y. Beta.
Second Vice-President—H. L. Moore, Penn. Alpha.
Secretary.—T. C. Blaisdell, Penn. Delta.
Treasurer—T. H. Knox, N. Y. Gamma.

Considerable business was transacted and several resolutions agreed upon to be presented to the next National Convention. Thursday evening, after witnessing the marvelous "Equescurriculum" presented at the Opera House, the delegates repaired to the United States Hotel, where the banquet was held. A more enjoyable affair could scarcely be imagined. Forty-two sat down at the tables, which were beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. After enjoying the many edibles which our landlord had provided, attention was given to the second part of the programme. Bro. C. P. Bassett, President of the General Council and an alumnus of Penn. Alpha, presided as Magister Epularum, and his remarks preceding the announcements were full of interest and pleasure. The following is the toast list :

The Bond—J. M. DeLong, N. Y. Beta.
New England Outlook—S. Gallert, Me. Alpha.
Alpha Province—Dudley R. Horton, Province President.
Province Athletes—A. Throop, Penn. Eta.
The Metropolis—T H. Baskerville, N. Y. Alpha Alumni.
Phi Sisters—T. C. Blaisdell, Penn. Delta.

Besides these, there were several extemporaneous toasts. Prof. C. C. Brown, of N. Y. Beta, responded to "Phi Delta Theta in the Faculty"; J. M. Mayer, of N. Y. Alpha Alumni, to "The Law"; C. J. McFadden, Penn. Zeta, to "The Dissecting Room," and T. H. Knox, N. Y. Gamma, to "Our Hosts."

The banquet was one which will never be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

Friday noon, the convention adjourned, and the afternoon was spent in inspecting the college buildings, stopping long enough, however, at the foot of College Hill to have the party photographed. Most of the delegates departed later in the day, but some remained till Saturday to visit Lehigh University, where they were the guests of Penn. Eta. The affair was a most enjoyable one throughout, but it was a source of regret that every Chapter in the Province was not represented.

HARRY L. MOORE.

ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

(Press Reports.)

PHI DELTA THETA.—THE CONVENING HERE OF THE LARGEST COLLEGE FRATERNITY IN THE COUNTRY.

THE convention of the Alpha Province, of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, convened at 11 o'clock this morning, in the Post-office building in the rooms of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter of Lafayette College. Mr. Dudley R. Horton, Cornell '75, President of the Province, presided. There were present about twenty-five delegates, representing the sixteen colleges in the New England and Middle States at which there are chapters: Colby in Maine, Dartmouth in New Hampshire, Williams in Massachusetts, University of Vermont, in Vermont, Cornell, Union, College of the City of New York, Columbia and Syracuse, in New York, and seven Pennsylvania colleges, Lafayette, Allegheny, at Meadville, Washington and Jefferson at Washington, Pennsylvania at Gettysburg, Dickinson at Carlisle, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and Lehigh at Bethlehem. The Convention will continue in session to-morrow. To-night a banquet will be served at the United States Hotel, at which Mr. Carroll P. Bassett, Lafayette, '83, President of the General Council, will officiate as Magister Epularum. The business of the convention is of a secret nature, important to the fraternity; it is preliminary to the national convention to be held next Fall a year at Bloomington, Ill.

The fraternity is the largest in the country, having 64 active chapters and 19 alumni, in 28 different States. The active membership of the organization is about 900 and the entire membership 6,000

Prof. C. C. Brown, Senior Professor of Mathematics at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., is present as a delegate from New York Beta Chapter.—*Easton Daily Express*, April 19.

PHI DELTA THETA BANQUET.—THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION OF THE P. D. T. DINE AT THE UNITED STATES—TOASTS AND SPEECHES.

SELDOM has the United States Hotel been the scene of a more successful and enjoyable banquet than that served last evening to the Alpha Province Convention of the Phi Delta Theta. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and fruit, and the viands were prepared and served with that skill in catering for which the United States has so enviable a reputation. Forty-two plates were laid.

When the board had been cleared C. P. Bassett, President of the General Council and Magister Epularum for the evening, took charge of affairs. Mr. Bassett has an almost inexhaustible fund of witty stories and apt illustrations at hand. He succeeded in keeping the assemblage in constant good humor throughout the evening, which was, however, an easy task in consequence of the enthusiasm which prevailed.

The following was the toast list:

"The Bond," J. M. DeLong, New York Beta, Union.

"New England Outlook," S. Gallert, Maine Alpha, Colby.

"Alpha Province," Dudley R. Horton, New York Alpha Alumni.

"Province Athletes," A. Throop, Penn. Eta, Lehigh.

"The Metropolis," T. H. Baskerville, New York Alpha Alumni.

"Phi Sisters," T. C. Blaisdell, Penn. Delta, Allegheny.

There were also several extempore toasts. Prof. C. C. Brown, of Union, responded to "Phi Delta Theta in the Faculty." The event of the evening, however, was the toast on the "Law," by J. M. Mayer, of New York City. He spoke wittily and eloquently. C. J. McFadden, of the University of Pennsylvania, responded to the "Dissecting Room," and the programme closed with "Our Hosts," by T. H. Knox, of the College of the City of New York.

The affair was one which will never be forgotten by those who were present; it reflects great credit on the Committee of Arrangements, of whom H. L. Moore of Lafayette is chairman.

The convention finished its business this afternoon and adjourned *sine die*. Some of the delegates took a trip to Bethlehem to look through Lehigh.

Among the visitors were Messrs. Baskerville and Mayer of New York City; Messrs. Lenhart and Ord, formerly of the local chapter, and quite a number of the members of the Lehigh Chapter.

DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

FOR two years the eyes of Delta Province have been turned toward Oxford in happy anticipation of the first Phi gathering at the cradle of our fraternity in nearly a score of years. It was not without some hesitancy and misgivings that it was decided to hold the next convention under the auspices of Ohio Alpha, but the grand success of the event has proved all such fears groundless.

On Wednesday evening wearers of the shield and dagger began to appear and the immigration continued to the last train before the banquet adjournment. At 10 o'clock on the morning of May 10, the convention was called to order by Bro. President O'Kane, and Bro. Chaplain Kearney Prugh invoked divine guidance and blessing upon its deliberations.

The following commmittees were announced: Credentials, Bros. J. R. Saunders, Ky. *Δ*, F. C. High, Ohio *Z*, J. E. Thomas, Ohio *Γ*; order of business, H. V. Stevens, Ohio *B*, W. J. Rusk, Ohio *A*, R. H. Winn, Ky. *A*; constitution revision, F. W. Brown, Ohio *Z*, W. Green, Ky. *A*, E. H. Eves, Ohio *Γ*; next convention, E. F. Cone, Ohio *E*, C. A. Park, Ohio *Δ*, L. Clay, Ky. *Δ*; officers, C. M. Mains, J. A. Thompson, Ohio *B*, H. Weidner, Ohio *A*; finance, R. S. Dawson, Ky. *A ex officio*, S. W. Townsend, Ohio *A*, W. M. Chidlaw, Ohio *A*.

The following telegram was ordered sent to Bro. J. R. Danforth, Amherst, Mass.: "Delta Province in convention assembled sends congratulations to Massachusetts Beta." After a short recess the order of business was reported, and the committee on credentials announced the following attendance of delegates: Ohio *A*, Harry Wiedner and W. J. Rusk, Ohio *B*, H. V. Stevens and J. A. Thompson, Ohio *Γ*, E. H. Eves, and G. E. de Steigner, Ohio *Δ*, C. A. Park and C. M. Mains, Ohio *E*, E. F. Cone, Ohio *Z*, F. W. Brown and F. C. High, Ky. *A*, W. Green and R. H. Winn. Ky. *Δ*, J. R. Saunders and L. Clay, Ohio Alpha Alumni, W. E. Bundy and Scott Bonham. The other Phis present were: L. H. Brundage, S. E. Bennett and F. S. Ball, of Ohio *Z*, S. Ramsey and H. Hawley, Ind. *A*, Dr. Faye Walker, Dr. J. R. S. Sterrett, Dr. Alfred Emerson, J. E. Morey, P. W. Smith, Kearney Prugh, Sam. W. Townsend, Edwin Emerson, J. H. Macready, W. H. Cruikshank, W. M. Chidlaw, W. L. Tobey, J. R. Spivey, W. C. Harris and W. H. Bonner, of Ohio Alpha. Letters and telegrams of regret were read from the three living founders, Robert Morrison, A. W. Rogers, J. W. Lindley, and Elm Fisher and Hon. Emmit Tompkins.

Thursday afternoon was occupied in a complete revision of

the province constitution, and through the excellent work of the committee in charge the document was immensely improved. The question of compulsory attendance at the convention on a plan similar to that practiced in the general fraternity called for most discussion, but failed of adoption. In addition to this, reports were received from the delegates on the condition of their respective chapters. These together with the report of the province Historian showed Delta Province to be in a most flourishing condition, with an active membership of about one hundred. Her alumni have taken fitting position in public, and everything indicates even increased prosperity. Since last convention ten sub-freshmen have been initiated; while in her whole history the province has introduced almost a thousand men to the Phi mysteries, of whom not quite 50 per cent. have taken collegiate degrees.

On Friday morning the committee reported the following officers, who were elected: Vice-President, C. K. Carpenter, Ohio Δ; Secretary, S. W. Townsend, Ohio A; Treasurer, A. W. Lee, Ky. A; Historian, H. D. Smith, Ohio E; Chaplain, W. O. Shoemaker, Ky. Δ; Warden, E. H. Eves, Ohio Γ.

It was then decided to hold the next convention at Wooster, under the auspices of Ohio Δ, convening at 10 a. m. on Thursday, May 11, 1889.

Bro. E. F. Cone, of Ohio E, opened discussion upon "Interchapter relations, acquaintance and correspondence." After some consideration a resolution was adopted recommending to each chapter to elect one man at the beginning of each year to correspond with a similarly chosen man in each other chapter.

"Chapter Finances" was well handled by Bro. S. W. Townsend, Ohio A, "Chapter Records," by Bro. E. H. Eves, Ohio Γ, and "Extension in Delta Province," by Bro. C. A. Park, Ohio Δ.

After adjournment of the morning session, the convention went in a body to visit the room in which Phi Delta Theta was founded. Bro. Morrison's rooms are now unoccupied and Bro. Dr. Sterrett, a loyal Phi, has a room just opposite that which Wilson used.

In the afternoon resolutions were offered by Bro. F. S. Ball, indorsing the action of the National Convention in regard to the circular letter system and favoring action toward greater uniformity and definiteness in the same; also indorsing the interpretation by the General Council of the constitution on the "prep. question." Both resolutions were adopted. The matter of the new catalogue was discussed and explained by Bro. Pres. O'Kane.

"The number and qualifications of membership" was taken up

by Bro. J. A. Thompson, and "Chapter Houses," by Bro. H. V. Stevens.

Bro F. S. Ball, Ohio Z, set forth and discussed the ritualistic and secret work of Phi Delta Theta, and outlined the proposed new ritual.

A short session was held in the evening at which resolutions were adopted expressive of the convention's thanks to Ohio Alpha, to the Oxford Lodge F. and A. M., and to the President, faculty and young ladies of the Oxford Female College, for their many courtesies. The report of the Finance Committee was adopted, and Bro. Dr. Faye Walker, President of the Oxford Female College, delivered a short address, and with appropriate remarks the convention was adjourned by Bro. Pres. O'Kane.

Immediately afterwards the goat, a composite goat of eight goats combined, was brought out and in royal style tossed Mr. W. H. Bonner into the very midst of Phidom.

Not only was the convention the grandest success of any yet held in this province in the matter of business done and enthusiasm aroused, but, what every Phi enjoys, the social pleasures were far beyond anything ever presented. Bro. Dr. Faye Walker very kindly tendered the convention a reception at the Oxford Female College, and the house was thrown open at the pleasure of the Phis. After the "cold wave from Alaska" had been showered over the audience by the Peak Sisters and the boys had laughed and applauded with unfeigned mirth and pleasure, brave knights met fair ladies and together they stormed the parlors and verandas with a delight which was made only too short by the near approach of midnight. From the frequent calls at the college and the dainty missives and flowers sent there the next day, it might seem that some "catches" had been made, and one thing sure, the "college girls" will ever hold a warm place in the hearts of the Phis of Delta Province.

Friday afternoon, numerous carriages were whirling about with streamers of white and blue, and calls were made upon the Phi girls in the city and at the Western Female Seminary. The climax of the occasion was reached Friday night when half a hundred Phis surrounded such a banquet as Old Miami never saw before. After everything that could be asked for had been freely partaken of, Dr. Faye Walker, acting as master of ceremonies, offered the sentiments, which were responded to in true Phi style. Bro. Harry Weidner welcomed the convention and F. W. Brown responded. The toast of the evening was Phi Delta Theta, to which Bro. Dr. Emerson responded in Greek. None of it was so well understood as the fraternity's motto, which elicited hearty applause. The banquet over, the girls must have the last thought, and with their elegant orchestra, the boys treated the college and the seminary to a serenade for the praise

of which the fair ladies could not find sufficient words. It was daylight when the boys dispersed and the most joyous of Delta Province conventions was over. By two o'clock on Saturday, all were gone save one, and "he would not go." Latest reports are that he "is gone."

Too much praise can not be given to the entertaining chapter and their friends, to whom the unparalleled success and pleasure of the convention are due.

FRED. S. BALL,
Secretary Delta Province.

EDITORIAL.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

THE SCROLL is the organ of no political party and takes no sides on the great questions of the day; but it is the organ of Phi Delta Theta, and delights to pay its humble tribute to the great men whom it can claim as its own, in whatever walk or station of life it may find them. The nomination of our honored and worthy brother, General Harrison, by the Republican party as its candidate for the Presidency of this great Republic—truly the highest office and the greatest honor in the world—is an honor which all Phis, irrespective of party ties, must feel with a keen sense of pride and gratification. If we mistake not, Phi Delta Theta is the first college fraternity to be so honored, and, if General Harrison is elected, she will be the first fraternity to see one of her members in the White House, put there by the suffrages of the people. President Garfield was an undergraduate member of Delta Upsilon from Williams, an organization founded in direct opposition to the college fraternities of the day. President Arthur, an undergraduate member of Psi Upsilon from Union, came to his station by succession. Others of our Chief Magistrates have held honorary memberships in one or more college fraternities, conferred only after they had risen to distinction and fame.

Brother Morrison, the founder of our order, writes: "Although I am a democrat, yet I would be glad to see Harrison in the Presidential chair."

A prominent Phi of the south writes: "I would rather see Harrison President than any other Republican, not only because he is a Phi, but because I like his record better. He is a clean

man every way so far as I know. I think I will have to stick to my political principles and vote for Grover, but if I had the deciding vote in the United States it would be difficult for me to make up my mind."

We have endeavored, in this issue, to present to our readers the story of General Harrison's school days. Murat Halstead, the accomplished editor of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, has kindly contributed a few reminiscenses of the days at Farmer's College. We also present sketches by Robert Morrison, Chancellor L. W. Ross of the State University of Iowa, and a class mate of General Harrison, who requests that we do not publish his name. W. B. Palmer gives us from the old records the story of Harrison's fraternity career.

Whichever way the votes may decide, we heartily congratulate General Harrison on the honored position he has reached and on the great trust and confidence which are reposed in him by so vast a number of his fellow countrymen.

DURING the past year internal improvements have been going forth steadily and a spirit of healthy growth has been manifested throughout the fraternity. The University of Michigan has been entered by a band of sterling Phis who will well uphold the banner of Michigan Alpha as of old. Several alumni chapters and associations have been organized and are flourishing in different sections of the country, and the provinces have been holding successful and enthusiastic conventions which are of great value in affording an opportunity for the discussion of practical questions which must come before the National Convention.

The General Council has obviated all dangers and difficulties arising from the prolonged recess of the convention by arranging for and holding a series of executive sessions at New York, at which matters of most pressing importance were settled at least temporarily.

THE season of "spiking" is again at hand, and our best implements at present are the "Manual" and "Song Book."

The catalogue, which will soon be issued, will be a valuable book for us, but, in the meantime, we can do good work with what we have. The edition of these books is rapidly becoming exhausted, but copies may still be obtained by addressing the proper persons. Every one who has not a copy of either or both should procure one without delay.

ALL Phis who are anxious to see Phi Delta Theta represented in the White House should secure one of brother Tredway's most attractive and successful Song Books. See advertisement in this issue.

WE have but a few more sets of the large lithograph portraits of our founders. They may be had by sending sixty cents in two-cent stamps to E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

OF the law firm of Harrison, Miller and Elam, Benjamin Harrison and John B. Elam are members of Phi Delta Theta, and W. H. H. Miller of Delta Upsilon.

CHAPTERS and others will please note the change in the address of the Secretary of the General Council, as recorded in the Directory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 11, 1888.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.,

Dear Sir and Brother :—I have been from home and did not receive your letter until this morning.

If I can possibly find time I will write an article for you early in the coming week. I cannot do so sooner.

General Harrison is well worthy of honor.

Yours in the Bond,

BYRON K. ELLIOTT.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE.
NEW YORK, Sept. 14, 1888.

Dear Sir:—Answering your courteous favor of the 8th inst., I regret that it is out of my power at present to undertake writing outside of my own paper.

You lose little, however, since it happens that I was fitted for the sophomore class before entering college, and consequently, although the years of our classes would seem to bring us together, General Harrison had been graduated before I was a student at Miami. Respectfully,

WHITELAW REID.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.,

LAW OFFICES OF HARRISON, MILLER & ELAM.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 10, 1888.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.,
New York,

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 3rd inst. has been received. It would give me pleasure to comply with your request, but it is impossible for me to do so. The nomination of General Harrison has taken him from the office, and not only increased the labors of his partners as lawyers, but we are both devoting all the time we can spare to the political contest now going on. This being the case, I am too busy to undertake to write anything for the SCROLL. Yours very truly,

JOHN B. ELAM.

We wrote to General Harrison to see if he would consent to our publication of his Miami graduating address on "The Poor of England." It would be peculiarly appropriate in the present campaign. In reply General Harrison writes:

LAW OFFICES OF HARRISON, MILLER & ELAM.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 17th, 1888.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.,
New York City,

My Dear Sir:—Your letter of August 14th has been received, and, while I appreciate highly your good intentions, I do not feel like being accessory to your plan of publishing my graduating speech. I would rather be judged by my more mature expressions. Very truly yours,

BENJ. HARRISON.

In answer to a question as to whether or not Gen. Benjamin Harrison is a member of any secret oath-bound society, he writes as follows:

"In answer to your question, permit me to say that I have never been a member of any secret society, except a Greek literary society in college and the G. A. R., if the latter can, with any propriety, be called a secret society, though I do not think it.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. HARRISON."

In response to a letter to General Harrison, on behalf of the General Council, congratulating him on his nomination, the following reply was received:

LAW OFFICES OF
HARRISON, MILLER & ELAM,
3, 4, 5 & 6, Wrights' Block, Market St.

B. HARRISON,
W. H. H. MILLER,
JOHN B. ELAM. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 12, 1888.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Sir.—Your favor of recent date has been received, and in reply I beg to express my sincere thanks to you and to the General Council of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which you represent, for your very cordial congratulations.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. HARRISON.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

To Reporters:

Our recent financial experience should be sufficient notice to the chapters of the vital importance of keeping their SCROLL taxes paid up.

Many chapters are two years behind. Every reporter should take prompt action and see that his chapter's account is settled.

Reporters will also please send in notice, at once, of the number of SCROLLS required by their chapters.

B. S. ORCUTT,
Business Manager.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

LAST commencement saw the close of a prosperous year in the history of our chapter, with bright prospects for the future. The annual banquet of the chapter, on the evening of June 26, was a pleasant affair. After the repast, brother Gates officiated as master of ceremonies, and responses were made to the following toasts: "The Fraternity," by W. A. Beebe, '89; "Our Chapter," F. W. Mould, '91; "Graduating Members," W. D. Parsons, '90; "Phis of '92," E. D. Williams, '88. E. M. Wilbur, '86, was the orator of the occasion; C. B. Sornburger, '88, poet; G. W. Roberts, '87, prophet; A. H. Wheeler, '83, historian; and F. B. Leach, '91, musical director. Besides the alumni already named, we enjoyed the presence of brothers Hayden, '83, Clapp and Bishop, '86, Safford, '88, and Morgan, '89. Short speeches, bits of history, and suggestions for the future were contributed by each of the alumni. The occasion will be long and pleasantly remembered.

Brother Williams represented us among the speakers at commencement. Brother Chase, being also appointed, was unable to speak on account of a throat difficulty. Bros. Chase and Gates received the degree of A. B.; brother Williams, Ph. B.; and brother Hyde, C. E. Brother Hyde was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and also was awarded the $25 Thesis Prize.

Brothers Beebe and Gilbert were our representatives at the Junior Exhibition.

Five members of the sophomore class and a like number of freshmen were chosen to compete, on the evening of May 20th, for the Forest prizes, offered for the best declamation of passages of oratorical prose.

Brothers Adams and Bosworth were among those chosen from '91, and brother Wilbur and the reporter from '90. The second prize was won by brother Wilbur. On the annual University Field Day, June 6, Vermont Alpha maintained her reputation in athletics. Of the thirty prizes awarded to the students of the Academical Department, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ took seventeen, the remaining thirteen being divided among the four other societies and the "neuts." Brother Grow broke the University record in throwing the hammer and putting shot. He also represented the fraternity very creditably in the Inter-collegiate contest at Mott Haven.

Aug. 30, 1888. M. A. HOWE.

Massachusetts Beta, Amherst College.

Massachusetts Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta humbly desires to make its bow and be welcomed into the sacred bond of the *National Fraternity* of America, the largest and, we fondly hope, the noblest on the face of the earth. We hope with the aid of our brothers in New England, to place the standard of the white and the blue among the foremost of New England fraternities, as our brothers of the West have placed it at the head in nearly all other parts of the United States. This is no mean ambition, and we must have the warmest sympathy and love from our brothers all over the land, if we are to succeed in our hope.

The men who founded our chapter, led by brother Danforth, formed the nucleus of a new society some two years ago. But the importance of waiting until a strong and commanding society, which could compare with the best in college, induced them to wait a year for development, and more good men. But the class of ninety was so small that year that it was deemed best to wait still longer.

Early in the winter term of the present year the small band of men who had been waiting so patiently saw their opportunity come at last, in the fact that from the new society men in the class of ninety-one a delegation of nine which, in the high character and ability of the men, would prove superior to any other freshman delegation in college, might be induced to join in the undertaking.

Six good men from the junior class, three from the sophomore, and nine from the freshmen class were added to the original five seniors. Thus twenty-three men were at last ready to petition the General Council for a charter. No more had been made until all was ready. There was little question about the fraternity which we wished to join. Our first and only petition, signed by twenty-one men, was sent to the General Council by the investigating committee. Early in May it was granted, and the date of installation set for May 9.

Brother Dudley R. Horton, President of Alpha Province, with five delegates from Williams, and one from Dartmouth arrived Wednesday afternoon. The news that a chapter of Phi Delta Theta was to be formed was received the night before by the Beta Theta Pi Chapter from its chapter in Boston, and spread like wild-fire throughout college in the course of a couple of hours. But none of our arrangements, nor even any of the men, were known. No trouble was made, so we put up with our disappointment. The day was an eventful one in the college. The gymnasium exhibition drill of classes for the $100 Gilbert prize was followed by the Amherst vs. Williams base-ball game (which Amherst won) and the Lester prize speaking in the evening.

At half-past ten we were all gathered in the Masonic Lodge rooms, and the initiation of twenty-three men began. The number of men and the lateness of the hour made it necessary to abbreviate the exercises somewhat. We were initiated by classes. The exercises were finished at 12 o'clock. The officers of the chapter were then elected as follows: President, brother Danforth; Reporter, brother Cody; Secretary, brother Brown; Warden, brother Tiffany; Treasurer, brother Beekman; Historian, brother Smith, (E. E.); Chaplain, brother Kebbe. The official documents were then delivered into their hands, and the meeting adjourned to the Amherst House.

An ample banquet was found ready, and for an hour and a half or two hours our palates were tickled with good things, and what is more important, our stomachs were relieved after our laborious exercises.

After the banquet we had a violin solo by brother Bagg, assisted by brother Fleet on the piano. Two other performances later in the evening (rather morning) were also given by the same brothers.

Brother Richardson, of Williams, a sort of godfather to the chapter, in that he was the first Phi whose acquaintance we had made as a chapter, gave some very encouraging remarks, especially on our relations to the Alpha Chapter of Massachusetts.

President Horton gave us a good round-up for the fraternity in general. We heartily cheered his loyal expressions.

Brother Sparhawk, of Dartmouth, responded to the toast of "New Hampshire Alpha," our next nearest neighbor.

Our hopes and fears and expectations were eloquently expressed by the other speakers. Brother Sawayame, in a very touching way, spoke of our brotherhood encircling the earth, penetrating even to Japan.

I enclose our menu and toast list, with list of charter members.

The telegrams and letters of congratulation which were received we here desire to acknowledge. They were so numerous it would take half THE SCROLL to mention them.

In Amherst college the Greek letter fraternities are heartily supported by the faculty, and have taken the strongest hold on the student world. There are eight chapters of various fraternities beside our own already established. $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ and $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ are considered the leading societies, followed by $X\ \Psi$, $\Delta\ K\ E$, $X\ \Phi$, $\Delta\ \Upsilon$, $B\ \Phi\ \Pi$ and $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$ (organized three years ago). All have large and comfortable houses except $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$, which has rooms in a block.

So it will be evident that we have no small difficulties to overcome, as well as many things in our favor.

But we have an advantage which no other society has yet had

here, namely, that of starting in a chapter house at the very first. I have left this until the last, since it is not the least important feature in our prospects. Before the petition for a charter was granted we had secured Prof. Esty's former residence on very moderate terms for a year, with privilege to renew indefinitely as long as Prof. Esty owned the house, and the first opportunity to buy it when the house is sold.

We have a large eleganty furnished house, which will accomodate twelve men as rooms, beside furnishing us a parlor, etc. The grounds are the finest by far in town, being large and finely arranged and developed. The lawn is magnificent, and the arrangement of shrubbery and the shade is hardly to be beaten. The location is perhaps as good as any society house in town. It is nearest to college, yet a little retired, being in the most aristocratic and finely kept street in town, and a few rods from the commons in the middle of the town.

We shall probably also secure, at a very moderate price, much of Prof. Esty's elegant furniture.

A leading member of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ frankly admitted that, all things considered, we had the finest place of any society in college.

The faculty seem highly pleased with our fraternity and give the highest commendation to our men, at the same time, in spite of the jealousy of the other fraternities, we have received warm congratulations. $X\ \Psi$, the "swell" society here, sent us an official note of welcome, and $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ sent us an invitation to a lecture by their President, Rev. E. E. Hale, the day following our installation. It is generally felt that since the announcement of the names of our men we have been received into the student world more heartily than any society for over twenty years.

Two of our men have already received honors in being chosen for prize speaking, one at commencement, the other next Monday. The prospect of a prize or two by other men, also, is among our hopes.

We feel sure that all Phis will rejoice in our prospects, and encourage us to win from fate a fulfilment of our hopes. We promise loyalty to the white and the blue, and shall do our best to make Phi Delta Theta second to none, not only in Amherst College, but in New England and throughout the whole land.

May 26, 1888. ALPHEUS S. CODY.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

THE collegiate year of 1887–1888 closed with us on the 27th of June, which was commencement day. To say that it has been a prosperous year to our beloved chapter is but to repeat

the old, old story, which, but for the pleasure it brings, would long since have become trite. The refrain "Success" is the one usually sung by the Phis of Georgia Beta, nor have they failed to sing it this year. It is true that some of the medals which we expected were not obtained, but suffice it to say that those who beat us did it by the *skin of their teeth.* The essays written by Phis for the various prizes were among the best, and that we were not the successful contestants does not mean there was no effort, and that a creditable one. We were in the front ranks when merit was the basis of honors. Out of eighteen speakers' places possible to us we were awarded fourteen, which gave us a larger number of speakers than any other club on the stage commencement. Brother J. E. McRee was awarded third honor, and he and Brother J. H. Ardis were both champion debaters, thus adding to our representatives two more. Brother Fred. Burns, of the Technology department, graduated with first honor, and read a very creditable paper during commencement.

The Phi speakers all did well, brother Beadley being awarded the first prize for declamation in the sophomore class, and others of the same and also of the higher classes deserve special mention.

In the matter of class-standing the Phis are in the lead. Last fall every class in college was lead by a Phi, except the Senior, and even in that brother J. E. McRee tied with one other on the first mark, and was equal to the best in the spring term. I should except the Junior Class also, for while the Juniors did well, they were not in the lead. This Spring the Freshman and Sophomore were led by Phis. Brothers Jenkins and Fleming deserve special notice as our representatives from the Freshman ranks, as do also brothers Kimbrough, Rowland and Branch. We have, in fact, no sorry men in any class Among the Sophomores, brothers Davis, Bradley and Abbott are right at the top to stay, if they are all so fortunate as to come back. Brother Fort has done excellently also. From the Junior Class Georgia Beta was represented by two speakers out of three men. The one not on the stage represents her creditably on the editorial staff of our college paper, and is also a recognized debater. Brother J. E. McRee was again Scientific Medalist, and Brother Jenkins of the first class, and brother Ardis of the second class, were Vocal Music Medalists. Success to the SCROLL, Catalogue, and Phi Delta Theta in general.

July 2, 1888. JOHN E. MICKLER.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

ENTIRELY excusable mistakes oftentimes occur when explanations but confuse. It seems that such a one appeared over my signature in the May number of the SCROLL, which has just come

to hand. I wrote a report for the SCROLL which contained an error, but before mailing the communication found out the mistake and wrote another, but by some means, unaccountable to me, a portion of the first letter seems to have reached the editorial rooms of the SCROLL. The error consisted in reporting two speakers places as won by Phis, when it should have been only one. Brother J. C. Lester received a place on Founder's medal, to be contested for on the evening of May 28.

May 10, 1888. W. H. HARRIS.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

To the best of our knowledge, the following is a correct report of all honors received at the last commencement of S. W. U. If there are mistakes, they are unintentional, and will be corrected.

SOCIETY HONORS.—Leaders on debate, Newsom, *K A*, Taylor, *Σ A E*; seconds, Barcus, non frat., Thomas, *K A*; "Monthly" Medal, Smith, *Σ A* E; Presidents, Pearce, *K Σ*., Ragsdale, *ΦΔΘ*.

UNDERGRADUATES' HONORS.—Declaimers —*Φ Δ Θ*, 3; *K A*, 2; *Σ A E*, 2; *K Σ*, 1; Nons, 4; Medalist, Mood, *Φ Δ Θ*. Soph. English Medal, Weldon, non frat.; Fresh. English Medal, Sansom, *Φ Δ Φ*. Distinctions: *Φ Δ Θ*, 36; *K A*, 33; *Σ A E*, 16; *K Σ*. 5. Total, 90.

THE GRADUATES.—Degrees: *Φ Δ Θ*, A. M., 2, A. B. and B. S., 6–8; *K A*, A. M., 1; *Σ A E*, 1; *K Σ*, 1; Non frat. 1. Total, 12.

Scholarship Medal, Streetman, *K A*; Second Honor, Thomas, *Φ Δ Θ*; Orator's Medal, Streetman, *K A*.

Graduates in Schools: *Φ Δ Θ*, 5; *K A*. 1; *Σ A E*. 1; *K Σ*. 1; Nons, 11. Total, 19.

By counting up it will be seen that the Phis and Kappa Alphas are ahead in the fraternity race—with the balance in favor of *Φ Δ Θ*.

The night of June 5th witnessed the Annual Final Banquet of Texas Gamma. The Irvine Place with its brilliantly illuminated lawn invited all bearers of the sword and shield, tired with the labors of class room and stage, to seek refreshment once more around our parting spot. As the Musical Concert waned, we withdrew—each with a lady—to seat ourselves at the board always lavishly supplied with eatables, "the spice of life," and the emblems of purity and loyality. Bro. Toast-Master Sessions began his calls, to which responses came quickly, heartily,—in fact, *phideltathetaly*. Bro. and Prof. C. C. Cody narrated his adventures as a school-boy and an Emory College Phi, closely followed by Bro. McLean, whose appearance still

showed how recently the goat had met him. In the midst of this jollity, Bro. Samson arrives from the chapel where but a moment before he has received the Fresh. English Medal. His greeting need not be portrayed. But the hour is growing late, and slowly we part—the grads fully determined to bring in sheaves from the outer world—the under-grads with a silent pledge still further to deck our altar with college laurels.

June 22d, 1888. RICHARDSON MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE past year was, for Ohio Beta, one of activity and achievement.

Without an exception the workings of the chapter were characterized by sympathy and unity of effort, and crowned with success, their legitimate fruit.

We commenced the year with 14 out of 15 members with which we closed the preceding year, and closed with 17.

Four of the 17 were graduated, leaving us 13 to propitiate the coming year and gather its fruits.

During the year Ohio Beta, our robust, but gentle and loving mother, bore from barbaric darkness into Grecian light, and seated in our circle, five brothers.

Unfortunately, two of them, brothers Robinson and Rutledge, were obliged on account of ill health to withdraw from us before we became accustomed to their presence in our midst.

On the eve of commencement we welcomed a pair of twins, strong and lusty infants from the Freshman class. We introduce to you brothers Morehead and Harrold.

It is with no burst of prejudicial or biased enthusiasm or chapter pride that we say we were the strongest chapter of the eight Greek letter fraternities represented in the O. W. U. At the end of the preceding year we were inferior to none; last year we not only maintained but gained ground; and this year, the gods being propitious, we will advance our stand.

We received our full share of the usual college honors both in social and intellectual attainments.

We furnished two representatives on the Oratorical contest, brothers Stevens and McCannon. Although brother McCannon was not awarded the contest by the judges he was honored with that place by public opinion, the verdict of the people being manifest by frank and enthusiatic signs of appreciation of his effort and the marked and pointed expressions of disappointment in the decision of the judges.

Brother Van Sickle was appointed by the Athenian Society to represent her in this year's contest.

We furnish from our chapter 5 excellent base ball players who occupy the leading places in the college nine ; Thompson, Tousley, Harkinson, Callahan and Harrold. Our ability in the line of athletics promises to our chapter in the future a distinction which, until last year, had been little appreciated.

The truthfulness of this statement grows with the consideration of the fact that last year a base ball ground costing about $2,000 was added to the beauties of the college campus, and that in the near future a fine gymnasium is promised.

We have ample cause for believing and feel authorized to state that the O. W. U. will soon receive the addition of a manual training department. The movement is being agitated by ex-President Hayes, and money is being received for that purpose.

We are going to have a new chapel sure. This will be a magnificent building and will have, beside a chapel, seating with ease 1,500 people, recitation rooms and new society halls.

The improvements are much needed and will add greatly to the already growing attendance and prosperity of the college.

In addition to the new things that the college is going to have, but one which we cannot as yet class as an improvement, is a new president. Dr. Payne, who has been president of the college for 12 years, has been called to a high position in the service of the church. In him the college lost a worthy and progressive president, a thorough and excellent teacher, an eloquent and sincere preacher of the gospel, and an able and shining representation of her interests.

While his absence is regarded by some as an irretrievable loss, we are advised by those who are to elect his successor, that the college will be presented with a president worthy of the place, and eminently qualified to perform all the duties of the office ; in fact, that he will not be lacking in any of the proficiencies of his predecessor.

We wish our chapters prosperity and high achievements.

August, 10th, 1888. D. R. GRAY.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

FROM the last number of the *Current*, we extract the following account of our annual banquet, held June 20th : " The leading social event Wednesday evening was the Phi Delta Theta reunion and banquet, participated in by the active members of the chapter, their lady friends and a number of their alumni. Hon. Emmett Tompkins presided, and toasts were responded to in the following order : 'Phis Abroad,' F. S. Coultrap ; 'The Art Preservative of all Arts,' E. H. Eves ; 'The Phis of '88,' E. A. Dent; 'Phi Delta Thetaism,' C. F. Blake ; 'An Egg will Stand on End,' J. M. Tripp ; 'Pot Pourri,' F. A. Jones."

At the last commencement we lost three good men by graduation—brothers E. A. Dent, Albert Leonard, and A. E. Price. During the coming year Dent will do post-graduate work at Yale, Leonard wlll retain his connection with the *Journal of Pedagogy* and will be principal of the high school at Dunkirk, N. Y., and Price will be superintendent of schools at Georgetown, Ohio. We lose four other men, two permanently and two temporarily—S. C. Price goes to the Ohio Wesleyan and O. F. Dwyer to DePauw ; M. W. Von Scio will have charge of the public schools at Albany, Ohio, and E. H. Eves, who finished the state normal course last June, will be superintendent of schools at Junction City, Ohio. Both the latter expect to return next year.

Notwithstanding the above losses, which were anticipated and prepared for, we expect to begin the year in as good if not better condition than either of our rivals. C. A. Woodworth has been appointed tutor in Latin, and C. F. Blake has been elected business manager of the *Current*, which hitherto has been conducted by private enterprise, but this year goes into the hands of the literary societies.

The annual catalogue issued the last of August shows an enrollment of 156 for the past year and indicates several changes in the faculty for the coming year. Edward P. Anderson, Ph.D., Michigan University, has been elected professor of History and English Literature to succeed Professor Ludduth, who has established himself at Cleveland, Ohio, and will engage in literary pursuits ; Miss Kate Cranz, Buchtel College, has been elected instructor in Modern Languages ; and Miss Kate Findley, Boston University, has been elected instructor in Rhetoric and Elocution.

We made overtures in the spring term to the other Greeks here regarding a pan-hellenic agreement that no more students of preparatory standing should be initiated at Ohio University. Beta Theta Pi met us fairly and consented to enter such an agreement, but Delta Tau Delta, while professing a desire to see an end of the practice, managed to evade the real issue, so no agreement could be reached. It may be stated incidentally that Delta Tau Delta has four preps., one of whom is a first year man. Such quibbling may delay, but cannot prevent, the inevitable and, with or without the co-operation of Delta Tau Delta, the prep must go.

September 1st, 1888. E. H. Eves.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana Zeta, De Pauw University.

June 21st closed a prosperous year, both for De Pauw University and for Phi Delta Theta. The total enrollment for the year

exceeded 850, the number of graduates in all the departments being 56. In all lines of college work De Pauw University has maintained her reputation for thoroughness and excellence. The *Mirage* won the hearty support of the students for its severity in handling antique customs and its impartiality in dealing with the personal traits of both faculty and students. Its excellent engravings of buildings and members of faculty make it an interesting book for all friends of our University. The exercises of commencement week were of the usual high order, many alumni returning to visit the classic shades of "Old Asbury," and dream over their college days again. Few institutions of learning can boast of more loyal alumni than can De Pauw University.

In fraternity circles the "old time" spirit of narrowness and bigotry has almost entirely disappeared. Fraternity men are beginning to realize that as students of the same university they have duties toward each other which, while they are of a different character, are as binding upon them as are their duties to fraternity brothers. We are beginning to see that our organizations differ only in name, that, in reality, we all have the same end in view, are guided by the same motives, striving to attain the same ideal. We feel that a spirit of friendship, of aid, of co-operation between fraternities is the necessary result of the complete carrying out of the principles upon which they are founded Our Pan-Hellenic club has become a reality. The old system of "factions" and "combinations" is rapidly dying out. Last year it was only a *name;* the coming year will see the last trace of this nefarious method disappear before the advancing spirit of honor and true manhood. Merit, not fraud and deception, will win. The faculty, by passing a resolution against the prize system, has removed the chief cause of strife and jealousy between fraternities. For several years the idea had been growing that prizes are not the proper incentives for work to be offered to true students. The large prize list was gradually reduced, until but four remained. The opposition to the system at last culminated in a resolution to the effect that "prizes and prize contests are essentially vicious in their effects, and that all offers to increase the prize list should be discouraged." De Pauw University has certainly taken a step in regard to prizes consistent with modern ideas of education.

The past year has been one of prosperity and advance for Indiana Zeta, as well as for De Pauw. In numbers we have never been below twenty, closing the year with twenty-five. Our Saturday night meetings have been characterized by the regular attendance of members and the careful preparation in literary work. The annual banquet of the chapter was pronounced a grand success. From the *De Pauw Evening News* the following is taken: "The first social event of the commencement season

was held on Thursday evening. The home of Mr. C. S. Bridges was thrown open to the Phi Delta Theta boys and their lady friends Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are both graduates of De Pauw, and know how to entertain. Combining skill in management with taste in arrangement, anxiety to please, with college sympathies, and liberality in outlay with courtesy in attention, they even surpassed the reputation previously acquired as a model host and hostess, and won a gratitude never to be forgotten by every member of the organization present. Beautiful decorations and choice music made the evening a most delightful one until refreshments, such as only the *Palace* can serve, took their place. After refreshments, games, hammocks, etc., enlivened the little company until the wee hours of morning, when all returned to their homes feeling that a social event of Phi Delta Theta is the place to drive away the cares of every-day life. The Phi Delta Theta fraternity, though comparatively young, has made such rapid advancement in fraternity spirit and enthusiasm that to-day it stands as one among the leading fraternities in De Pauw." Indiana Zeta sent out three graduates last year—one, brother Mitchell, A. B., '85, from the law school; and two, brothers Le Crest and Cubois, from the college of liberal arts, both of whom were in the list of speakers for commencement day, fifteen in number, selected from the class. The Masters' oration was delivered by brother C. A. McAuney, '85, brother Goodwin, of the same class, being alternate. In departmental work brother J. H. Wilkerson, '89, was awarded first class honors in mathematics. Brother W. A. Bastian, of '91, was awarded the W. C. T. U. essay prize of $25, and brother Wilkerson the Beveridge oratorical medal. Two of our pledged boys, Riggs and Fulkerson, carried off prizes in essay and oration, respectively. If all the boys return to Greencastle, as is the present intention, we will start out with five Seniors, seven Juniors, eleven Sophomores, and two pledged Freshmen. The outlook for Phi Delta Theta at De Pauw is bright.

August 4, 1888. J. H. WILKERSON.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

MISSOURI BETA still prospers, but has taken in no new men. We expect to have a grand time the 28th, for we will celebrate our anniversary on that day, and expect a goodly number of our beloved alumni. Below is a letter from our brother and founder, Rev. Robert Morrison:

AURORA SPRINGS, MO., *April 3, 1888.*

Messrs. Crawford and Foreman:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your favor of the 24th of February is before me and you would have received a reply ere this but for a desire

to see the March SCROLL, and for a protracted but necessary absence from home. Your letter and its contents were a perfect surprise to me. Not surprising that earnest and worthy young Phis should have a kind regard for an older brother, but that I should receive such an expression of it. I have indeed had an interest in the success of our cherished fraternity. It has had a warm place in my heart for nearly forty years. I have done some work for it, and spent a little money; but I have done nothing beyond what I regarded as my duty; and the approval of my conscience in the premises, with the good will of my beloved brethren, constitute an ample reward for all such outlay. True, I am preaching in a new and destitute field, to a few feeble churches, where the work is laborious, and the financial rewards are very small. Yet I am here not by compulsion, but through choice, and though my circumstances are not very attractive, I can hardly regard them as "very adverse." Since I have been here I have had invitations to fields larger, easier to cultivate, offering more adequate provision for the support of my family, which, though not very large, has no "*Phi* timber" in it, as my folks are all women. Does anyone ask then why tarry there then, I answer: In my early college days, when the question of a life work was on hand for settlement, I came across this sentiment, "*To do what ought to be done, but what will not be done, unless you do it, is your duty.*" *I accepted the dictum,* and my life since that time has been to a considerable extent employed in pioneer work, laying foundations for churches *mostly;* and once on a time *a Greek fraternity* came in for a share of such labor. One of the large churches in the city of Louisville, Ky., and several in the country I had the joy to organize and start in their career of usefulness and honor, that will no doubt continue to be fountains of blessing after I have passed away. Hard and lonely service may not be in the line of the world's idea of greatness, or its honors, but it seems to me wise to have some ever present thought of the great and final review, when our work will be inspected by Him, who though the greatest of all workers when in our world, took upon Him the form of a servant. Let me say, in conclusion, thank you, and that though your gift came unexpectedly, it came at a time to be appreciated and of especial service. With sincere prayers for the prosperity of your brethren, personally and individually, as well as for all those whom you represent, I am, Fraternally and Truly Yours,

ROBERT MORRISON (Ohio Alpha, '49.)

P. S.—It would be pleasant to me that those who contributed in the amount referred to could see my reply to yours.

R. M.

May 5, 1888. L. O. RODES.

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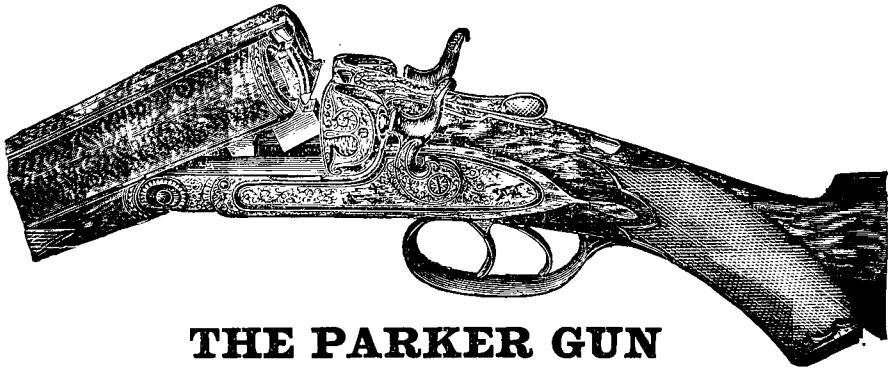

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The SCROLL of PHI DELTA THETA.

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THE SWORD AND SHIELD.*

Long centuries have rolled away,
  Since, barefoot, blind and poor,
The first of Grecian bards rehearsed
  His lines, from door to door.
What magic power in each verse!
  How grand their ebb and flow!
An ocean they of human life,
  Its love, its joy, its woe.
Yet once those lines by him were sung,
  That he might have to eat,
That he might earn a cloth to wear,
  Or sandals for his feet.
But now the lapse of centuries
  Reveals to men his worth,
Yea, seven cities still contend
  To claim his place of birth.
And yet a dearer charm to us
  Reposes in those lines,
That round the blind old Grecian bard,
  Another wreath entwines;
For at the siege of ancient Troy
  Did great Achilles wield,
With mighty arm, the Grecian sword,
  And bear aloft the shield.
Thus armed, from day to day they fought,
  'Till thrice across the plain
Achilles dragged, behind his car,
  The Trojan Hector slain.

* I read this at a reunion of my chapter two years ago. It has never been published. I do not think the historical matter it contains has ever been specially mentioned in anything that has appeared in THE SCROLL. I have tried to put the history of the Sword and Shield in the proper light, for two reasons: First, the badge we wear has a history worthy of being embodied in a poem; and, second, I wish to do what I can to bring about a use of the term *Sword* and Shield, and to do away with the term *Dagger* and Shield, which often appears in our literature.—LETTER TO EDITOR FROM AUTHOR.

Right proudly, then, Hellenic youth
These well-tried arms may wear,
And rightly love the sightless bard
Who made their name so fair.

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The minstrel once poured forth in song,
For baron, lord and dame,
The story of the errant knight
Who fought for love and fame.
The troubador 'neath warmer skies
Rehearsed the ballad sweet,
Of knights who brought their laurels won
To some fair lady's feet.
And ancient lore is rich in tales
At which the heart may thrill,
Of cavalier and knight who flew
To work a sovereign's will,
Bedight in helmet, sword and shield,
That flashed the glare of day,
For love, for honor, and his king,
He boldly sought the fray,
Upon his buckler harmless fell
The strokes from hostile blade,
His steel gave blow for blow, until
His foe in dust was laid.
Against opposing odds these arms
Had fought and won alone ;
The sword and shield a rampart stood
Around the royal throne.

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With votive heart and humble mien
The pilgrim went his way,
To view the sacred tomb, where once
His Lord and Master lay ;
To walk in places where He trod—
Rejoice where He had wept,
To pray beside the lowly spot
Where once the Savior slept.
Then home the weary pilgrim came,
And told of that dear land,
Endarkened by Mahomet's rule,
And crushed by tyrant hand.
Then 'woke the sleeping Christian heart,
Out flashed each trusty blade ;
Against both Saracen and Turk
They fought the red crusade.

Where Roman pomp had bowed to Jove,
Where Zeus his bolts had hurled,
O'er pagan Greece was now the flag
That bore the cross unfurled.
Where once the dark Egyptian knelt
Before the gilded shrine
Of Isis and Osiris marched
The long crusaders' line.
Nine holy wars they waged, until
The gates of Palestine
Flew wide to those who sought the tomb
Of Him, the Nazarene.
And on the march, by night, by day,
In camp and on the field,
Beside the banner of the cross,
Was borne the sword and shield.
Upon these arms the warrior slept,
When peace at last had spread
Her mantle over countless graves
Of noble Christian dead.

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Above the vine-clad hills that lie
Beneath Italian skies
The battlements and ivied walls
Of grand old castles rise.
And there, in high ancestral halls,
In dim and mellow light,
May yet be seen the ancient arms
That fought for truth and right.
Where feudal towers lift their heads
Above the flowing Rhine,
In chancelled arch, by sunbeams lit,
These burnished weapons shine.
The Briton in his ancient hall,
The Frank in fair chateau,
Display with pride the sword and shield
Of battles long ago.
And high upon the chamber walls,
Where thoughtful statesmen meet,
Are nailed the arms that seem to say :
"Be watchful, bold, discreet."

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Thus, rich in glories of the past,
This armor cometh down
To us, who may right gladly vow
To guard its fair renown.

Now fling the massive portals wide,
An army, valiant, grand,
Comes forth from many classic halls
That rise throughout our land.
With music sweet and garlands fair,
With acclamations loud,
And tokens of deserved praise,
We greet their columns proud.
They long have labored side by side,
And closer drawn the tie,
That binds to each the other's life
With charms that never die.
They come from where the sobbing pine
Is bent 'neath plumes of snow ;
From states where perfumed-laden winds
Through tall palmettos blow ;
From where the rosy flush of dawn
First puts the shades to flight,
And from the Golden Gates, where day
Surrenders unto night.
They're marching toward the field of life,
The loyal, bold and true ;
Upon the breeze their banners float—
The white and azure blue.
Upon each breast is flashing bright,
A sword and shield of gold.
The emblems of fraternal bonds
That shall forever hold,
For wisdom is the shield ; and truth
The sword, and friendship strong
The tie invisible that binds
This onward moving throng.
May grand success alone attend
The arms they proudly bear,
And on each brow at length bestow
A laurel crown to wear,
Before a noble character
Both fame and honor yield ;
May this adorn the life of all
Who wear the sword and shield.

EDWARD FULLER, Maine Alpha, '85.

A HARRISON NOMINATION MEMOIR.

THE Phi Deltas of the Hoosier commonwealth do not all happen to be of one political faith, but they all delight to honor as a distinguished citizen and a loyal brother in the bond, General Ben. Harrison. This zeal and admiration was not born contemporaneously with the late Chicago convention. General Harrison was a loyal alumnus before he was a presidential candidate. At the last state fraternity banquet he responded with ringing words to one of the toasts. (And, by the way, his check helped to pay the banquet bills.) Recently I knew him to respond to the necessities of an Ohio chapter, and always he has entertained a fraternal regard for the old Ohio Alpha, the Indiana Beta Alumni, and the Phi Delta Theta in general. It is not surprising, therefore, that we see in him, not a partisan, but a Greek, facile princeps, of the highest type.

The wire and the mail testified the pleasure that Phi Delta Thetas found in the nomination of General Harrison as a candidate for the presidency. It will be many a year before the people of Indianapolis will forget the scenes that followed upon the nomination. The world was little thinking then of college fraternities, and we, unlike and many times more numerous than the "tailors of Tooley street," will hardly claim that "we did it," but many Phi Delta Thetas, besides the nominee, were *dramatis personæ*. Hon. John B. Elam, law partner to General Harrison, who was at Chicago as an immediate representative of the candidate, is a distinguished son of Ohio Alpha. In the General's office, during the forenoon of the day on which the nomination was made, were Judge William Woods of the Federal District court, Indiana Beta; Dr. Joseph Jenckes, Indiana Alpha; Rev. R. V. Hunter of the Wooster, O., chapter; J. W. Fesler, Ind. Alpha (employed in the office), and many other distinguished citizens who are not Phis and whose names need not be given here, because this is designed to be something of a Phi memoir. By reason of the special advantages for hearing the news which I possessed on account of my newspaper connection, I was enabled to carry to the General some very cheering information from the convention. (He had declined to permit the telegraph companies to put a wire into his office.) Soon after I entered the office General Harrison's nomination was announced. There was a hurried scramble for the General's hand. He was the only man in the room who controlled himself. Some squeezed him in ecstacy; others rushed to the portico and howled themselves hoarse; others ran down stairs and out on the street to find room to explode. All were shouting, and you can imagine how entertaining it was to observe the learned judges and the reverend men of the cloth cutting up

such high jinks as to make the clebrated "monkey and parrot time" shrink into a solemn occurrence in comparison.

The most stirring sight of the day to me was the wild rush of the people toward General Harrison's office immediately after the nomination became known. Thousands had been in the streets observing the bulletin boards. The business places were just turning out their hundreds, as it was the dinner hour. All, with one impulse, swept like an army with banners, across streets, around corners and through parks, to see what might take place at "headquarters" The stairway up to the General's office was choked with people. There was just shouting room and no more. The nominee was jostled about by the happy citizens—much as the old Indiana Gamma used to ride a victim fresh from the horny back of "Sir William Goat."

That night Indianapolis roared. Nobody made any more noise than those who were delighted on fraternity as well as on political grounds. I was at the General's house in the evening. Judge Byron K. Elliott, of the State Supreme Court (Ohio Alpha), was there. Thousands of telegrams were pouring in from every quarter. I wondered if the Phi Delta Thetas generally were interested as a fraternity. I soon found out. Among the first telegrams received was the following from the State of the General's nativity:

COLUMBUS, O., June 25.

Hon. Ben. Harrison:

Your Phi Delta Theta friends of Ohio send you greeting and congratulations on your nomination, and will greet you again in November as our next President. CYRUS HALING.

Presently one came from Brother C. P. Bassett, the esteemed President of our Order. Then they rolled in from chapters, from individuals, from duets and quartettes. Not fewer than twenty from Phi Delta Thetas were received that day and night, and for two or three days they continued to come. The Associated Press remarked on this college enthusiasm as a source of political support not heretofore observed.

It was the intention of the General to answer all of these greetings, and I suppose that he did so. It would be interesting to preserve these replies if they could be collected. Judge Elliott and I called Mrs. Harrison's attention to the zeal of the fraternity brethren. She smilingly replied that "the General is a good Phi, and often hears from the boys." In the midst of so much history making these are but trifles. To the "barbarian" world they possess no significance, but to those who have worn "the white and the blue" they bear testimony that, crown him as it may with fadeless glory, fame cannot obliterate the true Greek's grateful recollections of the "mystic circle."

HILTON U. BROWN.

Indianapolis, Sept. 27, 1888.

HARRISON AT MIAMI.*

I had been in the University at Oxford, Ohio, two years and was entering the junior year when there appeared a pale faced addition to the regular group. We soon found that the annex was named Benjamin Harrison, and that he was a grandson of the dead General and President of the name of Harrison. To us, Ohio boys, only a day's ride from the tomb at North Bend, the accession to our class was quite an event. The President of the college put on a very wise and serene look, and told over, as though for the benefit of the new comer, some anecdotes which had been told the rest of us upon previous mornings of recitation and conference.

For two years Ben. did his duty in all directions. He was an earnest, grave fellow, and had no time or taste for any form of mischief or for joining in any moonlight serenade. I was out with a dozen or so many a night, singing Nellie Bly or Annie Laurie under the window of sour professor or sweet school girl, without distinction of person; but Ben. was never along. He was either reading the speeches of Edmund Burke or the essays of Macaulay, or was making a weekly call upon Carrie Scott. Ben. did well enough in Latin and Greek, but his taste ran toward history, government, law and oratory. He was an eloquent speaker; not fond of hurling Poe's Raven in our faces, but fond of debate in the halls and fond of original speech-making.

He had no vanity, no sense of superiority. He had a lofty mind and a wonderfully pure heart. He was what the girls called "pure gold." And such he is to-day. Should he be elected President, he will be one of the old Adams school—pure, lofty and wise.

DAVID SWING.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26, 1888.

ONE OF PHI DELTA THETA'S FOUNDERS.

It is with peculiar pride and pleasure that we recognize the exalted position of one of the very founders of our beloved $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ society. General Benjamin Harrison, who is esteemed worthy to be the standard bearer of one of the great parties in the country, and by many adjudged fit, in a remarkable degree, for

* To several journals and bookmakers I have had to decline the invitation to write out full memory of my college days with Benjamin Harrison. There is so much writing which I am compelled to do, that I have little time for a play with what the song calls "Fond Recollections." The millions who are soon to vote for this Ben. do not care much about what the candidate did at his University when he was eighteen, if only he kept the Ten Commandments and paid a fair regard to his daily tasks. Your magazine for students may, perhaps, need a page of such memories, and I stop my regular mill-work so as to grind out your special grist.

the high office of President of the United States, was one of the founders of our association. He labored, with Morrison and others, at Old Miami, University to give shape and purport to the order in such a way as to make it most beneficial to the men who should become members of it; and to him as much as any other of that noble band belongs the honor of giving life and character to a society whose services and usefulness have attested the solidity and excellence of the work of the founders.

It was my pleasure to enjoy a very intimate acquaintance with Mr. Harrison when a student at the University. He was then in an eminent degree conspicuous for his manliness of character; for his purity of life; for his fidelity as a student, and for his growing Christian power and activity. And what is of even more value, he has maintained all these characteristics steadily and forcefully ever since. I can now recall the memory of some who, at the time, shone more brilliantly than he, and whose promise of future success and usefulness was perhaps greater than his. But they either grew weary of the constant effort necessary to permanent success, or they shone for a while with a brilliant promise, and then fell or faded, and have brought but little fruit to perfection. Not so with him who now stands in a position to attract the eyes and thoughts of the civilized world. Harrison passed from the quiet shades of university life to the great field and active struggles of a professional man; and that in contact with men of genius and energy; and yet while maintaining a high position among his compeers on the forums, he did not cease to study, to gather material, to stow away that which alone can make a full man, and insure growth and permanency in greatness and power. Nor the less did he forget in the abundant occupations of professional life, or the activities of even great political struggles, to maintain and mature the principles of religion. His is a splendid illustration of how a man can carry himself well in all concernments of a busy professional, political and even martial life, and yet preserve and increase the elements of a high Christian character. It is a strong appeal to the confidence and appreciation of many men in the United States at this imposing and critical period in his useful and eminent life, that he is a well matured and rounded man in all that gives dignity and worth to character, and hope for real usefulness—a man of good attainments; of mature and chastened judgment; of great facility in address or in business, and withal a man of such noble integrity, and such genuine devotion to true and practical Christianity. Whatever men may think of his political affiliations, however they may differ as to his peculiar party views, there can be no difference of opinion as to this, that if he shall be elevated to the high office for which

he is named, none will ever blush for his high integrity ; no christian heart will be depressed for the want of the best illustration of his holy religion in the highest place in our nation, and every Phi may rejoice that one cherishing the privileges which we enjoy has risen to position so worthy of the noble sentiments which he aided in promulgating for our guidance.

If it were right to speak of Mrs. Harrison in this connection it would be no less interesting to know her graces and beauties of life. She was one of the best scholars, and one of the most admired ladies in a great school conducted for the higher education of young ladies, in the same town where Miami University is situated. Their early lives were brought together in the genial atmosphere of refined religious and literary culture, and have flown on together only in matrimony and developing what was so congenial to both when first they met. She was the daughter of that eminent educator, Rev. John Scott, D. D., afterward President of Oxford Female College, and at the time of which I quote he was at the head of the Institution when his daughter, now Mrs. Harrison, was graduated. Hand in hand they have walked together up the path of eminence and usefulness, where so many have admired and loved them, growing alike in fitness for what higher places may await them, and truly as beautifully worthy of each other. She would grace the White House well as the first lady of the nation.

ONE WHO KNEW THEM LONG AGO.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

Benjamin Harrison is a noble type of American manhood. His life has been a blameless one; not even the bitterest opponent suggests that there is a blemish or a stain on his personal character, however fiercely they may condemn or oppose his political views and acts. He is an earnest man, strong in his political and religious convictions; he is yet one of the most liberal of men. A determined and fearless advocate of what he believes to be the right, he is tolerant and charitable. His acts and his speeches evidence his broad and liberal mind. As earnest as Lincoln, he is not less charitable to his political opponents than was that magnanimous man. In his speech to visiting veterans, he said: "You recall the incidents of the great war, not in malice, not to stir or revive sectional divisions, or to remark sectional lines, but because you believe that it is good for the Nation, that loyalty to the flag and heroism in its defence should be remembered and honored. There is not a veteran here, in this Republican Club of Veterans, who does not desire that the streams of prosperity in the Southern States should run bank-full. There is not one who does not sympathize with her

plague-stricken communities, and rejoice in every new evidence of her industrial development. The Union veterans have never sought to impose hard conditions upon the brave men they vanquished. The generous terms of surrender given by Grant were not alone expressions of his own brave and magnanimous nature. The hearts of the soldiers who carried the gun and the knapsack in his victorious army were as generous as his. You were glad to accept the renewal of the Confederate soldier's allegiance to the flag as the happy end of all strife; willing that he should possess the equal protection and power of a citizenship that you had preserved for yourselves and secured to him. You have only asked—and you may confidently submit to the judgment of every brave Confederate soldier, whether the terms are not fair—that the veterans of the Union army shall have, as a voter, an equal influence in the affairs of the country that was saved by him for both, with the man who fought against the flag, and that soldiers of neither army shall abridge the rights of others under the law. Less than that you cannot accept with honor; less than that a generous foe would not consent to offer."

In another speech he said: "I do not know why we cannot hold our political differences with respect for each other's opinions, and with entire respect for each other personally."

He is a man that loves his country and his home. The thoughts most often in his mind are that of home and its influence. The hearthstone is to him a sacred place. In many of his speeches this love of home finds unpremeditated and warm expression. In one of them he said: "The home is the best, as it is the first school of citizenship. It is in the home that we learn to love—in the mother that bore us, that which is virtuous, consecrated and pure."

His mental gifts are rich. A judgment evenly and well balanced, and a sagacity that presents erratic movements, make him a safe man. A lofty courage and a conscientious adherence to what he believes the right, make him a true one. A broad and comprehensive mental grasp makes him a far-seeing and wise thinker. A quick, clear and vigorous perception makes him a man of action, ready for duty at an instant's warning, and equal to any emergency that may face him. He has, in short, all the mental powers and all the mental faculties of a great statesman. He has, too, all the moral qualities of a true patriot and a good citizen. His character, mental and moral, combined both the good and the great. He is a man who retains friends; his college friendships are unbroken, his college days are not forgotten. No man, so busy as he, more enjoys meeting the sons of Phi DeltaTheta at their reunions than does Ben. Harrison. He is yet loyal to her colors and stands to her traditions. The honors that he has won have not obscured the memories of the days and nights passed at "Old Miami." BYRON K. ELLIOTT.

OUR AMHERST CHAPTER.

PHI DELTA THETA.

To the Editor of the Student:

DEAR SIR.—Presuming that the paragraph on the "new society" in last week's *Student* was written very hastily, and does not fully represent your position, we will not speak of it. But we beg leave to briefly state the reasons for the prsesence of Phi Delta Theta in Amherst College.

The fraternities have a monopoly of all the social life in the college. This no one can deny. Thus *one-fourth* of the college has been shut out from these privileges. Yet non-society men universally form their most intimate friendships among members of the fraternities. That any well-dressed man may be admitted to a fraternity as soon as he enters college is quite true; but a large proportion of the best men in college do *not* enter then. To meet this acknowledged demand the size of the delegations is increased by the admission of a few of the best beyond that in any similar college. But until any worthy man who comes to the front after the beginning of the course, or is unable to join a fraternity at first, has an opportunity to enter society life during his last years, we believe that the social relations in the college are not perfect. We grant that some are not fitted for society life; but such men alone should be shut out from this college institution.

We think, however, that our strongest reason for existence lies in the American idea that when a man can do a good thing he has the right to do it; that when there are twenty-three men in Amherst College who have the grit and stamina to form a first-class society, they not only have the right, but deserve the approval and gratitude of the college public for their undertaking.

Phi Delta Theta is founded on the principle that the spirit of the college, in its deepest and truest sense, is destined to be the controlling force of college life. We believe that the Faculty will find in this their surest guide, and will gladly follow it, and that the society which most accurately interprets and admits it will best serve the college welfare and maintain its own high standing.

Our parlor will always be open to our friends, and among them we hope to number all men of college spirit. all who really care for their Alma Mater. May we see the fulfilment of this hope!

Cordially,

May 12, 1888. A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.

—*Amherst Student, May* 16, 1888.

In another column will be found a communication to the *Student* from the new fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, now established and settled in our midst. Whatever else we may say or have said, it must be borne in mind that this much is true—a new chapter of a Greek letter society is here in Amherst, the ninth of its kind. Concerning its establishment we have a few words which we wish to say to them and to the college in general. Phi Delta Theta starts without backing or memory of a successful past in New England institutions. The Amherst Chapter is the 67th in the country, the fifth in New England. It is eminently a Western Fraternity, and in general we may say, with perfect fairness, that the Western secret societies have not been so successful or so valuable as the Eastern. Therefore, if Phi Delta Theta does become powerful in our midst, it will be only by hard work and sheer merit. This will be no light task for the youngest chapter to set itself in an institution of the character of Amherst. Yet we wish them success, because we wish Amherst success. Of course the college has regretted the establishment of the new chapter here; especially are the society men displeased. It will give them harder battles to fight in campaigning season, for Phi Delta Theta has taken pleasant quarters, and will, of course, work hard to maintain the fraternity here. Moreover the coming in of a new fraternity will tend to decrease the size of delegations, and this is not, from all points of view, desirable. Because of these things we have not given Phi Delta Theta a very warm welcome, nor should they have expected it. Finally, after all has been said, it remains to add one word: This new movement proves very conclusively that Greek letter fraternities have taken a hold on Amherst such as we scarcely realized before. Even the non-society men, as now proven, see in them very great value.—*Amherst Student, May* 16, 1888.

New Society at Amherst.

(Special Dispatch to the Boston Herald.)

Amherst, May 9, 1888.—The installation at Amherst of a Greek letter society, the Phi Delta Theta, occurred this evening, at the Amherst House. Twenty-three men from all the classes are constituted charter members, and the new organization has received a long lease of Prof. Estey's house grounds and furnishings. The installation was conducted by President Horton, of New York, who also presided at the banquet. The chapter will occupy its house in June. President Seelye has expressed himself as pleased with the formation of the new society.

ANOTHER FRATERNITY CHAPTER ORGANIZED AT AMHERST—STARTING OF A PHI DELTA THETA LODGE.

[Special Dispatch to *The Springfield Republican.*]

AMHERST, Wednesday Evening, May 9.

Massachusetts Beta chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, being the 65th chapter in the order, was installed at Amherst college last evening by Dudley R. Horton, president of Alpha province, assisted by delegations from Dartmouth and Williams colleges. Letters and telegrams of regret and congratulation were received from the university of Vermont, Union, College of the City of New York, Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse University, Washington, Jefferson, Alleghany, Lehigh and Lafayette; also from Carroll P. Bassett, president, J. E. Brown, secretary, and E. H. L. Randolph, historian of the fraternity, as well as from other prominent members. Following the initiation came a banquet at the Amherst House. The new chapter starts out with 23 members, and makes the ninth fraternity represented in Amherst. They will occupy Prof. Esty's house on Faculty street.

PITTSBURGH PHIS.

COLLEGE MEN FEAST.

[*Pittsburgh Dispatch*, April 10, 1888.]

THE ALPHA ALUMNI CHAPTER OF THE PHI DELTA THETA HAVE A BANQUET AT THE SEVENTH AVENUE HOTEL—A MERE GLIMPSE OF THE TOASTS BY TITLE.

The second annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel last evening. The men were young, and youth, surrounded with pleasant conditions, is always happy and gay. The 30 brethren gave the grip with renewed vigor, as they did often in the halcyon days of yore. When tired of feeding they vented their wits on the unpretentious goat and other kindred subjects. The jokes were numerous, and the good old college yells familiar and terrific.

A preliminary meeting was held in the parlor of the hotel, in which letters of regret from Secretary of the Interior William F. Vilas and the Hon. Emmett Tompkins, of Ohio, were read. The name of Vilas was the signal for applause, and though their distinguished brother was absent, because of pressing public duties, the banqueting boys were glad to know that he remembered them. R. B Scandrett was elected president for the coming year, W. T. Tredway, secretary, and Arthur H. Ewing, chaplain. When this part of the programme had been finished

the happy crowd had recourse to the banquet hall, where Colonel Unger had prepared a feast of fancy courses for them.

J. A. Langfitt acted as toastmaster for the evening.

When the revellers had satisfied the physical man, they proceeded forthwith to invade the sanctum of the soul. W. T. Tredway had a whack at "Our Great Men," and he showed in truly forensic style that America and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in particular did not lack them. The "Merry Little Goat" furnished J. R. Wright a subject on which to make some funny remarks; and A. H. Ewing dilated on the "Influence of the Book Agent on the Nineteenth Century." Thomas Seal stood by the "Old Guard," and the "Absent Members" were not forgotten by H. J. Bigger. Mr. Smith, a visiting brother, gave the boys some solid advice on "Health"' while G. N. Chalfant, in discussing the proposition. "Let Us Weep," produced rather the opposite effect. A. J. Montgomery discoursed feelingly on the "Silent Tomb," and J. J. Schroades inveighed on the "Potency of the Fat Man." The "Alumni Chapter" furnished T. C. Noble an opportunity for eloquence, and R. R. Scandrett explained what is the "Modern Goat." C. A. Tanner, being a lady's man, the "Dear Girls" were assigned to him, and he handled them caressingly.

The feast ended in a happy manner, and the boys felt that the second annual was a success. The following colleges were represented: Monmouth, Lafayette, Washington and Jefferson, Meadville, Ohio Wesleyan and Buchtel.

OUR ATLANTA BOYS.

Phi Delta Theta.—A Movement Toward the Organization of an Alumni Chapter.

At a meeting of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity in this city on Saturday night, there was quite a large number of alumni members present, among whom were Messrs. W. S. Elkin, David Smith, W. A. Speer, E. C. Mobley, E. P. Burns, W. T. Moyers and Messrs. Cassidy, Roan, Duncan, McCrary, Morris, Brandon and others.

The object of the meeting was to organize a chapter among the alumni of this city. It is thought that there are probably sixty or seventy members in Atlanta, and while there were only twenty or twenty-five members present, there were quite a number who were present by proxy, and have expressed a desire to do any and everything for the good of the fraternity at large, and particularly for the purpose of keeping a firm organization in Atlanta.

The next meeting will be held at the offices of Tompkins & Brandon, on Monday night. It is desired that every Phi who can will be present, and that those who can not be, will send their names and addresses to either E. C. Mobley, 67 North Pryor street, Dr. W. S. Elkin, corner Broad and Marietta streets, or W. A. Speer, at the Exposition cotton mills. These gentlemen were appointed as a committee to obtain the names of every member of the fraternity in Atlanta and report them to the next meeting, by which time a hall will have been obtained and the organization of the chapter made complete.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

PHI DELTA THETA—AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE FRATERNITY ALUMNI LAST NIGHT.

IN response to the call for a meeting of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni for the purpose of organizing an alumni chapter, between forty and fifty enthusiastic members of that fraternity met last evening at eight o'clock in the office of Mr. Morris Brandon, in the Fitten Building.

Mr. E. C. Mobley was elected president of the meeting, and Mr. W. A. Speer secretary. A general discussion as to the advisability of the proposed alumni chapter showed a unanimity and warmth of feeling that made the chapter a certainty. A committee, consisting of Dr. W. S. Elkin, Mr. W. A. Speer and Mr. Morris Brandon, was appointed to secure a suitable hall. Another committee, consisting of Messrs. E. C. Mobley, David Smith and E. C. Spalding was appointed to perfect a programme. A charter has already been obtained for the chapter, and there were present last evening representatives trom Athens, Emory, Mercer, Vanderbilt, and the Southern Kentucky University, in Danville. Ky.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

EDITORIAL.

"THE freshman class is large; upward of 150 have been admitted, and the question of lodgings is becoming very serious. All the college buildings are full and it is becoming difficult to secure rooms in town. A new dormitory is beyond everything else the need of Princeton at this moment.—*Princeton item in New York Tribune.*

One of the happiest features of society life at Amherst is connected with the chapter-houses There are no better residences in the village than these. and none are better kept. They are not extravagant, but they are neat and tasteful; they have pleasant grounds surrounding them, the cost of rooms in them is not greater than the average cost in other houses, and they not only furnish the students occupying them a pleasant home, but the care of the

home and its surroundings is itself a culture. * * * * *
They (college fraternities) certainly give gladness and refreshment to our whole college life at Amherst. — *Presieent J. H. Seelye in September Century.*

While Princeton is wondering where to put its students, if it would turn its eyes to any one of a great many of our leading colleges—of which Amherst is only an example—it would find a ready, an advantageous and a most desirable solution for the problem which is now perplexing it. The American college fraternity system has long been an established fact and, one by one, the barriers of prejudice and false ideas have been overcome. Dr. McCosh's views were honest and sincere, and his stand was firm and consistent. A change of front during his ministration was something which no one expected. It is probable that the traditions he inspired, the doctrines he held, and the position he adhered to, will continue to direct, for a time at least, the policy pursued by his successors. But we cannot believe that Dr. Patten will persist in the views of Dr. McCosh or adhere to his policy on the great fraternity question.

The days of experiment and probation are over, and we have the word of such men as Andrew D White and Julius H. Seelye that college fraternities *are* a success, *are* wholesome and worthy of support and patronage, and *are* beneficial to both the student and the college. If a stronger endorsement is wanted we have but to look about us and see the host of names, high in church, state, and mercantile and professional pursuits, that are to be found on the membership roll of some college Greek-letter order. And the college recollections of these men turn with the greatest pleasure and pride to the hours that were spent in the chapter hall.

Princeton has held her ground long and well, but it is certain that she will be compelled, sooner or later, to join the "onward moving throng.' A new policy will, of necessity, come in with new officials, though it may not assert itself at once. But we believe it soon will, and we will be glad to welcome the College of New Jersey in the field she has so long been a stranger to. If Dr. Patten will take President Seelye's advice, he will experience no trouble in providing quarters for his students, and will

find that he has introduced a factor which wlil redound in many ways to the benefit of the institution over which he has been called to preside.

An editorial in the *Shield* of Φ K Ψ strikes a note that rings true and sound, in cautioning chapters to beware of rushing in men at the opening of a session, in order to forestall a rival. There may be instances where a good, a very good, man would have been lost by waiting for the whole chapter to become acquainted with him, but these cases will be found to be far outnumbered by those in which an undesirable or indifferent man has been, literally, kidnapped into a chapter, to his and its future discomfiture. This does not necessarily imply that the man was a worthless man or an undesirable acquaintance. He may have been only uncongenial; but in a fraternity chapter, uncongeniality may often be the most destructive element of all, and who is there, able, on a casual acquaintance of a few days or a few weeks, to know and judge a man's temperament, tastes and habits of life, in a degree sufficient to warrant him in sealing the attachments of a lifetime? We do not advocate a laggardliness that would result in a memberless chapter, or in one composed of dregs, but we do protest against an undue haste, prompted by a desire (commendable enough in itself) to have the first men. There is a great difference, as the *Shield* says, between "*rushing* men, and taking them in" early and with judgment. To be in the field before your rivals by learning of intending students, and making their acquaintance in their home or school before they matriculate, is far more enterprising and longer-sighted than to meet a freshman at the train on his arrival, take possession of him and run him off to chapter houses like porters of rival hotels, rather than as level-headed committeemen of a great fraternity.

To Exchange Editors.—We have a proposition which we wish to submit to the editors and publishers of our exchanges. All fraternity men appreciate the value of general information throughout the fraternity world. We think that every college chapter should receive regularly a copy of every Greek-letter

magazine published. This will never be possible, for the simple reason that the different chapters cannot afford it. But we see a way to make it possible, by a general system of exchanges. We will send THE SCROLL regularly to every chapter of every fraternity that will send regularly a copy of their magazine to every chapter of Phi Delta Theta. This exchange will necessarily run uneven, but that is not material. For instance, although we will call for a larger number of each issue than any other fraternity, we will, with but one or two exceptions, receive but four issues a year, whereas we will give nine. So, while we would receive a larger number of any one issue than any other fraternity would receive from us in one issue, at the end of the year we would have given more than we had received in return. We only cite this as an illustration, and reiterate that such variations are immaterial. We believe that the scheme, if adopted, will be a good thing to fraternities in general, and for that reason we propose it. We invite correspondence on the subject. Those who think favorably of the scheme may address our Business Manager.

SOON after this issue of the SCROLL reaches its readers, the great question of a mighty nation's government will be settled at the polls, and we will know whether or not one of our members is to be called to the Chief Magistracy. However the votes speak, the fraternity may consider itself highly honored, even in the candidacy of brother Benjamin Harrison. On other pages of this number will be found articles from the pens of men, themselves well known to the public and in the fraternity, giving information of the man and his work, born of a personal knowledge. No Phi, whatever be his political or economical opinions, however he may exert his influence in the campaign, can afford to pass over these records of brother Harrison's career. In them he will find an example for the conduct of his own life, which, if he follow it, or only approximate to it, will inevitably result in benefit both to himself and to his country. Though we cannot all be presidents or presidential candidates, we can all so direct our lives as to make us better men, more loyal brothers and more useful citizens.

As it is very important that our directory be absolutely correct, reporters will please notify us of any error in the entries. Reporters will also please remember that it takes money to run even a fraternity magazine, and send in their SCROLL taxes at once. A large number of single subscriptions run out with this number. Let us have all of these renewed, and with the renewal we wish every subscriber would send in just one other subscription. Every Phi alumnus can afford it, for the subscription price is but $1.00 per year or $5.00 for ten years.

We regret very much to learn that, for the second time during the present scholastic year, the office of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has been burned out, and destroying the manuscripts for the June number, which will doubtless not appear. But the *Scroll* is plucky, and will be on hand during the fall campaign.—*Kappa Sigma Quarterly for July.*

Thank you for your sympathy and the compliment. We believe your prediction was fulfilled.

THE Editor is at present in the South taking a "pleasure" trip, the nature of which appears from an item on another page, and the post he has abandoned temporarily, is being filled by the Business Manager.

IN this issue we publish some clippings *in re* our Amherst Chapter. They were crowded out of previous numbers.

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE HISTORY,

FOR more than a year I have endeavored to obtain direct from the chapters their separate histories, to be incorporated with the history of the Fraternity that I am preparing for publication. A large number of chapters are still delinquent in this respect. Those that have sent me their histories are:

New York Alpha, Beta and Gamma; Pennsylvania Beta, Gamma and Delta; Virginia Alpha and Delta; North Carolina Beta; South Carolina Beta; Georgia Beta; Alabama Alpha, Beta and Gamma; Texas Beta and Gamma; Kentucky Delta; Ohio Beta, Delta and Zeta; Indiana Zeta; Illinois Zeta; and Minnesota Alpha.

All other chapters should forward me their histories without delay—by January 15, at the latest. The chapter historian should be instructed to write the history, or some one else who is better qualified for the work should be appointed. As I have

had access to the old records of Ohio Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Indiana Alpha and Beta, and Wisconsin Alpha, those chapters need not send me the *ante bellum* portions of their histories. I repeat, what I have stated in the SCROLL for last February, each chapter history should contain :

(1.) A full account of the efforts made to secure a charter, and of the establishment of the chapter, including date of charter, names and classes of charter-members, and the body by which said charter was granted.

(2.) A sketch of the chapter's life, embracing a succinct record of its vicissitudes and of its peculiar manners, policy and workings, and especially mentioning faculty opposition and how it was overcome.

(3) All additional matter that would probably be of general interest or throw side-lights on the history of the Fraternity at large.

If these directions are not explicit enough I will take pleasure in answering inquiries on the subject.

When the historian has exhausted his chapter's archives, he should endeavor to obtain lacking information by correspondence with alumni members. The histories should be written on one side of legal cap paper, inside the line, and should range from six to twelve pages in length. If any chapters possess any old archives of historical value, I would be glad to receive an exact transcript thereof, or a description of them, that I may determine whether they would be serviceable to me. It is needless to emphasize the importance of chapters acting promptly in this matter. Such chapters as do not send in their histories will have to be left entirely out of the History of the Phi Delta Theta, or be satisfied with the imperfect accounts of them that I can compile from the materials in my possession.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., October 10. 1888.

WALTER B. PALMER.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

MASSACHUSETTS Alpha commences another year with a full complement of solid men. Five from '92 and one from '90 were initiated September 28th, increasing the membership to twenty. Brother Niles, '89, did not return this year, but we hope to have him with us next year.

While we are not boastful, there can be no harm in saying that the chapter is in a good, normal condition, and, in a quiet way, is steadily rising to rank among the best societies at Wil-

liams. We can make a respectable showing in athletics and scholarship, but above all pride ourselves in seeking *men*, without regard to their station. The chapter is young, and has encountered many hardships, but now that she is fairly started, we are looking for the best of results.

Recent reports from the Alumni show that all are prospering; one member of '88 is studying law and the remaining three are teaching in prominent schools.

A. M HITCHCOCK.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

THE opening of the Fall term finds twenty-two enthusiastic Phis in the Alpha. The present indications are that in our next we shall be able to report a goodly re-enforcement from '92.

Brother Newell has entered the senior class at Amherst. While regretting our loss, we congratulate Mass. Beta in her acquisition of one of Vermont Alpha's loyal sons.

We are glad to welcome back brothers Dean and Morgan after their absence of one year.

Our brethren of '88, having gone forth into the world's struggle, are proving themselves equal to the emergency. Brother Chase was married in July, and is now studying law in Chicago; brother Gates, also, is devoting himself to the study of law; brother Hyde has a position in the Geological Department at Washington; brother Williams is, for the present, in the employ of the Central Vt. R. R.; brother Cooper is Assistant Chemist at the State Agricultural Experiment Station, and is also pursuing some of the university studies.

At the senior class election, held last week, brother Beebe was made president of the class. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is also well represented among the officers of the other classes.

Oct. 3, 1888. H. A. HOWE.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The University again opens with nearly twelve hundred students. The freshman class consists of over four hundred members.

To our chapter returned eighteen members, and on October 6 we affiliated brother Esterly, from Ohio Delta, also brother Gilbert, from Michigan Gamma. We are glad to welcome two such worthy members. So far this year we have three men pledged, and expect them soon to become members of our chapter. The outlook of New York Alpha was never more favorable than for the ensuing year.

There has been a great deal of interest manifested among our members as to the attractions of our chapter house. A quantity

of new furniture has been added, and the house now presents a most charming appearance. The chances now afforded here, both for liberal education and special training, are much better than ever before, and everything, both in our chapter and university, shows great prosperity.

Oct. 8, 1888. B. F. HURD.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

THE University opened this year, on September 12th, with a large attendance and encouraging prospects for a prosperous year.

We lost by graduation brothers Dean, who affiliated with us last year from New York Alpha, and C. H. Miller. With these exceptions our men all answer to roll call, and are brim-full of enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta.

Last June our faculty departed from their usual custom and awarded prizes in several departments where heretofore no prizes had been given. Brother J. Z Miller was one of the fortunate ones, and received the prize in the department of drawing.

The Freshman Class this year numbers about one hundred and fifteen men, and among this number we expect to find several who are well worthy of membership in our beloved fraternity.

Our goat is still in splendid condition, and on the night of the 4th was led forth to conquests new. He conquered. If you doubt it, ask Brother H. W. Du Bois, '92, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our brothers. With his ambition stimulated by this latest feat, "William" is waiting impatiently for more subjects, and ere you hear from us again he will probably have had the pleasure of bumping several more "barbs" into the "Grecian circle." The class elections for the ensuing year have been held. In the Senior class, Brother Throop has been elected historian, notwithstanding the fact that the election of officers in that class was controlled by a combination, he being the only one not in the "combine" who succeeded in getting an office. Brother Throop has also been chosen one of the editors of our college journal.

Your reporter has been elected president of the Junior class. On the foot-ball team we are represented by Brother Barnard. The second game of the season was played with Swathmore on the 6th, and resulted in a victory for Lehigh. Before closing, it will be well to state that we have moved from our former somewhat cramped quarters to large, handsomely furnished and better situated quarters, where he will be at home to all Phis who chance to come our way.

