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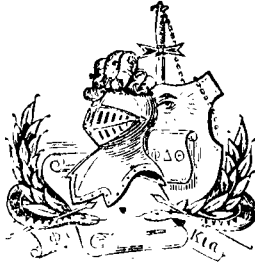
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—OF THE—

Phi Delta Theta Quarterly.



Indianapolis, October 17th, 1874.

To all Phi Delta Theta's, greeting:

• Be it known that the undersigned, members of the committee appointed by the Convention to publish a quarterly devoted to the interest of the fraternity, having associated with themselves Bro. J. C. Norris, as secretary of the committee, do hereby present the following plan and prospectus of the same:

The magazine will be a handsome forty-eight page quarterly, printed in small pica and bourgeoisie type, on heavy tinted paper, bound in stiff paper cover, bearing our coat of arms in a new and attractive form and will be published at Indianapolis. It will be issued about November 15th, and every two and one-half months thereafter, and will be called the

PHI DELTA THETA QUARTERLY.

The subject matter will be divided into three departments: First, the literary department proper, which will include editorials, on literary matters, discussions and correspondence on general interests of the fraternity, and miscellaneous literary articles. This department will be edited by Bros. S. J. Tomlinson and W. O. Bates. Second, the Alumni department, under

the supervision of Bro. A. B. Thrasher, A. B. In it will be found correspondence from old members, notices of changes of residence or occupation, marriages, deaths, &c. It is hoped to make this an important feature, forming, as it will, a pleasant means of inter-communication for our alumni with each other and with the working members. Correspondence is earnestly solicited from old members in regard to their present doings and whereabouts, and reminiscences of the good old days when they tread the secret chambers of the classic walls.

The third department will be devoted to the active workings of the fraternity and will contain reports of conventions, hints from the Grand Banker, all business and financial communications not necessarily *sub rosa*, a quarterly report from each chapter of its workings and general welfare, with such news from the different colleges and fraternities as may be considered of general interest. This will, in a measure, obviate the necessity for the laborious and insufficient correspondence hitherto employed, and preserve in a permanent form, a history of the fraternity. Each chapter should elect its local correspondent and at once send in its report. These reports should be brief, spicy and not private, as we shall aim to publish a magazine which shall be of interest to the public.

A peculiar feature will be the "business directory," in which business and address cards will be inserted at \$1.00 per year. Such a magazine will cost your committee yearly about \$400.00. To defray this expense they have placed the subscription at the low rate of \$1.00 per year, with 10 cents additional to prepay postage.

Whether the quarterly will be published, thus enabling our chosen society to take her rightful place in the front rank of Greek fraternities, will be dependent upon the promptness and extent of its support. Let every chapter immediately on receipt of this prospectus elect a local agent, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions from every attendant and correspondent member of his chapter. An immediate response is earnestly solicited in order that the first issue may be at as early a date as possible.

Forward subscriptions at once, and if the requisite amount is not raised by November 10th, 1874, all monies received will be promptly returned.

Remember all subscriptions strictly cash in advance.

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To the members of the Phi Delta Theta:

Brethren:

It is my very pleasant duty to announce to you the prompt and exceedingly promising report of the Committee appointed at our last National Convention, to devise means of publishing a Phi Delta Theta Quarterly. It is estimated that with a subscription list of 400 they can carry on successfully a 48 page magazine. It is unnecessary for me to speak of the decided need of such an instrument to keep up the much needed communication between the chapters as well as between the Alumni members.

We have excelled all other fraternities in our progress during the last six years, and that has been accomplished chiefly by keeping a close communication by letters, conventions, and printed minutes; by letting each other know what is being done thus inspiring each other with renewed exertion to build up Phi Delta Theta. Of the result of these efforts, though made under difficulty, we are all proud. The proposed periodical will immeasurably assist us in keeping up this inspiration. I have no doubt but that it will greatly excel the letter system.

The work of the matter has been placed to the hands of Bros. Allen B. Thrasher, S. J. Tomlinson, W. O. Bates, and J. C. Norris. committee.

I am personally acquainted with the ability of all these gentlemen and most heartily recommend them to your confidence. They are all alive to what is needed; and with the ability and integrity that I know they possess we can rest assured the interest of the fraternity will receive proper attention, and a magazine produced worthy of the patronage of the whole membership.

I hope you will not be slow about responding to their call for material aid in this important work.

I am with much hope, your obedient servant,

C. D. WHITEHEAD, President,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 1st, 1874.

To the Brothers in the Bond,

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity:

In my judgment, one of the best things that the Phi Delta Theta Convention of 1874 did, was to put on foot the publication of a literary journal in the interests of the fraternity. We need some messenger to go to the home and heart of each brother, and tell him how the cause speeds on its way, to call up past associations, and keep the fires burning on the altar. There is no better means of accomplishing this than by the plan proposed, and I trust every brother will give it the encouragement it deserves.

I am personally acquainted with the members of the committee and knowing them to be men of business experience and literary ability, honest and correct, I heartily commend them and the enterprise to the confidence and support of every member of the fraternity. I do not think the Convention could have chosen more wisely, and with proper encouragement I predict a brilliant and permanent success for the enterprise.

CHAS. O. PERRY,
Grand Banker, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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THE SCROLL.

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SALUTATORY.

WHEN the principles are developed for the formation of a new party, one is formed. When an element of society demands a periodical, one is produced. Gibbon said that the age for great and startling events had passed away never to return, and mankind had become sobered down to that tame and narrow level which would not admit of those brilliant materials for history which the past has afforded. In harmony with these ideas the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL now speaks its cheery "good morning" to the members of the fraternity and their friends. No apology is considered necessary for the appearance of its name among the debutants of 1875.

The old man who, under the frozen zone and grand climacteric of his days, with one foot in the grave and the other hard by, was, by force of popular clamor, compelled to write the life of Gen. Francis Marion, for a long time declined the task. "But," says he, "what can one do when one's friends are eternally teasing him, as they are me, and calling out at every whip-stitch and turn of the streets,

'well, but, sir, where's Marion? where's the history of Marion that we have so long been looking for?'" It has been for many months the question in the fraternity whose name this little magazine bears, "Why do we not have a magazine?" and after the initiatory steps of the enterprise had been taken, the impatient Phil continued to ask, "When shall we receive THE SCROLL?" These facts, and the responses that came to the call of our prospectus lead us to conclude that the fraternity is prepared for the reception and support of its organ. The editors sent out their prospectus. Its call was answered by the true hearts that swell under the golden shield. The magazine is simply the outgrowth of a principle; an evolution; an appointment in the perfection of an institution. The organization having reached the years and stature of maturity, the mantle of manhood very naturally falls upon its shoulders.

Our intention is to give, as nearly as lies within our power, all the fraternity news; to afford columns for the free and full discussion of all questions bearing on the welfare of the fraternity or its members; to present a variety of literary productions, and withal, to constitute a bond of union between chapters and between our members.

IDEALS, AND THEIR ATTAINMENT.

LORD MACAULEY, in his magnificent essay upon Warren Hastings, wherein he has almost exhausted the fertility of the English language in his endeavor to set forth, with power and clearness, the character and career of that truly great man, tells us in most beautiful phrase, that on one bright summer day the boy, then just seven years old, lay on the banks of the rivulet which flowed through the domain of his house to join the Isis. There he saw in his mind a scheme which, through all the turns of his event-

ful career, was never abandoned. He would recover the estates that belonged to his fathers—he would become Hastings of Daylesford. This purpose, formed in infancy and poverty, grew stronger as his intellect expanded and his fortune rose. He pursued his plan with that calm but indomitable force of will which was a striking peculiarity of his character. Through all his chequered career of glory and obloquy he sought, and at last recovered, the estates that belonged to his fathers. He became Hastings of Daylesford, and there he died.

This glance at a single page in the life of Hastings affords a text for a few observations upon Ideals.

Passing over the *importance* of ideals, I will discuss briefly a single step that ought to be taken in forming correct ideals—will speak of some characteristics that should inhere in all such, and their mode of attainment.

First, there must be knowledge of materials out of which they are to be formed. This is obtained by keen introspection and full comprehension of external obstacles. When a man has weighed his inner self in the scales of an impartial and cautious judgment, and has gauged and compassed the difficulties that are ahead, then he attempts nothing beyond his powers.

With an imperfect knowledge of one's capacity, and no just appreciation of outward hindrances, we are apt to believe that "if we but stretch forth our hands we *can* grasp the stars." But how weak is man, and how very far away are the friendly stars?

Self-examination of this kind and objective perception may cause our *first*-rate aspirations to dwindle down to the level of our third-rate abilities, but it will also save us from the mortification of failure in a great attempt, and there is a no greater hell than this, says DeQuincy. A law writer says, that it is well to keep the eye on the Great Seal, and instances the saying of Erskine, even before he had his first retainer, "That the star of the White Thistle would some day glisten on his breast." Erskine, however, knew

himself, hence the prophetic utterance. Knowledge is foreknowledge.

While an ideal should be lofty in its nature, yet there is a due mean between a remote possibility and a tame probability. The first kind often produces a fine frenzy and impatient pulse-beat of the brain that wastes the energies and taps the nerves; the other furnishes no stimulus or incentive whatever.

The preceding remarks lead me to speak of two general characteristics of all ideals.

First, an ideal should be possible or human. The common view of ideals is that they are composed of "such stuff as dreams are made of." Such an ideal is not a serviceable one. We cannot *work* to the fairy visions of a golden future. They dissatisfy and dishearten us. They must be abandoned sometime, and precious moments are squandered in thus framing and abandoning of impossible plans.

After canvassing his powers a man should place his ideal upon the utmost verge of his abilities, just where, by putting to the test his whole strength, he may reach it.

There might be such a thing as two ideals, approximate and remote. The one is clearly attainable, the other looms up only in the horizon of our hope. This might be called the telescopic ideal. In urging the framing of a possible or human ideal, I do not mean that it should be modeled after any human being. Who would be a Webster? We would possess his eloquence, but not with the accompanying vices. The same of every other man. The qualities in the ideal man are human, but after the exact similitude of no living man. As the greatest of Grecian sculptors formed the model woman, not by copying the features of any particular beauty, but the peculiar graces of all, so in our ideals should cluster the combined excellencies of many.

Second, the ideal should be *definite* in its nature. It should stand out as clearly before the mind as does a conception in the imagination of a painter. It should not be a vague, intangible, comet-tail-like substance, but should be

a living reality, a vivid conception. Too often, like Cassio in his drunken vision, we see "a mass of things, with nothing distinct."