October 8, 1888. E. H. BEAZELL.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

As was predicted in my last letter, of April 3rd, Brother Chas. Trenkel, of Galveston, won the medal on the Athenæum Prize Debate, May 2d, receiving a unanimous vote.

This is the third year that this medal has been offered, and every time a Phi has been the successful contestant.

Last year was a prosperous one for us, all things considered, and we are very well satisfied with the distribution of honors. brother H. W. Gilson was elected Representative of the Academic Graduates, but was unable to appear; so, no academic valedictory was delivered. During the course of the session, brothers J. H. Herndon, J. M. Herndon and Lewright were elected to the presidency of the Athenæum. Brother Lightfoot was President on the occasion of the Rusk Public Debate.

Brother Trenkel was associate editor of *The Texas University* for the Athenæum during the first term, and was elected by acclamation editor-in-chief for the first term of the ensuing year. For the second term, brothers Ingraham and Gilson were the two Rusk associate editors, and your reporter was one of the Athenæum associates.

Brother Gilson was unanimously elected editor-in-chief for the Rusk for the first term of this session. Besides having both of the chiefs, brother Lane Henry is associate editor for the Athenæum.

There were three of us in Junior Law, and we captured 1st, 2d and 3rd places, respectively. Thus it will be seen that Texas Beta's flag still floats proudly in the breeze.

We shall be very glad to welcome among us Dr. J. R. Sitlington Sterrett, recently elected Professor of Greek in this University, late of Miami University, Ohio. He was a loyal Phi at that place, and will be greatly missed. However, Ohio Alpha's loss is our gain, and his Alma Mater may rest assured that she could not entrust brother Sterrett into more kindly hands.

Several changes in the faculty took place last June, in addition to the one mentioned above. Prof. Fontaine, Independence, Texas, was elected Professor of Latin, thus dividing the schools of Latin and Greek, formerly taught by Dr. Humphreys, now Professor of Greek in the University of Virginia.

The Chair of History was separated from that of English, and a Chair of Geology was created, and Prof. Robt. T. Hill, of Texas, appointed to fill it.

During the latter portion of the past year the chapter of ΣX at this institution returned their charter. We Phis regret that such action was deemed necessary, as the Sigmas were quite friendly with us and always proved honorable opponents; they had some good men.

Their dissolution leaves only four fraternities here, viz., $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, $\Sigma\ A\ E$, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, and $K\ \Sigma$; of these only $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ can claim an existence equal in length to that of the University itself.

The original competitors of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, Rainbow, $K\ A$ and $\Sigma\ X$, have all been unable to stand the pressure.

While we don't want to be boastful, we feel a certain degree of pride in our past career, and see bright prospects for the future. This decrease in the number of fraternities here will probably prove beneficial, as it will help to prevent an indiscriminate "rushing" of new men, such as has been the practice of several of our opponents.

It has always been a question why no ladies' fraternity has established a chapter at this institution; the "co-eds" usually number 35 to 40, with bright prospects for a largely increased attendance in the near future. Among them are some of our very best students; of their beauty and sense it is useless for me to write. That $K\ K\ \Gamma$, or some other good ladies' organization, could do well here cannot be doubted. Texas Beta will gladly assist such a cause in any way possible. Though the names of our initiates of last year were forwarded by me in my first letter written after their initiation, they have never appeared in THE SCROLL, and so I send them again.

The chapter invested in several song books the latter part of last session, and we intend to "make Rome howl" and the "nights hideous" for Austin citizens this session.

There are sent herewith resolutions in memory of brother Chas. J. Bradshaw, whose untimely death, of typhoid fever, in June last saddened our Commencement. Brother Bradshaw was honor-man of his class at Vanderbilt, some years since, and was valedictorian of the Law class of '86. Few young men had such prospects; his spotless honor and Christian graces made him a universal favorite.

Sept. 24, 1888. J. B. LEWRIGHT.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

THE year '88 has been a year of weddings for our chapter. Indeed, it seemed for a while that to be a Georgetown Phi meant to get married before the year closed. Brother R. A. John was the first to "double his joys and halve his sorrows" by carrying off one who has been aforetime mentioned as "the Phi girl." Next came Brother D. E. Decker, who not only was united in wedlock, but also left us to dwell in a distant burgh. The night of September 19th—three days after the opening of college—the Phis and the friends of Brother I. P. Sessions witnessed *his* departure from a state of single blessedness. But "what took our eye" on that occasion were the viands they set before us after the

ceremony; words are beggarly in describing the scene of revelry that followed. Brother Sessions and bride, after spending some weeks in travel, will reside in New York, where he will pursue a course of medical lectures.

The doors of S. W. U. are once more thrown open, and the intrauts are as healthy, robust and intellectual boys as the bracing air of Texas affords. Their deeds of glory will be recorded at another time. Suffice it to say, that four of these are now knights of "the sword and shield so fair." Yes, and they are "Knights of Montezuma," too This expression may be new to some, but it is by no means new to us and our Alumni, for we never allow the goat to catch a breath until the intraut is instructed in all the mysteries of the "order of the great red man." Further particulars cannot be given here.

On the *Monthly* staff we have chief business manager Kilgore and two editors, and a Phi wields the gavel in the *Alamo*.

J. R. Mood.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Ohio Delta, University of Wooster.

Ohio Delta greets you all, at the opening of '88–89, with abundant enthusiasm and an enrollment of 4 Sens., 1 Jun., 2 Sophs., 2 Freshmen, and 2 irregular. We hope soon to be able to increase our numbers from the ranks of the new men, though the Freshman class is not so large as the class of '91 was last year. The University, however, is in a prosperous condition and a successful year of college work is anticipated.

To our alumni and all brethren in the bond we say that our latch string is out at any time. Come and see us and we will do what we can to make you enjoy yourselves.

W. E. Forgy.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana Beta, Wabash College.

Ind. Beta commences her year's work with only eight men, having lost four by graduation, and also brother Spencer, '89, McNutt, '90, Jenne, '91, and Ball, '92, who will not return.

Brother McNutt is kept at home by the sickness of his mother and will be back next year. Brother Jenne goes to De Pauw this year and will make a valuable addition to Ind. Zeta. All four were men the chapter could ill afford to lose.

Despite our small number the chapter is in splendid condition and we expect to do a good year's work.

The "spiking" committee has been hard at work and our "goat" will get exercise at the next meeting, as two good men are already pledged and more will follow.

We hope to introduce several men as Phis in our next report.

Last year was the crowning year in Φ Δ Θ's history at Wabash as we took more prizes than any other organization here (Barbs. included).

Brother Wilson, '88, represented the college at the state oratorical convention and brother Earl of the same class was Indiana's delegate to the interstate oratorical convention. In '89 brother Willis took first prize for the best essay, and brothers Hoffman and Henderson represented the fraternity in the debate between the literary societies on the 22nd of February, being two of the six contestants. Little, of '91, took freshman prize in declamation, and brother Thomson, of '92, took second and should have had first in his class. We look back upon the year with just pride, and can only hope that the future holds in store still greater honors for Φ Δ Θ at Wabash. Greetings to the frat. at large.

October 2, 1888. HENRY LITTLE.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

THE College year opened at Hanover with seven loyal Phis in attendance, and our chapter in good condition. We have initiated three men so far, making the chapter now number ten. All are doing good work. A friendly rivalry exists between the fraternities here in their struggle for the verdant freshmen, who number this year about thirty-five, the largest class for a number of years.

Φ Δ Θ is well represented in the different classes and on the *Hanover Monthly*, brother Johnson being business manager and brother Huffer his assistant.

Brother F. D. Swope paid us a short visit at the opening of the present term. J. B. MCCORMICK.

October 8, 1888.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

THE opening of a new year of college work found Illinois Alpha with but six active members in college,

Since our last report to the SCROLL many of our members have been widely separated, although we lost but one by graduation. Brother I. R. Hitt, Jr., who is now with the First National Bank of Chicago, and eight more of our boys, for various reasons, are unable to be with us this year.

Brother Albertson is pastor of the M. E. Church at Goshen, Ind.

Brother Greene has entered '90 at Harvard.

Brother Sutton is with the Ford Co. Bank of Paxton, Ill.

Brother Waugh has turned his attention for the present to agriculture in Iowa.

Brother Farrell is traveling for the National Library Association

Brother Clarke expects to devote his time to ministerial work.

Brother Buxton is at his home in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Brother Carr is in business in Chicago, but is with us every meeting night.

Brother Huntington, of Vermont Alpha, also attends our meetings regularly.

Although so greatly diminished in numbers this year, we start out with a determination to win, and are confident of success.

On last Monday night Ralph Harris, '92, was initiated into the mysteries, and all those present, with the possible exception of the victim, enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Our large hall, situated at the corner of Davis street and Chicago avenue, has been retained this year, and we extend a cordial invitation to all Phis to visit us there on Monday nights.

October 6, 1888. H. R. HOWELL.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

MISSOURI BETA opens up this fall with a full chapter of wide-awake and energetic men, who will carry forward the work of the year with credit to themselves and honor to the fraternity. We sustain a great loss, however, in the graduating of brothers L. O. Rodes, J. E. Crawford and E. H. Lyle. Brother Rodes is attending medical college in Virginia, Crawford is in the lumber business in Louisiana, Mo., and Lyle a "Prof." in the "female college" in Fulton, Mo. To balance their loss, however, we introduce to the "Phi world" brothers E. R. Rodes, Oscar Bush and F. M. Salles, from whom we have reason to expect much. The Beta Theta Pis have taken in but one man, and had bad luck in doing that for on their way home from their ceremony their initiatory box (a coffin) was stolen from them, an occurrence which caused considerable excitement for a few days. The Chi Betas have shown no signs of life as yet. We wish our sister chapters great success.

Oct. 1, 1888. W. S. FOREMAN.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

MOST of our men are back, and seem to have enjoyed their vacation. We will have about fifteen members to begin the year with. This number will include four resident members.

Brother Schall has returned from Michigan, and will be with us this year.

We were represented in the June commencement exercises by Messrs. Higgins and Franklin. Both have returned to the city this year. Brother Franklin, who has just returned from the East, burdened with all the dignities of a Benedict, is to assist in the department of chemistry. The boys smoke at the "Professor's" expense. Brother Higgins is to teach in the city.

It is yet too early to tell what the outlook for new Phis will be.

September 3, 1888. L. DE E. F. HENSHAW.

ITEMS OF INTERET

COLBY UNIVERSITY has seventy endowed scholarships, amounting to over $75,000.

THE University of Virginia has received since the war over $700,000 in legacies and gifts, exclusive of its fixed endowments.

THE freshman class at Dartmouth this year is larger than usual, numbering about 100, and is said to be one of the best classes that ever entered.

A NEW library building has lately been erected at the University of Vermont, at an expense of $150,000. The plans were drawn by the late H. H. Richardson, the greatest of American architects.

THOUGH the charges for tuition have been increased and the number of free scholarships diminished at Johns Hopkins University, that institution has on its rolls this year 440 names, as against 240 last year.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE (Pennsylvania) during the last year has had endowments for professorships in Mathematics. Latin, Astronomy, History and Political Science. The funds of the college now reach a half million, with buildings and apparatus worth as much more.

BOTH Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Wisconsin will have houses erected for them. The former is fortunate in the location chosen, it being the best building site available in the city. The Chi Psis have leased a house for several years.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

AT a social reception given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. of Salem, to the students of Roanoke College, two students from the Indian Territory entertained the company by speaking in Choctaw, and one from Japan—Hidel Fuknoka—gave them a specimen of the Japanese language.

THE orator of Franklin College won the second prize at the state contest. In the election of officers the State Oratorical Association, Franklin got the Secretaryship. E. M. Fisher, a Phi Delta Theta, was elected Recording Secretary. The Presidency of the State Athletic Association fell to Franklin this year, and C. D. Hazelrigg was given the office.

ETHELBERT D. WARFIELD, the new president of Miami University, is the youngest college president on record. He was an '82 man at Princeton, and later graduated from Columbia College Law School. When elected president last summer he was practicing law at Lexington, Ky., and was a candidate for elector-at-large on the Republican ticket.

THE New York *Mail and Express* has followed the example of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, and opened a college department, under the heading "The College World," it now publishes a column or two every Wednesday afternoon, devoted entirely to news of the colleges. It ought to have a large circulation among college students who desire to keep abreast with the times in college matters.

UNION COLLEGE admits thirty-five new students this term, an increase of 25 per cent. on the preceding class. The average age is 19.2, ranging from fifteen to twenty-six. All but two of the new students are from this State. The Psi Upsilon fraternity expects to erect a fine chapter-house soon on the college grounds. The sale of building lots by the college, in the grove, is steadily though slowly improving its finances.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE number of teachers at the German universities at present is 2,130. Of these Berlin has 292, Leipsic 186, Munich 170, Breslau 134, Bonn 122, Gœttingen 121, Halle 114, Heidelberg 106, Strassburg 105, Kœnigsberg 98, Jena 92, Freiburg 88, Tuebingen 87, Marburg 84, Kiel 84, Greifswald 80, Wuerzburg 66, Erlangen 61, Giessen 59, Muenster 42, Rostock 39. In Austria-Hungary the total number is 835 and in Switzerland 452. —*Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

THE "fun" which the sophomores of Columbia College hoped to make by posting notices forbidding the freshmen to smoke cigars or pipes in or around the college buildings, was rather suddenly "sat upon" by Acting President Drisler, who learned by *The Tribune* that the sophomores had passed the resolution. While the class was attending a lecture on chemistry yesterday morning, Dr. Drisler entered the room and, stopping the lecture, administered a severe rebuke to the class, adding that the first student who posted the objectionable notice would be suspended at once. The effect of the rebuke was that the freshmen smoke in peace.—*New York Tribune.*

On the beautiful campus of Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., bordering Lake Michigan, a life-saving station, for the rescue of life or property imperilled on the lake, is maintained by the United States Government. The crew is composed of students of the University, and is under the direction of Capt. Larson, an experienced seaman. The building is an ornament to the University grounds, and its equipment is equal to the best in the service. The young men have an excellent record for discipline and efficiency. They receive for the season of service, from April to November, about $400 each, and thus are able to meet the expenses of their education.—*Daily Paper.*

Over twenty fraternity journals are now published in the United States. The *Beta Theta Pi*, a quarterly, has completed its fourteenth volume; the *Chi Phi Quarterly* its twelfth; the *Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta, its tenth; the *Record*, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, its seventh; the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* its seventh; *Sigma Chi* its sixth; the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, a monthly, its eighth; the *Phi Gamma Delta* its eighth; *Delta Upsilon Quartery* its fifth; the *Delta Kappa Epsilon* "*Thirdly*" its fifth. The *Purple and Gold*, of Chi Psi; the *Sigma Nu Delta;* and the *Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, have completed their fourth volumes. The *Arrow*, of Pi Beta Phi; the *Kappa Alpha Journal;* and the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, have finished their third volumes. The *Kappa Sigma* and *Kappa Alpha Theta* their second volumes.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

For the *Quarterly's* information we would add that the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, a monthly, has completed its twelfth volume.

WEDDING BELLS.

"Hear the mellow wedding bells,
Golden bells!
What a world of happiness their harmony foretells!
Through the balmy air of night,
How they ring out their delight
From the moulten-golden notes,
All in tune!"

It will give pleasure to the many friends of brother E. H. L. Randolph, to learn that he has renounced a life of "single blessedness" for one of doubled joys. "Shee witched him, being a faire young Ladye," and they are spending the honeymoon in Virginia. In a letter from brother Palmer he says:

"The wedding took place at Nashville, October 3. It was there that, four years ago, while attending the National Convention, he first met the lady of his choice, who was Miss Susie Plummer. This explains his frequent visits to Tennessee during recent years. The ceremony was performed at 5 P.M. in West

End Church, and was followed by a general reception at the Plummer residence. I was best man on the occasion, and Miss Julia Plummer, a sister of the bride, and Miss Birdie Randolph, a sister of the groom, were among the Bridesmaids. The ladies were dressed in the fraternity colors. The presents were numerous and costly; among them a handsome souvenir from Tennessee Alpha, active and alumni. Letters and telegrams of congratulation poured in from many directions. Rev. Robert Morrison, our venerable founder, members of the General Council, and many other Phis sent messages and presents. The bridal party will go to New York via the Virginia route, stopping at points of interest."

Brother Randolph has done much and good work for his fraternity during his bachelorhood, and it may not be out of place to assure any brother, jealous lest under the new conditions the interest that inspired that work be abated, that the new Mrs. Randolph is scarcely less a Phi than "Gene" himself. She it is who voices our sentiments so gracefully in our "Song Book."

> "And in peaceful dreams I see,
> As those days come back to me,
> Rising far above and shining o'er the rest,
> Phi Delta Theta's silvery star,
> Shed its lustrous light afar,
> Like the glittering snow upon the Alpine crest."

To have the author of these lines always near him will be to him an additional inspiration, and to the fraternity an additional assurance—if such were needed—that his love for Phi Delta Theta will never die.

Congratulations are in order all around, and I know there will be no objecting voice as I say to them, speaking for the whole fraternity, "May you live long and prosper."

B. S. O.

PERSONALS.

New York Gamma.

New York Gamma's quartet of solitary foreign wanderers has returned to New York; Hicks, '85, from a vacation tour through England and the Rhine Valley, partly on foot; Shiels '86, ex-editor of the Scroll, from a residence of nearly two years on the Isthmus of Panama, where he occupied several important positions, but contracted a fever which will prevent his going back to them; Schoonmaker, '87, from a sojourn of about equal length in Europe, mostly spent in Saxony; and Carnes, '88, from a summer outing in Paris.

'88. The Potters, G. S. Jr. and N. B. are at Harvard.

'88. E. F. Palmer is in business in New York.

'88. T. H. Knox is teaching in one of the new industrial departments of the public schools.

'88. S.W. Dunscomb, Jr., valedictorian of the class, is resting for a year, before continuing his studies at Harvard.

'89. Frank S. Angall, has taken a year's leave of absence, and is going south for the winter to try and benefit his health.

Ohio Alpha.

'54. Miami University, at the last meeting of its Board of Trustees, honored Brother E. P. Shields, of Bristol, Pa., with the title of D. D.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents there were six additions made to the faculty of the University of Texas. Among these new members is J. R. Sitlington Sterrett, Ph. D., of Munich, who was callen to the chair of Greek. Dr. Sterrett was for some time vice-president of the American School of Archæology at Athens, Greece, and for the last two years has been professor of Greek at Miami University. His departure, for it is understood that he has accepted the call to Texas, will be much regretted at Miami, by both faculty and students. They lose in him not only a most accomplished teacher but a kind and pleasant gentleman and friend. And this is especially true of the Phi Delta Thetas and the Beta Theta Pis at Miami; for the doctor, himself a member of Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta, has ever shown a special interest in its welfare and a very kindly feeling towards the Betas.

We note that the New York *Nation*, in a long review by Dr. Sterrett, published this spring, "The Wolfe Expedition to Asia Minor," says "This great work, with the very important chorographical work connected with it, which has reconstructed the map of some of the least known regions of Asia Minor, presents us with a mass of original research which, so far as classical topography and epigraphy are concerned, exceeds all that has been given to the learned world by all other American scholars combined. We are not surprised at the enthusiasm with which, in these columns, Mr. Stillman presented the name of this young scholar as the true representative of American scholarship in the American School at Athens and in the East."—*Beta Theta Pi.*

Ohio Delta.

'87. Brother Jno. Morrison, ex-president of Delta Province, has entered the law school at Cornell.

'88. Brother Groves succeeds brother Morrison, as principal of the Macon (Tenn.) Institute.

'88. Brother Park is carrying the chain and level at Niles, Mich.

'88. Brother Price handles a pencil for a newspaper published at Eau Claire, Wis.

'88. Brother Miles has entered the Necrological Seminary at Chicago.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'54. The wife of Rev. J. V. Logan, President of Central University, died January 24, 1888.

'55 and '56. Centre College has conferred the title D. D. upon the Rev. J. P. McMillan, President of Alexander College, Ky., and that of LL.D., upon the Hon. J. F. Philips, of Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. F. W. Samuel, of Louisville, Ky., is engaged to be married to Miss Mattie Hays, daughter of Will S. Hays, the celebrated Southern poet.

INDIANA ZETA.

'87. Brother F. E. Millis, who has been studying at John's Hopkins for one year, has been chosen Professor of Physics and Mathematics at Carlton College, Northfield, Minn.

'87. Brother T. C. Hopkins has been selected to fill the Chair of Chemistry at De Pauw University, in the absence of the regular professor, for the ensuing year.

'88. Brother H. E. Dubois will officiate at Trenton, Mo., as principal of the High School at that place.

'89. Brother O. J. Kern will teach at Cherry Valley, Ill.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

'81. Milo C. Summers, for a year past in the office of the Surgeon General of the Army, at Washington, D. C., was promoted July 12, to a clerkship in Class I. At the examination for promotion, over 100 competing, he led the list by a small percentage.

INITIATES.

TEXAS GAMMA.

'91. John Asbury Fain, Georgetown, Texas.
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'91. William Durr Gordon, Brownwood, Texas.
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TEXAS BETA.*

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* The following names were sent once to the SCROLL, but by some oversight were never published.

Sacred History, from the Creation to the Giving of the Law. By Edward P. Humphrey, D.D., LL.D.

The sons of Dr. Humphrey have done well to publish in a volume their father's writings upon the Holy Scriptures. The book will be an aid to devout students in the interpretation and application of the Word of God; it will deepen and broaden their conceptions of divine truth; it will assist them to solve many perplexing and difficult passages, and it will suggest new themes for the pulpit and the press to those who read its pages. The author's view of what the Bible is contrasts forcibly with that of some modern scholars. Dr. Humphrey accepts the Bible as the Word of God, an unimpeachable revelation which neither science nor "higher criticism" can improve or injure, which has been tested by time and assault, and stands firm and solid as the throne of the God who gave it to men. Such a book is good reading for ministers, and it is also well worth reading by every intelligent Christian. A. C. Armstrong & Son. 1888.—*Ex.*

[*From A. C. Armstrong & Son, 714 Broadway, N. Y.*]

Sacred History from the Creation to the Giving of the Law. By Edward P. Humphrey, D.D., LL. D. Sometime Professor in the Danville Theological Seminary. Cloth, 8vo, pp. 540. 1888.

Dr. Humphrey deservedly ranked among the leading scholars and ablest preachers of Southern Presbyterianism. This volume, published by his sons, is the fruit of many years of investigation and thought, and was ready for the press at the time of his decease. Its title sufficiently indicates the ground it covers. The style is clear and vigorous, and his discussion of the sublime and important Biblical topics that belong to the period from the creation to the giving of the law is scholarly, devout and confirmatory of the Divine origin of the sacred record. The adverse criticisms of skeptical scientists and rationalistic theologians are fairly stated and shown to be groundless as affecting the harmony of Scripture with modern discoveries. The volume is a useful addition to theological literature.—*Ex.*

In Memoriam.

Hall of Texas Beta Chapter,
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,
AUSTIN, June 16, 1888.

WHEREAS, an all-wise Providence has suddenly removed from our midst our beloved friend and brother,

CHARLES J. BRADSHAW,

and

WHEREAS, In the untimely death of our brother, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has lost a man of spotless integrity, of noble and generous character and of most sensitive honor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, his profession has lost a brilliant and honorable member, we a true and noble friend, and his family a dutiful and affectionate son and brother.

Resolved, That to his bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathies and sincere condolence in this sad hour of their affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased, and also to the SCROLL, the Texas University, Austin *Statesman*, and La Grange *Herald*, for publication, and also that the badge of mourning be worn for the usual time.

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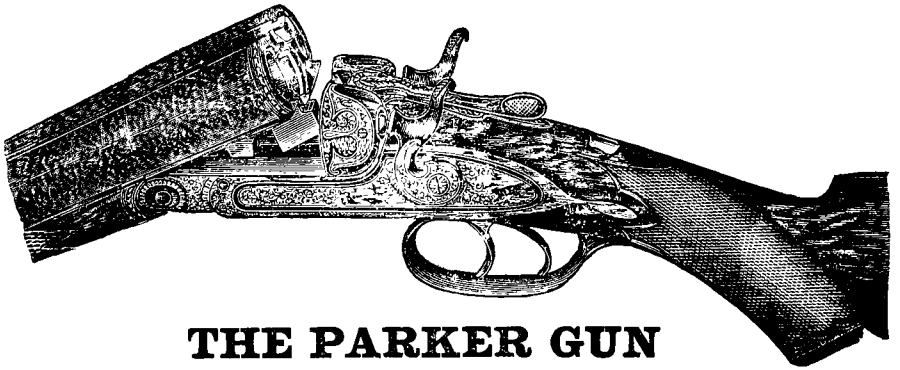

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Vermont Alpha—University of Vermont Burlington, Vt.—M. A. Howe.
Massachusetts Alpha—Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.—A. M. Hitchcock.
Massachusetts Beta—Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.—A. S. Cody. P. O. Box 614.
New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.—B. F. Hurd.
New York Beta—Union University, Schenectady, N. Y.—A. R. Conover.
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Beta Province.

Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College, Salem, Va.—C. F. Kuder.
Virginia Beta—University of Virginia, Albemarle Co., Va.—T. W. Lee.
Virginia Gamma—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.—E. C McSparran.
Virginia Delta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va. C. B. Tippett.
Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.—R. T. Goodwyn.
Virginia Zeta—Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.—J. W. Avery.

North Carolina Beta—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C—L. P. Woodard.
South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College, Columbia, S.C.—H. A. Brunson.

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Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.—T. R. Hardwick.
Georgia Beta—Emory College, Oxford, Ga.—J. T. Daves, Jr.
Georgia Gamma—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—J. R. Long.
Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.—P. M. Jones.
Tennessee Beta—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.—W. H. Howard.
Alabama Alpha—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—W. S Smith
Alabama Beta Alabama Polytechnic Institute Auburn, Ala.—J. T. Gregory.
Alabama Gamma—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.—H. S. J. Haygood.
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Texas Beta—University of Texas, Austin, Tex.—J. M. Herndon.
Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—J. R. Mood.

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Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan Univ'ty, Delaware, O.—D. R. Gray.
Ohio Gamma—Ohio University, Athens, O.—D. W. Welch.
Ohio Delta—University of Wooster, Wooster, O.—W. E. Forgy.
Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College, Akron, O.—H D Smith.
Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University, Columbus, O.—J. G. Bloom, N. Dorm, O. S. U.
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Kentucky Delta—Central University, Richmond, Ky.—R. E. Roberts.

Epsilon Province.

Indiana Alpha—Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.—T. M. Honan.
Indiana Beta—Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.—Henry Little.
Indiana Gamma—Butler University, Irvington, Ind.—B. M. Davis.
Indiana Delta—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.—E. M. Fisher.
Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.—J. B McCormick.
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Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.—E. D. Palmer.

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Illinois Delta—Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.—G. P. Williams.
Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington Ill.—J. A Denham.
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Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.—A. M. Craven.
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Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—N. C. Brooks, 1044 Tennessee St.
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COLLEGE ANNUALS.

THE Annual for the year 1887–8 began to make itself known almost as early in the College year as the winter recess, while its later numbers were not given to the anxious public until commencement day.

The book is issued but once a year, and there is no reason why its publication, as at some colleges, should be so delayed that it does not make its appearance until the closing week of the session. Interest at that time is attracted elsewhere, so that an annual is almost unnoticed; a good part of the undergraduates have left for their homes, and from other distracting influences the income of the book is seriously cut down—an occurrence which perceptibly affects the success of some of these publications.

The improvement in those of '87 over those of the preceding year, mostly gained from the printer's and engraver's art, has been the measure for an equal improvement this year. Few steel plates appear, save those accompanying Fraternity and College Class lists. The cheaper cuts have disappeared, and the mass of illustration has been done by phototypes and the best class of photogravures.

Not a single editorial board in those that we have reviewed, poses as frontispiece to its own production. The fashion tide has set in the opposite direction, and a number appear at the close in groups, representing the board at work, or ready for some imaginary journey.

The "grinds" and "wit," unfortunately at times much forced and out of place, still have their place, as they always will, for without them the book would lose one of its distinctive features, and, doubtless, claim to popularity. But, while this is true, there has been an increase in the solidity of contents. College memorabilia, biographical notices of faculty members, and accurate statistics are serving to make it not only of more immediate value to the purchaser, but more desirable as a record book in coming years.

Only one came to us in a flimsy cover, and that defect the *Mirage* will do well to remedy, as the improvement will pay for itself. The others are bound in heavy board, or, as in the case of the *Blue and Gold*, flexible leather backs.

Those received were the *Palladium*, University of Michigan; *Mirage*, De Pauw; *Blue and Gold*, California; *Melange*, Lafayette; *Comet*, Vanderbilt; *Kaldron*, Allegheny; *Gopher*, Minnesota; *Makio*, Ohio State; *Garnet*, Union; *Microcosm*, C. C. N.Y.; *Aegis*, Dartmouth; *Epitome*, Lehigh; and *Olio*, Amherst.

We failed to receive the annuals from our chapters at Colby, Williams, Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse, Washington and Jefferson, University of Pennsylvania, University of Georgia, Mercer, Northwestern, Knox, and University of Wisconsin. So, out of the twenty-five Phi Delta Theta Colleges at which annuals are published, we received thirteen, or a little over fifty per cent. There were, however, circumstances attending our call for these which made a full response improbable.

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It may be that an unusual degree of anxiety entered into the efforts of the editors having charge of the *Palladium* this year, since this issue marks Vol. XXX. for the publication. What little ground for being ashamed of itself may have attended former numbers, that little has been encroached upon, and the third decade is closed with a fitting array of worth and excellence. There are two hundred pages of reading matter, exclusive of well patronized advertising pages. It continues to be published by the "*Palladium* organization," extracts from whose constitution will, no doubt, be as interesting as it is exclusive.

"CONSTITUTION OF THE PALLADIUM BOARD.

"ARTICLE I.

"This organization shall be known as the PALLADIUM BOARD of the University of Michigan.

"ARTICLE II.

"*Section I.*—This Board shall be under the care and direction of the following named secret societies of the University of Michigan: Chi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta.

"*Section II.*—Each society shall have one vote through its regularly elected editor or delegate.

"ARTICLE III.

"No secret or other society shall be admitted to representation on this Board, as now constituted, except by the unanimous consent of the societies heretofore named. But such societies

may be admitted to representation in the PALLADIUM upon a two-thirds vote of the Board.

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"ARTICLE V.

"It shall be the duty of the editor from the society longest established in the University (Chi Psi) to call the first meeting of such Board. This meeting shall be called for the second Saturday in May.

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"ARTICLE XII.

"When duly ratified by the societies heretofore mentioned, this Constitution shall be the organic law of said Board; but it may be amended by and with the consent of two-thirds of the societies whose delegates constitute this Board, except as regards Articles II, III and XII, which can be amended only by the unanimous vote of the Board."

None of the Fraternities of the Professional Schools are represented editorially, while $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and non-secret $\Delta \Upsilon$, of the Literary Department, are not members of the organization. Michigan Alpha having been received but last December, has as yet had no opportunity to test the possibility of becoming a member. It is a revived chapter, and was represented on the earlier volumes, and we hope her status will be appreciated by the organizations. $\Delta \Upsilon$ is opposed by a majority, as she does not work in harmony with other chapters in the University. The chapter has aimed to maintain a neutral position, but when advances have been made, and alliances formed, they have almost invariably been from and with the "Independents." $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is opposed by the *Argonaut* faction, since she is connected with the *Chronicle*. Possibly the exclusion is due to a sentiment as the one expressed in a remark to the writer by a member of one of the longest established chapters in Ann Arbor: "The old chapters here have this thing in their own hands, and propose to keep it so. We find it hard enough work to get along without encouraging new chapters and admitting them to interfraternity privileges."

Chapter lists, of which there are eighteen, occupy the first division. $\Phi K \Psi$ with thirty (of whom eleven are in the professional schools) has the largest membership, while $X \Psi$, with eleven, has the smallest. Michigan A is credited with twelve in her chapter list; two each from the law, medical, and the four classes of the literary department, to which in the addenda are added three other names in the literary department.

Under the head of "Members of the Faculties" is a list of ninety-seven names, which includes all professors and instructors

connected with the University. There are obituary notices of Edward Olney, late Professor of Mathematics, and Dr. A. B. Palmer, Dean of the Medical Department. Since these the University has lost a profound scholar in Dr. E. S. Dunster, Ψ Υ, Professor of Diseases of Women and Children.

The University is replete with organizations. The more important ones are the Students' Lecture Association, Alpha Nu and Literary Adelphi, Students' Christian Association (which is erecting a find building—Newberry Hall), *Palladium*, *Chronicle*, *Argonaut*, *Oracle* (Sophomore annual), Unity Club, and Hobart Guild, the latter two being flourishing religio-social organizations serving to bring town and gown people into more intimate relation. The Guild is owner of a handsome building, erected by them. The Choral Union is a large and prosperous musical society. Athletics are kept up by the Base Ball Association, Rugby Association, and Tennis Club.

Dr. Frieze, who has done so much to endear himself to all Michigan students, has contributed interesting "Reminiscences of the Times of President Tappan."

Two prize U. of M. songs, both by Prof. Gayley, '78, are worthy productions, we quote the third and fourth stanzas of "Goddess of the Inland Seas:"

"Now the eyes that are anointed
See the blossom tide of Spring;
Ours the blissful age appointed,
Ours the clime the poets sing.
Hark, O maid of Western morning—
Wave and woodland, brook and breeze,
Hail thee, queen, beyond adorning,
Goddess of thy inland seas!"

"Lo, the sacred fires of knowledge
In thy temple are enshrined,
Through the cloisters of thy college
Choruses eternal wind!
And all other incense scorning,
Michigan, they bring thee these
Hearts of ours, and songs of morning,
Goddess of the Inland Seas."

Prof. Loisette's Memory Theory made quite an impression at Ann Arbor, as the following testifies:

"LOISETTE'S MEMORY SCHEME.

"Embezzler of Funds.....Loisette.

"Steerers for Loisette.....{Prof. Beman. Prof. Morris. Prof. Dorrance.

"Keeper of the Gate and Distributor of Tracts.....{Harvey Bush.

"Chief Gull.....Prof. Dewey.
"Minor Gull.....Prof. Stowell.
"Other Gulls.....Armstrong, Willcox, Blair, Beckley, Van Deventer.
"Peacock.....Alexander Johnson.
"Others with Wonderful Memories } Some 600 who remember losing $5."

The Palladium is a good book; it owes not a little of its success to the printer, and more to Mr. Ireland, ΣX, who, with two exceptions, has contributed all of the illustrations, which are of a high order of merit.

The *Melange* is never a failure; never startles the annual world with any great innovations, but continues a well preserved excellence from year to year, much in keeping with the staid and conservative features of old Lafayette. It is published by a corps of editors from the Junior class, of which brother Robinson is editor-in-chief. It is affectionately dedicated by the editors to their fellow class-mates "who have so kindly and with such explicit confidence entrusted to us the publication of this book." It is always well to give thanks for favors received, but perhaps the editors had an eye to senior honor possibilities in the little dedication. The salutation, "Fellow students, friends and all, to you we send our greeting," etc., runs along with the rythmical rythm of "I love to see a little dog, and pat him on the head."

The frontispiece is a cut of "Lafayette (South) College." The college generations are represented, '88, "Ye Senior delivering ye valedictory;" '89, "Ye Junior at work' by shaded lamp, the clock pointing to twenty minutes after one; '90, "Standing at ease" by *portiere*, boxing gloves at his feet; "Ye industrious Sophomore" is puffing his cigarette; '91, with eyes turned heavenward.

"Ye Freshman," Mr. Green passes before the placard, "Hazing prohibited."

The college attendance is 282, including 37 post graduate students, of whom a part are non-resident. Then follow the lists of $\Delta K E$, $Z \Psi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Delta \Upsilon$. Pa A with twenty members is the largest chapter, while $Z \Psi$ and $X \Phi$, each with twelve, are the smallest. ΣX, which numbered five last year, is defunct, her members having joined other chapters in the college.

Pa A has always been a prosperous chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and was the last National Grand, holding that office when our governmental system was changed by the Indianapolis Conven-

tion to the present General Council and Province President plan. Her present condition gives promise of a continuance of prosperity. She has a representation in Kappa Omega, the Sophomore Society, and two of the six members of $\Sigma\Gamma$, the Senior Honorary Society.

An article of two pages gives the history of the origin and development of "Secret Fraternities." This says that there are now "not far from forty Greek letter societies, with a chapter roll of nearly seven hundred, and a total membership of not less than one hundred thousand."

In base ball for the past season the college team won six and lost five games, scoring a total of 105 runs to 110 for their opponents. This is an average of ten runs per game, a rather poor showing. In football their record is better, having won seven out of nine games, scoring 141 points to 67 for their opponents, 47 of the latter being scored in the game lost to Princeton.

The Phis make little showing in athletics, which are in good condition. Lafayette's prizes at the Intercollegiate were limited to one first for pole vaulting.

In literary honors the chapter stands high. Brothers Robinson and Moore are on the staff of the *Lafayette*. Moore is class day valedictorian, and Sterrett committee chairman. McConnell took the Early English Text Society prize; McCamant the new Shakespeare Society prize. These latter two also won the third and first Junior Oratorical prizes respectively.

The "Trial and Judgment of Calculus" gives the full program and account of this annual commencement feature at Lafayette.

Among the illustrations there is a group of the football team. The tennis illustration is tasty, and the illustration of the "Freshman's Fright" successfully portrays the nightmare produced by the Glee Club rehearsals.

The *Olio* is a new face to us because it comes from a new $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ acquisition—Amherst. That by no means argues youth on its part. The number before us gives us no hint as to what volume it is, but we know it has long been in the two-figure column. Amherst stands high in the college world, and it behooves her students to send out a good representative of their college life. Such they have done in the *Olio*. The college is peculiar in that her faculty is composed almost entirely of her own alumni. A few years ago it was said that it was wholly so. Be that as it may, the present list of professors and instructors contains but three names not Amherst alumni. The aliens come respectively from Union, Hamilton and Princeton. The president, J. H. Seelye, is a champion of Greek letter interests, and Amherst authorities throughout are cordial friends of fraternity welfare. Another feature in which Amherst is a pioneer is that of vesting

undergraduates with a voice in college government and discipline. The College Senate is a body composed of members—four from the Senior, three from the Junior, two from the Sophomore, and one from the Freshman classes. The president of the college is president *ex-officio*. The plan has been lauded and has its merits. Just how it is prospering at Amherst we cannot say. The dedication of the *Olio* is both suggestive and sarcastic.

"To the Patrons of the Olio.

"As the greatest orator of his age has so well and fitly spoken (if we may be perm tted to borrow from the store of his eloquence), we would dedicate this production to Cromwell; but Cromwell was only a soldier. We would dedicate it to Napoleon; but Napoleon made his way to empire over broken oaths, and through a sea of blood. We would dedicate it to the father of his country; but the great Virginian held slaves.

"Therefore we dedicate it to the most perfect of human organizations, the

"College Senate,

for it never does anything at all."

Class lists show the enrollment of the college to be: Res. Grad. 2, Srs. 90, Jrs. 98, Soph. 66, Fresh 93, a total of 349. These are distributed among the Fraternities as follows: $A\,\Delta\,\Phi$ 31, $\Psi\,\Upsilon$ 39, $\Delta\,K\,E$ 36, $\Delta\,\Gamma$ 34, $X\,\Psi$ 23, $X\,\Phi$ 36, $B\,\Theta\,\Pi$ 29, $\Theta\,\Delta\,X$ 40, and $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ 23. Mass. B is not represented in the *Olio*, it having been issued prior to her installation. The above makes eighty per cent. of fraternity men among the students. All the chapters, our own included, have houses, most of them being the property of the chapter.

The College publications are the *Amherst Student*, a weekly, the *Amherst Literary Monthly*, and the *Olio*. There are a number of Literary and Declamatory annual contests, participation in which is a recognized honor. Athletic societies are flourishing, and their lists as given are preceded by unique illustrations. That of baseball by one representing the maidens of Pharaoh's time indulging in the national game. From the goal-posts and bar the crows look over a snowy waste, the scene of foot-ball defeats; warm, loving, sentimental tennis is congealed on paper by two snow figures, of the respective sexes, facing one another over a well stretched net, while the Arctic sun is rising from a six-month's sleep. The Toboggan Club illustration is exhilerating, in which the laughing moon looks down upon an old man as he skims over the hillside in his frying pan.

To the stranger the frontispiece, a phototype of an Amherst Park street, is unexplained. It forms a very nice souvenir of the college.

There is no prolixity of literary matter, but the various verses and squibs are all in a good vein. Typographically the book is excellent.

The *Mirage* is "published for Faculty, Students, Alumni, and Friends of De Pauw University, by the Junior Class of the College of Liberal Arts." It is dedicated to "'89 and Reform." The "Scene from Macbeth" tells how the board falls into line for the work of producing the *Mirage*.

> "First member—Annual Board, fall into line!
> To the pot our work consign;
> Classes, Frats and Faculty,
> Chestnuts, jokes and poetry
> Seasoned up with Junior wit,
> Logic, Eloquence and grit."

The editorial congratulates the college upon its recent strides forward, refers to the death of the university's benefactor, Washington C. De Pauw, to the changes in the Faculty, the establishment of Alpha Phi and Delta Upsilon, and the semi-centennial celebration at the 1887 commencement.

"In Memoriam" faces the portrait of Mr. De Pauw, who died May 5, 1887, and these lines are taken from Ridpath's Jubilee Hymn:

> "In the days of doubt and fear
> One who loved not self alone,
> Strong and brave, and great drew near,
> Made his treasures as our own,
> Gave his name for corner-stone—
> Alma mater, He is gone!"

The frontispiece is a phototype of "East College," a handsome three-story brick building, with commodious basement. Following the portrait of De Pauw are those of Bishop Bowman, President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Alexander Martin, President of the University, Professor J. P. D. John, Director of McKim Observatory, and then of the faculties in the departments of arts and theology—the whole a handsome series and one of the best features that can be introduced into an annual, something the alumni, friends and students value, and which will increase in value as the book grows older.

The fraternities in order of establishment are: $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ membership 14, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ 14, $\Sigma\ X$ 7, $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ 20, $\Delta\ K\ E$ 24, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ 25, $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ 8, and $\Delta\ \Upsilon$ 16; the ladies, $K\ A\ \Theta$ 26, $K\ K\ \Gamma$ 18, $A\ X\ \Omega$ (musical) 27, and $A\ \Phi$ 7. These are followed by an abundance of miscellaneous college organizations, literary, social, military, oratorical, etc. There is a well-filled literary department, containing a six-stanza jubilee hymn by J. Clark Ridpath, a semi-centennial poem of considerable length by a member of the class of '87, and several productions in lighter vein

written especially for the *Mirage*. In matter of contents the book is first-class, but its great drawback is in its ornamentation and execution. The illustrations, while striking some good ideas, are of inferior merit. The paper is thin and shows impressions upon the reverse, and the cover is flimsy. The fraternity plates, with the exception of those of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, $\Delta\ \Upsilon$ and $A\ \Phi$, are undersized to the pages, so that the appearance of the book is not what its real merit justifies it in being.

"To the President, Ex-President, Faculty and Regents of the University of Minnesota, who have done so much for the advancement of higher education in this State,

WE, THE EDITORS, DEDICATE THIS BOOK.

To the Alumni and former students who look back to their Alma mater with kindly grateful thought,

WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK.

To all who shall find in these pages cause for pleasure, exultation, or gratification,

WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK."

So runs the dedication of Volume II of the *Gopher*. Let us quote from the

"*Preface.*

"KIND READER: We here present for your perusal the Class Book of '89.

"If by bringing together these various bits of information we serve to give the outside world a better idea of this 'world in miniature' in which we, as students, live, move and have so pleasant a being; if the Alumni, while turning the pages, obtain 'one taste of the old time' that 'sets all to rights'; and finally, if the memory of these scenes and comrades preserves in ourselves, as we pass the Janus-gated years, the romance of the morning and the lavish heart of youth, then is the object of our work accomplished. There is method in our madness, and—'when once we had our method the end, still as we pulled it, came; and so we penned

> "'It down until it came at last to be
> For length and breadth the bigness that you see.'

"If we have erred in conception or execution, or in any way failed to merit your approval, deal gently—consider the process. For who hath dyspepsia, who hath dimness of eye and paleness

of cheek and emaciation of form but that class who tarries long over the cups of mixed up annual knowledge. Our work is done; let us rest in peace."

We hold that these cannot but speak for the good character of the *Gopher*. They breathe a spirit of pride which the advancement of the college justifies, and the same mature style pervades the whole book. As in last year's, the frontispiece is a photograph of the University's president, Cyrus Northrup. The first pages are devoted to the Faculty, two plates showing photographs of twenty-six members of that body, and these followed by biographical sketches of the subjects. Among them are those of W. R. Hoag, B. C. E., Minn. *Δ*, and Conway G. McMillan, M. A., Neb. *Δ*, both members of the Faculty.

There is a list of the Alumni of the University, a total of 262 for the classes since 1873. The total attendance in the University for the past year is 466. The Fraternities number, *Χ Ψ* 13, *Θ Φ* (local) 24, *Φ Δ Θ* 18, *Δ Τ Δ* 11, *Φ Κ Ψ* 10, *Κ Κ Γ* 16, and *Δ Γ* 14. *Φ Κ Ψ* was established during the spring session and her membership was made up entirely from the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

The literary societies continue their large memberships. The Phis predominate in the Hermean, and were represented on the Annual Debate with *Δ Σ*. There is a Students' Christian Association in addition to the Y. M. C. A., also a Liberal Association whose "object shall be to promote freedom and tolerance of speech and thought, to secure unbiased investigation of moral religious subjects, to foster sincerity and earnestness of individual conviction," of which Brother Stockwell is V. P.

Brother Brown was editor of exchanges on the *Ariel* last year. In the Oratorical Association the Phis had an officer, delegate, and preliminary contestants, while in the state contest Brother B. W. Irvin, Ohio *Δ*, now at Macalaster College, won first honor. The chapter likewise is well represented in all musical organizations, but makes no showing in athletics, save in tennis. Most interesting is a sketch of the "University of Minnesota" in which is given a succinct history of the college from its founding by the territorial legislature in 1851. Three views are given, the first showing the main building, College of Mechanical Arts, Students' Association building, Science Hall, Drill and Assembly Hall, and Chemical Laboratory; the second, Science Hall alone; the third, the Farm House, Experimental Farm House, and Dormitory at farm. Wm. Watts Folwell, President of the University from 1869-84, is the subject of a biographical sketch prefaced by photographic portrait. He is yet Professor of Political Sciences in the University.

TO THE JUNIOR GIRL.

'Greeting to thee, fair one; welcome, too, to thee;
Long have I been waiting glimpse of thee to see;
Now I am rewarded since thou art to me
What I've long been seeking —
Eighty-nine's own girl.

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Thou, O junior maiden, firm in soul and mind,
Let thy hand do nobly, whatsoe'er it find;
Pride of all the Juniors, be thy heart inclined
To no other lover
Than fair Eighty-nine."

Introduces a composite photograph of eleven ladies of the class.

A TALE.

"A merry maid, on a mild March day,
Was handed a photograph;
She looked at it in a critical way
And said with a careless laugh—

* * * * *

'To thee,' she said, 'will I be true;
Loyal to one of my heart;
My faith I plight, O goodly knight,
Yet I know not who thou art.'

So she sought his name, to find anon,
O world uncertain, vain,
A composite photograph had won
A place in her holiest fane."

Serves as a similar introduction to a composite of twenty-two gentlemen of the same class.

The book is bound in heavy maroon glazed board, printed on heavy tinted paper, in bronze ink. The greatest care has been shown in arrangement, while an artist's work has embellished the pages. There is no doubt that first-class illustrations could make a book of dull contents attractive. The *Gopher* has secured both entertaining reading and first-class illustrations, and the result is delightful. We hope the class of '90 will keep up the record.

Last year the *Ægis* came to us in oriental parchment, but this time it has a new dress of white board with green trimmings. On the cover is displayed a shield with radiations, and the words "The Ægis, '89." The ink used in the book is a light green—Dartmouth's College color, and printed on the best of heavy paper, it makes a nice appearing book. The dedication reads:

"To ye maidens so pensive,
Ye maidens so gay,
Ye maidens whose beauty
No tongue can portray;

To one and to all,
Whatever its fate,
This book with good wishes
We now dedicate."

while the "Greeting," in speaking of success or failure, says, "our laurels will be abundant if we only gain the approval of those to whom we dedicate the *Ægis*."

The frontispiece is a photograph of A. S. Hardy, Professor of Mathematics, who has won enviable reputation in his department. Another photographic illustration shows "College Street in Winter."

The following illustrated poem shows the way college life appears to the *Ægis* man :

I.

" A horn—a rush—a chinning
And mathematics drear,
Have thrown a lurid halo
O'er all my Freshman year.

II.

" Beer, dice and sweet suspension,
With a demon's thirst for gore,
And all wicked sins on earth
Were mine, when a Sophomore.

III.

" A heart, a cheek, two ruby lips,
Soft cooings like a dove,
May symbolize my Junior year,
Devoted all to love.

IV.

" Four years I've been to college,
I'm now a Senior grand;
So I think I'm finely fitted
To with the angels stand.'

That is merely a cursory review to the concentrated description in the lines, "A Freshman's Wail :"

" Sad and gloomy was the day
When from ma I strayed away;
From my sweetheart rashly torn;
Left alone, bereft, forlorn,
Open to the cold world's scorn,
Deafened by the Sophie's horn.

" Why whene'er I chance to halt,
Do they mumble 'Salt, Fresh! Salt?'
Why is every one so mean
As to call me 'Fresh' and 'green?'
Oh! dear mama, please come here,
And take my place the Freshman year.'

The total student attendance was 424, and the fraternities numbered as follows: Ψ Υ 38, *K K K* 39, *Δ Δ Φ* 37, *Δ K E* 36, *Θ Δ X* 33, *Φ Δ Θ* 27, *Φ Z M* 38, and *Σ Δ Π* 26.

Brother French was editor on the *Dartmouth*. At commencement brother Chalmers received the Wead Political Economy Prize of $50, and brother Rice the Noyes P. E. Prize of $40. Rice was also elected to *Φ B K*.

More interest is shown in athletics than there has been for some time, as the college exults in having won the Prize Cup at the 1887 meeting of the N. E. I. A. A., while the ball team won the New England pennant for 1887, winning ten out of twelve games with Williams, Amherst and Brown.

Last year a Dartmouth poet tuned his lay for Co-eds in "Fem-Sem." The sentiment is not dead yet, for listen to "THE LAY OF THE MOURNFUL STUDENT:"

"The place is lone . . deserted,
For here we never meet
The gay and laughing maiden
Tripping down the street.
Go—search the wide world over,
From north to southern clime,
Go to the highest mountain,
Down to the deepest mine,
And if in any other spot
Such lack of girls you see,
We'll say that once forever
We lack sagacity.
Ye gods, who have it in your charge,
Supply this dreadful lack,
And if it takes our best and all,
We'll truly pay you back.
Let gleeful, girlish faces
Our weary eyes once meet,
And lying prone before you,
We'll worship at your feet."

The "Class Politician," "The Cribber" and "Ecclesiprexes" are good hits. There are a number of other squibs brimming full of fun, and some pictures, catches by the camera, "strange things we see." The other illustrations are but fair.

The *Comet*, which the Vanderbilt fraternities rendered visible in the annual heavens last year, went up so high that its business managers came down with a—yes, that is right—"dull, sickening thud." The one for 1888 has this to say of it: "Accurate data were not taken for determining, even approximately, its condition, and when '88 rolled around the fraternities found the course of their offspring of last year tracked by such financial disaster that a repetition of the enterprise seemed of doubtful expediency. Astronomical prognosticators felt assured that the periodic returns of the *Comet* were not annual, while to the casual

observer the eccentricity of its orbit seemed so great that the conclusion was at once arrived at that another Lost Comet was to be recorded. But the second volume, which we now give to the public, proves the error of both these theories, and we believe substantiates the truth of the prophecy, that the *Comet* is a periodic one, and that its periodicity is that of a year. We also hope that these two volumes will convince the world that the *Comet* is to be recognized among the best of college annuals, as it should be, as a representative, to a great degree, of a university which is gradually falling into rank with the best of American institutions.

Thus the editors for this year have been more cautious; have given us a smaller and less expensive book than its predecessor, and have done what every young man should aim to do, kept within their income. It is in a black board cover; and contains about 120 pages of reading matter. Its photogravures of the college buildings are reproductions from volume I. Other illustrations are new and not very effective. Each department list is preceded by characteristic illustrations—the Lit at Study, the Engineer in the field, "Ye Theolog" in the pulpit very scrawny angels hovering o'er him, the "Dent" extracting teeth and howls, the Lawyer driving off the proverbial cow, leaving clients with horns and tail.

The cut prefacing the Fraternity list shows an arch in the foreground, on each of whose stones is the cut of a fraternity badge; these are arranged in order of founding, $X\,\Phi$ being given first place, with the date 1824. This is the first time we have ever seen the antiquity of $X\,\Phi$ acknowledged by any other than a "Kiffy."

The chapters are as follows: $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ 26, $\Sigma\,A\,E$ 13, $K\,\Sigma$ 12, $\Delta\,T\,\Delta$ 7, $K\,A$ 19, $X\,\Phi$ 14, and $B\,\Theta\,\Pi$ 15. $\Sigma\,N$, who was represented last year, has dropped out, and her place taken by $\Sigma\,A\,E$. $A\,T\,\Omega$, whose *Palm* has flourished in almost all fertile southern soil, has never had a representation at Vanderbilt. We are informed by a member of their Wittenberg Chapter that they entered sub-rosa at the close of last session.

In athletics, the base-ball team, of which a Phi is catcher, and another short-stop and captain, won each of the four games played, one an eleven inning game. At the 1888 Field Day, $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ won five out of thirteen prizes.

The "Burial of old Cal" is rehearsed in a three page article, the cuts showing the funeral procession "en route," and the demon dance around the funeral pyre, the latter accompanied by the song, "Hang Greenhill on a sour apple tree," and closing "There'll be no Greenhill there."

The *Makio* for 1888 has made a great improvement over former volumes. In binding and typography it is almost revolutionized, and the change is scarcely less noticeable in contents. The an-

imus which inspired the almost malignant attacks of former numbers on the management of the University has completely subsided in this, and its tone throughout is manly and straightforward. It is a poor annual whose only mission is to cope at the institution of which it is a feature.

The first plate is a nicely arranged group showing the University buildings—main building, botanical laboratory, chemical laboratory, mechanical laboratory, and north and south dormitories. With the faculty list is given a plate showing photographs of the respective professors, similar to the one of last year, with such changes as made necessary by the membership of that body. The new Professor of Mathematics is brother R. D. Bohannan, of Va. *B*, '76. The book is published by the fraternities *Φ Γ Δ*, *Φ K Ψ*, *Σ X*, *Φ Δ Θ*, *X Φ*, and *B Θ Π*—not by a class organization, and their chapter lists follow next. The four last named, in addition to chapter list, give the membership of each chapter in the entire fraternity. The attendance in the collegiate department is, Seniors 29, Juniors 24, Sophomores 40, Freshmen 58—this not including Specials, Veterinary, or Pharmacy Students. There is a goodly list of literary, military, and athletic organizations, but few records of honors. A *B Θ Π* was winner in the local oratorical contest. Brother Ball was senior orator on University Day. Brothers Brown and Scheibell editors on the *Engineer and Critic*, the spring term weekly. Brother Thompson captain of Company "D" of the military department.

"Two Pictures.—I. Shadow. II. Sunshine," is a poem of real merit. The "Editorials," four in number, are well considered and sensible. They call attention to the need of a gymnasium for the University; congratulate the management of the *Engineer and Critic*, published by the technical students; refer to the movement, organized by Prof. Eggers, which has given substantial proof that it will build up a complete German library for the University; and anticipates the publication of a series of text books by Prof. A. H. Welsh. The book closes with a plate showing the editors, and a composite photograph of same.

The *Blue and Gold* comes from near the setting of the sun, as representative of the Junior Class of the University of California. A battered '89 hat, with "Blue and Gold" above and "University of Cal.' beneath, all in gilt, adorns the blue leather cover. Brother H. A. Melvin is editor-in-chief, and brother Holmes one of the seven business managers. This is its "Dedication:"

"To the Alumni of the U. C.

To you who trod the self-same paths of lore,
In which our upward journey we pursue
And strive to reach the prize so fair to view,
The heights on which Fame's golden sunbeams pour
Their radiant wealth; to you, who midst the roar
Of worldly strife, to Alma Mater true,

Look back, your eyes suffused with loving dew,
And long for College days and hopes once more;
To you whose lives and deeds our hearts inspire,
With emulation fresh, anew to cope
With towering obstacles that would abate
Our ardor; yes, with every fond desire,
O fratres, and with every joyous hope,
To you our BLUE AND GOLD we dedicate."

The abundance of material that follow in the 231 pages is chosen and arranged in good taste. The illustrations are very poorly executed, and were it not that they contained such good hits, there would be little to praise in them. However, the ideas they suggest partly atone for their rough execution.

The frontispiece is a photograph of the new President, Horace Davis, Esq., of San Francisco. He assumes the control of the University, as Dr. Holden will confine his duties to the Lick Observatory Department. Another plate is a group of the Junior Class. A third is a landscape view showing the "University Buildings from the Southwest." The last is an interior view of the "Art Gallery, South End," showing the painting of a battle scene, in front of which is the marble Ariadne.

There are no changes in the fraternities represented in the University. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a delegation of but two from '91, where the others range from four to seven in the class. Brother Schaeberlee of Michigan *A*, has been added to the list of faculty members, being connected with the Lick Observatory.

The College base ball team won six out of ten games played; the foot ball team closed the season with six games won, one lost, and one undecided. A large number of events took place at the twelfth field day, May 5, 1888, and fair records were made.

Of the illustrations which abound, "An Evidence of Evolution" is good. Above, it shows an educated woman, 500 A. D., robust and vigorous, before an easel, and a child at play at her feet. Below is a "Berkeley Co-ed," wan and emaciated, wearing her glasses as she studies by her lamp. Another is "The Festive Senior on the Berkeley Local," showing him respectively at 9, 10, 11 and 12 P. M., as he occupies a seat with a lady passenger. "Epitaphs and other Mortuary Musings" are pointed hits.

Brother Nolan of N. Y. *B* is chief editor of the *Garnet*, published by the Greek Letter Societies of Union College, which is tenderly dedicated to the Dorpian damsels.

In the faculty list we notice "President *ad interim*" still follows the name of Hon. Judson S. Landon. The College classes from senior to freshman enroll 24, 26, 24, and 22, a poor showing to what the College ought to make. A freshman class of 22 is markably less than a senior class of 24, and is twelve less than

entered the year before. Of these 96, all but seventeen are fraternity men, distributed as follows: *K A* 5, *Δ Φ* 7, *Σ Φ* 3, *Ψ Υ* 16, *Δ Υ* 10, *A Δ Φ* 10, *B Θ Π* 13, *Φ Δ Θ* 13, and *Φ K Ψ* 1. In "Prize Stage 1887" we notice brother Marvin as orator. Winne second Junior Oratorical Prize, and Nolan first Sophomore Oratorical Prize. The chapter has also a goodly share of class offices. At '89's class supper at Troy, Conover and Nolan were on the program. The chapter had two men on the *Concordiensis* staff.

Union College ball team won two out of seven games in the N. Y. Inter-collegiate series, and the football team won three out of the four games played, one of the three having been won from Cornell.

Heavy mourning lines indicate "Crematio Robinsonis" by '89, at "Media Nocte, ante septem diem Kalendas Aprilis MDCCCLXXXVIII." The "Gloves and Mitten" are nicely illustrated lines:

"A dozen pairs of dainty gloves
Done up in filmy laces,
Fair black-eyed Minnie won from me
At the Saratoga races.

"I planned to win the slender hand
The gloves were made to cover,
And straightway from that day became
Her most devoted lover.

"So yesterday I asked her hand
(Sweet, artless little kitten),
But in return for gloves of kid,
She gave to me the mitten."

"Sifters and Sifterines" is at the head of an article closely bordering on the vulgar. "The Terms of Settlement" close the book.

Resplendent in a snowy cover with letters of gold comes the *Kaldron*, set boiling by the Juniors of Allegheny College; the first annual issued at Allegheny for a number of years, and the first under the present name. It has set a high standard and spared neither labor or expense to come up to it. The best of paper and type have been used, and the ability of their artist, coupled with the photo-engraver's art, has made a beauty of the illustrations from beginning to end. To Mr. McNair, a member of *Φ Γ Δ*, whose work these illustrations are, must belong much of the credit for the *Kaldron's* success, since they form the prominent feature of the book. There are 155 pages of reading matter taken up by the usual organizations. To "Alexander Bradley, President of the Trustees of Allegheny College, her oldest friend, her greatest benefactor, her wisest counsellor," the

book is dedicated. The college has a total attendance of 281. The Fraternities are prosperous, with memberships running from thirteen to twenty-one. $K K \Gamma$ has been but recently established with a membership of seven. $\Theta N E$, the Sophomore Society, was established in 1887, and has a large list of members. Nice cuts preface the Society lists, and in Philo-Franklin $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ seems to have a first mortgage on the offices. A history of "Allegheny" shows how the college began its work in liberal education in 1817, with $10,000 capital and a Faculty of two members. Athletics are in good condition, and at 1887 Field Day $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ won nearly one-third of the prizes given. A plate faces the Glee Club list, showing its members.

Reports of "Allegheny College Hospital, D. H. Wheeler, M.D., Surgeon-in-chief, and Specialist in Diseases of Seniors and Preps. S. E. Stillwell, M. D., Specialist in acute or obtuse Innocuous Desuetude. A. W. Newlin, M. D., D. D. S., Chaplain and Specialist in Moral Diseases," are bright and witty.

"Two Letters" show the sides of a not improbable College reality. An Alleghenian is heard in his sleep to thus conjugate his German :

> "Ich hat! Do hat! Dear hat!
> We hattie! See hattie! Me hattie!"

"The Canal," a poem, is interesting, as well as "The Girl in the Decollet Dress."

The opening illustration shows the witches grimacing over the *Kaldron* as it begins to boil ; and "Finis" the same o'erturned, out from under whose edge protrude head, hands and feet of the crushed editors, while the witches are in their wild aerial dance above.

An epitome is defined as a "brief summary," but the Lehigh *Epitome* is the bulkiest annual of all we have received. It is a most creditable aggregation of valuable data. There is not such an abundance of literary matter, but it possesses several features which entitles it to a place first among those reviewed. So full of good sense is its preface that we give it here.

"The *Epitome* Board has but few words to say in presenting this issue of the Lehigh Annual. The task of editing and illustrating the book is, in some respects, one of the most difficult imposed upon members of the University. Being published under the auspices of one class, the *Epitome* has rarely been free from exhibitions of class spirit and personal abuse. The day for this is past. At the first meeting of the '89 Board it was decided with entire unanimity to depart from the old custom and omit all literary matter of questionable appropriateness. The exception was made, however, in favor of a few pages of the usual "Quotations" and "Grinds," which, in general, tend to relieve

the possible monotony of the book's essentially statistical character.

The aim of a college annual is, we take it, to preserve records, athletic and otherwise, and to provide lists of undergraduate organizations. With this in view, we have endeavored to present these data in as attractive a form as possible, embellished with considerable artistic work. Believing that contributions in the latter department should be no more confined to the *Epitome* Board, or even to the Junior Class, than the publication itself is the exclusive representative of that class, we have made calls upon various members of the University, and have been gratified by the hearty and material responses. * * * *

Several new features have been added. The department of "Historical Memorabilia" is one which, from its present and, in particular, future value, will, we trust, be permanent in succeeding *Epitomes*. * * * *"

It has closely adhered to the plan thus outlined, and the book before us is the result. Lehigh seems to be in a season of prosperity. The "Summary of Students" from the college register shows an attendance in 1878 of 90, and for the following years 87, 112, 144, 187, 249, 307, 324, 369, to 401 for 1887. The "Packer Memorial Church," a gift to the University, was formally presented and consecrated by Bishop Henry C. Potter, on October 13, 1887. The frontispiece is a photograph of this handsome stone edifice; another, facing page 96, shows its still more handsome interior and decorations.

The Faculty numbers thirteen professors, one lecturer, and eighteen instructors.

Photographs and biographical sketches of two of these are given. Henry Cappée, LL.D., first President of the University and now Professor of English Literature, International and Constitutional Law and Philosophy of History. The second is of William A. Lamberton, who has been with the University since '69, latterly as Professor of Greek Language and Literature. The *Epitome* says "his lectures on Christian evidences to the Class of '87 were pronounced among the finest ever delivered in the University on any subject. Prof. Lamberton resigned in December and is now at Johns Hopkins. The Fraternities are $X\,\Phi$ 20, $A\,T\,\Omega$ 7, $\Delta\,\Phi$ 16, $\Psi\,\Gamma$ 25, $\Theta\,\Delta\,X$ 14. $\Delta\,\Upsilon$ 16, $\Sigma\,N$ 16, $\Phi\,\Gamma\,\Delta$ 14, $\Sigma\,\Phi$ 14, $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ 16, and $\Sigma\,X$ 14. There are members of $\Delta\,\Psi$, $\Phi\,K\,\Psi$, $Z\,\Psi$, and $\Delta\,\Upsilon\,\Delta$ in college. A good exhibit of the events of 1887 commencement is given. Among the plates are those of the Banjo and Guitar Club, Lacrosse Club and Football Team. For the past season the ball team won two and lost five games; in foot ball four games were won and three lost. At the October meeting of the Athletic Association $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ won eight out of thirteen first prizes. "Historical Memorabilia" gives the list of Presidents of the University,

valedictorians and salutatorians to date, and the various University honors. A large number of advertising pages help to defray the expense of the book.

The *Microcosm* is published, not by the Junior Class or the Secret Fraternities, but by the "Literary Societies and Secret Fraternities of the C. C. N. Y.," the Literary Societies having been admitted to membership on the board in 1887. Three editors are chosen from each of the societies represented. A regular feature of the *Microcosm* is the editorial in which the chairman of the board of editors makes a critical review of the year at the college, touching on all events of college importance, and giving the present condition of the various organizations maintained in the college. The Literary Societies, Clionia and Phrenocosmia, are in their thirty-seventh and thirty-sixth year respectively, and though in a city where their members are scattered by residence, they flourish and are sustained by an enthusiastic interest taken in their welfare. The Eiponia, founded in 1883, has its membership limited to ten members of the Senior Class, and its object is to supplement the course of American literature in the college. Of the Fraternities $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ numbers 20, $\Delta\ K\ E$ 16, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ 17, $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$ 22, and $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ 18, of which ten are Seniors and none Freshmen.

It is difficult to maintain many active athletic organizations, owing to the difficulty in securing grounds. Strenuous efforts are being made to equip a gymnasium for the college, and the Dramatic Association gave a successful presentation last winter of the comedy "Tom Cobb, or Fortune's Toy," and the farce "Boats at the Swan," netting a fair amount for the fund.

The *College Mercury* and the *College Journal* are published bi-weekly during the year, the latter a new enterprise, while the former has just completed its ninth volume.

In the colleges represented by these thirteen annuals we meet twenty-one different Fraternities, nine local chapters, and five lady societies. There is a total of one hundred and three chapters representing over three thousand fraternity men. Of this number two hundred and fifty-three are Phis, making an average of 19.5 per chapter. The average membership of rival chapters in these colleges is 18.2. The average number of chapters at these colleges is 7.9, not including the chapters of lady fraternities. $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ is most frequently met—eight times. The others are $\Phi\ \Theta\ \Pi$ and $\Delta\ K\ E$ each seven; $X\ \Phi$, $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, and $\Delta\ \Upsilon$ six, $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ and $\Sigma\ X$ five.

Our average membership in these colleges we see is five above what it is for the general fraternity, but the fact that it is but one above the average membership of rival chapters in these colleges shows that they but conform to the customs of their colleges, and are enjoying a high measure of prosperity.

J. E. BROWN.

HARRISON'S CLASSMATES.

The following letter and the clipping enclosed came to us from one of the classmates of the President-elect. Both will probably be of interest.—EDITOR.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE,
39 W. 15th St., N. Y.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, ESQ.—

MY DEAR SIR: If you have not seen the enclosed it may afford you some amusement.

Mr. Wilson ("Old Dad" we used to call him) was rather hard on some of us in his letter to Mr. Morrison—of ancient date—printed in the October number of SCROLL, but I am sure he did not mean it. It was not at Gettysburg, but at Antietam, that James H. Childs was killed—acting that day as Brigadier General.

Although not in politics, yet with all his classmates I join in wishing the President-elect every grace and blessing.

Yours very faithfully,
HARMAR DENNY, S. J.

HARRISON'S CLASSMATES—PROF. SWING WAS ONE, AND HE TELLS ABOUT THE OTHERS—NONE DRUNKARDS.

(*From the Chicago Tribune.*)

The following paragraph has been going the rounds of the press, appearing often in the Prohibition organs:

GEN. HARRISON AND THE WINE-CUP.—The following story is told of Gen. Harrison in connection with a public dinner given him on one occasion: "At the close of the dinner one of the gentlemen drank his health. The General pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast and said: 'General, will you not favor me by taking a glass of wine?' The General, in a gentlemanly way, begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat and said in the most dignified manner: 'Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the wine-cup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press the matter ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkards' graves, and all from the pernicious habit of wine drinking. I owe all my health, my happiness and prosperity to that resolution. Would you urge me to break it now?'"—*National Temperance Advocate.*

As a campaign argument it does not seem to reflect in any manner on General Harrison, unless one goes on the absurd theory that he ever made such a statement, which, of course, he never did. It might reflect on the other members of his class at Miami University, however.

One of the sixteen men who "are filling drunkards' graves" is Professor David Swing. It was somewhat of a surprise to him to learn that he was in that predicament, and it will also startle his friends who thought he was alive and well and temperate. A TRIBUNE reporter called at his residence yesterday afternoon and asked him how it seemed to fill a drunkard's grave.

"It's quite comfortable, thank you," he replied, "as far as I have gone. Of course," he added, more seriously, "General Harrison never made any such remark, and I dont see how the story originated."

"What foundation is there for it?"

"None whatever. There were no drunkards in the class whatever. Only one member of the class was a drinking man, and he is alive and successful."

"Can you remember who the members of the class were?"

"Yes; and I can also tell you something about their lives after leaving college. I have taken some pains to keep track of them. There was Benjamin Harrison, of course. He is the one who has not filled a drunkard's grave, and there is no need of saying anything about him. Of the drunkards, John A. Anderson is a temperance man and now a member of Congress from Kansas. John Baker, of Cincinnati, died soon after leaving College, but he was not a drinking man. John K. Boude is a physician and a Presbyterian elder at Carthage, Ill. James H. Childs went to the war, became Colonel of a Pittsburg regiment, and was killed at Gettysburg. He never drank. J. P. Craighead is a lawyer at Dayton, O., and a good Christian. Harmer Denny is a monk in a convent near Baltimore. James H. Hughes is dead. He was a Presbyterian clergyman when he died. J. S. Lane is also dead. He was a lawyer and a good man. William Lowrie is a missionary in foreign lands, and W. H. Priestley is a Presbyterian clergyman in New York. David Morrow is a total abstinence man. He is a preacher and farmer. Milton Sayler is a lawyer in New York. L. W. Ross is the Professor of Law in the Iowa State University. Walker—I forget his first name—is dead, but during his life was a teacher and a preacher. J. C. Junkin is a preacher and so am I. Now, for a class of drunkards that strikes me as a pretty good showing. I am surprised that such a paragraph should find its way into print. Not one member of Gen. Harrison's class has yet found a drunkard's grave."

EDITORIAL.

WE have been thoroughly non-partisan while warmly congratulating our brother in the Bond on the eminence and distinction of being chosen, by a great political party, as its candidate for the Presidency of the United States. We have tried to give to our readers a picture of BENJAMIN HARRISON in the days of his youth, when he was pointed out by his fellow-students of College Hill and Oxford as a grandson of that hardy old soldier and great President who was but recently deceased. We think that we have been successful, and have presented sketches of general and undoubted interest to all, whether friends, politically speaking, of General HARRISON or not. Our articles have been extensively copied by the press of the country, and one Democratic Phi writes, "Your Harrison articles have proved interesting reading, even to a *rank* Democrat." Many expressions of a similar tenor have come to us. We believe that THE SCROLL has published the most impartial, complete and entertaining series of school days sketches and reminiscences of the next PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

One of the most unique, and certainly the most beautiful features of this great Republican government is the grace and good will with which sixty millions of people lay aside all other considerations, and bow to the will of the majority as sounded forth in thunder tones by the ballot box. When the election is passed and the almost unbearable strain of suspense is over, the heat of political excitement soon cools and national pride speaks out in one grand voice of welcome to the newly chosen chief.

All Phis are not Republicans, as all Phis are not Democrats, and we have heretofore extended our congratulations and good wishes to BENJAMIN HARRISON simply as a brother Phi who had risen to the fame that is inseparable from party leadership but even more inseparable from the greatness of the statesman when combined with the honorable dignity of the Christian gentleman. We are justly proud of a brother who has not only risen to the position now occupied by BENJAMIN HARRISON, but who could pass and has passed through the crucial test of the world's greatest political contest, and come out without even so much as an attempted slander, and bearing a full share of honor, even if he had worn them with defeat. But our brother has won in

an honest and honorable contest, and for the next four years an American Greek-letter College Fraternity will be represented at the White House, and that fraternity will be PHI DELTA THETA. We are proud of and justly sensible to our honor, and the younger men will endeavor to make and keep Phi Delta Theta worthy of the men who used to be "Phi boys," and whose great names are an ornament and a glory to our chapter roll.

Now, brother HARRISON, we can salute you in a different, though none the less warm-hearted manner. To the PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES we give our heartiest congratulations, and wish him all happiness and joy in his exalted but well-earned station. To BENJAMIN HARRISON we extend the right hand of fellowship, and give a grasp of fraternal love.

WHEN a chapter has succeeded in making its foundation solid by turning its first energies, and keeping them fixed, in the right direction, there are some things which should demand attention and care, for, though at first they may seem to be luxuries, they are really necessities of prime importance. None is worthy of more labor, care, and even money than the chapter library. It is invaluable to a college society in many ways, and is both a source of pleasure and profit to the members, and an attraction to those without. Do not think that such a thing can be brought into existence by an edict or a free expenditure of money, and do not think that a Greek-letter chapter library must be essentially different from any other. It must be a growth and a slow growth at that, and when once instituted it will grow rich and strong with age. Remember that the small beginnings with honest purpose are the things that tell.

We do not believe half a dozen of our chapters are not able to begin the building up of a library and give it the care necessary to substantial and continuous growth. Do not depend at all on gifts. They will be sure to come, but let them be pleasant surprises. Devote a portion, no matter how small, of your income, and even if you can only lay aside a few dollars a month, you will not be long in seeing the good results.

Nor, as we said, should this library be at all different from any other, though it would necessarily contain some things that

would give it distinction and individuality. It should, of course, contain all books and papers issued by fraternities, or on fraternity subjects, and, so far as possible, a complete file of all fraternity journals. We recognize, however, that such a collection can only be the result of time, and much care and research, though its value will amply repay. Aside from this special feature, the library should be a general one.

Perhaps the most important thing of all after the move has been made is the selection of the proper man to expend the money, and take care of the books, etc. Start a library in your chapter if you can; but, if you do, do not put a man over it for some petty reason which is worthless. Be sure you choose a man who has care, diligence and judgment, and be sure that he has the welfare of the enterprise as well as of the chapter at heart. Start a library if you can. You can if you will. And if you start it in the right spirit, and with a determination that it is to be a success, it will be a success, and the older it is the more you will appreciate and enjoy it.

BROTHER S. P. GILBERT, Treasurer of the General Council, having been chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature of Georgia, he should be addressed at H. I. Kimball House, Atlanta, until December 20. After that date he will be in Columbus, as usual. We heartily congratulate "Price" on the trust which has been reposed in him, but even more do we congratulate the district that chose him for her representative.

OUR portrait of General HARRISON was a very fine likeness and met with very general approval. One Phi writes, "Your portrait of HARRISON is by far the best I have seen, and, coming from Indiana where every *two* men out of *five* have one, I think I am a competent judge."

REPORTERS will please observe that letters, in order to be published in the issue of any month, must reach the editor on or before the 10th of the preceeding month.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

To the Chapters in Alpha Province :

BRETHREN :—Circumstances have hitherto prevented the newly appointed Province President from addressing you through the pages of THE SCROLL, but he is glad, even at this late date, to assure the chapters of his hearty interest in their welfare, and his desire to be of service to them whenever possible.

There is little news of importance in province affairs. The reports from the chapters are almost uniformly good, and the spirit of progress which has pervaded the fraternity in the past, with such marked results, seems to have increased, and not diminished, with the new year. The President is anxious to see, in every chapter in the province, a movement started toward permanent establishment in a chapter-house. The beginning may be very small, and the effort, in many cases, must be long continued, but the result to be attained is of immense value and importance, and is surely worthy of our best endeavor.

GEO. LYNDE RICHARDSON.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE fall term opened with a large increase in members.

All the Phis have returned except brother Johnson, who will not be back with us until next spring.

Phi Delta Theta has never been on a firmer basis at Colby than at present. We lost two excellent men by graduation last year, brothers Brainard and Gallert.

In addition to the twelve men with whom we began the term, we have initiated nine worthy men, one from '91 and eight from 92.

The presence of brothers Fuller, '85, Beverage, '87, Harvey, '87, and Gallert, '88, at the initiation and banquet added much to the pleasure of the event.

We are represented on the Senior Exhibition by brothers Farnham and Pepper.

November 3, 1888. C. W. AVERELL.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

ON the evening of October 19, we confided the mysteries of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to seven members of '92, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity. It is conceded that they are by

far the best delegation from the freshman class, and we are expecting from them earnest work for the cause of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$.

The numerical strength of the societies in college is as follows: $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ has 28 members, $\Delta\ \Psi$ (local) 20, $A\ T\Omega$ 15, ΔI (local) 12, $K\ A\ \Theta$ 12, $\Sigma\ \Phi$ 8.

November 7, 1888. M. A. HOWE.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK GAMMA graduated nine members last spring, brother Dunscomb taking the first honor.

We start this year with seven members, and are in a fair way to double that number before the holidays. We take pleasure in introducing to the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ world brother Roeser, '90, and Reed, '92—recently from the goat. Brother Taylor has "Billy" in charge now, putting him in condition for our next meeting, when he will make a connection with more than one barbarian.

Friday evening, November 2d, New York Gamma held a reunion at D'Orville's, in the Mills' Building. There were with us many of our alumni members to show their loyalty to $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$. Brother Mayer, '84, filled the toastmaster's chair in the happy way usual to him. Brother Mason, '84, responded to "Alma Mater," brother Knox, '88, to "The goat and his early training," brother Campbell, '88, to "The Phi in politics," brother Palmer, '88, to "The Ladies of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ annex," brother Rainey to "New York Gamma," and brother Winslow, '87, to "Our Fraternity."

The meeting broke up with many expressions of good feeling, and another like occasion is contemplated before the holidays.

Again we have brother Treat with us, after a course of study at Wesleyan University.

New York Gamma is always glad to welcome any brothers who may be in the city.

November 3, 1888. GEORGE L. WALKER.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE commencement banquet of last June closed a prosperous and pleasant year. At that time we lost, by graduation, brothers Howell, Parsons, Kerr, and Bell; also Blaisdell and Christy, ex-'88, who went to Syracuse University to graduate. Our banquet was a royal spread, and we were favored by the presence of a number of alumni, among whom were brothers Vance, Bignell and Johnson.

The opening of this College year, September 18, found eleven of us ready to share in the labors and joys of chapter life. Since then we have initiated three good brothers in R. W. Elliot, '90,

Otis E. Conway, '92, and Ellis J. Chesbro, '92. Homer D. Whitfield, '92, has returned. We now number fifteen, and right loyal Phis we are.

Brother Frank Sisley is captain of the College nine this year.

During the summer vacation, improvements to the amount of about $5,000 were made upon the College buildings and campus. It will, perhaps, be interesting news to some of our alumni to be told that fine new walks now adorn the campus. Bently and Ruter Halls were papered and frescoed within and painted without, so that they now present quite a good appearance.

At the meeting of the Trustees, last June, Dr. Williams was elected to take Dr. Wheeler's place as President. Rev. Miller takes Prof. Newlin's position, and Miss Broas becomes our French instructor.

We want every alumnus of Pennsylvania Delta to subscribe for THE SCROLL. Some of them are now subscribers, but let them do a little missionary work, and thus put THE SCROLL into the hands of more of our alumni.

Pennsylvania Delta is perfectly willing to abide by the letter and spirit of the law, and, therefore, initiates no "Preps," reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Long life to Massachusetts Beta.

October 18, 1888. EDW. P. COUSE.

BETA PROVINCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA is alive and well and sends greetings to all Phis.

The University, as it is now, opened with two hundred and twenty students, about a hundred of whom are Freshmen. This is the largest number we have had for many years, South Carolina Beta returning six loyal and true men, having lost only one by graduation last June. This was brother Coan, who, it will be remembered, was valedictorian from the Clariosophic Society. We were very glad to welcome in our midst brother W. W. Ball, of '87, who is teaching in the Columbia Graded Schools, and, at the same time, pursuing a course of post-graduate study.

Up to the present time we have initiated three men: Brothers A. M. Coker, '92, E. D. Sompayrac, '92, and W. D. Ferguson, '91, whom we now present to the fraternity at large. They bore the ordeal with marked equanimity, and came out thoroughly shorn of all barbarous characteristics and with the light of Phi Delta Theta shining upon their faces. We feel confident that these brothers will reflect credit upon the fraternity which they have made their choice. We have not retired from

the field, however, for before many suns have set we will herald the birth of another Grecian. Still the good work goes on.

Our chapter is in an excellent condition. Our men are imbued with enthusiasm and are determined to place Phi Delta Theta on the top, where she rightly belongs. We now have a nice hall in the central portion of the town, about one quarter of a mile from the University.

Of honors taken thus far we may cite the following: Brother E. E. Aycock is president of the Junior Class, and your reporter is a member of the University Carolinian Staff.

Brothers Houston and Moore, of '87, are superintendents of the Spartanburg and Camden Graded Schools respectively. Brother Houston was tutor in Latin and Greek at this institution during last year, but resigned his position to accept the one above-mentioned.

We wish all our sister chapters the highest success.

November 6th, 1888. HARRY A. BRUNSON.

BETA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

TWENTY old boys, including our returned brothers Gillespie and Griffin, formerly of '89, met at Georgia Beta headquarters on opening of term. We had been decidedly at the top last year, and we were determined never to let fall the banner which we had borne so proudly and so successfully for so long a time. We went to work in our glorious cause with vim and energy, carrying dismay alike to Barbs and Frats. Selecting from the ranks of the uninitiated seven whom we thought worthy to wear the sword and shield, and uphold the principles inculcated in our bond, we transplanted them into our more fertile regions, and made them brothers. Their names will be found in list of Initiates, and no brother will ever be ashamed to recognize them as such.

Since opening of Fall term there have been three elections in the societies, at each of these a Phi has been elected. Brother Mickler was elected Anniversarian of the Phi Gamma Society and brother Abbot, February Orator. Brother Bradley was elected February Orator from the Few Society. This indicates that merit is gradually being placed ahead of Fraternity relations.

Our membership now numbers twenty-seven, as follows: '89-3, '90-7, '91-7, '92-7, 93-1, Irregular 2. We are all here for work, and you may expect good reports from us in the future.

Your brother in the bond,

Oxford, Ga., November 8, 1888. J. T. DAVES.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

CIRCUMSTANCES have caused me for the last few months to unintentionally neglect, and, I am sorry to say, almost forget my duties as reporter for the session of '87–8. Hence the lateness of this communication. As yet I presume the readers of the SCROLL have not seen a record of what Tennessee Alpha did last session. My report in the May SCROLL was correct in stating that brother J. C. Lester had won a speaker's place on "Founder's Medal," but a mistake was made in regard to brother H. L. Manson, our only representative in last year's law class. The report should have read, that Manson was appointed as one of the four public moot court speakers. Our record last year is as follows:

We initiated four men and had two affiliates. Brother W. A. Webb, one of our initiates, won the "Declaimer's Medal" in the Dialectic Society.

Six of the ten graduate degrees in the Academic Department were won by Phis, brother E. I. Crockett leading the class.

Three of the five post graduate degrees were made by Phis, brother Sims making his Ph. D.

We also had one graduate in the Law Department.

Brother E. I. Crockett won "Founder's Medal" in the Academic Department. The two speakers' medals went elsewhere, also the Owen medal, the Kappa Alphas capturing "Founder's" in oratory, the non-frats the "Young Medal" (oratory) and L. C. Merriam ($B \Theta \Pi$) the Owen medal (in German) and the "Crawford Scholarship" (Jr. Prize).

The two speakers from Academic Department for commencement day, June 20th, were Phis, brother Crocket being "Class Representative," and your Reporter "Faculty Representative."

Two of the seniors are back at Vanderbilt this year as "Fellows," one Phi and one non-frat. At the last meeting (June) of the "Board of Trust" brother W. R. Sims was raised to the position of Adjunct Professor of English and History, and brother Claude Waller made Instructor in Mathematics. Three of the six Phi graduates have returned to Vanderbilt this session. Brother E. I. Crockett is Fellow in German, Marvin West studying for M. A., and Stewart Brooks is in the Law Department. The other three are W. T. Saunders, who is reading law in Athens, Ala.; N. A. Gibson, teaching school in Danceyville, Tenn., and your Reporter, who is at the University of Virginia working for B. L. this session.

Other items concerning the happenings at Vanderbilt since the opening of the session will, I presume, be sent to the SCROLL by the Reporter for '88–9.

November 1, 1888. W. H. HARRIS.

THE session of 1887–'88, which closed with us on the 20th June, was one of the most prosperous in the history of Tennessee Alpha. Our policy in regard to initiates was more conservative than has usually been the case heretofore. Although we initiated only four men, still we had much the strongest chapter here, both in regard to numbers and scholarship. In the Senior class we were unusually strong—three-fifths of the class being Phis. We were triply sure of Founder's medal, as three Phis held the first three places in scholarship. Besides those in the regular class of '88 we had three men to take post graduate degrees—an M. A., an M. S. and a Ph. D.

Phi Delta Theta received her usual share of fellowships and instructorships. Brother Sims, who received his Doctorate last commencement, has been elected adjunct professor in English and History. The instructors in mathematics and physics are both Phis, and the fellowship in German is held by brother Crockett, Founder's medalist of 1887–'88.

At our first meeting this year sixteen answered to roll-call. Now we are twenty in number, having secured four new men.

We are glad to announce the names of brother R. S. Stockton, of the Sophomore, and brothers R. A. Barr, A. P. Cockett, and R. P. McReynolds, of the Freshman class.

All the classes are now organized. Phis hold offices as follows :

Winfield, Poet Senior class; McConnell, Vice-President Junior; Brockman, Vice-President Sophomore ; E. H. Jones, Secretary Sophomore ; A. P. Crockell, Secretary Freshman.

Financially, the *Comet* of 1887–'88 proved a complete success. Not only were all expenses paid, but a balance was left.

Encouraged by this success, the fraternities have elected their respective editors for the third volume of the *Comet.* The six fraternities having two editors each.

A weekly newspaper has been started at Vanderbilt by a number of the students. Three issues of this four-page sheet have come out, and it has an appropriate name, *The Hustler*—for, truly, it is making things hustle. *The Hustler* represents no society, no fraternity, but is designed to represent the students as a body. *The Hustler's* editorial staff consists of some of the strongest men at Vanderbilt, and its success is assured, as it is receiving the hearty support of the students.

On account of the difficulty of securing a suitable hall, our meetings this session have not been very regular, but such will no longer be the case as we now have a comfortable hall. None of the fraternities have chapter houses here, and as this trouble in securing suitable halls is general, very likely some decided steps will be taken in that direction.

Tennessee Alpha has always stood by the constitution of Phi

Delta Theta in regard to the initiation of sub-Freshmen. No longer, however, can any of the fraternities at Vanderbilt take in sub-Freshmen, for they are a thing of the past. This is the first year the sub-Freshman classes have been abolished, and the Freshman class shows a marked gain, both in numbers and in well-prepared men.

We hope very soon to add to our number several more choice men.

November 6, 1888. PAUL M. JONES.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

OWING to the yellow fever scare at Jackson, this State, the opening of this University was postponed from September 27th to October 15th. There were few new students at first, but they are dropping in from day to day, and doubtless we will soon have our usual number.

Mississippi Alpha commenced the year with ten (10) true and loyal Phis—three Seniors, two Juniors, three Sophomores and two Freshmen. Brother Pierce, though not attending the University, attends all our Guys.

The following named brothers who were with us last year, are located as follows:

Brother Jno. Lehman is studying Law in Memphis. Brothers Joe Venn and Ed. Lehman are in Drug houses in the same city. Brothers Bob and Ed. Nall are attending school at Clarksville, Tenn. Brother R. D. Sessions is at the Virginia Mil. Ins. Brother C. H. Trotter is taking a business course at Louisville. Brother Jno. Oliver is representing the Wesson Mills in the principal eastern cities.

We had the pleasure of having with us a few days last week Brother L. M. Southworth, Democratic elector for the State at large, who was returning from a speech-making tour through Indiana.

The citizens of Oxford and the students are to wind up the Presidential campaign to-morrow night by a grand torch light procession. Brother Firman Smith will be one of the orators to address the assembly.

With bright hopes for the future, and pleasant remembrances of the past, we send greeting to all brother Phis, and best wishes for a successful year for Phi Delta Theta.

November 4th, 1888. E. J. BUCK.

ALABAMA BETA ALUMNI.

IN June the resident members of Selma, who are members of our noble order, met and organized ourselves into a chapter, with

W. W. Quarles, President; H. R. Dawson, Warden; A. W. Nelson, Reporter, Secretary and Treasurer. After discussing matters of interest to each and every Phi, we adjourned to meet at the call of the president. The chapter is composed of fifteen men. Selma is truly a Phi town, there being more Phis in our city than all other fraternity men combined. We are represented in every line of business, and our men stand well in their respective callings. We hope that this may be the most prosperous year of our national order. Success to the SCROLL.

November 3, 1888. A. W. NELSON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY opened her doors this year with very favorable omens.

The faculty has been reorganized, but two of the former professors being retained, Dr. A. D. Hepburn and Prof. Henry Snyder, of the English Language and Chemical and Physical Science departments respectively. The following are the newly-elected members of the faculty, viz.: President, E. D. Wanfield, A. M., LL.B., a graduate of Princeton and Oxford, England; W. Johnson, of Princeton, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy; Walter R. Bridgman, A. M., of Yale, Greek Language and Literature; William A. Merrill, A. M., of Amherst, Latin Language and Literature; Joseph V. Collins, A. M., Ph. D., Mathematics and Astronomy; C. W. Hargitt, M. S., Biology and Geology; Thomas M. Parrott, A. B., Principal of Preparatory Department and instructor in Ancient Languages.

The resignations of Drs. Emerson and Sterrett of the Latin and Greek departments, necessitated elections of new men to those positions. We regretted very much the loss of these two men, as they are members of Phi Delta Theta, and are loyal brothers in the bond. Brother Emerson has accepted the chair of Greek in an Illinois college, and brother Sterrett has the chair of Greek in Texas University. We most heartily commend him to our brethren of Texas Beta.

Ohio Alpha again begins a year's work with enthusiasm, though we feel sorely the loss of brothers H. Weidner and K. Prugh by graduation, our first loss in this manner and therefore the more keenly felt; also brother Edwin Emerson, Dr. Emerson's brother, who has gone into business in Brooklyn, New York, and brother Dr. Emerson and Dr. Sterrett as stated above. In their departure from Miami we lose ardent and loyal workers for Phi Delta Theta. Brother Weidner will take up journalistic work as his profession. Brother Prugh has charge of the High

School at Eaton, O. We wish both all the success that can be attained.

At present we number eight men in college and one associate member, brother Spiney, who attended the University last year.

Thus far we have not captured any "barbs," but hope soon to do so.

We feel highly honored that we can claim brother Ben. Harrison, the Republican candidate for President, as a member of Ohio Alpha.

We regret not sending a letter to the SCROLL for the October number, but hope to have good reports to make in the future numbers.

October 13, 1888. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

THE New Year opened here with good prospects.

The number in attendance is greatly increased and several additions have been made to the faculty.

As well as the college, Ohio Gamma has bright hopes for the future. Although she is seven less than last Spring, yet the eight that are left are just as enthusiastic and as loyal as ever.

As the "spiking material" is rather limited, we have, as yet, initiated but one man.

The standing of the frats here is—viz.: $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, 9; $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, 10; $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, 11.

November 4, 1888. D. W. WELCH.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

THE present year of Centre College has been a quiet and prosperous one, and nothing has happened worthy of particular mention except the inauguration of our new President, William C. Young, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, a graduate of Old Centre and a son of the first president of our College. Fraternity material at Centre, this year, is scarce, and up to this time we have initiated but one, brother Edwin R. Curry, '91.

We have nine members now, having lost four by not returning. One of these, brother William R. Cook, '89, would have probably returned but for the wound he received by the death of his mother. Brother Willis Green, '89, will probably return about Christmas.

Brother William Lawson Sumrall, '87, who, after completing the course here, and also at Harvard, has returned there to study law.

Brother F. W. Samuels, '87, who formerly resided here, but now practicing medicine in Louisville, Ky., was married a short time ago to Miss Mattie Bell Hays of that place.

Brother W. B. Nelson, '88, has taken a position in a Wisconsin Bank.

The other fraternities of our College have more members than we, but we prefer "quality to quantity."

Hoping success to Phi Delta Theta, we remain yours in the bond.

November 5, 1888. GEORGE A. MCROBERTS.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

ONLY four old members of Kentucky Delta returned this fall. Brothers Harrison and L. Clay graduated last June; also brother Cook, but he has returned to take a post-graduate course. Brothers Sanders and B. J. Clay are not with us this year, but we hope to have them next session.

Brothers Shewmaker and Sanders represented us in the oratorical contest last June, and brother Joffrion in the declaimers' contest.

We have initiated two men this fall, J. C. Woodward, '91, Paris, Ky., and A. R. Mitchell, '92, Lake Charles, La., both are good and substantial men.

Brother Shewmaker took the Greek medal last June. In fact in every contest our men always share the honors and prizes.

In the latter part of last session the fraternity had the pleasure of attending a sumptuous banquet given to them by a lady friend of the fraternity. The table was grand beneath the oppressive weight of eatables and drinkables. Pleasure ruled the hours and all went "merry as a marriage bell."

The fraternity is in good condition; has a nice hall, and is moving on smoothly in every way.

November 3, 1888. R. E. ROBERTS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

LAST year was a successful one in respect to numbers and quality of our men.

On the evening of April 29th we gave an entertainment, the twenty-eighth anniversary of our chapter.

On Tuesday evening, before commencement proper, we held our social and banquet in the parlors of the Baptist church. Some of our older brothers were with us, among whom were Prof. Hall, C. McCoy, J. T. C. Noe, J Will Fesler of State University.

This year the chapter opens with but seven out of the fifteen boys of last June.

Brother A. Clark is an editor in California; C. Collins is at

Vanderbilt University, L Sternnug, C. Curry, W. McColley, teaching near Franklin; L. E. Sellers, at Windfall, and C. Holmes at Letts Corner, preaching; C. E. Goedell here in city, reading.

We have initiated three men, Clarence Province, of '93, T. J. Leach, of '92, and W. P. Garshwiler, of '93.

Brother W. A. Halteman of Peoria, Ill., spent two days visiting his Phi home and friends at Franklin.

October 23, 1888. E. M. FISHER.

MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN BETA is in a thriving condition. We lost four of our most active members by graduation last August, but we have initiated also several good new men, so that in numbers we are about as usual.

We are proud to present the Phi world the following initiates: Charles F. Baker, '91, of St. Croix Falls, Wis.; Victor H. Lowe, '91, of Jackson, Mich.; Chas. F. Weideman, '91, of East Saginaw, Mich.; and William Enders, '91, of Benton Harbor, Mich. —making our total membership seventeen.

A large class of freshmen entered at the beginning of the year and we are "rushing" a few of their best men.

Brother L. H. Bailey, M. S. of '82, has accepted the chair of Horticulture at Cornell University.

Δ Τ Δ's chapter here seems to be doing good work.

There is at present much rivalry between the Phis and Delts over some of the new men, and we have good prospects of coming out ahead.

On October 19 we gave a semi-open meeting, at which the ladies of the white and blue were present. Literary exercises, banquet and dancing were the order of the evening. It is needless to say that all spent a pleasant evening.

October 29, 1888. R. S. BAKER.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

LAST year was prosperous for Φ Δ Θ at Hillsdale. The honors won previous to June have been reported, but it may be well to add that our brothers won some of the best prizes at the States Intercollegiate Athletic Contest at Lansing, in June. Perhaps the most noteworthy was the hundred yards dash won, by brother Van Vleet and J. W. Carnahan were two of the four running for Hillsdale.

Brother Robinson, Reynolds and Garbugh left us by graduation. Brothers Greene, Chaffee and Carnahan (J. W.) did not return this fall. Brother Gilbert has gone to Cornell. We con-

gratulate N. Y. Alpha upon the addition of our brother to their ranks. We began this year with ten men and unity. November 3 we initiated brother T. C. Lawrence, '92. We no longer receive under-freshmen.

November 6, 1888. E. D. PALMER.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ILLINOIS ZETA rejoices that Phis are again permitted to give and receive greetings through THE SCROLL. The time past since the last number of last year and the first of this year seems lost. It is as if we had been cut off from our brethren, and we have so much to tell them that we hardly know how to begin.

Now to take a glance over the time since you last heard of us. As usual we have been booming. We celebrated our annual banquet in conjunction with our brothers of Illinois Delta and it was certainly the social event of the season. We invited every fraternity man in both Lombard and Knox, besides many friends among the barbarian population of both colleges and the city. It was of sufficient importance for the city dailies to devote several columns to it; and one even had a special artist on the spot and printed an illustrated article containing verbatim reports of the toasts.

Just prior to the banquet we made the great catch of the season by initiating Brothers Allen F. Moore, '89, and Vernon A. Smith, '91. Both gentlemen had been in school two years, but owing to unfortunate circumstances, had been unable to join us before.

Only one Phi graduated with '88, brother Allen W. Lapham, who for over six years was one of the most loyal Phis ever known. To him in a considerable part is due the standing of the fraternity at Lombard. He is now studying medicine at Keokuk, Iowa.

Late in the year it was decided by the students to have annual field day exercises. It is a matter worthy of note that eight out of the nine officers of the Athletic Association organized to have charge were Phis. Brother Lapham was the president, and to him is largely due the complete success of the field day. Considering we had but fourteen members, it is clearly seen that our boys won their positions on their own merits and not because of a majority of votes being from our chapter. On Field Day we took over half the prizes. Two of the base-ball captains and the two foot-ball captains were Phis.

In honors at Commencement time we were not without representation. Brother Lyman McCare, '85, of Quincy, delivered the master's oration. In the Annual Open Meeting of the Ero-

sophian Society brother Harsh was orator, brother Trott declaimer, brother Moore medleyist, and brother McConnell president. Only two others were on the programme.

So much for last year, now for this—school opened September 6 with an increased attendance. One thing however is noticeable, and that is the increased number of "*special*" students. This is due, of course, to the fact of the increased facilities for studies in special lines as the university grows older and prospers. It also seems to be the tendency of the age to pursue in college those special branches of the course which the student believes will be a material help to him in his after life. The majority of these students are excellent men, and older than the average college student. We are always slow to initiate such men for the reason that we like to have as large a per cent. of graduates as possible. We make exceptions though for some exceptionally good ones, and in the majority of cases we have finally succeeded in getting such men to abandon their "special course" idea, and enter on a regular course and take a degree. This we regard as our best card for retaining the favor of the faculty. This change of plan is in most cases due entirely to fraternity influences.

So far we have initiated eight new members, which, added to our ten at the opening of school gives us a nice chapter roll. On October 4th, we took McClelland Case, Charles Cottrell, Asa Royce, Arnold Bruington, and George J. Davis by the hand as brothers. On October 19th we initiated Bret H. Brigham, Lester L. Silliman and E. C. Root. We regard these all as exceptionally good men. Brother Brigham is a Junior and a brother of brother L. Ward Brigham, '86, a good Phi, and at present practicing medicine in Chicago. Brother Case is ranked at present with '92, but as he is ahead of his course somewhat he will probably go out with '91. Our opposing body ($\Theta\ \nabla$) has a very good chapter but don't seem to be doing much, only two men initiated as yet, a Sophomore and a theological Freshman.

In college honors for the present year we already commence to show up nicely. The Athletic Association in its recent election chose all Phi officers with one exception, and that one is a barbarian who acts with the Phis very nicely. We have the vice-presidency of the leading literary society. In the Republican Club of the University we have the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, captain of marching club, director of glee club, and some other minor offices. On the staff of the *Lombard Review* we have every office and position, save that of editor-in-chief and alumni editor.

Fearing I may be trespassing on other's space if I continue, I shall stop short here, to commence again in next SCROLL.

October 25, 1888. SAM D. HARSH.

ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri.

Phi Delta Theta at Missouri University opened up this year with fourteen Phis, in point of numbers being a more auspicious opening than we have had for several years.

In this respect we had a decided advantage over our esteemed rivals, none of them opening with more than eight men. In consequence the rushing season has not been as lively as in other years, which is due to two facts—first, that we have had nearly everything our own way, and second, good Phi material is scarcer in our university than it has been for some years past. Our prospects for the ensuing year are bright, we are sure of capturing the academic valedictory and look forward to capturing a large share of the other honors, as we have the men capable of doing it.

We graduated one man in the class of '88, brother J. M. Fraley, who stood second in his class. He was awarded the astronomy medal, which, next to the valedictory, is considered the highest honor in the University, as before a student is eligible to contest for this prize he must have a grade of 95% in the entire mathematical course. Brother Fraley was the only contestant, being the only one of his class who had attained this high grade.

We are glad to welcome into our fold brother Charles France, a Phi from Missouri Beta who has entered our University and will affiliate with Mo. *A* at our next meeting.

According to our custom, we gave our annual banquet on May 28, and we think that as a brilliant social success it eclipsed any of our previous efforts. It will probably be interesting to the fraternity to read the following impartial account of it as given by the *Columbia Herald:*

PHI DELTA THETA RECEPTION.

The annual reception of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was given Monday evening, May 28, at the Haden Opera House. The house was arranged so as to make dancing room for six sets by extending a platform from the stage over the parquet. The room was decorated with tropical plants and cut flowers, which, when viewed in connection with the stage scenery, blended into a pleasing line, that exhibited much taste in arrangement. The stage was beautifully and tastefully decorated with the colors of the fraternity, argent and azure, which hung in festoons from the chandeliers. A bow of blue with a broad background of white extended across the stage, in the centre of which was a large shield and sword—the badge of the fraternity. Out of this design the mystic symbols of Phi Delta Theta looked out on those

engaged in the giddy whirl. Over this hung a mammoth shield with a sword inserted behind, which was another evidence of the taste and decorative ability of the young gentlemen under whose auspices this most successful entertainment was given. The shield was made of cedar and bronze, the cedar bounding the bronze, which was the body of the shield. On the bronze background was an unrolled scroll with the letters Phi Delta Theta on it. Through an opening in the background the lake scene, which is described elsewhere, stood out with pleasing effect and scenic beauty. Besides these there were many other decorations consisting of flags, symbols of the fraternity, etc., which the lack of space forbids us to mention. All in all the stage and supper room presented a picture of rare beauty and taste, which when once viewed is not to be forgotten, and we congratulate the young gentlemen on the signal success of this their annual banquet.

R. T. HAINES.

October 22, 1888.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

THE "genial, jolly Phis," of Westminster, are still leading the fight, and gradually adding to their numbers and accomplishments. Our "Royal Bucker" has again had the pleasure of tossing up from "Barbarium" three worthy members for our society, brothers H. B. Crawford, J. H. Higbee and Clyde Smith. The "Royal Gentleman" was feeling good the night of the initiation, and he brought his riders into the light with such speed and vehemence that they were scarcely able to stand. They still survive, however, and promise much.

Brother Geo. Miller is expected to return to his college duties about Christmas.

Brothers Langtry, Ferguson and Keller went as delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention, held at Lexington last week.

November 6, 1888. W. S. FOREMAN.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

THE University of Minnesota began another year with brighter prospects than ever before. The opening of Colleges of Law and Medicine marks another era of growth and prosperity. The attendance in the College of Liberal Arts is nearly 500, in the Law School 75, and in the College of Medicine 125. From this our friends can see that the University of Michigan is fast attaining a front rank among universities of the West.

The Pillsbury Science Hall is nearly completed. It is one of the finest college buildings in the West. Its cost is $225,000.

Phi Delta Theta claims the honor of having more members of

the faculty than any other fraternity in the University. We have three, viz., brother W. R. Hoag, C. E., who was elected to the chair of Civil Engineering last spring; brother Conway McMillan, M. A., who is the Botanist at the University, and brother Max. P. Vander Horck, M. D., who is Professor of Skin Diseases in the Medical School. All these professors are loyal and very enthusiastic Phis.

Minnesota Alpha began the new year with eleven attendant members and five associates. Total sixteen. We have lost two who were with us last year—brother H. W. Thompson, '88, graduated, and is studying law in St. Paul, and brother Fred P. Schoonmaker, '91, who thought best to finish his course at Cornell University. Fritz was our handsome man, and we hated to have him go, but we commend him to New York Alpha.

The rushing season has been very exciting, besides being a very long one.

Our rivals in Chi Psi were fortunate in having in '92 boys whose brothers and cousins had been Chi Psis before them, and so they were Chi Psi too. They have initiated five very good men. Phi Delta Theta met them in a straight out fight and came out victors, bringing with us, as the spoils, Everett B. Kirk, '92, of St. Paul. It was the worst defeat we have ever had the pleasure of giving the Chis, and it was a very bitter pill for them to swallow, but they took it very nicely. On last Saturday evening we initiated Everett B. Kirk of St. Paul, Hilleary L. Murray, Edwin J. Krafft and Elon Huntington of Minneapolis, all of '92. All of these brothers are well worth the time and work we put on them, and will do honor to Minnesota Alpha and $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$. There are more to follow.

Phi Delta Theta has been given a very good share of the honors this year.

Brother Moffett, '89, is the President of a Students' Harrison and Morton Club of over one hundred and fifty members.

Brother Thomas, '89, is the President of the Tennis Association.

Brother Stockwell, '89, is the President of Hermean Literary Society, and the Statistician of '89 on Class Day.

Brothers Leeds and Spaulding, '90, are on the Oratorical Contest.

Brother Bebb, '91, is Vice-President of S. C. *A*. Brother Blethen, '91, is Poet of '91. Brother Nickerson is Prophet of '91. Besides these, the boys hold various smaller offices.

One thing which we esteem to be an honor more than anything else is the foundation of Pi Beta Nu, a scholarship society which came into existence last spring. Brother Thompson, '88, was the founder and its first President. The society consists of five members from the senior class who have been elected from

the ten best scholars in the class, and these in turn elect five from the ten best scholars in the junior class. Among the five elected last spring from junior class was brother Moffett, '89. He is the Vice-President of the society this year.

The fraternities are all flourishing, especially Φ K Ψ, which was established here last March. It was re-enforced this year by five men from the defunct chapter at Carlton College. They have two men in the Law School. Their chapter has eighteen members.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has been just "booming." Up to date they have initiated ten new members, and have a good prospect to initiate two or three more. Their chapter numbers about twenty.

Chi Psi has fourteen members.

Theta Phi (local) numbers sixteen.

Delta Gamma has initiated two new girls, which brings their number up to nine.

Delta Tau Delta foots the list, with seven.

We expect soon to see chapters of Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha Theta badged out.

The society that the Phis would like to see here is Beta Theta Pi.

Minnesota Alpha will cast a solid vote for BEN HARRISON, and sends her hearty congratulations to our youngest Massachusetts Beta.

October 17, 1888. WALTER L. STOCKWELL.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

As the class of '88 contained two of our members, the opening of the present year found us but six in number. This instead of being a discouragement to us, was only an incentive to harder work, As the result of the work, we take great pleasure in introducing to our brother Phis, brothers G. L. Tait, '92, W. C. Dorsey, '92, and H. J. Edmundson, '92, all of whom have been fully initiated into the mysteries of Φ Δ Θ. We are also working three other men, whom we are reasonably sure of getting.

We are now the strongest chapter in numbers in the University, and we hope to show by our work in the future that we are also the strongest in ability.

At the beginning of the year B Θ Π put a chapter of seven members here, only four of whom are at present in school. Last Friday (October 19) Δ Γ also put in a chapter of five members. There are now six fraternities represented in the University. From this it is evident that the strong anti-fraternity feeling that once existed here is growing much weaker.

During the coming years, the "frats" expect to publish an

annual, which we hope to make equal to the best, and our chapter will be pleased to exchange with our sister chapters.

Our University is in a prosperous condition. We commence the year with over four hundred students and twenty-seven instructors. Our new armory and gymnasium will be ready for dedication in a few weeks, and our new Science Hall will be ready about the first of the winter term.

During the session of the Legislature, the coming winter, it is expected that appropriations will be made for two more buildings.

As our former chancellor was discharged from his position at the beginning of the year, we are at present without one. We expect that the vacancy will be filled at an early date, and in the meantime Prof. Bessey, who is at the head of our botanical department, is acting chancellor.

We also have a new commander of the military department, in the person of T. W. Griffith, Second Lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry, United States army.

Brother Emery, of Ohio Zeta, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Languages.

Of our own chapter, brother Fulmer, '87, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the University, and at the same time is studying for his A. M. degree.

Brother Frankforter, '86, who took his A. M. degree last June, has been appointed Professor of Chemistry in the High School of Lincoln, Nebraska.

By the way, every A. M. degree that has been taken in the University has been taken by the Phis.

We are making preparations, with the assistance of our alumni, to refurnish our rooms—(rooms 4 and 5 Platt Block)—where we will be glad at any time to welcome any Phi who may be in the city.

October 23, 1888. J. A. BARRIS.

INITIATES.

VERMONT ALPHA.

'92. Joel Allen, North Hero, Vt.
'92. George Henry Baker, Chateaugay, N. Y.
'92. Hermon Alline Howe, Newfane, Vt.
'92. Robert Ellsworth Lewis, Berkshire, Vt.
'92. Edwin Curtis Mower, Morristown, Vt.
'92. Charles Leland Orton, Waldon, Vt.
'92. Halbert Lee Waterman, Brattleboro, Vt.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

'90. Everett Dearborn Chadwick.

'92. Herbert Leslie Mapes.
'92. William Frank Edgerton.
'92. Henry Vinton Woodward.
'92. Wm. R. A. Wilson.
'92. Russell Lord Tarbox.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'90. R. W. Elliott, Greensburg, Ohio.
'92. Otis E. Conway, Jamestown, N. Y.
'92. Ellis J. Chesbro, Willoughby, Ohio.

GEORGIA BETA.

'92. Paul Bowman Brewer, Elberton, Ga.
'92. Osgood Francis Cooke, Waycross, Ga.
'92. Frank Coleman Keene, Ogelthorpe, Ga.
'92. Alfred Carswell Fraseur, Gordon, Ga.
'92. James Parks Neese, Hampton, Ga.
'92. Edwin Saulsbury Rogers, Macon, Ga.
'92. William Rokenbaugh Rogers, Macon, Ga.

OHIO GAMMA.

'92. Elbert Brutus Gore, Georgetown, Ohio.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

'91. Joseph Clark Tipton, Las. Vegas., N. M.
'92. John Prichard Shelley, Princeton, Mo.
'92. Charles Gregg Haines, Columbia, Mo.
'92. John Doak Shelton, Appleton City, Mo.
Affiliated from Mo. *B.*
'92. Chas. France, St. Joseph, Mo.

PERSONALS.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'88. F. M. Kerr is at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

'88. D. W. Howell pursues a course at Drew, Madison, N. J.

'88. J. A. Parsons is pastor of the M. E. Church, at Saegertown, Pa.

Ex '88. F. S. Christy is at Denver, Col.

Ex '88. T. C. Blaisdell teaches at Charlotte, N. C., this year.

'87. Will Bignell goes back to Johns Hopkins again to continue the study of the Teutonic languages.

Ex '90. C. E. Newkirk is at Westminster College preparing for the Senior year at Princeton.

'88. John Bell begins this year a course in medicine at the

College of the City of New York. He expects to become a medical missionary.

GEORGIA BETA.

'74. Wm. A. Keener, who has been an Asst. Prof. at the Harvard Law School, was elected by the Corporation last June to the Story Professorship of Law. He has also brought out two volumes of selected cases on Quasi-contrasts, and intimates in the preface to the book that it will be followed by a treatise on the same subject.

OHIO EPSILON.

'79. Arthur Adelbert Stearns, ex-Historian of the General Council, was married to Miss Lillian Grant Platt, at Glendale, Ohio, November 21.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF GEORGIA BETA, PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.

OXFORD, GA., November 6, '88.

WHEREAS, on the 21st of August, 1888, a short illness, under the hand of God, removed from this to a better heritage above, our much loved friend and brother,

BLAKELY HORWELL,

and,

WHEREAS, in the death of brother Horwell, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity sustains an incalculable loss; be it

Resolved: That in the death of our brother the little city of McDonough has lost one of its truest and most praiseworthy citizens and officers—one who feared God and regarded man, and whose highest aim and thought was to elevate humanity, thereby glorifying the author of his being;

Resolved: That his venerable father and mother and his weeping wife and sisters have our sincerest sympathies in this sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also to the SCROLL of the Fraternity.

R. F. EAKES.
J. E. MICKLER.
J. T. DAVES.

INDIANA DELTA.

JOSEPH C. SMITH, of Franklin, Indiana, who has been in poor health for several years past, died at Colorado Springs, Colorado,

of typhoid fever. He went to California several months ago for his health, and from there to Colorado, where it was thought he had been greatly benefited until the sad news reached his friends a few days ago, of his last illness. Mrs. Smith went West with him, but was home on a visit when she received a telegram announcing his serious illness, and she returned to his bedside only a few days before his death.

Mr. Smith was one of the most respected and honored citizens of Johnson county, having served in many business capacities in which his unswerving honesty and integrity were features of his character to be admired by all who had business with him, and which secured for him the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. He will be remembered as the genial cashier of the National Bank, and was elected vice-president of the present bank when the two consolidated. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Masonic order in Franklin, and also a prominent member of the Fellow Helpers' Society.

His wife, the daughter of Captain W. B. Ellis, and one child survive him.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE *Yale News* says "The Alpha Delta Phi lecture course at Wesleyan has on its programme Laland T. Powers, Will. Carlton, George Makepeace Towle, and Mrs. Scott Siddons." Also says there are eight colleges with attendance over 1,000—Harvard 1,600; Columbia 1,487; University of Michigan 1,475; Yale 1,310; Oberlin 1.302; Northwestern University 1,100; Cornell 1,100; University of Pennsylvania 1,069.

VANDERBILT University opened on the 19th of September, with the same number of students on the register as before. The rigidness of the entrance examinations caused a large number of the would-be freshmen to return to their homes. A local paper, *The Vanderbilt Hustler*, has made its appearance. It is to come out every Saturday morning, when it will criticise the faculty, condemn the actions of that honorable body and generally "ventilate the college corridor." The University also supports the *Observer*, a literary monthly, published by the societies. The Tennis Association is in a flourishing condition; the younger members of the faculty have taken a decided interest in its success. Dr. Dudley is President, and Prof. Merrill, Vice-President. Sanders, the star pitcher of the Philadelphia League Club, will return this fall and pursue his studies in the engineering department. His being a professional base ball player will, of course, prevent his playing with the college nine. He will, however, be of great service as a trainer for the boys.

THE University of Virginia completed the second week of its session with a registration of four hundred and one students, the largest registration since 1870. It is not unlikely that the number will ultimately reach the limit of that year—four hundred and forty-seven. Of the entire number present two hundred and thirty are Virginians and one hundred and seventy-one are from other States. In 1870 and 1871 only one hundred and fifty-eight were Virginians, while two hundred and eighty-nine were from other States, mainly Southern States. This also indicates a more stable condition of prosperity than at the earlier date. All the new enterprises undertaken by the University are beginning successfully. The Biological School, conducted by Prof. Tuttle, recently of the Ohio State University, opens with twelve matriculents. The Department of Physical Culture, directed by Mr. Huntington, recently of Amherst College, in Massachusetts, has large and daily increasing classes. The students' dormitories have been supplied with the Edison electric light and it gives the best of satisfaction. New dining-rooms of convenient size and favorable location give opportunities for economy to the student. The professional schools are all very full, the law having one hundred and fifteen, the medical ninety-two, and the engineering twenty-nine. The number of first-year students is two hundred and forty-one, a quite unusual proportion. Altogether the outlook is hopeful, and the growth of the past three years is fully maintained.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE AFFAIRS.—It seems to be a far more difficult task for a board of college trustees to select a president of their college than for a political convention to select its choice for President of the United States. Since President Barnard of Columbia College resigned the presidency of that institution last spring, practically no progress has been made in the selection of his successor.

Discussion has largely confined itself to the question of whether the president should be an Episcopal clergyman or should come from the laity of that Church. The alumni in general think that the proper man for the place is more apt to be found outside of the clergy. It is said that the students favor the promotion of either Prof. Chandler of the School of Mines, or Prof. Van Amringe, the professor of Mathematics. In the meantime, Dr. Drisler, professor of Greek, is acting as president by right of seniority. Columbia also experiences difficulty in finding a suitable occupant for the chair of Latin. It is now two years since the death of Prof. Short, and the chair is still vacant.

Yet another matter that weighs on the minds of Columbia's trustees is the recommendation made by President Barnard in his last annual report, that the undercollegiate department, the School of Arts, be abolished and the work of the University be

confined to professional instruction. This suggestion has not, as yet, met with very general favor.

THE regular correspondent from Miami University was pained to see published in the college column, last week, an indiscreet statement in reference to the college journals, which could bring the college no honor. The writer has no interest in either the *Miami Journal* or *Miami Student*, except such as is called forth by loyalty to the college and to its fame abroad; but, for the sake of justice, it is necessary to supplement—perhaps correct—what was published last week. The *Miami Student* was for many years a flourishing newspaper. It was published during the time of Miami's greatest prosperity, and has many friends among the graduates. For the past year or two plans have been maturing for its republication. Whatever ownership there is in it lies in the students as a body. Its editors are chosen to represent the fraternities, the students unconnected with the Greek letter societies, and by the literary societies of the college. The board of editors naturally represents the strength of the undergraduates. Membership in it is deservedly an honor. The *Journal*, on the other hand, is private property, copyrighted by two men. Is it not reasonable that a periodical owned by the students, as a whole, should meet with as cordial a welcome and support as one owned by private persons? There is no quarrel, there is no division among the students in this matter. The October number of the *Journal* has lately appeared, and contains no mention of the *Student;* it is understood that the *Student* will not refer to the *Journal*. The papers merely stand for opposing principles in journalism—one is a magazine, the other a newspaper. The *Miami Journal* has on its Editorial Board one senior, two sophomores and one preparatory man, elected by the classes. The authorities of the college are absolutely impartial. Each periodical will spur the other to greater efforts, and if only one can live it will, of course, be the stronger.

Colonel Parrott gave a brilliant reception on Saturday evening to President Warfield and Professor Cameron, in Dayton. President Warfield has accepted an invitation to address the Southwestern Teachers' Association. The President lately entertained Mr. Foote and other prominent electricians of Cincinnati. The Trustees have decided to introduce the electric light in the buildings. The library is being arranged according to Dewey's subject scheme. There are two active fraternities in college—Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi. The former has eight members and the latter ten. No "preps" are admitted. The mutual relations of the fraternities are most cordial.

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Pennsylvania Delta—Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.—E. P. Couse, 623 North Main Street.
Pennsylvania Epsilon—Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.—C. W. Straw, West Pomfret St.
Pennsylvania Zeta—University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.—A. H. Cleveland, 2102 Mt. Vernon St.
Pennsylvania Eta—Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.—E. H. Beazell, Box 476.

Beta Province.

Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College, Salem, Va.—C. F. Huder.
Virginia Beta—University of Virginia, Albemarle Co., Va.—T. W. Lee.
Virginia Gamma—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.—E. C. McSparran.
Virginia Delta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.—C. James.
Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.—R. T. Goodwyn.
Virginia Zeta—Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.—J. W. Avery.

North Carolina Beta—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C—L. P. Woodard.
South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College, Columbia, S.C.—H.A. Brunson.

Gamma Province.

Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.—T. W. Reed.
Georgia Beta—Emory College, Oxford, Ga.—J. T. Daves, Jr.
Georgia Gamma—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—J. R. Long.
Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.—P. M. Jones.
Tennessee Beta—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.—W. H. Howard.
Alabama Alpha—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—W. S. Smith.
Alabama Beta—Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.—J. T. Gregory.
Alabama Gamma—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.—A. J. Haygood.
Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.—E. J. Buck.
Texas Beta—University of Texas, Austin, Tex.—J. M. Herndon.
Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—J. R. Mood.

Delta Province.

Ohio Alpha—Miami University, Oxford, O.—J. H. Macready, P. O. Box 226.
Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan Univ'ty, Delaware, O.—D. R. Gray.
Ohio Gamma—Ohio University, Athens, O.—D. W. Welch.
Ohio Delta—University of Wooster, Wooster, O.—W. E. Forgy.
Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College, Akron, O.—H. D. Smith.
Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University, Columbus, O.—J. G. Bloom, N. Dorm, O. S. U.
Kentucky Alpha—Centre College, Danville, Ky.—G. A. McRoberts.
Kentucky Delta—Central University, Richmond, Ky.—R. E. Roberts.

Epsilon Province.

Indiana Alpha—Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.—T. M. Honan.
Indiana Beta—Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.—Henry Little.
Indiana Gamma—Butler University, Irvington, Ind.—B. M. Davis.
Indiana Delta—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.—E. M. Fisher.
Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.—J. B. McCormick.
Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.—C. W. Gibert, P. O. Box 200.
Michigan Alpha—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.—J. T. N. Hoyt, 25 Maynard St.
Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan, Agricultural College, (Lansing), Mich.—R. S. Baker.
Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.—E. D. Palmer.

Zeta Province.

Illinois Alpha—Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.—H. R. Howell, Lock Box 85.
Illinois Delta—Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.—G. P. Williams.
Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.—J. A. Denham.
Illinois Zeta—Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.—S. D. Harsh, P. O. Box 693.
Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.—W. A. Curtis, 534 State St.

Eta Province.

Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.—R. T. Haines, P. O. Box 744.
Missouri Beta—Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.—W. S. Foreman.
Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, Ia.—W. H. Spurgeon.
Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.—A. M. Craven.
Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.—W. L. Stockwell, 501 4th St., S. E.
Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—N. C. Brooks, 1044 Tennessee St.
Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.—J. A. Barris, Room 4, State Block.
California Alpha—University of California, Berkeley, Cal.—E. F. Goodyear, P. O. Box 71.

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1857.

Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., January 13, 1857. W. L. Dulaney, Danville, Ky. Sir: Your favor of the 9th is before me, which I read with deep interest. You placed me in rather a difficult position to act, requesting me *to speak of it to no one or in any manner* to communicate what you wrote. I would not know how to send you "the names of four others" with myself without their consent. I did this, I know, of some with whom I had conversed on the subject and who are much more worthy than myself, who wished to established a chapter here. To these, after binding to perfect secrecy, I explained the matter. I with pleasure send their names: H. Ray, J. Alex. Chambliss, C. D. Armstrong, J. H. Ferguson, with my own. We should be pleased to have an answer from you as soon as convenient. Send us everything that we need to instruct us in establishing a chapter. I feel complimented by what Mr. Scott has said. Hoping that we may soon be brothers, I am, yours respectfully, J. F. Cook.

J. F. Cook, of Georgetown, was proposed and elected a member of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Instructions were given to the corresponding secretary, on motion, to transmit to Mr. Cook a charter, bond, constitution, articles of union and by-laws necessary for the establishment of a chapter at Georgetown.—Mem. from Kentucky Alpha minutes, January 20, 1857.

From information received from corresponding secretary of Kentucky Gamma their charter was withdrawn. Mem. from Kentucky Alpha minutes, April 7, 1857.

1858.

Bloomington, Ind., October 28, 1858. Secretary of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Madison, Wis. Dear Sir: I have been requested to inform the members of our different chapters concerning the state of affairs as they exist at present. I suppose that you are aware that the

power of the Ohio Alpha has been transferred to our chapter, and that we are headquarters for the present, having met in convention with members of other chapters, and it was agreed that it should remain here for two years and then the different chapters are to meet in a general convention and decide upon the permanent location of "headquarters." As is customary, as you know, an annual report of each chapter is required to be sent in about the first of each year. The first of February is generally the time of sending them and it is very desirable that all should be punctual. We should be glad to hear from you at any time in regard to the condition of your chapter, or upon any subject. If you know of any favorable opportunity of forming a new chapter in any place in the west we would be glad to hear from you on the subject. With many wishes for your prosperity, I remain, yours in the Bond, James W. Gorman, Secretary of the Indiana Alpha.

State University, Madison, Wis., December 14, 1858. James W. Gorman, Secretary of the Indiana Alpha, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Dear Sir: Your communication of October 28th was duly received, notifying us of the transfer of "headquarters" to your chapter and desiring us to communicate to you our condition and prospects and other information pertaining to the interests of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the west. Pursuant to the directions of our chapter, November 16th, I take pleasure in responding to your communication, although after considerable delay, occasioned by a desire to acquaint you of the establishment of the Wisconsin Beta of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., of which I was recently apprised by a friend, a student in that institution, who was initiated for that purpose during the last vacation. Our own chapter is somewhat lessened in numbers by the departure of five members at the end of last term, but we now number five, having received one new member this term, and are determined to maintain our organization and to continue to exert our influence to our highest mutual benefit, the best interest of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and of our *alma mater*. We were notified last June of the convention which was to be held at Bloomington on the 13th of July, for the purpose of considering measures necessary to our existence as a society in consequence of the Ohio Alpha becoming defunct, but we were unable to attend in person, trusting to our brother, Wm. G. Jenckes, who was also formerly a member of your chapter, to attend the convention as our delegate. From what we could learn from Mr. Jenckes and from Mr. Theodore Read, who was here at the time, we expected that the "headquarters" would be established at Bloomington, and therefore we were not surprised at the information contained in your letter. We appreciate the kind interest you manifest in our welfare, and can assure you that the Phis in Wisconsin will always endeavor to do

their duty, extend and strengthen the organization, and fulfil with faithfulness the obligations of the bond. With many wishes for your individual welfare and prosperity, and the permanence of the Indiana Alpha, I remain, yours in the bond, Leonard S. Clark, Secretary of the Wisconsin Alpha, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

1859.

The Kentucky Alpha is now in a flourishing condition, and has attracted the admiration of the other societies by the manner which she has pursued in taking in members. The other societies at the first of the session seemed greedy, and in their anxiety to get the best fellows have taken in some that they wish were somewhere else. It almost reminds one of brooding cattle; they would stick a pin on a fellow almost unknown to them, and tell him that he was a member of such and such a society. We have taken in only two members this session but what we lose in quantity we gain in quality. There are two other secret organizations here besides our own. One is the $B \Theta \Pi$, which is a very respectable society and one of long standing; the other is $A K \Phi$, which originated among a few worthless fellows who despaired of ever getting into the other societies. It had its origin here last year and had but one other chapter, which is located at Harrodsburg. There is evidently another secret society springing up here, and reports say there are two, although there are signs of but one, and that is the "Skull and Bones," which is said to be brought from Jefferson College. The existence of so many secret societies will compel us to be quick and cautious in our movements. I believe the conference of the order meets in this place next June about the time of our commencement, and upon this ground we have elected Rev. Dr. T. V. Moore, of Richmond, Va., to address us. He was proposed by Mr. Morrison, of the Ohio Alpha, who thinks he will come. We have here two books of the Ohio chapter—one a constitution book and the other a book for the recording of reports. If you wish them sent on just signify it in your next. They are not of much value. —E. J. Anderson, Secretary Kentucky Alpha, to Indiana Alpha, November 26, 1859.

1860.

About two months ago, at a meeting of our chapter, the subject of the convention which is to be held here next June came up, and on motion of Mr. Bullitt, who had been advised upon the subject by yourself, we unanimously elected Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., of Richmond, Va., to address the convention. Some of the members thought that he would not come, and wished to know something more about him—of what chapter he is a member, when initiated, etc. To satisfy the society, I wish you would write me what you know of Dr. Moore as a Phi, and

what the probabilities are of his coming. I wish also that, as you are acquainted with him, you would write a note to him saying something in our behalf, which note is to be sent here to accompany the invitation. . We will get Dr. Humphrey, who is a member of your chapter, to sign the invitation, and also Dr. Robinson if we have time. I will probably get Dr. Robinson to write a note as I have asked you. The society is in a flourishing condition and has fair prospects of continuing so. E. J. Anderson, Secretary Kentucky Alpha, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., January 17, 1860.

Richmond, Va., February 7, 1860. Rev. Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky. Dear Brother: I regret that my private arrangements will put it out of my power to visit Kentucky next summer as proposed. It would on many accounts give me much pleasure to be at the commencement and to see my friends there, but it is not in my power. With much esteem and affection, I am, very truly yours, T. V. Moore.

Let us print the first catalogues for *ourselves*, for our own benefit, and when we know thus who is who, propagandism can be carried forward in places of importance better far than otherwise. It will encourage each of us to know that we have so many brave brothers, and it will bring about a union of spirit and an *esprit de corps* among graduate members that we so much need. Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., to E. J. Anderson, Centre College, January 23, 1860.

The order is established at present at six different institutions besides your own—Wisconsin Alpha, at Madison, Wis.; Wisconsin Beta. I do not remember the name of the college just now. Illinois Alpha, Evanston; Northwestern University, established last year, and when heard from last summer in a flourishing condition; the Indiana Alpha, Bloomington; the Indiana Beta, Wabash College, and the Indiana Gamma, Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis, where we organized a chapter about two months ago. From a private letter of an old member of this chapter I learn that the Gamma chapter is doing very well and the members are well worthy to be enrolled among those who have gone before them in the association. By the advice of D. D. Banta, a correspondent member, we have been taking steps toward the formation of another chapter at Franklin College in this state. What success we may meet with I hardly know yet. . The Alpha chapter here is as prosperous and in as good condition at present as ever. Having been very careful in our selection of members we possess only such ones as would give character and respectability to an organization like ours, and we are now able to hold a high head over the two Greek societies who endeavor to compete with us. J. S. Broodwell, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, January 23, 1860.

Delaware, Ohio, January 24, 1860. Secretary of the Alpha Chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society. Dear Sir: I address you this note in behalf of a number of students of the Ohio Wesleyan University to make known our wish to establish a chapter of your fraternity at our university. We would like to know what recommendations are necessary for us to furnish before you can grant our request. That we can furnish satisfactory recommendations in all respects we are confident. The young men in whose behalf I am now writing are all members of college classes, ranging from sophomore to senior. The means we have in our control are sufficiently ample to ensure complete success to a chapter. Please write to me soon and let me know what you care to do for us. Hoping to receive a favorable reply, I remain, yours truly, A. P. Collins.

P. S.—By this mail I send you a catalogue of our institution, A. P. C.

In a letter received yesterday from brother Anderson of the Kentucky Alpha he informs me of your desire that a catalogue should be published before the meeting of the convention next June. I laid this matter before our chapter this afternoon at our regular meeting and we resolved to profit by your suggestion. Anderson says they have some thirty dollars on hand, while we have twenty-five. What do you think such a catalogue as you contemplate will cost? I think we can easily raise all the necessary funds, if they are not already on hand, in a little time. The Indiana Alpha will be represented at Danville next summer, and I shall write to the other chapters urging them to do the same thing. Do you know whether a Phi chapter ever existed at Delaware, Ohio? I received a catalogue last Friday, directed to the "Secretary of Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta Society, Bloomington, Ind.," from the institution at Delaware, in which were marked several names. I don't know what to make of it, as in looking over the papers of the Ohio Alpha I can find no mention or account of the existence of any chapter there. We would like to hear from you at an early date as to what you think had better be done concerning the catalogue or any other matter you may propose. Our chapter here is in very good condition. We hope to see our Phi brethren in Kentucky and aid them to the utmost of our ability in strengthening our organization. Jacob S. Broodwell, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., January 28, 1860.

I wish also to state to you that some of the best students in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, wish to have established a chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society there. It is one of the best colleges in the state, and I am acquainted with all the gentlemen who propose to apply for a chapter. They are all seniors in the regular course, and if they make application to you

as I have directed them I hope you will favorably consider their request. W. A. Dixon, Northwestern Christian University, to Indiana Alpha, February 1, 1860.

Delaware, Ohio, February 4, 1860. Gentlemen: If this note should reach you before you reply to my former one, please retain your reply until you hear from the chapter at Indianapolis, as we have acquaintances at that place that are members of your order. And perhaps they can give you more satisfactory information than we can, not being personally acquainted. Yours truly, A. P. Collins, Chairman of Committee.

Delaware, Ohio, February 6, 1860. Mr. Secretary. Dear Sir: Yours of February 1st is at hand. Its contents were read, and our mistake, as we think, was observed, to right which is the direct object of this note. You say "Enclosed is a Bond." This we did not find. Did you not fail, through mistake, to enclose the said "Bond?" We think so. We do not object to your being careful about being hoaxed. We *know* that we can satisfy you as to our *genuineness*. You will soon hear in our behalf from another source. Let us hear from you as soon as convenient concerning the "Bond." If consistent give us the number of your chapters. Yours truly, A. P. Collins.

Letters were read from the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, asking power to establish a chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at that institution; also from the Indiana Gamma endorsing the standing of the applicants and petitioning us to grant the request. On motion of —— Robinson, the secretary was empowered to take the preliminary steps towards establishing a chapter. The discussion of the question was adjourned.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, February 11, 1860.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. A. P. Collins, of the Ohio Wesleyan Uuiversity, enclosing the bond signed by himself and two others, which the secretary had forwarded to them. They informed us they were ready and anxious to go ahead speedily and establish a chapter at Delaware.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, February 25, 1860.

The petition of A. P. Collins, C. H. Gray and D. Humphreys to the Indiana Alpha for power to establish "the Ohio Alpha" at Ohio Wesleyan University is dated March 5, 1860, and is in the regular form.—W. B. P.

Morrison says the catalogue will cost from $60 to $90; so it would be as well to raise the latter amount if possible. Your last report is not full enough to insert in the catalogue. We desire, as soon as possible, you to forward a complete list of all your members, correspondent and attendant, the date of the initiation,

residence and occupation; a similar list of the defunct Kentucky Beta, the date of the charter, and that of the Kentucky Beta. . We are endeavoring to establish a chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. The college is a first-class institution. Our prospects are very fine, and we hope by taking a new start in the Buckeye state to soon recover lots ground in that direction. As soon as you make definite arrangements as to the time, etc., of the convention we would be pleased to hear, in order that the other chapters may be informed. Morrison promises us a "Kentucky welcome," and we hope to avail ourselves of the kind offer. How have you succeeded in your attempt to organize at Harrodsburg? Jacob S. Broodwell, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to E. J. Anderson, Kentucky Alpha, March 9, 1860.

Your letter received some days ago. I have delayed to answer that I might learn more respecting the financial condition of the various chapters, and our prospects generally. There will be no difficulty in raising the highest sum ($90) named in your letter as necessary to publish the catalogue, and we can now go on to get it ready. But how? I will have all the necessary materials here in a week or two, and from these it will be necessary to arrange the "subject matter" in ship shape condition. All the papers of the Ohio Alpha are here. Some names are lost and of the whereabouts of many others at present the books give but little information. The other chapters will make out correct lists for insertion and forward them right away. Of the other defunct chapters a report will have to be made out from the imperfect accounts to be found among the papers of the Ohio Alpha. As to the Ohio Gamma, the Texas and Tennessee chapters, how will it be best to insert them in the catalogue? It should be done in some way that they shall be an evidence of the strength, not the weakness, of the society. We want something a little different and *mysterious*—unintelligible to the uninitiated at least—in the arrangement. I have been looking over a Beta catalogue which I came across some time ago, but we do not care about copying after them. Would it not be well, however, to arrange the members in one part as they have done, designated in some manner to distinguish the chapters, and endeavor to hit upon some new plan for another division. We should make as much show as possible with the members we have. We always understood here that you had kindly undertaken to oversee the supervision and publication of the work. We have more confidence in your taste and judgment and hope we understand the matter rightly. That we may not impose too much on you I will forward the work under your direction as much as possible. The present term here ends in two weeks, and after the first of next (the 15th of April) I will have leisure

enough—the studies of the last term of the senior year being comparatively light—to devote to getting the catalogue ready. I will need all your advice, however, as I scarcely know how to proceed. The mystery in reference to Delaware, Ohio, was explained just after I wrote you last by our receiving a letter from Indianapolis urging us to initiate three students of the O. W. U. whom they mentioned, in order that we might establish a chapter at Delaware, saying that there was a fine opening in that direction. We did so, and at our meeting last Saturday, in answer to petition, we granted a charter to Messrs. Collins, Humphreys and Gray, of that institution, and hope soon to report them as doing well. Jacob S. Broodwell, Indiana University, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., March 15, 1860.

I am informed that there will be a general convention of the order at your institution sometime this collegiate year. In behalf of our chapter I would be pleased to be informed of the exact time of the assemblage. We would like very much to have a delegate present and will certainly do so if the meeting does not take place during our commencement week, June 25th to 29th. You will much oblige me by an early response, that we may take action thereon immediately. The order is in good condition at the Northwestern Christian University. We have eight members in regular attendance and two absent from College on leave. One of our best fellows, who would doubtless have received the valedictory, died a few weeks ago. With this exception we flatter ourselves that the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ "is doing as well as could be expected." Irvine Robbins, Indiana Gamma, to Wm. R. Brown, Kentucky Alpha, March 17, 1860.

Danville, Ky., March 19, 1860. Hon. Charles L. Moorehead. Dear Sir: The object of this note is to inform you of your election as an honorary member of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society, the nature and object of which society it will probably not be out of place to mention. It is a secret society and is of the same nature of those found in nearly every college. It has for its object the cultivation of friendship amongst its members, the pursuit of knowledge in every department and the regulation of our conduct. The society has chapters in various colleges in the west, the members of which chapters are composed of some of the finest scholars and the most worthy members in the colleges; and as each person must be chosen by the unanimous vote of the chapter, we have always the choicest selection. This chapter has but two or three honorary members, so the honor (as we think) is not rendered cheap by frequent bestowal. The society has been in existence upwards of eleven years, and has always won the respect of every one. It may not be improper to mention the honorary members of this chapter. They are Dr. E. P. Humphrey, Dr. Stuart Robinson, and the late Dr.

Ryors. These gentlemen have not only signified their approbation of our organization, but have taken a degree of interest in us. Dr. Humphrey delivered an address before the Ohio chapter at Oxford in 1853. It is a rule of our society that no one who has been or is a member of a similar society, Free Masons and Odd Fellows excepted, can be admitted as a member. Please let us know as soon as possible whether you will join us. Hoping that you will do us that honor, we are, sir, your obedient servants, The Phi Delta Theta Society, per E. J. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary.

We have determined to hold the convention here, Tuesday, June 26. This may interfere with the commencement arrangements of a good many of the delegates, but it is the very best that we could do. In regard to those books of the Ohio chapter, I would say that whoever has had the care of them has kept them very carelessly. I will cut the reports out and send them to you, keeping a copy of them for myself. You can thus put your own interpretation on them, and I will, if you wish it, assist you in making the report. I will try to find the papers of the defunct Kentucky Beta and Gamma. Our attempt at Harrodsburg was unsuccessful, as we did not think we were justified in establishing a chapter there. . . Our society is flourishing like a "green bay tree" and stands "head and shoulders" above the rest. E. J. Anderson, Secretary Kentucky Alpha, to Jacob S. Broodwell, Indiana Alpha, March 26, 1860.

Cedar Creek, Jefferson County, Ky., April 2, 1860. MR. J. S. Broodwell, Indiana University. My Friend and brother: Your favor of March 15th ult. should have been answered ere this but for a pressure of unavoidable duties. The great object, so far as I understand it, of our first catalogue is to make it a repository of information for *ourselves* so that we may know each other; this would tend greatly to strengthen our bonds when we have ascertained that so many clever men all around us are our brothers. Then a second idea is to have something tangible and reliable to show to those we would win, either as members where the order is planted or to organize establishments in new places. To these ends we should have a *fac simile* of the largest, the old badge neatly engraved as a frontispiece, and the names should have as much information connected therewith as a brief condensed statement would permit. The second catalogue should be the one for outsiders to gaze upon and wonder at. Nevertheless, the first should be "mysterious" to all but the initiated, and in order to do this, perhaps as good a way as any would be to have all the names in alphabetical order, and Phi matters mostly in Greek characters annexed to these names, *e.g.*—(Examples given here.—W. B. P.)

What do you think of such a formula, and have you any suggestions to make? I will cheerfully render such service as I can in printing, proof reading, etc., and perhaps my editorial experience will give me some advantage in this matter. In haste but in truth.—Very respectfully and fraternally yours, Robert Morrison.

Cedar Creek, Ky., April 16, 1860.—Mr. E. J. Anderson, Danville, Ky. Dear Sir: Almost a year ago I was informed that your chapter had elected Rev. Jouett Vernon Cosby, of Bardstown, Ky., to membership in our order. As yet, however, I learn he has received no notification to that effect. Will you be kind enough officially to inform him of his election? How about the catalogue? Is your part almost ready? How about an anniversary orator? Will it be transcending my privileges to ask you if you see proper to elect to membership Rev. J. H. Rice, of Louisville, and L. J. Halsey, D. D., of Chicago, Ill.? And if you do so, perhaps it would be well enough, while informing them of their election, to state that although the Society as such may be unknown to them, yet some whom it has the honor to call members are not, *e. g.*—Doctors Moore, of Richmond; Humphrey, of Danville; Robinson, of Louisville, etc. I earnestly hope that the catalogue may be completed ere long. This is our great first most needed work, it seems to me, for the present. In the Bond, yours truly, Robert Morrison.

We wrote to the Grand Chapter in regard to the election of honorary members, and received in reply a letter saying that we might use our own judgment, but they had made it a rule to elect no honorary members except in cases of necessity. Our chapter took the same view of the matter. The gentlemen you speak of are well worthy the election. I will lay the matter before the Society at the next meeting. I received a letter from Mr. Broodwell, Secretary of Indiana Alpha, yesterday evening. He says you are to oversee the publication of the catalogue. If it would be convenient for you we would like for you to send us your plan. From the amount that it will require I would suppose that it will be of a kind that will not admit of being seen by outsiders. The Betas of this place have a very fine catalogue with a splendid engraving. It represents a magnificent temple, an inside view of which is given. The act of initiation is taking place with all the pomp and ceremony that can well be imagined. I suppose that our catalogue will not be fine enough to have a fine engraving, but that it is intended only for temporary use, and that after awhile we can publish a fine one that can be stereotyped, so that it can be issued every two or three years with the names of those who have joined in the meantime. The Grand Chapter has been pushing ahead at a fine rate. She has established a strong chap-

ter at Delaware, Ohio. Yesterday's letter says that they had received a petition for organization from Franklin in that State. Some time ago we tried to establish a chapter at Georgetown, but the faculty were opposed to secret societies. We thought of establishing one at the Campbellite college at Harrodsburg, but came to the conclusion that it would not pay. There are no other colleges in this State that I know of. What did Dr. Moore say to you about not accepting that invitation? We have chosen Governor Morehead to address us in case he accepts membership. We cannot hear from him, and consequently we will write to Dr. Robinson the alternate. If he does not accept we will have to get some other chapter to furnish us with a speaker. I suppose that you will attend the convention. I think the order will be well represented. I have sent on my part of the catalogue. Let me hear from you soon.—E. J. Anderson, Danville, Ky., to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., April 21, 1860.

I have been busily engaged in getting the catalogue ready, arranging the names in alphabetical order. The following is the form I have adopted in arrangement:

1850. John Smith, Cincinnati . O. α. Minister.
1859. Thomas Brown, Greenfield, Ky. Ky. α. Stud. C. C.

I have left the opposite page in the catalogue for your corrections, additions, contractions, etc. The search for names from the numerons papers was rather a tedious operation, but I think I have all which it is possible to find. As soon as I hear from Delaware I will have it about ready, unless you could suggest something further that I can do under good instruction. There will be about three hundred names. As to the publication, how shall we arrange it? What do you suggest? As you are to superintend this department, Louisville, I suppose, will be most convenient. Would it not be better for me to forward the manuscript and funds to your order whenever you say so, as we have no opportunity of assisting, and would prove rather inexperienced hands if we had; or is this asking too much of your time and attention? We submit the obtaining of a plate of our badge entirely to you as here also you know what would be most suitable. If you will overlook the whole matter, please let me know when I shall send the papers to you.—Jacob S. Broodwell, Bloomington, Ind., to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., May 7, 1860.

In regard to the extinct chapter at Kentucky Military Institute: I initiated Cyrus K. Drew who organized a chapter there, and further than this I can give you no definite information. We did organize and initiate others, but I do not know their names. I am much pleased with the prospects of our order as stated in your letter. You and all of us would find it

the instrumentality of much benefit if it were more widely extended and properly regulated. And you can always consider me pledged to any just services to advance its prosperity and strength. I regret that our court will not permit me to attend the convention at Danville, but I hope you will not fail to be properly represented. I suppose Danville will want to be headquarters, and if they are *entitled* to it, let it go there without a murmur. If it goes there the order may the more rapidly extend in the Southern states, but may also on that account be retarded in the northwest. Would it not be well, in order to avoid this, to have an executive committee, with a president, secretary and other officers if necessary; and if thought advisable locate a quorum of them at Danville until the next general convention, with full powers of a central chapter or college, and let their permanency depend upon the success in extension of the order through their efforts? This suggestion may not be worth serious consideration—it has just suggested itself while writing. I hope to be at Bloomington at commencement. John W. Foster, Evansville, Ind., to Jacob S. Broodwell, Indiana University, May 12, 1860.

A few days since I received the charter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ society all right. I suppose you have received our report for the catalogue. We forwarded it some time ago. We have no junior members. The reason is very simple. All juniors that are favorable to such things and are worth having are members of other orders; the others we do not want. Only six juniors are members of secret orders. Our order now numbers but ten. We will gradually increase until we reach about twenty. Is the 26th of June the date of the commencement at Danville? Will all the chapters be represented in the convention? Who will represent yours? A. P. Collins, Warden, Ohio Delta (O. W. U.) to Jacob S. Broodwell, Indiana University, May 16, 1860.

I am glad that you will be with us in June. The day appointed is the 26th of June. If you meet with any other of our graduated brethren we will be delighted to see them. James Bullitt, Danville, Ky., to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., May 26, 1860.

Indiana State University, Bloomington, Ind., May 30, 1860. Robert Morrison. Dear Brother: I forward you by express the manuscript catalogue, which would have been sent earlier but for my unavoidable absence from college. I regret the delay on account of the short time intervening between the present and the time of the meeting of the convention, and more particularly on account of the inconvenience it may occasion yourself. I enclose a badge pin and fifty-five dollars. Please let me know as soon as possible how much more will be necessary and I will

forward immediately. I send this to defray any expense you may be under right away. The catalogue contains *all* the names I have been able to resurrect from the numerous papers to which I had access, and which I overlooked very carefully. Some of the members of the Ohio Alpha you will probably know more of than I could. Of these I have left the residences, etc., blank. The members of that chapter expelled and withdrawn I omitted, as the book presents a very confused account of the reasons for their disconnection with the society. It certainly would benefit us but little to insert their names. I have been able to obtain the names of many of the members of the defunct chapters, but little or nothing else; these are inserted. In the abbreviations used C. C. stands for Centre College; N. W. U., Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; N. W. C. U, Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis; O. W. U., Ohio Wesleyan University. Delaware; Ind. U., Indiana University. These I believe are all except what can be easily understood. I designated the chapters Ky. α, Ohio β, etc., as you suggested in a letter written sometime since to Gorman. The abbreviations and *mysterious part* have been left open to you as having more knowledge and judgment than we would be likely to have. Is it imposing too much on your good nature? Any assistance we can render will be most cheerfully and willingly rendered, as we feel that we are putting you to too much trouble anyhow. Though as one of the fathers of an organization of which it is our desire that you should be proud, we are anxious that the work should be done under your eye. Please let me hear from you soon. All orders shall be more promptly attended to and all necessary funds forwarded immediately. I will be here until I go to Danville, where I know I will meet those with whom it will be most pleasant to associate. Trusting the delay has not been too long, I remain, yours in the bond, Jacob S. Broodwell.

Please be careful in directing letters until further notice to me at this place, as your last have fallen into the hands of "outside Barbarians" and been the source of trouble. J. D. Tredway, Secretary Wisconsin Alpha, to J. S. Broodwell, Indiana Alpha, June 1, 1860.

The names you mentioned in your letter do not occur in any of the papers of the Ohio Alpha. Part of the regular list and minutes has been lost and I only inserted in the catalogue such names and information as could be gathered together from looking over the various reports, letters, etc., belonging to that college. I am glad that you remember these names, that our catalogue may be as full and complete as possible. Prof. Swing was expelled from the Ohio Alpha according to the minutes for connecting himself with another secret organization. Prof. Wylie's

name was omitted from neglect; I do not know how I came to do so. Theophilus A. Wylie, Bloomington, Professor Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, Indiana University, is his name, address and occupation. You made no mention about what more money you required, if any; please let me know and I will forward promptly. We have just chartered a Delta chapter for this state at Franklin college, under the superintendence of an old correspondent member of this chapter. Not knowing the addresses of those initiated so far, I will not forward the names of the charter members, who are the only ones of whom I know anything yet. It is not to be regretted that our order is increasing so rapidly that it is difficult to make out a correct list of the members. I only trust that we may flourish and wax stronger, so that a revised catalogue may very soon be necessary. Please let me know what money you will need that you may be at no inconvenience on this account. You propose being at Danville, I believe. Jacob S. Broodwell, Bloomington, Ind., to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., June 9, 1860.

On motion of R. R. Smith, seconded by Robinson, J. S. Broodwell was instructed to act as his judgment might dictate in the coming convention at Danville. No definite instructions were given him, only to transfer the Alpha chapter from this college to Danville.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, June 26, 1860.

Covington, Ky., June 26, 1860. Rev. Robert Morrison, care Mr. E. O. Guenant, Danville, Ky. Dear Brother: I have been from home since last week; just returned an hour ago, and hasten to write, hoping my note may reach you before you separate. I am glad to hear of the energy and activity abroad among the order, and feel like giving it any impetus or help I can. I will therefore, if it is desired, make the best speech I can for them at the grand gathering next year; if another is chosen I shall be just as well pleased. Yours truly. J. M. Worrall.

Louisville, Ky., July 2, 1860.

Phi Delta Theta.

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I expect to be in Louisville, Ky., about the middle of August next, and if you would inform me so that I could find you without difficulty I would stop over a short time and see you. I would like very much to see you and become acquainted more with you, as you are one of the earlier members of our organization, and perhaps could give me some information that I have long sought in vain. A. P. Collins, West Lodi, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., July 30, 1860.

EDITORIAL.

BROTHER W. S. FERRIS having removed from New York to San Francisco, the vacancy caused thereby in the board of publication of the SCROLL, was recently filled by the re-election of brother Shiels. Brother Shiels has from time to time been closely identified with and devoted much of his energy to THE SCROLL, as Assistant Business Manager, Managing Editor and member of the Board of Publication. His long absence in the tropics has not cooled his fraternity enthusiasm, and THE SCROLL is glad to welcome him back to his old post.

IN this number we resume the publication of old papers and records, which throw much light on the early history of the Fraternity. Taken in connection with the complete history these will form a valuable addition to the bibliography of the order. We may consider ourselves very fortunate that these documents have stood the ravages of time, for they give us a better insight into the earlier and darker days than we could obtain in any other way.

THE original edition of the Song Book having sometime since been exhausted, the editors have endeavored to supply the continued demand, by the publication of a second and cheaper edition. The book is practically the same, and is handsomely bound in heavy paper. The price for this edition will be fifty cents a copy, postage paid. Orders should be sent to Frank D. Swope, 713 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

So great was the demand for the recent numbers of THE SCROLL, a considerable portion of each of which was devoted to General HARRISON, that the editions were exhausted before all who de-

sired and who were entitled to copies had been supplied. The business manager has endeavored, so far as was in his power, to remedy the unfortunate circumstance.

THE Editor and Business Manager have both been unable, for sufficient reasons, to fulfill their duties properly during the past month or so. Whatever shortcomings there may have been in either department, they trust will be overlooked.

THE General Council have under consideration some matters of considerable importance, including petitions for charters from two of the largest institutions of the East.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THE New York Alpha extend hearty congratulations to all chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fraternity on the brilliant success of brother Harrison. How can we be more honored than to see one of the founders of our noble fraternity the leader of one of the great political parties of our country and President of the United States.

His success should swell the hearts of all, tighten the bondage of brotherhood and illuminate the path of our fraternal career. Let us all unite in greeting the success of one so prominent in our mystic brotherhood.

Excitement has been exceedingly brisk with us over the present campaign. The excitement was more marked on account of our relation with our President-elect.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL we have initiated Messrs. H. D. Clearwater, H. D. Alexander, F. W. Mahl, and C. H. Wells. We also have others pledged. In the class elections which have been held we have gained our share of officers. In the senior class election we had six votes, which were a controling vote.

We were glad to welcome a call from brother Smith of Mass. Beta, also a call from brothers Briggs and Stewart of N. Y. Beta, they being here on a tour with the Union College foot-ball team.

Nov. 8, 1888. B. Z. HURD.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

NEVER has Syracuse University opened with such bright prospects. And, as N. Y. *E* is now firmly established as a part of the institution, the bright prospects extend to it also. We returned to find the new Library building nearly completed, and work on the Crouse building is being pushed very rapidly. The Library building will contain shelves for 150,000 volumes, and will largely be taken up by the Von Ranke library (gift from Dr. J. M. Reid of New York city) which contains 100,000 volumes and manuscripts.

The Crouse building is claimed to be the finest college building in America. It is built of Long Meadow, Mass., sandstone and covers an area of 20,000 square feet. The commencement hall which it will contain, will be completed for '89's exercises. The completed structure will cost about half a million dollars. At last commencement brother M. R. Sanford was commencement speaker and pipe orator. Brother W. S. Murray, farewell orator. We had five men in the class of '88, all of whom ranked well.

We, very naturally, missed them this fall, but we have now a full room on meeting nights.

The freshman class of 200 is the largest that ever entered. There were plenty of good men for all societies and consequently there was not much clashing during the "rushing season." We have put through eight of '92 and are extremely well satisfied with their standing. We take pleasure in introducing to Phidom brothers W. M. Fanton, R. W. Lowry, E. H. Herman, J. R. Stevens, J. H. Carfrey, O. W. Wood, W. H. Adams, and T. S. Bell. Brothers Wood and Carfrey are considered the heavy men of '92 in more senses than one. Brother Carfrey was elected president of '92 after the hottest contest ever known in freshman politics in Syracuse University. Brother Herman holds the first prize for best scholarship in Genesee Seminary. Brother Craton of S. Car. Alpha, '84, has entered '90 in the medical college and has affiliated with us. We now number 19 men, as follows: seniors 2, juniors 2, sophs. 7, freshmen 8. A word as to our alumni, two of them, brother W. S. Murray, '88, and brother N. E. Hulburt, '88, found out last summer that it was not good for them to live alone. Brother M. R. Sanford, '88, is Professor of Sciences in Abington College, Ill.; brother Abbott, '88, is in business in Syracuse; brother J. H. Murray, '88, has gone to Florida to teach; brother O. F. Cook, '90, is Professor of Modern Languages in Canandaigua High School; brother T. Dewitt is principal of a school at Smithville, N. Y.

We have our own boarding club and the boys enjoy that part of life very much and will be happy to entertain any Phis coming this way.

B. F. HAMMOND.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH we have not reported for sometime, we have been by no means idle.

We had our share of honors in the class of '88.

Out of five men on the honor list, we were represented by three—brothers Geotz and Metzger took third honor, and brother Hill fourth.

Brother Metzger, '88, is pursuing a post graduate course.

We have secured three members, two of '92, and one of '90, who were greatly desired by the other fraternities. While we do not wish to boast, there can be no harm in saying that the chapter is in a good condition, and ranks among the best societies at Pennsylvania College.

Nov. 19, 1888. C. W. WALKER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA opens the year with all her old members back and full of enthusiasm. They went to work immediately to make improvements so that their meetings and place of meeting might be more enjoyable. Their hall has been carpeted and papered. That it now presents a neater and more beautiful appearance than any other of W. and J.'s fraternity halls can be asserted without fear of contradiction. All our under-graduates of last year have returned. We have thirteen members, distributed as follows, '89 five, '90 five, '91 one, '92 one, '93 one. Our meetings are always well attended and interesting. We always work together in perfect harmony. This, coupled with the fact that we always try to select for members students of high moral character and high standing in their classes, has given us the position of the best fraternity in our college and has kept us in that position. Brothers Hays and Mathews represent our fraternity on the *Pandora*, our college annual. Brother Dille won the second German prize, awarded last June.

We have not as yet initiated any new men, but we have kept our eyes open and expect soon to take in three of the best men who have entered college this year. Our position is at the head of all the fraternities of our college, and we shall keep the position by work and taking in only the best men. We expect to celebrate our anniversary, December 4th, in a fitting manner. We have been favored with visits from brother Montgomery, of '86, now of Pennsylvania Alpha alumni, Pittsburgh, and brother Brown, of Pennsylvania Delta. Our chapter with *all* Phi Delta Thetas, rejoice in the election to the highest office of our country of our worthy brother, Gen. Benjamin Harrison, of Ohio Alpha. JNO. B. CLARK.

Pennsylvania Delta, Allegheny College.

The Fall term is drawing to a close. This session has been a profitable and pleasant one to us as one of the chapters of a great and noble fraternity. Our relations with other fraternities at this institution are very peaceful and cordial.

The Phi Kappa Psis at the close of last year established themselves in a chapter house, having leased what was formerly known as Douglass Hall.

The Phi Gamma Deltas now occupy the house owned last year by Dr. Luccock.

We want to make our letters in the Scroll as interesting as possible to the Alumni and ex-members of Pa. Delta, and for the furtherance of this object wish everyone of them with whom we are not in frequent correspondence, to let us know frequently of their successes, what they are doing, in fact, all about themselves. If you change your residence, by all means let us know that too.

The evening of November 24 was a joyous one, it being the occasion of the initiation of C. A. Peffer, '92.

Next June we shall celebrate our tenth anniversary. We are determined to have a "big meetin," and intend to keep hammering away through the columns of the Scroll and by correspondence until we secure the promise of the attendance of every alumnus and ex-member possible. This will afford a grand opportunity to visit their *alma mater* and to renew fraternity associations.

College closes for the winter vacation, December 13.

Brother Espy is one of the editors of the *Kaldron* this year.

In the inter-society contest to take place next June, brother W. A. Elliott will represent Philo as Debater and Brother Couse as Essayist.

Brother Elliott has been chosen valedictorian of the Senior class.

December 3, 1888. ——— Edwin P. Couse.

Pennsylvania Eta, Lehigh University.

We are now in the midst of our first term's work and thus far it has been a busy one, but notwithstanding this fact the campaign here has been extremely lively, and one of unusual interest to the members of Pa. Eta, and now since the great contest is over several of our brethren have suddenly developed very peculiar tastes in regard to their wearing apparel, one brother having adopted a shoe-string for a neck-tie. This would naturally lead one to suppose that we are not all of the same political faith, but however that may be, it is with especial pride and pleasure that we recognize in the next President of the United States one of the founders of our beloved fraternity.

Since our last report the university decided to adopt the "cap and gown," the men making their first appearance in them on founder's day, October 11th. They are well pleased with their new adoption and it is generally understood that the "cap and gown" will be a permanent fixture at Lehigh. The fall sports were held on Saturday, October 13th, and as usual Pa. Eta was well represented among the contestants; she succeeded in capturing eight out of a possible thirteen first prizes, brother Burkhardt securing first in the running high jump, brother Barnard the one-mile bicycle race and throwing the lacrosse ball, brother Lincoln the half mile, quarter mile and two hundred and twenty yards dash, brother Coates the one-mile walk, and brother Patterson the one hundred and twenty yards hurdle race. We neglected to mention in our last letter that brother Throop had been elected a member of the Tau Beta Pi society. Brother Dean is in the employ of the Thompson-Houston Electric Co., at Lynn, Mass. We regret very much to announce that brother Patterson has been obliged to return home, but he expects to be with us again after Christmas. Our chapter now numbers thirteen men, who are distributed among the classes as follows: Post graduate, 1; fifth year course, 1; seniors, 3; juniors, 3; sophomores, 4, and freshman 1.

Nov. 10th, 1888. E. H. BEAZELL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

VIRGINIA ALPHA has been silent—not dead, nor even dormant. Phis, ten of them, never are. We opened with ten men; and we all feel that there has not been, at any time since the connection of any of us with $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, more life, fraternal spirit and strength in our chapter. Our number has swelled to thirteen since September. Our new men are C. A. Freed, '90, C. E. Anderson, '89, and J. W. McClanahan, '92.

During the first few weeks of the session there was a violent upheaval among the "barbs," due, so far as we can learn, from a misunderstanding of the principles and aims of fraternities. This trouble served to strengthen the Pan-Hellenistic feeling among the frats. It was tacitly agreed not to take any measures, either offensive or defensive, against the grave-yard meetings of the "barbs," and strict adherence to this plan has proven to be of advantage.

Brother A. D. R. Hancher and the boys at Chapel Hill, N. C., convened for a convention. Nobody else turning up, he decided not to hold the convention and returned to college. We are considerably out of pocket, and our boys ask, "Who shall pay his travelling expenses?"

Va. Alpha feels like giving a word of admonition to other chapters in regard to SCROLL Tax. Failure to pay it threatened suspension of the publication of the SCROLL last Spring, and now every man should make it a point to balance his accout sheet with the SCROLL management. We feel that we are privileged to say a word in regard to this matter, inasmuch as we have never yet failed to meet our dues. Henceforth we are going to set the example by being the first of all chapters to pay the SCROLL Tax. Let each one dread being the last. The importance of the SCROLL cannot be emphasized too strongly. Abolish it, and the growth of our beloved fraternity will be seriously impeded, if not effectually checked. Brother Phis, stand together.

We send greeting to all our sister chapters.

December 8, 1888. C. F. KUDER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

AT the opening of our session, September 20, '88, we counted only 7 Phis back, against 14 last year. Of the last year's men who did not return, brother J. C. Martin is teaching; brother A. S. Martin is in Richmond, about to enter business; brother R. C. Child has matriculated at William and Mary College, Va.; brother Morton is on a ranch in California; brother Hill is in business at Rapidan, Va., and brother Moss is in business at Charlottesville, Va.

We had with us at the beginning of the session 7 men, and we initiated one more, making a total of 8 to begin work with. However, Mr. E. C. McSparran resigned, and our "Bug" brother Henry Eley, of Suffolk, Va., was forced to leave college, on account of his eyes, leaving us with six men, true and loyal Phis. We hope, however, soon to increase our number.

Our college is in a more than prosperous condition, about 190 students having matriculated thus far. There are, out of that number of students, 31 fraternity men, distributed as follows:— $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 6; $B \Theta \Pi$, 10; $K A$, 6; ΣX, 5; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 2; $K \Sigma$, 2. They are all nice fellows, and a true spirit of Pan Hellenism prevails

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. A., of Va. Colleges, met here last week, and much good was done by its session. It was our pleasure to meet as a delegate to that Convention, brother Kuder of Va. Alpha.

We have heard often from Va. Delta, and it is gratifying to know they are doing so well. They have just achieved a great victory over both $K A$ and $B \Theta \Pi$, by securing two good men, whom the Kappa Alphas and Betas had rushed heavily.

We were glad to welcome into our midst at the opening of the session, brother E. E. Thompson, an honored and faithful alumnus of Va. Gamma, who paid us a short visit.

Hurrah for the SCROLL! We are greatly rejoiced at seeing her out again, clothed in all her former beauty and flashing with all her wonted brilliancy. Long may she live! And may she be in the future, as she has been in the past, a source of pride and joy to every true Phi.

The Anti-Fraternity Organization here is gradually dying; their best men have drawn out, and others are rapidly following in their footsteps. They are still very strong in numbers, but in quality very weak. Mr. Frank Warfield Crowder, the leader of last year's A. F. O., has left college, but only to join the Betas at Dickinson College, Pa.

We feel very much "stuck up" down this way at having a Phi president, and well we may, for it is an honor which has rarely, if ever, been bestowed upon another fraternity.

November 23, 1888. G. H. LAMBETH.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE, VA.

THE beginning of this session found only (3) three Va. Delta's men back at college, Baker, C. H., Tippett, C. B., and James, C. Of last year's chapter, brother Flippo was prevented from returning on account of bad health. Brother Borum is attending the Sou. Baptist Theo. Seminary at Louisville, Ky. With these three men, however, we set to work, and by diligence and perseverance we have raised our number to eight. We have so far initiated Julian H. Abbitt, Albert B. Alsop, Adolphus Blair, H. Lee Brogg and Clifton M. Miller. We have done remarkably well in our choice of men and have by far the best chapter in college. It was a hard fight with us for brothers Alsop and Miller against the other fraternities, but the merits of Phi Delta Theta at last triumphed, and they are now supporters of the white and blue. We did our rushing very quietly, and everyone thought they would go to $K A$. Imagine the surprise and wonder of all when they appeared with Phi badges. The exposition lately held in our city has given everything a boom, and through it we were favored by visits from quite a number of our brethren in the bond.

Our chapter has a promising outlook for next year, and we confidently think it will for a long time in the future hold the first place in fraternity circles here, as it has done for many years past.

In numbers the fraternities rank as follows: $B \Theta \Pi$, 12, $K A$, 10, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 8, $\Phi K \Sigma$, 8, $\Phi A X$, 3. As will be seen, our chapter ranks third in size, but all who are acquainted in any way with fraternity work, know that numbers do not comprise the merits of a chapter.

Dr. Pritchett, of Danville, Va., an old $K \Sigma K$, paid us a visit not long since and was initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. With a hearty greeting to all loyal Phis and a wish for success.

C. JAMES.

November 24, 1888.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

As was predicted in our last letter, we have added another name to our roll, brother W. C. Gist having braved the furies of our William and donned the sword and shield. This increases our number to ten, distributed among the classes as follows: Post Graduates 1, Seniors 2, Juniors 2, Sophs 2, Freshmen 3. Our initiates are worthy men, and have already shown great enthusiasm for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Our meetings are characterized by harmony of feeling and unity of effort to place $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on a standard "equalled by few, surpassed by none."

Brother W. F. Watson, Miami Alpha, paid us a flying visit some days ago. Brother Watson, it will be remembered, is Professor of Chemistry in Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He is a young man of sterling qualities, and has made quite a favorable impression upon the people of Carolina.

Our latch-string is out to all Phis at any time.

December 8th, 1888. HARRY A. BRUNSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

ALABAMA GAMMA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

THE opening of this session was very discouraging indeed to our young chapter. We have now only seven old members; at first only four to hold up our beloved banner until others came. But that gloomy period, I am to write you, has passed away; the dark cloud of despair, which hung like a pall over our dear chapter, has rolled by, and we can now boast of eighteen noble and enthusiastic Phis Our grand old banner again floats aloft in the social circles and our chapter second to no other. We are prospering, and I am sure the time will soon come when Phi Delta Theta will stand first at Southern University, for our "William" is a very popular goat. We feel proud that the Chief Magistrate of the nation is a Phi. Will let you hear from us again.

Yours sincerely,

A. S. J. HAYGOOD.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

WE are glad to hear that we will have brother Frank Purnell with us the 2d term.

Mississippi Alpha can well put claim to having as congenial a band of brothers (and all are enthusiastically Phis) as can be

found anywhere; they are all hard students and stand well in their classes. We experience the truth of the expression, that quality not quantity is the basis on which to work.

All Greekdom has been excited during the past two weeks over the coming reception and banquet to be given by one of the girls' "fraternities" here—the Delta Gamma. All were speculating as to who would get an invite. I am glad to report that eight (8) out of eleven (11) Phis received invitations, a larger proportion than any other fraternity here.

The SCROLL is a week late, and all miss it. It is a treat to have such a visitor as the SCROLL every month.