Instead of being a flaming torch, such as Goethe carried high above his head, that burned the brighter with the blustering gale and gathering darkness, it is often a dim, flickering blaze, that goes out in the passing breeze. Most of us want to be something—one a great lawyer. If, however, you ask him what goes to make up a great lawyer, he cannot tell you. He will probably speak of Webster or Choate, although he has but little appreciation of the causes that led to their success. The same is true of all the professions. There is a vague, indefinite longing for something. With a carefully elaborated plan, one can work to advantage, making every stroke tell for what it is worth. Where there is nothing digested, hesitation, indecision and aimlessness must follow. Time is wasted, in blindly beating the air. Having formed a possible and definite ideal, how shall it be attained.

First, by limiting and intensifying our efforts. The mind should not be distracted by many things. We want to be wedded to *the one* purpose, like the artist who was married to his art and needed no other wife. Twenty-five years of assiduous, systematic effort directed to the attainment of *any* object must win. As certain as the day follows the night, so must reward tread close upon the heels of labor. As all the roads in Italy converge at Rome, so should our labor incline toward a common goal. Too many of us follow Dr. Adam Clarke's advice and try to keep all the irons in the fire at once, tongs included. Better imitate the example of John Marshall, of whom it was said that he would not swerve from the line of his argument though a paradise should tempt him.

"He who attempts one thing, and but one,
May hope to achieve it ere life be done.
He who attempts all things, wherever he goes,
Only reaps from the hopes which around him he sows,
A harvest of barren regrets."

How true are these words of Owen Meredith. The successful are those who are content to try a very few things. Carlyle says that narrow minded men are the most successful. This same lesson is taught in an anecdote told of the present Czar of Russia. He wanted a railroad built from Moscow to St. Petersburg, and told his chief engineer to draft a plan of the proposed road. When it was submitted the Emperor expressed surprise at the many crooks and zigzags in the course and direction of the road. He was told that the turns and crooks were for the purpose of accommodating certain towns along the route. The Emperor took his pencil and drew a straight line between the two cities, and said, "Build me that road."

Secondly, a man should not be stayed by petty or even great hindrances. He has work to perform and should sweep over all obstacles to an assured success. He should be able to say with Napoleon, "there shall be no Alps," or with Chatham, "I trample upon impossibilities." Filled with a lofty purpose, he should remember Whittier's words,
"God's errands never fail,—
Sweep on through storm and darkness,
The thunder and the hail."

The perseverance of one of Austria's queen's is in point. She was a woman that was far from prepossessing in appearance, yet her passion was, to become beautiful. She long brooded with delight over ideals of lovely woman. Finally, having conjured up one that might be within the limits of her attainment, she called the most noted sculptor in the land and bade him awake the obedient stone from its marble sleep and put on the divine beauty of life, and when the ideal was realized in stone that seemed to breathe and struggle, she sat before it day after day, striving to bring her features into conformity with the beauty of the statue, until, as the days flitted by one after another, she grew more and more into its likeness, and when the end came, lineament answered to lineament, face to face, beauty to beauty, and stature to stature.

Michael-Angelo, with mallet and chisel, once chiseled

with haste upon the marble, a rough sketch of one of those beautiful conceptions that were wont to stand out with clearness upon the canvas of his imagination; he then threw down his mallet and chisel. Years after, another artist perceived and caught up the idea so rudely imprinted upon the stone. He picked up the mallet and chisel and carried out with symmetrical beauty a statue that challenged, not only the admiration, but the criticism of connoisseurs in art.

In this essay—not with the master hand of an Angelo—I have portrayed some of the characteristics that, in my judgment, must inhere in all correct ideals. Perhaps you may have caught a suggestion or an idea, which, if faithfully followed, will lead you up to a more symmetrical development and inspire you with a feeling and endeavor, such as possessed the great Jonathan Edwards, who said, “If there be one perfect man I will be that one.”

NOW AND THEN.

Flee as a stricken doe,
Far from thy home;
Never thy friends may know
Where thou hast gone.

Over thee waves shall close,
Giving no sign;
What more could wish thy foes
Than the fate thine?

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Angels shall welcome thee
To the new light,
Purple the mountains be,
Greeting thy sight;

Then to that blissful land,
Forgetting sin,
Lead by the Father's hand
Enter thou in!

AD TERRAE ANGELAM.*

Puella vivit, cui nomen Fiber est,
 Formata virgo, sed cujus pectore,
 Velut Dignissimo delubro,
 Incoluit *Dea* incolitque.

Verum est profecto, namque divinitas
 Effulget ejus luminibus ardens,
 Spirat in spiratu, et incessu
 Vera patet *Dea* carne inesse.

O *Diva*, nomen, precor, elysium,
 Quo coelicolae dicere te solent,
 Docere me ipsum supplicantem,
 Cui rapuit tua cor venustas.

Sic, sic putavi! jam intelligo vere,
 Seu tu *Dione* cum *Jove* nata sis,
 Seu spuma fluctus *aphrodis* te
 Fuderit in *Cypri* arenam aprici.

Venus es, olim cui juvenis de dit
 Se semper victum, nisi *Adonis* solus,
 Et ideo, incarnata, *Diva*,
 Me penitus miserum vicisti.

(*Hoc carmen scriptum est ab A. W. Exiguo, quasi a Jacobo Mc. Murtrio, cujus sententias daejus dilecta exprimit.)

SUB ROSA.—Under the rose; what is said or done privately and secretly among confidential friends. The origin of this term is said to be the following: Cupid, it is said, gave a rose to Hippocrates, the god of silence, and from this legend arose the practice of suspending a rose from the ceiling over the table while eating, when it was intended that the conversation must be kept secret. This custom gave rise to the phrase *sub rosa*.

SPAIN AND HER REBELLIOUS ISLAND.

“Such be the sons of Spain and strange her fate,
They fight for freedom, who were never free ;
A kingless people for a nerveless state,
Her vassals combat when her chieftians flee,
True to the veriest slaves of treachery ;
Fond of a land which gave them naught but life,—
Pride points the path that leads to liberty ;
Back to the struggle, baffled in the strife,
War! war! is still the cry! War even to the knife!”

Another sudden and unexpected change in the government of Spain again demonstrates to us the fickleness of Spanish character. No less than six changes have taken place in this government, in the last decade, proving without doubt, that Spain is not yet prepared for a republican government. Multiplied attempts have been made to release her from the chains of tyranny and despotism, and when she has from time to time made some promising steps in that direction, all the sympathy of the free nations of the world has gone out toward her. But all sympathy and hope seem vain. When reputedly free, she is in turmoil; when a monarchy, she is fickle and insulting. Thus, be she a republic or monarchy, our tolerance of her outrages as committed against her own subjects and against us must be of short duration.

Her treatment of the Cuban colony is a matter coming more closely under our observation, and more materially effects our interests than any other one of her many outrageous acts. It is evident that she does not prize her Cuban possessions so highly as when she refused the offer of President Polk of one hundred million dollars for them. The question still remains of as much importance to us as in the days of Polk—“ what shall we do for Cuba ? ”

The peaceable extension of our territory, when it will add to the public security and wealth of the country, has been the accepted doctrine of all parties since the foundation of our government. The objection that any recognition or

interference on the part of the United States, will injure the growth of the infant republic of Spain, has all vanished in the recent establishment of the old monarchy with the verdant Alphonse as king. This objection removed, we have no excuse for longer permitting outraged Cuba to be unrecognized. The question of expediency is the only one left for us to settle before we accept her under our flag. No one will attempt to deny that Cuba is a fertile and productive island. All will accept the fact that she produces vast amounts of sugar, coffee and tobacco, and moderate amounts of many other valuable products. A comparison of her annual products with those of one of our states shows a truly wonderful fertility.

Her exports for the year 1861, amounted to the enormous sum of \$111,442,000, while all the products, not exports, of the State of Iowa reached only \$114,000,000 in the year 1870, and it must be remembered that Iowa has 55,000 square miles of territory, and Cuba but 47,000. It is further estimated that only one-nineteenth of Cuba is cultivated. That this island produces valuable minerals, and on it are found an abundance of mahogany and other valuable hard woods not produced in the United States, are accepted facts. In short, a recent compiler of statistics says: The exports of Cuba, in proportion to her population, exceed in value those of any other country on the globe. This being true, Cuba is a rich island, and in our hands will add to the wealth of the nation.

It has been agreed by all statesmen and diplomats, since the days of Monroe, that Cuba commands two entrances to the Gulf of Mexico. Everett said in a communication with our minister in Spain: "Cuba would, territorially and commercially considered, be an extremely valuable possession; and under certain circumstances, it might be almost essential to our safety." This formidable position has given to her the characteristic names of, "The Key to the Gulf," and the "Sentinel to the Mississippi." By her geographical position she belongs to the United States.

The Spanish government has tried every means to break her natural connection with our country. Spain imposes duty on importation in such a manner as to drive Cuban commerce from us to herself. For example, the duty of flour from Spain in Spanish and Cuban vessels is \$2.50 per barrel; from other countries, in Spanish and Cuban vessels \$8.50; but from foreign countries in foreign vessels, \$9.50, thus making a difference of \$7.00 per barrel in favor of Spanish commerce in the single item of flour. But despite all this unjust restriction, over one-third of the Cuban commerce is with the United States. That Spain has held a cruel sway over Cuba, no reader of history doubts for a moment. The annual revenue levied from her before the rebellion amounted to thirty million dollars, of which, twenty-four million was consumed in local expenses, including the sustaining of the army of twenty thousand, and the expenses of three "Captain-Generals," or Spanish Governors. The remaining six million was sent to the Spanish treasury. Whenever money has been needed by the Spanish government, this island has been taxed to her uttermost. It is no wonder they have rebelled and have fought hard to release themselves from such tyranny. It is evident the Cubans bore this tyranny unwillingly and with hope for something better; and when they had imbibed so much of our love for freedom, forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and they struck the decisive blow. We have had their sons at our colleges, and have them to-day coming in and passing out. The education of a few Cuban youths with our "Young America" is enough to start a revolution in such a rule as that maintained on the Island of Cuba.