December 5, 1888. E. J. BUCK.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

THE session of 1887–88 closed favorably with us on the 25th of June. We were rejoiced and sorry too to lose brother Lightfoot, who received B. L. in the law department, and brothers Gilson and J. H. Herndon, who attained B. Lit. in the academic school. Our honors, brother Freukel receiving the debater's medal, and brother Gilson elected as representative of senior academic class, have already been mentioned. Brother J. H. Herndon has been appointed chemist on state geological survey, with brother Halley, a Φ, and M. M. Smith, a $K\ \Sigma$, as assistants. Beta Theta Pi received favorable mention on Rusk debate. All others, what we consider honors, were taken by barbarians or defunct fraternity men. We do not mention this in a spirit of "braggadocio," nor consider a long list of distinctions worthy of perusal. Some chapters, we observe, take great care to mention that brother ———— is president of foot-ball club, base-ball nine or of literary society, or leader of Y. M. C. A. It goes without saying, if a chapter leads in honor, minor offices fall to them without choosing. A chapter should be judged by the work it does in its hall, rather than by what outsiders think, or reporters write. Some chapters in our own as well as in other fraternities think numbers or votes constitute the ideal fraternity, such a chapter we have had to contend against. In consequence of this erroneous opinion last session of this university, the fraternity standard was low, and two Greeks from one chapter had to, or were about to, *resign* from the University. We are happy to say the rushing indiscriminately of men into chapters is less hasty here now than formerly.

Texas Beta has always been a conservative chapter, antagonizing and aiding no rival; being the first to organize in the university she can well afford to lose opportunities rather than lose her dignity. What has been attained in the university is her pride; for never yet has it been truthfully said that her honors

were the offset of a compromise, or through chicanery. If neither of the above are wielded against us, our prospects look pleasing this session. Brothers M. M. McLean and A. Yarbrough, A. M.s of Southwestern University, have entered our law school and been duly affiliated.

We are sorry to state and deeply regret that Sigma Nu chapter had only two men back this session, consequently returned their charter; it was a good chapter, never making a mistake, making up in quality what it lacked in quantity. This leaves none of the original chapters, that started the first session of the university, in competition with us. Our rivals at present are: Σ *A E* 13, *K* Σ 11, *B* Θ Π 8; Φ Δ Θ numbering 14.

Nov. 5, 1888. J. M. HERNDON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMA UNIVERSITY.

WE regret that our letter for the November number did not get in in time to be published.

Hoping it is not too late to give an account of our last commencement, the first one since the reopening of Miama University, we will give a brief sketch.

The commencement took place June 22d, at 10 A. M., in the university chapel. There were three graduates, brothers H. Weidner and Kearney Prugh, and J. N. Brown, a Beta. This being the first commencement for fifteen years, an unusual amount of interest was manifested in the proceedings. Besides the orations delivered by the graduates a musical programme was rendered, conducted by Mrs. Henry Snyder, wife of Prof. H. Snyder of the chemistry and physics department. If we may judge of the lives of these young men by the beautiful morning when they stepped forth from their alma mater at the beginning of their life's course, we can truly say fairer prospects ne'er shone on man. We feel deeply the loss of brothers Weidner and Prugh, but we know that though they have left their alma mater their interest in Phi Delta Theta will never be abated, and that the cause of our beloved fraternity will be furthered through their efforts. The degree of B. S. was conferred on brother Weidner and B. A. on brother Prugh.

We can justly and heartily rejoice with our brother Phis in the wise selection of brother Benjamin Harrison by the people of this great United States to the chief place in the nation. It is with just feelings of pride that we can claim brother Harrison as a member of Ohio Alpha. When the fact of his election became positive, we sent him a telegram of greeting and congratulations. From brother Harrison's past career we know that this great nation could not have made a better choice of an executive

head. Then let us say, "Three cheers and a tiger for brother Ben. Harrison and Phi Delta Theta!"

We feel confident that Texas Beta will care well for our beloved brother Dr. Sterrett, and that she will find him a true and loyal Phi.

Brother Dr. Al. Emerson has the chair of Greek language in Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Ill. Brother Edwin Emerson is at present in Philadelphia.

It is with much pleasure that we read the glowing accounts of our Amherst chapter.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of brother George Gawod, one of the charter members of Ohio Alpha. For some months his residence has been in St. Joseph, Mo., where he was in the drug business. His death was caused from typhoid fever. The funeral took place from the family residence in Oxford. Brother Gawod was an exemplary young man, one loved by all who knew him.

Nov. 10, 1888. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

SINCE our last letter, Ohio Delta has added another name to the roll of the fraternity. Mr. C. C. Long, '91, of New Castle, Pa., is the "intrant" this time, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity.

We have also formally pledged Mr. Fred. Lane, '93.

The recent Pan-Hellenic tennis tournament was the most interesting athletic affair of the season. Tennis was peculiarly the fraternity game this fall and will be more so in the spring. All of the fraternities, but one, have courts, and that one will have next season. The tournament resulted in a victory for ΣX, with $B \Theta \Pi$ 2nd, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 3rd, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ tied for 4th, and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 5th.

Brother Forgy, '90, and Esterly, 91, were the players for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The University Voice is edited and published by brothers Carpenter and Mains. It is a newsy and attractive weekly and has a larger circulation than any other college paper in Ohio.

Nov. 21, 1888. W. E. FORGY.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

THE Phis of Ohio Epsilon closed their college year of 1888 with their annual banquet. The spacious parlors of Hotel Buchtel were thrown open for the event and the entertainment was unique, to say the least. The members of the active chapter, including many of the alumni members, assembled at nine o'clock, P. M. with their ladies. At the end of an hour indulged in social enjoyment, recourse was had to the "*extra-ordinary*"

where a sumptuous feast was in waiting. Twenty couples to the tune of a grand march by the orchestra proceeded to the banquet tables. After invocation of the Divine blessing by Rev. brother Nash, we endeavored to do justice to the many luxuries put at our disposal. We all enjoyed ourselves to the utmost, save eight; it is needless to say they were to respond to toasts later. With the efficient presiding of brother Stearns as toast-master of the evening, the following toasts were responded to:

"Phi Delta Theta; National, not Sectional," E. C. Page, '86.
"Epsilon of the Present," Robert Tucker, '90.
"Our Emblems," S. L. Thompson, '86.
"The Susceptible," F. S. Pixley, '87.
"Our Clerical Brothers," Rev. C. C. Nash.
"Our Billy," Dr. R. B. Carter.
"The Alumni," H. H. Henry, '87.
"The Ladies," H. A. Kelly, '79.

The festive "hop" was indulged in to complete the evening's programme. At the hour of three the sixtieth annual banquet of Ohio Epsilon became a memorable page in the history of her existence.

The future prospects for O. *E* were never more inspiring than they are at the present. We entered the field with nine good rushers and now number ten. It is our intention to take all the honors this year as we did last.

At the junior contest held last June for the Ashton Prize, which was to be awarded to the successful declaimer, brother C. F. Cone, of '89, took the honors.

Buchtel College boasts of the finest gymnasium in the west. Brother J. A. Palmer, of '89, has been elected to captain the gymnasium company.

Brother R. Tucker, of '90, succeeds Prof. Olin in the office of assistant secretary of the college. His services in that capacity are pronounced indispensable.

Brothers Page and Parker, of '86, who have been reading law in this city during the past year, are continuing the same at Cornell university this year.

Nov. 13, 1888. ——— H. D. SMITH.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

AFTER initiating six first-class men at the beginning of the present collegiate year, and thus achieving a victory that any chapter might well feel proud of, we deemed it advisable to rest our billy goat and place him in winter quarters. "Billy" was not allowed to remain there very long, for the eagle eye of Phi Delta Theta perceived a man who, physically, mentally and morally, was a typical Phi. From his "cool retreat" "Billy" was

called, and he gracefully administered to the wants of E. P. Wilson, of ———. It is with pleasure that we introduce brother Wilson to the Phi world.

Last term we were honored with the presence of some of our distinguished alumni. They were brothers D. D. Banta, President of the board of trustees of our institution ; Jas. L. Mitchell, recently re-elected prosecuting attorney of Marion Co., Ind. ; Judge J. C. Robinson. Journal Clerk of the House of Representatives, and E. E. Griffith, Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and at present Superintendent of the Frankfort, Ind., Schools. Brother J. S. Duncan, a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis and an alumnus of Indiana Gamma, also paid us a pleasant visit.

We wish that our alumni could visit us oftener and tell us of the days that they spent so happily and advantageously with our great order ; how laboriously they worked and how success crowned their efforts in the end. Such knowledge inspires our young hearts and kindles within us a fire of energy that will never die.

December 1, 1888. ——— T. M. HONAN.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

WE are happy to tell you that our chapter is in a flourishing condition and we rejoice in her success. We have ten loyal Phis, and they are all working for the interests of Phi Delta Theta. In my last report, I neglected to tell you of the initiation of brother Hutchings last commencement, making with the three this year four new men. After the initiation of one of the men, brother Moore, we adjourned to the room of McCormick and Hutchings. There our eyes beheld a good supply of eatables of every description, and each loyal Phi bore down upon the table to do justice to the feast and to his raging appetite, and it is a well established fact that every man did his duty. We were proud to see the pages of your last number give such glowing accounts of brother Benjamin Harrison ; and now Epsilon chapter rejoices in his success, and before many nights pass over our beloved Fraternity hall, Epsilon chapter will give a banquet in honor of her worthy alumni. With three times three for brother Harrison, we remain yours in bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

November 8, 1888. ——— J. B. MCCORMICK.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter continues to maintain its excellent record as to numbers and quality. At the beginning of this term we had nineteen men in the chapter. Brothers Martin, Peterson and Turner, of the class of '90, are not in college this year, but expect to reenter next year and go on with '91. Brother Chaffee, of '92, was compelled to remain out this term on account of his health.

This term we have affiliated brothers E. H. Jenne, from Indiana Beta, and O. J. Dwyer, from Ohio Gamma. We have also initiated E. J. Dietz, of '92, and pledged three members in the Preparatory department.

When the De Pauw Literary Association held its annual meeting, for the election of officers on our college paper the *Adz*, brother Wilkerson was appointed literary editor and brother Rognon business manager. Brother Treat is tutor in mathematics this year.

December 1, 1888. CHARLES W. GIBERT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

FRATERNITY circles at N. W U. have been somewhat active during the past month. The "spiking" season still continues, although not with as much vigor as in former years.

Our policy has been to "go slow" and take only the best into our midst.

We are pleased to introduce to the fraternity world brother Paul Noise, '92, who was awarded the scholarship prize for the best entrance examination, and brother Frank Sherman, '90, in the department of pharmacy. Our "goat" is not yet satisfied, and we hope that before our next report one or two more will have donned the white and blue.

Gamma Phi Beta has appeared among us with eleven members and good prospects of success.

We heartily welcome them in their place among the Greeks at N. W.

Considerable fraternity feeling has been stirred up over the pan-hellanic banquet which was to have been held this term. ΣX, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $B \Theta \Pi$ have voted to exclude Delta Upsilon from this banquet. We do not consider it as pan-hellenic with one fraternity omitted, and so have decided that we will not participate unless the $\Delta \Upsilon$s are admitted.

The Annual Board, which is composed of two representatives from each fraternity, has been organized and work has begun on the College Annual for this year.

November 8, 1888. H. R. HOWELL.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THUS far this year Illinois Epsilon has had no communication in the SCROLL; not because we had nothing of interest to report, but because we wanted to tell the whole story at once. We are now prepared to do so. When college opened a year ago the chapter began with an unfortunate inheritance, whose influence

they were unable to overcome. At the close of the year's work, in June, only two of the members, brothers Darrah and Deutsch, expected to be back in September. During the summer brother R. A. Eaton announced his intention of returning this Fall. Your reporter decided to enter the law department. This placed four men at the helm instead of two. Those of us who had been in town during the summer had perfected a scheme with the members of Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi, the condition of which was that no rushing or spiking was to be done until the next Monday after college opened. During the first week we were to lay aside all spirit of rivalry and make common cause against the organized "barbs," calling themselves "E lites." Every effort was to be made to get acquainted with new men, and secure their attendance at a Greek reception Saturday night. This was held at the house of brother Darrah, and was voted a great success. It was the end of a week's work which was very satisfactory to the Phis. We recognized the fact that half the fight was to be made during that time, and our success in the future depended, in a great measure, upon the ground we gained then. We had the plan of our campaign well mapped out, so that when the contest opened, Monday morning, every man knew his place and was prepared to fill it. We asked four men to join us. They were invited to a reception tendered the Kappas at brother Pollock's, Tuesday evening. Wednesday Messrs. Ash, Downey, Marsh, and Watt emerged from the darkness of barbarism into the light of Grecian culture. We had gained a complete victory and captured all the spoils. Phi Gamma Delta had entered the field with about a dozen men, Sigma Chi with eight, and been defeated by four Phis. Right heartily did we sing "Phi Delta Thetas Marching Onward" and "A Thousand Years." Kappa Kappa Gamma followed our example by initiating eight new members. In celebration of the event they gave a party at which fifteen Phis, two Phi Gams, and one Sig. were present. Nor has our William goat been enjoying uninterrupted rest since that eventful evening at the beginning of the term. Twice since then has he been called forth to lead barbarians into the fold. As a result, Messrs. Swain, Gray, and Prebble now wear the Sword and Shield. Brother Pollock has returned to enter the Law School. Thus our membership has increased from four to twelve. The Phis are recognized as the leaders at the University. Socially they have no rivals. In scholarship they are second to none. In college politics they are dictators. The following positions are held by them :—Delegate to the Inter-state Oratorical, Secretary of the Oratorical Association, Editor-in Chief and Exchange Editor on the College paper, and President of one of our literary societies. We have given several informal receptions this Fall. Our hall being on the corner

across from the public square, it was a very convenient point from which to view the political demonstrations during the campaign. On the eve of November 13, the Kappas joined with the Phis in celebrating the election of brother Ben. Harrison to the presidential chair. During the last week three of our brothers from the West have visited us—brothers Wheeland, Hunter and Tomlin. Brother Hunter expects to enter the University next term, and brother Wheeland may decide to do so before that time. Our prospects for next year are very bright. All but two of our present members will be back. Brother Miller, our Province President, and brothers Hunter, Wheeland, Denham, Reesar and Burks will be here. The lesson we have learned by the last two years' experience will not soon be forgotten. We have found the truth of the old saying that, "Work done in times of prosperity gives strength when adversity comes."

November 27, 1888. W. H. STILLHAMER.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ILLINOIS ZETA was ten years old on November 4th, and the way we celebrated our birthday is thus described by the *Daily Republican–Register* of this city. As you see, it partook partly of a ratification of General Harrison's election. We and our guests, Illinois Delta, sent the following telegram to the General that evening: "Illinois Zeta and Delta Chapters, Phi Delta Theta, of Lombard University and Knox College, assembled in joint banquet, send congratulations on your election."

PHI BOYS BANQUET.

On Saturday evening last the boys of Illinois Zeta Chapter, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the chapter at Lombard with a grand "stag-banquet" in the University building. Besides celebrating the anniversary of their birth, the boys also celebrated the election of General Benjamin Harrison to the Presidential chair. As detailed in our Lombard notes of last Thursday, General Harrison was a member of the Phi Delta Theta when at College at Miami University, in Ohio, and being more than usually active as an alumni member, is looked upon by all Phis as the best of their elder brothers. The boys of Zeta Chapter entertained as their guests for the evening the boys of Illinois Delta Chapter of Knox College."

Since my last report we have taken in three new men. Bret. H. Brigham, a junior, now wears our colors. He is a brother of a former member of this chapter, Dr. L. Ward Brigham, '86, of Chicago. L. L. Silliman and E. C. Root are the other initiates—all fine material.

Brother Grant McCarl, who is out of school at present teaching, writes that he may be in school before spring, but if not, will surely be here next fall, when he will then complete his course.

Brother Claude Anderson, of '90, was a visitor at the university some weeks ago. He says he will be in next year to graduate. Claude is one of our boys we are most proud of. He will complete the entire course in three years, and would have graduated next year had he not formed an attachment for the class he entered with, and in order to graduate with them he stays out this year to let the class catch up with him. Can many chapters show such men?

Brother Percy I. Hale is now located at his home in Stoughton, Wis., engaged with his father in mercantile business. For two years brother Hale was the most loyal Phi in our chapter, and it was with the sincerest sorrow we saw him obliged to leave us. He remembered us with the wherewith to have a banquet on a small scale at our last initiation.

Our Rev. brother John R. Carpenter, '87, visited us a few days some little time ago. John has lately been preaching at Dephos, Kansas, but will soon take a pastorate at Oshkosh, Wis.

Brother A. W. Lapham, '88, paid us a short visit election time. He is now attending medical college at Keokuk, Ia. He reports meeting brother H. J. Echbohm there recently, and the latter said he expected to be in school after Christmas to complete his course. Echbohm has been holding the position of second clerk on a Mississippi steamboat this summer.

Brother David Jacques, a former member of '90, paid us a very short visit recently on his way home from a western trip. Brother E. H. Miles, another '90 man, was a guest at our anniversary banquet.

We regret that brother George Davis was recently called home, and it is extremely doubtful if he will return.

Another literary society has been organized, or rather an old one reorganized. Brother Cottrell has been elected president of it.

Nov. 14, 1888. ——— SAM D. HARSH.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

OUR chapter began the year with fourteen men, having lost six by graduation and three by failure to return. At least one of these, brother George Simpson, will return next year. Of those not returning two were in the present senior class and one in the present sophomore class. Brother W. E. Black, who graduated, will enter the law school next year. We have initiated this term D. L. Fairchild and A. A. Wright of Whitewater, Wis.;

L. G. Nash, of Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter.; Warren Mitchell, of Lancaster, Penn.; Rene Hilbert, of Milwaukee, Wis.; J. H. Turner, of Berlin, Wis.; and W W. Young, of Monroe, Wis.

Of our graduates of last year, J. C. Gaveney is practising law in Milwaukee, M. A. Hall at Omaha, and W. H. Hallam at Sioux City. D. S. Clark is in the banking business at Eau Claire, and A. B. Winegar at Clinton. W. E. Black is farming at Richland Centre. D. E. Spencer, '87, who was in the law school last year, is now instructor in the university.

Wednesday before commencement, the Beta Gamma chapter of Delta Tau Delta was installed with four charter members. One of them graduated, but they have made good his loss and are again four. They have started out under favorable auspices and with a good set of men. Three of the four have been elected on the program of the sophomore exhibition of the Adelphia Literary Society. Phi Kappa Psi, with twenty members, is our strongest and most friendly rival. Sigma Chi has fourteen men and is a nice gentlemanly set of boys. Beta Theta Pi has fourteen men; Chi Psi, twenty, and Delta Upsilon, nine. The sororities are Kappa Kappa Gamma, eighteen members; Delta Gamma, seventeen, and Gamma Phi Beta, sixteen. It is altogether likely that a new sorority will be established here soon.

The University has six hundred and forty-nine in all departments. Five hundred and two of these are in the college, one hundred in the law school, and forty-seven in the college of pharmacy. The freshman class this year was one hundred and sixty-four, a slight falling off from the class of last year, which numbered one hundred and ninety-six.

November 27, 1888. W. A. CURTIS.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

MISSOURI ALPHA is in a flourishing condition. We are aware that this has become a stereotyped phrase in chapter reports, but then it expresses our condition exactly, and we are glad to see that so many of our sister chapters are able to use the same phrase.

We now have a membership of twenty, a larger number than our chapter has had for some years.

We passed our 'teens last week by initiating brother Kellum, of Dallas, Texas, after he had been "spiked and rushed" by every other fraternity in the University.

Brother T. J. J. See has been elected one of the two contestants who will represent our University in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest, which occurs some time during February.

Brothers Kellum and Tipton have been elected by the Athenean Literary Society to represent them on the Junior Oratorical contest. We feel sure that our three brothers just mentioned will, at the times of these contests, sustain with credit the honor that has been conferred upon them by their election as contestants.

At the 46th Annual Open Session of the Athenean Society, brother Haines, the incoming president of that society, delivered his inaugural address, while brother Conley did us honor as essayist. Ours was the only fraternity represented on the program.

We are represented on the college paper, and by two Captains, two Lieutenants, and other officers in the cadet battalion.

Not only in school are we doing well, but in the social world of Columbia our popularity and prestige are more firmly established than ever before.

We have six active and two alumni resident members, who represent the best families in the town.

We have lately organized a chapter glee club; whose music adds greatly to the pleasure of our meetings. Their music is not intended solely for the entertainment of the brethren in the chapter hall, but on the balmy nights of next spring we expect to entertain our lady friends.

Mo. *A*, although almost a solid Democratic chapter, joins heartily in the general rejoicing of our fraternity over the honor that has been conferred upon it, by the election of one of our number to fill the highest office in the nation. We have telegraphed our congratulations to brother Harrison and send mutual congratulations to all Phis.

November 10, 1888. R. T. HAINES.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SCHOOL opened September 12, but we have been too busy "booming" Harrison to attend to chapter correspondence. Having partially regained our normal status we will attempt a report.

Iowa Alpha has sixteen strong, active men, who are doing good work in every department.

Brothers Kirkendall and Todd graduated from our midst with the class of '88.

Brothers Coddington, Laisy, Wehrle and Shields are back in school again after a year spent in the "wilds of reality."

Brothers C. E. Todd, '88, Chris. Havighorst, 82, H. E. Wilcox, '85, J. C. Willits, '87, and Ed. Havighorst, '87, are attending the "Boston School of Theology."

Brother W. R. Gray is attending the Iowa Medical School.

Brother T. N. Carver, whose marriage we reported last Spring, has entered the Theological Department of the University at Los Angeles, Cal.

We are entitled by a recent Act of Congress to two hundred cadet rifles and equipments, also two pieces of cannon. Our bond is in and we will receive our guns at an early date. The University will then possess the best military department of any school in the State.

Only two appointments have been made up to date, of these one fell to us.

During last Spring term $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ signed an agreement with us, by which the "prep" will be eternally excluded.

Mid the crash of events we have found time to initiate Joseph Beers, a good all-round man, who is already doing good work for $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$. We have another man pledged, and more on the threshold. There is certainly lively work ahead for our goat.

During the summer vacation a new hall was fitted up under the immediate supervision of brothers Scott and Gray. We took possession at the opening of school, and will henceforth be at home in our new hall to the fraternity every Tuesday evening.

November 8, 1888. ——— WILL. H. SPURGEON.

THE University opened this year with two hundred and thirty students, a large increase over many previous years. The buildings had been entirely refitted during the summer, and now present a very pleasing appearance.

The work on our new chapel is progressing quite rapidly.

By a recent Act of Congress we are entitled to one hundred and fifty cadet rifles and two pieces of cannon. This will place our cadet department on a square footing with any in the State.

The gentlemen's company of eighty men is making good drill.

The ladies' company (a novelty in itself) is composed of more than thirty ladies, and is a pronounced success.

Fourteen men returned at the opening of school to work and win for Phi Delta Theta.

Brothers Jay, Kirkendall and C. E. Todd graduated from our midst last June.

Brother Todd, in company with brothers Chris. Havighorst, '82, H. E. Wilcox, '85, Ed. S. Havighorst, '86, and Jno. C. Willits, 86, constitute Iowa *A*'s quintette in The Boston Theological Schools.

Our new initiates up to date are, Chas. Joseph Beers, '92, and Howard H. Rice, '92. In addition we have three men just outside the bond. This is the result of the order and contract signed between Iowa *A* and $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, last Spring, by which the "prep." is eternally excluded from our membership.

Iowa *A* is not barren of honors this year.

Brother Havighorst has been elected president of the Senior class and brother Wehrle of the "Sophs."

Brother Scott is the first officer in the Cadet Company and president of the Hamline Literary Society.

Brother Jeffry is assistant professor in Chemistry and instructor in Free Hand Drawing.

Brother Laisy is the leader of the University band.

In football and other athletic sports, brother Pearl Smith is our champion and the recognized leader in school.

In the chapter room we are doing good work.

We moved into a new hall early in the term. It is commodious and well furnished, and in every way adapted to our growing chapter.

We will be at home to the Phis every Tuesday evening.

This report would not be complete without notice of a very happy event which occurred November 17. On that date we were entertained by the ladies of *Π B Φ* at the home of Miss Anna Kurtz. At the close of an evening of unusual social mirth, we were made the recipients of a splendid gift for our new hall. It was an elegant secretary, for which the members of *Π B Φ* receive our most sincere thanks. The handsome plate bore the inscription from *Π B Φ* to *Φ Δ Θ*, November 17, 1888.

December 10, 1888. WILL. H. SPURGEON.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA ALPHA has but little of interest to chronicle, and that she will do briefly.

Our First term ended with the day preceding Thanksgiving. The examinations were successfully passed by the members of Minn. *A*, and consequently their Thanksgiving was all the more profound.

On Wednesday evening, November 28, occurred the Senior and Junior reception to the faculty and students of our own University, also of Hamline and Macalester Colleges. It was a brilliant occasion and some five hundred were in attendance. The Phis did more than their share towards making it a success.

After the reception the Phis with their ladies, to the number of fifteen couples, adjourned to the Phi Delta Theta House, where three happy hours were spent in dancing. Prof. and Mrs. McLean were also with us.

I regret to say that brothers Fiske, '91, and Murray, '92, have withdrawn from college, for this term at least. Brother Fiske had just returned from an eighteen months' stay in California, and we had hoped that he would be with us until the end of his course.

We are pleased to note the return of brothers Leeds, '90, and Hall, '91, to the University and Phi Delta Theta.

Brother Conway McMillan, president of Eta Province, will not be with us this winter, but will spend his time studying Botany at Harvard. He will return in the Spring.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma ladies give a party on the 17th of December. Ten Phis are fortunate enough to have received invitations.

Near Christmas brother A. J. Blethen, Jr., '91, will give a party in honor of Minn. Alpha. It is to be a very elaborate affair. We expect it will, and intend it shall, surpass any party ever given in University social life.

Through brother McMillan we have learned that an attempt is being made to establish a chapter in Ga. Polytechnic Institute, at Atlanta. We think it is time to call a halt on what Minn. Alpha calls indiscriminate granting of charters to institutions which have no standing whatever.

We have chapters enough, and there are a great many chapters which need "bracing" up now.

It would be well to expend a little energy in placing some of our chapters on a live footing.

The hardest thing that Minn. Alpha has to contend against is the fact of so many chapters as Phi Delta Theta has, and so many of those in small colleges. If $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is worthy of anything at all, she is worthy of the best, and a charter from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ should cost more than the asking. Minn. Alpha wants to be recorded as being against the establishment of any more chapters at present.

Minn. Alpha rejoices over the election of Gen. Ben Harrison to the Presidency, and congratulates $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on having such illustrious sons.

Sigma Chi establishes a chapter at University of Minn. on the 7th of December.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December 5, 1888. WALTER L. STOCKWELL.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

WHEN we sent our last letter to the SCROLL, we hoped that by this time we would be able to introduce more new members to the Phi world. It seems that we are disappointed in our expectations, but only as to the time of the introduction, for we are confident that it will take place at a very early date. As it is, we have no reason to feel discouraged, for we have not only the largest, but also the best chapter in the school. Every Saturday evening ten active and three alumni members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ gather together in our hall for literary and social entertainment.

There has been much anxiety among us for the last five weeks on account of the sickness of brother Frankforter, who has been suffering with a severe attack of typhoid fever, but he is now convalescing, and in a very short time will be among us again.

Brother McMillan, our Province president, who has been teaching in the University of Minnesota during the past term, has returned to his home in Lincoln. But only for a short time, as he is going east to spend the winter in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other cities. He intends to visit some of our eastern chapters, and from these we bespeak for him a hearty welcome.

Brother Force, of Tekamah, Nebraska, was in town a few weeks ago and paid us a short visit. Brother Force has a warm place in his heart for Nebraska Alpha, and always has some kind words of encouragement for us. May he live long and prosper.

Delta Gamma gave a tea party at the residence of the Misses Wing, a few evenings ago, at which the only guests were Phis. Delta Gamma is a new fraternity here, starting out under very favorable circumstances, and we hope for it a long and prosperous career.

Our cadet battalion, of which brother Gerney is a captain, brother Stephens, adjutant, and brother Newcomer, a First Lieutenant, gave a reception in honor of G. T. Griffith, Second Lieutenant, 18th Infantry, U. S. A., on last Tuesday evening in our new Armory. It was the most brilliant social affair that has ever taken place in the University. The Governor and many of the military men of the State were present.

December 3, 1888. J. A. BARRIS.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

THE following letter, copied in the New York *Tribune* and other papers, should have appeared in THE SCROLL before. Sickness and death in the editor's family is his excuse for the delay:

GENERAL HARRISON'S FRATERNITY.

General Harrison is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, organized in 1848. C P. Bassett, of Newark, is its president. Mr. Bassett recently addressed a congratulatory letter to the President-elect, and has received the following reply, dated Indianapolis, November 14:

Your letter of November 9, extending to me your congratulations on behalf of the fraternity of the Phi Delta Theta, has been received I have had the pleasure of receiving from many of the chapters very fraternal expressions and would have been glad to acknowledge each of them, but the extent of my corre-

spondence is such as to make that quite impossible. I beg through you to extend to the members of my old college fraternity my sincere thanks for their friendly recognition of me as a brother, and at the same time to express every interest in the continued prosperity and usefulness of the fraternity.

Very truly yours, BENJ. HARRISON.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To the Fraternity:

At our National Convention, held in Richmond, Va., in 1882, the advisability of securing a permanent and engraved plate of our charter form was discussed, but reported upon unfavorably; not because such a plate was not needed, but because a depleted treasury made such an outlay unwise at the time. Last year, however, the last of the copies of the form in use by the fraternity was issued, and the necessity for a new one became imperative. Not only may the form be required in the case of a newly established chapter, but there have been several demands from our older chapters for duplicates to those now in their possession, these being mutilated and damaged, and valuable only as historical documents which legalize the existences of the chapters.

In response to this need of the fraternity, the General Council, at its meeting in last January, appointed a committee to confer with several well-known engraving houses and get designs, with estimates of cost thereon, of an engraved plate of our charter form. Designs were submitted, and that of Louis Dreka, of Philadelphia, was accepted and an order placed with him. We are now the possessors of a plate, the impressions from which are at the disposal of the fraternity.

To such chapters as indicate their desire for them, duplicates of their present charters will be issued. These will bear the names and date of the original charter, signed by the present General Council for the original grantors, the present date and the names of original grantors being transcribed thereon also. A chapter desiring the new form can obtain it by forwarding to the Council the charter in its possession, which will be returned with the new form, and remain as the property of the chapter.

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Some changes have been made in the directory of Province Presidents since last year. Brother Dudley R. Horton, under whose *regimé* Alpha Province has prospered so famously since his appointment in 1886, resigned his position at the close of the collegiate year. Brother Geo. L Richardson, Williams, '88,

closely associated with the increasing stability of Massachusetts *A*, has taken up the work in his stead.

In Gamma Province, brother W. W. Quarles, of Selma, Ala., a graduate of the university, and a tireless worker in Phi Delta Theta, has been appointed, vice Glenn Andrews, recently resigned.

Any Zeta Province Phi who knows the present address of brother W. L Miller will confer a favor by sending the same to the secretary of the General Council.

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The presidents of our respective provinces have been directed to urge upon their chapters the wisdom of and necessity for paying SCROLL dues for the current volume before the new year. The SCROLL was crippled in its usefulness in Vol. XII because of the great number of delinquencies. These for the most part have since been met, and the present volume depends upon the support from this year's subscriptions. If these are promptly paid the magazine will not be hampered, and will appear regularly in unreduced volume. Again our annual dues fall in April, and the chapter will find its burden much lighter if its SCROLL tax is paid before this is due. Our Constitution prescribes that the delegate of a chapter will be accorded his seat in convention only when the accounts of his chapter have been settled with the treasurer of the General Council, and this law will be inflexible at our coming session.

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A word as to the annual circular letter to be issued on March 1st by each chapter, as required by ART. XIII, Sec. 3, of the Constitution. Its issuance is not a matter of discretion to be decided by the will of the chapter, but is a duty demanded by our Constitution. Let each chapter bear in mind that *the letter is primarily addressed to its own alumni*, being sent to the other chapters as a matter of courtesy, and that as such *it should contain matters of interest to alumni, and all accessible items regarding alumni*. In this letter you are to try to reach the men who have gone out from your chapter, and keep alive their interest in Phi Delta Theta; and in order to do so you must let them know what the chapter mates they knew are doing, and where they are doing it. Let each letter accomplish this purpose, and see likewise that it bears the date proscribed.

J. E. BROWN, S. G. C.

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'92. Herman Edgar Brady, Enfield, Me.
'92. Charles Hovey Dodge, Sedgwick, Me.
'92. Otho Willard Burnham Farr, Oakland, Me.
'92. Albert Gordon Hurd, Westminster, Mass.
'92. Howard Abbot Lincoln, Deering, Me.
'92. Harry Lincoln Pierce, West Boylston, Mass.
'92. George Crosby Sheldon, Belfast, Me.
'92. Albert Charles Watson, Waterville, Me.

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'92. James Baird, Starkville, N. Y.
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'91. Philip Stern.
'92. Frank Reed.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'92. C. A. Peffer, Covode, Pa.

ALUMNI NOTES.

PENNA. DELTA.

Ex '87. F. J. Tibbitts is practising Medicine at Rock Creek, Ohio.

'83. J. A. Vance is pursuing a course in Theology at Boston University.

'83. Married June 22, 1888, Dr. Ed. Pond and Miss M. Hartman, both of Meadville, Pa. They reside on Liberty Street. Ed. is a practising physician here.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

Allen McIver Caker.
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MISSOURI ALPHA.

'90. John Kellum, Law, Dallas, Texas,
'91. Chas. France, St. Joseph, Mo. (affiliated from Mo. *B*).
'92. Chas. Gregg Haines, Columbia, Mo.
'92. John Doak Shelton, Appleton City, Mo.
'91. Joseph Clark Tipton, Las Vegas, N. M.
'92. John Prichard Shelley, Princeton, Mo.

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'91. Burton Luther Hall, Los Angeles, Cal.
'92. James Huntington Gray, San Francisco, Cal.
'92. Charles Henry Edwards, Santa Ana, Cal.
'92. Charles Henry Spurgeon, Santa Ana, Cal.
'92. Perry Thomas Tompkins, San Bernardino, Cal.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY Trustees have appropriated $80,000 from the permanent funds of the University for the erection of a chemical laboratory. This makes four large buildings in process of construction on the campus, one of them the library, costing $225,000. The Trustees appropriated $40,000 to complete the new engineering building. They named the physical building, an imposing brown stone structure, Lincoln Hall, in honor of the President who signed the Morrill land grant bill. Hiram W. Sibley was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, to fill the place of the late Hiram Sibley.

DARTMOUTH has an institution peculiar to itself, known as the "horn-rush," which in its effects is fully as destructive to apparel and physical beauty as the fiercest cane-rush. At midnight the freshmen assemble, each armed with a horn, and sally forth to horn the sophomores, who are awaiting the demonstration, and on the latter then devolves the duty of relieving the freshmen of their horns. The rush between '91 and '92 was vigorously contested, and after an hour's fighting resulted in a draw.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY is one of the most conspicuous examples of the success of the principle of co-education. About one-fourth of the students in the college of Liberal Arts are ladies, and in the College of Fine Arts fully three-fourths. The university last year received a valuable gift in the great historical library of Dr. Leopold von Ranke, which was purchased and presented to the university by Mrs. John M. Reid. A fire-proof library building, with a capacity for 130,000 volumes, is now being erected. The freshman class numbers nearly 200, of which number 105 are in the College of Liberal Arts, 75 in the Fine Arts and 20 in the Medical Department, which opened October 2, with addresses by Chancellor Sims and Dr. John Van Duyn. Governor Foraker, of Ohio, attended, on Friday evening last, the initiation Banquet of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The Alpha Phi Society, a "Sorority," not a fraternity, holds its annual convention in Syracuse, commencing to-morrow, October 11. This secret society of ladies has chapters at Boston, Northwestern, De Pauw and Syracuse Universities. Their chapter-house at Syracuse is the only one in the United States owned by the gentler sex.—*Mail and Express.*

COLBY UNIVERSITY, at waterville, Me., claims rank with the Universities of Pennsylvania and Minnesota as teaching the doctrine of protection, through Prof. Small, who fills the chair of political economy in that institution. The faculty and students are said to be almost unanimously Republicans.

THE *De Pauw Monthly* is happy that fraternity lines are not sharply drawn at De Pauw, and that fraternal feeling does not run to blind idolatry. This is as it should be. If the Greek-letter fraternities do not expand the sympathetic side of our natures, inspire us with the principles of true friendship, and give us a more vivid conception of what should be the social relations of man to man, then better that they should not exist. —*The Current, Ohio University.*

AUGUST 14th was celebrated at Ocean Grove as Dickinson College day. Many prominent alumni were present, among whom were Rev. Dr. Deems, of the Church of the Stranger, N. Y.; Hon. C. B. Lore, Attorney General of Delaware; Rev. Dr. Dobbins, of State Street M. E. Church, Trenton; J. E. Price, of Scranton, Pa.; Robert McKay, Prof. J. H Morgan, Ralph Illingsworth, Wm. B. Longsdorf, Wm. P. String, etc. All the above, except the first two, are loyal Φ Ψs.—*The Shield of Φ K Ψ*

THE Phi Kappa Sigma Society of the University of Pennsylvania has established a prize fund of $400 in honor of the founder of the fraternity, Mr. Samuel B. W. Mitchell.

THE DELTA UPSILON CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY.

EARLIER mention should have been made of the New York Delta Upsilon Club, organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York last December. A number of our most active alumni residing in New York and vicinity formed this club for the purpose of promoting social intercourse among its members and establishing closer relations between alumni and under-graduates. The club then leased the handsome brown-stone house, No. 8 East 47th street (adjacent to the Windsor Hotel), in which it has a pleasant home. The *Columbia* and *New York* chapters also have their rooms there as well as the Executive Council and Secretary of the fraternity. It is believed that much will be gained by having a common centre for all the interests of our fraternity in this city; a place where alumni of the several chapters may meet one another socially, and where any member of the fraternity who visits the city may meet friends, be found by friends and obtain accommodations during his stay. The Club-house is partly occupied by resident members. The meetings of the Club will be of a social and literary character and will enable all of its members to share equally in the spirit of Delta Upsilon. During the coming year it expects to increase its membership largely from the long roll of alumni residing in the city. Thus it hopes to become a strong force in forwarding the interests and promoting the welfare of the fraternity at large. Its officers are: President, Samuel B. Duryea, *New York*, '66; First Vice-President, Hon. Charles D. Baker, *Cornell*, '74; Second Vice-President, Don Alonzo Hulett, *Union*, '58; Secretary, John Q. Mitchell, *Marietta*, '80; Treasurer, Frederick M. Crossett, *New York*, '84.—*Δ Υ Quarterly.*

A NEW intercollegiate magazine called the *Collegian* is announced to appear in December. It is to be published at Wakefield, Mass., and designs "to introduce young talent to the world of litterateurs." Contributions will of course be limited to undergraduates, and prizes of from $50 to $100 are offered for the best stories, poems and essays, written by undergraduates of any college in the country. It will be published monthly for $3.00 per year.

DELTA UPSILON lately bought a frame chapter-house at Ann Arbor for $5,000. The following fraternities also occupy chapter-houses of their own: Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, the former a handsome stone building, the latter a large brick, both heavily mortgaged. Zeta Psi rents a large brick house. Delta Kappa Epsilon expects to build a $10,000 house this summer. Chi Psi has not revived her attempts to put up "the finest house in the country." Beta Theta Pi will begin work on her house in the fall.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

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Virginia Delta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.—C. James.
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Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—J. R. Mood.

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THE FIRST GREEK LETTER SOCIETY.

IN the first year of American Independence the system of college secret societies with names composed of Greek letters had its origin. December 5, 1776, five students of William and Mary College met together and established *Φ B K*. William and Mary was founded in 1693, and, excepting Harvard, which was founded in 1636, it is the oldest institution of learning in the New World. Mr. John De Witt Warner, an authority whose statements have been relied upon in the preparation of what is here related, writes:—

"Virginia was an old state when the American Revolution stirred her best blood. A wealthy and cultured aristocracy, a prevailing—in prestige a state—church, African serfs for her laboring class, she was a striking contrast to Puritan New England in all except her devotion to liberty. Her capital city was Williamsburg, named in honor of King William. There was centered the life of the colony, the approvage of her colonial court and the offices of her colonial government, and there met the legislature of the colony. There also was situated 'His Majesty's Royal College of William and Mary,' founded by the special grace of the monarchs whom it commemorated, presided over by the Right Reverend representative in Virginia of the Bishop of London, its buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren and adorned by the bounty of the royal Governors and noble English patrons, holding in its corporate capacity the lucrative office of Surveyor-General of the colony, to administer which it had already appointed George Washington, Zachary Taylor (grandfather of the President) and Thomas Jefferson; and entitled to representation in the House of Burgesses, which for many years met in one of its halls . In 1776 William and Mary was the richest college in America. Its annual income was nearly £4,000 sterling, and it had been the constant recipient of royal, colonial and private benefactors."—*Δ K E Quarterly*, October, 1886.*

* See "The College Book" for article on William and Mary, the materials for which were obtained from a history of the College by President B. S. Ewell.

The meeting of December 5 was held in the Apollo Hall of the old Raleigh Tavern, the very room in which Patrick Henry immortalized himself by bold declaration of his revolutionary sentiments.* There had flourished in the college a society with a Latin name, but the students who organized *Φ B K* believed that a society could be formed on a better basis than the old one, and, counting among their number the best Hellenists in college, they adopted the Greek motto *Φιλοδοφία Βίου Κυβερνήτης*, the initials of which form the name of their society and the translation of which is "Philosophy is the guide of life." The five original members associated with themselves four other students, and January 5, 1777, all mutually entered into the following pledge:

"I, , do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, as calling the Supreme Being to attest my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts endeavor to prove true and just, and deeply attached to this our growing Fraternity, in keeping, holding and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare."

A constitution was evolved, which received additions from time to time, and finally included twenty seven sections. In elections to membership and in expulsions a unanimous vote was necessary. Each member was required to provide himself with a "square silver medal" bearing the three Greek letters and a hand pointing upward to a star. On the reverse was "S. P.," the initials of *Societas Philosophia*, and "1776." This badge was worn suspended on a cord running through an eyelet in the middle of one side. Later the medal was changed to the form of a watch key and more stars added. A grip and a secret sign of recognition were prescribed. The following arrangement of all the letters of the Alphabet was used, probably as the key to a cipher:

N	Z	A	O	C	Y	B	P	X	D	W	Q	V
R	E	U	F	M	G	T	H	S	L	I	K	J

At first meetings were held monthly, then bi-monthly, then weekly, then bi-weekly. The literary exercises consisted of declamations, the reading of essays and debates. As an incentive to excellence a standing committee examined all literary productions and placed in the archives what were considered meritorious. Many of the subjects of debate are the same that have been discussed in every literary society of students, "from

† See "The College Book" and "Greek Letter Societies."

the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," even down to the present time.*

The records show that literary exercises were often omitted and postponed on account of the absence or failure of the appointed participants, or because of other business or of entertainment.

Such exercises of course were congenial to a coterie of collegians engaged in the gentlemanly pursuit of learning. It was appropriate also that gentlemen of their position should act as patrons of merit; accordingly we find that a suggestion was made that some reward, to be paid out of the treasury, be made for "any new invention of arts and sciences," which suggestion, however, led to nothing practical. The claims of charity, moreover, were considered, and "Messrs Hardy and Cocke were appointed to look out for some orphan likely to receive advantages from being put to a proper school," but the records do not show that they found one. Fines were imposed "for the least appearance of intoxication or disorder of any single member by liquor at a session," and for "the non-attendance of any single member unless by some certain obstructing inability or urgent necessity."

September 23, 1780, "Mr. Jos. Cabell" (was) "fined 20 dollars for non-attendance on ye evening he was appointed to declaim. Mr. Swan, Mr. Thos. Lee, Mr. Washington, Mr. Madison and Mr. Nivison" (were) "fined 15 dollars each for absenting themselves on evenings when disengaged."† The result of the imposition of such heavy fines was at all times a healthy condition of the treasury. The report of each successive Treasurer showed an increasing fund. March 13, 1779, "upon examination of the Treasurer's accounts, there was found to be

* Following are the questions that *Φ B K* debated during 1780:

"Is a public or a private education more advantageous?"

"Had William the Norman a right to the crown of Great Britain?"

"Whether the execution of Charles the First was justifiable."

"Whether any form of government is more favorable to public virtue than a Commonwealth."

"Whether ye rape of ye Sabine women was just."

"Whether religion is necessary in government."

"Whether in a civil war any person is justifiable in remaining neutral."

"Whether duelling ought to be tolerated in this or any other free state."

"Whether our affections and principles are deducible from self love."

"Whether poligamy is a dictate of nature or not."

"Whether avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic."

"Whether Brutus was justifiable in killing Cæsar."

"Whether a man in extreme want is justifiable in stealing from his neighbor to relieve his present necessities."

† These fines seeming excessive it might be supposed that "dollars" was a mistake in copying for shillings ($ for S.), but the copy has been verified by the original. However, the depreciation of the currency of the country at that time must be taken into account.

£15, 8s, in the treasury." Probably the society was blessed with such a line of efficient Treasurers as no younger college society has ever known.

The object of the society was not atheistical, as might be inferred from the motto, and has been charged.* The society originated in a church institution, the Supreme Being was invoked in the pledge, a young student of divinity was initiated, and to him was intrusted the formation of other chapters, as will be mentioned presently, and the minutes show that the society having been presented with a copy of the Scriptures by a member, was offered a second copy by another member.† Though founded in stirring times historically, the society had no political object. Save a mention once of "the confusion of the times," the records contain no reference to the revolution. Nor was it intended, as has been declared, "to form a philosophical club whose purposes should go far beyond the narrow range of the college studies of those days, and should include not only the wide range of what was then called philosophy, but the consideration at the same time of political questions."‡ The society in reality had less ambitious aims. The cultivation of polite literature, within a circle of congenial associates, and the promotion among themselves of refined good fellowship were the principal objects sought. To quote from the ritual of the society, it had "friendship as its basis and benevolence and literature as its pillows." As Mr. Warner has aptly remarked, "the fraternity would have considered utterly and equally ridiculous suggestions that its prime motive was either that of a religious organization, a debating club, an aid to inventors, a charitable institution, a temperance society, a political propaganda, or a bond of philosophers devoted to the enlightenment or elevation of mankind inside or outside college walls." (*Δ K E Quarterly*, October, 1886). Not only in having a name of Greek letters, but also as to objects, and as to organization,

* In "A Key to Phi Beta Kappa" (appended to "A Ritual of Freemasonry, Avery Allyn,)" an anti-secret society writer, makes the following absurdly false statements: "From its nature and form it is presumed it (*Φ B K*) must have commenced in some of the infidel schools of Europe in the 17th or 18th century. It was imported into this country from France, in the year 1776; and, as it is said, by Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States."

† February 27, 1779. "A letter was received from our worthy brother, Mr. John Stuart, in which was enclosed twelve shillings, which was to purchase a testament for the society; but as the society had been presented with one from Mr. John Nivison, it was put into the treasury."

‡ Rev. Edward Everett Hale in *Atlantic Monthly*, July, 1879. He had not examined the records of the society but stated that "the old records cannot now be found, but probably exist in some Virginian archives" His surmise as to their existence was true; since 1849 they have been in the possession of the Virginia Historical Society.

and as to nearly every thing else, the society born during the early part of the Revolution was strikingly similar to the Greek letter Fraternities established during the following century.

The dignity which it may be presumed prevailed during the sessions of the society did not preclude unrestrained intercourse after the conclusion of the serious business of the meetings. April 19, 1779, after an initiation: "Mr. Bowdoin being about to depart for Europe, requested the company of the society at the Raleigh, where he gave them a very elegant entertainment. After many toasts suitable to the occasion, the evening was spent by the members in a manner which indicated the highest esteem for their departing friend, mixed with sorrow for his intended absence and joy for his future prospects in life."

We can easily imagine the appearance of the banquet room in the old holstery, and, though stilled more than a century, almost hear the echoing peals of laughter which followed the sallies of wit and repartee, while this genial company of gentlemen were enjoying the hospitalities of their host. How frequently has this delightful occasion been repeated in banquets, both elaborate and of an informal character, in the history of every later college society

The members of the society were proud enough of it to observe its anniversary: "At a meeting at the Raleigh on the 5th of December," (1780) "to celebrate the anniversary of this noble institution," the vice president took the chair, four other members being present The president, the clerk and two other members were noted as absent. One member "according to appointment then proceeded to declaim on the progress of the arts and sciences. President Short, who was likewise to declaim on this night, being absent, and the business of the night being over . the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability and mirth." The most prosperous year for *Φ B K* was 1780, but towards its close the contending armies approached Williamsburg, and the absence of a number of members from the anniversary is accounted for by their presence in the ranks serving their country. In January the college suspended.

"1781, on Saturday the 6th of January, a meeting of the *Φ B K* was called for the purpose of securing the papers of the society during the confusion of the times and the present dissolution which threatens the university. The members who attended were" (five in number) . . "They thinking it most desirable that the papers should not be removed, determined to deliver them sealed into the hands of the college steward, to remain with him until the desirable event of the society is resurrection. And this deposit they make in the sure and certain hope that the fraternity will one day rise" (in) "life everlasting and glory immortal."

Thus closes the records of *Φ B K* as it existed at William and Mary during the revolutionary period. Forty-nine members were enrolled, and nearly all of them arose to positions of distinction and honor.* Spencer Roane became Judge of the Virginia Court of Appeals. Bushrod Washington became an Associate Justice, and John Marshall Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. William Short, the last president of the society, became Secretary of Legation then *chargé d'Affaires* at Paris. In 1849 the original records of *Φ B K*, covering fifty folio pages, came into the possession of the Virginia Historical Society. It was found that William Short was still living in Philadelphia. In 1850 he assisted in the revival of the society at its birthplace, after its slumber there of seventy years. In 1832, after the death of Archibald Stuart, the seal of the society had been found in a secret drawer in his house near Staunton.

But the revived *Φ B K* was not like the *Φ B K* of 1776. As we shall see its secrets had been exposed and its nature entirely changed. To trace the process of change it will be necessary to return to the old records. December 10, 1778, it was "resolved that future admission to this society be not confined to collegians," probably with the view of admitting some of the officers of the American army stationed in the vicinity. May 24, 1779, when it will be remembered that the society was about two and a half years old, upon a suggestion "that it may lead to promote the designs of this institution, and redound to the honor and advantage thereof at the same time, and that others more remote or distant will be attached thereto.

"*Resolved*, that leave be given to prepare the form of ordinance of a charter-party to be entrusted with such two or more brothers of the *Φ B K* as" (to) "the general meeting shall, on due application for the same, be thought to merit such a trust, with delegated powers to constitute, establish and initiate a fraternity correspondence with this." In connection with the above quoted portion of the minutes, Mr. Warner writes as follows:—

"In general accord with this plan the mother chapter or 'general meeting' proceeded to grant its most trusted members charter-party to establish other 'meetings' to be known by the Greek letters, respectively, evidently having in mind the establishment of 'branches,' as the new 'meetings' were also called, in Virginia towns where prominent members resided, the char-

* Their names are printed in a footnote to the opening part of an octavo book of 207 pages, upon the title page of which appears the following: "The Virginia Convention of 1776: A discourse delivered before the Virginia Alpha of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, in the chapel of William and Mary College, in the city of Williamsburg, on the afternoon of July the 3d, 1855, by Hugh Blair Grigsby. Published by a resolution of the society."

ter running to the delegate and not to the neophytes, and not necessarily naming the precise place where the new 'meeting' was to be established. The system thus planned was one of which the 'general meeting' at the capital city and state college was to be the Alpha, or head, with branches in the principal county towns; an organization somewhat like the ecclesiastical one of which the president of the college, Bishop Madison, was the head. July 10, 1779, a charter was granted to Samuel Hardy to institute a 'meeting, to be known as the Beta, on the next day, another to William Stuart for a Gamma, and August 14, thereafter, a third to William Cabell for a Delta. Meanwhile Elisha Parmele, a young graduate of Harvard, who had also attended Yale, had been initiated July 31, 1779 December 4, thereafter, he petitioned for and was granted a charter for an Epsilon at Harvard, followed on the 9th of the same month by another for a Zeta at Yale. March 11, 1780, John Beckley was delegated to establish an Eta at Richmond, and May 18, 1780, George Lee Turbeville was authorized to institute a Theta at Westmoreland. Of the fate of the Beta, Gamma, Delta, Eta and Theta nothing is known; but it is probable that all of them were instituted, and almost certain that none survived the Revolution, which destroyed the fraternity system, of which *Φ B K*, at William and Mary, was the head, and left heir to its name the two anomalous—one of them posthumous—New England scions, which were to develop into so radically different an organization."—*Δ K E Quarterly*, October, 1886.

Parmele was prepared for college by a clergyman, entered Yale just before the Revolution, remaining until it suspended, on account of the war, was graduated at Harvard in 1778, and afterwards attended William and Mary. Thence he went north, established the Yale and Harvard chapters, was ordained minister of a church in Massachusetts, was stricken with consumption, journeyed southward with his wife in search of health and died, 1784, in Shenandoah county, Virginia.

December 4, 1779, he petitioned for "a charter-party to establish a branch of the society in Cambridge in Massachusetts," and the petition was "granted, to be called *Επσίλον*." He had probably then gone north and communicated to the society some changes as to its functions and methods which he thought desirable, and the presiding officer seems to have agreed with him, for we read:

"At a meeting convened on ye evening of ye 5th of December, 1779, Mr. President leaving ye chair, called Mr. Brown to the same; Mr. President suggesting ye necessity of making some innovation in ye form of charter-party to introduce it properly and giving it an extensive footing in ye state of Massachusetts. Bay proposed some amendments to ye same, which being read in their proper places, were accorded to.

"*Resolved*, that so much of Mr. Parmele's petition as relates to ye establishment of a Phi Society to be conducted in a less mysterious manner than the *Φ B K* be not agreed to, as ye design appears to be incompatible with ye principles of this meeting.

"*Ordered*, however, that Mr. Parmele be thanked for ye proof which he has given of his zeal by openly communicating his sentiments to this society. Mr. President and Mr. Cocke appointed to do ye same, adjournment took place.—W. Short, Jr., Prest."

"At a meeting called by the President, December 9, 1779, Mr. President leaving the chair, called Mr. Stuart to the same. The Clerk being absent, Mr. Brent is appointed *pro tempore*.

"*Whereas* this society is desirous that the *Φ B K* should be extended to each of the United States,

"*Resolved*, that a second Charter be granted to our Brother, Mr. Elisha Parmele, for establishing a meeting of the same, in the College of New Haven in Connecticut, to be of the same rank, to have the same power, and to enjoy the same privileges with that which he is empowered to fix in the University of Cambridge, to be called the *Ζῆτα*.

"An adjournment took place. W. Short, Jr., Prest."

The chapter at Yale was instituted, November, 1780, and the one at Harvard, September, 1781. In regard to these chapters, Mr. Warner writes: "Neither chapter was fairly in operation —one of them had not come into being—when all intercourse was suspended with the parent chapter, which remained inactive for seventy years, or until long after her children were petrified. By Parmele, therefore, was guided the infancy of the New England chapters, and since through them *Φ B K* of post revolutionary times was propagated, the impulse which he gave became its characteristic. . By the place of his birth and circumstances of his education, even more than by his plans and maturer years, he was a contrast to the young Virginians with whom he was thus brought into intimacy. Of delicate health and with the mental and spiritual precocity of one nearly worn out with consumption, of reflective disposition and given to meditate on things divine, he seems to have been peculiarly beloved by those about him. . . Thus into the hands of the young student of divinity, whose ideas for the development of *Φ B K* were probably as far from those of his brothers as were their lives from his, were placed two charters worded differently from those the fraternity was wont to grant, this in pursuance not of its own plans, but of those of Mr. Parmele, in which it but partially concurred."—*Δ K E Quarterly*, October, 1886.

Though Parmele entertained and doubtless sought to establish different conceptions of a fraternity from those held by the

founders of *Φ B K*, the Chapters planted by him in New England thrived, and outwardly, at least, closely resembled the original society. But they were to be overtaken by anti-secret society opposition, which culminated in the excitement arising from the Morgan mystery. A historian of Harvard writes:

"In October, 1789, a committee of the Overseers, of which John Hancock was chairman, reported to that board 'that there is an institution in the University with the nature of which the Government is not acquainted, which tends to make a discrimination among students,' and submitted to the board the propriety of inquiring into its nature and design. The subject occasioned considerable debate, and a petition of the nature of a complaint against the society by a number of members of the Senior class having been presented, its consideration was postponed, and it was committed, but it does not appear from the records that any further notice was taken of the petition." —*Quincy's "History of Harvard University."* Another Harvard historian writes of a period ten years later:

"It happened that in 1799 there was a movement against secret societies in Connecticut, and that the Alpha at New Haven were considering the subject of breaking up their society, and of advising the like action in other branches. A committee was appointed to remonstrate with the heretical Yale brethren."—*"The Harvard Book."*

In 1826 the mysterious disappearance of William Morgan caused great excitment throughout the country. It was charged that he had been foully dealt with by Masons for advertising a book that would expose the secrets of their fraternity. The anti-Masons became a political party, and in 1831 placed a presidential candidate in the field. During that year Avery Allyn published "An Exposure of Freemasonry," to which was appended "A Key to Phi Beta Kappa." John Quincy Adams, who utilized to the fullest extent the anti-Masonic craze to advance his political interests, expressed to the President of Harvard his condemnation of the secret character of *Φ B K*. At last yielding to public clamor the Harvard chapter in 1831 gave up the secrets of the society.* Its action was thus announced in a Boston newspaper:

"We are gratified to learn that the enlightened efforts of Adams, Story and Everett have prevailed, and that the 'Phi Beta Kappa' society at Harvard University abolished the secrets of that association by a vote passed at their meeting on Thursday eve-

* Thus incurring the anathema of the *Φ B K* constitution:

"A profanation of the preceding oath of fidelity subjects the member to the pain of the universal censure of the fraternity as well as the misery of certain expulsion." The oath referred to is the one previously quoted, entered into by the founders and required in all initiations.

ning."—*Boston Telegraph*, September 3, 1831, quoted in "College Secret Societies."

The original chapter, calling itself the Alpha of Virginia, reserved the right to grant charters to other chapters, but in 1787, as it was then dormant, the chapters at Harvard and Yale united in founding the 'Alpha of New Hampshire' at Dartmouth. The plan then was adopted of requiring the concurrent action of the existing Alphas to establish a new Alpha, but giving each Alpha the right to establish other chapters in its own state.*

In all *Φ B K* has been known in twenty five colleges. The Harvard chapter changed its title from Epsilon to Massachusetts Alpha, or Alpha of Massachusetts, and the Yale chapter changed from Zeta to Connecticut Alpha.†

At an early date in the history of the society it became customary for the members in the Senior classes just before graduation to initiate men from the Junior classes, the aim being to take those with the best average of scholarship. Thus membership became a matter of course to those who ranked highest.‡ Sometime before 1831 it was usual in some chapters at least for one third of the members of the Junior class—those of the highest scholarship—to be honored by elections.§

For many years the exercises of the society, where any have been held, have consisted of the public delivery of literary addresses and reading of poems by distinguished members dur-

* See "American College Fraternities."

† Mr. Warner being asked when the Harvard and Yale chapters began calling themselves the Alphas of their respective states, replied that his opinion was, "that they so called themselves from the start. Though they were named Epsilon and Zeta, yet they were each originally given somewhat of the position in their respective states that the mother chapter assumed in Virginia, and not liking to be classed in nomenclature with the lettered branches in Virginia of the original Alpha, established themselves as the Alphas of their respective states. The original chapter was suspended before they were well running, (before one was instituted), and they therefore had the power, and indeed the right, to do as they pleased."—John DeWitt Warner, to the writer, April 27, 1887.

‡ "Even before 1800 its" (*Φ B K*'s) "active life had departed and its elections had become to be—as they now are—mere honorary rewards of undergraduate scholarship or graduate eminence."—"Psi Upsilon Epitome." "It" (*Φ B K*) "only accepted members late in their college course, and its membership soon came to be ranked as a mark of scholarship and high class rank."—S. L. Woodford in *Δ K E Quarterly*, January, 1884.

§ See "A Key to Phi Beta Kappa," published in 1831. Its author, Avery Allyn, claims membership and states that such was the custom. However, according to Mr. Warner the custom has not been uniform. He writes: "As to electing the highest third of each class to *Φ B K*, I have never known there was any rule to that effect. Each chapter did as it pleased, and had so little to do with the others, that it was ignorant of their customs and each free to imagine that the rest all worked on its pattern."—John DeWitt Warner, to the writer, April 27, 1887.

ing commencement week, accompanied sometimes with banquets. The society has been too formal in character to be a success as an active factor in college life. An earnest effort to revive it to a more active existence was made by the Harvard chapter in 1881, in which year that chapter celebrated its hundredth anniversary. In response to an invitation delegates from a majority of the chapters met at Cambridge in June, 1881. After discussing the possibility of bringing the chapters into closer relations it was decided to meet again in the fall. At the meeting in October following, sixteen chapters were represented. It was resolved to create a National Council, composed of delegates from all chapters, and a committee was appointed to prepare a uniform constitution and form of initiation. At a meeting held at Saratoga in September, 1882, the committee reported a constitution which was unanimously adopted It was provided that the National Council should have the power of granting charters, and that it should meet every third year, beginning with 1883.* The life of the organization, however, was taken away when its secrets were exposed. There is no hope for it ever to amount to anything but an honorary society.

Such has been the romatic history of the venerable *Φ B K.* It has become so emasculated that it hardly resembles its former self. In all essentials it originally was a society of nearly the same nature as those that have been founded during the present century, and which have become such prominent features in American colleges. The young Virginians of the Revolutionary epoch, scions of the first families in the Old Dominion, had the right conception of the ideal fraternity.

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NEW YORK ANNUAL REUNION.

THE fifth annual dinner and reunion of the New York Alpha Alumni was held at Morello's on the evening of Thursday, December 13, 1888. The night proved to be an inconvenient one for a large number of the alumni resident in New York, and covers were laid for only about twenty-five. But though the number present was smaller than might have been wished, those who were there enjoyed a regular Phi Delta Theta evening, and nothing can express a more enjoyable time than that.

After an excellent dinner, the toast list was duly reached and disposed of.

The President of the chapter, Benjamin S. Orcutt, presided, and the following were the toasts and toasters:

* See "Revival of Phi Beta Kappa," by S. L. Woodford, in *Δ K E Quarterly*, January, 1884.

The Fraternity—Carrol P. Bassett, Pa. *A*, '83.

Phi Influence in the Late Campaign—Dudley R. Horton, N. Y. *A*, '75.

It's Culmination—The White House—J. M. Mayer, N. Y. *Γ*, '84.

Alpha Province—Geo. E. Sawyer, Vt. *A*, '83.

Panama Alpha Alumni—Albert Shiels, N. Y. *Γ*, '86.

The Law—T. H. Baskerville, N. Y. *Δ*, '86.

The Ladies—Brinton H. Miner, N. Y. *Δ*, '86.

At the business meeting, held immediately before the fun began, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—George E. Sawyer, Vt. *A*, '83.

Secretary and Treasurer—Earle F. Palmer, N. Y. *Γ*, '88.

Warden—W. D. Ultey, N. Y. *Γ*, '87.

Reporter—Brinton H. Miner, N. Y. *Δ*, '86.

An executive committee was also elected, consisting of brothers, T. H. Baskerville, W. H. Treat and B. S. Orcutt, to devise steps, if possible, looking towards the organization of a Phi Delta Theta Club in New York. Enough Phis are now resident in and near the city to make the scheme a practical one in the near future. In the meantime a series of monthly dinners is to be held.

It was a late hour when the party broke up and each one went home promising to bring one other, or more, brothers with him to enjoy the January dinner.

EDITORIAL.

Read the Song Book editorial, and do not fail to decide at the next meeting of your chapter just what you will or will not do.

THE new edition of our song book is now ready for delivery at less than half the regular price. The book now issued is precisely the same as the one put out in 1886, except in the matter of cover. A neatly printed cover of heavy blue paper makes it a very handsome book of fraternity songs, and at the same time one that the editors can afford to sell at a figure that will bring it within the reach of all. It is not sufficient for each chapter to possess only a "chapter" copy, and for each man to think he has done his share if he has contributed a few cents for

its purchase. It is not sufficient either for the chapter or the individual. Each chapter should secure at least half a dozen—if a large chapter, a dozen—for *permanent* chapter use, and in these no member would have any individual personal interest whatever. Then each and every man should be patriotic and liberal enough to get *one* copy for himself. Perhaps this was too much to expect for a book that sold for more than a dollar a copy, but it certainly is not when the price is only fifty cents, postage paid, unless the Phis are a fearfully poverty-stricken crowd. Come, now, this a very important matter, and we want you to look at it in the proper light; and not only that, but to act accordingly. Do you realize what the situation is? Surely you do not or you would not, by your own direct command, incur obligations and then, after your duly appointed agents have done all the work, magnanimously reward them by cowardly "standing from under" and leaving them to shoulder all the responsibilities. We are speaking very plain—perhaps not as plain as we wish we could—but that is precisely what we wish to do, and what we started out with the intention of doing. Now look at the situation calmly and see if you have any difficulty in seeing your plain duty. By the unanimous voice of your National Convention of 1884, you ordered the publication of what you sadly needed—a book of your own Phi Delta Theta songs, and appointed the men who were to act for you, and be your representatives in the work. These men did their work faithfully and as speedily as the task would permit. If the many testimonials that have been published to you were not idle words, they did their work well. They tried to publish the handsomest and finest book of fraternity songs ever put on the market. Many of your own number have declared in unstinted and unmeasured terms that they succeeded. But here is the case in a nut shell. You gave your order as any business man might. Your order was fulfilled to your entire satisfaction, and at a cost of some hundreds of dollars. The entire work was approved by your National Convention of 1886. It is nearly five years since you assumed this obligation, and yet, by your financial backwardness, a heavy debt still hangs over the heads of *somebody*. Now we have spoken plainly, and we are going to ask a plain question, and *demand*, as we have a right to demand,

a plain answer. Now, what do you propose to do? Do you propose to "stand from under?" Do you propose to repudiate your honestly contracted debt? Do you propose to sneak out, and leave on the shoulders of somebody else obligations which belong to you, and you alone? Do you propose, when men have given you their time, which is money to them, and asked you nothing for it, to compel them, in return, to pay you for the privilege of benefacting you. In short, *do you propose to come up and pay your bill?* There is one way for you to do it, and only one. Each and every chapter must order, and order *immediately*, ONE AND A HALF SONG BOOKS PER CAPITA. That is, each man must pay 75 cents. In return he will get one book for himself, and the remaining twenty-five cents will go to provide the chapter with one book for every two members. That will be a fair number for chapter use. Now, here is the plain question again. Will you each and every one of you pay 75 cents. or will you compel two of your number to pay over ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS each? There can surely be but one answer. Discuss this matter and *decide* it at the *very next* meeting of your chapter. YOUR chapter is meant and it means YOU personally. Do YOUR share. Do not delay, but send your orders with the names promptly to E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y. The books will be sent you by return mail or express.

To the older readers of the SCROLL, a discussion of the question of internal improvement in the chapters will come like a venerable and respected, but uninteresting friend, charged with advice and counsel that has been heard over and over again. But these readers will bear with us and remember that the personel of our active membership is always changing, and also that the subject is so important that it deserves frequent attention.

Of course the first matter to occupy the attention of a chapter, first both in point of time and of importance, is the selection of new members. Unless these are chosen with judgment a heavy handicap, if not total disability, is at once placed on the power of a chapter to be of benefit to anyone. But in most of the chapters the new men have all been selected and initiated. Every one has become thoroughly acquainted with every one else, and

affairs are running as smoothly as can be expected at any time. The important question now before them is, "what can be done to make chapter meetings of the greatest interest and benefit to all concerned?" That something should be done by every chapter in the way of regular exercises, designed to promote that culture which every collegian, and especially every fraternity man, is in search of, goes without saying. Just what the nature of those exercises should be and what form they should take, depends largely on the make up of the chapter, and the circumstances surrounding it. Every chapter is, in some respect, situated differently from every other, and to suggest a general plan of action to be followed by all would be futile, but it is perfectly competent for us to suggest that some action of the kind be taken by every chapter.

In a chapter, located at a college where literary debating societies are flourishing, we would not advise that, in the chapter meetings, the regular exercises take the form of a debate. In such a chapter, exercises of a more distinctively literary character would undoubtly be of more value. So, also, in a college whose literature course is not of the greatest breadth, the value of systematic literary study in the chapter meeting will be found to be very great. On the contrary, in an institution where debating societies fill no prominent place, a fraternity chapter will find itself well repaid in occupying their field in part. And so it must go. In every case the policy adopted should be moulded in conformity with the needs and opportunities of each particular chapter. The field of literature is naturally the most congenial for fraternity men to explore into, as well as the most easy of access and prolific in returns. It is there that chapters will generally look, but it is not essential that they should turn in that direction. Every field of learning is open to them, and will repay exploration. The important point is that every chapter adopt some line of policy to be followed seriously and intelligently in the chapter meeting. If this is done there will never be a time when any Phi can look back on the hours of the chapter meetings and say that they were hours ill spent. And the chances are largely in favor of his asserting that those meeting hours were not only the happiest, but among the most beneficial, in his college career.

WHEN a business man becomes careless in money matters, fails to meet his obligations, lets his bills accumulate without paying them any attention, and generally leaves all the loose ends flying, he brings discredit on himself and ruins his good name. Business men will have nothing more to do with him. On the contrary, when a writer, a scholar, a man of books and theories, follows in the same path, borrows money which he doesn't pay, involves himself all over in debt and pays no attention to money matters, the seemingly all-sufficient excuse is made that he is a student, and not a man of affairs. If we accept this excuse and apply it to some of our chapters we at least have the satisfaction of feeling that our fraternity contains many scholars, however few business men there are on our rolls. Being scholars, they are of course willing, if not anxious, to learn, and though we do not wish to shock the sensitive organism of any of our brothers by descending to vulgar considerations of filthy lucre, we feel bound to announce for their benefit—that it costs money to publish the SCROLL. Many of them, evidently, have lived for years contented and happy in the belief that the SCROLL is supported by fraternal love and editorial wisdom, and we dislike to rudely shake their faith, but the truth must be told, wisdom and love are not the basis of the SCROLL's existence. It is money. The printers demand money for setting the type, the manufacturer demands money for supplying the paper, and even Uncle Sam, under the advice of a Phi, demands money for distributing the completed SCROLL.

Some of our chapters will do well to take these truths to heart, however practical their nature, and remember further, especially those chapters that are two or three years behind with their SCROLL taxes, that the future publication of the SCROLL depends largely on the prompt payment of these overdue taxes, and also that unless these taxes are paid the chapters from which they are due are debarred, by the constitution of the fraternity, from representation in the next national convention.

The SCROLL has heretofore been signally free, among fraternity journals, from financial embarrassments. We desire to continue our good record, but will be unable to do so unless the chapters that are in arrears pay up promptly. We trust, both for their own sake and that of the fraternity at large, that they will give the matter early attention.

SEVERAL causes have worked together to somewhat mix matters in the distribution of the SCROLL so far this year, but by the time this number reaches its readers it is hoped that every thing will be in perfect order, and that some attempt can be made to straighten out the errors on past numbers.

In printing the October number, what was supposed to be an especially large edition was ordered. As it proved, the edition was entirely inadequate to meet the large demands caused by the publication of General Harrison's portrait and the articles on his school and college days. As no suspicion was entertained that all demands could not be supplied, all orders were filled until the startling information came from the printer, "October number all out!" At this time several chapters were entirely unsupplied, because they had not yet reported either name of reporter or number of SCROLLS desired. A few chapters have since reported that October SCROLL (which was surely mailed), was not received, having been lost in the mails. The November number was issued and partly distributed before the true state of affairs was known, and as a consequence, that number also ran short.

In order to right the wrong inadvertently done to a few, General Harrison's portrait and the Harrison articles from October SCROLL were re-published with a portion of the December number, and an attempt was made to reach, with this special edition, all who were not served with October number.

If there are any who were not reached, they can obtain copies of the extra December edition by applying to the Business Manager.

THERE will no doubt be a large number of Phis in Washington to attend the inauguration of a Phi President. In order to make it convenient for them to find and know each other there, and as well to induce more Phis to attend and to enable us to have a general re-union and celebration to signalize the event, a local committee has been appointed to take charge of the necessary arrangements. Brother Chas. E. Kincaid, Washington correspondent of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, is chairman of this committee, and every Phi who intends to go to the inauguration should communicate with him at once if they wish

to have quarters engaged for themselves. It will be necessary to attend to this matter at the earliest possible moment in order to obtain accommodations, for Washington will undoubtedly be crowded on this occasion as it never was before. Let every Phi, who possibly can, make an endeavor to be present at the inauguration of President Benjamin Harrison.

THE Editor is loathe to come before the fraternity with an apology, but we have of late received several complaints, the justice of which we must admit and which seem to call for a reply. For several issues back—and including this one, too—we have not been able to give THE SCROLL the attention it requires and deserves, by reason of severe illness and death in the Editor's family, and many pressing matters incident thereto. We have received several caustic letters for delay and neglect of duty, all of which we admit, and crave pardon for the reasons given above. And, in addition, some things very mortifying to us have appeared in our pages which would never have seen print had we been able to do our duty. We have neglected it, and no matter what our excuses, we shirk no part of the blame. It belongs to the Editor alone. It is his business to see that all goes well though the heavens fall.

WE again notify reporters that all communications must reach New York by the tenth of the month in order to insure their insertion.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

REPORTERS will please notify the business manager at once when irregularities occur in the delivery of the SCROLL. Mistakes occur very easily, and unless notified of the fact the business manager has no way of finding out that one has been made, and is very apt to repeat. If reporters would write him at once on discovering anything wrong, they would often prevent its recurrence, and also make rectification much easier and more satisfactory than if they wait until the end of the year and then make complaint of everything that has gone wrong. It would also be a great assistance to the business manager to have errors and oversights promptly called to his attention.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

THE new Y. M. C. A. building is approaching completion. It is to be one of the finest blocks in the city, and Vt. Alpha is congratulating herself on securing rooms in such a building. Our present quarters are comfortable and even elegant, yet they are not exclusively our own, as our new rooms are to be. The new quarters will probably be ready for our occupancy about the first of April.

It has been the unfortunate experience of some of the officers of this chapter, that several letters relating to the welfare of the fraternity in general and Vt. Alpha in particular have failed to elicit responses from chapters to which they were sent.

It has been suggested by a loyal Phi, who, by the way, is not of the republican faith, that the active members of the fraternity present President-elect Harrison with a handsome $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ pin, as an expression of their esteem and brotherly regard. There are so many active members that it would require but a small contribution from each. What do you think of it, brothers?

December 6, 1888. M. A. HOWE.

BROTHER Orton, '92, is teaching a winter term of school at South Hero.

Brother Hyde, '88, recently made us a call and, on his departure from the city, he took with him a bride. That long life and happiness may be their lot is the wish of Vermont Alpha.

We are glad to notice that brother Jeffords, '86, now of Washington, D. C., is one of the inaugural committee.

Brother Sornborger, '88, is principal of the high school at Goshen, Mass.

The result of the examinations for last term show that the three men who have the highest averages, by a good margin, in the senior, junior, and freshman classes, belong to Vermont Alpha. The leader of the sophomore class is a non-fraternity man.

Our first quartette, Forbes, '90 and Lawrence, '91, 1st and 2d tenors, Leach and Bosworth, '91, 1st and 2d basses, sang during the last term, at the First Baptist Church, where Mrs. Leach had charge of the choir. At the recital given Dec. 20 by Mrs. Leach's pupils, the quartette rendered selections in a very acceptable manner, and brother Bosworth sang two basso solos.

Our college paper, the *Cynic*, is conducted by a managing board of nine, chosen from the two upper classes, without regard to their fraternity connections. Brothers Gilbert, Moore, and Mould are now on this board.

As the result of the recent election of class-day officers, our senior brethren have the following parts in the program for class-day: President's address, W. A. Beebe; campus oration, A. B. Gilbert; ivy oration, C. S. Brigham; marshal, W. H. Merriam.

January 7, 1889. M. A. Howe.

New York Alpha, Cornell University.

Once again the second term of our university year has opened, and from the twelve hundred students of last term, very few are missing. Now approaches the banquet season of the lower classes, and the members of the two classes look forward to the success of their own class, and to some misfortune of their antagonistic class.

The custom here has been that the freshmen are compelled to hold their banquet in the city; and the sophomores are allowed to hold theirs where they choose. They generally hold it in some of the cities near by.

Our chapter is in a very prospering condition. All of our members of last term have again returned. The members now number twenty-four.

A very pleasant occasion was enjoyed by our members by the hospitality of brother Upp. He being very fortunate on account of the election of brother Harrison, afforded us with an excellent supper, served at our chapter house parlors. The occasion was one that will be long remembered, together with the election of our noble brother. The feature of the evening was the initiation of H. L. Barker.

Our membership has so increased that we expect to move into a larger house, about the first of June.

The house we at present occupy is an extremely pretty and convenient house, but has not the capacity.

Prof. Bailey, of Mich. Beta, is again with us. He has the professorship of Horticulture.

The members of New York Alpha wish the Scroll and all chapters of our fraternity a happy and prosperous New Year.

January 7, 1889. B. F. Hurd.

New York Beta, Union College.

Another college year has opened with every omen of future success. With the accession of Dr. Webster to the office of President, the hopes both of Union's alumni and undergraduates have risen, and an era of prosperity seems to be assured. The inauguration ceremony was of the most impressive character, while enthusiasm knew no bounds. All else was forgotten in the expression of loyalty to Alma Mater, and with "God speed"

echoed from every heart, Dr. Webster entered upon his arduous duties of gathering together and building up to its former greatness a college that at one time yielded preëminence to none.

After this period of abnormal activity there followed a period of rest, and for three months the old grey walls were deserted, only upon the opening of college to be again the scene of life and action. The new President was serenaded. Men were spiked by the different fraternities and Union has settled down to hard work.

From the 37 members of the entering class four have been received as worthy of membership in Phi Delta Theta. And despite hostile prophecy after five years of existence we more than hold our own, and trust that success will continue to attend our efforts.

November 26, 1888. ——— A. R. CONOVER.

AT the commencement last June the undergraduates, as well as alumni, were made happy by the installation of Dr. Webster, in the office of president of the college. Subsequent events have shown the wisdom of the selection of one who, as an alumnus of the college, had her true welfare at heart, and entered upon the arduous duties of his office with the determination of bringing order out of chaos, and of restoring "Old Union" to her former greatness.

Systematic work is being done, and the increased number of the entering class has encouraged those who look forward to the growing prosperity of the college.

From the 37 members of '92, four have been received as members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

On December 3d, we celebrated our fifth anniversary, with appropriate literary exercises, followed by the customary banquet. Brothers Harris, '86, and De Long, '88, were with us, De Long being on his way to Saginaw, Mich., where he enters an engineering office.

Brother Allen, '86, has lately left government employ, and gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where he has entered an engineering office, in partnership with brother Skinner, who has been located there for some time.

January 9, 1889. A. R. CONOVER.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA is glad to announce that she still continues in her ever prosperous condition, and has reason to congratulate herself, especially during the past two years, on the

wonderful advancement of her welfare. We have better rooms than ever before, and are constantly adding to their furnishing. Our alumni have not forgotten us in this respect, and have displayed their generosity in various ways. The most recent addition to our furniture comes to us from brother Moore, '88, in the shape of several very serviceable chairs. Others have remembered us in money, etc.

The graduating class of last year took from our midst six most worthy brethren, but we rejoice in the recovery of one of them. Brother McComant, '88, now enjoys an honorable position among the Faculty, as a tutor in English and French. His presence with us is a source of pleasure to all our Phis.

We are sorry to record the departure of brother Culbertson, '90, who is unfortunately unable to remain longer with us. He goes to Washington and Jefferson College to complete his course, and carries with him the good wishes of the whole chapter.

Pennsylvania Alpha starts the new year under most favorable auspices. Our chapter now numbers fifteen men, and is a strong one in many ways. We initiated two good men last term, who promise to be loyal Phis, and add renown to their chapter. They are brothers Nathan Shaw Aller, and Agustus Orris Bloomberg, both of '92. Our policy this year has been rather a conservative one, but we promise to introduce more men into the Phi world this term. We received last term many pleasant visits from members of Pennsylvania Eta, of Lehigh, and would be glad to welcome more this term. With a cordial greeting to all loyal Phis.

January 9, 1889. H. S. ROBINSON.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

COLLEGE here has entered upon the winter session. The Glee Club report a successful trip. They sang in Ohio during vacation.

Since our last letter was written we have initiated a good man in the person of brother C. A. Peffer, '92. The occasion was an enjoyable one. "William" performed with nimble grace and his accustomed vim.

Brother W. A. Elliott, '89, tutor in Greek, was obliged to leave college before the close of last term on account of ill health. He has now, to a considerable degree, recovered, and we are pleased to say is again among us.

Brother D. C. O'Connor, ex '82, has at last returned to complete a course at old Allegheny. Brother O'Connor was one of our charter members, and returns after an absence of eight years. Since leaving here he has had a varied experience

in different places throughout the west. He has been engaged in teaching most of the time.

Brothers Newkirk, '90, and W. W. Johnson, '90, have returned. They have been absent for two terms. We now number nineteen members.

January 3, 1889. EDW. P. COUSE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

THE doings of Penna. Epsilon have not been noticed in the SCROLL for some time, as a consequence of which, our present communication covers more than the usual data.

Commencement week gave us our share of honors. Brother Cheston, our only graduate, secured honors in the Latin Scientific Department. Brothers Mordorf and Straw captured both medals, gold and silver respectively, in the Junior Oratorical contest. Brothers Mordorf and Whiting took honor rank in the junior class, and brother Urner a similar position in the sophomore class. Among the college entries in athletics at the Cumberland Co. annual fair, brother Turpin took first prize in the 100 yards dash, and brother Whiting likewise in the high jump. Both of these gentlemen are champions of the college in these respects.

At the opening of college in September we immediately began "spiking" operations, and were rewarded by presenting the compliments of our good "Billy" to the following newly pledged Phis:

Glover, '90; Neal, '91; Marter, '92; Stephens, '92; E. Gardner, '92; F Gardner, '92; Fasick, '92; and Roberts, '92.

Among the new men, Stephens has taken rank as a foot-ball player, and is on the college team. E. Gardner has been made leader of the M. E. Church choir. He in company with brothers Whiting, Millet, and F. Gardner, represent Phi Delta Theta on the College Glee Club.

Brother Millet has charge of the college book store. brothers Urner and Stephens are the presiding officers of the junior and freshman classes respectively.

Brother Mordorf is a business manager of the *Dickinsonian*. Brothers Straw and Whiting are on the editorial staff, the former being editor-in-chief.

The Union Philosophical Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary in March. Brother Mordorf will represent the society oratorically at that time. Brother Straw is now its president.

The college is in a flourishing condition, and much prosperity is expected through the influence of our newly elected president, Rev. Dr. George E. Reed, of New Haven, Connecticut.

With best wishes to all Phis everywhere, the above is respectfully submitted.

December 19, 1888. C. W. STRAW.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

AFTER having enjoyed the many pleasures which are to be derived from a vacation of three weeks, during a season when all the world makes merry, we shall once more resume the work of another new year on the 9th, and have every reason to believe that it will be a prosperous one for Pennsylvania Eta.

Perhaps the greatest drawback to a thorough enjoyment of fraternity life at Lehigh, lies in the fact that, as we have no dormitories at the university, the men are scattered throughout the Bethlehems, obtaining rooms wherever they are to be had, thus being prevented, to a certain extent, from the social enjoyment so necessary to the welfare of every chapter. We, therefore, take great pleasure in informing our brother Phis that this will be no longer the case with the Pennsylvania Eta, as in the future we shall occupy our new chapter house, which has just been completed and elegantly furnished throughout. It occupies one of the most desirable locations to be had in Bethlehem, and the appearance presented outside as well as inside, is all that could be desired.

Although there are twelve fraternities represented at Lehigh, until recently there has been only two chapter houses, viz: Delta Upsilon and Sigma Phi. The latter, however, are just completing a new one, which, when completed, will present quite an imposing appearance. The one being vacated by them will be occupied by the Chi Phis.

Our men have not all returned yet, but are dropping in one by one, and taking possession of their new quarters. All are well pleased with them, and extend a hearty invitation to all Phis who chance to come this way, to call and see us.

On the Glee Club this year we are represented by brother Burkhardt, as first tenor.

Brother C. H. Miller, '88, has obtained a position on the U. S. Government improvements of the Mississippi River, and is at present located at Wilson's Point, La.

The past foot-ball season, which ended upon thanksgiving day, has been a most successful one for Lehigh. Out of twelve games played, she has scored 121 points against her opponents, over and above those scored by opponents against her.