The point generally argued by those opposed to the recognition or accession of Cuba to the United States is in regard to the Catholic element in her population. Of this, we need not be afraid. A few people, who will some day set up a ghost which will scare themselves to death, go into spasms about that element in this country. But is there

'cause to fear an institution which requires all the combined force of church ritual and trained armies to keep its people together? One look at the Catholic church a half a century back compared with its present condition will satisfy any mind that it is on the decline. Fifty years ago, the different orders of the Roman Catholic church ruled all Europe. How is it now? The Pope's infallibility proposition almost knocked the props from under him, leaving him a common man, without armed force. Immediately Italy was taken from him; Austria ceased to maintain his decrees; German Catholics raged at his folly; in short, the former force of the church was reduced more than one-half, and since that time harmony has not been the ruling element in their deliberations.

Father Hyacinthe has broken down the church ritual and taken to himself a better half, thus dealing an effective blow, which threatens to destroy the celibacy of priests. All these great changes have been wrought within the last five or six years. Thus it will go on. As Liberty advances her banner, monks and monasteries must abdicate. Can there be any aggressive danger in an institution so utterly rotten as the Catholic church? It may remain a stench in our land, but can never work any great revolutions. The Cubans know of its weakness, and a release from it is one of the great aims of the rebellion. The Cuban Insurgent Assembly, as early as February 26th, 1869, decreed the abolition of slavery, and by article XXIV, of the Insurgent Constitution, *all* the inhabitants of the island are declared morally and religiously free. They are not fools, nor heathen. They know what is destroying their peace and happiness, and are fighting hard to free themselves, while our liberty-loving (?) people stand back on their neutral dignity, without sympathy or aid for them in their struggle against the most barbarous enemies any nation ever had to contend with. The Spanish commander issued an order "that all male citizens over fourteen years old found absent from their abodes, without satisfac-

tory business, shall be shot," an order in direct violation of the rules of civilized warfare. Can we enlightened Americans allow a black-flag war to be arrayed within sight of our borders? Can we permit the unsavory odors of more unburied victims, sacrificed for liberty, to ascend to our retributive Governor on high?

But the objection has been made, we will have such an addition to our unguarded seaboard. The fact is simply this: we will have less with, than without, Cuba. From the farthest easterly point of Cuba to the coast of Yucatan, is one hundred miles; from the most northeastern part of Cuba to the coast of Florida, is one hundred and ten miles, making a blockade of a little over two hundred miles necessary, where now we would need from six to eight hundred. Seeing this fact was what made Everett say, *Cuba might be essential to our safety.*

Although Spain contains some of the most noble and courageous soldiers in the world's grand army for freedom, yet we cannot hope for any permanent government there. If within her there were all the elements necessary for free government—which there are not—even then we could not hope to maintain it, with her surroundings. Only the matter of selecting a king in the name and form of Prince Leopold, convulsed all Europe and set on foot the sharpest and most bloody war known to European history.

A conspiracy of monarchs keeps her continually convulsed and bleeding.

“Ah Monarchs! could you taste the mirth you mar,
Not in the toils of glory would ye fret;
The hoarse, dull drum would sleep, and man be happy yet.”

But the question still remains, shall these monarchs continue to disturb commerce, and still pour out more blood to discolor Cuba's clear fountains. Since Cuba has been able to maintain unaided her declared independence, for six long years, against the massive armies of Spain, and that, too, in the most cruel warfare ever known to civilized nations, and the Spanish commander in Cuba is now call-

ing for twenty thousand more men to put down the rebellion, we are in duty bound to recognize her independence, and, if she desires it, receive her under our flag. The fact that she has held out so long, and has been able to know that on October 11th, 1874, one hundred guns were fired in New York City, in honor of the sixth anniversary of her independence, is enough to assure us that her people are shrewd, intelligent, and worthy the name of citizens of a free republic.

This much we know, that Cuba is rich and productive ; that she has been cruelly oppressed, and demands only freedom from Catholicism and slavery : that we need not fear her accession on account of the Roman Catholic religion ; that we will not have more, but less, sea-coast to guard ; that justice demands action on the part of this country for her release. With these facts we submit the subject to a candid people to judge whether we have too much sympathy for the "Queen of the Antilles," or not.

MICHAEL-ANGELO.

Hoary mediaeval art has caught its brightest tints from the New Testament story, and Michael-Angelo has left the boldest proofs of his high regard for their symbolic truths, by further typifying them in the rare creations of his immortal pencil, or more substantial shapes of Carrara stone. His poetry of pen, or pencil, or chisel, glows with a livelier heat when it reflects the light of a life which everywhere saw and felt the impress of God.

He borrows a quaint gracefulness from his own observations, and blends them together in glorious harmony. Victor Hugo relieves some of his grand conceptions by such accessories as a butterfly shining on the blood-stained barricade ; the heroism of Gavroche recovering the dead in-

surgent's arms ; or, the wild sea-bird which ceases to dread the monstrous Gelliatt.

The austere genius of Michael-Angelo, neglecting such fitting ornamentation, traces no flowers on his rocks ; no fretwork of plumes and flames on his most startling conceptions ; but, as in his Adam or David, this " Master of Live Stone " furnishes the thought of creative energy developing into human life. The sublime Sistine masterpiece has for its idea the resurrection, no less than the terrible Judgment, struggling to depict in its wondrous coloring the re-creation of life.

While, it is true, that much of Angelo's work breathes a faint semi-pagan air, yet, he has imbibed enough of the Spirit of Truth to fully impress us " with a perception of that power which we associate with all the warmth and fullness of the world, and the sense of which brings into our thoughts a swarm of birds and flowers and insects. The brooding spirit of life is there, and the summer may burst out in a moment."

Being under the sway of the Roman Church, however, the dreams of Plato and Homer, were in him much mixed with the words of Christ, and feeling that soothing influence which the Catholic Church, through its dim mysteriousness, its ghostly aisles and shadowy shows, often infuses into spirits too noble for its communion, his wings were clipped and he dreamed his life away, never soaring into the fuller sunlight of Gospel day.

A LETTER.

DEAR EDITOR: You ask me to say something through the new medium, to the membership concerning the interests of the fraternity. Besides the general, social, and literary duties prescribed in the bond, there are many things that might be particularized as necessarily a part of our

work. The united efforts of a class of highly educated and cultivated young men, are capable of accomplishing many things outside of simply maintaining an organization. To maintain an organization, means simply to be prepared for work. We are an association of christian gentlemen, whose most earnest desire is for peace and prosperity *all over the land.*

The extension of our lines far into the southern states gives us peculiar advantage to exert our influence in favor of peace, and against the prejudices that have so long tended to create a disturbance and bad feeling between the different sections of our glorious Union. All men, North and South, are, or should be, interested in the development of all our resources. But until sectional strife, and prejudices are allayed, we cannot hope for an equal distribution of capital throughout the whole country, and a consequent development. While our paramount object is a high literary and moral entertainment, let us not forget to use our combined efforts to secure peace and good government, and consequent prosperity; things essential to the very existence of our fraternity.

Then, as to the objections that are so frequently and unreasonably made to such associations as ours, I wish to say a word. A cynic few now remain who say we cannot be honest and sincere in our work, or we would not need the cover of darkness, and closed doors, since thieves avail themselves of these to commit their devilish work. To all such, you can say, that darkness and secrecy are not alone the cherished elements of thieves and villains. The home and family circle is a place secret and sacred from the ruder eye of the public, although no wrong is concocted in the family circle. The official meeting of a church session is secret, although outrages and wrongs are seldom contemplated there. The association of each business firm in the land is a secret gathering, yet we expect no serious evil from their quiet meeting. Our National Congress frequently goes into secret session, yet but little more

outrage is committed against their constituents then than when in open session. It is believed the meeting, at which our memorable Declaration of American Independence was drafted and signed, was a secret meeting; and surely the most worthy assembly, that framed our glorious and free Constitution, whereby republican government has proved a success, and not a failure, as was expected by the crowned head, was a secret body.

The worst opposers of secret societies, because they are secret, are a bilious, jaundiced, one-idea class of individuals, who only see the darkest side of everything; who think with Esau, that every man's hand is against their hand. Those faculties of colleges who most oppose us, form themselves into a secret band, to more effectually promote the interests of their respective institutions, and make a mild war on an institution of which they are a perfect semblance. But, thanks are due to an advanced civilization through which most of our college deans have been lead, in order that they may see that secrecy can be the cover of sacred as well as trivial things.

Yours,

C. D. WHITEHEAD,
President, Phi Delta Theta.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is our purpose to increase the variety of this department in the next issue. To this end we solicit contributions, on any subject any one may incline to discuss. Short articles are preferable, as the limited space of each department necessitates brevity. Especially do we solicit correspondence on practical questions pertaining to the fraternity.

Much of the time of our conventions is taken up in discussing questions of vital importance to the fraternity, and

the time in which those discussions are conducted, is necessarily so limited that we are compelled to acknowledge, in many cases, that, in Ruskin's works, "all our thoughts are but degrees of darkness," and refer the question to a committee, with instructions to report at our next convention. Perhaps the committee will present a raw report at the next convention, which, after discussion, is lost in the debris of accumulating business. We propose that this abortive method of proceeding shall be relieved by printed correspondence through these columns.

Perhaps every member of the fraternity has an idea that would be of value in moulding our future. "Having then gifts differing" whether prophecy or teaching, let every one having an interest in this enterprise and the fraternity, put his thoughts into readable language, and send it to us immediately. Let the sentiment of our members be thoroughly expressed with regard to such subjects as taxation, incorporation, time of holding the convention, changes in the constitution, catalogues, new chapters, place of holding convention, and any other such subjects, so that our annual conventions will be a harvesting of results, and an execution of designs planned and matured beforehand.

Once more, contributions are desired by March 15th.

STRICTLY SUB ROSA.—After reconsidering their first decision, the managers of THE SCROLL decided that it would be best to conduct the paper *sub rosa*. By this means we are enabled to give a vast amount of news that could not otherwise be given. When we say *sub rosa*, it is understood in this case that a select few of the *fair* friends of the golden shield are under the same rose tree with their stouter brothers.

ALUMNI.

EDITORIAL.

Had I been present at the last National Convention, I should have insisted on having a more worthy editor chosen in my stead. Now that the duty has been assigned me, I shall shirk neither the responsibility, nor the work. That the limited time I will have to devote to this enterprise will allow me to do neither myself nor the Alumni justice, I fully realize. But perhaps the continued application of my small strength may aid in starting THE SCROLL, and ere long we may find abler hands to guide it. Had it not been for the unbounded enthusiasm of the other members of the committee, and the generous assistance which they so kindly rendered me, I should have been loth to have undertaken this publication. But now that we have undertaken it, I unite with them in saying that it must not fail. I conceive that it would have been better never to have started this magazine than, having started it, to let it die. Brothers of the Alumni, I ask your assistance, and am I mistaken when I think it will not be withheld? It is alone in the co-operation of the Alumni that I base my hopes for the success and interests of this department. Without this I can do nothing. With it, I hope to bridge the chasm which separates us from each other, and from our school days. And this I conceive to be the true idea of *our* department of THE SCROLL. To enable the tired lawyer, the busy merchant, the weary politician, *all* good Phi Delta Thetas, who are earnestly engaged in the great battle of life, to cast aside for the moment all care, and to look back through the enchanted telescope of time to their school-boy days. To unite long separated college chums with

remembrance of their boyish joys and sorrows, defeats and triumphs of their oft-talked-over-hopes and fears for the future, of their glorious air castles of an ideal life, and to see now how many of their precious idols have been sacrilegiously battered down by the great, bustling world. Perhaps the boy with whom you scanned Virgil has now a seat in Congress, or is a missionary in some foreign land, or you know not where till you hear from him through the columns of *THE SCROLL*. He who was the laughing stock of your class, may now be elevated to the highest position of honor, and whose every word is treasured as if from the lips of an oracle. He who has aspired to political renown, may be quietly solving the great problem of life on some obscure farm on the outskirts of civilization, or as pastor of a flock dwelling in Arcadian simplicity. Whether he had better accomplished the great purpose of life, had his youthful aspirations been reached, I have not the desire, had I the ability, here to discuss, but will leave it to older, or at least wiser heads. But that it would be of interest and profit to us all to know by what steps these various ends of life have been attained, is patent to all. We live neither in an age nor in a world of chance. The same causes operating under the same circumstances, will be likely to produce the same effects now, that they did centuries ago. If it is beneficial for statesmen to study the history of other nations, endeavoring to discover wherein lay the secret of the prosperity of this, or the ruin of that country, and having discovered these laws to apply them to the up-building of his own state, would it, I ask, not be equally profitable for us to examine well the sources of individual success and adversity? Not the mere outward actions by which this one has reached the pinnacle of fame, or that one hurled into the blackest pit of degradation, that would be but a servile aping of manners. But to study the hidden springs of action, and the strong underlying current of principle, which gives tone to the man's character.

Brothers of the Alumni, this is *our* department. Take it and use it as a medium of communication with one another; if the views you advance are peculiar, if the conclusions you reach are not justifiable, remember that the readers are brothers in the dear circle of Phi Delta Theta. This edition has been already long postponed on account of the hesitating manner in which we have received support. The *Alumni Department* which should have been filled with articles fresh from the pens of our Alumni, I have been compelled to, for the most part, fill with selections and contributions from other sources as best I could. But we were determined to show the fraternity that we are in earnest, and when you know this, we expect your fuller support, asking you to criticise not too severely this first number of THE SCROLL, and to shoulder your own share of the responsibility for its imperfections, I extend to all Phi Delta Thetas a fraternal greeting.

PARIS.

Upon entering Paris in the spring of 1874, we took a carriage and were driven some miles between the seven-story fronts which line the Rue de Lafayette, whose imposing height and handsome architecture fully met our expectations of a Parisian street. Alighting at the door of an English hotel, we were met by a French landlord who spoke excellent English, and whose kindness, together with that of his amiable wife, contributed much to render our six weeks stay in the gay capitol of France a most delightful one. Our hotel was about two squares from the famous church of the Madeleine, and opposite the *Chapelle Expiatoire*, where Louis XVI and his Queen Maria Antoinette were buried in 1793. Near us were the principal boulevards of Paris, and five minutes walk brought us to the Place de La Concorde, and the beautiful park and boulevard of the Champs Elysees.

Please accompany us on our first walk on the morning of the day succeeding that of our arrival in Paris. Starting from our hotel, we follow Rue Pasquier two squares southward, and enter the boulevard which brings us in a half square to the front of a huge building surrounded by immense columns. This is the Church of the Madeleine, begun in 1764, and finished about 1840. It resembles a Greek temple, and the front pediment or gable is filled with colossal sculpture. Fifty-two corinthian columns of stone, each forty-nine feet high and sixteen and a half feet in circumference, surround it, while the interior is covered with marble and rich paintings. Here was our starting point for Parisian rambles. The Madeleine is the center from which radiates, eastward, the chain of boulevards which terminates nearly three miles in the square of the Bastille, south the Rue Royale, reaching a quarter of a mile to the Place de la Concorde, and west, a boulevard leading to the northwestern part of the city. Returning from our rambles, we always felt at home when we could see looming up before us the grandly massive outlines of this famous temple.

We stroll southward, along the broad Rue Royale, for perhaps a quarter of a mile, when we reach the terminus of the street, and stand in the presence of a view, which, by general consent, no other city than Paris can present. Let us try to describe it. In front of us is the square of the Place de la Concorde—perhaps a quarter of a mile on each side, and surrounded by huge marble sitting statutes of females, allegorical representations of French provincial cities. This square is surrounded by a low stone wall, except where broad carriage roads enter it at the four cardinal points of the compass. In the center stands the celebrated obelisk of Luxor, removed from Thebes in Egypt by the first Napoleon. It is a solid block of stone, 72 feet high, $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on each of its four sides, at the base and tapering upwards to $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet at top. It is of red syenite, was erected at Thebes, 1550, B. C., by Sesostris, and from bottom

to top is covered with strange figures in the ancient picture language of Egypt. It is a strange sight—this relic of the far-away past, standing in the sunny square of to day, two huge fountains, playing one on either side, and modern civilization glittering on every side. To the right, we look along an open space a quarter of a mile wide, and stretching away westward by a gentle ascent until it is terminated by a huge mass of stone with three arched openings through it, and covered with sculptured figures—the arch of Victory, the famous *Arc d'Etoile*, erected by Napoleon. As seen from our position—standing on elevated ground—it is outlined against the sky, and so massive is it, that it looks like a work of the Titans. This open space, which thus ends in the *Arc of Triumph* at the distance of a mile and a half, is bounded on either side by handsome buildings. It contains three wide asphaltum-paved streets, one in the center, and one on either side, through the central one of which, pours a continuous stream of carriages, which from three to six each afternoon, are so thick that it is dangerous to attempt crossing the street. Between these parallel streets the space is filled with handsome chestnut trees, with here and there booths, where refreshments are sold. Several gardens enclosed by hedges are seen, containing halls for singing and dancing, with restaurants having innumerable gas jets and globes arranged in mathematical figures, so that at night the whole garden is in a blaze of light. Iron chairs line the walks and streets for rent at three or four sous each. An old woman has the collecting of the rents, and it is amusing to see her overwhelm with astonishment the economical old gentlemen and ladies, who innocently sit down, supposing the chairs free, and who, with reluctant grimaces pay the demanded fee. Little wagons drawn by goats offer a seat to our children for a ride of half a mile for four sous or cents. Through all these walks and groves, at all hours of the day and far into the night, throng the citizens of Paris, poor and rich, clad in rags and silks, the peasantry, the nobility, and the literary celebrities of

the French capitol. These, as you may have guessed, are the Elysian Fields, not the classic, but the modern *Champs Elysees*. Our party entire, children and all, during our stay in Paris, sought this delightful spot at all hours of the day.

From our position on the north side of Place de la Concorde, if we look to the left of the great square, we see an oblong grove of chestnut trees in a rectangular space of a quarter by half a mile, surrounded by a wall and a wide promenade, ten feet above the level of the space enclosed. Within are miniature lakes with fountains, which on Sundays and holidays send up lofty jets of water; groups of classical statuary in marble, are scattered here and there among the trees, while shady walks all combine to make this look like a very paradise. This grove is the Tuilleries Garden, on the east side of which is the Tuilleries Palace, the favorite residence of the French Kings, and now a ruin, having been burned in the late civil war. Still farther to the left and beyond the Tuilleries Palace, we see a vast building of cast stone covered with infinite carvings and endless statutes of celebrated warriors, statesmen, poets, etc., and long enough to surround the oblong space of sixty acres. This is the Palace of the Louvre. This building contains the celebrated collections of painting and sculpture, which for ages past the Kings of France have been gathering by fair means or foul, from Italy, Greece, Egypt, and other sources of classic or mediæval art.

Let us repeat. Before us, (looking from the terminus of the Rue Royale, spreads out the Place Concorde with its huge statues, its fountains, and the wierd and lofty Egyptian obelisk. Westward lies the Champs Elysees, terminating a mile and a half in the distance with the massive Arc d'Etoile. Eastward to the left lie the gardens and Palace of the Tuilleries, and beyond the vast oblong pile of buildings called the Louvre. Looking south just beyond the Place Concorde, we see the bridge Concorde spanning the Seine, which flows westward directly on the other side of the objects just described. Twenty-seven bridges, some

stone, some iron, connect the opposite banks. Along the other shore we see, lining the river banks for miles, a series of buildings, massive, of stone, and most of them used for government purposes.

Let us cross the "Place" and take a steamer which touches at the landing below the bridge. Going up the stream, we pass first the huge legislative building on the right—next the Tuilleries Gardens, and the lengthy Louvre on the left. Soon we pass the building of the French Academy—old, low, but imposing, on the right. Just beyond we pass on the left side of the island which here stands in the center of the stream, and is perhaps a half a mile long. On it we see many grand buildings, but that which most attracts the stranger is the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Its two lofty towers and grand facade covered with elaborate sculpture, stands at the east end of the island looking down the river. This island, called *Isle de Cite*, was the original beginning of Paris. Previous to the conquest of Gaul by Cæsar, a wandering tribe built a few huts here, and called their stronghold *Lutetia*, from the Latin term for mud, indicating the principal material of their buildings. The inhabitants were called *Parisii*. Here the Druids worshipped. Under the Romans, temples to Jupiter and Mercury occupied the site of Notre Dame. During 500 years, this island was the residence of a Roman Governor. Remains of the two palaces erected by them may still be seen. About the year 250, A. D., St. Denis first preached christianity in Paris, and suffered martyrdom on Mont Martre. When our boat has reached the farther end of the island, we observe on its remotest point a low stone building with its walls reaching down to the water. This is the famous Morgue. We can enter by a door from the street, just in the rear of the Notre Dame, and passing in behind the screen which stands within the door, we stand looking into an apartment of perhaps twenty feet square, with windows on the opposite side, overlooking the Seine. Separating us from the room, is a glass partition, through which may usu-

ally be seen from one to a dozen corpses of men and women who have committed suicide—generally by drowning, and whose bodies are left here, together with their clothes, for three days to give opportunity for their friends to identify and claim them. Each body lies with its feet toward us on its back upon a marble slab, with a stream of ice water pouring over it day and night. It is a terrible sight, and yet from the love of the horrible which seems to afflict most people, it is visited by passers-by simply from curiosity. A mile further on, between the grand stone structures on either side, and beneath the bridges which gracefully span the river at frequent intervals, we reach the Garden of Plants on the right bank, containing one of the finest collection of plants and animals in the world. Our children made frequent excursions up the river to this garden, and never tired of wandering in the winding walks, along which in lots surrounded by high wire fences, were the harmless animals, and in cages, the ferocious ones, from every country under heaven.