With our best wishes to all Phis for the New Year.

January 7, 1889. E. H. BEAZELL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

THERE have been no startling occurrences in Greek history at Roanoke since our last letter to the SCROLL. Recently the Gammas took in a "barb," with this exception all the chapters here have been resting.

Much excitemnt has been caused by the Anti Fraternity League, in one of the Literary Societies. At an election for the performance of the anniversary celebration, three of the five speakers were fraternity men. For special reasons, one of them resigned, and though there were three seniors left as candidates for the position, two of whom were "frats" and the other one neutral, these were all rejected, and an Anti-frat Junior was elected, by the vote of the "Solid League." This led to the resignation of the other two fraternity men on the ticket, an act which in its turn brought about such a state of affairs, *under the Anti-Frat. management,* that an anniversary celebration could not be held. Such remarkable brilliancy on the part of the "barbs" will soon lead them to the accomplishment of their desired object, the destruction, or to quote them, the "busting up" of every fraternity throughout the land!! We take occasion here to give all our sister chapters the danger signal. The body we have to combat with is a graveyard-basement-barber-shop-meeting organization, under the management and control of a chief, with one or two aids. The principles which sway this august crowd are those of envy, spite and hatred. Grounded on such foundations, aiming at such marks, fraught with all legislative and executive ability, where, oh where, will they not succeed in planting their banners?

January 8, 1889. C. F. KUDER.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA ALPHA wishes a happy New Year to all Phis.

The fall term opened in September with only four old members. Our number is now ten, and never were a band of brothers linked by sweeter and more fraternal ties.

Our new men are Walker King, '91, F. G. Govan, '92, C. E. Choate, '90, H. H. Andrew, law class, '89, W. W. Shepherd, '89.

Donald Harper, law class, '89, affiliated from Georgia Gamma.

Brother Reed was elected editor in chief of the College Annual. Brother Andrew was elected Col. 2d Reg. West Virginia, a few months before joining. Brother Harper was elected president of law class. Brother King is one of the best debaters in his society.

Our relations are pleasant with the other fraternities of the college.

The chapter is in an excellent condition, and while our number is not as large as our other Georgia chapters, yet never was their love greater, nor their zeal more enthusiastic for the "Great and Good" $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, than Georgia Alpha.

January 8, 1889. DONALD HARPER.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

WE have nothing but success to report from here. In any contest where merit and justice are made the arbiters, we always come off victorious. In the recent election for impromptu debaters, of the twelve elected, four were Thetas, brothers Eakes and Jenkins being elected from the Phi Gamma Society, and brother McKee and Bradley from the Few Society.

However, all the interest of the boys centers on the election for champion debater, the first Saturday in January. If merit is considered, we will then obtain at least one debater from each society.

In the recent Fall term debate of the Phi Gamma Society, brother Fort was one of the speakers, in the opinion of the president of the occasion—our worthy college president—making the best speech of the four.

I have not yet seen a notice in the SCROLL of the expulsion from our chapter of Mr. R. B. Malsby. For reasons which we thought sufficiently imperative, we severed his connection with our fraternity May 4, 1888. No one need now recognize him as a brother.

We have the pleasure of introducing to our brothers elsewhere two noble and loyal Phis, brothers Belcher and Earle, who were initiated on the night of Dec. 7th. They are in every respect worthy.

Our chapter here was never in a better condition than now. We have practically no opposition, although there are seven other fraternities represented here. You will hear many good things of us in the future, especially when the Fall term reports are made out.

December 31, 1888. J. T. DAVES.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

To say that Tennessee Alpha has held her own in initiating new men this year, is but to say that she has not failed to get a single man, (no matter by how many other fraternities he was being or had been spiked) whom she wished to make acquainted with the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. It is a significant fact that this is the case. We duly recognize the fact that we owe in

a great measure our prosperous condition to the superior standing Phi Delta Theta has as a national fraternity, yet we think we can justly take some credit to ourselves for our continuous prosperity. However that may be, whenever a new man has an opportunity to become a Phi he generally accepts; and this year we can say that we have beat our rivals in every instance.

Since our last communication we have initiated Chas. W. Scorritt, of Kansas City, Mo.

Brother Winfield of the senior class has been elected to represent the Philosophic Literary Society in the Tennessee Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest next May.

The Vanderbilt Athletic Association has been reorganized for 1888–'89. Claude Waller as vice president, Pope Taylor as captain of base ball team, and J. H. Watkins as treasurer, represent Phi Delta Theta among its officers.

December 5, 1888. PAUL M. JONES.

SINCE our last communication nothing of very great importance has happened in fraternity circles at Vanderbilt. Still if we can say nothing else but that all the fraternities are thriving harmoniously, we write so that Tennessee Alpha shall not be one among those chapters that fail to have a letter in each issue of the SCROLL.

The students are just back from the Christmas holidays, and now are at work preparing for the intermediate examinations, which begin on the 18th of this month.

The new building for the Technological Department is now completed, and, as a structure, it does great credit to Professor Magruder of the Engineering Department.

Mechanical Hall is fitted throughout with the best and most modern machinery, and now the facilities for instruction in manual technology are equal to those offered by any institution in the South.

We were pleased to see in the December SCROLL, a letter from brother W. H. Harris, our Reporter for 1887–'88, who is now at the University of Virginia Law School.

January 6, 1889. PAUL M. JONES.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

As the first term of our present college year has just closed, the work of spiking has also come to a close, and men of different fraternities no longer eye one another with an eagle's eye.

Since my last letter we have had the pleasure of initiating into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta a very brilliant young man from Mobile, Alabama, Mr. J. C. Horton, who is taking a leading stand in the Junior class. In persuading him to join

our noble band we gained a great victory over our rival fraternities, as he was generally sought after. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present him to the fraternity.

In our present Junior class Phi Delta Theta has been seriously crippled by the loss of three noble Phis, who were about the leaders of their class.

The seven Junior speakers have been announced. We are represented by brother Horton, besides having three others who were appointed alternates.

We seem to have bad luck about losing our best men, brother James Murphey, of Eutaw, Alabama, who was first man on the Honor Roll from the Freshman class last year, and who would very probably have been first on it this year, resigned at the end of this term. Brother Leatherwood, of the Junior class, resigned not long since. Although somewhat injured by losing so many good men, Phi Delta Theta is still ahead at the University of Alabama.

This chapter has had a hard time in getting a letter published in the SCROLL, although we believe it was not our fault, as reports have certainly been sent to the SCROLL from this chapter, and in time. We hope hereafter to see one each month in the SCROLL.

January 4, 1889. W. L. SMITH.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

ALL are back from the Christmas holidays and report having a merry Christmas. We have settled down to work though already, on account of the near approach of our semi-annual examination.

The Delta Gamma banquet (mention of which was made in my last letter to the SCROLL) is an event of the past—one of the few pleasant milestones that mark the dreary road of student life. It is needless to say that it was a pronounced success, the lovely hostesses seemed to excel themselves. All who attended are loud in the praise of the unique floral decorations and of the bountiful and artistically set table, spread for the comfort of the inner man.

Recent reports from our alumni report them all to be prospering. Any of them, or any Phi coming this way, must stop to see us—we will welcome them most heartily.

Miss. Alpha sends a Happy New Year greeting to all her Phi brothers.

January 5, 1889. E. J. BUCK.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

AGAIN we take pleasure in revealing to the Phi world the standing and prospects of Texas Gamma. Our roll numbers nine, two of whom, brothers W. K. Clement and W. L. Dean, have never been announced in the SCROLL as accessions to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The initiation of these two gentlemen makes a double victory of the "rushing season" over our able rival $K A$. Brothers Marrs and Kidd will be with us in February, the former returning from a tour in West Texas, the latter from the University of Virginia. With these we will have the small but strong chapter of eleven members. The Chapter of $\Sigma A E$, formerly in our midst, has dissolved. The cause of this is unknown, for there is ample room in college for a fourth fraternity. $K A$ remains with a membership of 8; $K \Sigma$, with a membership of 9.

There is the utmost friendliness and frankness between frat. men of S. W. U., as also between "barbs" and "frats." We have none of the literary society strife that disgraced the escutcheons of secrecy during last session; on the contrary, everything moves smoothly, and honor is given to whom honor is due.

The two Phis of the senior class—Kilgore and Mood—were respectively elected poet and orator. Bro. Mathis holds chief marshalship from the *San Jacinto*. It was a noticeable fact also that in the two recent public debates the Phis were on the stage. On the first occasion $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ had five out of the ten debaters; on the second she was represented from the *Alamo* by oratorship—the most honored position.

These brief statements show, we trust, something of the present doings of S. W. U. Phis. After the intermediate examinations you shall hear from us again.

December 5th, 1888. J. RICHARDSON MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THE winter term opened very auspiciously at Miami, most of the students being in attendance to begin their college work.

The Phis of Ohio Alpha have been very fortunate in receiving honors. Several hold important positions in the literary societies, brother Rusk being the president of one. We are represented on the staffs of both college papers, the Miami *Journal* and Miami *Student*, on the former by three brothers, on the latter by two. Our members have taken an active part in athletic sports, several being members of the foot-ball team.

As yet we have not added to our roll of members, but we do not feel discouraged, as it is our aim to be careful in our selec-

tion of men, and we feel that if we cannot secure the proper men we should not take any.

We regret to report that brother Chidlaw is confined at his home with pneumonia, and in consequence has not been able to take his place in college and chapter room.

We wish our brother Phis at large to know that Ohio Alpha's door is always open to them, and we shall be glad to welcome them at any time.

January 7th, 1889. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH for several months we have not been represented, we beg our sister chapters not to gather the opinion that we are lagging behind, either in spirit or action.

We are still here, and although we are independent, (so far as that term may be applied to college fraternities) we are not inactive. The initiation of new men is necessary in order to the perpetuation of our existence, but that is not the question uppermost in our minds at present. We touch none but the best. Our motto is "Re-election and Action," and we are living up to it.

We have gained a foothold on solid land, whose firmness strengthens our stride, invigorates our soul, does not sink beneath our feet, nor make our efforts vain. We are traveling into the interior of a country habitable to the energetic only, and to such alone, opening up at every step its luxuriant growths of independence in all its multifarious varieties. This year we have initiated three select men, all of whom were bid by other fraternities.

We present brothers Keen, of Indianapolis, Gray, of Columbus, and Hollington, of Toledo.

This term sees the initiation of our gymnasium into practical use. Its completion is hailed with joy by all the athletically and pugilistically inclined, and looked upon with pride by the less active.

The work of the students and professors has been of the highest order and productive of the best results. The attendance of the college is up to its standard, and the year promises to end as prosperously as was augured by its beginning.

Having sustained the loss of a long tried and efficient president, and the trustees not having appointed a successor, Dr. McCabe, the vice president, now fills that position.

The eyes of the O. W. U. constituency are turned with interest towards the university.

If their mind is filled with fear for our prosperity, let them bid all anxiout fears subside; if their mind is strained by hope, let that hope melt into assurance, let a feeling of security be

enthroned in their heart, for God reigns and the university still lives with a grand old man, great in mind, great in heart, and enthroned in the bosom of its students, for its president.

December 20, 1888. D. R. GRAY.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, the college surroundings have been quite gay, having had several entertainments.

Among others was an elocutionary entertainment given by the two highest classes in elocution, and under the direction of Miss Kate Findley, Instructress in Elocution at the University.

At the open session of the Oratorical Association, in which there were some very masterly orations delivered, brother Gore delivered "the oration" of the evening. At the former entertainment, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ also distinguished herself as usual, brother McMasters making a very favorable recitation.

We were most delighted in receiving into our fold brother S. C. Price, who started in at the Ohio Wasleyan University at the beginning of the fall term, but who, at the end of that term, was glad to again join and mingle with his "old" Phi brothers at the "O. U."

As yet no barb has been introduced to the mysteries of Grecian light this term.

We regret very much not having a letter in the January number of the SCROLL, but hope to have good reports hereafter.

January 6th 1889. DUDLEY W. WELCH.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

WE regret that our letter for the November number was not published. The O. S. U. was never in a more prosperous condition than she is at present, having opened the Fall term with an enrollment of 401 students, the largest attendance in its history.

Ohio Zeta likewise began the term with a good attendance and a very favorable outlook for the year. Of the fourteen loyal Phis that left our chapter hall last June, eight returned this fall to do their utmost in promoting the best interests of the chapter and the fraternity at large. We lost three valuable men by graduation, brothers F. W. Brown, F. S. Ball and O. W. Scheibell, all enthusiastic workers in Phi Delta Theta, and three brethren have not returned. Brother Mounts, of '91, has left college to study medicine. Brother Matthew, of '92, who affiliated with us at the beginning of last year, returned to Butler University, Indiana, where he was initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. Brother Penfield, of '92, has not as yet returned.

Since our last report we have initiated and take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brothers Jones, Chessull, Alexander and Penfield, taken in last Spring, and brothers Raue, Sanderson, Schaeffer and Fish, at the beginning of this year.

Of the honors given in the university, which are very few, Ohio Zeta has gained her share. Brother James E. Thompson is major of the battalion, which is in a flourishing condition this year, and we also have the presidency of the leading literary society in college.

Aside from the usual excitement attending upon the efforts of the several fraternities to secure new men, the only event of interest to the general fraternity is the entrance here of a Ladies' fraternity. Kappa Kappa Gamma has placed in the Ohio State University a chapter composed of six young ladies—two Seniors, three Juniors and one Sophomore. We extend to them the hand of welcome and wish them success.

January 9, 1889. J. G. BLOOM.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have taken in one man, Brother J. S. Fisher, '93, from Georgetown, Colorado.

We are still, as we think, at the top of the fraternities at Centre, and as a chapter are doing well, and hope to keep the position, in the future that we now hold.

The different fraternities at Centre are on the best of terms, and we sincerely hope that this feeling will continue to exist.

December 5th, 1888. GEO. A. MCROBERTS.

SINCE our last report nothing unusual has happened at our College, except the coming of "Old Santy."

All the boys have returned, except brother Lee and brother Mills. Brother Lee has been absent from college a short time on account of his health. Brother Winn has been pleasantly spending the holidays at his home (Mt. Sterling) in trying to unite the tender cords of his heart to those of the fairer sex. Brother Curry spent the holidays at his home near Harrodsburg, but owing to the non-returning of his "Dear" they were rendered somewhat gloomier than they otherwise would have been. Brother Bomer, more familiarily known as the "Babe," could not wait until the vacation, so eager was he to go home (Cloverport) to hang up his stocking. Brother Fisher enjoyed his vacation at Covington. The rest of the boys spent theirs at "Old Danville."

January 5, 1889. GEO. A. MCROBERTS.

INDIANA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

DURING the past year the trustees and professors of Indiana University have worked faithfully and earnestly to make our institution one of the best in the land. Their efforts have not been in vain. To every department has been added increased advantages and no branch of science is now left unsupplied. The appropriations for the year have been liberal and two new professors have been added to the faculty in the persons of D. H. Campbell and H. B. Miter. The former has charge of the Botanical Department, and the latter of Rhetoric and Elocution. Both of these gentlemen come highly recommended.

Indiana Alpha is also moving with rapid strides. Our work has never before been equalled and each brother is doing his best to keep us at the front. Last term brother Moss was president of Union Athenian Literary Society, and brother Loeb vice-president of Philo. This term brother Beldon is president of Union Athenian and brother Wilson acts in the capacity of censor.

Brother Foster has been honored with the secretaryship of Philo.

In order to show your readers how our chapter compares with her rivals, we clip the following from the Indiana *Student:*

"Never in the history of Indiana University were fraternities in a more prosperous and flourishing condition. Below we give the active membership of each fraternity. Kappa Alpha Theta, 25; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 18; Sigma Chi, 17; Beta Theta Pi, 16; Phi Kappa Psi, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Phi Delta Theta, 20. All but the last named fraternity have preps among their number."

January 5, 1889. T. M. HONAN.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH Indiana Gamma has had no report in the SCROLL until now, Phi Delta Theta is enthusiastically progressing and retains its pristine position as leading fraternity of those represented here. The graduating class of '88 has made quite a break in our ranks, taking away from our membership brothers Buchannan, Fall, Gonguer, Miller and Morrison.

We are glad to welcome back brothers Laz Noble, '90; Chas. de Haas, '91; and Emerson W. Matthews, '91, making eleven.

So far we have initiated but two men—Reed Carr, '92, and Victor W. Conner, '92.

The Delts have initiated three men, increasing their number to fifteen. The Sigs have had no initiations. They have but two members, both of whom are Seniors.

The fraternities here are all on the best of terms with each other. They decided at the beginning of the year to "refrain from all initiations, 'spiking,' or pledging of new students until after December 1, 1888." This agreement, as far as we know, was carried out to the letter, and we think it has been a great advantage in avoiding any rash steps. With this exception nothing of any special interest to the fraternities has happened.

We hope to be able to report regularly in the future.

January 5, 1889. B. M. DAVIS.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

THE second term of College opens to-day, with an addition of about twenty new students.

The work on new building has ceased until the opening of Spring.

The fraternity is to be commended for the work it performed during the past term; though we number but eleven, yet more zeal was shown than even when we numbered in the twenties.

We feel highly honored in having so many prominent members on our roll, as the "Manual of Phi Delta Theta" shows.

Last Commencement the Phis won more than their portion of the "spoils" of Field's Day; also won their portion of the prizes in the literary work as well.

H. L. Menaugh is back with us since last report.

A. A. Clark has removed to his old home in Little Rock, Ark., where he is in connection with a Baptist paper.

January 3, 1889. E. M. FISHER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

THE Christmas holidays being over, most of the Phis are gathered together again about the fraternal fireside at the old U. of M.

We started out this year with but seven members, but fortune has so far rewarded our efforts that we now number fifteen with another pledged to enter at our first meeting.

Alpha Tau Omega has just established a chapter here. They are taking in members from the Law and literary departments.

They make a total of eighteen general fraternities here, besides which there are four sororities. There are twelve chapters in the literary department, two in the law, one each in the medical, dental and pharmaceutical, and Alpha Tau Omega "on the fence," or rather, both sides of the fence.

The latest enumeration gives 1,805 for the membership of the University, which places us at the head in that respect. The increase over last year is proportionally greater in the medi-

cal department than in the others. About 300 of the whole are ladies, or "co-eds."

Brother Orissman, of Hillsdale, is staying with us for a short time, pursuing special studies.

There are four Phis in the professional departments who have not affiliated with us.

We should like to urge any Phis who are intending to take professional work here to come with the intention of affiliating with us.

We were obliged to postpone indefinitely our anniversary banquet, December 9, on account of inadequate accommodations.

January 7, 1889. J. T. N. HOYT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

THE winter term opened January 2 with an unusually large number of new students. As far as the Phis are concerned the present term promises as much as the last, I think. There are two or three good and available barbarians yet in school which we may capture before spring. At the close of the fall term we lost two brothers, V. A. Smith, '91, and A. D. Grubb, '92. Bro. Grubb had to leave on account of ill-health, and will probably locate in Kansas or in California. Brother Smith left to accept a position in a St. Paul, Minn., wholesale house. Both have been most excellent members of the chapter and we are sorry to lose them. Their last meeting with us, December 19th, was unusually interesting though sad. Both left as mementoes fine pictures of themselves for the chapter room.

We welcome back this term brother Frank Suiter, who has been absent from us over three years, which time he spent in California. Also brother Geo. Tapper, who on account of illness had to leave school last fall, is now with us again and in good health. Brother Perry B. Fuller, '87, of Elgin, Ill., called on us the closing days of last term. He is now studying law.

The preliminary contest in oratory for the Swan prizes resulted in two Phis, brothers Allen and Trott, getting positions for the final contest, which occurs January 18th. Brother Allen got second place. A "barb" got first place. The ranking was rather close, so the prospects for the Phi representatives are very good indeed.

In the Erosophian (literary) Society, brother Trott as president, and brother Allen as secretary, hold the reins of government for this term.

The utmost harmony prevails at present in fraternity circles at Lombard. In fact, almost too much harmony. All the chapters seem to be content with what they have got and are complacently resting on their oars and enjoying life. No very aggressive raids are being made into the realms of barbarism, and perhaps none are advisable, because all the chapters feel that any increase over present membership would make their bodies unwieldy.

January 5th, 1889. SAM D. HARSH.

KANSAS ALPHA. UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

KANSAS Alpha, we regret to say, has not been represented by a letter in the SCROLL for several months, but it has not been from lack of enthusiasm, neither has it been because we have had nothing to report. We have three initiates to introduce, who have never before been announced in the SCROLL: A. A. Stover, of Bellville, Kas.; J. B. Funston, of Iola, Kas., and D. E. Potter of Peabody.

We expect soon to welcome back brother E. C. Franklin, after his three months' labor as chemist of a sugar plantation near New Orleans. We shall also be strengthened by the return of brother "Timmy" Funston, who has been for some time in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Kansas Alpha Chapter is in the seventh year of its existence. Our sixth anniversary was celebrated in the latter part of November, along with other objects of thanksgiving, by an enjoyable banquet followed by toasts and songs.

We are rapidly approaching the semi-annual examinations. Even ere this letter is published the ordeal will be over. If the Phis have their usual standing, we will stand well.

The local oratorical contest will soon occur. It is awaited with more than usual interest on account of recent exciting difficulties that have occurred in determining the ownership of some shares and in holding an election.

January 8th, 1889. NEIL C. BROOKS.

NEBRASKA ALPHA. UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA.

THE winter term opens with 14 Phis in school. The larger part of them have been home for the holidays and all report a pleasant vacation.

Work in the different departments has fairly begun, and each Phi has commenced work with the determination, if possible, to stand at the head of his class.

Brother Frankforter has recovered from his sickness and is again with us as an alumni member.

Brother Chapin, of the class of '90, and a former student at the University, is in business in the city, so that we have him at our meetings.

K K Γ gave an entertainment in honor of Miss Moulton on the evening of December 15th, at the residence of Miss White. The majority of the guests were Phis, and everybody reported a pleasant time.

At the inaugural ball, held at the State House last Thursday evening, we were fortunate in meeting brother Sever, of Iowa Alpha, and ex-president of Eta Province. He is a colonel on the gubernatorial staff of Iowa, and in that capacity was present with Gov. Larrabee at the inauguration of Gov. Thayer. The boys were more than pleased to meet him, for after showing him around the University, we took him to our hall where he entertained us with reminiscences of his college course, and especially of his work as a Phi. After a time spent in this manner, and cracking jokes (at which the colonel is an expert), he took us to dinner. He next insisted on taking us around and introducing us to his friends, and the boys were proud to meet, among others, Mrs. Larrabee, but the climax was reached when she assured us that she was a Phi (in spirit). We then escorted brother S. to the train, and it was with great reluctance that we parted with him. We hope to meet him again.

Doctors Warner and Wolfe, alumni of our University, have been appointed to lectureships in political economy and philosophy respectively.

Our charter-day address will be delivered by President Angel, of the University of Michigan, and the occasion is looked forward to with much interest.

We wish to make a correction in regard to the spelling of brother Edmiston's, which was reported as being spelled "Edmundson."

January 7th, 1889. J. A. BARRIS.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE college year opened with ten Phis in attendance. Bro. Morgan, formerly of '87, and Bro. Parcells, formerly of '89, will return in February to graduate with '90. Bro. Halladay has returned after a year's absence, and will graduate with '90. Bro. Benton, '90, who was compelled to leave at the beginning of last year on account of sickness, is again with us. We lost three men by graduation—Bros. Woodhams, Fred Allardt and Charles Allardt. Bro. Woodhams is attending the Law College of the University, and Bro. Fred Allardt is engaged in business in San Francisco.

Since the opening of the year, Cal. Alpha has increased her number by five men—Bro. Hall '91, who is the historian of his class, and Bros. Gray, Edwards, Spurgeon, and Tompkins of '92. Bro. Ferris of Mass. Alpha has become an associate member of our chapter. He is full of enthusiasm for $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, and we have in him a strong co-worker and brother, but he needs no introduction to the SCROLL.

Cal. Alpha opened the year with bright prospects for the future. We started in a chapter house at the beginning of the year for the first time since the reorganization of the chapter. We have been anxiously waiting for more than a year to secure a house. The success of Cal. Alpha seems now assured.

Although $Z\ \Psi$ is the only fraternity here which *owns* its chapter house, $\Delta\ K\ E$ is now the only fraternity in the University which has not a chapter house, if a local fraternity be not excepted. It was reported that this fraternity has applied for a charter from $\Psi\ \Upsilon$, and is waiting until the next convention of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ shall meet in 1889 to get a charter, as it is necessary to change the constitution of that fraternity in order to start a chapter here. Meanwhile the local fraternity call themselves the $\Omega\ \Psi$, which is it is said will be the name of the chapter, if they get a charter from $\Psi\ \Upsilon$. They have adopted a badge like that of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$, except that it has one vertical hand instead of the clasped hands, and the Greek letters $\Omega\ \Psi$ are both below the hand. One of their members was expelled almost before the fraternity made itself known. $\Delta\ K\ E$ expelled a man last June.

Bro. Holmes, '89, has been appointed a 1st Lieutenant in the battalion of University cadets, though he never had any appointment before. Bro. Melvin, '89, is Quartermaster, Bro. Parker, '90, is Sergeant-Major, and Bro. Smith, '90, 1st Sergeant, Bro. Hewitt, '90, is one of the assistant editors of the *Blue and Gold*, the University annual published by the Junior class. The chief editor is a $\Delta\ K\ E$. Bro. Benton represents us on the base-ball team of '90, and Bro. Spurgeon on that of '92.

President Davis, who was inaugurated last March, has assumed his duties as President of the University. An examining physician and an instructor in physical culture have been appointed, and hereafter gymnastic exercises will be compulsory to the Freshman and Sophomore classes. The thirteenth field-day of the University will be held soon. The custom of having a Fall field-day was abolished for some time, but is now revived.

E. F. GOODYEAR.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA has made such progress during the past three months that we expect before the close of the College year to move into more comfortable quarters. The house which we

entered at the beginning of the year, although it was large enough then, is now much too small to accommodate our increasing numbers. We have in view a house which will equal that of any other fraternity here.

Nor has our progress been in this direction only. Brother Hewitt, '90, represented us on Junior Day by an oration—"The Place of the Independent in Politics." The subject does not signify, however, that brother Hewitt is not a loyal supporter of Harrison. Brother Woodhams, '88, who is now in the Law College of the University, represented us by an oration—"Judge not, that Ye be not Judged,"—at the celebration of Founder's Day of that institution.

January 5, 1889. E. F. GOODYEAR.

INITIATES.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

'89. Frederick William Mahl, New York City.
'90. Charles Henry Wells, Plattsville, Wis.
'90. Herbet Luther Barker, Staatsburgh, N. Y.
'91. Herbert Butler Clearwater, Scranton, Pa.
'92. Henry David Alexander, Minneapolis, Minn.

NEW YORK BETA.

'92. A. C. Pickford.
'92. A. Dougall.
'92. B. Fisher.
'92. C. S. Hart.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'92. C. A. Peffer, Covode, Pa.

PENSYLVANIA EPSILON.

'90. F. Glover, Selinsgrove, Pa.
'91. H. J. Neal, Pine Grove, Pa.
'92. A. S. Fasick, Mifflintown, Pa.
'92. H. M. Stephens, Williamsport, Pa.
'92. W Marter, Philadelphia, Pa.
'92. W. T. Roberts, Pottstown, Pa.
'92. E. Gardner, Wilmington, Del.
'92. F. Gardner, Wilmington, Del.

GEORGIA BETA.

'92. Archibald Belcher, Covington, Ga.
'94. Robert Earle, Earleton, Fla.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

'91, Richard Stillwell Stockton.
'92. Richard Alexander Barr.
'92. Albert Percy Crockett.
'92. Robert Philip McReynolds.
'92. Charles Wesley Scarritt.

OHIO ZETA.

'91. Aaron Westley Henry Jones, Columbus, O.
'91. George William Chessul, Martins Ferry, O.
'92. St. Clair Alexander, Bridgeport, O.
'92. James Whitney Penfield, Bucyrus, O.
'91. Frank William Raue, Whitmore Lake, Mich.
'92. Edward Talmage Sanderson, Nelsonville, O.
'92. George Christian Schaeffer, Germantown, O.
'92. George Francis Fish, Toledo, O.

INDIANA ALPHA.

'92. E. C. Wilson, Dunlapsville, Ind.

INDIANA GAMMA.

'92. Reed Carr, Indianapolis, Ind.
'92. Victor W. Conner, Noblesville, Ind.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

'92. Mills, Forrest Clark.

PERSONALS.

VERMONT ALPHA.

'83. A. H. Wheeler is in charge of the Episcopal parish at Richford, Vt.

'83. J. C. Turk is General Agent for the Pittsburgh Bridge Co., with his headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn.

'86. F. H. Clapp was one of the Honor men in the class of '88, in the Medical department of the University. He was married on September 19, to Miss Maud Bailey of Fort Ann, N. Y., and is now practicing medicine at Brandon, N. Y.

'86. T. L. Jeffords was graduated last commencement from the Columbian Law School, Washington, D. C. He is now a member of the law firm, Fairman and Jeffords, 472 Louisiana Ave., Washington, D. C.

'86. J. S. Merrill died at his home, Loon Lake, N. Y., Nov. 16. See resolutions of Vt. Alpha, elsewhere.

'86. E. M. Wilbur is attending the Harvard Divinity school.

'87. E. C. Morgan is Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Pomona, Cal.

'88. L. A. Cooper is at his home, 77 Franklin St., Springfield, Mass.

'88. C. W. Safford is in college at Pella, Iowa.

'88. E. D. Williams is taking a post-graduate course in the chemical department of the University.

'89. Rev. D. E. Croft has closed his pastorate at Wolcott, Vt., and has accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Carleson, N. H.

'89. A. T. Stratton has resigned the Secretaryship of the Middleburg Y. M. C. A., and accepted a similar position at Dover, N. H.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'84. W. S. Dice is preaching at Carrolton, Md.

'81. W. G. Warner is preaching at New Richmond, O.

Ex '82. Brother D. C. O'Connor, one of our charter members, has returned, after an absence of eight years, to complete a course here.

Ex '88. Brother F. E. Tibbitts is practicing medicine at Rock Creek, O.

Ex '87. O. J. Mason, Fredonia, N. Y., is a compositor on the *Chautauquan*, Meadville, Pa.

OHIO BETA.

'60. Brother David Humphreys, Attorney-at-Law, has removed from Cincinnati to New York, N. Y.

'64. Brother Jason Blackford has an extensive law practice at Findlay, O., which has been increased by the gas and oil boom, the forces which have made Findlay the manufacturing centre which she now is.

'75. Brother T. W. Alberry removed to Columbus, O., from Reynoldsburg, five years ago, and continues the practice of medicine at that place.

'78. Brother Cyrus Huling, Columbus, O., has been elected Prosecuting Attorney for Franklin County for his third term.

'81. Brother T. H McConica, formerly of Cincinnati, has abandoned his law practice and is now engaged exclusively in real estate business at Findlay, O., where he has realized a goodly sum from his investments.

'81. Brother D. D. M. Woodmansee, Attorney-at-Law, Cincinnati, O., was last year married to Miss Lizzie Thorne, a daughter of one of the wealthiest Cincinnati merchants, and is now living in his elegant home in Clifton, a Cincinnati suburb.

'83. Brother Rollin Best Carter is a practitioner of homœopathic medicine at Akron, O.

'83. Brother J. E. Randall is electrician for the Thomson-Houston Company at Lynn, Mass.

'84. Brothers J. F. Steele and R. H. Callahan were assigned by the last session of the Ohio M. E. Conference, respectively to Belpre and Zaleski, O. The same conference assigned brother T. M. Ricketts, of Ohio Gamma, to Chester Hill, O.

'84. Brother Geo. A. Dunham is teller in the National Bank at Scott City, Kan.

'85. Brother C. P. Bonner is on the engineer corps of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, with headquarters at Norfolk, Va.

'87. Brother Wm. H. Bauscher has resigned the superintendency of the Harrisburg, Ohio, Schools on account of ill health. His address is Reynoldsburg, O.

'88. Brother H. V. Stevens was married the week following Commencement, and with his wife is now in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he is city editor of the *Santa Fe Herald.*

'88. Brother E. E. McCammon is in the Theological School of Boston University, at Boston, Mass.

'88. Brother M. W. Coultrap is Principal of the High School at Middleport, O.

'90. Brother Harry L. Rownd is the Rownd of the newly established firm of Rownd & Pryce, wholesale and retail dealers in rubber goods, at Columbus, O.

'91. Brother Frank B. Rutledge is in the Freight Department Office of the Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railway, at Zanesville, O.

Ohio Zeta.

'87. Brother Harry A. Kahler is general manager for Texas, of the Middlesex Loan and Banking Company, with offices in the Commercial Building, Dallas, Texas.

'89. Brother Charlie Hatfield has an insurance office in Pueblo, Col.

'87. Brother William McPherson is Professor of Physics and Chemistry in the Toledo High School.

'87. Brother A. C. Reeves is Assistant City Civil Engineer of Dayton, O.

'87. Brother W. F. Hunt is Professor of Mathematics in The Barnard School, St. Paul, Minn.

'87. Brother V. J. Emery is assistant Professor of Latin and Mathematics in State University of Nebraska.

'87. Brother Mark Francis is Professor of Veterinary Medicine in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

'88. Brother F. W. Brown is the engineer of mines of the Ohio and Western Coal Mining Company, at Monday, O.

'88. Brother F. S. Ball is doing journalistic work and taking a course in shorthand in Columbus, O.

'88 Brother W. O. Scheibell is connected with a corp of mining engineers at Nelsonville, O.

'88. Brother L. H. Brundage is attending Medical College, Cincinnati, O.

'89. Brother C. A. Winter holds a position as instructor in German, McAlister College, McAlister, Minn.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

'87. Alva T. Wing is chief clerk in the Division Superintendent's Office of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, at Winslow, Arizona Territory.

'87. Jay W. Crane is a school principal at Norwalk, O., and meeting with flattering success. He spends his spare moments in preparing for a legal career.

'87. Revs. J. R. Carpenter and O. G. Colegrove each have pleasant pastorates. The former at Oshkosh, Wis., and the latter at Morrison, Ill.

'88. A. W. Lapham, who made quite a record as an athlete in western college circles, has entered the Iowa Medical College, at Keokuk, Ia.

'86. Dr. L. Ward Brigham, since graduating, last June, at Rush Medical College, Chicago, has entered into a good practice at Gross Park, a suburb of Chicago.

'85. Lyman McCarl is winning laurels at the bar in Quincy, Illinois.

'86. Rev. Lee Fairchild is coming into note as one of America's younger poets. His works are now found in many leading papers. He is located as pastor of the Universalist Church at Cedar Falls, Ia.

LITERARY.

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In Memoriam.

HALL OF VT. ALPHA OF PHI DELTA THETA.

BURLINGTON, Nov. 17, 1888.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself our beloved brother,

JED S. MERRILL,

be it therefore,

Resolved: That in the death of our brother the fraternity has sustained the loss of a loyal and enthusiastic Phi, a noble and generous man; Vt. Alpha, an honored alumnus; and his family an affectionate son and brother;

Resolved: That our heartfelt sympathies be extended to the afflicted home and friends, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and also published in the SCROLL.

W. H. MERRIAM, H. F. QUIMBY. } *Committee.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE scribe of Georgia Beta (Emory College) has a peculiar way of stating that the leaders of the two lower classes are members of Phi Delta Theta. These are his words: "In the matter of class standing the Phis are in the lead. Last fall every class in college was led by a Phi, except the Senior, and even in that brother J. E. McRee tied with one other on the first mark, and was equal to the best in the spring term. I should except the Junior class also, for while the Juniors did well, they were not in the lead."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Quarterly is right. The statement is peculiar and amusing.

WE intend to erect two houses. One of these will be constructed of Ohio granite, with terra cotta trimmings. This we will live in, and so it will contain bedrooms, studies, parlors, etc., and a room large enough to hold a convention in if we ever have that pleasure. This building will cost $20,000. The chapter house, which is to cost $8,000, will be quite original. It will be built of gray stone, in the form of a monument surmounted by a tower, from which a light will signal the mystic meetings of our charge. The only ornament, and in fact the only mark, on this building will be a stone shield bearing the three mystic letters. There will be no doors or windows, no visible means of entrance.—*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, Yale Letter.*

THE following fraternities have chapters at Lehigh University, those in italics occupying chapter-houses: Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, *Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi,* Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, *Sigma Phi,* Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta. The Delta Phi and the Theta Delta Chi houses are rented. Sigma Phi is building a new house, which is much larger than the one they now occupy. Phi Delta Theta will occupy a rented house next spring.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE annual convention and banquet of the Theta Delta Chi was held in one of the parlors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. A. L. Bartlett, of Boston, was elected President for the ensuing year; A. L. Colville, of this city, Secretary; and Frederick Cantor, of Yale, Treasurer. The annual poem was read by Rev. Lewis E. Halsey; Colonel Joseph A. Sparten delivered the oration, and toasts were responded to as follows: "The Fraternity," A. L. Bartlett; "Prospective," J. E. Blandy; "Retrospective," Dr. E. L. Plunkett, and "The Shield," F. L. Jones.—*New York Press, Nov. 25, 1888.*

THE first "smoker" of the season was held at the Delta Kappa Epsillon Club, No. 435 Fifth avenue, last evening. About two hundred members of that social organization were present. Long clay pipes, smoking tobacco, beer and sandwiches, good stories, songs and Thomas Worth's extemporaneous caricatures were inextricably intermingled. Mr. Burdett recited, "Fat Contributor," Griswold lectured on "Pocahontas," and his clever side-partner, Mr. Worth, illustrated the speaker's words on a large paper covered easel as the discourse proceeded. Talks were made by Henry Tifft, A. C. Gleason and others.—*New York Herald, October 19, 1888.*

MUCH of the prejudice against intercollegiate contests is due to the fact that they are said to be detrimental to good scholarship. In order to discover the real state of the case in Cornell University, a thorough examination was recently made in that institution of the records of all the men who had been engaged in intercollegiate sports since the opening of the college. The result showed that the average scholarship for the year of each man who had rowed on the crews was seventy per cent., that of the ball-players seventy-three, and that of the track athletes seventy-six, a standard of seventy per cent. being necessary to graduation. Fifty-four per cent. of all these men graduated, which is seven per cent. above the university rate of graduation. These results would seem to show that intercollegiate contests, when kept within reasonable limits, do not interfere with the general scholarship of educational institutions.—*Frank Leslie's, April 25th.*

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GREEK WORLD AND PRESS.

So far as our personal knowledge goes, Phi Delta Theta never held a Summer National Convention, our sessions always having been held in the Fall or Winter. The Fraternity came into existence at old Miami in December, and our recurring sessions have not seen that season of the year many moons off. Our first General Convention ever assembled was held in December, 1851, (of which brother President Harrison was Secretary.) The question of holding the Convention during one of the Summer weeks has several times been discussed, but the sentiment for the change has never been strong enough to alter the old *regimé.* By our plan of per capita assessment we have almost invariably delegates present from all Chapters. Possibly we could have the same if held in the Summer, though circumstances then are more likely to arise which may prevent the representation of the Chapter. But Alumni attendance at our Conventions is a matter of no little importance, and the question is still open to debate whether that can be best secured in the Fall rather than the Summer. This we know well, however, the Summer is easily first as the vacation season of the year.

Alpha Delta Phi held her Fifty-sixth Convention and Re-union on May 3d and 4th in New York City. Secret session was held in the Masonic Temple, public exercises in the Metropolitan Opera House, while the banquet was at Delmonico's. Every one of her eighteen Chapters were represented. Among the choice Alumni spirits present were Joseph H. Choate, Edward Everett Hale, George William Curtis, Everett P. Wheeler and Rev. Dr. George Alexander. The public addresses were "The Ideals of Alpha Delta Phi," and "The Fraternity of Alpha Delta Phi, the embodiment of the True American Spirit"

Following this, Psi Upsilon held her convention, the next week, at Columbus, Ohio, under the auspices of the Kenyon Chapter. There was a fairly large general attendance, and all the active Chapters were represented by delegates. Exercises to which the public, and more especially resident Greek-letter men, had been invited, were held in Wells Post G. A. R. Hall. The Convention closed with a banquet at the Neil Hotel.

The Forty-ninth Annual Convention of Beta Theta Pi, held at "Wooglin" (Chautauqua,) beginning July 24th, was one of much enthusiasm and enjoyment for Betas. Maj. R. W. Smith, John I. Covington, Charles Seaman and J. C. Hanna, all wheel-horses (not Charlie horses,) in *B Θ Π*, were there, and an abundance of college Betas, a sprinkling of "silver greys," together with a bevy of pretty girls. Between the club house, lake, base ball, tennis, the ladies, and incidentally the work of the Convention, time most decidedly failed to hang heavily on their hands.

The spiritual man was ministered to by an excellent sermon, "The Model Beta," on Sunday, by Rev. Dr. Birch, an alumnus of the Washington and Jefferson Chapter.

The Delta Tau Delta annual Convention opened in Cleveland, Ohio, August 22d, being held with the Zeta Chapter of Adelbert College. Five Chapters failed to send delegates, among these being the recently-established Chapters at Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin. The publication of the *Rainbow* was changed from Cleveland to Chattanooga, Tenn., where it is now issued as "a quarterly literary and fraternity magazine." No charters were granted, but the promise was given that Lehigh would be restored to the Chapter list by this time. W. L. Mc Clurg was re-elected President. The lake breezes tempered the Summer heat, and by thus depressing the mercury column was enabled to run Fraternity enthusiasm several degrees higher. Sigma Chi took advantage of this, and met with her Chicago Alumni and Omega Chapter at Chicago. Here if anywhere in our cities Sigma Chi has her rendezvous, and the resident members extended a hearty hospitality to the Convention, by them called Grand Chapter.

Besides the numerous individual amusements in reach of the members, there was a visit to Evanston, the seat of Northwestern University, and return by the lake, and a "tally-ho" ride through Chicago suburbs.

Since the Summer months Delta Upsilon has convened at Cleveland, Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cincinnati, Phi Gamma Delta at Columbus, all in Ohio, Chi Phi at Richmond, Va., and again, but during the Christmas recess, Alpha Tau Omega at Springfield, Ohio, as the guest of the Wittenberg Chapter.

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Not a few of the older Phis remember the agitation in the Greek world commencing in 1882, when Pan-hellenism began to assert itself. Fraternity journals in existence instituted the system of exchange, and new publications sprang up. A Convention of Fraternity editors was held in Philadelphia and a plan was formulated for holding a great Pan-hellenic Convention, which was to unite all brotherhoods in harmonious concert. Many thought that through it would come the Utopia. The

intensely ideal plan, as the time for holding it came nearer, drifted away from realization, and its possibilities for good were not demonstrated. The Convention never met, but its discussion exercised a subtle influence that has, without doubt, worked great changes for the better in our Fraternity system. It has thrown down many narrow barriers, so that common merit and purposes have been recognized, and individual experiences have been of plural advantage in teaching what is wise and what is unwise.

The much-heralded Pan-hellas was thus not ours at one move, but quietly we have reached her borders, and a few have tested the hospitality of the land.

There was a migration of teachers of all degree to the Pacific last July, on the occasion of the session of the National Educational Association which met in San Francisco. Among these were a large number of Greek-letter men, and in a Fraternity register opened at the Palace Hotel over two hundred names were registered representing some thirty Fraternities. Of these 22 were members of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$, 21 of $\Delta\ K\ E$, 21 $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, 20 $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, 15 $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, and 14 each of $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ and $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$.

A union banquet was arranged for and held on the evening of July 20 at the Maison Dorèe, at which Hon. Chas. Sumner of California presided, and toasts were responded to by representatives from the different Societies present.

This was a meeting of Greek-letter men gathered together temporarily for another purpose, but the South has presented us with something still more tangible in the same line.

About a year ago members of various Fraternities, residents of Chattanooga, Tenn., organized a club to be known as the Pan-hellenic Association of Chattanooga, and so popular was it that it at once enrolled a large membership, and comprises in its list representatives from almost every American College Fraternity. It gave its second semi-annual reception and banquet in December, at which were present the wives and ladies of the members, and it was even more of a success than its predecessor, held in April last. The menu was printed in Greek text, which seemed to give an additional relish to the dishes, and an able toastmaster with similar responders furnished a happy programme. The club is a success and has come to stay. It has our "amen" without the asking.

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"There's a new Fraternity in college. Have you heard about it?" That statement and question has had several opportunities for utterance of late, and in reply to the responsive question, "What one?" has received several answers. That little spirit known as extension has not yet deserted the Greek world, but is still among us, and not unlikely he will be as permanent as the organizations he actuates, though the passing years cannot fail to impair his activity.

Opportunities for the favorable establishment of new chapters are not so numerous as ten years ago, but in a growing and developing civilization they are arising now and then, and the fact that we witness these establishments is proof that our fraternities are much as they formerly were—they know a good thing when they see it. Let no one infer, however. that we do not think that the Fraternity Standard has been raised, for it undoubtedly has. Our older and larger Fraternities are more cautious than they were a decade or two ago, and many Institutions that once they might gladly have placed on their roll, they now disdain, or having enrolled, they would not hesitate to appropriate subtle means of purging themselves thereof. But the small college—and by small we do not mean small in number of students matriculated, but that true littleness of an institution, an inferior course of study with low requirements for graduation—has been left to some late comers who have no other means of gaining enough strength to maintain an organization. Pennsylvania State College, which a year ago removed the ban against fraternities, became the home of $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ last spring, and $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ chartered a body of applicants from that institution at her Wooglin Convention. The Institution is scarcely known in the fraternity world, probably because heretofore arrayed against these chapters, but it claims fine equipment, large resources, and a thorough course of study in agriculture and the technical sciences; while it is said by its friends that a few years will make it a rival of Cornell.

The cloak known as a "dispensation" which has legalized $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ at Denver University for the past three years has been thrown off, and the Chapter now has its own charter. Her Chapter at Knox, which has given the Fraternity some prominent men, but which has been extinct fifteen years, was revived, and is now company with $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ and $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$. The University of Nebraska found favor with the Convention, and her establishment there makes that institution the only one in which are established the "Miami Triad," $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, and $\Sigma\ X$, and no others.

The Northwest is growing and Minnesota has become the home of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ at her State University, more than replacing her Chapter at Carleton College, which came to Minneapolis almost entire, as the Faculty of that Institution were inimical to its exisience. $\Sigma\ X$ has realized the hopes set forth at her Chicago Convention and in the October *Bulletin*, and was established there (University of Minnesota) in December.

$\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ is chartered and seeking firm footing at the University of Wisconsin, while her Lehigh Chapter has transmigrated and arisen anew—what was once her embodiment there continuing as $\Sigma\ \Phi$. $\Sigma\ A\ E$ has established her fourth northern Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan, making her second Chapter in Ohio, her first being company for $A\ T\ \Omega$ at Mount Union.

Phi Gamma Delta is the only one of western Fraternities besides those of the Miami Triad who has ever had a chapter east of the Hudson. She has regained a representation in New England by the revival of her old chapter which existed in the Sheffield School of Yale. An exchange says it is the only chapter at Yale to which members of any department of the college are eligible to election. Alpha Delta Phi is not a class society there, but is limited to the Literary Department. On these two is thrown a heavy burden in that they have to contend with class society idea which has rooted itself deeply in Yale life. We watch with interest their every move, rejoicing in whatever item of prosperity may come to them, since their success means a weakening in the old class societies, whose inflnence for good we doubt, and whose brotherhood teaches the most paradoxical lesson in fraternity that is seen in an American college.

Delta Upsilon last March entered the University of Pennsylvania, her seventh chapter established since the beginning of 1885.

Much in the same line is the initiation of the Hour Glass Club (organized a year ago by the aid of resident Beta Theta Pis) at the University of Cincinnati by Beta Theta Pi, under a dispensation, probably the one discarded at Denver.

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Two notable articles, one directly and the other indirectly bearing upon College Fraternities, have recently appeared in popular literary magazines. The article on "College Fraternities," by John Addison Porter, in the September *Century*, had long been promised, and considering this time and the magazine in which it was to be published, the public expected an article exhaustive in research, accurate in data, and unprejudiced in views. We believe unprejudiced opinion will say that in all these it has failed. The article worships a *fetich* set up by young collegians, which the observation of maturer years could not fail to have overthrown. It is the old idea that there are but just a few Fraternities—these necessarily of eastern origin—and their strength is measured by the trappings they have been able to accumulate through these years. Mr. Porter is privileged to write what he deems wise, but he should give his article a more appropriate title than one of such wide meaning as "College Fraternities."

The other article appeared in the *North American Review* and is an indictment against "The Fast Set at Harvard University." It deplores the caste which prevails at Harvard, and is bitter against the class and social clubs, of which it says $\Delta\ K\ E$ is the worst and therefore the most undesirable. It cannot be taken as against $\Delta\ K\ E$ as a fraternity, nor against the individual members of its Harvard Chapter, among whom we know to be many who are gentlemen in all respects, but it is against it as

an organization. The facts which are detailed and Harvard history proves that its influence as a body is pernicious; that it encourages dissipation and gambling. Surely the fraternity idea is lost sight of in any chapter which aggregates a membership of nearly 200. *Δ K E* as a fraternity might well investigate what that society is which puts its name to use at Harvard, and be the gainer thereby.

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So far this college year we have received copies of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield, Chi Phi Quarterly, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi Quarterly,* and *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.* Of the other several Greek letter publications we have received none, and we miss their once familiar pages now strange in their non-appearance. Why this falling off, we know not, save that it has been gradual and steady. But the Fraternity editor changes from year to year, and business managers find changes in exchange addresses of Chameleon frequency.

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"Character is most to be considered in the selection of men, for without a foundation laid in purity of character no permanent congeniality can be had. The scion of a wealthy house may be the veriest blackguard. Political or forensic honors showered upon the parent are not rewards of merit to the son. Ecclesiastical preferment of the elder is by no means indicative of true gentility in the younger generation. The prime requisites to be considered in the candidate are not, 'Is he rich or poor?' or 'Is his family aristocratic?' for his wealth or poverty may prove of little concern; and the pretensions of his family may affect his fraternity still less. Is he a gentleman? What is his character? Is he likely to be congenial? Given proper replies to these questions, and when in after-years the reason of his membership is sought, but one answer can be made."

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"It signifies a step in the right direction that a leading college fraternity has definitely and effectively announced her condemnation of the practice of 'lifting' men. It has never been a prevalent one in the Chi Phi Fraternity, and the genius of the entire organization has been opposed to it. There has ever been a wide-spread distrust of men who, after connecting themselves with one fraternity, will openly renounce their allegiance and join another. Certainly there have been grounds for this distrust. Such men, except in rare instances, seldom exhibit the enthusiasm necessary to earnest and long-continued labor in the interests of the new love. Observation would tend to disclose a certain indifference to the general interest, and an apparent selfishness not generally found in those whose allegiance has never wavered. Indeed, selfish motives seem to be uppermost in the bosom of every man who is 'lifted.' At a not distant day, the

prevailing sentiment of all first-class fraternities will, without doubt, be arrayed in firm opposition to the practice, and like all other pernicious practices that shock public opinion, it will die out. Let the fraternities present a solid front in proclaiming the doctrine that one who violates his oath once cannot be safely trusted again, and the fraternity world will not often be annoyed by a practice that can only be considered disgraceful to both 'lifter' and 'lifted.'"—*Editorials in Chi Phi Quarterly.*

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"The academic year that closed last June saw the first indications of an ebb tide in fraternity journalism. It was the first halting of that tidal wave of development that started five years before, and swept along with it the entire college fraternity system. In 1878 there were but four magazines published by the Greek-letter societies of our colleges, and these were comparatively weak and small. About five years later, however, the ban of secresy began to be taken off their pages; they exchanged with each other, and with the numerous rivals that had just been established; agitation began, and the magazines at once became the chief instrumentalities in the growth of the fraternities they represented. To-day over twenty American college fraternities publish official magazines, varying in character, size, style, quality and frequency of issue, the most marked division being into monthlies and quarterlies. These five years have witnessed a revolution. College presidents, trustees and professors have become the public and pronounced advocates of the fraternities. The leading literary journals of the country have published elaborate articles all favorable to the Greek-letter societies. A single prominent institution retains its old position of negative hostility. The fraternities themselves have been broadened and elevated. The old *secresy* remains only in name, having been replaced by a more sensible *privacy*. Lifting,' or the initiation by one fraternity of a man who is already a member of another, has almost, although not quite, disappeared.

"College politics' have been elevated above the methods of the ward trickster, and the fraternities have ceased seeking to control elections solely for personal profit. Preparatory students are no longer initiated in our Western colleges. The bickerings of rival chapters have ceased, and enmity, jealousy and abuse have given rise to Pan-Hellenism and a nobler rivalry. The fraternity ideal has become the college home, its object mutual helpfulness, social championship, and the development of character. The societies have reached out after their alumni, and the alumni have interested themselves in the societies. Schemes of centralized government have been devised, tested and placed in successful operation, and there is scarcely a respectable college in the country that has not been captured and colonized by our modern 'Greeks.' And all of this has been accom-

plished mainly through fraternity magazines—a new testimonial to the power of the journalistic press. For five years their pages have been crowded with discussions of these many matters. To this list of subjects have been added the beauties of friendship, and reviews and criticisms of the contemporary press. While it lasted, the magazines were lively and vivacious enough; but the end came. Last year the 'Greek Press' discovered that most of the projected reforms had been accomplished, that the 'the pleasures of friendship' had been worn threadbare, and most of its material had been republished until it was trite. Nearly every magazine promptly confessed its dilemma, and cast about to find with what new material it would best fill its pages. Some of them abandoned the pronounced literary features, published a very few extended articles, and devoted themselves mainly to newsy letters from their various chapters, and to comment on current events in their own and other societies. Others adopted a distinctive literary cast, and published all manner of essays on any subject selected by the aspiring writers in their respective organizations. A few have been reluctant to become merely news-gatherers, or to flood the country with immature literary 'swash,' on subjects in no way especially appropriate to a *college fraternity* magazine. To this last class THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY belongs. Recognizing the demand for a *newspaper* devoted to the affairs of Sigma Chi, and especially to those internal affairs that are in no way matters of public concern, we decided to publish a monthly newspaper to be circulated under seal. *The Bulletin* was adopted, and has become one of our most popular and successful institutions. The magazine has become a quarterly, and has adopted a policy which is partially indicated in the present issue. It will be devoted, as heretofore, first of all, to the interests of the Sigma Chi Fraternity; but it will be our endeavor to secure elaborate papers on subjects of general fraternity concern, and also to enlarge our scope so as to include articles that will be of special interest to all our members as *'college men.'* In this endeavor we hope to secure the co-operation of our alumni members. Hereafter the QUARTERLY will be sent to every member whose correct address we have, and all are urgently invited to contribute to our pages anything that comes within the scope we have indicated. An Open Letter Department will be established in which to publish communications that are not long enough for regular articles. In these ways we hope to make our journal of interest and value to all our members, and the best fraternity magazine published in America."—*Editorial in Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

The article on "College Fraternities" in the *Century* has been the subject of much comment and has given rise to other articles more in the nature of reviews than replies.

The *Rainbow* has a "Review" by W. L. McGlurg, while a

more extended article, "Favorite Societies," appeared in the *Shield* from the pen of E. C. Little, formerly editor of that magazine. We clip the major part of his article:

"With the character of a cosmopolitan the American often combines the instincts of a villager. Sincerely national in his opinions of America, he is frequently provincial in his opinions of Americans. The local associations of his youth dominate the judgment of his manhood. So many intelligent men utterly fail in their conception of the West and Northwest. In the East denominational schools and eleemosynary institutions have grown to be great colleges after many years. In the West wealthy commonwealths have generously endowed their State Universities, and have made them great in a generation. The developments in student life have kept pace with the growth of the colleges. Eastern college men can not realize all this, and imagine that because Harvard boasts two hundred and fifty years, the University of Wisconsin must be as ancient before it takes rank as a great institution of learning. A member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity from Yale has an article on "College Fraternities" in the September *Century*. It is to be regretted that the writer of so excellent a sketch has permitted himself to be governed by habits of thought acquired in his college youth.

Speaking of his own fraternity and its traditional allies, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, he modestly says:

"*While certain smaller fraternities are favorites in certain parts of the country, all barriers are rapidly disappearing before these favorite societies in their march toward representation at all the important colleges of the country.*"

This statement is incorrect in fact and unfair in reference, in the judgment of many thousands of students and graduates. It would be unjust to equally worthy fraternities to permit so sweeping an assertion to go unchallenged in so high a court as the *Century*. These fraternities are known among undergraduates as "Eastern Fraternities." The water runs into the Mississippi from the roofs of but three colleges in which his "favorite societies" are located. They have only one chapter on the Pacific Coast. Even in Pennsylvania they touch but two colleges. All three are almost entirely confined to New England and New York.

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I have called attention to the circumscribed limits of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon. We will note the area occupied by three western fraternities and compare, that we may decide which class is most "rapidly marching toward representation in all the best colleges."

Beta Theta Pi has chapters in forty-nine colleges, the list extending from Maine to California, from Wisconsin to Texas, and has initiated over 7,000 men. This fraternity possibly has

entered some colleges from which it would prefer to withdraw, but it knows that noble men often spring from humble schools. It is to its credit that in the day of its success Beta Theta Pi has not forgotten the friends of its youth. Phi Delta Theta has sixty-six chapters, most of them located in institutions of high rank. The enrollment is 900 in college and a total of 5,360. The rapidity of its extension is unparalleled. Though it has made it impossible that it should find the best material in all cases, the fraternity has secured a footing which will be improved. Phi Kappa Psi has thirty-five chapters, extending from the Hudson to the Pacific, from Minnesota to Mississippi. There are more than 5,000 Phi Psis, about 500 of whom are at present undergraduates. In general excellence these fraternities compare very favorably with Mr. Porter's "favorites." In robust life, in comprehension of the possibilities of the future, in reaching every section of the country they far excel them."

"In many respects Phi Gamma Delta is fully equal to the fraternities I have used as examples."

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I have used Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Psi, because I happen to have at hand more complete information as to them than as to the others, and because they are, I believe, the largest of the western fraternities I have referred to them as "western," because this distinction is often made by their eastern rivals. However, it is but fair to say that they reach nearly every section of this country, while they have almost entirely held as their own the old and wealthy colleges of the great eastern State of Pennsylvania, and hotly contest for the leadership in New York. The Greek-letter chapters at Harvard and Yale are unworthy the name.

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Mr. Porter's article was an admirable one, and gave non-fraternity readers an idea of fraternities. When he writes again he should remember that there were kings before Agememnon, colleges west of the Alleghenies. He should have at least a speaking acquaintance with Greek life in the West. He had ample time to inform himself. Nearly if not quite three years have passed since it was announced with flourish of trumpets that he was preparing an article for the *Century*. And after all his sketch is merely to show the alleged superiority of certain local societies! The line of battle displayed does not justify the resounding proclamation. He has failed to give us one line on western fraternity development. His favorites occupy ancient and honorable institutions of learning. The fond memories of years cluster about them. "It is a small college but there are those who love it," said Daniel Webster of Dartmouth. I honor the man who honors his alma mater. We of the West honor our own. This country is too great to be cribbed, cabined,

coffined and confined by any three Greek societies. The *Century* ought not to give its opinions without even looking beyond the Alleghenies. Mr. Porter should inform himself as to the conditions of college life in the West, and should find a better use for the *Century* than to make it serve as a "spike." To his mind the trans-montane country is a terra incognita. To him the Rocky Mountains are as distant as the Pillars of Hercules. To him state universities—born in the purple—are as high schools. To him the Valley of the Mississippi is about as important as the ravine down which the Merrimac has meandered for countless generations."

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OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

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In regard to the time of foundation of our chapter, the following information can be given. The Society was first organized in the autumn of 1852, but the records of the first year or two were in some way destroyed, together with the charter, if there was any. It was reorganized in October of 1855, when a charter was obtained from your chapter, under which we now act. Previous to this latter date we have no record except of the names of the members. R. B. Spilman, Wabash College, to J. T. Mellette, Indiana University, November 7, 1860.

The Wisconsin Beta Chapter expired the year after it was organized—about 1860—nearly all the members going out with the classes of '59 and '60. I can give no information additional to that communicated to the editors of the SCROLL about a year ago. . . . We never did much as a chapter; our zeal being all called for in our public literary societies.
I could not advise trying to start again at Appleton. Secret societies have never found favor there with the faculty or students. J. A. Owen, Chicago, Ill., to A. Gwyn Foster, Indiana University, November 20, 1876.

Our number is at present only five, but we feel worthy, as far as good motives and interest are concerned, of membership with the order. Our boys mostly left here last commencement. Of them, and the reputation they have sustained since, we have reason to be proud. We shall not work for members, but for genuine merit, believing this only can add to the promotion of

our order, and not feeling disposed to associate with any other class of young men. There are two other secret societies here, and this makes us more vigilant and more earnest in our duty; we have a strong chapter of the Betas to contend against. I have received letters from the Beta chapter at Crawfordsville, and the Gamma at Indianapolis, but not as yet from Franklin. The chapter at Crawfordsville is in a flourishing condition. They have fourteen members I believe, and active ones. This chapter was organized in the autumn of 1852; they have lost the records, and do not know the exact time. They are eight in number at Indianapolis. This chapter was organized October 22, 1859. The Franklin Chapter was organized April 22, 1860. I am willing to labor in all that I can do for the general interest of the order. I shall keep up a correspondence with the chapters of this State, and as often as once a month, anyhow, with the head chapter. We received the report of the convention at your college last summer from our former secretary, Mr. Broadwell, which was received. The University is now prospering—one hundred and forty students. J. T. Mellette, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to E. S. Shrock, Danville, Ky., Nov. 25, 1860.

I am glad to know that you visited our brethren at Delaware. I understand from letters from that place that they are flourishing. I have no news from any other chapter of our order. I hope that you saw some of the old members of the order when in Ohio, and induced them to take steps to organize at Kenyon College and at Granville. If you did not I hope that you will write to them to do so at once. Measures should be taken among some of the old members in Ohio to reorganize at Oxford, Ohio. This should be done without fail; we cannot afford to lose our Alpha. I have become acquainted with several students at Oxford, Miss. They have seven secret orders now. I think I shall be able to visit the Wesleyan University at Florence, Ala., in a few weeks, I shall be active. I long to see the prosperity of our Zion. I hope the boys at Danville are at work. How comes on the new college at Louisville and Dr. Robinson. Let the Phis stake off their claim. A. P. Collins, Burnsville, Miss., to Robert Morrison, November 28, 1860.

I am happy to state that the prospects of the chapter at this place are continually brightening. We have sufficient opposition to cause us to act with that caution and earnestness necessary to progression. C. W. McLaughlin, Secretary Indiana Gamma, to J. T. Mellette, Indiana University, December 13, 1860.

1861.

The condition of our country is a most lamentable one. It truly is a time for patriotic tears to be shed. I yet hope we shall be united as one nation, that the fraternal ties may be strengthened, and that our brotherhood may last and swell its members,

north and south, the embodiment of the virtue, wisdom and patriotism of our land. And howsoever much our country may quarrel and our people be divided, even should civil war desolate these fair fields of civilization, yet I shall ever cling to our brotherhood, and hope there to find a warm reception at the holy altar of friendship, love and truth. J. T. Mellette, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, February 9, 1861.

If convenient give us a brief explanation of the meaning and use of the Greek characters appended to the names of members after the character designating the chapter. If they stand for date, explain how to compute them or refer us to some book or grammar on the subject Our chapter here is quite flourishing; we have about our prescribed number, fifteen, and I think we could easily extend. We regret that the opportunities for increasing the number of chapters in the State are so few. The opportunities are scarce for the want of proper institutions where such societies would be tolerated. We would be thankful for any suggestion from you on this point. E. S. Shrock, Corresponding Secretary Kentucky Alpha, to Robert Morrison, March 2, 1861.

Delaware, O., March 6, 1861, Mr. E. S. Shrock, Danville, Ky.: Dear Brother—I received your letter some ten days ago, but on account of sickness have deferred answering until the present time. I have the pain of announcing to you that the order here has gone by the board. Our order here was organized the latter part of last winter term, and by the beginning of last spring term we had several popular and substantial members; in fact our society was in a flourishing condition for a beginning. But two of our first members were unpopular here, and our rival societies cast this upon us as a slur, which was the cause of five influential members leaving us. Still with all this discouragement we might have risen yet had not three of these same joined the Betas last term, ater which we had a called meeting of our order and disbanded by a unanimous vote, knowing that our affairs would become known to the Betas. Had all of our first members been men of influence, and had there been no traitors in our ranks, our order to-day would have been the most flourishing in the university, for we at one time had some prime members in it. At present there are three societies here: the $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$s, a perfect set of "bricks;" the $\Sigma\ X$s not much behind them, and the "Eclectics," a model set of preachers; these are the most appropriate characteristics that can be applied to them. I do not know whether there are any other chapters in the State or not at the present time. There was one at Oxford, this State, which was broken up some time ago, the only one I know of. I am pleased to hear that your society is in so prosperous a con-

dition, and although our chapter has failed, my most sincere good wishes are with you. Give my esteem and friendship to all the brothers. Your brother $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, John H. Edington.

I have the authority of the Grand Alpha to desire you to send us the catalogues and the engraving of badge, initial letters, etc., which are in your possession. We are happy to observe your increasing interest in our order, and we hope again very often to hear from you.—Edward H. Semple, Danville, Ky., to Robert Morrison, May 15, 1861.

The College met at the usual hour, but immediately adjourned, in consequence of a public speaking, to meet at 1 P. M. June 1st.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, May 25, 1861.

1862.

A large number of our members have left us during the past year; however, we have at present some fourteen members. Whatever be the expense, we are very anxious to have a small and neat catalogue published for the present year.—A. L. Wilson, Crawfordsville, Ind., to Robert Morrison, Louisville, Ky., April 22, 1862.

The President being absent, Mr. Parks, an old member, complying with the common will and request, took the chair. It was the expressed desire of all the members present that some immediate action should be taken in order to redeem the Society from the paralysis into which it is settling. Mr. Parks urged upon the members the importance of leaving the Society in a good condition when we left college, and that steps should be taken as soon as possible to perpetuate it, as all its present members are Juniors in college.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, November 15, 1862.

1863.

Concerning a general meeting, such a thing if practicable would be very desirable. Perhaps it may on consultation appear feasible next year. . Let the war end and our Colleges be filled up according to our expectations, and we will put forth our limbs as a green bay tree. E. H. Post, Secretary Indiana Beta, to Indiana Alpha, June 20, 1863.

Jacksonville, Ill., Nov. 9, 1863.—Friend Hatfield: I arrived at this classical city on Friday night, 7th inst. I found things all ripe for establishing a Chapter of our honored Society. I went according to instructions and initiated Wm. H. Barnes and Seth Robinson. There was one other whom I wished to initiate, but he was absent. But these two boys will attend to that matter, as I know they are faithful to the trust given them. I send you the petition for a charter. The boys wish you to send as much as possible in regard to the carrying on of the Society.

For the present direct your communications to Wm. H. Barnes. There are five or six more boys to whom they will present the petition. Please send the charter to the boys immediately, as they are impatient to be thoroughly organized. Yours with great respect, C. B. Bates.

On motion of E. S. Gorman, the Society granted to C. B. Bates, Seth Robinson and Wm. H. Barnes, of the Illinois College, at Jacksonville, constituting them the Illinois Beta of the *Φ Δ Θ*.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, November 14, 1863.

Bloomington, Ind., December 14, 1863.—Brethren of the Kentucky Alpha: It has been a long time since we heard of your welfare, or even your existence. I conclude that the only way of eliciting an answer from you is by writing an interrogation. We are not very strong in point of numbers, but are strong in the welfare of the Society. There are five of us in College now: A. C. Mellette and S. B. Hatfield, Seniors; E. S. Gorman, Sophomore; R. A. D. Wilbanks, Freshman, and Orlon F. Baker, Senior in Law School. There is more interest manifested in the Society now than at any previous time since I have been a member. We have established a good Chapter at Illinois College, Jacksonville. We would like for you to write to them. Wm. H. Barnes is their Secretary. We have had considerable excitement here lately over election of anniversary speaker in Society. Our man Mellette was elected every time on four different ballots, though the two others were combined in allegiance against us. As Danville is headquarters now, I have expected you to write to the different Alphas in the different States. The Chapter at Wabash College is very prosperous, with a large list of members. So also is the Gamma at Southwestern Christian University, at Indianapolis. Our man took the honors of the class last year. What has become of the Chapter at Louisville, Ky.? Please let us hear from you immediately about all the interests of the order. Yours truly in the Bond, Sid. B. Hatfield.

1864.

As members of the Indiana Alpha we know no headquarters, as the Ohio Alpha withdrew to the background some time ago, and as far as we can hear is not likely to again make her appearance. She certainly has shown herself to be an unworthy mother of a noble progeny. And the question has arisen, in our midst, whose duty it shall be to assume the responsibility of still perpetuating the colleges of the Phis? With us it has been but to suggest and we thus put our suggestions into operation. And in this manner we have established the Illinois Beta and are now in the act of giving a charter to the Missouri Alpha, at St.

Louis.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, January 28, 1864.

We received our charter some days ago with a long letter from Indiana Alpha.

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Barnes and Hamilton are Juniors; I am Soph., as also the rest who have not yet fully been received. We are secret—so much so that most of the students are very fearful lest it is a sell. I am willing that they should think so. One of them asked me if it were an offshoot from the Sons of Malta. I told him yes I I thought so, but to those whom you wish to bring in there is no such fear. We have had one regular meeting. Tell us in answer how and in what relation you stand with the Faculty of your institution. There is no other secret society here. I wish there was, and I think there will be before long. Our President is Barnes; Warden, Hamilton. Seth Robinson, Illinois College, to Kentucky Alpha, February 8, 1864.

Bloomington, Ind., March 2, 1864.—Brothers (co-laborers in a good cause) Kentucky Alpha: Your last was duly received and it is with pride that the Indiana Alpha notices the spirit that is manifested in your Chapter. The argument as regards "Headquarters" was simply put forward as a "trail attack," as you doubtless perceived, and it was not intended to convey any idea other than to ascertain whether the light was yet burning bright in the Kentucky Alpha. You could not have pleased our Chapter better with a different answer. Had you surrendered to us our point your character for stability and maintenance of your rights could not have met with the complimentary applause that has since been exhibited in our Chapter. We are enthusiastic in the work before us and are fired with a spirit to spread our Chapters indefinitely and make our association eclipse anything that has yet made its appearance at colleges throughout the states. And as this can only be done by the united action of all Phis we have seen proper to suggest the propriety of calling a convention and taking the proper steps. We think another catalogue would add greatly to the remembrance of the present as well as many of our past associates. You need but to glance at our catalogue to ascertain that it is incomplete. Doubtless a second attempt would result in the exercise of a more refined taste and render the catalogue complete in all its parts. However, this is a question of financial consideration, and will require the consent of all members. Our Commencement here will take place on the 30th of June, later than most other colleges, and it would inconvenience but few, so at least many of our Chapter could be represented. We do not particularly desire a convention, for the reason above stated, but to get together as many of our associates at that time as possible. We would give you an excellent entertainment; shall expect N. E. Cobleigh,

D. D., of Boston, Mass., to address us anyway; and there will be many of our alumni on hand, so you see a reunion is our principal object. We have heard from all colleges where Chapters have been established and learn that they have all become defunct with the exception of Illinois Alpha, Indiana Beta and Indiana Gamma. All these are in a flourishing condition; we presume you correspond with them. Why is it that Kentucky has no more than an Alpha? Where is Georgetown College and Transylvania and other places of extensive reputation? We have numbered the column as low down as Theta and will shortly recussitate those that have played out. We will send you a report as soon as one is made to us from the Gamma and Beta. You spoke of the *B Θ Π* in your last; what did they amount to at your college? They are here but cannot hold their heads up. Opposition to us is obliged to remain in the dark. *B Θ Π*s here unite with the *Σ X*s and *Δ Ψ Θ*s to overcome and break us down, but have failed in every attempt. The Indiana Alpha sends greetings to her sister Alpha. Answer at your earliest convenience. In the bond, R. A. D. Wilbanks. The Illinois Alpha mentioned in this letter doubtless meant the Chapter at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., chartered by Indiana Alpha, Novenber 14, 1863. The minutes of Indiana Alpha show that the last Chapter in Indiana chartered before the date of this letter was Indiana Delta at Franklin College, chartered April 28, 1860. It appears, therefore, that the statement that Chapters had then been established in Indiana as far down the roll as Theta was unfounded. State University, Bloomington, Ind., May 10, 1864.—Brothers of Kentucky, Centre College: There will be a reunion of all the members of the *Φ Δ Θ* at this place Monday, June 27, 1864, to which you are earnestly invited to attend. Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D. D., editor *Zion's Herald,* for eight years president of McKendree College, a worthy Phi of Boston, Mass., will address our organization on the occasion. A supper will be given and every effort made by the members here to make the reunion both interesting and profitable. We desire that you extend this invitation to all your members both present and correspondent, everywhere in Kentucky, officially as coming from this chapter; have them answer and please to report the names and residences of all whom we may expect. A similar invitation has been extended to all of our other chapters and many doubtless will avail themselves of this opportunity to participate in this gala day of Phis. Rest assured that you will meet with a warm and hearty reception from your Indiana friends. Please answer soon. Yours in the Bond, R. A. D. Wilbanks, secretary. (Official.) P. S.—The life of our correspondence has been ebbing away; whose fault is it? W. Yours of May 12 was duly received and contents noted. Hope you may never be so unfortunate again as to choose an unworthy and negligent

secretary. We sent you only a few days since an invitation to attend our reunion, not ours in its full and comprehensive meaning, but the Phis—a reunion of all wherever they may come from or to whatever Chapter they may belong. We took the responsibility in our hands because we could never see that there was even a spark left of the bright and dazzling beams that once illuminated the minds of the members of other chapters. And we are glad to learn even at this late day of another collegiate year that the Kentucky Alpha is willing to maintain and work for the benefit and to perpetuate our organization, and that your only fault lies in the negligence of your former secretary. We hope that this, indeed, is true and that the life that seems to be waning may, by unity of purpose and harmonious action, with uniform efforts and motives, recussitate and yet make the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ paramount to any similar order in Western and Southern Universities. For we have despaired in a manner of making Chapters in Eastern Colleges; it has been tried often and they have always failed to make even a respectable mediocrity. And we can state of our own personal knowledge after due investigations have been made that the Indiana Gamma, Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis, David Hillis, secretary; Indiana Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, A. B. Post, secretary; Illinois Beta, Illinois College, Jacksonville, William H. Barnes, secretary, and the Kentucky Alpha and Indiana Alpha are the only Chapters now in existence. Your former secretary wrote us that you did not desire a convention and we had dropped the subject and turned our attention toward the contemplated reunion. But we now say that we are anxious for a convention to be held here on the occasion of June 28th to take the proper steps toward the reorganization of defunct Chapters and founding of new ones. We are assured of your prosperity and look upon you not only as Grand Chapter, but as being in duty bound to listen to the wishes of subordinate Chapters. And we earnestly hope that you will give your consent to the holding of a convention at this place at about the time specified and send us delegates accordingly, as well as give your influence to other Chapters to do the same. As for our own prosperity as a Chapter we flatter ourselves that our enthusiasm is equal if not greater than that of any Chapter extant. Our Senior class is large; three Phis, Mellette, Ramsey and Hatfield. The first gets the Salutatory and the third the Valedictory, and Ramsey is the best speaker and writer of the whole class. We would further suggest that in convention assembled we could discuss freely and cordially the propriety of republishing a catalogue and making some changes in our constitution, etc., if there should be any needed. Our chapter considers it not only proper but expedient in the present state of our organization that a catalogue of the order should be publihsed by our members before we suffer time and circum-

stances to separate us so widely from our brothers in the Bond to be forgotten for want of a fit place to preserve their names. As we hinted before, we fear our society as an order is wanting in *organs* to perpetuate its existence. Life seems to be waning—the members are dropping off the old trunk. It needs stronger heartbeats to drive the blood through the whole system. Let us have a convention and do something toward extending our order, uniting the Chapters in closer friendship and sympathy, making the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ practically what it is theoretically—a means of uniting its members in the bonds of friendship. We return thanks for the copy of the minutes of the convention held in 1860 at your place. We were ignorant of its proceedings.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, secretary Indiana Alpha, to Kentucky Alpha, May 17, 1864.

State University, Bloomington, Ind.; May 18, 1864.—Rev. Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky. Brother: There will be a reunion and convention of all the members of the Phi Delta Theta at this place Tuesday, June 28th, to which you are respectfully invited to attend. Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., editor *Zion's Herald*, for eight years President of McKendree College, a worthy Phi, of Boston, Mass., will address our organization on the occasion. A supper will be given and every effort made on the part of the present members to make the reunion both interesting and profitable. Please to extend this invitation to any and all Phis to whom you can make it convenient. Please answer.—In behalf of the Indiana Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, *per* R. A. D. Wilbanks, Secretary.

Our chapter has been in a very fine condition almost ever since it was founded. For a time after the war begun we went down pretty low, but the spark of life was not entirely gone; a little care soon kindled it into a living flame. We have now some eight or nine members, and are prosperous and happy.—D. M. Hillis, Northwestern Christian University, to J. St. John Boyle, Centre College, May 29, 1864.

State University, Bloomington, Ind., June 1, 1864. Brothers of Kentucky: Again we are the recipients of your kind favor, and in reply I am instructed to state that the Indiana Alpha has no desire in the present prosperous and commendable condition of your chapter to take upon herself the honor of Grand Chapter. For a long time we believed you defunct, but an agreeable surprise has removed all feelings of that kind, and we are proud to acknowledge you as Grand Chapter. But there are other purposes and reasons for which you should send us a delegate to participate in convention. We certainly could if assembled where each and every chapter could have a voice, adopt some plan of united action to build up our organization. True you may argue that we could do this without your representation, but I venture to say that it would not be altogether satisfactory. Have you no one connected with your chapter who lives in

Louisville that could be deputised to be with us *even* should he miss the glory of the commencement exercises of his "Foster-Mother?" Look at it as you please we are constrained to believe that the Kentucky Alpha is under special obligations to send a delegate here, for the reason that the Indiana Alpha paid the expenses of Brother J. S. Broadwell, to attend at Danville in 1860. We will have the most interesting commencement the University has ever seen since the palmy days of a happy and peaceful country; and your delegate (should you send one) should carry with him the grateful remembrance of having had a pleasant time, and (we flatter ourselves) of having met and made the acquaintance of some jolly boys, to say nothing of the ladies. What pieces of literature, such as addresses, poems, etc., delivered before our organization at different places have you in your possession? Your delegate should be provided with letters to be presented to me (as chairman of the reception committee) on his arrival. We will be disappointed if you do not change your resolution and dispatch us a representative. Write by early mail. Fraternally, R. A. D. Wilbanks, Secretary Indiana Alpha. Your delegate will be expected to reply to the following toast: "The Kentucky Alpha."

We are glad to know that you concur in our views concerning the Grand Chapter, but regret that your society may not be represented in the convention. We prefer you would be represented, especially since the Grand Chapter is to be removed from your State to ours. Our delegate desires me to make of you a special request to have a delegate present at the convention.

We are delighted to hear of the prosperity of your chapter, and hope it may ever continue above all competitors. We have no opposition here, save from a few fogies, who scare at the idea of a secret society; but their fright is harmless to us, and we are "monarchs of all we survey" in our line. W. J. Elstun, Secretary Indiana Gamma, to Kentucky Alpha, June 13, 1864.

We regret exceedingly that circumstances are such as render it inconvenient for you to be with us on the 28th; had hoped that it might be otherwise. However, we of course yield cheerfully to your excuse, and consider it a good one. Please accept the thanks of this Chapter for the willingness you have manifested in granting that Grand Alpha should be established with the Indiana Alpha. As I said in a previous communication, we do not desire to take away any of the paramount privileges of the Kentucky Alpha, and believing her at this time well worthy of her exalted position, we shall refuse as a Chapter to allow you to lavish upon us honors which it has pleased those who have gone before us to entrust to your care and keeping. In other words, the Indiana Alpha has no ambitious motives that could in this state of our organization be gratified by such a change.

But one desire prevails among our members: that of rousing our order, (which no doubt has been given to the "bats and motes" since the "exit" of Ohio Alpha,) to the topmost pinnacle of similar organizations. This accomplished, the grand object for which we are united will soon and easily be attained, and then we can close our College dream with the proud and self-sustained satisfaction of having performed our duty to our Fraternity, our predecessors and ourselves. We may ask of the Convention, if it sees proper to clothe us with the especial authority—to institute and charter Chapters in different States; and in case your college, from any cause incident to the lamentable condition of our country, should suspend operations, that the Indiana Alpha be regarded as the Grand Alpha until the Kentucky Alpha should be fully reorganized. We do not apprehend this necessity, but think it well to be prepared to meet any contingency that may arise. You spoke of the possibility of establishing Chapters at Hanover and Franklin. Hanover "played out" from some cause unknown to us, and we cannot secure the proper material to begin anew, for our motto is "quality, not quantity." Franklin College took upon itself the management of State affairs as well as educational to a considerable extent, and as a necessary consequence the load was too heavy, and Franklin is a memory. The same may be said with regard to the Chapters connected with it. We, as you were previously informed, chartered at the beginning of the year the Illinois Beta, but they for some unknown reason have been silent for the last six months. The same with the Indiana Beta. We anticipate establishing a Chapter at Ann Arbor, Mich., next session. The suggestion with regard to Illinois brings up many pleasant reminiscences to my mind, as I acknowledge her as the State of my nativity, and nothing would afford me more pleasure than to see every College in the State honored with a Chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and I shall bend my exertions toward the accomplishment of that desired result.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, June 20, 1864.

The petition for charter to establish Michigan Alpha is dated Ann Arbor, Mich., November 14, 1864, and signed by W. J. Elstun, G. C. Harris and R. C. Story. Indorsed on the back is the following:

The Indiana Alpha would respectfully recommend to the Grand Chapter the acceptation and adoption of the within petition. They (the petitioners) are worthy of the Phi Society, and deserve our gratitude and assistance.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Secretary Indiana Alpha, November 22, 1864.

We have not yet heard from the Illinois Beta, or Indiana Beta or Indiana Gamma. The enclosed petition speaks for itself. We hope the Grand Chapter will give these members, who, notwithstanding the immense opposition they have at the

Michigan University, have offered their services to further the interests of the order, all the encouragement you possibly can. There are some forty or fifty Greek Societies there, and the petitioners will need to be encouraged to work hard for awhile until a permanent Chapter is established. Tell them to be alive and awake; say to them to make the standard of membership high, to keep the proverb "quality and not quantity" ever before them. We would request that you use the utmost dispatch in sending them the Charter, Constitution, Bond, etc., for they should ere this have been increasing in members or preparing to do so. By a glance at the proceedings of our last Convention, you will see that it becomes my duty from official appointment to collect money for the purpose of revising our catalogue. Inasmuch as I would have preferred this arduous task to have fallen upon some one else, yet feeling that no duty is too great that is performed in behalf of our cherished order, I undertake it, feeling assured that I will have the coöperation of every Phi whose heart desire is to see our organization prosper and appreciated. My labors will be submitted to the committee on publication as soon as I have collected and reduced them to a proper form. I suggest your Chapter appoint some one or instruct your Secretary to search the records and send me at your earliest convenience a brief history of your Chapter from its foundation—not for publication (unless is ordered,) but as an indispensable reference. Add to this the date of your charter, from whom it was granted, the number of charters granted by you, and to whom; and, if they are defunct or "sleepeth," their history as far as known, together with the names, residences and occupations of members, when and where initiated, when, where and how graduated, if at all. If deceased, state the dates of their deaths. It may be necessary to correspond with "old members," even friends of members, before perfecting your report. It is my desire to leave nothing undone that will conduce to the completeness, style or arrangement of the catalogue. It doubtless will not be ready for publication before the sitting of our next biennial convention, which I hope to attend and as chairman of publication committee make my report. As a convention should be held every two years, it is necessary that every Chapter should be represented. For this end it is important that each Chapter defray the traveling expenses of her delegate, and in order to meet the demand at the proper time, I would suggest that each Chapter levy a tax on each member after his initiation for each term while in College, to be appropriated for that special purpose. In this manner all the members that are initiated, whether present at the time of election of delegate or not, will bear their proportionate part. I believe a tax of twenty-five cents to each member during each term of his stay at College would be sufficient to defray the expenses of a delegate, also the publication of the

catalogue. I presume it can be made a by-law, or else voted upon by the Chapters and engrafted in the Constitution. What does the Grand Chapter think of the propriety of adopting a grip, pass word, test word, etc.? Send us your opinion in regard to all the above, with any additional suggestions you may see proper to make. . . Where does the Grand Chapter get their pins? We formerly got ours of one Vogt in Louisville, but have declined getting any more from him. He made a good many botches for us last year. We have partially employed a man in Chicago to make them for us. He sent us a sample which is far superior to any made in Louisville. He makes them all of a uniform size. They are engraved elegantly, and we would like for all the Chapters to get their pins from him. We will order them for you from him if you desire. They are cheaper than Vogt's. They weigh three pennyweights of eighteen carat gold. and he charges but $4.50 in gold. Vogt used to charge $6, and sent us only two-and-a-half pennyweights of sixteen carat gold in them. . The Betas are here and this is their motto: *B*——*Θ*——*Π*——. R. A. D. Wilbanks. Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Kentucky Alpha, November 22, 1864. For obvious reasons the Beta motto is not published.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 17, 1864. Mr. Wm. L. Yerkes. Sir—Your favor of the 30th ult. is before me. Allow me to say that your promptness in aiding us to establish a chapter of the *ΦΔΘ* in this university, as manifested by your proceedings, and your kind regards, as expressed in your letter, afford us no little encouragement. Situated in the very midst of old and popular societies, we are fully aware of the difficulties that lie before us, and are fully determined to meet them. In the selection of members our motto will be quality, not quantity. Your obedient servant, G. C. Harris.