The river Seine is a kind of center in Paris. On its south bank is Old Paris with its Pantheon—its church of St. Germain des Pres—its palace of Luxemburg—its numerous colleges, literary and scientific—its polytechnic schools—its manufactory of Gobelin tapestry—its wonderful old book stalls with their roods of rare old books—its observatory; hallowed by the names of celebrated mathematicians and astronomers—its French Academy building, the weekly assembly place of men famous and grown grey in the walks of literature and science. On the north bank is New Paris, with its Louvre—Tuilleries—its Champs Elysees—its Bois de Boulogne—its Bastile—its Pere la Chaise, the noted cemetery wherein lie the major part of the French literary celebrities—the broad and fashionable boulevards lined with miles of magnificent structures, mostly the work of the third Napoleon.

Let us suppose ourselves back again at the Madeleine, and the time 8 o'clock p. m. We propose an evening

promenade along the boulevards, extending to the east not quite parallel to the Seine, and terminating at a distance of two and a half miles in the square where a century since stood the massive prison called the Bastile. The boulevard is broad, containing two or three parallel drives, separated by elevated promenades for pedestrians, and which are smoothly paved with asphaltum. Within five minutes we reach the gayest portion of the boulevard called Boulevard des Italiens. The sidewalks here are fifteen and twenty feet in width, one-third of which is covered with iron chairs in which fashionably dressed people sit around circular iron stands and partake of an endless variety of refreshments. Wine, beer, absinthe, cake, shell-fish, and the more substantial viands which furnish a full meal, cover these little tables, which are surrounded by friends and strangers, often a family embracing the parents and children occupying one stand—all gayly chatting and enjoying the sights of the endless tide of people which constantly sweeps past them. The lofty buildings on either hand are ablaze with gas light from basement to attic. The first and second stories are generally brilliantly lighted cafes, resplendent with mirrors and costly furniture, and thronged with a gay and noisy crowd of pleasure seekers. Here, shops with their immense show windows filled with goods of endless variety, and arranged with a taste one only sees in Paris. In front of the windows are reflectors which flood the interior of the shops with brilliant light. Occasionally one passes a hotel, as the Grand Hotel, whose open front entrance gives us a peep through into a stone-paved court yard, fifty to a hundred feet square, into which carriages drive and which has marble statuary, trees, fountains, and pots of bright flowers, all of which combine to render most attractive the entrance to the hotel. Occasionally penetrating a block of buildings is a covered passage-way, fifteen feet wide and twenty feet high, and lined on either side with glittering bazaars, jewelry shops, etc., for a distance of some hundreds of yards when it emerges into another street. These pas-

sages, protected from the sun and rain, are one of the sights of Paris. After walking about a mile past cafes, shops, and theatres, let us turn to the right and cross the intervening mile to the Louvre, and take in on our course the Palais Royal. This building was erected by Cardinal Richelieu, and contains thousands of apartments surrounding a park, in which play fountains. A famous Opera House formerly occupied one end of it. It is now filled with a vast number of jewelry shops and restaurants, and is a very attractive place for a promenade by gaslight. Several days we devoted to the Louvre Palace and its galleries of art. * * * * Many days we returned and walked through the miles of splendid apartments which here exhibit the treasures of sculpture and paintings collected from all Europe, as well as from Egypt and Assyria. One room is filled with huge sphinxes, another with vast stone images, from Nineveh and Babylon. One room contains relics of the soldier life of Napoleon I, his saddle, sword, etc. On another occasion we spent a half a day in the Luxemburg gardens and palace, and were specially delighted with a herd of cattle by Rosa Bonheur. We visited on another occasion the Levres Porcelain manufactory, on our way to Versailles, and saw the rich and delicate re-productions of the masterpieces of the Louvre gallery in porcelain. The paintings on these vases were as delicately done as those on canvas. At the Gobelin tapestry establishment, on the southeast side of Paris, we saw the process of weaving gorgeous pictures in tapestry; where artists sitting with the picture before them, weave inch by inch, month after month, the famous pictured tapestries fit for royal palaces, and royal purses too, could they be bought. The manufactory is owned by the government and the products used only in palaces, or for royal presents. In Rome, in the palace of Victor Immanuel, I saw suites of apartments whose walls were covered with it; each room, gorgeous with a separate color, and so artistically done were they, that the walls adorned with pictures, wrought in wool and silk from

the Gobelin, rivalled the glorious frescoes of the ceilings.

The parks in and around Paris are among its greatest attractions. Besides several small ones—perfect gems of beauty, we visited often the Bois de Boulogne, and the parks at Versailles. The Bois, in the western edge of Paris, contains about 2,000 acres, and is famous for its walks, its duels and suicides, and its recourse “Long Champs.” Every evening the road from Paris through the Champs Elysees and Arc d’Etoile to the Bois, is filled with handsome equippages out for an afternoon airing in the park. It contains also the *Jardin d’Acclimatation*, or garden, where a great variety of animals and plants are placed to try the experiment of naturalizing them in the French climate. One may there see two or three dozen varieties of almost every animal of being useful to man, and besides a wonderful variety of birds and reptiles.

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PERSONALS.

C. M. Beckwith, Georgia Delta, class of '73, is Professor in the college at Sewanee, Tenn.

T. J. Morgan, Indiana Delta, is Professor of Theology, Chicago University.

Byron K. Elliott, Indiana Gamma, is Attorney for the city of Indianapolis.

J. G. Parks, Georgia Beta, class of '74, is an attorney at Dawson, Ga., of the firm of Parks & Parks.

John S. Crump, Virginia Alpha, is rustivating in the mountainous regions of Virginia.

Gen. Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, class of '52, is one of the first lawyers of Indiana.

Curt H. Remy, Indiana Gamma, class of '71, is now of the law firm of Smith, Hawkins & Remy, Indianapolis.

A. H. McCullough and Jas. G. Connell, both of Ohio Delta, class of '74, are at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Prof. J. R. Tomlinson, Indiana Gamma, is now Principal of a graded school in North Indianapolis.

Daniel Chenoweth, Indiana Alpha, class '73, is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Shoals, Indiana.

A. W. Fullerton, Indiana Alpha, class of '73, is practicing law in Spencer, Indiana.

B. M. Short, Indiana Alpha, class of '73, is practicing law in Fredonia, Kansas.

John C. Robinson, Indiana Alpha, class of '61, who is one of the most prominent lawyers in Southwestern Indiana, has been elected to deliver the annual address before the literary societies of the North Western Christian University, Indianapolis, 22d of February.

Frank Davis, Ohio Alpha, class of '66, is prosecuting attorney of Clermont county, Ohio.

Chas. H. Lewis, Kentucky Alpha, class of '52, is resident Minister to Portugal.

J. C. Miller, Indiana Alpha, class of '51, is pastor of the 3d Christian church, Indianapolis.

W. H. Wiley, Indiana Eta, is Superintendent of public schools, Terre Haute, Ind.

J. G. Bain, Indiana Alpha, class of '69, is editor of the *Martinsville Republican*, Ind.

W. H. Ripley, Indiana Beta, class of '73, is now a lawyer in Indianapolis.

A. C. Mellette, Indiana Alpha, class of '61, is practicing law in Muncie, Ind.

J. R. Webster, Indiana Beta, class of '61, is the present Attorney General of Nebraska.

E. Marsh, Indiana Zeta, class of '69, was last fall, elected Clerk of Hancock county, Ind.

H. H. Boudinot, Indiana Beta, class of '62, is practicing law in Terre Haute, Ind.

F B. O'Neal, Indiana Delta, class of '71, is practicing medicine in Vevay, Ind.

F M. Griffith, Indiana Delta, was recently elected Treasurer of Switzerland county, Ind.

H. G. Bradford, Indiana Alpha, class of '73, is located at Brooklyn, Ind.

J. Stewart, Indiana Gamma, class of '66, is a practicing physician in Anderson, Ind.

L. W. Billingsley, Indiana Delta, class of '68, is a flourishing lawyer in Lincoln, Nebraska.

W E. Lucas, New York Alpha, is now Principal of the Connersville (Ind.) high school.

Chas. W. Martz, Indiana Gamma, is pastor of the Christian church at Charleston, Illinois.

John W. Foster, Indiana Alpha, class of '66, is Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico.

P. O. Strong, Ohio Alpha, class of '66, is prosecuting attorney of Hamilton county, Ohio.

G. H. Gifford, Indiana Gamma, class of '72, is practicing law in Tipton, Ind., in the firm of Beauchamp & Gifford.

J. R. Mitchell, Indiana Beta, is pastor of the 5th Presbyterian church, Indianapolis.

W. S. Tingley, Indiana Gamma, class of '73, is pastor of the Christian church, Anderson, Ind.

J. F Gookins, Illinois Alpha, has recently returned from a four years art tour in Europe, and is located in Chicago.

J. Q. Thomas, Indiana Gamma, class of '71, is located in Rushville, Ind., a member of the law firm of Spann & Thomas.

D. B. Williams, Indiana Gamma, class of '70, after an extensive course of study on diseases of the eye, in Europe, has located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A. H. Hamilton, Indiana Beta, is a member of the Ft. Wayne bar, and last election was elected to represent the 9th Indiana District in Congress.

J. F Phillips, Kentucky Alpha, class of '53, was nominated as Representative to Congress from Sedalia, Mo.

FRATERNITY

SOMEWHAT INTRODUCTORY.

WHEN the editors of this periodical began their labor, they were resting under the usual impression in such cases, that it would "supply a long-felt want." On account of the rapid manner in which subscriptions failed to come in, they have been obliged to create this want by laborious personal application. They have, however, consoled themselves with a maxim usually instilled into youthful minds with the croup and measles, viz: that we are not always anxious to take what will do us good.