I presume that Illinois "Beta" has "played." We received a letter from Ann Arbor stating that Wm. W. Barnes, a charter member of the Illinois "Beta," had joined another society there for popularity. Barnes is a smart young man, and has gone to Ann Arbor for College honors.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to John St. John, Boyle, Centre College, December 16, 1864.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the charter of the Michigan Alpha and other papers you were kind enough to forward. Please accept our most sincere and grateful thanks for the promptness you have manifested, thus aiding us to establish the order in Michigan. Brother Harris delayed answering your letter for some days, but I presume you have ere this received his answer. We have not yet had time to make a formal organization, and do not feel that we are yet the Alpha upon soil before untrodden by a society of the

name. But we will soon announce to our brothers that we have laid the corner stone of the Phi monument in Michigan, which we hope to see hereafter continue to be built higher and higher perpetually. I think we shall date our beginning with the year 1865, and hail our brothers with a New Year greeting. . . We shall do to the best of our ability and judgment in all matters as to secrecy and selection of members. But hope you will not expect of us much immediate progress, as there is here much to contend against. Several other societies are in full working order and of long standing. They, of course, have the advantage, but we promise our brothers to do the very best we can.—W. J. Elstun, University of Michigan, to W. L. Yerkes, Centre College, December 24, 1864.

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We are sorry to learn that our Grand Chapter has not a uniform sized pin. This is a lamentable fault with all chapters, and should be obviated immediately. We have already, so far as our chapter is concerned. We learned from Robert Morrison, who no doubt is familiar to your chapter as one of the pioneer members of our brotherhood, that the size of the pin was intended to be just one size less than the engraving in our catalogue. We followed this, thinking we were pursuing old landmarks.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, January 14, 1865.

I am pleased to learn of the prosperity of the Kentucky Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Last summer I was present in a convention at Indiana University, and was asked to represent your chapter, which I declined to do, but the convention insisted that I should have a seat among them, and take part in their deliberations. I agreed to it so far as taking the seat was concerned, but did not feel at liberty to bind your chapter in any way by my acts. It was a pleasant meeting, and we had a fine address by Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., of Boston.—Robert Morrison, Brooks Station, Ky., to Wm. L. Yerkes, Danville, Ky., February 1, 1865.

In this letter Robert Morrison explains the meaning of the Greek letters in the first edition of the catalogue. He also gives the derivation of the third word of the motto, the last two syllables being four letters, and of which he says:—It is a word of legitimate parentage and regular descent. Some good Greek scholars there were among the founders of the order, and some Greek professors among its early members, and I have never heard of any objection made by them in regard to the word. The following was presented by Wilbanks:—"Resolved, that the Indiana Alpha recommend to the chapters of this State the expediency of holding a reunion of all their members, in the city of Indianapolis, during the latter part of next June, and that a commit-

tee of three be appointed to confer with and make all necessary arrangements with other chapters." Messrs. Wilbanks, Gorman, and Powell appointed—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, February 22, 1865.

The Phis of Indiana have been assembled in what they saw proper to term a "State Convention" since you last heard from us. We had a fine time, one long to be remembered. We resolved to meet again in a "Social Union" in the city of Indianapolis on the 30th of next June. In regard to the Illinois chapter, we only know that last week we received a letter from Seth Robinson proposing to abandon his attempts to establish a chapter at Jacksonville. I think, however, he will yet succeed. I wrote him as encouragingly as I could.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, March 25, 1865.

On motion, O. F. Baker was instructed to initiate the requisite number of persons for establishing the Indiana Zeta with the Vincennes University, and the secretary requested to furnish him with the necessary papers.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha Minutes, May 2, 1865.

On motion of Wilbanks, the motion made at the meeting on May 2, instructing Mr. Baker to organize the Indiana Zeta, was reconsidered and the motion lost. Mr. Baker was then instructed to initiate Messrs. James Edgar Baker, John C. Caldwell, H. Shannon Whiltelsey, and Frank Moore, of the Vincennes University, into the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ as members of the Indiana Alpha, and they were empowered to initiate others at their discretion, and their organization was to be called a branch of the Indiana Alpha.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha Minutes, May 26, 1865.

Mr. Hamilton moved that Mr. O. F. Barker be requested to send us a catalogue of the school at Vincennes, and general information about the institution.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha Minutes, December 31, 1865.

The news from this quarter is very flattering. The chapters throughout this State are prospering. We make great calculations for having a day of rejoicing in the city of Indianapolis on the 30th of June. I believe I wrote you in regard to it. We christen it the "Biennial State Reunion." We will not, however, under any considerations, exclude our brothers from other States, but we extend your chapter an invitation to come as invited *guests*, and we will show you the hospitality of *Indiana Phis*. The invitation may be taken individually or collectively. We hear from our boys at Michigan. They are hopeful and alive. Should they keep up until the beginning of next year, Phis will be as popular at the Michigan University as they are in every college where they have an existence. One of our members will be there to assist them. There never has been such a devoted attachment manifested for our society by its members as

I think prevails at this time.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Kentucky Alpha, May 11, 1865.

Our chapter also instructed me to inform you that we have changed the time of our reunion to the 30th of June, in order to gratify the wishes of our Alpha and Beta brethren. We did so at the sacrifice of our own interest. The announcement had been made in the catalogue for the 21st of June, which was the time we thought most appropriate, and a time when we could have been most successful. The change which we made last night will greatly discommode the members of the Gamma, and no one more than myself, for I cannot be here on the 30th. I have made arrangements to be at home on the 4th of July, and must remain a couple of days at St. Louis, which would make it too late to reach home in time to make any preparation for the celebration, if, indeed, I could get there at all. Notwithstanding all this, I am willing to waive all self-interest to accommodate my Alpha and Beta brethren. My greatest desire is that the forthcoming reunion may be a perfect success, and I assure you that the members of the Gamma are still determined to do all in their power to make it such.—H. H. Black, Northwestern Christian University, to R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, May 30, 1865.

Bloomington, Ind., June 15, 1865.—Rev. Robert Morrison. My Dear sir: Sometime ago your letter was received containing recommendations of a number of Phis for the position of orator and poet at our reunion in Indianapolis on the 30th prox. Your recommendations were followed by choosing as orator Prof. Stoddard, and as poet Rev. Baldridge. Prof. Stoddard's engagements were such as to cause it to be inexpedient for him to accept; and failing to hear from Brother Baldridge, another brother was chosen in his stead. The time was so short that we were compelled to choose our alternates from among the most available. Jacob S. Broadwell, A. M., of this place, was chosen orator, and James F. Gookins, of Chicago, poet. We think very worthy productions will reward their choice. May we not hope that you can make it convenient to be with us on our festive occasion? You, I believe, have attended all the reunions of the chapter since its birth, and as we desire to make this the proudest in our history, your presence, our pioneer brother, will render no small share to that end. We know of no one whom we would rather meet and whose fatherly benedictions we would prefer to receive at that time. Come, and we ask you to invite as many as you wish of your old associates; they shall all partake of our hospitality. Mr. Broadwell sends his regards. Very truly and fraternally, R. A. D. Wilbanks.

The last meeting of the year—a year of firm and steady progress for the Indiana Alpha. Victorious in every contest.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha Minutes, June 30, 1865.

EDITORIAL.

THE Phi Delta Theta is not an overly-sensitive fraternity. We do not think it necessary to reply to or to notice all the covert insinuations and inuendoes that are made about us by our contemporaries. We are fully persuaded that we could adopt no course that would not be censoriously judged by some one, and realizing that we can never hope to please all cavilers, we have philosophically determined not to let their captiousness ruffle the sereneness of our temper. We are not aware that we receive more than our share of criticism, and so long as this is the case, we have no right to complain.

But there is one little matter to which it is proper, perhaps, to give attention, in order to correct false impressions. In reading the pleasant pages of our exchanges, we now and then run across the statement that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a very long chapter list, accompanied with the intimation that the list is too large, and that necessarily some of our chapters are not located in good institutions.

Presumably every fraternity has an extension policy, whether adhered to consistently or not. With the class of fraternities that are so conservative that they confine themselves to one particular section, and that think no good fraternity material can be obtained outside the few colleges in which they are established, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ does not compose itself at all. The conservative fraternities are not extended far beyond their places of birth; they are provincial in the strict sense of that word. It is needless to say that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has not considered their methods worthy of imitation.

But we have noticed that the intimations that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has too many chapters are usually found in the journals, not of the conservative fraternities, but of the fraternities that are using their whole resources to extend themselves in all directions. One cannot but be amused when he notes this fact. And it is surprising that these editors do not see the inconsistency of their words with their constant efforts to widen the limits of their fraternities. They may never see it, but others do.

What is the history of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$? Though not the oldest of the Greek Brotherhoods, it is to-day established in more colleges than any of its rivals. At the close of the war, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ boasted

but five chapters in three States, and as our friend, the *Shield* of $\Phi K \Psi$, has asked,

> "Since then where is the college town
> That's missed her pilgrim staff and gown?
> What college door has held its lock
> Against the challenge of her knock?"

We are proud of our record. We now have sixty-six college chapters in twenty-seven different States. We would not have the number less. Our success has been achieved by dint of hard work, and the zeal and enthusiasm of our members. We determined to be a national instead of a provincial fraternity, and we have accomplished our object. Judging by the expression of our rivals, our phenomenal progress up the height has been viewed by them with mingled emotions, but always with amazement.

What is the extension policy of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$? Simply this: We would rather be a large fraternity than a small fraternity.

We would rather have a chapter in every State in the Union in which there is a good college than in only a half dozen or a dozen States.

> "No pent-up Utica confines our powers."

Moreover, we believe that all fraternities will finally acknowledge that we have the right idea. We believe they will see that it is better to belong to a national than a provincial fraternity, and that, following us, they will endeavor to become national. Many of them have that desire now; they would be national if they could.

As to the standing of the colleges that we are in, no apologies are needed, and none are offered. We are perfectly aware that all Phi Delta Theta colleges are not of equal size, or of equal rank. But we do not know how you would go about forming a fraternity with chapters in only leading institutions. What decides which are the leading institutions, and how could you limit the number? Probably if the line were strictly drawn, there would be found only one leading institution in this country. Many things determine the standing of a college; not buildings alone, not endowment alone, and not the number of students alone. It is the experience of every fraternity, perhaps, that some of its best workers and some of its most prominent members come from chapters in the smaller colleges. Our object in

establishing chapters has been to locate them in colleges requiring a high grade of scholarship, where we could get men for companionship who would be gentlemen in every respect. We have not always inquired whether the colleges they hailed from had million dollar endowments. If a college of such character as specified could afford us good material for a chapter, we would be satisfied with it.

On our list there are chapters located at colleges that we would not now care to enter if we now had the question to consider. For this reason: We are now firmly established in some of the smaller colleges where our local prestige is so good that it insures us a good class of men, but if we did not already have chapters in them we would not care to take the risk of competition with already established rivals, the number of students being limited. In every one of our sixty-six colleges but two we have fraternity rivals, and in those two are local clubs and ladies' societies. But the standing of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is so good in both that we are enabled to secure the very best of the students, and maintain chapters of an excellent character. We have indulged in no talk about "chapter killing" and withdrawing charters, and we shall not so do until the chapters do something which dishonors $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

A fraternity with a perfect equality of colleges is an impossibility. We know of none that has uniformity in this respect. Take $A \Delta \Phi$ or $\Psi \Upsilon$, which may be mentioned as types of conservative fraternities, and you will find a great difference between some of their colleges. We need not be ashamed of any of our chapters, and we would not have their number one less In so large a list as ours there will perhaps at times be one or more chapters not in good condition, but there is not one of a smaller list which is relatively less afflicted. If a chapter in one of our smaller colleges should be overwhelmed by competition and surrender its charter, we would regret its misfortune, while perhaps we would never seek to enter the same college again.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has been constantly raising her standard of admission. We have during recent years established many chapters, but we have rejected many more applications for charters than we have granted. We can recall two institutions, in each of which are several fraternities, and from each of which we have received three applications in the last few years. Moreover, we have

been importuned by fraternities to establish chapters in colleges where they are located in order to furnish rivalry and to relieve their isolation. One fraternity has kindly offered to aid us all within its power in getting into two of its colleges, but its assistance has been politely declined. And it is amusing that this same fraternity has been criticising $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for having so many chapters, notwithstanding it is treading as closely as it can upon our heels in the matter of extension.

As we have just said, our standard has been constantly advancing. We are now far ahead of our rivals in number of chapters, and we have enrolled the principal institutions of all sections of the Union, with scarcely an exception. We have passed the era when we sought to establish chapters. We are not seeking after applications for charters; they are coming to us fast enough in greater numbers than are necessary to be successful. The institutions that would have any sort of a hope of getting a charter for a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapter can be counted on the fingers of one hand. And any set of applicants from these institutions would, in order to get a charter, have to accompany their application with evidence of good organization and strong local influence. We are very well contented with what we have accomplished in the past, and we are in no hurry to proceed.

But when you hear a man talking about $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ having so many chapters, some of which are in small colleges, ask him which colleges he means. Ten to one, he does not know what he is talking about. Then, if he mentions any particular colleges, look up their standing as shown by the best available statistics, and as indicated by their catalogues. Accurate college statistics can be found in "The Manual of Phi Delta Theta," which is especialty adapted for "spiking" purposes. When a member of, say, $\Theta \Omega$ or $K \Psi$ speaks disparagingly of our number of chapters to a man whom he is seeking to pledge, and who is also sought by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, let the Phi's invite the Theta, or the Kappa, as the case may be, to make a comparison of his fraternity's list of chapters with $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s. If he accepts the challenge, pick out all the colleges in which both fraternities are established, and then place the remainder of the two lists side by side. We think the "deadly parallel" will in most cases win the new man over to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. With nearly every comparison that could be made, it would be found that we are in nearly all the good insti-

tutions in which any of our rivals is, and in many more besides. Of course this is not the only argument to be made in "spiking." The attention of the man over whom there is a contest should be called to the chapter's local standing, distinguished alumni, and other advantages, but whenever the point of number of chapters is raised, we can well afford to submit our chapter list to inspection, and to let it stand the test of comparison with the list of our rivals.

On the twenty-second of February occurred the installation of the Rhode Island Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, at Brown University, Providence, R. I. The ceremonies were conducted by the Province President, George Lynde Richardson, assisted by C. G. Hartrock, of Indiana Delta, who had been the prime mover and chief laborer through the infancy of the project. A goodly number of Phis from abroad were present to partake of the festivities of the occasion and assist in the sacrifice of the innocents.

Not long since we stated that the General Council had under consideration applications for charters from two large and prominent institutions of the East. The first was Brown, which, after sufficient deliberation, is permitted to place her name on the roll of Phi institutions. The second was equally prominent in that section of the country, but for sufficient reasons the General Council gave its applicants no encouragement. They are now seeking to gain admittance to some other order after having found the door of Phi Delta Theta barred, and perhaps we shall soon see some of our friends claiming to have stolen the sweet morsel from us, just as Delta Upsilon did in the case of the applicants she accepted after our refusal at Tufts, and until we showed the case up in an editorial, which the *Quarterly* has never found it convenient to answer.

The installation of our Brown Chapter marks another firm step onward in our march of progress. There was a day when we were considered essentially Western or Southern, and our old conservative friends would never have dreamed of our essaying to invade the old classic halls of the East, where they felt, as if by divine right, that their claim was sole and perpetual. But they have learned what pluck and energy, and perhaps a tinge of "Western blood" and "Southern fire," can do. We could

to-day cut off every one of our Chapters south and west of Pittsburgh, nay south and west of the Empire State, and then outstrip them on their own field with a handicap of half a century against us. In every institution we have entered in New York and New England, with possibly a single exception, we have taken our place in the front rank, and in many cases we have taken an unmistaken lead. We have "bearded the lion in his den." Colby, Dartmouth, Vermont, Williams, Amherst, Union, New York, Columbia, Cornell and Syracuse! Add to this list the name of Brown, and what brotherhood can stand beyond us in the land of the old Hollanders and Puritans. We simply consider this limited section because it is our newest ground, while it is the oldest fraternity ground. All that we are in that quarter we have built up in the last decade. When we extend our horizon till it compasses the boundless wheat fields of the Northwest, the Mexican frontier and the Golden Gate, and then look back to 1865, we see a faint revelation of the push and vim of the American heart with a fixed object before it.

We regret that the date of the ceremonial and the date of our publication were such as to necessitate the postponement of a full account until our next number.

We give a God speed to the new Rhode Island Alpha and a firm "right hand of fellowship" to the Phis of Brown University and "Little Rhodie."

In the chapter letter from Indiana Delta published in the December Scroll the initiates reported were listed as being one from '92 and two from '93. We were surprised to see the report of the initiations of preparatory students, especially from this Chapter, in the face of the recent decision of the General Council on that point. A letter to the chapter in regard to the matter has brought the most satisfactory explanation possible, and also outlined the chapter's attitude on the "prep." question.

Of the initiates, one was a Sophomore and two Freshmen—members, therefore, of '91 and '92. How they came to be published as '92 and '93 can be left for the reporter and the printer to debate; we are satisfied to know that the Chapter does not initiate any members of Sub-freshman classes. The Chapter has not initiated any such for three years, knowing the practice to be

unconstitutional, and parenthetically remarks that it would not consider it wise to do so even if it were not at variance with our laws.

We are glad to know that this, the only published initiation of Sub-Freshmen in the current volume of the SCROLL, has proven to be a mistake, and likewise to set Indiana Delta to rights before the Fraternity. From fifty-one Sub-Freshmen in 1887 we fell to twenty-five in 1888. For 1889 we want no more than the remnant from 1888 who are as yet thus enrolled.

THE Phis of Alabama are endeavoring to set *The Index* on its feet again. This shows commendable fraternity push and enthusiasm, but we are doubtful as to the advisability of the move. The SCROLL is the organ of the entire fraternity and endeavors to satisfy all its wants as a newspaper and medium of communication. If it does not succeed, that is the best evidence that it needs more support other than financial than it gets. The editor cannot write the whole book every month, and a book of simply chapter letters does not fill the bill. But beyond chapter letters the contributions from chapters to each volume of the SCROLL are practically *nil.* Every chapter ought to feel its duty to give the SCROLL every year something besides its letters, (and even those in many cases might be made far more interesting) which would be of interest to all others and perhaps outside of our own circle. An *Index* in Alabama may be all right; but suppose there is a *Comet* in Mississippi, an *Asteroid* in Georgia, a *Star* in Tennessee, a *Dial* in South Carolina, with the other states all provided for on the same plan. Or suppose we have only one to each province. There are *seven* parasites sucking the life blood of the central organ. On the whole we cannot approve the plan of local fraternity journalism. The SCROLL is too poor and needs too much assistance both literary and financial. Why not throw your literary energy and money where it is needed right now? When the SCROLL's cup of perfection is full, then let it overflow to the benefit of the *Index.* That day will never come. Why not make one organ a success rather than two a failure? And, by the way, we wonder if all the Alabama chapters always pay their SCROLL tax promptly in advance, and how many of their alumni are subscribers to the SCROLL.

We deeply regret to announce the resignation of brother O'Kane from the presidency of Delta Province. His place cannot well be filled, and in his withdrawal the fraternity and province both lose one of their most earnest and loving workers. We wish him a God-speed and success in whatever he may undertake.

The following extracts from a personal letter to us we print on our own responsibility :—

Delaware, O., Feb., 25, '89.

Dear Bro. Randolph :

* * * To lay aside my work in Delta Province and Phi Delta Theta was one of the most regretted things I have had to do for a long time, and I delayed the day of my resignation until I became fully aware that *something* had to be done.

I'm sure you know from personal experience that I was thoroughly in love with the work and retired from it only when it became a matter of necessity.

* * * Although now a private in the ranks, my zeal for Phi Delta Theta shall never lag, and you will find me ready at any and all times to do all within my power for the success of the cause. Fraternally,

W. E. O'Kane.

We have received the following invitation. It is general to all Phis :—

Third Annual Banquet

of the

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ALUMNI CHAPTER

of the

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Duquesne Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday evening, April 2, at eight o'clock. Your presence is requested.

W. T. Tredway, *Secretary.* R. B. Scandrett, *President.*

Virginia Alpha suggested that on the 4th of March all Phis wear our colors twined with those of the Nation, in honor of the inauguration of our honored brother, Benjamin Harrison. On

that day for the first time in the Republic's history a college Greek-letter secret society man, chosen at the ballot box, was declared President of the United States of America. We can well be proud that Phi Delta Theta is the first to see one of her sons raised by his countrymen to the highest seat in the world. Virginia Alpha's suggestion was a good one, and, though not published, we are sure that some such spontaneous tribute of respect and pride was generally observed.

THE SCROLL has decided to suspend the publication of "Initiates" and "In Memoriam" notices. After long continued experiments and many urgent entreaties we have failed to awake in Chapters and reporters an appreciation of the value of completeness in the former department. Such a column when not complete in every particular is of no value. Ours never has been. Therefore it is discontinued.

"In Memoriam" resolutions cannot in future be published. In their stead we will insert notices giving full name, chapter, class, age, residence, with place, date and cause of death, and any other interesting and valuable particulars.

BENJAMIN HARRISON is still the cry of the SCROLL. Such enthusiasm is rarely met with, one number entirely devoted to the praise of the President-elect, the succeeding numbers glowing with a pride that cannot be concealed. This world was rather a tight fit for Phi Delta Theta, even before the sixth of November, and it is hard to tell what will become of that fraternity now, as there seems to be no feasible way of enlarging its accommodations.—*Anchora.*

Yes, Phi Delta Theta is proud of "Ben" Harrison. He is an honor to all Greek fraternities. We pay our compliments to the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A FEW months since we suggested a plan for inter-fraternity exchange of publications whereby every chapter of each fraternity might receive a copy of the magazine of those participating. The expense to each fraternity would not be much additional and the benefit all around would be a great deal. We

already have arrangements under way in several quarters and we hope soon to have our chapters supplied with some of the current fraternity thought.

CHARTER forms printed from the handsome new steel plate recently secured by the General Council are now ready for distribution. Copies of the new form can be obtained by such Chapters as desire them. For full particulars address the Secretary of the General Council, J. E. Brown, 176 East State street, Columbus, Ohio.

CHAPTERS publishing College annuals will please forward a copy (as soon as issued) for review to J. E. Brown, 176 East State street, Columbus, Ohio. Several Chapters failed to respond to a similar request last year, and it is hoped that our review of this year's crop of Phi college annuals will be complete.

THE date has arrived for the publication of the "Annual March Circular Letter." This rule is so well known that we have not thought it necessary to allude to it before. If every chapter has not done its part promptly, let it do so at once, that the list for 1889 may be complete.

CHAPTERS and individuals who have not yet secured a set of our founders' portraits should be sure to secure one before the supply is exhausted. Only a few remain. Send 60 cents in 2-cent stamps to E. H. L. Randolph, P.O. box 1398, New York, N. Y.

WE call attention to the exceptional opportunity noted elsewhere of securing *The Forum* or *The Statesman* in connection with the SCROLL.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION.

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE HISTORY.

I HAVE made several appeals through The SCROLL for historical sketches of chapters to incorporate into the History of the

Fraternity, but many chapters have failed to comply. The delinquent list is as follows:

Maine Alpha,
New Hampshire Alpha,
Massachusetts Alpha,
Massachusetts Beta,
New York Delta,
Pennyslvania Alpha,
Pennsylvania Epsilon,
Pennsylvania Zeta,
Pennsylvania Eta,
Virginia Beta,
Virginia Gamma,
Virginia Epsilon,
Virginia Zeta,
Georgia Gamma,
Ohio Epsilon,
Indiana Beta,
Indiana Gamma,
Indiana Delta,
Michigan Beta,
Illinois Delta,
Missouri Alpha,
Missouri Beta,
Iowa Beta,
Nebraska Alpha,
California Alpha.

Each chapter history should contain:

(1.) A full account of the efforts made to secure a charter, and of the establishment of the chapter, including date of charter, names and classes of charter-members, and the body by which said charter was granted.

(2.) A sketch of the chapter's life, embracing a succinct record of its vicissitudes and of its peculiar manners, policy and workings, and especially mentioning faculty opposition and how it was overcome.

(3.) All additional matter that would probably be of general interest or throw side-lights on the history of the Fraternity at large.

If these directions are not explicit enough I will take pleasure in answering enquiries on the subject.

When the historian has exhausted his chapter's archives, he should endeavor to obtain lacking information by correspondence with alumni members. The histories should be written on one side of legal cap paper, inside the line, and should range from six to twelve pages in length. If any chapters possess any old archives of historical value, I would be glad to receive an exact transcript thereof, or a description of them, that I may determine whether they would be serviceable to me. It is needless to emphasize the importance of chapters acting promptly in this matter. Such chapters as do not send in their histories will have to be left entirely out of the History of the Phi Delta Theta, or be satisfied with the imperfect accounts of them that I can compile from the materials in my possession.

I make a particular request that each chapter send me a copy of its annual circular-letter to be issued March 1. A complete file of circular letters will be very valuable to me in the preparation of the History.

Nashville, Tenn., February 5, 1889. WALTER B. PALMER.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ON Wednesday evening, February 6, we celebrated the (3d) third anniversary of our re-establishment at Cornell. Before the banquet we all assembled at the chapter-house and went through the pleasing performance of initiating three worthy men, Messrs. McCaw, Callanan and Fennes, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world. After the regular anniversary ceremonies and the reading of the pyx, we proceeded to Godard, where our banquet was spread. Thirty-three loyal Phis surrounded the festal board. After brother Upp delivered the president's address, we proceeded to discuss the elaborate menu. Between the several courses brother Snyder gave the history of our chapter, and brother Folts prophesied our future. After the last course had been served, the president resigned further proceedings to our worthy toast-master, brother Esterly. The following toasts were then responded to: "The National Fraternity," by brother Prof. L. H. Bailey; "Brother Ben," E. Tarbell; "The House Committee," E. A. Blauvelt; "Phi Emblems," W. S. Gilbert; "Phis at the Bar," C. H. Wells; "Our Alumni," F. L. Dodgson; "New York Alpha," F. A. Abbott; "John's," B. F. Hurd; "Class of '89," B. R. Wakeman; "Trips," F. G. Gardner; "The Girls," B. M. Sawyer. The following impromptu toasts were also given: "The Bond," E. C. Page; "School Life in Japan," Y. Ekeda; "Michigan Beta," W. N. Munson; "Cornell," P. B. Woodworth; "The Twins," F. W. Mahl. The regrets were read from Dudley R. Horton, '76, Province Pres. G. L. Richardson and others. The success of the banquet bespoke the rapid progress of New York Alpha during the past year. This week seems to be one of our lively college weeks. To-night the Cornell Glee Club gives an entertainment at the opera house. To-morrow evening, February 8, is the Junior ball at the Armory. The Junior is the greatest social event of the season. Brother Prof. Bailey, of Michigan Beta, has taken the professorship in horticulture, and brother Munson, of Michigan Beta, is his assistant in the department of horticulture. Brother Snyder, '89, has a position of assistant under Prof. Caldwell, of the State Board of Health at Cornell. Brother Hampton, of Mississippi Alpha, is located here in our city, as a United States pension examiner for this district. Here, for a course in physics, are brothers Woodworth and Case, of Michigan Beta. A few days ago we enjoyed a call from brother Durand, of Michigan Beta. Brothers Page and Pardee, of Ohio Epsilon, are in the law school; also brother Morrison, of Ohio Delta. Brother Ekeda, of Michigan Beta, is making a pro-

longed visit with friends in the city, and some time ago we received a call from brother Bates, of Michigan Beta. Brother Richardson also made us a call. There has been established here a new Latin fraternity, the Q. V. T. Also a sorority, the *A Φ*, was established by some young ladies from Syracuse, on February 2. Brother Meredith has left us for a short time, the physicians prescribing a short trip in the country as beneficial. Many of our members have class offices, such as brother Abbott, '90, class president; brother Esterly, '89, memorial orator. Then we have representatives on all of the prominent senior committees. Brother Barker has a very prominent position in the Glee Club. Brother Williams, formerly '89, is making us a visit.

February 7, 1889. B. F. HURD.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

THE progress of New York Epsilon has, we may say, been almost phenomenal. It now numbers nineteen active members, one, brother Stevens, '92, having left on account of poor health. There are—two Seniors, three Juniors, six Sophomores, eight Freshmen. Since our last, brother J. B. Sandford, '92, has been initiated; also brother G. K. Shurtliff, an alumnus of Sigma Psi, from which local society N. Y. Epsilon had its origin. Brother Sandford has a fine social position in the city, being the son of Professor Sandford, a prominent educator, and was much sought after by the other fraternities. Brother Shurtliff is actively engaged in religious work, and is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Utica. Brother E. Read, '86, lately professor of painting in the Penn. Normal School at Millersville, is with us, we hope permanently. We have received even more than our share of honors. At the recent election of the Senior class our two Seniors both received good places, brother E. M. Sanford statistician, and brother Sibley poet. Brother Wheeler has lately been elected president of the Sophomore class. Delta Upsilon received no place in the Senior election. The most gratifying fact of all is the election by the Board of Trustees of brother Sibley, though yet an undergraduate, to the position of librarian of the Von Ranke Library. There were some thirty applicants, but brother Sibley received the unanimous recommendation of the faculty and also the unanimous election from the Board. This great library will contain 150,000 volumes, and the position is one of the best in the University. In oratory the Phis are showing up well. At the Senior Exhibition, lately held, both brother Sanford and brother Sibley had very fine orations, that of the latter being pronounced by the *Daily Courier* to have been the best ever delivered from the college rostrum. Friday evening, February 9, occurred the anniversary

banquet of N. Y. Epsilon, brother E. M. Sanford, toastmaster. It was held at the Vanderbilt Hotel, and was elegant and elaborate. We give the programme as follows:—

"History," A. G. Vredenberg, '90; "The National Fraternity," B. F. Hammond, '91; "Brotherhood," E. Devine, '91; "Phi Delta Theta in Politics," O. W. Wood, '92; "The 'Big Four' of our Alma Mater," J. Reynolds, '91; "Poem," H. O. Sibley, '89; "The Legal Profession," J. Devine, '83; "Anniversaries," J. H. Carfrey, '92; G. K. Shurtliff, '83; "Our Rivals," J. E. Hoick, '91; "The Fair Sex," J. B. Sanford, '92; "Our Phi Bachelors," E. A. Hill, 83; "Oration," V. E. Kilpatrick, '91; "'92 and the Future," W. M. Fanton, '92; "Leopold Von Ranke and his Successor," H. O. Sibley, '89; "The White and Blue," C. H. Wheeler, '91; "The Greek *vs.* the Barbarian," T. S. Bell, '92; "Prophesy," R. W. Lowry, '92.

Our chapter rolls now contain the names of forty-two brethren. We have in our history book their histories in full, having commenced this important duty at the outset. Let no Phi go through Syracuse without giving us a call.

February 8, 1889. B. F. HAMMOND.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

BY the time this letter is published we will probably have issued our annual circular letter. We are more and more pleased each year with this feature of our fraternity policy. As concerns our own chapter and alumni, we know that it is of great advantage. By this means we are often placed in active correspondence with many alumni, of whom we seldom hear. Fraternity affairs at present are quiet. Senator Allison has been invited to deliver the annual address to the four literary societies sometime during commencement week. The declamation prize in Allegheny Society for '89 was won by F. C. Bray. The Athenian declamation prize was captured by C. L. Walton. Our chapter meetings are very interesting and profitable. We are frequently favored with the attendance of several of our alumni. Brother C. W. Miner, '81, pastor M. E. Church, Cattaraugus, N. Y., is a member of the visiting committee of this year from the Erie Conference.

February 4, 1889. E. P. CAUSE.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA has done a good service to the noble order of Phi Delta Theta by adding to its members Mr. Oscar Frantz, '91. His brother, J. D. Frantz, has been connected with our

Chapter for many months. Our reporter would like to state that either the members of Virginia Alpha are especially fault-finding, or else the remaining Chapters of Beta province extremely indifferent to the discharge of various duties,—for example, Chapter correspondence. In the last issue of the SCROLL our Chapter was the only one from the entire province that had a letter in that organ. However, college life may be dull, or "barb" material scarce, so that there isn't matter for a letter. We all anxiously await the arrival of intelligence from our sister Chapters and Fraternities announcing the first onslaughts of the crusaders against Fraternities. We do not counsel any protective measures; we simply wish to hear of these things for our amusement and delectation. The movement is too insignificant to deserve notice from the Greeks; but there is no reason why we shouldn't have a good time about it. Since we last wrote we have discovered that the watchword of our noble friends, "the barbs," is annihilation. They are annihilating with a vengeance; but the trouble is that this potent destroyer annihilates the wrong way and the wrong things—literary societies, for instance. Then, too, it has an awfully telling reflex action about it which I doubt not has caused many a regretful sigh to our friend, the *Annihilist*. We said potent destroyer, and advisedly so. The machine is composed of some thirty or so human pieces who run or stop at the will of the engineer. It's labor saving; one man thinks (?) for the crowd, and the other thirty —and thirty men in college—men who should have their individual opinions and do their own thinking. It remains to be added that up to the present time our friends, the "barbs," alias "Annihilists," have "annihilated" our number from ten to fourteen. Their own number has remained stationary, and will probably remain so this year. At any rate any decrease in it is not to be anticipated from any action of Phi Delta Theta. Like the soldiers of Sir John Moore, "we leave them alone in their glory."

February 8, 1889. C. F. KUDER.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NORTA CAROLINA BETA has so long been absent from the columns of the SCROLL that she is almost a stranger. We have spent a very quiet session. Our sister chapters may be surprised to hear that we have taken no new men. This is due to the fact that the number of fraternities here is so large and the quantity of material so limited that at the opening of the session there is a great rush for new men, and, rather than run any risk by being too hasty, we prefer to remain few in number.

A chapter of the Sigma Nu has been recently organized here,

and it is reported that the *K A* is to be re-established at an early date.

We number six, and I dare say a more congenial circle cannot be found.

February 1, 1889. W. W. DAVIES.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report the number of fraternities in this institution has been increased to eight by the entrance of Chi Phi. A chapter of this fraternity was established here not long since, with a charter roll of eight men. We wish them success. Intermediate examinations commenced last week, so it is useless to add that there has been a surcharge of rushing. Brother W. T. Aycock has been elected valedictorian from the Euphradian Society, and H. A. Brunson is president of the same. At an election, held in the Clariosophic Society, not long since, brother Boyd was chosen chief, and brother Gist an assistant marshal for commencement.

February 6th, 1889. HARRY A. BRUNSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

NOTHING of especial interest has occurred since my last letter, excepting the reception of our "Fall Term Reports." We, of course, sustained our former reputation in class standing. In the Freshman class brothers Cook and Belcher did exceptionally well. They were on second and third marks respectively. In the Sophomore class brother Jenkins leads, with brother Kimbrough second and brother Branch third. Brothers Fleming and Rowland also deserve special mention. In the Junior class brother Daves has first mark, with brothers Abbott and Bradley on second, and brother Fort on third. Brothers Dykes and Gillespie also received fine marks. In the Senior class we were excellently represented by brothers McRee and Mickler. We have made a splendid record during the last term, but we expect, and will, do better this term. Our boys, generally, are at work, and if pluck and hard work will do anything we will surely win, and get more than our share of medals and speakers' places at commencement. On the first Saturday in January the election for champion debaters came off, and to the honor of the societies be it said, brothers Eakes and McRee were elected to fill two of the six places—brother Eakes, from the Phi Gamma, and brother McRee, from the Few Society. They will do honor to their fraternitiy and societies commencement. We

are also glad to note that in the late organization of the Senior class brother Eakes was elected historian and brother Snow chorister. Their part of the exercises on Senior day will undoubtedly be among the best. A bare statement of facts can hardly be interesting, yet it is the only way in which to make known our progress and success.

No words can express our love for our fraternity and our harmonious work for it. There never was a more loyal chapter than ours, nor one that better deserved its title as the "Banner Chapter" of Emory College.

February 5, 1889. J. T. DAVES.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY

WE regret that Georgia Gamma hasn't had her letter in the SCROLL for some months. It is not because we have been wanting in love for one another, or of a lack of interest in the fraternity at large. We are not dead by any means. We have been quite active and energetic during the past several months. We got at least our share of honors for the year ending 1888. Brother J. W. Overstreet carried off second honor; he also secured a senior speaker's place. Brother George Overstreet was also one of the fortunate Seniors who secured a place at commencement. In Junior we had only one man. He secured a speakers' place, carrying off Junior Oratorical Medal. Our Sophomores were not laggards in the race. Brothers Crossland, Anderson, Palmer and Willingham were among the successful contestants for Sophomore places. Brother Crossland was awarded first medal for superiority in declamation. The chapter closed its year's work for 1888 with an elegant banquet in honor of our young lady friends. It was an occasion long to be remembered by those who participated in it. Twelve of us returned in the fall. All were enthusiastic and anxious to work for the advancement of our beloved order. We have initiated as the fruits of our efforts brother Wynn, secretary of Y. M. C. A. He is taking a course of theology at the college. Brothers Bryan Collier, '90, Griffin, Ga.; C. T. Tillman, '91, Quitman, Ga.; W. Conner, G. Conner, '92, and Bob. Sparks, '93, Macon, Ga., are now wearers of the sword and shield. Perhaps it may not be amiss, just here, to say that we have asked only eight men this year to join us, and six of that number have done so. In our college election that came off in December Phi Delta Theta got an anniversarian's place and one champion debater's place.

January 28, 1889. G. R. LONG.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

WHEN we sent in our last report we thought at that time the work of "spiking" had come to a close, but such was not the case.

After the holidays and at the beginning of the second term we had some new men to enter college, among this number $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ set her eye upon one whom she thought would make a worthy Phi, and after convincing him that we were the right crowd, we initiated him into the mysteries of our great organization.

We have also added to our number brother Carlisle Jones of the law class, whose residence is in Selma, Ala.

We, therefore, take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity brother A. J. Gibson, of Jacksonville, Ala., who is our only member of the Freshman class, and brother Carlisle Jones, of the law class.

We are proud of all our initiates of this year, and have been very careful in selecting. We have initiated one Junior, four Sophomores, one Freshman, and one law student, making a total of seven new Phis, who are as true as steel.

The Sophmore speakers have been appointed, and we are represented better than any other fraternity, having three on the speaking list and two alternates, while one other fraternity has three on the list, but no alternates.

At the last State convention, held at Montgomery, it was decided to reorganize the *Index*, which was published by brother O. D. Street, in Tuscaloosa, last year.

It was put into the hands of the three Alabama College chapters, having five men on the staff.

Brothers Crook, Earle, and McAdory were selected from this chapter, and it is needless to say that they will do everything in their power to forward the interest of the *Journal*.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition, and is ever ready to work for the cause of her fraternity.

February 4, 1889. W. L. SMITH.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

OUR university begins the new term with 38 new students and throws open the doors of the new "Annex" building just completed. This handsome limestone ladies' college and boarding department combined is a beauty of which our citizens and all Texas Methodists may well be proud. It is situated just east of the town on the brow of the hill and overlooks the country for miles. So high is its tower that we can, by standing upon it and using a good field-glass, view the glittering dome of our State Capitol at Austin, distant twenty-five miles, the home of Texas Beta. Professor C. C. Cody, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, will be superin-

tendent in addition to his duties as Professor of Mathematics in the University. Here is the place for some good sorosis to organize, for the Ladies' Annex of S. W. U. is among us to stay; its list of Alumnae runs back ten years. We record with pleasure the result of to-day's election in the San Jacinto Literary Society. Brother W. L. Bean was tendered the leadership of Commencement Debate without a spark of opposition. The position of second was contested by two Phis, brother John Mathis being the winner. So $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ gets both the San Jacinto honors; the Alamo does not elect until next Saturday.

February 2, 1889. J. RICHARDSON MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

WE are in a very harmonious and prosperous condition; the fraternal ties that bind us are stronger than before. We have two excellent men pledged, one of whom will view the mysteries next Saturday evening. An effort is being made to re-establish the Alpha Delta Phi Chapter at Miami. A number of students have applied for a charter. One of our pledged men was to have gone in with them, but we have won him to the white and blue. The majority of the applicants are not men whom Phi Delta Theta would choose. I may say that both of our pledged men had been approached by the would-be Alphas. We number eight men at present. Brother Rusk is president of the Miami Union Literary Society, brother Harris is vice-president of the Erodelphian Society, while the other brethren hold minor offices in each society.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated by the Erodelphian Society. We will be represented on their programme.

We are obliged to announce the expulsion of Walter L. Toby from Ohio Alpha.

February 7, 1889. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

WE take the greatest pleasure in announcing that the leading social event of the year was the grand reception and banquet given by the Phis at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Welch, on the evening of January 19. At ten o'clock supper was served at "Berry's Restaurant." Brother Tompkins, as toastmaster, proposed the toasts, which were responded to as follows: "Our Fraternity," by Geo. E. de Steigner;" "The Ladies," by C. A. Woodworth; "Our William," by E. Guy Welch; "Benjamin Harrison," by C. F. Blake; "Ohio Gamma," by J. C. McMaster; "Our Future," by E. B. Gore: "The Sword and Shield," by J.

C. Thomas; "A word for our younger members," by D. W. Welch. After supper we returned to the residence of our host and hostess, where several pleasant hours were spent. We were glad to welcome back, almost in our midst, alumni brother John J. Welch, from Kansas City. Since our last letter we have "spiked" several *very* desirable fellows, whom we think will make *true* and *loyal* phis.

January 31, 1889. D. W. WELCH.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

OUR number during the last month has increased one, making in all eleven, by the return of brother Willis Green, '89.

We were agreeably surprised some time since to hear that brother C. R. Anderson, one of our alumni, was to be married to Miss Katie Hollinshead, of Dayton, Ohio, on the 12th of this month.

For him we can say that he will get a very attractive and popular young lady for his wife, and on the other hand we can say the same for her.

February 4, 1889. GEO. A. MCROBERTS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

AT the opening of the present college year, there was found on the field of battle thirteen active Phis, contending with their rivals for supremacy among the new students. After struggling for several weeks among our competitors, we were rewarded by the acquisition to our chapter of six of the most available men in college. It is with pleasure that we introdnce these new men to the Phi world. They are: '92, Harry M. Stoops, Brookville, Indiana; '91, Ralph Bamberger, Indianapolis, Indiana; '92, D. C. Breedlove, Zionsville, Indiana; '92, Jno. M. Wall, Clermont, Indiana; '92, George H. Pendleton, Nineveh, Indiana; '92, E. P. Jones, Milton, Indiana.

We lost three men by graduation. Of these brothers W. H. Foster and E. B. Stalker have lucrative positions as teachers, while brother F. B. Foster is attending Allegheny. Among those who failed to return are brothers W. E. Clough, now at Miami College, Chas. Ireland, studying law at Brounstown, Indiana; J. E. Hargan, in business at Madison, Indiana, and E. P. Cubberly and W. E. French, teaching school. Brothers Dow, Foster and Tyner have returned to us after an absence of several years.

Indiana Alpha is as solid as a stone wall. We are firmer than ever and ask odds of no one. During the year several honors have fallen to members of our chapter. Brother F. B.

Foster was editor of the *Indiana Student* and orator of his class. Brother E. V. Moss was president of the Mathematical Club and now holds a similar position in the Oratorical Association. Brother Jas. L. Mitchell, Jr., is secretary of the Class of '89, and your reporter represents Phi Delta Theta on the *Indiana Student.* On field day the Phis captured five first prizes. Throughout the year we were represented in the various literary entertainments. This year has begun under the most favorable circumstances and we hope, as we certainly will, to make this a year of great benefit to all. Our position towards the other fraternities is of a friendly nature, and we have reason to believe the same is true of them,

January 19, 1889. T. M. HONAN.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

I SEE in December SCROLL that Indiana Delta reports two men of '93, and one of 92.

This is an incorrect report.

It should be Garshwiler and Province, of '92, and Leach, of '91.

The lateness of this correction is due to the fact that the December SCROLLS were not received until about the 15th of January*, and was not notified of the seeming inconsistency, only a few days previous, by Secretary Brown, to whom I am very thankful, since we wish not to be misrepresented in respect to the initiation of preparatory students.

We have not initiated such for over two years, and have no desire to do so whatever.

We feel that the constitution is as it should be, and have tried to comply with its teaching the best that we were able.

So I think it no more than justice to Indiana Delta that this correction should be made to the fraternity at large, since she is striving to fulfill her duties as an individual chapter.

February 4. E. M. FISHER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

THE prospects of this chapter last fall were decidedly unflattering. The small number of seven Phis gathered here at the opening of college, and it looked as though Michigan Alpha were to die a third time. Our hopes were much dimmed, too, by the fact that there were eleven other fraternities contending with us. It may be thought that, from the large number of students, desirable fraternity men are easy to secure; but, with so many fraternities, the chance of a newly established chapter

[* This must have been owing to some irregularity in the mails, as December SCROLLS were mailed the last of November.—EDITOR.]

is small in the extreme. In view of this fact our success, so far, has been excellent.

The name of Brother O. R. Hardy ought to be mentioned here, for it is largely due to his efforts and zeal that we have been so fortunate. We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the names of the following brothers: E. E. Ewell, '90; H. A. Sanders, '91; L. T. Chadbourne, '91; A. S. Ralph, A. C. Newell, G. H. Chilcote, F. B. Mulliken, A. B. Hardy, '92. Besides these we have three pledged men. More of our old members returned, so that now we number seventeen, fifteen "Lits" and two "Medics." There are four other men in the professional departments who have not affiliated. As yet we have no chapter house, and we cannot hope to be in first class-standing until we have. All the older fraternities have chapter houses, which places them at a great advantage over us. In the way that student life is conducted here, a chapter house is almost vital to a fraternity. Another desirable thing for a fraternity here is to be on the *Palladium* Board. The *Palladium* is the yearly publication, and is issued by nine fraternities, which also manage the social life of the University. Delta Upsilon is excluded, not being a secret society. Phi Gamma Delta refused to pay the fee for the publication of their cut when first established here, and thus incurred the ill-feeling of the *Palladium* fraternities, and have been refused representation so far. As for us, we have tried to act in a gentlemanly way in our relations with the *Palladium* fraternities, and have reasonable hopes of being admitted when we present our application in the spring. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has recently established a chapter here. This makes a total of nineteen fraternities, besides which there are four sororities. We rejoice to say that the three requirements of Phi Delta Theta have been rigidly adhered to in the election of new members, and no attention has been paid to any others. The result is that there is perfect harmony among the Phis, which certainly ought to be indicative of prosperity. Brother Edwards' name was omitted from the list of initiates. He is a member of the Pharmaceutical Faculty.

As the time draws near for the appearance of the annual chapter letter, we should like to urge the desirability of all the chapters sending us a copy of their letters. We lack quite a number of last year's letters. The number of students has reached 1,825, the largest number ever enrolled. Owing to our not having a chapter house, and various other reasons, we have been obliged to take measures to transfer the Epsilon Province Convention, which was to have been held here. It is with much regret that we have decided on this, for we should like to entertain the brothers on that occasion. We wish success to all the Phis, and hope that they may find their fraternal intercourse as beneficial as we do ours.

January 29, 1889. J. T. N. HOYT.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

THE new year opens with strong but quiet activity in fraternity circles. The few available "bards" left over from the fall term (and, by the way, those left over are often the best), are subjects of much interest, with the prospect of the Phis securing the lion's share. With the return of brother Barringer, '91, and the initiation, January 26, of brother George G. Kenney, '90, we number thirteen loyal men, with three excellent men pledged. Two pleasant matrimonial events of interest to our circle have taken place since our last communication. Brother George V. Deal, here in '79 to '81, was married, December 19, to Miss Minnie Johnson, Jonesville, Mich. December 27, brother Willis L. Moore, formerly at Hillsdale College, but later of Mich. Alpha, took unto himself "for better or for worse," Miss Jessie C. Sheldon, of Hillsdale, and a member of *Π B Φ*.

February 7, 1889. E. D. PALMER.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

JUST at present Illinois Zeta is exceedingly lively. We have just received a duplicate of our old charter, filled out on one of the new forms, and I suppose this is what makes us so full of life, for two charters is enough to give us quite a boost. In the annual contest in Oratory for the Swan prizes, we were represented by brothers Trott and Allen. Brother Trott was marked third, being one per cent. behind the first prize winner and five-sixths of one per cent. below the second prize man. Brother Trott's mark in delivery was ninty-four and one-third, the highest mark ever given at Lombard. Brother Allen obtained fifth place. A barbarian captured the first prize—a *Δ Θ*, (local), second. There has been some "rushing" done since Christmas. The *Δ Θ* boys have captured one new one, an irregular freshman, who will probably be a sophomore next year.

We have also been on the hunt, and on February 9th we will initiate a member of the Sophomore class, a man who has been in school two years. On the same occasion we expect to put through a Junior lately entered—several other men are under our surveillance.

On the occasion of the coming initiation, we expect to have an unusually big time. Two, and perhaps three, former members of the chapter will be with us, brother P. I. Hale, '91, Stoughton, Wisconsin; C. N. Anderson, '90, Yates City, Illinois, and C. J. Mortimer, '90, Chicago. The *Π Φ* girls entertain their gentlemen friends next Friday evening. Many Phi boys were gener-

ously remembered with invitations. Brother A. D. Grubb, '92, who was obliged to leave school at close of last term on account of ill health, is now located at Great Bend, Kansas, and writes that he is growing much stronger. Brother V. Smith, '91, who left at the same time, is studying medicine at Osceola Mills, Wisconsin. We often have the pleasure of meeting brother J. E Crews, '92, De Pauw, who is a Route Agent for the Wells, Fargo Express Company. He is located at Chicago, but passes through here often. He will probably visit our next meeting. Brother Lee Fairchild, 86, paid us a visit at our last meeting. He has a pleasant pastorate at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Lee is building up quite a reputation as a writer of humorous prose and poetry.

February 4, 1889. SAM. D. HARSH.

ETA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WE have only two events of importance to report this month. The first is the reception of a Faculty dictum issued to the "Frats" January 30, 1889. A deadly hatred of the "Frats" once flourished here, then languished, and is again struggling into life. The trustees are opposed to fraternities, but the Faculty has rallied in our defense, and while they seem (to the trustees) to have struck us a vital blow, in reality no action could have been better calculated to build us up. Below we give an outline of the new regulations: Students to be eligible to membership in any fraternity in the University must have been in attendance at the University for one year, must be classified as freshman, and shall have made an average grade of 85 per cent. during the year previous to his intended initiation. Having attained to this degree of excellence, the student is at the disposal of the "Frats." Thus is the social tendency to be diminished, and a readjustment made on a pure scholastic basis.

This is not above *our* former standard, and as I write I am impressed with the fact that we have not a man in the chapter who does not do credit to himself and honor to the moral and scholastic interests of the University. We scored our annual victory at the Oratorical contest Thursday evening. Brothers Rogers and Spurgeon were our representatives on the programme, and took first and third honors respectively. A "barb" took second and the Betas took — flowers. Thus history repeats itself and our chapter steadily advances.

February 7, 1889. WILL H. SPURGEON.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

THE second term has just arrived, finding the University in excellent condition, and our chapter in the same condition. The

State Legislature is now in session, and much interest is manifested as to whether the needs of the University will be attended to liberally or not. Of course, we enlightened people, who are directly connected with the University, think the passage of a large appropriation bill the only natural course, but the more or less civilized creatures who get into the Legislature from the extreme West of Kansas may think otherwise. We have brother Ed. O'Brion to introduce to the Phi world as our latest initiate, and a good addition, too, to our numbers. We rejoice this term in the return of brothers Fred. Funston and E. C. Franklin, brother Funston taking up his studies again after an interruption of about a year and a half, and brother Franklin resuming his work as assistant in chemistry, after a three months' business sojourn in Louisiana. But, in accordance with the old saying about the roses and thorns, we are pained to lose brother A. A. Stover, of Belleville, who did not return after the Christmas vacation, having accepted a position in a Belleville bank. We are also sorry to lose brother J. B. Funston, who was called from school about the middle of January, his services being suddenly required in looking after the interests of his father's stock farm. On Friday evening, January 25, after a triumphant emersion from the trials of a semi-annual examination, we entertained our lady friends in a most enjoyable party. We passed the evening in conversation, card-playing, and dancing, much as common people do; but there prevailed throughout a spirit of mirth and pleasure which seems peculiar to fraternity circles, and which thrives remarkably well under Phi Delt influences. The Riverside Mandolin Club furnished most acceptable music. After refreshments, brother W. A. White ground out some poetry from his "poetry Evolver," a peculiar machine made for the occasion (by covering over the gorgeously inscribed "Moline Implement Company" of a corn-sheller, borrowed from a neighboring store). The poetry was good and original, and the novel way of producing it enhanced the interest in the performance. Hand-painted souvenirs, adorned with our colors, were presented to our guests. Brothers Dexter, Barse and Finney, of Kansas City, were in attendance. We are, at present, in a rather unsatisfactory hall, but, when once we get out of it, we have quite determined never to feel settled again except in a cozy chapter-house filled with brotherly love and substantial furniture.

February 8, 1889. NEIL C. BROOKS.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

IT is with much pleasure that we introduce to our brother Phis E. C. Hardy, of '92. While we were working him, the competition from the other fraternities was very great, and for this reason we

consider our victory the greater, while at the same time it speaks well for brother Hardy.

Competition among the "frats" here is increasing every day, but we expect to hold our own in the fight. While this is the case among the "frats," we find that the anti-fraternity influence is growing less.

A new literary society (the *Delian*), has lately been formed in the University. Its constitution contains a strong anti-fraternity clause. Its members are all seceders from the other open literary societies.

We were glad to meet brother Emerson, '88, Ohio *A*, a short time ago, while he was visiting in the city.

K A Θ lately entertained their friends at the home of Miss Loomis. The Phis present reported a very pleasant time.

February 4, 1889. J. A. BARRIS.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE first term will close February 2. The fraternities have been quiet since the Christmas vacation. A writer in the *College Weekly*, signing himself *Nona*, who has been trying since the beginning of the term to create a feeling against the fraternities, has just bidden us farewell. The paper has been anti-fraternity from its establishment, seven years ago. California Alpha was at that time suspended. At first the paper carried on a vigorous warfare against the fraternities, and even went so far as to have a "history of the fraternities," which had appeared in it, published in pamphlet form; but after two years or so it became passive. A recent letter in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, and one in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, which letter was re-published in the college paper from the chapters of those fraternities here, were severely ridiculed by this writer. We announce with regret the death at Phillipsburg, Montana, of brother F. O. Linforth, California Alpha, '74. He was buried in San Francisco. Brother D. B. Huntley, '75, who has been a Mining Superintendent in South America and elsewhere, for a number of years, has returned. By the request of Prof. Christy he gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the students of mining, on January 9.

February 1, 1889. E. F. GOODYEAR.

Death Notices.

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CALIFORNIA, ALPHA, '74.

Frank Orson Linforth died of pneumonia at Philipsburg, Montana, January 14, 1889, aged thirty-five years and eleven months. He was buried in San Francisco.

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BROWN UNIVERSITY, RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY was founded at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1764. The college has a history which is exceeded in length only by such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania, and like these institutions it has grown in power and prestige through these years. Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine will mark off her one hundred and twenty-fifth annual commencement, and will find the university more prosperous than it has ever been before.

It is a denominational institution, being supported by and under the control of the Baptists, and is the one prominent institution of learning of that denomination in the East. In addition to its Church support, it is backed by the Commonwealth of Rhode Island also, and has received grants therefrom, thus putting it on a doubly sure footing.

Its location at Providence is upon what is known as College Hill, and the grounds are within five minutes' walk of the heart of the business portion of the city. The buildings are as follows: Sayle's Memorial Hall, containing recitation rooms; Faculty room, and Grand Ball-room; the Chemical Laboratory; Rhode Island Hall, containing the Museum of Natural Science, Physical Laboratory, and recitation rooms; Manning Hall, the Chapel, and Museum of Fine Arts; Slater Hall, a dormitory; Hope Building, a dormitory; University Hall, a dormitory, containing also recitation and reading rooms; the Library Building, erected in 1878, which contains the College Library, numbering sixty-six thousand, five hundred and ninety-five bound volumes, besides a large and exceedingly valuable collection of magazines and pamphlets. In addition to these there is to be built during this coming year, a Physical Laboratory, at a cost of $80,000, while the bequest of $50,000 from the late Daniel W. Lyman will be used in the erection of a gymnasium, for whose maintenance the alumni of Brown have raised an endowment amounting already to $30,000.

The real estate of the University is valued at over a million and a half of dollars, and its productive endowment at the last report to the Board of Trust was $960,411.61.

The Faculty numbers twenty-two professors and instructors, including such names as Ezekiel Gilman Robinson, president; Albert Harkness, professor of Greek; Alpheus Spring Packard, professor of Zoology; and Winslow Upton, the astronomer.

The campus comprises ten acres in all, the part in the rear of the group of college buildings being devoted exclusively to base ball, foot ball, and other athletic sports.

Such is the material condition of Brown University. In scholarship, *personnel, esprit de corps,* and college loyalty, its students and allumni are second to none. The equipment of the institution and its course of study ranks it with Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan, and Dartmouth. Its branches of work are not so numerous as are those of Yale and Harvard, but that which it does is no less thorough. The graduate degrees conferred are the Bachelors of Arts and Philosophy.

The post-graduate degrees which are conferred both *in cursu* and *pro honore* are the Master of Arts and Doctor of Pholosophy, the latter carrying with it an honor greatly prized, for the Ph. D. of Brown is not given without the strictest regard to merit.

The attendance at the University runs at about two hundred and seventy-five, of whom upwards of a hundred are always residents of Providence. The Freshman class usually numbers from eighty to ninety, but this year the number is but sixty-eight, the smallest for a number of years. The decrease is an exception and will not be permanent, for there are good grounds for, and indications of, an increase at the next session.

The history of Fraternities at the University begins with the establishment of $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, in 1836, since which time there have been established $\Delta\ \Phi$, 1838; $\Psi\ \Upsilon$, 1840; $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, 1847; $\Delta\ K\ E$, 1849; $\Delta\ \Psi$, 1852; $Z\ \Psi$, 1852; $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$, 1853; $X\ \Psi$, 1860; $\Delta\ \Upsilon$, 1868; and $X\ \Phi$, 1873; of these $\Delta\ \Psi$ and $X\ \Psi$ are extinct. $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ was inactive from 1849 until 1880, when it was revived by absorbing a local society; $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ from 1841 until 1851; $Z\ \Psi$ was twice inactive, from 1862 to 1865 and from 1878 until its re-establishment in 1885; $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$ was inactive from 1877 until 1886, when it again entered the University. Since the first establishment of $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ in 1836 up to the present time there have been initiated into the different chapters there between 1900 and 2000 members.

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On Friday evening, February 22d, the Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ was installed at Brown University by brother G. L. Richardson, President of Alpha Province.

The account of the movement which led to this final achievement will be of no little interest to many Phis who are as yet unacquainted with the details.

In the class of 1889 at the University there had been banded together for a greater part of their collegiate course a number of non-fraternity men, in order that they might gain a number of advantages and privileges—social, collegiate, and otherwise—since these are easier attained by concerted action. Latterly the association took on a Greek name, and was known as the Sigma Rho Society. This society, though not the transformed organization from which Rhode Island Alpha sprang, is in an indirect manner associated with its founding. For when after the senior elections last fall, a suggestion was made that the society disband; this was done, and a number of the more intimate members unfolded the plan they had wished to see realized—that of changing from a class to general society and perpetuating the organization. Brother C. G. Hartsock, a memder of Indiana Delta, who has been a student at Brown for three years, was a member of the orgatization, and to him the men turned for aid. It was agreed to attempt to gather together the men whom they knew to be well worthy of fraternity honors, and if successful, assail $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for a charter.

In securing their men they were successful beyond expectation, as several of those chosen had already refused invitations to become members of chapters in the university, and the prospects of enlisting them seemed not the brightest.

Seventeen names were on the application, dated November 17, 1888, sent to brother Richardson, with the numerous documents in support of the application.

A committee from the Williams Chapter was sent to Providence to confer with the men, to report as to the character of the men and the general outlook for a new chapter in the University. The letter sent from this committee to brother Richardson showed how thoroughly its duty had been performed. Every feature of the case had been well inquired into—and ended with the heartiest testimonials as to the high standing of the men pledged to the movement, to their enthusiasm, and with the vote of Massachusetts Alpha recommended the granting of the charter. Similar approval came from Amherst, Colby, Dartmouth and Vermont.

After its own investigations, and in the face of these testimonies, and the reports from the respective provinces, the General Council had little desire to do else than concur with the recommendations of our eastern brothers.

The charter issued is dated January 18, 1889, and bears the names of the seventeen original applicants, but already at the time set for the installation on February 22, five others were waiting to become Phis.

The exercises were conducted by G. L. Richardson, President of the Province, assisted by brothers Newton, Mass. *A*, East-

man, Tilley and George, Mass. *B*, Moulton, Maine *A*, Miner, N. H. *A*. Cheney, Vermont *A*, Knox, New York *Γ*, and Swope, Indiana *E*, of Harvard College.

The initiatory and installation ceremonies were concluded with a royal banquet at Gelb & Mohn's parlors. The thirty Phis, nineteen of whom were members of the new chapter, transferred their energies and enthusiasm to what had been prepared to delight the inner man.

Justice having been fully meted out to the *menu* in appetites with edges whetted by the vigorous exercise required in the first proceedings of the evening, attention was then turned to the post-prandial programme, over which brother Richardson sat as Master. The organization of this chapter has made the New England contingent proud of itself—a sort of self-congratulatory pride—and the colleges of Colby, Dartmouth, Vermont, Williams and Amherst were toasted in their Phi Delta Theta and general excellences by the brothers from these respective colleges. C. C. N. Y. looked after the New York affairs, and brother Knox spoke for the Metropolitan and Empire Phis. Brother Barnard eulogized Brown University, the *alma mater* of Rhode Island Alpha. Brother Hartsock, the organizer of the chapter, grew eloquent over that body, and detailed the many facts which makes the new chapter feel a just pride in the stand it has obtained, and upon which the Fraternity can congratulate itself. Brother Kingsley looked into the future of the chapter, and beyond each obstacle in the way of its success, tempered and smoothed by the enthusiasm of the members for the brotherhood, whose banners are now their own, prognosticated its triumph.

Brother Frank Swope, now in the Harvard Law School, spoke on "The Fraternity."

Congratulatory letters and telegrams were read from the following: W. W. Quarles, President of Gamma Province; C. P. Bassett, President of G. C.; J. E. Brown, Secretary of G. C.; W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.; New York Alpha Alumni, New York Gamma and New York Delta Chapters, and J. E. Davidson, President of Epsilon Province.

Interspersed throughout all these exercises were college and Phi songs.

It was a good time for all present, because the crowd was composed of the right material who knew how to have a good time. The new brothers caught the true Phi Delta Theta spirit from the older ones, and the excellence of their first lesson shows that they mean to keep it stirring at Brown.

The chapter begins its career under most favorable surroundings. It is composed of men of good scholarship, of literary attainments, well liked among their fellows, congenial among themselves, and above all enthusiastic in Phi Delta Theta. They

have secured and are furnishing a hall in Providence as is the custom of the other chapters in the University. It desires a friendly recognition from all the other chapters there, and expects to cope in open and honorable rivalry with them at all times, and we opine that the cordiality shown the chapter will be measured by the strength of the particular rival extending it.

The Fraternity is pleased to enroll Brown University and Rhode Island Alpha on its list. The members of the chapter meet with a most cordial greeting from the Phis of East, West, South and North on their entrance to our brotherhood, and they bid them God-speed in their efforts for Phi Delta Theta.

A New Fraternity at Brown.

A new Greek letter fraternity was added yesterday to the societies of Brown University, the Phi Delta Theta, a chapter being established in the college for the first time. Phi Delta Theta is one of the largest of college fraternities; the Brown Chapter is the sixty-seventh. It has members all over the country, being especially extended in the West; and it has the honor of numbering among its members President-elect Harrison. The Brown Chapter is started with unusually favorable prospects of success, for nineteen men were initiated last evening, with half a dozen more waiting to be inducted.

The initiatoy exercises were concluded last evening with a banquet at Gelb & Mohn's establishment, at which delegates were present from many colleges in New England and New York. Mr. G. L Richardson, of Williams, was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by S. B. Newton, of Williams; W. A. George, of Amherst; W. H. Barnard, C. G. Hartsock and A. E. Kingsley, of Brown; R. Moulton, of Colby; G. E. Miner, of Dartmouth; T. C. Cheney, of the University of Vermont; T. H. Knox, of the College of the City of New York, and F. D. Swope, of Harvard. The speakers dwelt mainly on the subject of college fraternity, the prospects of the Phi Delta Theta, and the establishment of it in Rhode Island. The exercises were prolonged very considerably into the night hours, and the proceedings were marked with that hilarity that pertains naturally to extramural college festivities.—*Providence Evening Bulletin, Sat., Feb. 23.* 1889.

Phi Delta Theta.

The Phi Delta Theta College Fraternity possesses the largest number of active members of any college fraternity in the United States, having chapters in colleges from Maine to California, and from Michigan to Alabama. Brown University was enrolled last night as the 67th Chapter, when nineteen men were

introduced to the mysteries of the frisky goat, while other neophytes will be initiated before long. After the "ball" thirty members, including initiators and initiatees, marched in line to Gelb & Mohn's parlors and sat down to an elegant repast. Shattered energies having been recuperated, toasts followed. Colby, Dartmouth, Vermont, Williams, Amherst and the College of the City of New York were represented. Mr. G. L. Richardson, of Williams, was toastmaster, and the following gentlemen responded: S. B. Newton, of Williams; W. A. George, of Amherst; W. H. Barnard, C. G. Hartsock and A. E. Kingsley, of Brown; R. Moulton, of Colby; G. E. Miner, of Dartmouth; T. C. Cheney, of the University of Vermont; T. H. Knox, of the College of the City of New York; F. D. Swope, of Harvard. The speeches were characterized by much enthusiasm and fraternal loyalty. Song and mirth enlivened the board for several hours, and "night's candles" were burned pretty low in their sockets before the assembly dispersed. Phi Delta Theta includes such men as Benjamin Harrison, President-elect, and starts at Brown under very favorable auspices.—*Providence Evening Despatch, Sat., Feb. 23, 1889.*

J. E. B.

INITIATES—RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

'89. William Henry Barnard, Centredale, R. I.
'89. Arthur Ellis Barrows, Providence, R. I.
'89. Frederic Everett Carpenter, Ashton, R. I.
'89. Arthur Cushing, North Providence, R. I.
'89. Horace Lincoln Day, Yarmouth, N. S.
'89. Sylvanus Everett Frohock, Warwick, R. I.
'89. Reginald Spinks Fyfe, Salem, Ill.
'89. William Howatt Gardner, New Brunswick, N. J.
'89. Charles Grant Hartsock, (Ind. Δ,) Lawrence, Ind.
'89. Frank Austin Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.
'89. Augustus Faber Swift, New Bedford, Mass.
'89. Nathan Manchester Wright, Johnston, R. I.
'90. Hamilton Edgar Chapman, Pendleton Hill, Conn.
'90. William Thomas Green, Fall River, Mass.
'90. Albert Eugene Kingsley. Poquonoc Bridge, Conn.
'90. Walter Harris Young, Elwood, Ill.
'91, Walter Evans Andrews, Freedom, N. H.
'91. Frederic Albert Greene, North Providence, R. I.
'91. William Henry Hopkins, Providence, R. I.
'91. John Derward Miner, East Greenwich, R. I.
'92. Albert Leslie Barbour, Ashton, R. I.
'92. William Green Jones, Zionville, N. C.
'92. Herbert Graves Partridge, Westminister, Mass.
'92. Phineas Augustus Reccord, Fairhaven, Mass.

EDITORIAL.

OUR letter from Ohio Alpha, this month, contains some startling charges against the Beta Theta Pi Chapter at Miami. We believe the general fraternity would not endorse any such villainous action. Things of this kind are what cause the general prejudice against college fraternities which it has been hardest for them to overcome. They have struggled against many adverse conditions, but have shown their worth, and are rapidly being recognized as an element for good in student life. But when such "low-down," dastardly tricks are perpetrated, they do more harm to the cause of fraternity weal than a hundred Pan-Hellenic dinners can counteract.

We respectfully present the matter to the attention of the authorities of Beta Theta Pi.

THE March circular letters are coming in daily, and we hope this duty will be promptly fulfilled by all the chapters this year. New York Alpha's letter was the first to reach us.

BROTHER ARTHUR CALVIN MELLETTE, Indiana Alpha, '64, has been appointed Governor of Dakota by brother BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States.

THE Historian's blanks were mailed to all chapters about the middle of March, and should be promptly returned on the first day of April.

CHAPTERS which have not already done so, will please mail a copy of their March circular letter to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

WE have nearly completed another term's work, but, notwithstanding that it has been a busy one, we have found time to give substantial evidence of our fraternity spirit. Our hall has just been completely renovated, and a fine set of walnut and leather-covered furniture has been placed in it. Its cheerful interior and suitable location upon the public square make it the most desirable hall at Pennsylvania College. Brother Seibert, of the Senior class, has been chosen to deliver the address to under-classmen on CLASS DAY. Brothers Ulsh, '90, and Enich, '92, represent Phi Delta Theta in the college orchestra. We deeply regret that brother Snyder, '92, was compelled, through sickness, to return home for the remainder of this term. Pennsylvania Beta sends greetings to R. I. Alpha. Our relations with the other fraternities of college are pleasant. The membership is as follows: $A\ T\ \Omega$, Seniors, 5; Juniors, 2; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 4; Sub-Freshmen, 1. $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, Seniors, 0; Juniors, 6; Sophomores, 5; Freshmen, 3. $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, Seniors, 1; Juniors, 4; Sophomores 1; Freshmen, 2; Sub-Freshmen, 3. $\Sigma\ X$, Seniors, 3; Juniors, 1; Sophomores, 1; Freshmen, 3. $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, Seniors, 1; Juniors, 3; Sophomores, 2; Freshmen, 5.

Gettysburg, February 28, 1889. C. W. WALKER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

EVERYTHING is quiet in fraternity life at Washington and Jefferson. There has not been the scramble for new men that there usually is. Only ten men have been initiated by the six fraternities. Our last initiate is Mr. Haldain Hughes, of Washington, Pa., and we take pleasure in introducing him to our Phi brothers, We were pleased to welcome to Pennsylvania Gamma from Pennsylvania Alpha brother Fred. Culbertson. We expect to initiate two more members of the Class of '92 within the next two weeks. We now have 16 members divided as follows: '89, five; '90, six; '91, two; '92, two; '93, one. Our students are now preparing for an entertainment for the 22d of February, by which it is hoped that all the debt of our college paper, the *Washington Jeffersonian*, will be wiped out. Several Phis will take part and endeavor to make it a success. Phi Delta Theta is represented on the *Pandora*, the college annual issued each year by the Junior class, by brothers Hays and Mathews. The *Pandora* this year is expected to surpass all former efforts. A cane rush is being talked of between the classes of '91 and '92, but it has yet failed to materialize.

Washington, February 12, 1889. JOHN B. CLARK.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA is enjoying a year of prosperity. We are harmonious, and our meetings held every Saturday evening are sources of pleasure and profit. As a general thing we have found it satisfactory to follow up some line of literary study and discussion, and to limit our work to literature. While our study, as far as criticism is concerned, is not of very great extent, yet we find it of great advantage as an incentive to further study and research in the line of literature. Many an alumnus has said with pride that he looked back to his fraternity discussions as the inspiration and incentive of a taste for literature. The fraternities are at present numerically strong, as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 12; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 6; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 11; Phi Delta Theta, 19. Brother Fred Gundy, '92, was very ill with malarial fever during the first part of March, and has been home for several weeks recuperating. Brother R. T. M. McCready, ex '85, formerly teacher in the Sewickley Public Schools, is now a student at Princeton.

Meadville, March 8, 1889. EDW. P. COUSE.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report, Pennsylvania Eta has met with a most severe loss by the death of our beloved brother, Walter F. Burden, who after a short illness of about two weeks, died on the 23d of January. The funeral service was held in Washington, D. C., on the following Saturday. Brothers Throop, Coates and Eavenson accompanied his remains to their last resting place. We are much indebted to our near neighbors (Pennsylvania Alpha), for the kindness shown us during our late bereavement; also for a beautiful floral tribute to our late brother. Brother Barnard was also taken sick a short time after the Christmas vacation, and was compelled to return to his home, but has since recovered sufficiently to be able to pursue his studies, and it affords us much pleasure to again have him with us.

We take pleasure in introducing to our brother Phis, brothers H. R. Blickle, '92, and C. T. Mosman, '92, who were fortunate enough to have all barbarianism bumped out of them by our "William" on the night of the 16th of February, and we are confident that they will prove themselves worthy of a place in our beloved fraternity. On the evening of the 15th of February, our chapter accepted an invitation to a progressive euchre party given us at the residence of Mr. Smylie on Fountain Hill. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and words fail to express our delight at the royal manner in which we were entertained. The winter meeting of our athletic association was held on

March 2d, and as usual we were represented among the contestants, brother Burkhardt securing one first and two second prizes, and brother Mosman was anchor on the successful tug of war team. Brother Fehnel having completed his course in chemistry at the University, has accepted a position in Philadelphia. Brother Newby has recently established himself in the real estate and insurance business at Harrisburg, and has kindly offered to furnish us all with blotters upon application for the same. In our last report in speaking of the several chapter houses at Lehigh, we mentioned the Delta Upsilon among the number, which was a mistake, and should have read Psi Upsilon instead. Brothers Lincoln and Straub represented us at the inauguration of President Harrison, and returned Wednesday night.

South Bethlehem, March 9, 1889. E. H. BEAZELL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

THIS session has been one of unusual vicissitude to Virginia Gamma. Our little band of members has had literally to take up arms against "a sea of trouble;" trouble in the shape of debt and financial embarrassment; trouble in the withdrawal from college of some of our most valuable men at a time when they were so much needed; trouble in the form of an unruly member, whom we tried long to get rid of, and who finally resigned (*sua sponte?*); and, finally, trouble from opposition in the shape of an anti-fraternity organization, which for five years has sought to wipe out, as it were, secret societies at this place, but which, at last, not, however, without powerful death throes, has yielded to the inevitable and given up the ghost. And yet, in spite of these difficulties and seemingly insurmountable obstacles to progress, we have triumphed, and stand as a chapter second to none in college. True Phi courage and determination coupled with an *esprit de corps* that binds the hearts of all to the common interest of the fraternity have been the winning cards in this game, and, now that we stand on a solid footing, you may expect to see Virginia Gamma taking rank with the best chapters in the fraternity. Owing to the fact that we have had to elect reporters several times, the names of some of our initiates have been omitted. They are as follows: Henry Eley, Suffolk, Va.; Andrew Leitch, Boswells, Va.; and Jos. E. Sniter, McGharysville, N. C. Of these, brothers Ely and Sniter have left college, the former on account of his eyes, and the latter on account of the continued illness of his father. Brother G. H. Lambeth also, an old member, and our former reporter, has

left us and entered business in Richmond. Ashland could not furnish a large enough number of the fair sex to suit his fastidious taste. In other words, Graham was our dude, and we shall miss him as much in that capacity as in any other. It is most too early in the season to speak of honors; we might mention the fact, however, that brother Thompson has been elected one of the commencement orators of the Franklin Literary Society. The chapters of the different fraternities represented here were never more friendly than at the present moment. An evidence of the close relationship existing between them may be seen in the preparations that are being made for a Pan Hellenic on a grand scale, to take place at the end of the session, and in the steps that have been taken to get out a college annual. College affairs are moving on smoothly. Work has been begun on the new Randolph-Macon Academy, the special aim of which is to prepare students for this college. Dr. E. L. Buchanon, Superintendent of Public Schools in Virginia, has been elected to fill the chair of Latin at this college, in view of the fact that our present professor of that department will have to give up the professorship in order to assume the double duties of president of both college and academy.

Ashland, February 9, 1889. W. C. VADEN.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

OUR reporter has been very negligent of late about sending in his letters, for examinations have been pressing; but now that these are over we will endeavor to do better and place our news in your columns every month. Since our last letter our number has been increased by one initiate, brother A. G. Patton, of Union, W. Va., which gives us a roll of nine men. New blood gives new life, and we feel its influence in this year's success. Besides having men of the best quality in college, we have enthusiasm, and will have the best start of any of the fraternities next year. The fraternities are very select in the choice of men here, as will be seen when we state that of 165 students only 42 are fraternity men. This may seem a small proportion, but we feel satisfied in maintaining a high standard at the expense of numbers. The best feeling exists between the fraternities at our college.

Since our last, $K\ A$ has been increased by two, and $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ has lost one man, which changes give the numerical strength as follows: $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, 11; $K\ A$, 11; $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, 9; $\Phi\ K\ \Sigma$, 8; $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$, 3. Brother Case, Penn. Delta, of Meadville, Penn., paid us a most delightful visit a few days since. Many of us enjoyed the pleasure of his company for a large part of his stay, and we can truly say that if Pennsylvania Delta can boast of

many such men we are confident that our fraternity's influence in the Keystone State must be great. Brother Tippett, Province President, is making strenuous efforts for the obtaining of reports from our alumni men for the catalogue, though their negligence makes his progress slow. We have received about fifteen chapter letters, and they are still coming in.

Richmond, March 8, 1889. C. JAMES.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

TENNESSEE ALPHA had no letter in the March SCROLL. Not believing in excuses your reporter will give none. The tendency of everything at Vanderbilt at the present time is to diminish to a great degree fraternity feeling, especially all unpleasant rivalry. Since the establishment of the class system, a more general college feeling has arisen, and this feeling has been greatly increased by the influence of the weekly paper, the *Hustler*, which is strictly non-partisan, being run in the interests of no society or clique in particular, but for the student body as a whole. Then, too, the athletic sports have done much to engender a spirit of college pride. Now, all this class feeling, college pride, etc., is well and good, and Tennessee Alpha rejoices in the change that has come about within the past two years, but she is sadly in need of something to make her members more enthusiastic. We have a strong chapter, and it is large enough; we are sustaining ourselves in the estimation or the other fraternities, and our men are ever among the front in scholarship; but we do need a chapter house, so that we would not be compelled to rent rooms in undesirable places.

On the 14th of last month Bishop McTyeire, President of the Board of Trust, died. He was buried on the Campus; representatives from the faculties and students of the several departments acting as pall-bearers. Bishop McTyeire was the manager of the university, and all are awaiting with some anxiety the appointment of his successor in May. The commencement exercises of the Dental and Pharmaceutical departments took place last month. Phi Delta Theta has no representative in either of those departments. The commencement of the Medical School occurs on the 7th of this month. In that department Tennessee Alpha has one member, S. D. Thach. He received a medal last month for some special work, and has been appointed to a place in the hospital connected with the medical department. Brother W. R. Sims, now Adjunct Professor of English, and a poet of growing fame, has written Vanderbilt's college song, and the music to it has been furnished by one of the students. Some weeks ago it was re-

ported that a new Greek letter fraternity was about to be established here. From the many whisperings and half-secret meetings in certain rooms, one would have suspected that some new club or society were about to make its appearance, but the new goat, it seems, was only a ghost.

Nashville, March 6, 1889. PAUL M. JONES.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

IN the Greek circle here nothing of particular importance has occurred since our last report, except Phi Delta Theta gained a very marked victory over all of her rivals by winning to her bosom Mr. George H. Dunlap, Jr., of Mobile, Ala, who is making a brilliant record in his class. Brother Dunlap was asked by every fraternity in college, and, of course, we feel highly honored to have him show his preference for us. We have been receiving "chapter letters" every day for the past week, and it stimulates Alabama Alpha to see what a prosperous condition her sister chapters are enjoying, and it makes her feel all the more confident that she is indelably linked with the grandest organization in the Union. We hope to have our annual letter out before many days, as a committee is at work on it now. We also hope to see the Index come out within a few weeks. Several weeks ago a picked company from the corps was gotten up for the purpose of drilling against any company, cadet or volunteer, that will enter into a contest with them, and also to go to two or three encampments after school closes. Brother Forney, who is senior captain, is captain of this company; brother Crook, who is captain of "B" Company, is first lieutenant, and brother Palmer, a lieutenant in "D" company, is second sergeant, besides $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ is well represented in the ranks. This company has been organized after the model of our famous company "E," that took the first prize in New Orleans during the exposition. We send to this month's SCROLL the resolutions adopted in regard to the death of brother Cornell, which, through negligence, was omitted heretofore. We intend sending in an order for some of the Phi Delta Theta song books, which we think every chapter should do. Our second term examinations begin next week.

Tuscaloosa, March 1, 1889. W. S. SMITH.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

OUR intermediate examinations are all through with, and I am glad to report that Mississippi Alpha is proud of the standing of its members. None failed, and some made the highest marks made in their classes. Student life has been quite gay during the past few weeks with several entertainments and hops,

and the Hermean Anniversarians Ball. The plans of our new Library building have been received, and work will be commenced on it early in the spring. It will be a beautiful structure of the latest style of architecture, and will be a great convenience, as we now have two flights of stairs to climb and are crowded for room. There will probably also be an appropriation soon made for a larger laboratory building for the chemistry department. During February two young ladies of the Delta Gamma, Miss Wegg, of the University of Wisconsin, and Miss Milliken, of the University of Michigan, paid a short visit to their parent chapter here; they gave us late and very complimentary accounts of the condition of our Wisconsin and Michigan Alpha chapters. Brother C. H. Trotter, '88, paid us a brief visit last month. He intends soon to engage in business on his own account.

Oxford, March 4, 1889. E. J. BUCK.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

ACCORDING to promise, we give the result of the Intermediate Examinations: $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, Distinctions 32, average per member, $3\frac{5}{9}$; $K\ A$, Distinctions 28, average, $3\frac{1}{9}$; $K\ \Sigma$, Distinctions 9, average, $1\frac{2}{9}$. The literary societies have concluded to honor three Phis with the highest honor they can bestow—Commencement debatership. The two from the *San Jacinto* have been announced. From the *Alamo*, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ is represented by brother Sansom, while the other speaker is a "barb" At present we have but one Phi on the *Monthly* staff. Brother Echardt leaves us to assist in his father's buisness. It is quite a loss and we part with him regretfully, hoping that he will return during some future session. Brother McLean, of Texas Beta, frequently drops in to see us, much to the delight of all. The object of his last visit was to "talk up" Senator McDonald to the *Alamos*, who, following his advice, elected the Senator as our Commencement Orator. Let the brothers of Texas Beta remember that they are always welcome to our hospitalities. Why not come down on the 21st of April?