The general character and management of this department will be best seen by an inspection of its contents. Of its main feature—the chapter reports—we have something more to say.

Application was made to all Chapters for reports, first by circulars, and afterwards by private letters. It will be seen that, in several instances, these applications were not successful, although a third appeal was sent to all delinquents. Now that it is positively decided that the SCROLL will be published for at least one year, we hope to receive full reports from each Chapter for every issue. Correspondents will notice that, in a few instances, we have taken the editorial privilege of abridging articles and changing their form. There have been thus pruned away the address, introduction and closing formula, "Yours in the bond," etc., general reflections on the magnitude and excellence of the fraternity, and whatever pertained to the formality of a private letter without giving any definite information. Some of the reports are meagre and unsatisfactory, probably from a misapprehension as to what was wanted. As this department is intended to entirely supercede the laborious and insufficient correspondence previously carried on, the reports should approximate newsy, gossiping letters between old friends in different Chapters. The entire privacy of the publication allows this friendly freedom, as, from its very nature, it will be held as sacred from outside perusal as a private letter. That this end may best be attained, the Chapters are requested to elect an old, experienced member for correspondent. New members know next to nothing of the spirit of the order, and but little more of the history and character of their own Chapter. Reports should be made to sparkle by condensation, and be as witty and

telling as possible. It may be of use to mention some points of interest, though a good example, like that of the Indiana Alpha, or Ohio Delta, is worth more. The history of a Chapter, when and by whom founded, the character and results of its work as seen in its alumni, its hours of triumph in the "tug of war" with other Greeks, its standing in the eyes of the professors and in the hearts of the professors' daughters, manner of conducting meetings, peculiarities in government and by-laws, amusements, description of Chapter hall and its adornments, number and individual characterization of members, progress and prosperity of other fraternities and of the college, these, and many other points of a like character, will suggest themselves to a judicious correspondent.

It is not necessary that all correspondence be in the form of Chapter reports; while we expect one report from each Chapter every quarter, we have specially invited correspondence from prominent members in the active workings and interests of the fraternity, and shall be glad to hear from any one either in the form of correspondence or of short and pointed editorial articles. Address as above. Reports and correspondence for the next issue must be sent so as to reach us by the 15th of March, and as long before that time as possible, as the advertisements say, "to avoid the rush."

A CERTAIN editor of the SCROLL—who shall forever be nameless—returning home from college last summer, and having spent most of his substance in riotous living at Cleveland, Ohio, found himself one fine morning in Muncie, Ind., tired, sleepy, penniless, and fifty miles from home. With vague and desperate ideas of pawning a five dollar watch, he sauntered down the principal street of that magnificent village, and by chance entered the office of the *Muncie Times*. Thinking the editor had a humane look, he plaintively told his woeful state. "How much money do you want?" said ye editor. "That badge you wear is security for any amount." Whereupon the editor—none other than A. C. Mellette, of the Indiana Alpha—made the waif comfortable, took him home to dinner, and sent him on his way rejoicing. This is to certify that Bro. A. C. Mellette is a good Samaritan and a good Phi.

BRO. CHAS. O. PERRY, writes us from Red Oak, Iowa, that owing to the pressure of business, and to his being so far away, he is compelled to resign his position as Grand Banker, and that all communications of a financial nature should be addressed to C. D. Whitehead, Indianapolis, who will act until a new banker is elected by the next convention.

THE Catalogue Committee and the Antiquarian Committee report deliberate progress. Both depend in great measure on the rapidity of our ancient members in replying to humble requests for data. The Catalogue will be by much the most handsome and complete that has ever been issued, and arranged on an entirely new plan. It is intended to have it out sometime in May.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

NATIONAL GRAND CHAPTER, }
 WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, }
 WOOSTER, OHIO, November 12, 1874.

The Ohio Delta owes its existence to R. H. McClelland, who came from the Indiana Epsilon in 1871. It owes its success to the indefatigable zeal of the members who have since signed the Bond. Although McClelland came to the University of Wooster in 1871, the Chapter was not established for more than a year subsequent. The cause of this apparent dilatoriness was the opposition of the Beta Theta Pi and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternities, of which, the former was established in the spring of 1872, and the latter in the fall of 1871. The priority of these orders rendered slow the work of establishing the Phi Delta Theta. The founder worked along slowly, meeting with many discouragements and few successes, until the fall of '72, when he succeeded in pledging as charter members Brothers Ed. M. Wilson, Perry S. Allen, and A. Z. McGogney. Even in the hour of success, the shadow seemed again about to descend. They applied to the Indiana Epsilon for a constitution, but through the negligence of one of the members of that Chapter, it was delayed an unreasonable length of time, which caused such dissatisfaction among the pledged members, now anxiously awaiting their constitution, that they were on the verge of dissolution. The arrival of the constitution revived the drooping spirit, which now was rewarded by a series of brilliant triumphs in their conflicts for men with other fraternities.

The constitution was received November 1st, '73, and on the same day the charter members were initiated, and due application made for a charter. The charter was immediately granted, and bears the date of November 18th, 1872. The term of examinations were approaching rapidly, the other fraternities were contending for the mas-

tery among men, but the Phi Delta Theta spirit rose high, and they labored with a will which was abundantly rewarded, as will be shown by the following exhibit:

November 20th, initiated one man; December 5th, two men; December 7th, two men; December 9th, two men; December 10th and 11th, one man; giving a membership at the end of the first month and a half's work, of thirteen. In January they initiated one man, and received one from the Indiana Epsilon. February gave them one; March, one; April, two; May, one; June, one; finishing the year with twenty-one, four of whom belonged to the graduating class.

During the spring of '73, it established the California and Pennsylvania Alphas. In both instances, the honor of the establishment is due to Edgar M. Wilson.

In the fall of '73, it was created Grand Alpha, *pro tem*, to assume the business of that position made vacant by the suspension of Miami University. Performing its duties conscientiously, intelligently, and ever with an eye single to the welfare of the fraternity, its labors were rewarded by the complimentary measure of the Crawfordsville Convention in May, 1874, which constituted the Chapter, the Ohio Grand Chapter and National Grand Chapter of the Order.

The position of the Chapter is favorable. Twenty men answer to its weekly roll call. And its influence is among the first in the University. For the adversaries it has the Beta Theta Pi, numbering some fourteen; the Phi Kappa Psi, about twelve; the Sigma Chi, about eleven, and a Scientific Fraternity, the Sigma Delta Pi, whose rank is not, in this institution, among the highest.

For the first year or two the members were too much occupied with establishing the Chapter to allow much time to society. But now that one object is accomplished, they are allowed more time for this important fraternity duty.

This year has been unremarkable for any extraordinary movements among fraternities, and affairs have no smack of the marvelous.

As the Ohio Delta, the Chapter maintains the policy of honest and upright dealings with other orders, assuming an attitude that will always command respect.

As the Grand Chapter, it pledges its energies and resources as far as practicable to the improvement of that Order which has honored it as its head.

OHIO GAMMA,
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }
DELAWARE, OHIO, November 9, 1874.

I think there was a Chapter of our fraternity established in this place in 1856, but for some reason it broke up. The present Chap-

ter was established in 1871. In all there has been twenty-seven names on the roll. We have at present ten active members in college, besides two who are out for a short time. We have just furnished and taken possession of a new hall. It is the finest Greek fraternity hall in the city. We are a little in debt yet for furniture, but will cancel the debt in a short time. We have a noble class of boys; boys who are making their mark in college, and will continue to do so when they get through their course. We are living and growing.

INDIANA ALPHA,
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, }
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, November 13, 1874.

About one year after the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was first organized at Miami University, the founders, desiring to extend their influence abroad, granted to R. G. Elliott, S. S. Elliott and John M. Wilson, a charter and power to establish a Chapter of the society in the Indiana State University, to be known as the Indiana Alpha. As no college fraternities had heretofore been established in this University, it may be supposed that great was the surprise of the Barbarians at the appearance of this new "what is it" in their midst, and straightway a relentless war of prejudice was instituted against the chosen few by the less favored ones. One unlucky individual, after many vain attempts to be admitted, seeing his chances were hopeless, procured some half dozen large tin shields (cut after the pattern of the badge) and distributed them among his associates as a burlesque upon the new comers. But in the very next issue of the college paper was an article written by a Phi in which the "biters were so badly bitten" as to cause them to dispense with their sham badges, and forever after hold their peace. From the date of founding (1849) until May of 1857, the minutes of the Chapter are misplaced or lost, and nothing is known of the workings of the Chapter, except that it was a period of prosperity and a power for good in the college.

Until this time Phi Delta Theta held undisputed sway, but now a new foe comes upon the scene of action, in the shape of the Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi fraternities. It was many years however, before these societies gained strength enough to prove of any inconvenience to the "old stand-by."

These were the palmy days of Phi Delta Theta in the State University, and it was during this period that the finest men could be found bound within our mystic chain of brotherhood, men who are well known and honored throughout this and adjoining States, as prominent lawyers, politicians, army officers, and ministers.

Dignified and sedate as these "*Patres Conscripti*" of Phi Delta Theta may now be, they certainly indulged in hilarity and fun, for

old minutes frequently record "social conversation," "ice cream and oyster bums," etc., etc. Upon one occasion one of the brothers read an essay on "spring," and gave his preference of seasons in the following language, which was recorded in the minutes: "Some like summer best, some like fall the best, others like winter, *but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.*"

In 1852, the Indiana Beta at Crawfordsville, was established by this Chapter; the Indiana Gamma at the North Western Christian University, at Indianapolis, followed in 1859, and the Delta at Franklin College in 1860. During the dark days of civil war, the Indiana Alpha remained firm and true, while other Chapters were dissolving; her time of trial had not yet come. She sent her full quota to the front, and many of her brave sons now occupy the soldier's grave, no one of whom was ever known to "disgrace the cloth he wore." In the death of Gen. Theodore Read, the Chapter lost one of her brightest lights, truest sons and noblest supporters.

But the evil days were nigh when the Chapter was to be betrayed by those she had fostered and cared for, and those who, above all others, should have remained firm at the time of trial.

At the fore part of the college year of 1871 and 1872, a misunderstanding arose between two of the brothers which was carried into the fraternity, causing much ill feeling, and finding harmony impossible, at one time eight members severed their connection, and the Chapter was considered as dead. But three members remained, Brothers Bradford, Hamilton and Gregory; but like true and noble Phi Delta Thetas, they began to collect their shattered forces, and in May of 1872, eight new men put on their badges, and the standard of old Phi Delta Theta was again raised in the Indiana University. At the opening of the fall term of 1873, but five Phis remained in college, and these becoming dissatisfied and discouraged by a few slight reverses, severed their connection, and four of them united with other fraternities.