Georgetown, February 26, 1889. J. R. MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

A VERY interesting course of free lectures is at present being conducted at the University. Dr. McCosh, ex-president of Princeton College, will lecture here on the 15th of this month. Dr. Brooks, the celebrated divine of St. Louis, will be with us

in the near future. Since our last report we have initiated our pledged men, Robert A. Hiestand and Samuel A. Stevenson, the former on February 9th, the latter on February 16th. A dastardly attempt was made by the Betas to prevent us from initiating Mr. Stevenson. About an hour before the time for the initiation, one of their number decoyed him to a secluded place near the O. F. College where two masked men seized him. After walking with them a short distance he resisted, at the same time calling for help. At the approach of some parties, the masked men, who had increased their number to five or six, ran off, but not before they were recognized. They proved to be Betas. When we were apprised of the affair, we at once started to the rescue. Brothers Bonnen and Chidlaw chased and caught two Betas, one of whom confessed that they intended to chloroform Mr. Stevenson and take him away in a carriage. The initiation went on all the same, and brother Stevenson was soon wearing the sword and shield. We suppose that the Betas were trying to court the good will of the intended Alpha Delta Phis by revenging our having captured two of the men who had been expected to go in with the Alphas. We do not desire to say anything wrong about our rivals, the Betas, but when they attempt anything like the above on Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, they must expect to hear from us. This was our first experience of the kind, and as we have hitherto been friendly to the Betas, it was a surprise to us. The trouble has blown over, and we have the laugh on them. The new brethren whom we introduce to the Phi world are proving that they are worthy and enthusiastic workers for Phi Delta Theta. The Erodelphian Literary Society celebrated Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises. We were represented on the literary part of the programme by brother Stevenson, who was the best orator of the evening; on the musical part of the programme by a Phi quartette, brothers Cruikshank, Clough, Townsend and your reporter. The two latter were also in the University Quartette. We celebrated the inauguration of brother Benjamin Harrison, by giving the two female institutions of learning a rousing Phi serenade. As yet the Alpha Delta Phis have not started their chapter at Miami. It is hoped that the proper kind of men will constitute the chapter when it is organized.

Oxford, March 7, 1889. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

WE are sorry that it is our duty to notify the SCROLL of a case of discipline which we found imperative. W. J. Moffatt, having violated the bond and constitution, was expelled by a unanimous vote of the members of Ohio Delta. He is also expelled from college by action of the faculty. The chapter took this extreme step only

after long and careful discussion, which brought to light the seriousness of his guilt. Under the circumstances it was our unanimous opinion that he had forfeited all the privileges of a member of Ohio Delta, and of Phi Delta Theta. While this was a serious action, we all feel that the chapter is stronger and more united on account of the lesson which it taught us. The final action was taken Saturday night, February 9. The joint committee for the Pan-hellenic banquet is perfecting arrangements. It is now the intention to have it on Wednesday, February 20th. As Alpha Tau Omega has but recently been established in Wooster, it is to be part of the Pan-hellenic programme to initiate the charter members. Whether they will "bite" or not is to be determined. The preliminary oratorical contest resulted in a choice of Mr. Nicholls, a $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, to represent us at the state contest. He was also the representative last year. Phi Delta Theta was given third place through your reporter.

Wooster, February 11, 1889. W. E. FORGY.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH the fraternities have initiated nobody since our last report, they have by no means been asleep, for "spiking operations" are going on even more vigorously at present than they were last term. Everything is going on smoothly and quietly in fraternity circles, nothing having occurred to disturb their peace with the exception of a rumor that Delta Tau Delta was endeavoring to establish a chapter here. Nothing more impracticable under the sun could be conceived of, for there are now six fraternities in the field with but 120 men to work in; and it is fair to suppose that all men elligible to fraternities will be picked up by these six. More than one-half of the total number of collegiate students are at present fraternity men, this is a larger per cent. than is usually found at other colleges. In order of establishment, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ has ten men, $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ 11, Sigma Chi 6, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ 12, $X\ \Phi$ 10, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ 12, $K\ K\ \Gamma$ now numbers 10.

The following resolutions, which are to be published in all the fraternity magazines represented at the university, were adopted by the committee on interfraternity relations:

Whereas, the number of male fraternities in this university is already too large when compared to the number of students eligible to fraternity membership, and

Whereas, the system of establishing more chapters than the conditions of the university warrants, tends to lower the standard of the fraternities and perhaps destroy the system as a whole, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the fraternities of this university are opposed to the establishment of any new fraternity here until the number of

eligible fraternity men is increased by not less that forty per cent (40%).

These resolutions express the sentiments of all the fraternities here, and we hope they will produce the desired effect.

'88, Brother F. S. Ball has accepted a position as stenographer with the law firm of Troy, Tompkins & Loudon, of Montgomery, Alabama.

Columbus, March 1, 1889. J. G. BLOOM.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM C. YOUNG has recently returned from the East, where he has been in the interest of the college. While he has not been as successful in some things as he had hoped, he has been more so in others. He says "he hopes and has every reason to believe, that in the near future there will be added two additional chairs and a gymnasium to the college." President Young is a hard worker and will stay in the field the remainder of his term and probably the next. Centre has recently decided to have a "college paper," and the first number will come out this week, under the name of the *Oracle*. We have three men on the staff; brother Cowan being business editor. During the past month brother Geo. Green gave a supper to the fraternity. All the members that could be were present and spent a delightful evening. As usual we celebrated the "Twenty-Second," and during both the morning and evening exercises White and Blue seemed to be the favorite with girls. Brothers Hamilton and Grubbs, both of '87, and also brother Winn, spent the holiday with us. We wish success to the fraternity and also to President Harrison.

Danville, March 4th, 1889. GEO. A. MCROBERTS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

LAST month the committee on education from the Indiana Legislature visited our institution for the purpose of ascertaining its wants. As a result of the visit I. U. receives an extra appropriation of $60,000 for a new building. Indications also point to the re-establishment of the law school. Brother G. S. Pleasants, of Vevay, Ind., the chairman of the educational committee, and one of the youngest members of the House, has proved himself to be an energetic and able statesman. He showed the true spirit of loyalty by giving us a fraternal visit. We have lately re-fitted our hall, making it at present one of the most pleasant apartments in the city. Special thanks are due to the

ladies for various ornaments, and the assistance given us in decorating the hall. For many years we have tried to purchase a piano, but not until a few weeks ago did we realize that the long looked for instrument was in our possession. The brothers have acted their part well. Their liberal donations, combined with the generous gifts of a few of our worthy alumni, have enabled us to purchase an instrument valued at $500. We now feel that Indiana Alpha is perfect in all respects. Confident of our ability to entertain Phis, and feeling the necessity of frequent intercourse with members of other chapters, we extend to all a cordial invitation to visit us. We are glad to announce the return of brother C. F. Hope, who was compelled to leave college last year on account of sickness. Brother E. E. Tyner retired from college at the close of the second term, but will return next year. Our hall was appropriately decorated on March 4th, in honor of brother Harrison.

Bloomington, March 8, 1889. T. M. HONAN.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

SEVERAL weeks have passed since you received a letter from this chapter; but do not think that we are dead or losing interest in fraternity work. We are in a prosperous condition and all working for the interest of Phi Delta Theta. We will have our letters out next week. The financial condition of the chapter is prosperous. We will soon have our hall papered, and then be able to entertain our Alumni and other Phis on commencement. The annual exhibition of the Literary societies takes place on the 26th and 27th of this month. Phi Delta Theta has three representatives.

Hanover, February 28, 1889. J. B. MCCORMICK.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE winter term opened with a large attendance of students; but as our chapter is quite numerous, besides the men we have pledged in Prep, we have not made extraordinary efforts among the number of barbarians. This term we initiated Ed. G. Osborne, class '92. We now have 22 Phis in college and 6 men pledged in the Preparatory School. On the 3d of February, our chapter lost one of its oldest and most enthusiastic members, by the death of Edward F. Dyar. Brother Dyar was initiated into the chapter in 1882, when Indiana Zeta was in its infancy. He was in the chapter but a short time when lack of finances compelled him to leave college. Two years ago he reentered college and was looking forward to the profession of law when his life was cut short by typhoid fever. On the 15th of this

month the Pan-Hellenic Association of D. P. U. held its third annual banquet at the Opera House. Eight fraternities were represented, and the Greeks indulged in the usual feasting and hilarity up to a late hour. Brother Preston, of '89, delivered the toast, "When Greek meets Greek," in behalf of Phi Delta Theta. The appropriate remarks he made were well received. On the 15th of March, six orators of the Senior Class will engage in intellectual warfare to decide who shall represent the college at the State Oratorical contest. Brother Wilkerson will try to carry off the honor for the Phis. We have a fine piano in our chapter hall, and we have men who can play and sing, but there is a lack of enthusiasm among the boys on the subject of music. If some sister chapter can give us any suggestions as to how to organize a quartette and make it come to time, they will be gratefully received. The ancient Athenians considered music a necessary part of every man's education. If the Phis would be true to the old Greek spirit, the sweetest of the fine arts should not be neglected.

Greencastle, Feb. 22, 1889. CHARLES W. GILBERT.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

To begin with, we have the pleasure of saying that our annual circular letter was sent out on the morning of March 2, and as we have received but five letters so far from other chapters, we judge that we are pretty well at the front in this respect. If any chapter does not receive a copy of our letter and will inform us of the fact, we shall take pleasure in sending one. Since our last letter to the SCROLL, a fraternity *M Σ A* has organized its Alpha Chapter in the College of Homœopathy. This makes a total of twenty fraternities here and leaves no department of the University without a fraternity. Life is very dull here now in fraternity circles and in everything else, as the coming Lenten season casts its gloomy shadow ahead and frowns upon the social pleasures of the college student. We are happy to say that we can see no such shadow dimming the future of Michigan Alpha, except the ever present one, the knowledge that we must secure a chapter house before we can be absolutely certain of our future success. We are sorry to say that brother A. S. Ralph, '92, has been kept from returning to us on account of ill-health. He is at present residing in Storm Lake, Iowa. One thing has been especially noticeable this year, and that is that so far but one member has been expelled from any of the fraternities here. Last year there were several expelled. We hope that this points to more care in the selection of members and therefore a better condition generally. We did not give the membership of the different fraternities in our circular letter, as we have no record

of it except last year's Palladium, so that we were obliged to content ourselves with an estimated rough average. We wish success and happiness to all our brothers in the bond.

Ann Arbor, March 5, 1889. J. T. N. HOYT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

IT gives me great pleasure to announce to the fraternity the recent initiation of brother F. W. Belknap, '90, who will make a most loyal member. Since my last report, Illinois Alpha has celebrated her second anniversary and is now in a prosperous condition. By united and harmonious action we have increased our chapter roll from five to twelve during this collegiate year. Last evening was one which will be remembered by us as one of the most pleasant of the year. At the invitation of brother Rogers we assembled with our lady friends at his beautiful home in Buena Park, and were entertained in a most cordial and delightful manner. We were very much pleased to receive a visit from brother Buxton a short time ago. We wish to take this occasion to extend a hearty invitation to all Phis who may be in our vicinity to visit us and our university at any time.

Evanston, March 6, 1889. H. R. HOWELL.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

SINCE Illinois Delta's last communication to the SCROOL, much of interest to the fraternity world has taken place at Knox. At present there are six Greek fraternities at Knox, all of which are in a prosperous condition. $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ is the latest addition. The chapter of Betas, taken as a whole, are nice fellows, whom any fraternity might well take delight in claiming. There are, of course, some poor men, but that is an unfortunate occurrence incident to any Greek chapter. Last year the various fraternities, jointly, published an annual entitled the *Gale*, which proved a credit to both the fraternities and the college. With strong opposition in the shape of a rival annual, we came out with flying colors. Encouraged by our success of last year in having pushed aside all obstacles to success, we have determined to publish No. 2 of the *Gale*. This time, however, to our surprise, the Betas, who assisted us so valiantly last year (when they were but a local society), have refused to enter into the publishing of an annual. By the Phis and other Greeks at Knox their action has been strongly criticized. Our college still possesses in a strong degree an anti-fraternity spirit. And any and all fraternities that may have a chapter here owe it to the cause of Pan Hellenicism

to see that their individual chapter does what it can in the matter of true fraternity advancement. And believing this to be so, we sincerely believe that the Betas at Knox have done wrong to themselves, not only as a chapter, but as a fraternity, and to the cause of all Greeks as well. Within our own chapter walls matters have been extremely quiet.

We have initiated no men, but have some eminently worthy of wearing the shield and sword pledged from the academy. This year we succeeded in winning the "Mills Medal." This prize is awarded for proficiency in the Manual of Arms, and you may imagine how happy we Phis were when brother Dale, of '91, was declared victor. We are well represented on the oratorical contest by Ben X Smith, of '90, who will in all probability carry off first prize. Our chapter would give to any and all Phis a most urgent invitation to call upon us if they should happen to stop in Galesburg. There are at least fifty Phis in the city, and we could make time pass away most enjoyably.

Galesburg, February 28, 1889. GUY P. WILLIAMS.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ILLINOIS ZETA is prospering as usual. On February 9th we initiated two new men, Fred Farlow, '90, and Taylor Donahoe, '91. We had a very pleasant initiation. The occasion was rendered much more enjoyable by the presence of brother P. I. Hale, of Chicago, who was paying the boys a few days visit. Brother A. W. Lapham, '88, looked in on us a few days recently. He has just completed his first year's work in a Keokuk, Iowa, Medical College. Lombard has just been made happy by the gift from Rev. and Mrs. Hull, of Kansas City, Mo., of $10,000 to establish and endow a professorship of biblical geography and archæology. Our chapter celebrated the inauguration of brother Harrison in following manner, as told by this clipping from the Galesburg *Daily Register :*

LOMBARD PHIS CELEBRATE.

The boys of the Lombard Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, of which President Harrison was a member when in college at old Miami University in Ohio, observed the inauguration of their distinguished brother to the highest office in the land yesterday evening by a reception to their lady friends at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Woods, on Lincoln street.

The boys entertained their fair guests in many ways. One of these ways was a mock chapter meeting in which all took part. The boys pretended to give away all their great secrets in the most liberal style and the "take off" was extremely amusing. During the meeting many fraternity songs were sung and extremely interesting impromptu literary programme was indulged in. The latest number of the official organ of the chapter, *The Mirror*, a supposedly humorous paper, was read by editor Harsh. Finally the meeting

resolved itself into a love feast over the success of brother Harrison. On this head E. P. McConnell and Sam D. Harsh made a few feeling remarks interspersed with a great many that weren't so feeling, in fact the two gentlemen seemed to run to this class of remarks. Mr. McConnell particularly distinguished himself in the extremely eloquent and affecting manner in which he spoke of Mrs. Harrison as a Phi sister. President Moore, who presided with such becoming dignity, found it necessary after these two speeches had finished, to put an end to further speech making in order that the company might be waked up in time to partake of refreshments. These were served by J. F. Anderson & Co., and were very fine. After refreshments the company was favored with some vocal and guitar music by Miss Mildred Woods and Geo. E. Dutton.

Taken in all the reception was a complete success and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost, thanks to the hospitable treatment by Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their daughter, Miss Mildred. The only thing that at all marred the pleasure of the evening was that L. L. Silliman and Dick Slater endeavored to inflict a musical duet upon the company. This broke up the party somewhat earlier than many wished.

The ladies present were the Misses Lilian Wiswell, Lizzie Durston. Mae Bradford, Grace Harsh, Kit Nellis, Anna Stow, Ada Quaintance, Jessie Wickwire, Dot Willett, Daisy Turner, Anna Ross, Mildred Woods, Alvia Myers, Annie Yeomans, Villa Cole, Jennie Allen and Sallie Stickney. The following Phi boys acted as hosts: E. P. McConnell, Geo. E. Dutton, A. F. Moore, Loring Trott, D. E. Allen, Bret H. Brigham, Sam D. Harsh, R. L. Slater, Fred Farlow, Taylor Donohue, Frank Suiter, Geo. Tapper, Clel Case, Lester Silliman, Chas. Cottrell, Asa Royce and Arnold Bruington.

Galesburg, March 6, 1889. SAM D. HARSH.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERNITY.

WE pledged four jolly "Barbs" last night. We banqueted, and then we woke the slumbering echoes with midnight serenade. This all in joyful celebration of the inaugural of our illustrious brother, Ben Harrison. Brother Gray presided as the genius of our revels. Brother Phil. E. Winter, '78, of the prosperous law firm of our brothers Winter and Kauffman, Wymore, Neb., visited with us at a recent meeting. Brother Winter reported all the Phi Alumni of his acquaintance as "married and doing well." Who can expect more than this of their alumni? We have just received our new song books.

March 5, 1889. WILL H. SPURGEON.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

WE ushered in the New Year with an informal hop at our chapter house. It was a very enjoyable occasion, and was participated in by about twenty couples. On January 18 brother Joe Blethen entertained the Phis and their lady friends at his elegant home, 215 Tenth st. S. The evening was spent most enjoyably in dancing and cards, and an elaborate lunch was served later on in the evening. On January 15 we initiated Brother Cyrus J. Wright, '92. We are sure that in brother Wright

we have a loyal Phi. Brother W. M. Leeds represents us on the joint debate between Hermean and Delta Sigma. Brother Thomas is the leader of the Banjo Club, which has just been organized. Brothers Spaulding and Huntington are also members of the club. On March 4, 1889, Minnesota Alpha gave one of those parties for which she is noted in university social circles, in honor of our brother, President Benjamin Harrison. The following will attest :

AN INAUGURATION BALL.

Minneapolis Tribune

GIVEN BY ONE OF THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

A thoroughly enjoyable social event last evening was the banquet and ball at the West Hotel, given by the Minnesota Alpha chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Greek letter fraternity of the University. The ball was in honor of Benjamin Harrison's inauguration as President. President Harrison was a member of Ohio Alpha at Miami College, graduating in 1852. The President was one of the early signers to the bond of the fraternity. The chairman of the evening was favored with a letter from Mr. Harrison acknowledging an invitation to the party, and wishing the "Phis" a happy evening. The ball took place in the ordinary, which was decorated with a bust of President Harrison, draped in the fraternity colors, white and blue. The supper was served at eleven o'clock in the main dining-room, where thirty couples sat down. The following were present:

Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Spaulding, chaperons—The Misses Clara and Jessie Blake, Miss Regan, Lucy Leach, Margarite Hastings, Mattie Ankeny, Emma Commons, Marie Andrews, Jessie Pratt, Miss Fanning, Misses Maud and Mamie Best, Minnie Austin, Evelyn Sammis, Grace Lewis of St. Paul, Miss Bessie Pettet, Grace Gilbert, Bessie Sheldon, Mamie Stephens, Miss Keeler, Miss Hall of St. Paul, Miss Reiley, Miss Maud Upham, Miss Robinson, Miss Birdie Abbott, May Parcher, Bertie Shaw, Bertie Conger, Miss Montgomery. The gentlemen: R. L. Moffett, W. L. Stockwell, N. S. Thomas, W. M. Leeds, H. G. Richardson, E. M. Spaulding, D. A. Fisk, A. J. Blethen, Jr., W. W. Harmon, E. A. Nickerson, M. K. Knauff, W. B. Bebb, T. D. Hall, E. B. Kirk, H. L. Murray, E. J. Kraft, E. L. Huntington, C. J. Wright, W. R. Brown, B. L. Sacre, R. B. Fanning, E.W. Spottswood, C. A. Savage, F. B. Brace, Chas. Winter, James Gray, H. S. Abbott, J. C. Turk.

After the banquet dancing was resumed through a program of fourteen numbers, and the party did not adjourn till an early hour. Many of the costumes of the ladies were rich and elaborate. The gentlemen who comprise the above chapter—which is said to be the finest in the university—were well pleased with the social success of the evening, and promise to repeat it before the season is over.

St. Paul Globe.

There was one party of Minneapolis people who made merry last night, in honor of the inauguration of the new President. The Phi Delta Theta fraternity, claim "Ben" as their especial property, as far as college societies go, and well they may, for he was one of their earliest members in their Grand Chapter. At Miami University, at Oxford, O., the greatest man of the United States at present, graduated with the class of '52. He was the thirteenth member to join the society, and he bore what all fraternity men

know to be a hard struggle in establishing the new society. The local chapter at the university has twenty-three members, and they, with a few of the alumni, were the participators in the pretty dance party last night at the West Hotel. The college boys, with their fair ladies, formed as pleasing a sight as has graced the parlors of the West Hotel during all the season. The music was splendid, and the dancing was the true motion of college youths and maidens. At the upper end of the ladies' ordinary was the life-size bust of the new President, resplendent in the flowing colors of the fraternity, blue and white. The dance programmes were in the same colors, while the dainty costumes of the young ladies did honor to their brothers, the "Phis," by bearing some expression of their colors. It was a happy occasion, and needed naught to grace it but the smiles of the live Ben Harrison, instead of the cold marble.

Minnesota Alpha has just come out of one of the most exciting fraternity "scraps" that has ever been witnessed in the fraternity circles of this university. We are happy to say that we have come out with our character unsullied, and the accusations made against us have been proven the basest of lies. Brother McMillan is back from his winter's stay in Boston. We were delighted to see him. He brings good reports from the Brown Chapter. Kappa Alpha Theta has come out with its Upsilon Chapter. It was established February 6, 1889, with eight charter members. Nine fraternities find homes here now.

Minneapolis, March 6, 1889. WALTER L. STOCKWELL.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

ALTHOUGH Missouri Alpha has not been heard from since the holidays, she is still "on deck" and prospering. Several pleasant events have occurred since our last report, that have served to relieve the monotony of student life, and strengthen the ties of friendship and brotherly love in the chapter. The first of which may be mentioned our New Year's celebration. On that occasion we were agreeably surprised by a visit from brother H. W. Clark, valedictorian class of '87, who is now secretary of the Clark Shoe Company, St. Louis. After making the rounds of New Year's calls, brother Clark invited the Phis to Gerling's restaurant where an elegant banquet awaited us. The occasion was enjoyed as only fraternity men know how to enjoy such occasions, and added another to the many pleasant incidents which tend to make college life so attractive to the privileged few who are permitted to dwell within the sacred and mysterious precincts of the Greek world. On the night of January 18, brothers See and Kellum entertained the Phis in an elegant manner at the Haden Opera House. The stage was cleared and the parquet was floored over back to the dress circle, thus giving ample space for dancing. Prof. Gaetze's orchestra of Moberly was imported for the occasion and furnished elegant music for the merry crowd of dancers. Brothers Ellis and McGonigle, of Kansas City, and brother

Atkinson, of Nevada, came down to attend the party, and by their presence added much to the pleasure of the occasion. The party was the most brilliant society event of the season. And to the Phis and their lady friends will serve as a lasting memento of the generosity and hospitality of brothers See and Kellum. The Keene Dramatic Club, of Columbia, undertook the arduous and ambitious task of presenting Hamlet, and were aided materially by the histrionic talent among the Phis, brother Kellum playing King Claudius, brother R. T. Haines, Laertes, brother Martin, Bernardo, and brother Charles Haines, Orrick. The play was staged with elegant costumes and properties, and was pronounced by the large audience to have been the greatest amateur production ever seen in Columbia. Brother C. P. Williams, one of our best students, was called home suddenly by the serious illness of his father. We trust that he will soon be able to resume his accustomed place among us. We are glad to again welcome into the fold brother A. W. Turner, who left us last year to accept a position in the United States Internal Revenue service. Brother Turner has resumed his studies in the Law school, in which he expects to graduate in '90. In the prize declamation contest we are represented by brother Conley in the Athenaean Society, and brother Thompson in The Union Literary. In the Inter-society contest we are represented by brother Kellum as the orator of the Athenaean Society.

Columbia, February 25, 1889. R. T. HAINES.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

SINCE the new term opened we have lost and gained in membership. Brother Goodyear has taken a year's leave of absence. Brother Parcells, formerly of '89, has resumed his studies with '90, and brother young, '92, has recently donned the sword and shield. Our chapter now numbers seventeen men, distributed as follows: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 5; Law College, 1. The Phis, as regards honors, have good cause to feel proud of their month's record. On the literary exercises of Charter Day, the anniversary of the granting of the University Charter, we are represented by brother Melvin, the president of the day. Brother Gray, after a sharp contest, was elected president of the Freshman class, and brother Young is '92's historian. The rushing season is well over, and the fraternities have settled down to their normal condition. Phi Gamma Delta, on the evening of the 19th, gave a Pan-Hellenic reception at her chapter hall. This is the first time that anything of the kind has been attempted among the Greeks of the U. C. An enjoyable evening was spent in games and social intercourse.

Berkeley, March 1, 1889. H. G. PARKER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE *Undergraduate* of Middlebury College, Vermont, says that Prof. Knowlton, a Middlebury graduate of 1884, and now connected with the National Museum in Washington, has been appointed to make a collection of college fraternity badges for the Museum.

GEN. BENJAMIN HARRISON, President-elect, is an active member of the Phi Delta Theta, and the first Greek secret society man to be elected to the Presidency by the choice of the people. —*New York Mail and Express.*

THE Cornell chapter of the Q. T. V., the only Latin letter fraternity in America, has been formed at Cornell University.—*University News.*

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY has offered lots to the Greek letter fraternities that will put up chapter houses, and several are preparing to build.

A NEW college for women has been established in New York, under the name of "Rutgers Female College," with a corps of 18 professsors.—*University News.*

RUTGERS Female College has been in existence in New York for a great many years.

ABOUT a year and a half ago there was much enthusiasm manifested among the members of several of the fraternities here on the subject of club-houses, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Chi Phi fraternities went to work and obtained large subscriptions. But for some reason or other the interest in the matter has to a great extent abated. Representatives of these clubs say that the houses will be built, and that renewed energy is to be infused into the work. The S. A. E's. have already bought a lot on which to erect their building, and the Chi Phis have quite a large sum of money subscribed. The building of these club houses would help the fraternities, the college and the city. If these two fraternities build club houses, others will no doubt follow their examples.—University of Georgia correspondence, Atlanta *Constitution,* January 27, 1889.

THE Yale chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was re-established in December, with nearly fifteen men as charter members. This chapter was first organized in 1875, and died in 1880. It is said to be the only fraternity at Yale to which members of all the departments of the university are eligible. It is further reported that a chapter house will be begun in the spring.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE opponents of fraternities in Roanoke College, Salem, Va., have seen the benefits of organization, and have therefore created the "Anti-Fraternity League," with the avowed object of exterminating the fraternities. This League should obtain a set of By-Laws from the association of old maids organized to put an end to marriage.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE official jeweler of the Kappa Sigma society is at work on a costly badge that is to be presented to Miss Winnie Davis, the daughter of Jefferson Davis, in pursuance of resolutions adopted at the last conclave of the fraternity, held in Atlanta. The badge will be in the form of a star and crescent, fully jewelled with diamonds and rubies.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

At the beginning of the calendar year, 183 of the students of the University of Virginia were members of the 21 Greek-letter fraternities or local societies. D. K. E. led with 21 men; Phi Delta Theta had 19; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 16; and Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Nu and Zeta Psi brought up the rear, each with one man in their respective chapters,—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE most interesting field for fraternity work in the South just now is right here in the Technological school. Already two fraternities have founded chapters here and others will be chartered in a short while. The first two formed were the Alpha Tau Omega and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon.—Atlanta *Constitution*, January 27, 1889.

WE were in error when we stated in the last issue of the *Quarterly* that a chapter of Psi Upsilon had been established at the University of Pennsylvania. A body of men has organized under the name of Kappa Upsilon, and will apply to Psi Upsilon for a charter. A Psi U. member of the faculty is aiding them. Their pin is a small gold shield bearing the letters Kappa and Upsilon in black enamel. They have already petitioned the faculty for a plot of ground on which to build.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

The enrollment of students at the Ohio Wesleyan University this term has already reached 780, and comparing this figure with the enrollment of the corresponding week last year, the prospects indicate the largest enrollment ever attained. The different chapters here now number as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, 8; Beta Theta Pi, 13; Chi Phi, 8; Delta Tau Delta, 12; Sigma Chi, 3; Alpha Tau, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 14; and Phi Kappa Psi, 10.—*October Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

OF rival "frats" we have six, consisting of: the Beta Theta Pis, who pride themselves on their members and brains; the Sigma Alpha Epsilons, who don't pride themselves at all; Kappa Alphas, who boast of their literary attainments; the Phi Delta Thetas, on their proverbial big-headedness and good

looks. The remaining two are the Kappa Sigma and Chi Phi. "Toughness" offers the best description I can think of for them.—*Vanderbilt letter to The Rainbow, December*, 1888.

THE chapter of Sigma Nu at the University of Texas numbered two men at the opening of the college year, and a rumor prevailed that the charter of the chapter had been surrendered. The alumni resident in the State rallied, and secured six new initiates, and also formed a permanent alumni association. The chapters of the other fraternities at the University had the following membership in November: Phi Delta Theta, 14; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 13; Kappa Sigma, 11; and Beta Theta Pi, 8.

FRATERNITY spirit is perhaps more intense here just now than at any time during the history of our college. Our literary society, class and college journal selections are controlled by combinations exclusively. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi are in a close compact for mutual benefit, and arrayed against us are the Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi; also the barbs, who have a first-class organization, and who are, in a very small degree, exclusive. Our combination, however, controls all the independent votes, and consequently we have things about our own way.—*Wabash Letter to December Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.—The attention of the visitor to Sewanee is always attracted by a number of small, graceful buildings, beautiful in design and of elegant workmanship, which he comes upon, here and there, standing alone, and without the usual signs that indicate a dwelling house or place of business. These are the fraternity halls, of which there are a half dozen in all, belonging, respectively, to the six Greek-letter fraternities with chapters established here, viz.: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta.

Two of these fraternities—the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Alpha Tau Omega—own halls built entirely of stone which would be regarded anywhere as architectural delights.

The relation existing between the chapters of these fraternities and their individual members is one of the utmost amity and confidence. College politics and undue partisanship have seldom had even a temporary footing at the university. With very few exceptions, position and responsibilities have never been denied the men who could bear them, and honors, scholastic and secular, are awarded irrespective of party fealty or association.—*Mail and Express.*

CONGRESSMAN Tom Reed, when in college, despite all statements to the contrary, was a non-fraternity man. In common with many others of that day he did not believe in the efficacy of

the Greeks, and persistently held aloft, though as persistently fished to join them. He even would not join the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, a chapter of which existed at Bowdoin for a short time, containing numerous anti-secret men. There is still a certain college autograph album in which Mr. Reed wrote the following undoubted proof as to his views on the Greek fraternity question :

Dear ——:

If you knew the anxiety with which I watched your escape from the wariest "Fishermen" of college, and my pleasure when I found you were not one of those who

"Just for a handful of silver had left us,
Just for a riband to stick in their coats,"

you would feel assured that I have an interest in your future welfare.

Your friend,

THOMAS B. REED.

—*The Bowdoin Orient.*

Following are the Greek-letter fraternity clubs in New York City, with their locations and officers :

Delta Club (Phi Gamma Delta), No. 68 East 49th street. Purdy Van Vliet, President, James W. White, Secretary; James N. Ballantine, Treasurer.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, No. 435 Fifth avenue. Granville P. Hawes, President; David B. King, Secretary; Frank S. Williams, Treasurer.

Delta Phi Club, No. 5 East 27th street. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, President; Francis P. Lowrey, Secretary; Charles C. Bull, Treasurer.

Delta Upsilon Club, No. 8 East 47th street. Charles D. Baker, President; Samuel M. Brickner, Secretary; John Q. Mitchell, Treasurer.

N. Y. Graduate Association of Alpha Delta Phi, No. 427 Fourth avenue. Russell Sturgis, President; Nelson Spencer, Secretary; Charles M. Baker, Treasurer.

Psi Upsilon Club, No. 33 West 42d street. Frederick Baker, President; James Abbott, Secretary; Herbert L. Bridgman, Treasurer.

St. Anthony Club (Delta Psi), No. 9 East 28th street. Nicholas Fish, President; Frederick A. Potts, Jr., Secretary; Gouverneur Morris, Treasurer.

Sigma Phi Club, No. 9 East 27th street. Richard A. Elmer, President; Cortlandt S. Van Rensselaer, Secretary; Samuel T. Ross, Treasurer.

Zeta Psi Club, No. 8 West 29th street. Augustus Van Wyck, President; Eugene Van Schaick, Secretary; Harold Clemens, Treasurer;

President Harrison, in the formation of his Cabinet, has selected members of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity for two of the most important positions. William Henry Harrison Miller, of *Hamilton*, has been appointed Attorney-General of the United States and Ex-Governor Redfield Proctor, of *Middlebury*, has received the portfolio of the Secretary of the War Department. Secretary Proctor is further bound to the Fraternity through his son and son-in-law, who are members of the *Middlebury* and *Amherst* chapters.

We congratulate the Fraternity upon the honor which has come to it through these distinguished gentlemen, and in turn desire to assure them that they have the Fraternity's cordial support and best wishes in their responsible and trying positions. —*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

PRESIDENT GARFIELD, Judge Stephen J. Field, of the United States Supreme Court, Daniel S. Lamont, Attorney-General Miller and Secretary of War Proctor have given Delta Upsilon a position in National Politics which has never been attained by any other fraternity.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

PHI KAPPA PSI has entered Swarthmore College, a Friends institution at Swarthmore, Pa.

CONTRIBUTORS to *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* are anxious for southern and eastern extension, and their views receive editorial endorsement.

THE editor of *The Shield* thinks that $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ needs a more amplified ritual. He says that many Phi Psis learn "the educational value of symbols" when they join the Masons and other orders after leaving college.

$\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ is hoping to publish before long, a song book, catalogue and history.

THE University of Pacific correspondent of *The Shield* says that in the faculty of that institution are "two of $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, two of $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, one of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, and one of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$."

"IT was a matter of surprise to learn that $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ had placed a chapter at Pennsylvania State College, but the surprise gradually wore away on learning from a member of that fraternity, that it had been done as a personal favor to Governor Beaver, who has a son in that institution."—Dickinson correspondence, *The Shield.* "Our rivals, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ and $Z\ T\ \Omega$ (local) stand with eight and twelve respectively. With only three fraternities in the institution, of course the barbs are numerous, and it is easily seen that there is good opportunity for other fraternities to enter here. We are desirous that we may soon have some good rivals"—Pennsylvania State College correspondence, *Beta Theta Pi.*

AT the recent biennial congress of *A T Ω*, at Wittenberg, Ohio, 26 of its 34 chapters were represented.

"This institution seems to be regarded as a rich pasture by some fraternities, as within a year three new chapters have been established here—*Σ X*, *A T Ω* and *Σ A E*."—Ohio Wesleyan correspondence, *Beta Theta Pi*.

"*Φ Δ Θ* and *Σ X*—our two rivals—are comparatively strong in this school"—University of Nebraska correspondence, *Beta Theta Pi*.

MR. W. R. BAIRD, author of "American College Fraternities," lays claim to membership in several college societies. We have somewhere seen the statement that he was a member of another fraternity before he joined *A Σ X*. Through his manipulation in 1879, *A Σ X*, which had five chapters in the east, was carried over to *B Θ Π*. For about five years he worked for Wooglin with all the zeal of a new convert, but suddenly he turned his valuable attention to the legal fraternity, *Φ Δ Φ*. Soon he was elected Scriptor of the fraternity; in 1885 he published its first catalogue, and in 1887 he began to issue *The Brief*, a periodical devoted to this fraternity of lawyers. Perhaps he may not love *B Θ Π* less, but it appears that he loves *Φ Δ Φ* more.

THE fiftieth anniversary of the founding of *B Θ Π* will be celebrated at Miami University, June 19, 1889 The annual convention will meet as usual in August, at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua.

A WRITER in the *Beta Theta Pi* says that the Beta catalogue of 1882 "has more errors and faults than pages," the greatest of which, he might have mentioned, is that its compilers "slavishly imitated, as to paper, type, binding and general appearance" *Ψ Γ*'s catalogue of 1879, as charged by Mr. A. P. Jacobs in the "Psi Upsilon Epitome." Mr. J. Cal Hanna, General Secretary, has sent out circulars asking for information to be used in the Semi-Centennial Catalogue of *B Θ Π*, and the editors of the magazine announce that it will be printed by June.

MR. J. CAL HANNA, General Secretary, states in the *Beta Theta Pi*, that there are but seven Betas at Columbia, all of whom joined at other colleges and are in the law school. The chapter at Harvard consists of four laws, one medic, four graduates and three undergraduates. All but two were initiated elsewhere. No regular meetings are held. *A Δ Φ* has 36 members, *Z Ψ* 35 and *Δ Υ* 28. The University of Virginia chapter has issued a circular letter for the first time in four years. It reports nine members, seven from other chapters and two initiated, the first since 1884. Concerning the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Hanna says: "The chapter—as usual—

reports itself 'very weak.' There are ten members—all medical students—no initiates. The chapter needs college men. To get them it seems that they need a chapter house. Brethren, the problem of large cities is still before us—solved in Baltimore and Boston—but New York and Philadelphia are *still before us.* The men at Phi are plucky and determined to succeed if possible. Most of the rivals have large numbers. *Z Ψ*, *Δ Ψ* and *Δ Φ* are probably strong." He thus summarizes the situation at Kenyon: "There are 44 students in the college, 29 of whom (including all, apparently, desirable and obtainable material) are already fraternity men. *Α Δ Φ* and *Ψ Υ* are flourishing. *Δ K E* has several members, but is a poor third in the contest. *Δ T Δ* has three or four, and a large number of pledged men in the academies, who will hold on to *Δ T Δ* until invited by some better fraternity—*Θ Δ X* and *Β Θ Π* have each one member. The Theta Delt is a senior. The Beta is a Sophomore."

In 1879 *Β Θ Π* captured the *Α Σ Χ* fraternity with chapters at Maine State College, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Stevens and Rutgers. The latter of these is dead.

THE extension policy of *Β Θ Π* has been a subject of curious interest to other fraternities. During several years, when Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr., had the *Beta Theta Pi*, a great deal was published about "conservatism," and not content with checking extension, a great hue and cry was raised about withdrawing charters. The pages of the magazine teemed with bloodthirsty articles by "Chapter Killers" and "Herods" demanding the heads of certain chapters. The editor thought that unless the fraternity killed these chapters, which had been serviceable to it in its youth, but of which he was ashamed, it would be eternally disgraced before the world. As a matter of fact no charters were withdrawn. The "C. K.s" and "Herods" could not summon enough strength at any convention to carry out their murderous designs. From 1883 to 1888, the fraternity established but four chapters. They are at the University of Texas, Vanderbilt, Miami and Ohio State. But there are signs of a change. The fraternity seems to have shaken off the influence of Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr. At the convention last year, charters were granted for chapters at Pennsylvania State, Knox, University of Nebraska and Denver University. Since the convention chapters have been established at the University of Cincinnati and Syracuse University, and the General Secretary, J. Cal Hanna, makes the following significant statement in the *Beta Theta Pi*: "By the way, great news from Virginia may be expected before many weeks."

IN the college elections this fall our wishes were carefully consulted, and we were unhesitatingly given all that we desired.—*Hamilton correspondence of D. K. E. Quarterly.*

THE Harrison reminiscences in the October (1888) number of the SCROLL, proved so valuable and interesting that a second edition was necessary. We think the space devoted to these reminiscences could not have been filled in a way more beneficial to Phi Delta Theta, and more interesting to the outside world.—*Sigma Chi.*

THE society system at Amherst has been materially changed by the advent of a new fraternity, which makes the ninth Greek-letter chapter in a college which numbers only three hundred and fifty students. The societies average in membership a little over thirty. Under the new system almost the whole college will be fraternity men, or else the older and stronger societies will have to content themselves with smaller delegations. Phi Delta Theta is the name of the new chapter. Its membership is taken almost exclusively from two classes, and is made up of men whose tastes and characters are largely divergent. They are mostly poor men, and while this is nothing against them, it constitutes the main reason upon which we base a prophecy of failure, it being very expensive to maintain a chapter here in good style.—*Amherst Letter in Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE Greek world will be interested in the leading article of the PHI DELTA THETA SCROLL—an account compiled from various sources—of the first Greek-letter Society, Phi Beta Kappa, its origin, rise and fall. But aside from this one beam, the SCROLL is darkness. The leading editorial contains such a slip in adverbial usage that we blush for it. Not even Benjamin Harrison and all the other glories of Phi Delta Theta combined can so dazzle us as to blot from sight or memory—"We are speaking very plain, not quite so plain as we could wish," etc. The editorials on the whole are of interest only to Phi Delta Theta, and the chapter letters fall under the category "statistical."—*The Key.*

THE article in the September *Century* on "College Fraternities" seems to have aroused many of our contemporaries to a consideration of the same subject. The writer is generally endorsed, though some few have taken exception to the author's broad statements and claim that the article is more local than national in its representation, and that he has permitted himself to be governed by habits of thought acquired in his college youth. One of the best comments is as follows: "It is to Western fraternities Mr. Porter seems most unjust in an article that should have been fair to all. His list of the distinguished sons of 'favored societies' contains no names more illustrious than can be furnished by Western fraternities, who are, I presume, 'favorites in particular localities.' The Western Greeks who are not worthy his attention have given to literature Lew

Wallace, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, and Ben Hur. Edward Eggleston, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, and the Hoosier Schoolmaster, Will Carleton, James Whitcomb Riley and Robert Burdette. They have contributed to scholarship the names of John W. White, of Harvard, Young of Princeton, Watson of Ann Arbor, Bascom and Dolbear. Their Oliver P. Morton is gone, but these Western fraternities can still point to sons who are not unknown. General Harrison, by the gracious favor of the American people soon to be President of these United States, Foraker, Hoadley, McDonald, Vorhees, Vilas, Vance, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, Blackburn, Jenks, Tom Brown, Porter and Beaver. He mentions five Judges of the Supreme Court, but forgets to add that at least three of these are from Western fraternities. It is a well established fact that so far as political honors are concerned, what are known as Western fraternities have surpassed their brothers—the Eastern societies."—*Northwestern.*

THE welcome SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta appeared promptly in December and again in January. The former of these two numbers contained the most valuable examination of College Annuals that we have seen. We wish it had been written for these pages with the mention of Delta Upsilon honors, achievements and prominence—as incidentally stated in the annuals—woven into the review as skilfully and pleasantly as have been the Phi Delta Theta features in the SCROLL article. General Harrison, President-elect, has a share of the space in several departments, and all the anecdotes of him and letters referring to him are interesting. The value of a chapter library—nay, its necessity—is urged in an editorial, from which we present a clipping.

In the January, 1889, number are published many extracts from chapter minutes, old letters and old reports. This is a wise act. The value of such papers is immense, and printing them preserves the facts beyond the reach of the accident which may at any time destroy the originals, or render them illegible. In a letter dated November 8th, written by the scribe of Northwestern Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, we find the following paragraph:

"Considerable fraternity feeling has been stirred up over the pan-Hellenic banquet which was to have been held this term. Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi have voted to exclude Delta Upsilon from this banquet. We do not consider it as pan-Hellenic with one fraternity omitted, and so have decided that we will not participate unless the Delta Us are admitted."

Phi Delta Theta evidently defines *pan-Hellenic* according to the lexicons, and, moreover, exhibits a very friendly spirit as well as a sense of justice.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

PHI KAPPA PSI is the first fraternity to enter Swarthmore College, the Friends' institution. The Pennsylvania Kappa chapter was established January 12, 1889.

SIGMA NU has established a chapter at Yale with six charter members.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

SIGMA CHI'S latest is a chapter at the University of Minnesota, established December 7th.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE only chapter-house in this country owned by ladies is that of Alpha Phi, at Syracuse.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

KENYON'S new professor of English Literature—Dr. Greenough White—is a member of Phi Delta Theta.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

MISS WIDMAN, a Delta Gamma of the class of '88, Cornell, won a four-hundred-dollar fellowship last June.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

IT is said that Phi Delta Theta contemplates establishing a chapter in Georgia Polytechnic Institute at Atlanta.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

[This is entirely erroneous. We never thought of such a thing. Editor.]

IT is reported that Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha Theta are about to grant charters to chapters in the University of Minnesota.

PROFESSOR A. N. COLE, who succeeds the late Dr. Brooks in the chair of Biology in Madison University, is a Belta Theta Pi alumnus of '84.

ALPHA Tau Omega is reported to be contemplating the establishment of chapters at Denver University and the University of Colorado.

THE annual banquet of Kappa Alpha was eaten at Delmonico's on the evening of January 3d, representatives from all four chapters being present.

THE key of Kappa Kappa Gamma is now worn by several ladies of Ohio State University, who form the first chapter of any sorority at this institution.

THE newly-installed President of Emory College, the Rev. Dr. W A. Candler, is a graduate of the college, class of '75, and a member of Kappa Alpha.

A NEUTRAL was unanimously elected President of the Junior class of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, becoming, *ipso facto*, Editor-in-Chief of *The Transit.*

THE "Tri-delta," a local society, has been established among the ladies of the Boston University. If successful it may become the parent of a fraternity.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON has established a chapter at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., with four charter members. Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu are the rivals.

THE military organization of the students of the University of Georgia is to be revived. Four of the twelve new squad-masters are members of Kappa Alpha.

THE corporation of Union College has granted to the Psi Upsilon chapter a piece of ground, on which a handsome chapter-house will be begun next spring. Other chapters are taking steps to secure the same concession.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE disappearance of Beta Theta Pi from the exchange table reminds one of the story of the old negro who was found weeping, and was asked by a stranger "What's the matter, Pompey?" "My old massa's gone and died again," was the reply. Alas, Wooglin's gone and died again—to us! The *Quarterly* has become secret once more.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly,*

Death Notices.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

Sidney Thomas Cornell.

OHIO BETA.

'87. Will H. Bauscher.

INDIANA ZETA.

Edward F. Dyar.

LITERARY.

WE have made arrangements whereby we will receive new subscriptions to the *Forum* with a subscription to the SCROLL for $5. The price of the *Forum* alone is $5 a year. It is "the foremost American review" of living subjects, and among its contributors are 200 of the leading writers of the world. It gives authoritative discussions of each side alike of every leading question of the time. The *New York Herald* says of it: "It has done more to bring the thinking men of the country into connection with current literature than any other publication." This is an exceptional opportunity for every reader of the SCROLL to secure the *Forum.* Address, enclosing remittance, E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SECOND CONVENTION OF THE

ALPHA PROVINCE,

OF THE

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,

HELD AT EASTON, PA., APRIL 19 AND 20, 1888.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HALL OF PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, EASTON,
Thursday, April 19, 1888.

The Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock, by Dudley R. Horton, President of Alpha Province. Prayer was offered by J. H. Murray, of New York Epsilon. An organization was effected by the election of D. R. Horton, New York Alpha Alumni, Chairman *pro tem*; W. F. Dean, Pennsylvania Eta, Secretary, *pro tem*, and W. McCamant, Pennsylvania Alpha, Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tem*.

Wallace McCamant, Pennsylvania Alpha, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the local chapter, and S. H. Seeley, Massachusetts Alpha, responded for the Convention.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three on Credentials of Delegates be appointed by the chair. Moved and seconded that it be so amended as to make the number of the committee five. Carried as amended.

The following committee was then appointed:

E. H. Bennett, Jr., New York Alpha; W. A. Beebe, Vermont Alpha; A. T. Throop, Pennsylvania Eta; J. R. Wright, Pennsylvania Gamma, and J. H. Murray, New York Epsilon.

H. L. Moore, Pennsylvania Alpha, made a partial report for the committee on arrangements. Moved and seconded that a recess be taken to allow the committee on credentials to act. Carried.

When the convention resumed session the following report was submitted by the committee:

The committee on credentials present the following list of official delegates at the convenvention:

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.
S. Gallert.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.
W. A. Beebe, G. J. Forbes.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.
S. H. Seeley.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.
J. W. Upp, E. H. Bennett, Jr.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.
J. M. DeLong, Prof. C. C. Brown.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
T. Harry Knox.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.
J. H. Murray.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.
H. L. Moore, W. McCamant.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.
J. Robert Wright.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

T. C. Blaisdell.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

W. F. Dean, A. T. Throop.

NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI.

Dudley R. Horton, New York Alpha.

NAMES ADDED LATER.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

C. J. McFadden.

NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI, NEW YORK CITY.

Thomas H. Baskerville.

Moved and seconded that report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that all Phis be invited to sit in consultation with, and join in debates, of the convention. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to make nominations for permanent officers. Moved and seconded that it be so amended that committee report at opening of afternoon session. Amendment accepted and motion carried.

The chair appointed the following as members of said committee: S. Gallert, Maine Alpha; G. J. Forbes, Vermont Alpha; T. C. Blaisdell, Pennsylvania Delta; T. Harry Knox, New York Gamma, and W. F. Dean, Pennsylvania Eta.

Moved and seconded that convention adjourn until 2 o'clock. Carried.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock by Chairman Horton. Committee on nominations submitted the following report:

For President—H. L. Moore, Pennsylvania Alpha.
" Vice-President—Prof. C. C. Brown, New York Beta.
" Second Vice-President—S. H. Seeley, Mass. Alpha.
" Secretary—T. C. Blaisdell, Pennsylvania Delta.
" Assistant Secretary—J. H. Murray, New York Epsilon.
" Historian—W. F. Dean, Pennsylvania Eta.
" Treasurer—T. Harry Knox, New York Gamma.
" Sergeant-at-Arms—J. W. Upp, New York Alpha.

Moved and seconded that report be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations be in order before the election of each officer. Carried.

D. R. Horton, New York Alpha Alumni, nominated for President.

H. L. Moore requested that his name be not considered in the election. Ballot taken which resulted in election of D. R. Horton.

Prof. C. C. Brown elected Vice-President.

H. L. Moore nominated as additional candidate for second Vice-President. Ballot taken which resulted in his election.

T. C. Blaisdell, J. H. Murray, W. F. Dean, T. Harry Knox and J. W. Upp, elected to the respective positions for which they were nominated.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to place the name of C. J. McFadden on the roll as delegate from Pennsylvania Zeta. Carried. (*Vide* Roll).

The President then appointed the following committees:

On Roll of Visiting Members.

W. McCamant, Pennsylvania Alpha; J. M. DeLong, New York Beta; S. Gallert, Maine Alpha; A. T. Throop, Pennsylvania Eta; T. Harry Knox, New York Gamma.

On Order and Eastern Extension.

C. C. Brown, New York Beta; S. H. Seeley, Massachusetts Alpha; G. J. Forbes, Vermont Alpha; E. H. Bennett, Jr., New York Alpha; C. J. McFadden, Pennsylvania Zeta.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

H. L. Moore, Pennsylvania Alpha; J. H. Murray, New York Epsilon; J. W. Upp, New York Alpha; T. C. Blaisdell, Pennsylvania Delta; J. R. Wright, Pennsylvania Gamma.

ON TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING NEXT CONVENTION.

J. M. DeLong, New York Beta; E. H. Bennett, Jr., New York Alpha; W. F. Dean, Pennsylvania Eta; J. H. Murray New York Epsilon; C. J. McFadden, Pennsylvania Zeta.

ON FINANCES.

W. A. Beebe, Vermont Alpha; T. Harry Knox, New York Gamma; S. Gallert, Maine Alpha.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

W. McCamant, Pennsylvania Alpha; H. L. Moore, Pennsylvania Alpha; A. T. Throop, Pennsylvania Eta.

Moved and seconded that all motions, etc., be handed to the secretary in writing. Carried.

Brother McCamant presented three resolutions, which were referred to the proper committee.

Committee on Order and Eastern Extension reported progress and submitted the following:

I. *Resolved*, That the order of business of this Convention be as follows:

1. Opening exercises.
2. Reading of journal.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Reports of committees.
5. New business.

II. *Resolved*, That Robert's Rules of Order govern this body in all cases not provided for by the constitution.

III. *Resolved*, That speeches on any given topic be limited to five (5) minutes, and no member of the Convention be allowed to speak more than twice on the same topic.

IV. *Resolved*, That all important motions be reduced to writing and handed to the Secretary.

V. *Resolved*, That the Alpha Province Convention endorse the action of the Province President, in approving the application from Amherst College for a charter.

VI. *Resolved*, That Alpha Province Convention deems it inexpedient to take further steps toward entering New England Colleges.

VII. *Whereas*, It is to the interest of the fraternity to be rigidly conservative in establishing new chapters; be it

Resolved, That Alpha Province commits herself to an amendment to the Constitution which shall forbid any charter to be granted, save with the consent of every chapter in the province.

The committee reported unfavorably on the following two resolutions:

VIII. *Resolved*, That Alpha Province commits herself to an amendment to the Constitution which shall vest the General Council with power to suspend a charter when they shall unanimously deem that the interests of the fraternity demand it.

IX. *Resolved*, That Alpha Province commits herself to an amendment to the Constitution which shall exclude any man from affiliation with a chapter, if three members of that chapter object.

Moved and seconded that resolutions be taken up and considered separately. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Resolution I. be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Resolution II be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Resolution III be adopted. Carried.

Resolution IV was omitted, as it had been carried before as a motion.

Moved and seconded that Resolution V be adopted. Before putting the motion, the President reported in regard to the application to which the Resolution referred. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Resolution VI be adopted. Moved and seconded to amend, by adding the words "at present" to the end of the resolution. Carried as amended.

Moved and seconded that Resolution VII be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to see about having the Convention photographed. Carried. Brothers Moore, McCamant and Throop, appointed.

Moved and seconded that Convention adjourn to meet at 10 A. M., Friday.

11 P. M., CONVENTION BANQUET,

at which Responses were made to the following

TOASTS:

Toastmaster.....C. P. Bassett.
The Bond.....J. M. DeLong.
New England Outlook.....S. Gallert.
Alpha Province.....D. R. Horton.
Province Athletes.....A. T. Throop.
The Metropolis.....T. M. Baskerville.
Phi Sisters.....T. C. Blaisdell.
A Phi in the Faculty.....Prof. C. C. Brown.
The Law.....J. M. Mayer.
The Dissecting Room.....C. J. McFadden.
Our Hosts.....T. H. Knox.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by President D. R. Horton. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Brother McCamant, of the Press Committee, reported that notices of the Convention had appeared in the Easton papers, in the New York *Tribune*, and in the Philadelphia *Press* and *Times*; he had also seen the Associated Press reporters, but did not know what they had done. Brother Throop, of the same committee, reported that he had taken notices to the Bethlehem papers.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the committee be continued. Carried.

Committee on Order and Eastern Extension submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention hereby express its appreciation of the efforts of Brother J. E. Brown, secretary of the General Council, and other Phis, in re-establishing the Michigan Alpha Chapter.

Moved and seconded that resolution be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Finances submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, Feb. 1st, 1888.

ALPHA PROVINCE,
In account with VANDEN HOUTEN & CO.,
No. 45 Liberty Street.

				1886.
June	3.	To 600 Journal of Alpha Province Convention.....		$28.00
Aug.	30.	By cash.....	$5.21	
Sept.	27.	"	8.00	
Oct	4,	"	2.00	
"	9.	"	49	
			——	15.70
		Balance still owing.....		$12.30

The committee also recommends an assessment of $28.00 for printing the journal of the present Convention, making a total indebtedness of $40.30. This amount, divided among the fourteen chapters represented, makes an assessment of $2.90 each. The committee also recommends that the same assessment be levied on each of the four chapters not represented, the balance to remain in the treasury.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Finances be discharged, with thanks. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the method in which the members of Alabama Gamma were initiated should be carefully and thoroughly investigated, and if it be found that the same was illegally effected, that those engaged therein should be disciplined by the next National Convention, and the charter of said chapter withdrawn. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to place the name of Thomas H. Baskerville on the roll as delegate from N. Y. Alpha Alumni. Carried. (*Vide* Roll.)

H. L. Moore reported that Pach would make photographs of the Convention for one dollar each.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the photographs be taken, at time to be arranged by the committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Convention heartily endorse the recent action of the general Council in reference to Article XI, Section I, of the Constitution. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the failure of the committee to report favorably in regard to resolution VIII be not concurred in, and that said resolution be adopted.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be amended by

the insertion of the words, " and the Province president,' after the word " council," making it read, *Resolved,* Tha Alpha Province commits herself to an amendment to the Constitution which shall vest the General Council *and the Province President* with power to suspend a charter when they shall unanimously deem that the interests of the fraternity demand it. Amendment accepted and motion carried.

Moved and seconded that resolution IX, although unfavorably reported by committee, be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report:

Resolved, That the Convention express its appreciation of the enthusiastic, efficient and faithful work of our Province President, Dudley R. Horton, in the administration of the affairs of Alpha Province during the past two years.

Resolved, That the visiting members of the Convention express their grateful recognition of the kind hospitality of Pa. Alpha chapter.

Resolved, That the Convention heartily appreciates the work of the local committee on entertainment, and especially the efforts of the banquet committee in making that occasion a success.

Resolved, That the Convention express its satisfaction at the prosperity of the fraternity at large, and especially with the establishment of chapters at Syracuse and Lehigh universities, and the revival of the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Visiting Members reported the following members of the fraternity as having attended sessions of the Convention:

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J. M. Mayer.

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Pennsylvania Eta.

T. F. Newby,	T. A. Straub,
R. P. Barnard,	F. J. Ermentrout.

Moved and seconded that report be accepted. Carried.

The committee on time and place of holding next convention, reported as follows :

That the time be Thursday and Friday of the second week in October, 1890.

A majority report that the place be Ithaca, N. Y., and a minority report that it be Syracuse, N. Y.

Moved and seconded that the report as to the time, and the majority report as to the place be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Brother Dean invited the members of the Convention to visit Lehigh University during the afternoon, stating that Pennsylvania Eta would make it pleasant for all who should do so.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three, one of whom be the President, be appointed to attend to publishing minutes. Carried. T. H. Knox and T. C. Blaisdell, appointed.

Moved and seconded that the delegate to the next General Convention from Massachusetts Alpha present Resolution VII to the consideration of that body; that the delegate

from New York Alpha present Resolution VIII; that the delegate from Pennsylvania Alpha, present Resolution IX; and the delegate from New York Gamma present the Resolution relating to the members of Alabama Gamma. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary of the Convention be thanked for the work he had performed for that body. Carried.

Minutes of the session read and approved, following which was a short address to the Convention by President Horton. The Treasurer made a report of the money he had received.

Moved and seconded that the Convention adjourn to meet with New York Alpha, at Ithaca, on Thursday of the second week of October, 1890. After prayer by J. H. Murray, motion was carried.

D. R. HORTON,
President.

T. C. BLAISDELL,
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A LEGEND OF THE MOUND-BUILDERS.

(Written for the annual celebration of Missouri Beta, May, 1888.)

You all have heard of that primeval race
That, ere the Indian taught the stream to bear
His boat, or shot his whistling arrows here,
Dwelt on these shores and left its legacy
In countless mounds of earth and works of art
To mark its presence.

In the long ago,
Two of their strongest tribes engaged in war,
Such, in terrific fury unsurpassed,
And flowing blood, as man shall never see;
Save once again, when Christ shall crush his foes.
A thousand men went from one little town,
A tenth came back to tell how well they fought
And how nine-tenths were slain. A wail arose
From those who loved and knew that those they loved
Were dead. A mother wailing for her boy,
A black-haired maiden for her lover slain,
Wives for their husbands, gray-haired men for sons,
Made up the mighty dirge.

But soon arose
A cry more terrible than sorrow's sob;—
A childish cry for bread. There was no bread—
The flour was gone. The hands that should have brought
Provision, now lay cold and still in death,
While wives and children perished one by one
With hunger. Then the tribe, unterrified
By foes with-out, yielded to that within
And cried for peace.

The chiefs in conclave met,
And sent at last a herald to their foes,
The Maniquois; proposing terms of peace,
T'was done. The peace was signed, provided two,—

From each tribe one,—were found to risk their lives
In single combat, to decide the fate,
Each of his tribe.

The Maniquois at once
A chieftain chose, that stood a head and more
Above the rest. His hands of iron grasp
Were joined to arms as strong as bars of steel.
His legs were like two mighty oaks. His breast
Needed no breast-plate to protect its strength.
His only weapon was a glittering sword,
Heavy and sharp with which the giant played
As with a toy.

And when the Noads saw
This mighty foe, they were afraid, and stopped
Irresolute. In all their tribe was found
No man that dared to meet him. While they stood
Dismayed, the maiden, smarting to avenge
Her lover slain, and blushing at the shame
Of cowardice among her friends, snatched up
A sword, and shield set round with pearls, and broke
Detaining friends away, the champion fierce to meet.
So light she seemed, so like a tender flower,
A blow would crush her, so the Noads thought
And hope died in their hearts. Now the blows
Fell from the giant's sword like thunder-bolts
Upon her shield that rung defiance back.
Long time they fought, till Lona's sword was red
With reeking blood. Nor had his blows been vain,
Her blood had stained her shield a crimson hue,
Making alternate pearls like rubies flame.
At last she aimed one mighty blow that broke
Her sword like glass. She made no stop,
But with a woman's quickness interposed
Her shield and caught a blow that fell
With double force. Her aim is true, but not,
Alas! the shield, for where he struck the sword
Pierced through, above the pure white scroll that graced
Its center. One more blow would cost her life,
But woman's eyes are sharper than a sword,
And through the hole his sword had made, she flashed
A look, so full of hot defiant hate,
It made his warrior heart to yield at once,
And melted all his courage. Then he turned
To fly, and in his haste, stumbled and fell,
And lay there faint and bleeding. Then her eye,
Softened with pity at his helplessness,
As when an eagle hears the young one's cry;

Then from a spring near by she brought him drink
To quench his burning thirst. She washed his wounds
And bound them up and helped him to his feet.
His heart tho' hardened by a thousand scenes
Of flowing blood, of dying men and dead,
Was touched by her compassion. Then he fell
Upon his knees before her and with tears
Of gratitude, he promised all his life
To serve her with devotion and to give
Of all within his power, whate'er she asked.

The war was done. The bow of peace once more
With influence sweet warmed earth and air and sky
To gladness and new life. With its return
Love crept into the chief Onino's heart,
Fed by the graces of his former foe.
Nor did her heart quite unresponsive beat.
She soon was won, and on the bridal morn
He led her to the nuptial bower while nature smiled,
And choirs of birds the marriage anthems sung.
They breathed their marriage vows. Onino's voice
Then broke the silence. "Fellow braves," he said,
"To-day has witnessed what I long have wished,
The sealing of the peace between our tribes.
And now I bring my bride a gift, this sword
And golden shield, joined by a golden chain,
Emblems of those with which the peace was won,
Now a sworn pledge that seals our double oath,—
This sword and shield shall meet in strife no more."
He spoke, and fastened on the maiden's breast
A golden sword and shield—with golden chain—
With pearls and rubies set. Pearls for the tears
The war bereaved had shed. Rubies for pearls
Her blood had dyed. And on its central scroll
PHI DELTA THETA glowed in bright relief,
Symbol of this;—"Friendship divine from God."
And in the place Onino's sword had pierced,
Through which her eye had flashed, there glittered now
A diamond eye that shone as bright as her's.
And then they wrote upon a plate of gold
The record of their treaty. This they placed
Upon the ground and over it they reared
A mound of earth shaped like a monster snake,
That long as time should last should guard their peace.

But forty years ago a band of boys,
Miami students, found this sacred mound,
And, as it seemed, with sacrilegious hands,

Dug out its secrets. There they found this plate,
They read its pledge of friendship ne'er to end.
They saw the badge that sealed it. Then they swore
To bind themselves in brotherhood like that
Recorded there. They took the sword and shield
To be their badge. And it became a sign
Of brotherhood as sacred and as true
As any that appears on history's page.
The chain to show its reconciling power,
Binds sword and shield in one. The golden sword
And studded shield are emblems that foretell
Defense and vengeance for a brother's wrongs.
And so PHI DELTA THETA stands a pledge
Of mutual help, of mutual sacrifice,
Of sweet regard, of friends where'er we go.
A brotherhood that spreads from sea to sea,
A brotherhood to last as long as time.
And brothers, say, is it too much to hope
That it may symbolize that brotherhood
Above, where all is life and light and love.

McA.

EDITORIAL.

ONE of the questions which usually occupies a good deal of time, and gives rise to much discussion at conventions, is the location of the following meeting. It has always been the endeavor of the fraternity to divide the honors—and this is always claimed as one—as evenly and fairly as possible. In 1876 we came East to Philadelphia. In 1878 we went West to Wooster. In 1880 we went further West still to Indianapolis. In 1882 the East and South had it at Richmond; and in 1884 the South was visited a second time at Nashville. In 1886 at New York we went further North and East than we had ever done before, so it was both natural and just that the pendulum should swing back to the West, further than it had ever gone before and carry us to Illinois in 1889. Our next convention will be in 1891. Where shall it be? With the last one in the West; the one before it in the North-east; and the two preceding that in the South, will it not be meet to return to the East and choose a point which both North and South can claim, and which will be equally convenient and accessible to both, and as much so to our Western brethren as any Eastern point?

In 1891, the most eminent member of Phi Delta Theta and one of the most illustrious sons of the Nation will be at the Capital of the Republic, as the chief executive of its laws.

We respectfully submit to the consideration of the coming convention, whether or not Washington is the best place for us to hold our session in 1891.

We think it is. And it would certainly be a distinguished honor for Phi Delta Theta if BENJAMIN HARRISON were able in some way to participate in the meeting, perhaps as its orator. There is no more pleasant city for such a meeting, and if Phi Delta Theta is ever to choose it, there will never be a better time than when we can count among our members the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WE join brother Skilling in wishing brother Montgomery all joy and happiness, and with him feel sure that they come heartfelt from all Phis, and especially from those who have had the pleasure of knowing "A. J." personally or who realize the immense value of his services for Phi Delta Theta. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Montgomery and heartily welcome her as a sister Phi.

OHIO EPSILON'S Chapter letter for this issue is not published because it was written on both sides of the sheet. Printers refuse to set copy so prepared. Whenever a chapter letter is not inserted, it is because some fundamental and essential rule of writing for print is not regarded.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

April 26th, 1889.

NEW YORK ALPHA, developing a suggestion recently made by Vermont Alpha in the SCROLL, has sent out a circular letter to the chapters of the Fraternity, requesting subscriptions to a fund with which to purchase a Fraternity pin to be presented to brother President Harrison.

At their request, I have consented to take charge of this fund. Individual subscriptions will be accepted and will be properly acknowledged. Subscriptions have already begun to come in, and there are indications of general support to the enterprise.

I wish to call the attention of members and chapters to the singularly favorable opportunity which this occasion offers the Fraternity to honor itself, and at the same time to impress upon every one the necessity of a prompt response to the appeal.

We must make the occasion unqualifiedly successful.

Fraternally yours

CARROLL PH. BASSETT, P. G. C.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF DELTA PROVINCE.

Hotel Emory, CINCINNATI, O., April 24th, '89.

THE next convention of this Province will meet at Wooster, at ten o'clock on the morning of May 14th. Each chapter is entitled to send two delegates, and, as business of great importance to the Province and to the Fraternity will be transacted, it is essential that all the chapters should be fully represented.

The local committee of arrangements are now preparing for the affair, and all visiting Phis will be cordially welcomed and royally entertained.

The National Convention meets this year, and many amendments to the constitution and ritual will be offered, and some of these will be primarily discussed and acted upon at Wooster.

I believe that this should be the largest and most interesting Province Convention ever held, and every Phi, both in Ohio and Kentucky, should strive to make it so.

Yours in the Bond,

WM. E. BUNDY,

Prov. President.

GALESBURG, ILL., *March* 24th, 1889.

To Zeta Province Phis :

ILLINOIS ZETA chapter having appointed me a committee to confer with the chapters of Zeta Province upon the subject of a Zeta Province Convention, I take this means of addressing you.

At our last meeting, Ill. Zeta decided by unanimous vote that it was in favor or holding a Province Convention sometime in the spring or early summer of 1890. And also, it decided, that as the best means of insuring a successful convention, it would be a good plan to have a delegate convention of the Zeta Province Chapters held at Bloomington, Ill., next October, at the time of the meeting of the National Convention.

This preliminary meeting is to form a province organization, by electing such officers, and adopting such constitution and by-laws as may be necessary. Also, it shall be the duty of this preliminary convention to determine upon a time and place of

holding a Province Convention. (The time to be, as mentioned above, sometime before the close of the school year in June, 1890). Besides determining time and place, the meeting shall decide upon the nature the proceedings are to take; to formulate a programme, or to appoint a committee who will do so; to appoint committees to make arrangements for the convention; and to decide upon ways and means of defraying the expenses of such a convention.

In the opinion of Ill. Zeta each chapter should send two delegates to this Bloomington meeting. But in order that there shall be no possibility of unduly burdening the chapters, we have concluded to submit two propositions on this point to the Chapters. One is the two delegate plan, and the other is for but one delegate, according as the majority of the chapters shall decide shall the number of delegates be fixed.

Our several propositions being now set forth, I shall endeavor to present a few reasons for adopting them. As to the good coming from a Province Convention, I think I will not need to speak, as all will admit the great value of such a gathering to the interests of the Fraternity in Zeta Province.

Now, as to the advantage of holding the preliminary meeting next fall. Certainly it has many, but I will mention only a few. It will be a great saving of time and consequently of money. If the organization is formed and arrangements made by a few then, when the time comes for holding the convention no time need be lost, in forming an organization. Hence we can do as much in one day, these things having been attended to, as we could in a session of two or three days, if we had not made the arrangements before hand, we could get to work without delay, and our work having been mapped out before hand with ample opportunity for preparation on the parts of those participating in the exercises of the convention, we would obtain very much more of good from the convention than if we had come unprepared. A great deal more can be said on this point and similar ones, but they will occur at once to all.

Then as to the number of delegates to this Bloomington meeting. The sending of one delegate has this advantage; by combining the delegateship in the person of the delegate to the National Convention, no cost would accrue to the chapter. But there is this disadvantage, it is placing in the hands of five delegates the power of providing for something that concerns at least a hundred Phis. Certainly these five delegates would be glad of the assistance of five or more other delegates to aid with their counsel.

In sending two delegates, there need be but the cost of sending one man, as the same combination could be made in regard to one delegateship as was made in the one delegate plan. But

it would be little cost in the present instance, as the meeting of the National Convention is held in our Province, we are not any of us far removed from the place of meeting. Besides it would seem that each chapter has loyal enough Phis who would be willing to spend a few dollars to pay their own expenses for such a trip when not only the good of the Fraternity at large, and particularly in Zeta Province, is to be advanced, but also he would have the personal pleasure and profit of a few days meeting with Phis from all over the Union.

In conclusion, I would say that Ill. Zeta is most dreadfully in earnest about holding a Province Convention, and she believes she has found a way whereby it can be done with the least expenditure of time, money, and work, and whereby the greatest good can be derived. We hope that the other chapters may feel the same enthusiasm as we do, and we here promise to do all in our power to accomplish the success of such an undertaking if the other chapters will work with us. We have no private ends to accomplish, and only desire the good of the whole Fraternity, and particularly the wellfare of Zeta Province. We urge every Phi in this Province, both active and retired, to think earnestly upon this subject and see if by joining hands and all working together with a will we can't do something for our loved Phi Delta Theta. Correspondence is solicited, and will receive prompt attention by me. Yours in the Bond,

Box 693. SAM. D. HARSH,
Com. Ill. Zeta.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ZETA PROVINCE.

Chicago, April 9, 1889

To Zeta Province Phis :

I HAVE heretofore preferred to communicate to you by personal letter on matters pertaining to the work in this Province, but for reasons, among which may be mentioned lack of time, and the fact that my correspondence with the reporters has been considerably unsuccessful, I now address you through the SCROLL. I have written you concerning financial matters, the annual letter, and other things recently, but so far have only heard from faithful Illinois Zeta. My especial reason now of addressing you is to bring to your attention the letter of Sam. D. Harsh, Illinois Zeta, published in this issue, suggesting a plan for holding a Zeta Province Convention. Now that Illinois Zeta has taken the initiative move on such an important question, I hope all the chapters of Zeta Province will aid her in the effort to hold this proposed Convention. The plan adopted by Illinois Zeta I regard as most serviceable that could be proposed, and I heartily recommend it to the chapters, and urge them to act upon it at once. In the matter of the number of delegates to send to

the preliminary convention, I would recommend the two delegate plan as the best. In this matter of delegates, I believe each chapter can find some one or two of its members who are willing to spend the time and money, and thus necessitate no cost to the chapter.

Hoping the chapters will move at once in this matter, I remain,

Yours most respectfully,

W. L. MILLER,

President of Zeta Province

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE Spring Term has just opened, and all the Phis are back except Brothers Brady and Dodge. Brother Farr has received an appointment to West Point, and will leave some time during this month. In college honors we have our share. Brother Roberts is captain of the base ball team. We are represented on the *Oracle* by Brothers Burbank and Cary, and on the *Echo* by brothers Farnham and Roberts. Brothers Teague and Gorham are President and Orator respectively of the Sophomore Class, while in the other classes we secured our share. We are to have a new Observatory and Physical Laboratory which will cost about $20,000. On the Sophomore Declamation, which occurs in May, we are represented by brothers Cottle and Gorham.

April 5, 1889. C. W. AVERELL.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

WE are glad to notice from the annual circular letters the many evidences of the increasing prosperity of the fraternity at large. Brothers Bosworth, Cheney, Grow and Hawley represented us among the nine speakers at the Sophomore Exhibition, which took place March 19. Twenty men have been chosen from the Freshmen and Sophomore classes to compete for places in the Forest prize speaking contest. Of this number nine are members of Vermont Alpha. We notice by the papers that brother T. L. Jeffords, '86, now of Washington, D. C., is having the support of the Vermont and Ohio congressmen for the important position of U. S. Commissioner of Education. While we trust he will be favored with the appointment, we feel that, even if he is unsuccessful, the prominent mention of the name of so young a man in connection with such an office is striking evidence of his ability and popularity.

Burlington, April 6, 1889. M. A. HOWE.

Massachusetts Beta, Amherst College.

Massachusetts Beta has enjoyed a quiet prosperity since her founding last May. At our first commencement we had our share of honors; two prizes, the class orator, the principal character in senior dramatics, a speaker on the Kellogg five (chosen from a class of seventy-five for highest excellence in speaking), and the election of four of our '89 delegation (of seven) to the Senior Scientific Society (honorary; fifteen members). We also have some of the best musicians in college. Last year we had more men on musical organizations than any of our eight rivals, except one.

Nine men were initiated in October; seven from '92, one from '91, and one from '89. Brother Lester, from Tennessee Alpha, and brother Newell, from Vermont Alpha, were affiliated. Of the entering members, three in '92 are in near the head of the class in scholarship. One, brother Tully, divided the Porter Admission Prize with a member of Δ K E. On the evening of our initiation we gave our friends a reception, in honor of our establishment in our chapter house. Two hundred and fifty invitations were sent out, but on account of the rain only a hundred guests were present, yet we thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, and were greatly pleased to hear our friends from town, who are in the habit of attending the elegant receptions of our Grecian rivals, pronounce our's the pleasantest, most cordial, and most "endurable" reception they had attended for some time. Our standing in college has constantly risen. While we are conscious that our influence in college is yet small, on account of our youth, we are confident that the principles of Φ Δ Θ are bound to make it at last the foremost fraternity in a college which is the greatest stronghold of the Eastern organizations. Ψ Υ is the most influential fraternity at Amherst, and we are proud to number her among our friends. The kindness of its members has been very grateful. Α Δ Φ comes next with its aristocratic, blue blooded brotherhood. Χ Ψ and Δ K E have a high rank. Δ Υ, Β Θ Π and Θ Δ Χ are pretty generally acknowledged by the Greek world here to yield to us in standing, though they are chapters of some years duration. Χ Φ, we hope, will be the next to fall behind in reputation, as we believe she already has in the real merit of her men. Our rivalry is altogether a friendly one, and we are not afraid to yield a point whenever right demands it. Our chapter house, now very elegantly furnished, is a constant source of congratulation. Our prospects for college honors the present year is excellent, indeed, a great deal better than last year. We are heartily glad to see our Phi brothers in Amherst, and we cordially invite them, if they ever come this way, to call at our house on College Street.

March 17, 1889. A. S. Cody.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA has been having another prosperous year. The number of her active members is 15, the largest membership of any of Washington and Jefferson's six fraternities. The average scholarship of the members is far ahead of that of any other fraternity in our college. This is readily proven by the fact that Phi Delta Theta men received two of the four "One Straights" in the Senior Class in both the 1st and 2d terms of this year. In the Junior Class Phis received three out of six "One Straights" the 1st term, and three out of seven the 2d term. Our standing can be judged from the fact that the Senior Class contains 36 members, 5 Phis, and the Junior Class 42 members, 5 Phis. At the Annual Contest of the Philo and Franklin Literary Societies, brother Haymaker represented the Philo Society on debate, having the negative of the question "Should the United States Government own and control the Telegraph System of our country?" Brother Haymaker, with one of the finest debates ever delivered at our college, easily defeated his opponent, an anti-frat., whom a number of his fellow "Antis" consider a sort of a god, and worship accordingly. Brother Ewing, of '90, will teach in Armstrong County this term. He, however, will return to graduate with '90 next year. We have initiated only two men this year, but both are real additions to our chapter, and full of Phi enthusiasm.

We first initiated Haldain Bayne Hughes, Washington, Pa., and a short time later Morgan Dodge Hays, Washington, Pa. Both are Freshmen, stand high in their classes, and are worthy Phis.

Brother A. J. Montgomery, Jr., of class of '87, was married on March 24th to Miss Henrietta B. Duff, of East Liberty, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Montgomery leave this week for their mission field in Kentucky. Pennsylvania Gamma has enjoyed prosperity continually since her founding, and the outlook was never more promising than now.

Washington, April 6th, 1889. JOHN B. CLARK.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA has good news to tell. WE have moved into an elegant suite of rooms—*our own.* They are situated on the second floor of the Kitchen Block. The walls and ceiling are adorned with fine new paper, in which azure is a prevailing color. The best of brussels and ingrain cover the floors, and the furniture is of antique oak and plush. Heavy curtains and portierres abound. We have plenty of room for our "William," who, as most of the boys can testify, is of no mean species. In this new enterprise our alumni have stood by us nobly, and have

caused us to succeed to such an extent that the chapter is practically out of debt. We are not disposed to self-praise, but still we feel justified in the pride we take in our Phi Home, since Pennsylvania Delta has been established but ten years. We have discussed the chapter house a good deal, and conclude that we do not want one at present, as the chapter house at Allegheny has not been very fully tried.

Why is it that we did not receive the full number of circular letters? Is it possible they were not published by some chapters? Or was it an accident that we did not get as many as we should? I hope it is owing to the latter supposition. We take good care of these letters and have them bound in durable form as they will be valuable to us as a matter of history. One good feature which we have in regard to the circular letter is perhaps peculiar to us. It is that each alumnus, on receipt of the letter, sends the treasurer one dollar as a token of his regard for the chapter. We are pleased to say that quite a number responded this year.

We anticipate a grand re-union at the celebration of our Tenth Anniversary Commencement week. From letters already received, we have reason to expect a goodly number of Phis. This commencement will be especially interesting, as it is Allegheny's triennial Alumni year. The invitations to the Anniversary exercises and banquet will be issued soon, and will give explicit dates.

April 6, 1889. EDW. P. COUSE.

BETA PROVINCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

NOTHING of importance has transpired in fraternity circles since our last report. Our chapter is still in a healthy condition, and has not failed to capture her share of honors during the year. This entire year has been especially characterized by harmony of feeling between the different fraternities. All seem to be satisfied with the results of their industrious "rushing," consequently there has been no cause whatever for jealousy or petty rows. The standard of fraternity men has been considerably raised in this institution, and this fact alone has exercised a healthful influence upon the relations between members of different fraternities. Brother D. F. Houston, '87, is with us at the present writing. He obtained one week's holiday from his school in Spartenburg, and has decided to spend a portion of the time with his alma mater and South Carolina Beta. We are always glad to welcome him. Brother J. E. Curry, ex-'89, of Gastonia, N. C., and Miss Ida Dixon, of Charlotte, N. C., were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last week. Brother Curry is a prominent

druggist of Gastonia. H. A. Brunson has been elected statistician for class day exercises. South Carolina Beta extends a hearty greeting to Rhode Island Alpha.

Columbia, April 8th, 1889. HARRY A. BRUNSON.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE

IT is with feelings of triumph that Georgia Beta sends her report this time. Since last I wrote you we have scored two decided successes, first in giving the best banquet Oxford has seen in a long time, if not the best ever had here, and second, in initiating one of the best men in college. This last happy event took place April 5th, and we now take great pleasure in introducing brother J. F. Bue to our other chapters as a worthy brother and a fellow laborer for Phi Delta Theta's honor. The banquet was given March 22d, at the residence of president Candler, who, though a member of another fraternity, welcomed us hospitably, and entertained us royally. We scored a decided success, the ladies, both resident and visiting, declaring it the best thing of the kind they ever attended. We may mention among the toasts one to "Benjamin Harrison, the foremost Phi Delta Theta in the world," responded to in a happy way by a loyal Democratic alumnus. The whole was an evening of pleasure we never expect to see surpassed.

In the "Senior Class Four Exercises" on March 1st, we may mention as most prominent parts of the programme the class history by brother R. F. Eakes, the class prophecy by brother J. P. McKee, and the class song by brother J. N. Snow. Each was unique and good of its kind. College affairs in general are quiet now, but soon the places for commencement will be made known. We expect Phi Delta Theta as usual to obtain a large part of these.

Oxford, April 10th, 1889. J. F. DAVES.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

TENNESSEE BETA once more greets her sister chapters, and hopes that in the past year they were all as prosperous as she. We have initiated in the past year nine men, two of whom were professors in the University, viz.: Rev. Brother A. A. Benton, of the Theological Department, and Ellwood Wilson, ex-professor of Commercial Law, and now a resident. We have also affiliated brothers Armstrong, of New York Delta, Purnell, of Mississippi Alpha, and Cambell, of Kentucky Alpha. We have now a membership of fourteen good men. There are five other fraternities of the mountain, viz., $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, $\Sigma\ A\ E$, $K\ \Sigma$, $K\ A$, and $A\ T\ \Omega$, and we rank as high as any of them. We have lost four

good men in the past year, viz., Rev. brother Grubb, who takes charge of a parish in Jacksonville, Florida, brother Howard, who enters business in Boston, Mass., brother Cotlam, who enters business in New Orleans, La., and brother Haden, who was too ill at the time school opened to enter, but will probably return in August. We have been working on our chapter house grounds like real Greeks lately, and hope in a short time to reap reward for our labors.

Sewanee, April 8th, 1889. L. CHANNING MOORE.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THE third term of our collegiate has begun, and as every Phi did himself justice in the examinations just closed, we start in for the next three months with renewed vigor. Alabama Alpha never was in a more prosperous condition than at the present time; and she is in perfect harmony with all of the Greeks in college. We are glad to hear that the Phis in Birmingham, Ala., are going to make an effort to establish an alumni chapter there, as there are fully twenty-five Phis in the place, and as that place has been selected for holding our next Annual State Convention in June. It was very necessary that we should have a chapter there, and we congratulate the Brimingham Phis on their enthusiasm. Alabama Alpha hopes to attend the convention in full force, as it is immediately after our commencement.

The SCROLL, in the March issue, spoke as if some of the Alabama chapters were wanting in their SCROLL tax. We are glad to say this does not strike us, for we have paid up all of our dues, and always do.

Our circular letter has been issued and we hope every chapter as well as every one of our alumni will receive one.

We are always glad to see any Phi who may be passing through Tuscaloosa; in fact we urge every one to make himself known to us, and he will receive a hearty welcome from twenty-five of us.

Tuscaloosa, April 6, 1889. W. S. SMITH.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

IT seems from some cause or other, we have not had a letter in the SCROLL since college opened. We hope that the sister chapters will not think that we have been asleep, or that it has been for a want of enthusiasm, for we have been exceedingly enthusiastic in trying to select such men as would prove an honor to our noble Brotherhood. And we feel assured that we have initiated into the mysteries of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ten brothers who will stand the test; with these, and ten old boys, the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fraternity at

the A. & M. C. still stands firm and strong, and at the top round of the ladder. We are glad to welcome brother C. L. Newman, of '86, back again to the A. & M. C. ; he has resigned the position as Assistant Professor of Agriculture in the University of Tennessee, which he has held for the past two years. In February last we celebrated our 11th anniversary, and though the chilling winds blew and the snow fell fast, all who attended pronounced it one of the grandest affairs of the kind ever given in Auburn.

In an oratorical contest between two representatives of the West and Websterian Literary Societies, held on the 22d of February, we were represented by brother J. F. Wilkinson, who, it was said by some of the ablest critics, delivered the best oration on that occasion. The college will celebrate on the 30th inst., the centennial inauguration of the first president of the United States, at night ; there will be declamations by eleven Sophomores, and brothers J. M. Tharin, R. C. Smith and L. E. Baker will represent $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; the $K A$s will have three representatives ; the $A T \Omega$s, one ; the $\Sigma A E$s one, and the "Barbs" three.

Auburn, April 13th, 1889. L. E. BAKER.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

GROUND has been broken and foundations laid for the new library and museum building. It is to be a very imposing structure, and is located well to add to the natural beauty of our campus. Extensive improvements are also being made in chemical laboratory. The Professor will probably be allowed another assistant for next term.

The annual chapter letters from the majority of our chapters have come to hand, and they all increase our already strong enthusiasm for the cause of Phi Delta Theta, making us feel that we are in deed and in truth a "National Fraternity." But some chapters are still delinquent—generally those too from whom we seldom hear in the SCROLL. Brother Frank Purnell instead of returning the 2nd term as we hoped, has affiliated with Tenn. Beta at Sewanee, Tenn. We are sorry to lose him.

Oxford, April 6, 1889. E. J. BUCK.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING has occurred during the past month to disturb the calmness that at present pervades the atmosphere about Miami University and Ohio Alpha. The winter term closed March 26th. The spring term opened April 3d. The most important event that has taken place since the opening of the spring term is the formation of a permanent Athletic Association.

It is gratifying to read the circular letters from the different chapters, and note the fact, that Phi Delta Theta is second to none in the great fraternity race. Brother Cruikshank will not be with us this term. He has gone to Corning, O. Brother Cruikshank is a loyal and zealous worker for Phi Delta Theta. His absence makes a vacant chair which will be hard to fill. We wish him all the success possible in his undertakings.

Oxford, April 7, 1889. J. H. McCready.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Michigan Alpha, University of Michigan.

Everything here is exceedingly quiet now in fraternity circles. Very few men are being rushed by any of them. The inter-fraternity base-ball league has been reorganized, and there are promises of some interesting games. There is also talk of organizing a class league.

We are lacking in many of the circular letters of our sister chapters. Those who have not sent us any will know the chapters meant.

The *Oracle*, the annual publication of the sophomore class, appeared last week, and has produced quite a favorable impression. A noticeable feature is the omission of the extremely personal and heart-rending "grinds" which generally form the chief characteristic of college publications. Those which do occur are very mild.

The recent sudden death of Prof. Morris, who held the chair of philosophy, has caused much regret and sorrow to all alike. He was a man universally respected and admired, and a very able teacher.

The University Calendar for 1888–9 is out and gives some interesting statistics. There are 1882 students registered. The Literary Department has 824 ; the Medical, 371 ; the Law 400; the Pharmacy, 106 ; the Homoeopathic, 13 ; Dental, 108. There are 305 ladies, 202 in the Literary Department. After 1890 the requirements for admission of students for A. B. will be changed. Mathematics and Latin will be decreased and preparation required in Natural Philosophy and Botany.

April 5, 1889. J. T. N. Hoyt.

Michigan Beta, Michigan Agricultural College.

Michigan Beta is in a flourishing condition. School opened the last of February after our long vacation which occurs in the winter. All of the brothers are present except Stockwell and Woodworth. We have two initiates to introduce to Phidom, brother G. A. Peabody, '92, of Detroit Michigan, and J. H. F. Mullett, '90, of Meridian, Michigan. This makes our

total membership sixteen, and we hope soon to add more good men to the chapter. We are in receipt of the circular letters for 1889, and find in them much of interest. We think them a decided improvement upon those issued last year, and they show, as nothing else could, the good work being accomplished by the fraternity at large.

Delta Tau Delta, the only other fraternity represented here, has been increasing its members and seems to be doing good work.

Brother N. S. Mayo, '88, graduates from the Chicago Veterinary College this month. Brother F. B. Stockwell, '90, is studying law in Pontiac, Michigan. The Michigan Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association soon holds a Field Day and we shall be well represented in the various sports, and hope to carry off not a few of the prizes.

March 18, 1889. R. S. BAKER.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

THE work of the Phis this winter, both in classes and the literary societies, has been quite satisfactory. Of the three honors for the Freshmen in oratory, brother Molby received first, and one of our pledged men took another. Of society and class offices we hold a goodly number, which is of value mostly as it indicates in what esteem our men are held. Brother Hiller is president of the senior class. Brother Barringer is president of the State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. The bright prospects for the fraternity at large, as indicated in the circular letters that are so welcome from our sister chapters, must awaken renewed zeal all along the line. We feel like congratulating the general fraternity again for the policy which inspired the provision for the circular greetings.

Hillsdale, April 7th, 1889. E. D. PALMER.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

TO-DAY opens the spring term at Lombard, and while it is yet early to make accurate predictions, everything seems to promise good things for the University. Among the students gathered in the registration room, some new faces were seen, and not many of the old ones missed. The attendance, as usual, however, will probably be below that of the fall and winter terms. The last month of last term was a very pleasant one for the Phis, marred only by the sickness of brother Rost, which necessitated his leaving school probably not to return soon, if at all. We were all grieved to part with him, for although he was but a member for a

short time, he showed from the beginning a truly loyal Phi spirit, and was ever ready to do for the good of the chapter.

In the examinations of the term, Phi boys maintained an exceedingly good average, and are to be congratulated on the work of the term. In the election of officers in the literary societies, we did not fare so well as ordinarily, but as fraternity politics do not enter into these elections, we cannot admit that we were in any way beaten. Offices here go by rotation, according to classes, and fraternity men don't always vote for a member of their own fraternity. The most important office that we got this time was the vice-presidency of the Erosophian Society. Arrangements for Field Day are now beginning to be made. Brothers Moore and McConnell, president and secretary respectively of the Athletic Association, are laboring hard to make the day a success—as no doubt it will be.

On the evening of March 21, we had the pleasure of a visit at our meeting from brother Chas. W. Sly, formerly a member of '88. Brother Sly, after graduating from a Chicago Medical College last spring, has been practising his profession in Chicago until recently, but is temporarily located at Galesburg at the present time. He will either return shortly to Chicago, or seek some other field of labor. Brother O. G. Colegrove, '87, spent a few days with us recently, and we had a very pleasant visit. He is the very popular pastor of the Universalist Church at Morrison, Ill.

Illinois Zeta is very much interested in holding a Province Convention next year. As will be seen by my letter published elsewhere in this issue, we adopted a plan for a convention, which is to be submitted to the other chapters of this province. We are very much in earnest on the subject, and hope that the rest of the chapters will lend us a helping hand. Certainly nothing could benefit us more, all of us, every chapter, than the holding of a Province Convention. The plan we have submitted we regard as having the advantage of the least possible expense of time and money, as well as the greatest amount of good to be derived for the outlay. The chapter has appointed the undersigned as a committee for the purpose of working the subject up among the chapters, and I would be glad to hear from each Phi in the province on the subject. This subject is not one in which any chapter has any peculiar interest, and the holding of a convention is not for the purpose of promoting the interests of any one chapter at the expense of the others, but for the purpose of helping all the chapters of this province, and of the fraternity at large, and to promote the interests of Phi Delta Theta in this province. By organization we can locate every Phi in the province, and hold them together, and hence we can form a body of good and strong men, working together for the good of the fraternity and their fellow members at all times and opportunities.

April 4, 1889. SAM. D. HARSH.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

SINCE our last letter, the annual reception given by Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Psi, and Sigma Chi, has occurred. It is the swell affair of the year at this college. The invitations were not received here until the Saturday before the date, (which occurred Friday, March 1st,) and owing to this unfortunate fact our alumni did not receive warning in time to make arrangements for coming. Brother David F. Simpson, '83, of Minneapolis, was our only alumnus present. Brother Harry H. Beaser, '84, visited us the last of the term. Since his return home to Ashland, Wisconsin, he has been elected mayor on the Democratic ticket. Complete news of the chapter's doings will be found in our circular letter. We have delayed issuing it in order to complete our plans for a chapter house, and lay them before the alumni. We have made no new initiations since our last letter, but will probably make one soon. The fraternities here now number: Chi Psi, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Sigma Chi, 16; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 6; Delta Upsilon, 14, and Phi Delta Theta, 21. Numbers are not always an indication of prosperity, but in the U. W. they are. The fraternities here choose men for social qualities rather than for intellect. To such an extent has this been carried that the fraternities now monopolize the college society, and are branded and hated as aristocrats by the neutrals. Beta Theta Pi and Delta Upsilon possibly form an exception to this statement, but both of them have always been to some degree prominent in society, although it is their avowed principle to choose for head rather than heels. In personal popularity with the neutrals, our chapter clearly bears the palm. Entire absence of disgraceful scheming, and the presence of a gentlemanly and courteous manner towards our college mates has secured us the respect of the college. Not only are we popular with the neutrals, but we venture to say that we are on better terms with the other Greeks than any chapter here. Chi Psi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Kappa Psi occupy rented chapter houses. Chi Psi has occupied theirs for many years. It is a small wooden house, containing two small parlors, rooms for five men, and a kitchen; it rents for $25 a month. Beta Theta Pi occupies the finest chapter house in town. It contains three very large parlors, rooms for sixteen men, bath room and lodge room. It is finished in hard wood down stairs, is on a lake lot, and rents for $600, an extraordinary cheap rent for the house. Phi Kappa Psi occupies the house of ex-president Bascom. It is a nice house of old fashioned style, contains a fairly large suite of parlors, and rooms for sixteen men. It is not so large or handsome a house as the Beta house, but is located on a very fine and large lot. It rents for $600 a year. We occupy a new suite of rooms in a block.

They are 100x22 ; they are divided into two rooms for dancing and meeting, separated by an arch, a billiard room and a dressing room. In the matter of furnishing we are richer than any chapter here. We have fine furniture and a billiard table and piano. Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi have pianos, but none of the rest have. We are the only chapter that has a billiard table. At the time we negotiated for our present quarters, Chi Psi was the only chapter occupying a house, and they were somewhat chary in dignifying their modest establishment with so pretentious a title as "chapter house." However, we have always led in the matter of size and elegance of chapter hall, and we shall not take a back seat in the matter of chapter house. Complete exposition of our plans will be found in our circular letter.

Madison, April 7th, 1889. W. A. CURTIS.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

MISSOURI ALPHA has little of interest to report this month, except to announce to the fraternity at large that the resignation of brother Arch. M. Turner was tendered to and accepted by Missouri Alpha at a recent meeting. Considering the circumstances that attended the case, such an action was best for himself and the general harmony of the chapter. At a recent meeting of the Athenæan Literary Society, brothers Kellum and Haines were elected to represent that society in a declamation contest between the abovementioned society and the young ladies' literary society, the contest to be held some time near commencement week. The all absorbing topic, at present, with our soldier Phis is the coming annual encampment of the cadet battalion. We are expecting several other military schools to join us for a ten days' sojourn in camp during the month of May, and on account of our past experience in camp life the boys are anticipating the jolliest time of the year.

We would like to hear from all the chapters of Eta Province, as to what they think of a Province Convention in Kansas City in June. The scheme, which was suggested by Nebraska Alpha, we heartily endorse, believing that it would be very beneficial in promoting the interests of Phi Delta Theta in the west.

Columbia, April 8th, 1889. R. T. HAINES.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

MISSOURI BETA has not been making much fuss over her work this session, but is still standing her ground. She has more members and is doing better work than she has for some time. The interest in her work keeps a full attendance upon all of her

meetings. The regular weekly meeting is seldom wanting of a single member of the chapter. Our meetings abound in instructive literary exercises, proper and wholesome jokes, beautiful and heart-stirring Phi Delta songs, and a free discussion of the chapter's interests both now and for the future. Since our last report brother George Miller has returned to further his literary pursuits and add to the interest of the chapter. Our membership is now thirteen. From the sixteen graduates this year there have been seven speakers chosen for the June exercises, Phis, three; Barbs, two, and Beta's two. The Phis are also ahead in the social line, having won several young ladies whom the Betas were doing their utmost to capture. Brother Ferguson goes as there presentative of the Philologic Literary Society to the "Inter-Collegiate State Oratorical Contest," to be held in May in one of the neighboring towns, place undecided as yet.

Fulton, April 8th, 1889. W. S. FOREMAN.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

IOWA'S State Oratorical Association is composed of the fifteen representative colleges of the State. At the last annual meeting in February, Mt. Pleasant was chosen by almost common consent as the place for the next contest. It was further left to our association to elect the vice-president of the State Association for the ensuing year. A very spirited canvas preceded the election; however "a free ballot and a fair count" secured the election of brother C. F. Weir. We removed from our old hall at the end of the winter term, and we are now permanently located in the National State Bank block. Our new hall is superior to the old one in every respect, and is large enough to accommodate the chapter until we are able to build a chapter house. Fraternity feeling ran high during the last session. Numerically we stand as follows: *B Θ Π*, thirteen; *Φ Δ Θ*, seventeen; *Π B Φ*, nineteen. The annual letter from almost all the chapters has been received. We note with pleasure the certain signs of prosperity throughout the fraternity.

Mount Pleasant, April 1, 1889. WILL H. SPURGEON.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

A MONTH ago we moved into our new quarters, which has been leased for a term of years. California Alpha has now reached a degree of prosperity for which she has been striving ever since her re-establishment three years ago. She is strong in numbers, full of enthusiasm, and possesses a chapter house equal to that of any fraternity in Berkeley. The ready response of our alumni enabled us to complete the furnishing within two weeks after taking possession. With all due respect to our rivals, it is safe

to assert that the Phis now hold a position not excelled by any of the older chapters here. The celebration of the University's twenty-first birthday occurred on the 23d. Brother Melvin ably represented us as president of the day. An innovation in the literary exercises was introduced by the discussion by the sophomore representative of "The Function of College Greek Letter Fraternities." The subject was well handled from the fraternity standpoint. It afforded also an opportunity to the anti-fraternity element, who for some time had preserved a respectful silence, to again display itself in the college weekly, which is controlled exclusively by non-fraternity men. On all such public days the fraternities keep open house; the Phis were not outdone either in the entertainment or number of guests, a large share of the success being due to the young ladies interested in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. It afforded us considerable satisfaction to note that the majority of the "co-eds" at the afternoon dance wore the white and blue. In the evening there was a house-warming, only members with their ladies being present; the day was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and will long be remembered with the advent into our new quarters. Among other non-resident Phis present, was brother L. S. Clark, Wisconsin Alpha, '59, who was instrumental in establishing the old chapter in '73.

We wish long life and prosperity to Rhode Island Alpha.

April 1, 1889. H. G. PARKER.

MARRIED.

THE many friends of brother A. J. Montgomery, will be glad to know that he is "perfectly happy"

He was married on March 25th to Miss Hennie B. Duff. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother, in East End Pittsburgh, by the Rev. G. W. Chalfant, of the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, and was witnessed by none but the near relatives and a few intimate friends of the highly contracting parties. The bride's habit was of fawn-colored French goods, with pink brochet, made in pure directoire style, the front being adorned with point applique lace and the pin of "*Phi Delta Theta.*"

The groom wore the conventional Prince Albert suit. After the ceremony a short reception was held and then, amid showers of rice and good wishes, the happy couple left for Philadelphia where they will spend the honeymoon. The bride graduated from the Washington Female Seminary in 1887, and it was there that brother M., while a student at Washington and Jefferson College, met her and "shee witched him"; and he has now proven beyond a doubt the truth of the words of our song book:

"The Phi girls are the best by far; now, who, sir, will deny it?"

She is a daughter of the late Thos. Duff and niece of the Hon.

John Dalzell, of Swissvale, the present Congressman from that district. Brother Montgomery has one more year in the Theological Seminary, to complete his course, and he expects to attend the McCormick Seminary in Chicago next year.

The presents received were numerous and costly: among them being a handsome purse of money, and many pieces of fine silver-ware.

I think I am safe in extending to them the congratulations and best wishes of the entire fraternity; and in return, I assure every "brother in the bond" that the zeal by which brother M's. work for Phi Delta Pheta has been characterized, will only be strengthened by the presence of his wife so loyal to the fraternity.

"Joy and happiness be thine."

D. M. S.

PERSONALS.

Maine Alpha.

A. H. Brainard is Principal of Bethlehem, N. H., High School.

Edward Fuller is practising law at Duluth, Minn.

Rufus Moulton is connected with the Worcester, Mass., City Hospital.

S. Gallert is studying law with Webb & Webb, in this city.

Ohio Beta.

'60. Brother A. P. Collins is President Board of Trustees of the Kansas Wesleyan University, at Salina, Kansas.

'60. Brother Joseph G. Schnebly is practising medicine at Baldwin City, Kansas. Brothers Collins and Schnebly were both members of the Kansas House of Representatives in '82–'84.

'78. Brother C. M. Idleman, formerly of Marion, O., has a lucrative law practice at Portland, Oregon.

'87. Brother Lee W. Squier is pastor of the M. E. Church, Hudson, O.

'83. Brother Rush P. Bigley, Delegate National Convention, Richmond, Va., '82, and Assistant Editor SCROLL in '82, is a prosperous merchant at DeGraff, O.

'84. Brother L. Seig Lupton is a rising young physician of Delaware, O.

'85. Brother A. B. Murphy, is at Bowling Green, O., and writes Attorney-at-law, Notary Public and Abstractor of Titles after his name.

'85. Brother Jos. W. Benschoter is a member of the firm of Benschoter Bros., Real Estate and Insurance, Bowling Green, O.

'86. Brother R. L. Leeds is with Leeds & Scott, grain commission merchants, Columbus, O.

'86. Brother Frank Millington is the Millington of Avery & Millington, proprietors, Larimer Co., Abstract Books, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

'87. Brother W. E. Miller is Superintendent of Schools, Dixon, Ky.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

'75. L. H. DeFriese, is now in Athens, Greece.

'76. J. N. E. Wilson has returned to San Francisco from Sacramento, where he has been representing his district in the State Senate.

'76. Col. W. H. Chamberlain, who was recently presented with a $500 set of silverware by the Dirigo Club, of which he is the popular president, is a prominent candidate for the postmastership of San Francisco.

'76. A. C. Bradford, Jr., whose whereabouts was not reported in the circular letter, is a thriving farmer near Nelson, Butte Co., Cal.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta for March is a most interesting number. The article on the "Greek World and Press" is especially entertaining and full of information. Old fraternity records occupy several pages, and give a lesson to the chapters of to-day of the true spirit of their fraternity founders, with an incentive to keep up the good work. The editorial department is well filled, while the most important part of a fraternity publication, viz., chapter letters, bears evidence of a prosperous condition of this excellent fraternity. Twenty-two chapter letters are published. —*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

"MR. JOHN R. SPEARS, the writer of The Dramatic Story of a Mountain Feud, has been a member of the *Sun* staff for six years. He came to New York from the *Buffalo Express*, on which he was a reporter. Before that he was the editor for five years of the *Silver Creek Local*, a Chautauqua County Weekly. His education was obtained chiefly during the three years he served as a cadet at the U. S. Naval Academy. On the *Sun* Mr. Spears has been in the department of general work. He wrote the famous reports of the Volunteer-Thistle yacht race. He has written a backwoods story for the *Youth's Companion*, and the November number of *Scribner's Magazine* contains a sea story from his pen —The Port of Missing Ships. It is a genuine pleasure to recommend the work of this direct, forcible and dramatic writer to the reading public."—*Current Literature, November, 1888.*

Brother Spears, who is a member of Indiana Gamma, '72, has written another story for *Scribner's Magazine* for April, 1889, and is a regular contributor to *Young Hearts.*

INFORMATION WANTED.

INFORMATION is wanted by the editors of the catalogue concerning the men whose names are appended. Any kind of information will be acceptable. The address given with each name is the last address known. Full names are given in all cases where they are known, and when not given they are wanted. Deceased members are marked with an asterisk, and the last address known is given in each case. Information as to exact time and place of death and other facts of interest are desired.

The editors desire to make the new edition of the catalogue complete in every particular. Thus far they have been unable to obtain any trace of the men whose names are here given, and it is hoped that every member of the fraternity will respond with such information as he can give, or give any sources from which the information may probably be obtained. Those who are in the localities where any of these men were last heard from are earnestly requested to institute inquiries concerning them.

In order that the information may be of the greatest benefit it should be sent *immediately*, but it will be acceptable at any time. Read the whole list over carefully, and especially that of your own chapter.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

* Nelson Ebenezer Cobleigh, '43, A. B.—Atlanta, Ga.
William H. Barnes, '54, Jacksonville, Ill.; Asst. Judge, Arizona, Ter., '86.
John Chapman Miller. '55, A. M., Bethany—Nineveh, Ind.
* Joseph Barrett Atchison, '58,—Ind. Inf., Greenfield, Ind.
Newton A. Johnson, '63, Galesburg, Ill.
Seth Robinson, '66, Jacksonville, Ill.
Rowland Thomas Dupuy, '68, 2d St.—Ky., Ind., Austin, Tex.
Martin D. Hamilton, '71, San Diego, Cal.
Albert L. Grimes, '73, died—Spring Garden, Ill.
Eli C. Baker. '77, Louisville, Ky.
William H. Baker, '78, Louisville, Ky.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA.

John Quincy Adams Blackwell, '58, U. S. A., Surg.—Div. '64. Foristel, Mo.
James Guthrie, '59, Marion, Ind.
Archibald Hill McDonald, '60, died—Rochester, Ind., Danville, Ill., or Bloomfield, Ill.
* James P. Pratt, '62, Logansport, Ind.
* John J. P. Blinn, '63, Crawfordsville, Ind.

* Martin J. Miller, '64, Greencastle, Ind.
J. N. Talbot, '72, M. D.—Santa Rosa, Cal., or Greencastle, Ind.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY, IRVINGTON, INDIANA.

Byron Kosciusko Elliott, 56, LL. D., Butler—Indianapolis, Ind.
* Daniel S. R. Kern, '67, Bedford, Ind.
* J. T. Jackson, '62, died—, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
* P. J. Squier, '63, U. S. A.—Ind. Inf., Hall's Corners, Ind.
David Newton Utter, '67, Kansas City, Mo. Perhaps in Oregon.
Samuel Winfield, '69, M. D.—. Wabash, Ind.
J. M. Kelsey, '71, Indianapolis, Ind.
J. B. Johnson, '74, Kokomo, Ind.
J. H. Rohrer, '74, Logansport, Ind.
George Mason Boyce, '75, name probably "Royce," Minister, Chicago Ill.
Edward Knotts Evarts, '76, M. D.—. Napa City, Cal.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE, FRANKLIN, INDIANA.

Lorenzo W. Billingsley, '62, Lincoln, Neb.
Lawrence McNutt, '78, attended Earlham College.
James L. Williams, '78, Wadesboro, N. C.
Charles T. Holt, '80, Haw River, N. C.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, INDIANA.

W. W. T. Evans, '72, Waynesville, or Jacksonville, Ill.
William F. Yocum, '72, Greenville, Miss.
Nathaniel L. Rice Johnson, '74, Cincinnati, Ohio.
James Franklin Cubbins, '77, Memphis, Tenn.
Holman Oliver Ross, '78, Indianapolis, Ind.
John H. Dellinger, '86, Utica, Clark Co., Ind.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, INDIANA.

Albert L. Wyeth, '69, Terre Haute, Ind.
* Joseph D. Strout, '70, Terre Haute, Ind.
Charles H. A. Gordon, '72, Terre Haute, Ind.
* Henry Clay Faucett, '73, M. D.—. Orleans, Ind.
Charles C. O'Boyle, 73, Terre Haute, Ind.
* Andrew R. Sheets, '73, Terre Haute, Ind.
* James B. Dell, '78, Indianapolis, Ind.
John Joseph Nagle, '87, Otterbein, Ind.

Richard Thomas Savin, '87, Meth. Epis. Min., 1262 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.
Arthur Lewis Sheets, '87, Remington, Ind.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

Homer Allured Plimpton, '59, Supt. Anglo-Am. Mining Co., Red Cliff, Col. Circular returned.
Findley D. Brown, 61, Rockford, Ill.
* Charles Henry Simpson, '62, died, Philadelphia, Pa.—1868.
C. E. Smith, '62, Rochester, N. Y. College address, Springfield, Mass.
C. E. Smith, '82, merchant at Chicago, '71. Rochester, N. Y. Circular returned from Rochester.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

William Henry Fitch, Jr., '65, Book-keeper, 176 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
William O. Hammers, '66, Metamora, Ill.
Frederick Augustus Smith, '66, U. S. A., Private,—Ill. Inf., '63, Chicago, Ill.
James M. Culbertson, '68, died—, Omaha, Neb.
W. P. Higginson, '68, Chicago, Ill.
Henry Clay Mabie, '68, Baptist Min., Indianapolis, Ind., or St. Paul, Minn.
James Springer, '68, Att'y-at-law, 125 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
Edward F. Stearns, '69, Burlington, Iowa.
Benjamin Franklin Taylor, Jr., 69, Wheaton, Ill.
Richard Mentor Springer, '70, 361 Congress St., Portland, Me.
Frank L. Rockwell, '71, Chicago, Ill.

ILLINOIS GAMMA, MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS.

Thomas H. Campbell, '71, Springfield, Ill.
* Robert B. Nesbit, '71, Cedarville, Ohio.
Samuel J. Kyle, '72, Buffalo, Pa.
Thomas M. Finley, '73, Indianola, Iowa.
N. B. Anderson, '74, M. D.—. Pawnee City, Neb.
William O. Miller, '75, Tarkio, Mo.
David B. Patterson, '75, Guthrie, Iowa.
J. H. Mitchell, '76, Gerlaw, Ill.
J. L. Warden, '76, Bushnell, Ill.
J. H. Moffit, '78, Paxton, Ill.
W. D. Pratt, '78, Ainsworth, Iowa.

Oliver Henry Irvine, '82, Portland, Oregon.
* Arthur C. Kirkpatrick, '84, Monmouth, Ill.
John M. Paine, '84, Denny, Ill.

South Carolina Alpha, Wofford College, Spartanburg C. H., South Carolina.

Philemon Holland, Jr., '81, died at Fayetteville, N. C., in 1866
Samuel Edward Pope, '81, Hannersville, N. C.
Caleb Deems Bell, '82, Wilmington, N. C.
Josiah Lawrence Jenkins, '82, Book-keeper, 121 N. Green St. Baltimore, Md.
Thomas Logan White, '82, Trap Hill, N. C.
William Augustus Kirby, '83, Spartansburg C. H., S. C.
William Beauregard Welsh, 83, Texahaw, N. C.
Arthur Gaillard Rembert, '84, Camden, S. C.

Illinois Delta, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

George W. Perrigo, '63, Wataga, Ill.
James T. Francis, '74, Camp Point, Ill.
J. D. M. Hamilton, '74, Fort Madison, Iowa.
Willis G. Smith, '74, Saint Paul, Minn.
James H. Hamilton, '75, Fort Madison, Iowa.
Henry S. Hitchcock, '75, Lincoln, Neb.
* Charles V. Lawrence, '75, Galesburg, Ill.
Albert D. Metcalf, '75, Oneida, Ill.
Eugene W. Risley, '75, Omaha, Neb.
Nathan C. Sears, '75, Elgin, Ill.
Henry S. Tremper, '75, Kansas City, Mo.
Richard W. Johnson, Jr., '76, Saint Paul, Minn., or Fort Buford, Dak.
William S. Hamilton, '76, Fort Madison, Iowa.
Walter M. Jay, '77, Elmwood, Ill.
Robert J. Adcock, '78, Galesburg, Ill.
James W. McMurty, '78, Henderson, Ill.
Edward W. Wood, '78, New York, N. Y.
Joseph B. Parkinson, '81, Willow, Ill.
J. Mark Mason, '83, Des Moines, Iowa.
Robert C. Morse, '84, Fremont, Ill.

Illinois Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois.

Charles L. Smith, '81, Hopedale, Ill.
James S. Collins, '82, Greenfield, Ill.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS.

Anson L. Clark, '58, M. D. —, Chicago, Ill.
Albert Sidney Slater, '60, M. D. —, Wataga, Ill.
H. Lee Merriman, '63, Marshalltown, Iowa.
C. K. Ladd, '64, Kewanee, Ill.
C. A. Anthoney, '65, Maryville, Mo.
A. T. Bruner, '65, Gerlaw, Ill.
William C. Lombard, '67, Galesburg, Ill.
Frank D Conger, '68, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Seth B. Conger, '69, Asper, Mo.
A. N. Richardson, '70, M. D. —, Ohio, Ill.
William H. Bruner, '73, Gerlaw, Ill.
Ezra W. Davis, '73, Cedar Vale, Kan.
* James William Darneille, '73, Chicago, Ill.
Charles A. Buck, '75, Leroy, Ill.
Frederic C. Willson, '76, Wyoming, Ill.
Gordon S. Dudley, '79, Galesburg, Ill.
Anson G. Brown, '80 Galesburg, Ill.
David M. Babbit, '87, Saint Augustine, Ill.
Marcus T. Burnside, '87, Herman Ill.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WISCONSIN.

Alfred L. Bostedo, '59, Atlantic, Iowa.
Moulton De Forest, '59, New York, N. Y.
J. W. McKeever, '59, West Middletown, Pa.
Granville S. P. Stillman, '59, Milwaukee, Wis.
* Edward M. White, '59, died —, Evansville, Ill.
* Andrew J. McFarland, '60, Arlington, Wis.
Obed A. Palmer, '60, Milwaukee, Wis.
* Frederick T. Starkweather, '60, A. M., Univ. of Wis.—, Milwaukee, Wis.
* Henry Vilas, '61, A. M., Univ. of Wis.—, Madison, Wis.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI.

* John E. Johnston, '71, died —, Holden, Mo.
George F. Barr, '72, Quincy, Ill.
* Clinton Thomas Alloway, '73, died—, New Hope, Mo.
* William Francis Forsha, '73, died —, Glenwood, Mo.
Lorin Andrew Staley, '73, Columbia. Mo.
* Charles P. Allen, '76, died—, Windsor, Mo.
Robert J. Coleman, '76, Fayette, Mo.
John H. Wills, '76, College Address, Fayette, Mo.
S. C. Fowler, '77, attended Medical College at St. Louis.
Nathan J. Sweetland, '79, Fayette, Mo.
* James Ruby Pharr, '84, died—, Clarkesville, Mo.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA.

A. B. Patton, '72, Pueblo, Col., or New London, Iowa.
Harry J. Cone, '73, Coneville, Iowa., Winona, Wis., or Troy, Iowa.
R. A. Carmine, '73, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
William M. McFarland, '73, Brooklyn, Iowa.
T. Ralph Jackson, '74, Cleveland, Ohio.
Frank W. Adams '75, New London, Iowa.
* J. A. McCartney, '75, died—, Young America, Ill.
Jesse Nelson, '75, Ottumwa, Iowa.
* E. B. Randall, '75, died—, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
Allen C. Jennis, '76, Iowa City, Iowa.
John S. Kline, '77, Keokuk, Iowa.
T. H. Watson, '78, Chariton, Iowa.
E. T. C. Wells, '78, Winfield, Iowa.
E. W. Runyan, '79, Maysville, Iowa.
Albert J. Weber, '80, West Point, Iowa.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

Abram Clarke Bradford, '76, University address, Oroville, Cal.
Charles Edward Washburn. '76, M D., Coll. of Phys. and Surgs., —, New York, N. Y.
Frank B. McCracken, '77, San Francisco, Cal.
Walter Stone Alexander, '77, U. S. Army, Ft. Adams, Newport, R. I.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

Elbert L. Blakeslee, '65, Dimick, Pa.
Ervy L. Goodrich, '69, Chicago, Ill.
Richard Augustus Moses, '72, Ann Arbor, Mich.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Isaac M Long, '73, New Creek, W. Va.
E. Frank Hill, '74, Palestine, W. Va.
* Laban Franklin Smith, '77, died—, Ga., Atlanta, Ga.
Charles L. Thurmond, '77, Austin, Tex.
Hasson Albert Rogers, '78, M. D.—, Springtown, Tex.
Wilbur Fiske Dyer, '71, Upper Tract, W. Va.
William Henry Rex, '72, Richmond, Va.
Robert Braden, '73, Hamilton, Va.

Edward Henry Whitehurst, '75, Pleasant Ridge, Va.
William Miller, '76, Amherst C. H., Va.
James Harrison Spencer, '78, Richmond, Va.
Robert Girard Mundy, '80, Russellville, Ky.
Thomas Benjamin Stultz, '84, Martinsville, Va.
Sanders Loving Swygert, '84, Ridge Spring, S. C.
Philip Beauchamp, —, Russellville, Ky.
—— —— Whaling, —, —— ——.
J. W. Wightman, —, —— ——.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA.

Marcellus Montreville Hargrove, '74-5, Coolwell, Va.
* Frank Milburn, '77, died—, Ill., Memphis, Tenn.
Josiah Phelps Chenault, '78-9, Danville, Ky., or in Kansas.
William Miller Maskell, '76–'80, Alexandria, Vir.
Valerius William Starnes, '79, Augusta, Ga.
William Logan Lewis, '81, Lexington, Ky.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VIRGINIA.

James H. Dalby, '73-4, Saluda, Middlesex Co., Va.
Frederick Murray Briel, '74-5, Richmond, Va.
R. P. Hunter, '75-6, Lynchburg, Va.
U. Beauregard Vaughan, '78-9, Murfreesboro, N. C.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE, RICHMOND VIRGINIA.

John F. Henneberger, '75-6, Baltimore, Md.
Horace M. Whaling, '75-6, Greensboro, N. C.

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OHIO ALPHA.

'55. H. H. Boon, Navasota, Tex.
'55. J. E. Bruce, Taunton, Mass.
'55. Alexander M. Rafter, Edwards, Miss.
* '56. Joah H. Banton. Died—, Waco, Tex.
'56. A. M. Geiger, Smithville, Ohio.

'57. Ceorge B. Peck. M. D.—, '78. 63 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.
* '57. Edward H. Rossman, Hamilton, Ohio.
* '57. Joel Tuttle. U. S. A.—, Ia. Inf., Keosoqua, Ia.
'58. Louis B. Hightower, Willis, Tex.
'58. William S. Hill, Waverly, Tex.
'58. Lewis D. Watson, present address unknown, last heard of at Cincinnati, Ohio.
'60. Charles E. Baker, Cincinnati, Ohio.
* '61. Edwin Tyler Peck. Died —, Cincinnati, Ohio.
* '66. Craft C. Holbrook, Vanceburg, Ky.
* '67. Robert O. Strong, Cincinnati, Ohio.
* '70. Harvey Lee, U. S. A.—, Ind. Inf, Austin, Tex.
'76. Frederick C. Harvey, M. D.—, present address unknown, last heard of at Moscow, Ohio.
'77. Henry L. Moore, Prin. High School—, Minn., present address unknown, last heard of at Georgetown, Ohio.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

* '22. Charles Shelby Morehead. Died—, New Orleans, La.
* '36. Stuart Robinson, L. L. D.—, Louisville, Ky.
'47. Henry Pope Bosby, Transylvania, U.—, Danville, Ky.
'52. Oscar Litzallen Rogers, C. S. A. Chap.—, Miss. Inf. Coleman, Tex.
'53. Joshua B. Hopkins, Nevada, Mo.
'53. Charles H. Lewis, Glascow, Mo.
'53. Joseph William Lewis, D. D.—, St Louis, Mo.
'54. James Venaba Logan, D. D.—, Richmond, Ky.
'55. H. L. Boynton, present address unknown, last heard of at Evansville, Ill.
'55. Thomas H. Ditto, C. S. A.—, Mo., Brandenburg, Ky.
'55. William George, D. D.—. Fort Worth, Tex.
'55. J. Duncan Greig, M. D.—, Jacksonville, Fla.
* '55. G. M. Lee. Died—, Kenton Co., Ky.
'56. W. C. Fluornoy, Paducah, Ky.
'56, J. M. Givens, Cynthiano, Ky.
'56. Charles A. Hardin, Harrodsburg, Ky.
'56, Richard C. Nourse, Salina, Ky.
* '56. John O. Scott, M. D.—. Died—, Urbana, Ill.
'56. B. Timmons, Pulaski, Ky.
'56. Randolph P. Wade. present address unknown, Idaho?
'57. Ephraim Stuart Wilson, A. M. Hobart,—.
* '57. George Merryweather. Died—, Denver Col.
* '58. Jouett Vernon Cosby. Died—, Bendstown, Ky.
'58. James W. Moss, (St. Louis, Mo.?)
'59. Wilkins George Anderson, L. L. B. A. of Louisville—, 216 Chesnut St., Louisville, Ky.

'59. John Lyle Scott, M. D.—, '60, Meridian, Tex.
'59. William C. Ward (Delta Valley, Ky. or Tenn.?)
'60. George Baber, (Gallatin, Tenn.?)
'60. Edward Owings Guerrant, D. D.—, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
'60. Ezra McCall. Died—, Mt. Vernon, Ky.
'60. Robert Miller. Died—, M. D.—, Boston, Mass.
'61. James Edwin McGuire. Died—, Batesville, Ark.
'61. Thomas Tracy, New York, N. Y.
'63. A. H. Bowman, (San Antonio, Tex.?)
'64. V. W. Miller, Memphis, Tenn.
'64. J. R. Sharp, Lexington, Ky.
'64. Edward L. Shroch, Lexington, Ky.
'68. Nenry Neill, D. D.—, Philadelphia, Pa.
'69. R. B. Stockton, (Maysville, Ky.?)
'73. Matthew Thompson Scott, M. D.— 76, Lexington, Ky.
'74. William W. Hall, Centreville, Iowa.
'74. J. M. Hamilton, Fort Madison, Iowa.
'75. Edward Bascom Pugh, L. L. B.—, 82, College Station, Tex.
'78. William Finley, Louisville, Ky.
'78. William McCreary Kenney, L. L. B., U. of Va. —, Paris, Ky.
'78. Gorman B Stout, Midway, Ky., also Texas?
'79. Thomas Botts Andrews, probably with L. & N. R. R., Memphis, Tenn.
'79. Seth Botts, (Memphis Tenn,?)
'79. James Brown Kinnaird, M. D.—, '81, Lancaster, Ky.
'79. Jacob Guest Owsley. Died—, Crab Orchard, Ky.
'79. George S. Scearce, Clay Village, Ky.
'79. Walter L. Thompson, Bagdad, Ky.
'80. William D. Powell, Harrodsburg, Ky.

OHIO BETA.

'62. Charles H. Gray, (Lima, Ohio?).
'62. William Harrison Martin, (Warrenton, Ohio?).
'63. Samuel H. Duston, (Springfield, Ohio?)
'63. John H. Edginton, (El Dorado or Bartlett, Ohio?)
'73. Wesley Rector. Died—, Fremont, Ohio.
'74. C. O. Coleman, (Canton, Ohio?)
'75. J. F Coffman, (Denver, Col.?)
'76. J. J. Henry. Died—, Hanging Rock, Ohio.

OHIO GAMMA.

'69. Joseph Woodraw Shinn, M. D. —, Stouts', Ohio.
'70. William Bozaliel Carpenter, M. D. —, Arkadelphia, Ark.
'71. Henry W. Coultrap, McArthur, Ohio.

* '73. David H. Selby. Died—, '73, Portsmouth, Ohio.
'74. Charles Henry Stinnson, Jr., M. D., —, Newark, Ohio.
'75. Douglas Virgil Durod, (New Lexington, Ohio?)
'75. Caleb Jones, (Lexington, Kentucky?)
'76. Peter D. Rathbone, 149 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill.
'77. Burnett C. Vorhees, Lee, Ohio.
'78. Samuel B. Ricketts, McCuneville, Ohio.
'80. Thomas M. Ricketts, McCuneville, Ohio.
'80. Charles A. Wright, Toledo, Ohio.
'82. J. L. Barton, New Lexington, Ohio.
'84. M. W. Coultrap, McArthur, Ohio.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

'72. Douglas C. Peabody, Atlanta, Ga.
'74. Montague Lafayette Boyd, M. D., U. of Ga.,—, Arcola, Ga.
'74. Edward L. Cater, Perry, Ga.
'74. C. Henry Cohen, Augusta, Ga.
'74. Walter M. Jackson, Macon, Ga.
'74. B. R. Padgett, Cartersville, Ga.
'74. R. L. Prophitt, Water Valley, Miss.
'74. T. B. Wilcoxon, Newnan, Ga.
* '74. John C. Williams, Cartersville, Ga.
'75. S. W. Cozart. Palatka, Fla.
'75 W. H. Daniell, Franklin, Ga.
'75. N. M. Godfrey, Madison, Ga.
'75. D. Henderson Hardy, Bryan, Tex.
'75. William C. Worrill, Cuthbert, Ga.
'75. J. T. Pou, Madison, Ga.
'76. William Lowndes Calhoun, Palatka, Fla.
'76. A. H. George, Jackson, Miss.
'76. Robt. S. Howard, Jefferson, Ga.
'76. J. C. Tabor, Fort Lamar, Ga.
'77, Benjamin A. Kelly, Washington, Ga.
* '77. Lee H. Rogers, Dawson, Ga.
'77. William B. Sadler, Hartwell, Ga.
'77. W. Scotio Tison, Savannah, Ga.
'77. Joseph O. Willhite, Anderson, S. C.
'77. D. J. Woodward, Culloden, Ga.
'78. Nicholas B. Chenault, Augusta, Ga.
'78. Benjamin M. Gross, Americus, Ga.
'78. Benton H. Walton, Columbus, Ga.
* '79. Edward Thomas Bishop, B. L., U. of Ga.—, Athens, Ga.
'79. John J. Strickland, Davisville, Ga.
'80. Noah M. Collins, Griffin, Ga.
'80. Frederick R. Cooper, Atlanta, Ga.

'80. Onan M. Houser, address unknown (Ga ?)
'81. George B. Tye, McDonough, Ga.
'82. Tracy L. Acosta, Savannah, Ga.
'82. Ebb T. Lawkin, Augusta, Ga.
'83. James A. Cooley, Antioch, Ga.

GEORGIA BETA.

'72. Green B. Battle, Lumpkin, Ga.
'75. Robt. L. Wright, Warrenton, Ga.
'76. Thomas M. Meriweather, Jackson, Tex.
'76. Claude A. Saunders, Sanford, Fla.
'76. Clarence L. Walker, Sparta, Ga.
'77. James E. Davant, Elberton, Ga.
'77. Thomas Lacy, address unknown.
'77. Charles R. Pearce, Key West, Fla.
'78. Henry W. Bullard, address unknown (Ga.?)
'79. Joseph S. Norman, Hartwell, Ga.
'80. J. Frank Hatcher, Harlem, Ga.
'80. Jeff. R. Smith, Valdosta, Ga.
'81. George W. Jones, Burke Co., Ga.
'81. Charles L. King, Saundersville, Ga.

GEORGIA GAMMA.

'73. Enoch Callaway, M. D. —, La Grange, Ga.
'74. Oscar M. Wilburn, Dallas, Texas.
'75. Joel W. Butts, Madison, Ga.
'75. John B. Dykes, Montezuma, Ga.
'75. Seaborn R. Stevens, Americus, Ga.
* '76. Samuel P. Wise. Died—, Americus, Ga.
'76. Nicholas T. Wright, Newnan, Ga.
* '77. James Septimus Burfield. Died —, Macon, Ga.
'77. John H. Johnson, Macon, Ga.
'77. James C. Thompson, Chalybeate Springs, Ga.
'79. Lucius C. Goneke, Randolph Co., Ga.
'79. William T. Spaulding, Atlanta, Ga.
'80. Benjamin F. Tillman, Savannah, Ga.
'81. George F. Banks, Forsyth, Ga.
'82. Broadus E. Willingham, Macon, Ga.
'83. John T. Davis, Jr., Columbia, Ga.

OHIO DELTA.

'73. William McKirahan, address unknown (Northwood, O.?)
'74. Perry S. Allan, address unknown (Horner, Pa.?)
'74. Robert H. McClelland, Indianapolis, Ind.
'78. Clark Eddy Wyman, address unknown (Cal.?)
'81. John Gaunt Evans, M. D., —, Middletown, Ohio.
* '81. David L. Winter. Died—, Indianapolis, Ind.

OHIO EPSILON.

'77. Clarence Cranston, Pres. and G. M., —, Mining Co., Topeka, Kan.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

'85. Jefferson P. Biehl, Lewisburg, Pa.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

Duff S. Clemens, Lake Charles, La.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

'77. Oliver F. Smith, Mobile, Ala.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.—The third annual picnic of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity was held at Eel River Falls, on the 18th inst. Twenty-one couples enjoyed the beauties of this place, which is one of the most picturesque in this part of the State.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY.—A new secret society has appeared. It has not yet declared its name, and its status is unknown. The valedictorian of the Senior class is a member. Beta Theta Pi expects at least two hundred members at its reunion here at commencement.

WILLIAMS.—One of the most interesting features of the ninty-fifth commencement at Williams will be the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa Society in the College. The evening, which has usually been devoted to the address before the Adelphic Union, will be given to speeches from some of the most distinguished graduates of the College who are members of the society.

THE May number of the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* is a very good number, containing a large number of excellent chapter letters and several literary articles of merit. It is urged that all chapters, wherever possible, build chapter houses. The roll of chapters steadily increases among the best institutions.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

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GENERAL HARRISON'S CLASSMATES.

THE December SCROLL had an amusing article, entitled, "General Harrison and the Wine Cup," credited to the *National Temperance Advocate.* As it is short and not totally dull reading, it might not inappropriately find a place in other columns, as well as in "Prohibition organs," as the Chicago *Tribune* avers to have often been the case. It concerns the following story, told of Gen. Harrison at a public dinner, given him once upon a time: "At the close of the dinner one of the gentlemen drank his health. The General pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, 'General, will you not favor me by taking a glass of wine?' The General, in a gentlemanly way, begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat and said, in the most dignified manner, 'Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the wine-cup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press the matter ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkard's graves, and all from the pernicious habit of wine drinking. I owe all my health, my happiness and prosperity to that resolution. Would you urge me to break it now?"

The *Tribune* affirms that Gen. Harrison never made such a statement, and that such a thought is an "absurd theory," and Prof. Swing, with all his sagacity and brilliance, affirms that "General Harrison never made any such remark, and I don't see how the story originated." Then Dr. Swing proceeds to give a reminiscence of *his* classmates, which is, indeed, a creditable showing of *fifteen* men, one of whom was *Ben. Harrison.*

Now, Mr. Editor, I believe the above story is true, every word of it, and I think I can "see how the story originated." I believe General Harrison was its author, and the sad showing of

sixteen promising young men is, alas! too true. General "Ben." Harrison had only *fifteen* classmates; most, if not all of them, did well in after life. General William Henry Harrison had *sixteen*, as he claimed.

Some forty years ago I saw the above item floating in the sea of newspaperdom, and during the last political campaign some one caught it up and sent it adrift again, and it has served to show that General "Ben." Harrison had a more temperate set of classmates than did his grandfather. With all the intemperance now found in college life, there has been a great improvement over that of sixty years ago.

Aurora Springs, Mo., May, 1889. ROBERT MORRISON.

EDITORIAL.

THE HISTORY AND THE CATALOGUE.—One of our most enthusiastic and capable members has for several years past been engaged in the collection and compilation of facts for a complete history of our fraternity. The task has been an arduous one, perhaps even more so than the preparation of our last catalogue, which covered fields upon which the tracks of no previous explorers were found. The name of the man who is engaged on the present work is of itself a guarantee, in advance, of its perfection. The SONG BOOK of 1882 was a success; the CATALOGUE of 1883 was a success; the SCROLL of 1884 was up to as high a standard as it had ever reached, and beyond which it has since failed to go; and the MANUAL of 1886 was preëminently a success. These are his complete separate works. The pages of every volume of the SCROLL for the last ten years portray his almost limitless fund of general and particular information, and the history, epitome and index of the first ten volumes of the SCROLL show the success and thoroughness of his work in the collection and arrangement of details. Another of his valuable works for us has been the accumulation of "Old Fraternity Records," which have excited the admiration and envy of our contemporaries.

We cite these facts for two reasons. Firstly, by way of sort of an introduction to our newer members of a man, of whose work few of them have a fair idea, and fewer still appreciate; and, secondly,

to impress on the whole fraternity the value of the new work which is now being done for them, and their good fortune in having so important a work undertaken and carried through by so capable a man.

Brother Palmer has had this work in hand for nearly five years, and it has been most conservatively yet vigorously pushed. Considering that a man who does justice to his own and, perhaps, more important, duties of life, must prosecute such a work at odd moments, and also remembering the many other things he has contributed to our store of treasures during the same period—the MANUAL and the SCROLL history being not the least—we must appreciate the labor it has required to complete the work. Yet every step, we feel able to state, was cautiously and deliberately taken. Of course, there still remain loose ends to tie and finishing touches to put on in order to bring it down to the latest possible date; but we understand that, for all practical purposes, the work is complete, and it is a work that will do us honor and of which we may be justly proud.

Now comes the very important question of ways and means of publication. The work must not wait or it will lose much of its value. We are under the impression—though not able to speak positively—that it will be an octavo book of about 500 pages. It must be printed and bound in a style worthy of the undertaking and which we can always be proud of. The publication must now be arranged for, but it must be so arranged for that the book will pay for itself and earn a profit if it can. And it should. And whatever profit it may earn should go to the editor and author. But his services can never be paid for. They must be accepted in the spirit in which they were given—that of fraternal love and good will.

At the same time, a regularly appointed committee is engaged in another extensive and necessary undertaking—the preparation of a new (the sixth) edition of our catalogue. The work on such a book is not conceivable by one who has had no experience, but its value and absolute necessity are patent to all. The editors calculate to be able to publish as soon as empowered and provided with funds, (if so empowered and provided), by the Convention of 1889, soon to meet. It is the general opinion

that this book should be issued during the year 1890. It can be, if the 1889 Convention makes the necessary arrangements.

Now here are two very important matters which we lay before the chapters and those who will be delegates to the Convention in the fall. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that these two works should have come to their completion so close together, but it devolves upon us now to devise ways and means to accomplish their publication without delay in either case. Of course, it is simply a question of tax. All experience shows that fraternity publications, selling solely on their merits, are lamentable financial failures. The business success of the SCROLL is due *in toto* to our system of undergraduate charges. Some plan of taxation must be devised to meet these expenses, and yet it must not be oppressive. At a rough estimate we think these two works will cost us in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars, about the cost of a National Convention. If the taxable term covers a period of two calendar years (say from January 1, 1889, to January 1, 1891, or '90 to '92) we will catch the students of three college years (of course taxing no man twice), or about 1,500 in all. A tax on these of two dollars *per capita*—or one dollar *per capita* per book—would raise the above amount. These are crude and hasty figures, and we do not offer them as reliable, but we think that they give some idea of the individual expense.

What we wish to do is to have the matter thoroughly understood by the chapters, and intelligently considered by them in advance, so that their delegates at Bloomington may be able to carry the work through at a minimum figure of taxation.

THE most important thing before us now is the National Convention, to be held in the fall, and the chapters should begin to think about it and plan for it now. Delegates, in all cases where possible, should be elected before the close of the current college year; important questions that are certain to come up should be thoroughly discussed and the chapter opinion canvassed; our internal affairs and our position in and relation to the various parts of the fraternity world should be studied and criticised. The policy and management of the SCROLL should

be carefully considered. And the whole field of possibilities before a National Convention should be surveyed and studied in detail. Consider carefully all questions of policy and government. Begin your deliberations now if you have not done so before, and choose as your delegate the man whom you think can best represent you and on whom you can best depend for a wise judgment on unexpected questions that arise from time to time.

The local arrangements are responsible chiefly, if not solely, for the pleasurable side of the affair only. The true success of the meeting, in the amount and value of its work, and the good it accomplishes for the fraternity, depends on the thoroughness with which important matters are gone over before hand in the chapter room, and the consequent saving of time otherwise lost in the general sessions, when delegates find themselves unprepared to intelligently handle vital questions.

We do not favor the idea of a chapter "instructing" its delegate. A man feels bound to obey instructions at all hazards and he frequently finds new lights that alter the case entirely. We believe it is best to have a chapter's desires and opinions thoroughly understood by the delegate, who, of course, is in sympathy with these views; but to bind him by a command seems unwise, because extenuating circumstances may arise or be revealed, and it does not seem well to bind a man to be heedless of them. Either have a man educated to your views so as to be able to thoroughly represent you, and give him latitude for some exercise of his own judgment; or instruct him, if you prefer, with permission to deviate if his own sound judgment dictates in the light of new facts and conditions.

THIS number closes the fifth volume of the SCROLL that has been published from the City of New York. During that time we have had three editors and three business managers. The men who originally took charge were novices in fraternity work and fraternity journalism. But they took hold with a will and bent their every energy toward making the SCROLL an editorial and business success. None of the staff ever fancied the idea of launching out into purely literary fields, and all have agreed that it

was best to keep the magazine within its proper field. They have always endeavored to have it a Greek-letter society magazine, interesting to all fraternities, but of prime and especial importance to Phi Delta Theta. We have followed the motto of some small country weeklies, "Home first, the world afterwards." The magazine is published for Phi Delta Theta, and if it fills its mission there, it accomplishes the purposes for which it exists. Of course, we wish our journal to be of interest to our contemporaries and to hold a place among them commensurate with the position of Phi Delta Theta in the fraternity world.

The reason why the SCROLL is not the success it should be has been often pointed out. It does not receive the contributory support it is entitled to and has a right to expect. We hope the next editor will find a way to remedy this evil.

One of the things we recall with most pleasure is that, under its recent management, the SCROLL has proven a financial success. This is all the more a source of gratification since, during the same period, more than one of our former friends have been compelled to suspend publication, either permanently or temporarily, from lack of funds.

The official term of the present Board of Publication will terminate in the early fall, and with them will go out of office the Editorial and Business staff. One issue will appear in the fall prior to the convention, but with this number at the close of the volume it is, perhaps, most fitting to say our adieu. All who have had the conduct of the SCROLL in hand have had its welfare deep at heart. We can say that we have tried to fulfill our duties faithfully. We have not satisfied ourselves. Of course, we have not satisfied others. We are about to lay down a work that has been a source of much pleasure to us. We hope that the Convention may be able to find some to take our place who will be better qualified to make the SCROLL a success in all ways, and who will succeed much better in their efforts; and we hope the fraternity at large will do more to help and encourage them in the future than they have in the past.

The SCROLL merits most thoughtful and deliberate attention at the hands of the Convention. Improve the SCROLL and you improve the tone and bearing of the entire order in the Greek world. It is our most outward feature.

BROTHER Walter B. Palmer has met with obstacles in the compilation of his history due to the failure of chapters to comply with his oft-repeated requests for facts of one kind or another. If any chapter or chapters have failed to send him their brief historical account asked for, please do not delay any longer. Send it at once. If you are uncertain about or think, perhaps, that some now retired member has done the duty for you, do not rest in uncertainty, but write and find out, and if the thing remains to be done, do it at once. Brother Palmer's undertaking has been a big one, and we should help him all in our power. His address is Nashville, Tenn.

THIS will be the final number of the current volume. First, we had thought we would not be able to publish any of the letters received for the June number. We have since found that it would be possible for us to do so. In the meantime one or two were mislaid, and we hereby apologize for their non-appearance. The first number of the fall will be issued *very early* on account of announcing final convention arrangements. Send new letters giving report to close of the present college year. To be insured publication chapter letters must reach New York *before* August 15.

BETA THETA PI has recently granted a charter to applicants at Pennsylvania State College, prominent among whom is a son of Governor Beaver. Phi Delta Theta recently received a petition and refused to charter certain applicants at the same place, and among whom was the gentleman just mentioned. From this fact we infer that the applicants chartered by Beta Theta Pi are the same as those recently refused by Phi Delta Theta. Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

ALL chapter reporters will please remember to advise the Business Manager how many copies of the October SCROLL his chapter wants, and the address to which they are to be sent. It

is extremely important that the first number next fall be promptly received, for it will contain the final announcements regarding the Cenvention.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

The Province President regrets that ill-health has prevented him from communicating as frequently with the chapters, this winter, as he would like.

The attention of some of the chapters has been called to the fact that they have not yet complied with the request of brother Palmer, for data concerning their respective histories. All the chapters are urged to attend to this matter at once, and to see that all brother Palmer's requirements are met fully and completely.

It may be said here that there is among the Alpha province chapters an unfortunate tendency to neglect such matters as this. Often a general officer of the fraternity is compelled to write two or three times to reporters for information that could and should have been furnished at once. Several of the chapters have not responded at all to the Province President's urgent and repeated requests that they should address to him a personal letter, with a confidential report of their condition. There are many things a chapter might not see fit to publish in a SCROLL letter, or even in the Annual Circular, which it is nevertheless the duty and the privilege of the Province President to know. The fact that some chapters have been commendably frank in such matters makes the reserve of others still more open to criticism.

Province affairs in general are quiet and prosperous.

In the Bond

Troy, May 10, 1889. GEO. LYNDE RICHARDSON.

ALUMNI NOTICE.

The Chicago Alumni Chapter requests all chapters having members residing in Chicago, to send their names and addresses to ISAAC R. HITT, JR., 142 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill,

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THIS being the last letter of the year, New York Alpha wishes to remind the readers of the SCROLL that it is still alive and progressing.

The spring fever of college sports has fairly begun. Athletics are enjoyed by many both as spectators and participants. Nearly every afternoon a game of ball may be witnessed on the campus. At five o'clock in the afternoon the Cornell crew may be seen starting from the Cornell boat-house for a row of a few miles down the lake. Both ball team and crew exhibit qualities for success.

Brother Barker has a position as first substitute on the crew, brother Snyder is assistant in the State Board of Health here, and brother Tarbell is chemist in the Experimental station.

Cornell University seems to be rapidly growing. Another new building is to be erected soon. The plans are drawn, and it is to cost about $80,000.

This college year closes the most successful year New York Alpha has ever known, and may we be able to say the same of each succeeding year. We go into a larger chapter house the first of June. Members of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ visiting colleges should not pass by Cornell, but pause and linger here where you will ever be welcome.

ITHACA, MAY 5, 1889. B. F. HURD.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE last writing to the SCROLL we have pursued the even tenor of our way, and have taken our share in class honors. On class day this year we are to have brother Sibly as poet, and brother E. M. Sanford as statistician. As they are the only ones we have in '89 we could not expect more. Delta Upsilon was "shut out" of class day officers this year, a fact which has elicited some discussion in the college papers, but we think it is her own fault, and not the result of wire-pulling politicians. The commencement speakers have been announced to-day, and brother Sibley will be our representative. We may well feel proud of our brother, who will continue to remain with us, as he holds a faculty position. Our annual, *The Onondagan*, will be out in a few days, and promises to be an exceptionally good one. Brother Vredenburg is our representative on its staff. Last year some exchanges were neglected, but we will be happy to

receive any this season, and will see to it that all received will be requited. We esteem the annuals of sister colleges as a valuable part of our chapter library. We were glad to add to our chapter roll recently the name of Prof. S. G. Comfort, of Chester, Pa. Brother Comfort was one of the founders of Sigma Psi, from which N. Y. Epsilon sprang, and this was his first visit to Syracuse since the establishment of our chapter. He is professor of mathematics in Pennsylvania State Military Academy at Chester, and a son of Prof. G. F. Comfort, Dean of the College of Fine Arts of Syracuse University.

If any Phi happens this way at commencement term, let him stop over and see our new hall in the Crouse Building, which is now completed. A happy and profitable vacation and a fine delegation from '93 next fall is N. Y. Epsilon's wish for all Phis.

Syracuse, May 5, 1889. B. F. HAMMOND.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

WE approach the end of the tenth year of Pennsylvania Delta's existence with confidence in the chapter, and with increasing respect and admiration for the fraternity at large. We believe that this year, so far, has been a year of progress, and we look forward to our commencement with eagerness.

At this date we are unable to give the exact commencement programme, but expect to issue invitations to our anniversary exercises giving full information. Any Phi who can make it convenient to be with us will be sure to receive a hearty welcome.

We have been compelled to make some changes in our programme. Brother Vance does not expect to be present, and so we are relying on brother Miner, '81, Cattaraugus, N. Y., to deliver the oration. C. W. Proctor, Cameron, Mo., will probably be absent, and, on this account, C. L. Smith, '87, will be our prophet. T. C. Blaisdell, ex-'88, Charlotte, N. C., secretary of Alpha Province, is our historian. Rev. Wm. P. Murray, '86, will be the poet.

On the evening of May 2, on the occasion of opening Pa. Delta's new rooms, we gave an informal reception to the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. The rooms have been very much admired, and we wish to acknowledge the receipt of several articles of fancy work that have been given us by our lady friends, and are on this account much prized by us.

We are agitating the subject of a new piano. We are determined to have one, and, more than that, believe we can have one of the best.

We have brothers Case and Pond with us frequently at our chapter meetings. Brother case made a visit to Richmond, Va., in March. He reports that his short stay was extremely pleasant, made doubly so by the courtesy of the Phi boys there. He says the boys of Virginia Delta are true Phis. In fact, he has not been able to speak in too high terms of the manner in which he was treated.

Brother O. J. Mason, ex-'87, has received a probationary appointment to a position, Class C, in the War Department, Washington, D. C., and has already reported for duty.

The College Battalion expects to go to camp at Conneaut Lake about June 10.

The Pan Hellenic Association will hold its first banquet on Thursday evening, May 9. Everybody is enthusiastic for its success. It is a new thing for us at this institution, but we expect to be pleased with it nevertheless. Brother F. G. Stubbs has been elected as our delegate to the National Convention to be held next October.

Meadville, May 7. EDW. P. COUSE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have initiated W. W. Landis, '91, of Coatesville, Pa., whom we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large as a worthy and devoted brother. Brother Martin, '92, left college within the past month on account of ill-health, but will probably resume his duties next September.

Tennis has been growing in favor here in recent years, and the possession of a court has come to be almost a necessity to any fraternity desirous of continued prosperity. Of the five courts at present on the campus, our own, which was opened this spring, is conceded the palm in point of excellence. At the election of class day speakers of the graduating class all three of our men were assigned prominent positions. Brother Mordorf was elected to deliver the prophesy, brother Straw the farewell address, and brother Whiting was given the Allison oration. Brother Landis has been appointed second baseman on the college team, and fills his position with success. His initiation into the fraternity has also given us another member of the College Glee Club. The chapter expects in due season to reap its harvest of oratorical prizes and class honors.

The inauguration of our new President, Dr. Geo. E. Reed, of New Haven, Conn., which occurred on the night of the 25th of April, opened up another chapter in the history of Dickinson. The new administration promises to be one of unexampled success.

The increase in the number of students which is confidently expected, while it will afford a broader field for spiking operations, will at the same time necessitate increased care in securing only such men as will measure up to our standard.

Carlisle, May 7th, 1889. HAMMOND URNER.

BETA PROVINCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

IN our first letter for this collegiate year we said that S. C. Beta was alive and well, and we repeat that statement with greater force at the present time. We began with six men, and have initiated four, making a total membership of ten. Of this uumber two will graduate in June, brothers W. T. Aycock and Brunson. Thus, provided all return, we will begin our next year's work with a membership of eight, and expect to reap a glorious harvest.

Our record for this session is very satisfactory, as will be shown by the following brief summary :

Brother E. E. Aycock, President Junior Class ; brother W. T. Aycock, Valedictorian from Euphradean Society and President of Baseball Association ; brother L. W Boyd, Chief, and brother W. C. Gist, an Assistant Marshal from the Clariosophia Society ; brother Brunson, President Euphradian Society, Editor *Carolinian*, and Statistician for class day exercises. Besides this, other minor offices have fallen to our lot.

Chapter Delta of Σ *A E* held their banquet and german last night. It was a complete success in every way, and did honor to the Σ *A E* boys. Brothers W. T. Aycock and Ball, from our chapter, were honored with invitations.

South Carolina Beta rejoices in the general prosperity of the fraternity, and fondly hopes that this prosperity will be doubly increased during next year.

With a hearty greeting to all our sister chapters, your reporter for '88–'89 now bids you farewell.

Columbia, May 8th, 1889. HARRY A. BRUNSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

YOUR reporter is glad to announce that the members of Tennessee Alpha have determined that their chapter is no longer to languish for want of true Phi spirit and enthusiasm. Both those who intend to return next year and those who will not have agreed that the lack of good, comfortable and convenient club rooms shall no longer be an obstacle to the success of the chapter. A number of the resident alumni have also promised

to help us; and if we cannot build us a chapter house of our own with their aid we can secure the next best thing—the use of rooms all to ourselves.

Since our last letter we have lost for this year one of our members. On account of ill health Brother Stockton, of Kansas City, was compelled to go home. He was a member of the sophomore class, and will return next session.

On May 3rd, the Vanderbilt Athletic Association held its fourth Annual field day. All things considered this was the most successful of the four. More colleges entered in the contests, and five of the previous records were broken, the most noteworthy of which was the hundred yards dash, which was lowered by Brother Pope Taylor from his former record of 10½ seconds to 10 seconds, which is the college record of the world. Of the fourteen events Vanderbilt succeeded in winning nine. In the game of Tennis between Vanderbilt and Sewanee teams Vanderbilt won the first set with a score of ten to eight. The second was also in Vanderbilt's favor by a score of eight to six. Brother Farrell was one of Vanderbilt's team.

The great event of the day was the game of base ball between Sewanee and Vanderbilt. The home team won easily with a score of eight to one.

In the Tennessee State Inter-collegiate oratorical contest which took place on the night of May 3rd, Phi Delta Theta was ably represented by Winfield, of Tennessee Alpha.

This week the Board of Trust meet to elect a new president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop McTyeire.

Nashville, May 6, 1889. PAUL M. JONES.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

ABOUT three weeks ago the corps assembled in Clark hall, as they do every year about that time, for the purpose of electing a chairman to appoint a committee to appoint committees for the commencement hop. Brother Crook was elected by acclamation, a thing which has not happened here for several years.

This is considered the biggest honor at the University, with the exception of the academic honors; and as there are six fraternities in college, heretofore the feeling has run very high on account of the different fraternities having contestants in the field. Brother Crook, who is Cap't of "B" Company, is without doubt the most popular man in barracks.

We have had this chairman for the past three years. Brother Forney was given Chairman of the Sanitation Committee.

The seven senior orators who will deliver orations on commencement day, will be appointed in a few days, and we are con-

fident of at least half of them, and much more than any other fraternity.

The Senior Speaking List is considered the highest honor in the academic department.

The last of the three society celebrations has just closed and we were represented on them all, though nothing like we would have been, had not all of our seniors exeept two refused to sign a paper the faculty wished them to sign. The faculty have the power of appointing the entertainers, and the societies, as a consequence, have but little interest shown in them.

We are in hopes this power will be given back to the boys next year.

Tuscaloosa, May 8, 1889. W. L. SMITH.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

As our session nears its close, and June with all its work for examinations draws nigh, we find ourselves beginning to think of the coming separation of our congenial band of brothers, who will go their way, perhaps not all to meet together again for many a day—and taking a retrospective view of our work for the year, it is with no little joy that we note how fortunate we have been in not making any of the little mistakes that sometimes get fraternities into hot water. Four of our number will graduate this commencement. Our examinations begin this June 3rd. Commencement week begins June 23rd.

Our University observed the celebration of the Centennial Inaugural with a holiday and speeches by invited speakers. Brother Chas. Firman Smith was elected by the student body to represent them on the occasion, and his speech was a masterly effort.

Athletics has attracted little interest here this session, but an effort is being made, with the promise of success, to have a series of ball games here during commencement week, getting some team from the neighboring towns to play us.

Wishing THE SCROLL a pleasant vacation with the best wishes to the fraternity at large for the session of '89 and '90, we say "adieu."

Oxford, May 7, 1889. E. J. BUCK.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT at Miami will take place June 20th. Four members of Ohio Alpha will step out into the world of action. While this will make a vacancy in our chapter, yet we have such other energetic men that Ohio Alpha will not suffer.

As this is the season for base ball, Miami's team is in the field. We are represented by Bros. Rusk, Chidlaw and your reporter. Brother Rusk is captain of the nine.

We hope to have a glorious convention at Wooster, May 14th and 15th.

Oxford, May 9th, 1889. J. H. MACREADY.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

BUCHTEL is at last the possessor of a college paper. She had about wasted her energy in fruitless attempts to start a journal and was almost on the brink of despair when some one, more successful than the others, secured a foothold and fanned the last spark of hope into a blazing reality. The college is now ready to exchange the *Buchtelite* with other colleges, and hopes that at an early date she can compete in the field of intercollegiate journalism.

The editorial staff numbers six (6), representing the five fraternities and the barb element. Brother Ed. F. Cone is editor-in-chief.

The chapter has to acknowledge through brother Cone the receipt of a very artistic design, in charcoal work, for the decoration of its parlors. It is the production of a Kappa Kappa Gamma friend.

The prosperous condition in which Ohio Epsilon finds herself at present lends unlimited enthusiasm to the boys.

The meetings per week many times number up into the twos and threes.

The laudable scheme undertaken to purchase a Phi pin to present to brother PRESIDENT HARRISON we think is a worthy demonstration of Phi enthusiasm, and deserves the support of every chapter.

Brother "Od." Schumacher, of '86, entertained the Phis at his fine residence on Adolph Avenue.

Those who knew "Od." can vouch for the pleasant evening we enjoyed.

The chapter expects to sit for a picture soon, as brother Cone and Palmer will graduate in June.

Akron, May 4, 1889. H. D. SMITH.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

QUITE a number of the annual circular letters have been received, but there are still a few delinquents from whom we should be glad to hear before commencement.

We were reduced in numbers to ten, at the beginning of this term, by brothers High and Sanderson failing to return to

college. Brother High is now engaged at his home, Bueyms, O., in general engineering work, and brother Sanderson is in the employment of Sells, the wholesale saddlers, at Columbus, O.

Everything is moving along quietly and smoothly at present, both in college and fraternity circles, nothing of importance having taken place since our last report. The work of removing the ruins of the old chemical laboratory has been rapidly pushed, and is now about done. The foundations have been cleared of all debris, and are now ready for the erection thereon of a fine new building for the Electrical Engineering Department. The site of the new chemical laboratory has not yet been decided upon. It is hoped, however, that work will soon begin on it, that it may be completed and ready for the accommodation of students at the opening of college next fall.

We are the happy recipients of a fine new chandelier. which was placed in our hall by brothers Harry Rounds and Robert Seeds, of this city. We extend to these two brothers a vote of thanks for the gift which adds so much to the beauty of our hall.

Your correspondent was recently elected vice-president of the Athletic Association, and was also honored by the faculty in selecting him to represent his course in the commencement exercises.

Brother Mark Francis, '87, was recently made State Veterinarian of Texas, brother H. Schribell, '88, has accepted a position for a coal and iron company at Buchtel, O.

Columbus, May 9, 1889. J. G. BLOOM.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

DURING the past few months we have not initiated any one; in fact, none of the fraternities here have. Our prospects for the next year are, by far, brighter than they were for this. We expect to open next year with ten of our present members, and also have in view several good men, whom, if they come here to college, we expect, and have every reason to believe, we can get.

But one of our members graduates this year, brother Willis Green, whom, we are proud to say, stands high both in literary and social circles. We are sorry to lose him, for he has been one of our hardest and most earnest workers, and an ardent lover of $\Phi A \Theta$. We wish him happiness and success in whatever business he may engage. Heretofore we have been tolerably successful in regard to the prizes offered by the college, but this year we have not taken any at all. The "barbs" have been the successful ones.

We are grieved to announce that brother Bomer was, several weeks ago, called to the deathbed of his brother.

We look forward to the close of this year both with pleasure and sadness. We regret to leave our "Dear old $\Phi\ \Delta$ Hall," but console ourselves with the expectation of meeting there again soon.

As I have formerly stated, the college endowment has been increased and two additional chairs will be added during the next year.

Our new president, Dr. Young, has been working hard for the college during this year and we consequently expect a larger number of students in the future than we have now.

Our membership now numbers twelve. We opened this year with eight men.

Wishing prosperity and happiness to the fraternity.

Danville, May 6, 1889. GEO. A. MCROBERTS.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

AFTER a protracted silence I again assume the pleasant task of addressing you. Our non-correspondence has not been to conceal misfortune nor adversity, for I think we can say with all candor that, notwithstanding our small number, this year has been the most prosperous and harmonious of our existence; it has been an era of zealous work and brotherly love. We enjoy the goodwill of the professors and boys.

With all justice, we can say, that our class standing excels that of any other fraternity here.

Last January, in competitive trial with original orations in the Philalethean Society, to select three men from junior class to represent the society at commencement, brother J. W. Jeffrion, of Louisiana, won first place, and your reporter third place. This is the great contest of the year. We speak for a medal given by the chancellor.

Brother A. R. Mitchell, of Louisiana, on April 26, won the declaimer's medal over nine competitors from the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

This contest is also of great interest.

A medal is given every year by the literary societies to the best declaimer in the Sophomore or Freshman class. Three disinterested judges render the decision as to who is the best declaimer.

Through this Central University is said to have the best speakers of any college in the State. It is a great victory for any one to win this medal, and especially so for brother Mitchell, who is only a Freshman, and who competed with

several fine declaimers from the Sophomore class. With many good wishes for the SCROLL.

Richmond, May 8, 1889. R. E. ROBERTS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

BUTLER is just closing a very prosperous year. The board has taken decided steps toward the improvement of the school in several respects. The system of elective studies in the Junior and Senior years will be enforced next year, making the course more satisfactory and efficient. Several new chairs have been provided for, and Rev. J. T. Sweeny, of Columbus, Ind., has been elected Chancellor. A new preparatory building will be begun soon. In short, never has the close of a year been approached with brighter prospects for the future.

Indiana Gamma has certainly kept step with the progress of the University, and shares her prosperity. At present we are eleven. Brother Lewis Huddleston did not return this term. We will lose but one man by the graduating of the Class of '89.

The chapter was represented in the State Oratorical Convention by brother Chas. L. de Hass.

The only event of fraternity interest which has lately happened was the organization of the *barbs*. One of their members was elected Vice-president of the State *Barb* Association, the honor of which seems to have inspired him and his colleagues to direct all their energies against the fraternities here. A short time ago they appeared in chapel with ribbons of yellow and bronze. They have organized under the name of the Independents of Butler University. They meet on Thursday night of each week. An initiation fee of one dollar is charged. Since none of their numbers have any great ability as leaders or as students, and their only objection to fraternities is that they still remain barbs, we anticipate no trouble from them. The only manifestation of their power was a little combination in a society election, which was of no importance. We believe that the loyalty of their society will remain only as long as no chance is given them to join a fraternity.

Butler is situated at Irvington, a short distance from Indianapolis, and we extend a cordial invitation to those who happen to be in the city to come out and see us.

Irvington, May 9th, 1889. B. M. DAVIS.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE first report of the result of the Inter-State Oratorical Contest giving first place to Ohio, has been found to be incorrect, as

a later and exact compilation of the judges' grades places Indiana as the winner.

This is the fourth time that Indiana has similarly distinguished herself.

De Pauw is rejoicing over the result, and brother Wilkerson, just returned from the West, is receiving congratulations.

Greencastle, May 8, 1889. R. H. RICHARDS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

WE are glad to say that we have secured a chapter house for next year which is satisfactory to all of us for the present. We shall have a much better "show" in securing men than we have had in the past two years, and hope to increase our number considerably.

A few men are being rushed at present. We have fond hopes of initiating two in a short time, or at least pledging them to enter next year.

To-day the report is spread that a new fraternity has established its Alpha chapter in the Dental Department. This makes a total of twenty-one fraternities here, besides the four sororities. The air seems to be full of fraternity spirit just at present. There is a rumor of another one to be in the Literary Department, which will make fourteen there, almost too many for comfort.

The Inter-Fraternity Baseball League is doing much to bring out baseball material. We have quite a strong team this year.

Again we urge any who are intending to take work in the professional schools next year to hunt us up and affiliate. They can find us easier than we can find them, and they need not fear that they will not be welcome.

Ann Arbor, May 6, 1889. J. T. N. HOYT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

JUST at present our chapter is preparing for "the event of the season," otherwise the Phi Banquet. As usual, this will be a union banquet, Illinois Delta Chapter uniting with us. The date is set for May 31st, and all the committees are working for a complete success, and, as they are old hands at banquet making, this success will no doubt be consummated. Not a few of our alumni of both chapters have notified us of their intention to be here with us in our annual love feast.

Brother Lapham, '88, and brother Colegrove, '87, have made us a short visit since our last report.

Brother Royce, on account of sickness, was obliged to leave school for a short time recently, but is now back among us, all well again.

We Phis now form a boarding club of our own, which we regard as the next thing to a chapter house. All the Phis whose homes are not here or do not board in private families are gathered together in the club—ten of us in all.

Brother Case's parents have recently moved to Galesburg, and Clel now is at home to receive all Phis who may happen his way.

On the evening of April 17th Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gray, two of the best Phis out of the bond, received the boys of our chapter and their—sisters. We intended to make the occasion remarkable by dedicating a new barn on the Gray premises with a dance; but rain prevented much dancing. But the hospitable home made up the deficiency fully, and to a late hour we enjoyed ourselves immensely. Mr. and Mrs. Gray served us with excellent refreshments just at the time when they would do the most good. This evening's entertainment, together with so many other from the same source, will make Mr. and Mrs. Gray's names long revered in Phi hearts.

In each of the two ball nines that will contend for the championship of the University this spring the Phis have five representatives. Brother Donohoe is captain of what is termed the Junior team. At the recent meeting of the Athletic Association brother Brigham was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee from the Class of '90. We now hold every office in the Athletic Association, except the committeeman from the Freshman Class.

The reporter has just returned from the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, held at Grinnell, Ia., on May 2. Nine of the Western States compose the association, and the present was the sixteenth annual contest. Ed. H. Hughes, a Δ T Δ from Ohio Weleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, was the first prize man; Jas. A. Blaisdell, a barb, Beloit College, Wis., took second; and Jas. H. Wilkerson, Φ Δ Θ, of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., third. The contest between these three men and another was so very close that the audience would not have murmured had any one of the four received any of the three honors. Our Phi representative covered himself with glory, and was ranked highest in delivery; but, owing to the mark of Gov. Foraker, of Ohio, one of the judges on composition and thought, he was debarred from first prize. Two of the judges on this subject gave brother Wilkerson second, but Foraker gave him seventh place. Had Foraker's mark been anywhere near the rank given by the other two

judges, our Phi would have had an easy victory for first. His subject, "National Unity," was probably handled in a too conciliatory manner to suit Gov. Foraker's fiery ideas. His manner of delivery is considerably different from that of the usual college orator, being more of natural eloquence and not so much pure dramatic elocution. Although brother Wilkerson's elocution is not to be underrated, yet it was the elocution naturally growing out of true eloquence.

To prove I am not viewing the matter with prejudiced eyes, I submit the following from *The Pulse* the Iowa college paper, which, while I do not agree with it in all, shows that brother Wilkerson was an orator of no mean merit:

"Although we do not hesitate to pronounce him among the first, yet we do not exactly see the why or the how of it. His gestures were jerky and his position was not as good as it might have been, but there was an undefinable something about his delivery that put him in sympathy with the audience and judges. Although it was nearly eleven o'clock when he began to speak, he held the attention of the audience throughout."

This was written by a barbarian.

Not many Phis were in attendance at the Convention. The Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska Phis were holding a Province Convention at Lincoln, Neb, so were unable to be at Grinnell.

The Western Inter-Collegiate Press Association, composed of the representatives of the nine States of Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, was organized at this meeting. Brother Sam D. Harsh, of this chapter, the delegate representing the *Lombard Review*, was chosen president of the new association. Modesty forbids your reporter from speaking on this subject.

On my return trip I spent one day with the Phis of Iowa Alpha, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and was entertained right royally by them. Iowa Alpha is a strong chapter, and, I should judge, has things her own way. They have lately moved into new quarters, which are by far the finest chapter rooms I have ever seen. The boys are so proud of them that your reporter had to submit to being introduced to them no less than fifty times during his short stay. In this public place I wish to hereby tender my heartfelt thanks to the boys of Iowa Alpha for their kindness, and also to retract any insinuations I may have made as to their intense desire to show off their parlors. I must not leave the boys until I mention their sisters, but, now I've mentioned them, I can't find words to suit the subject. Certainly Mt. Pleasant Phis have more, and more enthusiastic, and prettier sisters than any chapter I have the good fortune to know.

Galesbury, May 8, 1889. SAM D. HARSH.

ETA PROVINCE.

Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University.

Permanent and gratifying success has attended us during the year now ending.

Last year we were without a hall, to-day we are the proud posessors of one of the finest fraternity halls in the west. This is the result of a vigorous fraternity zeal which has been actively engaged in every department of our work.

Brother E. H. Scott has just returned from the Eta Province convention, which assembled at Lincoln, Nebraska, the 3d inst.

Brother Sam D. Harsh, of Illinois Zeta, was our guest one day last week. He was returning home from Grinnell, Ia., where the representatives of the western college papers had met and formed "The Western Inter-state Collegiate Press Association." Brother Harsh will be the first president of the new organization, which fact insures its success from the beginning. Brother Harsh is a "hustler" and a loyal Phi.

Miss Libbie Nix has our hearty thanks for the beautiful banner recently presented to the chapter.

Brother E. F. Wehrle was chosen Viee-President of Eta Province at the recent convention.

In conclusion we would mention a faculty bull, just received, and coming from the Association of the Iowa College Faculties. The edict provides—

That all conventions, Oratorical, Fraternity, Y. M. C. A., etc., shall be conducted during vacation.

That no student shall be excused during the session to attend any convention or assembly.

That any one failing to comply with the above is liable to suspension or expulsion.

The inter-state conventions of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. form the single exceptions.

This means that all fraternities represented in Iowa must hold their conventions in the summer or during the holidays if delegates from their college chapters here in Iowa attend.

We dread expulsion, else we would burn the bull. "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain" is a sweet sounding motto, but when its defense means revolution we hesitate to practice it.

Mt. Pleasant, May 8, 1889. Will H. Spurgeon.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota.

Minnesota Alpha has but little to report, for the routine work of the term has filled almost every moment of her time. The chapter is prosperous and proposes to continue so.

Warner Leeds carried off first honors in a joint debate between his own literary society, the Delta Sigma, and the Hermeon, and won the prize for his side in the contest. We believe that Brother Leeds intends to emulate our Leslie Moffett, of '89, who never lost a debate in his whole college course.

Walter Stockwell was elected to serve as delegate from Minnesota Alpha to the Province convention lately held at Lincoln, Nebraska, under the auspices of the chapter there. He consented to make the journey and accept the trust reposed in him by his brethren, and it well repaid him when he partook of the open-hearted hospitalities of the Nebraska Phis.

The three senior members of the chapter are getting their houses in order for commencement. Brother Moffett will sing the Class Dirge on the campus during class day exercises. A large and appreciative audience will doubtless join him in his melancholy plaint upon this sombre occasion.

Minneapolis, May 8, 1889. CONWAY MACMILLAN.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

MAY 3d and 4th have been red-letter days in the history of Nebraska Alpha, and she has every reason to feel proud of the occasion. On the 3d, delegates to the first convention of Eta Province began to arrive, and when called to order by the president on the afternoon of the 4th, brothers White and Kelly, of Kansas Alpha, Stockwell, of Minnesota Alpha, Scott, of Iowa Alpha, and Gerwig and Stephens, of Nebraska Alpha, answered the roll-call. But our business is not to report the proceedings of the convention, as that duty has been left in the hands of brother White, who acted as secretary.

On Friday afternoon and evening the delegates were shown around the University by the members of the chapter. On Saturday afternoon they were driven about the city, and in the evening were tendered a banquet, at which many of the alumni of the city were present as well as those of our chapter. After the menu had been attended to, the following toasts were proposed and responded to :

Toastmaster, Geo. B. Frankforter, '86, Nebraska *A*; "The National Fraternity," W. L. Stockwell, '89, Minn. *A*; "Eta Province," Ed. H. Scott, '89, Iowa *A*; "The Fraternity Thirty Years Ago," L. W. Billingsley, '61, Ind. *Δ*; "The Ideal Chapter," C. E. Bradt, '86, Ohio *Δ*; "The Goat," Will A. White, '90, Kansas *A*; "The Faculty," V. J. Emery, '87, Ohio *Z*; "The Alumni," A. E. Anderson, '88, Nebraska *A*; "Sororites," G. W. Gerwig, '89, Nebraska *A*; "Brother Ben. Harrison," Hon. G. M. Lambertson, '72, Ind. *Δ*; "Phi Lawyers," C. A. Atkinson, '74, Ohio *Γ*.

This has been the most brilliant affair that has taken place in fraternity circles of the University of Nebraska, and will be long remembered by those who participated in the event.

During the convention a large Phi flag with blue letters on a white field floated from the flagstaff of our building. It attracted a great deal of attention and excited much comment on the part of those who saw it. We have also received many flattering notices from the newspapers of Omaha and Lincoln.

We hope that the visiting delegates carried away as good an impression of Nebraska Alpha as they left with us, and that we shall have the pleasure of meeting them again in the near future.

To our alumni who gave us their support, not only financially, but by words of encouragement as well, we wish to return thanks. To those who were not present we would say that we missed you.

Lincoln, May 5, 1889. J. A. BARRIS.

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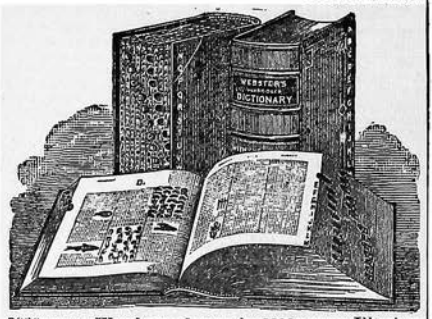

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