Brother Fullerton was left alone, and it was then that his character shone in its brightest light. Though disappointed, he was not discouraged, and straightway re-organized, and at commencement, the Chapter numbered seven badged men. At the opening of this year three new additions were made, and the Chapter now numbers ten men who are loyal and true.

This brings the history of the Chapter down to the present time, but before closing, a short view should be taken of the "good deeds" done by the Indiana Alpha. We venture the assertion that this Chapter has organized more colleges of the Phi Delta Theta, has sent out as many good and distinguished men, and yet met with more reverses than any other Phi Chapter in the Union. We are now

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entering the twenty-sixth year of our existence, being the oldest Chapter of the fraternity. We believe ourselves to be on a firm foundation, but we have the combined opposition of six Greek societies to overcome, and the human endurance of the members is often taxed to its utmost to keep back evil deeds and words against our enemies. However, in a few years we will outgrow this prejudice, and Phi Delta Theta will again lead the van of our Greek fraternities at the Indiana State University.

INDIANA GAMMA, }
N. W. C. UNIVERSITY. }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

In the year 1859, the Indiana Gamma of Phi Delta Theta was established at the N. W. C. University, with D. S. R. Kern, F. C. Goodwin, I. Robins, E. S. Brevoort, W. A. Dixon, W. N. Pickerill, as charter members. Of these six, two are deceased. Kern died in college, and Goodwin while in performance of duty as a chaplain in the army. Kern was the first President. The older members more greatly mourn their loss, because of their association with them. Like every other organization, our Chapter had opposition. It had its trials and difficulties to encounter, for immediately a contest ensued between Greeks and Barbarians. But everything should stand on its own merits. So has Phi Delta Theta; and thereby her efforts have been successful.

The order was met with such bold opposition here that those who were members were denied offices in the literary societies; but ere long a change was wrought, and our influence was felt throughout the different societies of the college. No ground has been lost, notwithstanding the thunderings of Barbarianism have been around and about us. As we scan the old records we see that the order has at no time labored under extreme adversity. At present, we are in a very prosperous condition. In order to avoid such large assessments which were always more or less burdensome upon the members, we have adopted the plan of weekly assessments—twelve and one-half cents per week, which makes twenty-five cents due at each regular meeting; it works well. An incident occurred this year at the University, which I will relate: At the beginning of the first term, the Sigma Chi fraternity numbered two members, and seeing their glory had almost departed, and that the prospect of carrying anything in society was almost hopeless, they struck on a plan which they thought would work. Having taken in one or two subs, through these they pretended to organize a Beta Theta Pi fraternity, which they hoped to control, as the leaders of it were subs of their fraternity. They prepared a charter and constitution, and

many a Barbarian was their victim; but ere the term had closed, some of the boys attempting to be recognized by alumni members of the said order who were in the city, found out that they had been deceived. They swore vengeance against Sigma Chi, and determined to vote with the more honorable Phis. Our chapter now numbers thirteen, and all are working harmoniously.

But what shall we say of the future? We predict a successful career. In the past a reputation has been established here for Phi Delta Theta, which will be enduring, and our history is one of which we may well boast. With a sacred motto and a sure foundation to build upon for future success and usefulness, we cannot think otherwise than that our efforts will be crowned in the future as they have been in the past.

INDIANA DELTA, }
FRANKLIN COLLEGE, }
FRANKLIN, IND., NOV. 17, 1874.

The records of this Chapter were lost, hence our past history is a thing of the past "indeed." We number ten working members and one *sub rosa*. Three additions have been made this year. We meet semi-monthly for transaction of business, and entertain each other with such literary duties as are beneficial to all; each member performing regularly each meeting. The prospects of our college were never brighter. There are two other fraternities in the college. The Delta Tau Delta, and the O. P. G. The latter was established recently in opposition to the Greek fraternities, from that number whose aspirations exceed their realizations. The former, with about the same number as ours, are rather inclined to be, as they think, the superior order of the three, although their most active and worthy members are most zealous and successful as sportsmen in "college tricks."

JANUARY 4, 1875.

There are three fraternities at Franklin college, viz: Two Greek, the Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta, and one half-breed affair, the O. P. G. The last named is an anti-Greek society, consisting at present, of one junior and one sophomore. To our intense amusement, they are now industriously at work trying to get a *sub rosa* Phi. We have eleven active members, having taken five this year, and will initiate another sometime during the present month. The Delta Taus have taken but two men this year, one of whom we rejected. For the past six months they have been bragging about how fine they were *going* to make their hall. Without any fuss whatever on the Thursday before holidays, we raised \$51.50 among our active members, and the next day \$10 more. As three of us were to remain here during the holidays, we were appointed as the committee on

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fitting up the hall with full liberty to do what we thought best. We accomplished the work in five days, while the Delta Tau hall is still unfinished. Now I want to ask your opinion on a point. Our constitution says that the duty of the Secretary shall be to perform the ordinary duties of that office, and act as Treasurer of the chapter. Now can any chapter, either by election or by appointment choose any other man than the Secretary to fill the office of Treasurer?

KENTUCKY ALPHA, }
CENTRE COLLEGE, }
DANVILLE, KY., Nov. 16, 1874.

Our Chapter has been in existence twenty-four years; a charter being granted for its incorporation in the year 1850. Unlike many other fraternities that have been connected with our college, it has never been without a full and active membership. During the war, there were comparatively few students upon the roll of Centre College, and secret societies, therefore, suffered a corresponding decline. The tramp of the contending armies lay often through the streets of Danville, and the sound of the songs of more than one college fraternity went out with the echo of that martial tread. It would employ too much space, nor is it here necessary, to enumerate the different societies that have been organized at this institution, but which are now no longer in existence. Even the majority of those here at present have, on several occasions, been almost, if not entirely, abandoned. The Phi Delta Theta alone has stood its ground; though often, it is true, severely tried, the struggles it has undergone have only served to nerve its members to renewed and more determined efforts, and to-day, we stand the acknowledged head of all similar fraternities in our college.

We have a membership of eleven, but to which number we expect in a short time, two or three additions. Our boys are the best in their classes, of course. The only wonder is that there are not more good fellows outside than there are. Most of our members graduate this year, but we will leave behind enough to amply sustain the order. We are all looking forward with great interest to the convention which meets here in May, and hope to welcome with genuine Phi hospitality, many friends, both old and new.

We are using every endeavor in behalf of "The Scroll," and think we shall be able soon to add to our subscription list several new names. The enterprise meets with our hearty approval, and we trust it will be rewarded with complete success.

The Kentucky Alpha send greetings to all their brethren with earnest wishes for their prosperity, and for the good of their common cause.

ILLINOIS GAMMA, }
KNOX COLLEGE, }

GALESBURG, ILL., October 30, 1874.

This Chapter was chartered March 16, 1871, there being then seven members. We have now twenty-five correspondents, and ten attendant members, having initiated five since the beginning of this college year. We are united and prosperous. Our literary meetings are held on the Friday evening of every other week.

The following are our officers for the present term. Edward P. Little, '75. President; Edward W. Wood, '78 Corresponding Secretary; Thomas E. Martin, '78, Recording Secretary; James W. McMurtry, '78, Warden; Arthur W. Little, '77, Local Agent and sub-Editor.

Other members: Albert D. Metcalf, '75; Walter M. Jay, '77; Fred. R. Jelliff, '77; Robert J. Adcock, '78; Geo. W. Prince, '78.

MICHIGAN BETA, }
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, }

LANSING, MICH., November 2, 1874.

The Michigan Beta was established here about a year ago. It was then near the close of our college year, as our commencement occurs the second Wednesday of November, each year, so we did not get fairly started. Yet each one of us became fully awakened and thoroughly inspired to the interests of Phi Delta Theta.

At the beginning of this college year last February, we all returned with renewed zeal and energy to our work. A few of our worthy brothers were duly initiated into the mystic order; we procured a commodious and convenient hall well suited to our purpose, and commenced to "labor with our might, in the work we have to do."

In May we sent brother Sheldon to the National Convention at Crawfordsville, and on his return the Chapter received a new stimulus by hearing his report and description of the meeting.

We now have thirteen active members in our Chapter, all of them true and earnest workers. There are two correspondent members, one of whom will be with us next year. By judicious selections, and remembering the rule, "True brothers, not numbers," we have established a very favorable reputation in our college, though we have had several adverse circumstances to surmount.

We are trying to renew the Alpha Chapter at Ann Arbor. We have found one of its old members, Mr. Cook, of Leslie, Michigan, editor of the *Leslie Herald*. He is earnest in the cause, and says he will help us all he can to put the Chapter on its feet again. If there is anything we can do to promote the interests of the enterprise, let us know.

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IOWA ALPHA, }
 IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }
 MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, November 8, 1874.

Our Chapter has been gaining ground ever since its establishment, and now stands pre-eminent to any other fraternity in the University. We carry college politics without any great effort. Our reading circle is progressing nicely. Mr. Nash, the President of our Chapter, has just returned from the State literary contest, held at the State University. He went as delegate of this institution. There has been a new German college built here within the last year, with which our University has clasped hands, and now we move triumphantly on together. We thus have facilities unequalled in the West for the study of the German language.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, }
 LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, }

EASTON, PENN., November 10, 1874.

We number at present twenty-two active members, and one correspondent member, divided among the classes as follows: Juniors, nine; Sophomores, nine; Freshmen, five. Since the beginning of the present term we have initiated eight men belonging to Sophomore and Freshman classes. All our men are among the very best in their respective classes. We have established the reputation here of taking none but first-class men, and we do not propose to be burdened with drones of any kind. Before another report we expect to have a number of our men chosen for the Junior oratorical contest, taking place at the close of the second term, about the last of March. The preliminary contest is held during the first and second weeks of December by the two literary societies. Lafayette is enjoying her usual quiet and repose, and each day the sun gilds the hill tops and spires of our town does but work another step in her advancement. Fraternities are flourishing. The Delta Kappa Epsilon is as treacherous and deceitful as usual, and about as far down in the scale of popularity. The Phi Kappa Psi is flourishing, and they deserve it, for generally they are good fellows, although, like all other communities of Adam's sons, they have an occasional black sheep. We would ask our brothers when they think of the Pennsylvania Alpha, to remember that she was started in the midst of great difficulties. We fondly hope the present and the past are but faint harbingers of what she will one day become.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, }
 ROANOKE COLLEGE, }
 SALEM, VA., Nov. 28, 1874.

Our chapter was organized in 1869, by D. Bittle Floyd. During the second year of her existence, dissension was manifested by some

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of her members. Some prophesied her destruction and total annihilation, but that element was disposed of, and there were but three true Phis left at the commencement of the college year of 1871. From that time she has prospered, notwithstanding the many obstacles thrown in her way. We have enrolled—correspondent and attendant—thirty-eight names. At the opening of the present session there were five active members, and to that number we have been so fortunate as to add eight good men. Our prospects for the future are bright, and we feel that Phi Delta Thetaism is founded upon a rock against which the storms from without can never prevail.

There are three other fraternities here, viz: Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Black Badge. Ours is *the* fraternity in college this year. Besides the other fraternities, we have to contend with an outside element that has arrayed itself against secret fraternities. Notwithstanding all the opposing elements we have triumphed at last; nearly all the best graduates are members of the various fraternities; both medals and honors are carried off by fraternity men. The Phi Delta Thetas stand high in all their classes and the literary societies. The Virginia Alpha has been the mother of two chapters; the Virginia Beta and Gamma. We have not heard from our correspondent members on account of their great distance from us.

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VIRGINIA GAMMA, }
 RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, }
 ASHLAND, VA.. Nov. 12, 1874.

The Virginia Gamma still lives and flourishes. Eight warm hearts still beat beneath the "shield and the dagger" in R. M. College. Eight Phi Delta Thetas still watch for every opportunity to advance the cause they have espoused. With eyes wide open and with hearts full of love, we watch and look for men true and worthy—worthy to be bound with us by the mystic chain. We opened the session with six members, but we have already added two more, and we hope, ere this month is ended, to add another and still another.

Our college is situated about sixteen miles north of Richmond, the capitol of the "Old Dominion." Over two hundred students have already matriculated, and Doctor Duncan is our President.

We have had many difficulties to contend with, and, I believe, if Virginia determination, perseverance and energy, have ever been shown, they were by the charter members of the Gamma chapter. We had no hall in which to meet; we had no badges to tell that we were Phis; we had the sneers and jeers of the sister fraternities to contend with; but quietly onward we marched; slowly but surely we gained inch after inch; and who now dares to make light of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Randolph Macon College? Who now

can say that it will not last as long as any here? Five States of the Union are represented by our chapter, viz: Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Three of our members, that is of the regular and corresponding members, intend to be preachers, three doctors, three lawyers, two teachers and two merchants. I will end in the language of Davie Crockett—we are sure we are right and we are going ahead, and watch out that we southerners don't go ahead of you rapid western men.

Peace and prosperity ever attend and encircle the standard of the Phi Delta Theta. The Gamma chapter of Virginia sends greetings to its western sisters.

GEORGIA ALPHA,
ATLANTA, GA., December 11, 1874. }

Having the honor of being the founder of the Phi Delta Theta in Georgia, I can very well refer to that Friday night, the 17th of February, 1871, when in conversation with a young man, I asked him if he would assist me in carrying out something which then and there entered my mind, viz. To invite the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity to come to Oglethorpe University. He consented to do so, and thought it a good suggestion, but after I went ahead and made all arrangements for work, having opened communication with two chapters, he cruelly deserted me and joined the Chi Phi Fraternity. In the mean time I had secured the aid of four others who supplied his place and encouraged me to press the work. They were valuable men, true and good. We grew and prospered in every effort we made. My own brother, Clinton Gaskill, did noble service. "Onward, boys," he would say in chapter meetings, and he meant it. He deserves much credit, and I shall always feel proud in sharing with him. Nor has he stopped saying, "persevere," since we graduated, for no later than two weeks ago he was elected, at the age of twenty-one, the city treasurer of Chattanooga, Tennessee. And there was noble Moyers, the rising young lawyer of Newman, Georgia, who did much to start our fraternity in our State. Fortunately almost every man we initiated proved to be good. I was the first Phi that was known in Georgia. The excitement was great when it appeared on my coat that a mysterious badge had arrived in the State. At first I was alone, but to-day Georgia is the home of Phis. I meet them passing through the city every week. The Georgia Alpha has credit for this only, in having planted the seed that brought forth the good fruit. The Beta, Gamma and Delta have never ceased to grow and prosper since each received its charter. They are doing well and appear to have good men. It is sad and pains me always when I have to tell my brethren that my loved Georgia Alpha is sleeping.

Her college having failed, she shared the fate of the other fraternities there. She may yet rise from her concealment to do the work she could not then finish. So long as I remain in Atlanta the fraternity may count me alone as a chapter. I will work men into the bond every time I send them to other colleges. I have read every manner of composition from Phis and can value them as they deserve. I have almost a full gallery of Phi pictures, men I have corresponded with and love. Such men as Fullerton, of the Indiana Alpha, we can trust, and are compelled, even were we not so inclined, to love and cherish. Any chapter wishing to hear from the cause in Georgia will find me ready to write at any time.

CHAS. B. GASKILL.

GEORGIA GAMMA, }
EMORY COLLEGE, }

OXFORD, GA., November 18, 1874.

Our report will be rather brief this time owing, principally, to the fact that the college is about to suspend for winter vacation.

Our chapter is in a very flourishing condition, all things being considered. The members are all of them, steady, moral young men, who command respect, and are looked up to. In point of members, however, we are not in the ascendancy. We only number eleven this term, owing partially to the small attendance at college.

NEW YORK ALPHA,)
THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY,)
ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1875.

The credit of establishing the New York Alpha is to Bros. A. B. Thrasher, of the Indiana Gamma, and T. C. Potter, of the Indiana Epsilon. To the personal knowledge of the writer (*we* were his chum) Bro. Thrasher spent considerable money, and most of his spare time, working the matter up. Each of the above named had an old friend at Cornell, Wm. E. Lucas and S. W. Carpenter, respectively, both in the freshman class at that time. To them was delegated the task of establishing the first chapter of our fraternity in an eastern institution. They were well fitted for the work. No man ever entered Cornell University who was better respected by students and professors for his ability, or more deservedly popular for genial good-fellowship than Bro. Lucas. The minutes of our last convention sufficiently attest Bro. Carpenter's energy and executive ability. N. W. Cady, '74 of Indianapolis, and C. E. Washburn, '75, of Homer, N. Y., (now in Cal. Alpha,) having been assimilated, these four applied for a charter early in the winter term of 1872. The charter was granted, and the first regular meeting of the chapter took place on the first Friday night of the spring term. But there were seven other fraternities

here, well established, and all suspicious of the unknown shield and dagger. The chapter had no hall, was weak in numbers and finances, and hence thought best not to appear that year in the *Cornelian*, the fraternity annual. At the beginning of the next college year, however, several additions were made by initiation and change of membership; a hall was procured early in the winter term, and when the *Cornelian* came out in the spring, Bro. N. W. Cady was one of its editors, and our coat of arms appeared on its pages opposite the names of one senior, two juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. At the end of the spring term Bro. Lucas left us, but the chapter was now able to stand alone, and has made steady progress ever since. During last year the hall was made more comfortable, and the membership increased to fifteen. In the class of '74, we had three members: Bro. L. P. Tier, B. C. E., now in the employ of the L., S. & M. S. R. R., at Norwalk, Ohio; Bro. D. T. Deyin, civil engineer, St. Louis, and Bro. N. W. Cady, Ph. B., now taking a past-graduate course in anatomy here. Last term we initiated four men, and our number now stands at fifteen, with a good prospect of getting a splendid fellow we have been rushing.

Of these fifteen, Bro. "Nelse" Cady, as aforesaid, seeketh to become a sawbones, and divides his time between hunting cats for dissection and (it is hoped) less sanguinary visits to a neighboring village. He is alike remarkable for being the best linguist in the University, a professional short-hand writer, and for having murdered the prima-donna of every feline operatic troupe in town. In the senior class we claim four members. Of these, Bro. A. C. Greene, of the engineering department, contrives to extract the greatest possible amount of commingled fun and information from his college life. He hails from Palmyra, this State, and we are afraid he wouldn't like it if we told how many girls up there are counting the days until "Allie" comes home. Bro. E. Le B. Gardner, of New York City, is also in the engineering department, although he has taken a leading part in boating and other college sports. His standing in the University has secured him a position as tutor, while yet an under-graduate. After an absence of two terms, Bro. S. W. Carpenter has returned, and will graduate with '75. He represents our fraternity on the *Cornelian* board this year. Excessive modesty forbids us to mention the fourth member of the class. In the junior class, Bro. J. K. Cady, of Indianapolis, (brother of the sanguinary aforesaid,) has longest been a member of the chapter. He has a wonderful talent for drawing exquisite designs, but, better still, the power of drawing to himself the hearts of all who know him, by a spirit as gentle and kindly as ever animates human breast. Bro. H. A. Ruepple, '76, of St. Louis, devotes a fare share of his time to making it lively for the pans and

skillets in the chemical laboratory. He has been "doing" New York City this vacation. Some of our readers may remember a little paragraph which went the rounds of the newspapers last year in regard to a young American in Athens, Greece, who, contrary to custom, didn't step into the muddy street to give the king the entire sidewalk. Bro. H. Hackney, '76, of Milwaukee, was the hero of this sturdy piece of American independence. Born in London, he has seen life in all its phases, from continental travel in the suite of an ambassador, to running an engine over the western plains; a first-class judge of character; a good student, and a genial, fun-loving, good fellow, he combines every attribute of a good Phi. Of sophomores we have an undue proportion, (six) a result of the plan of not taking men until we know something about their character. Of these, Brother Samuel G. Lawson is a quiet, demure looking little fellow from Jersey, but to those who know him best, a merry twinkle in his eye betokens an ever-present readiness for sport. Bro. A. F. Balch, St. Johnsbury, Vt., is our present secretary. We have a well grounded belief that he is *long* for this world. Bro. Wm. S. Boynton, from the same place, is an expert at "kicking a bag of wind," as President White phrased the noble game of foot ball. Both of the above have been murdering care among the Yankee girls this vacation. Bro. C. H. Schureman, of St. Louis, has been spending his vacation at home, and still tarries among the flesh pots of that ill-fated city. Our one solicitude in his behalf is lest he may be over-powered by too violent attack of early piety. Our shortest man—though by no means financially "short"—is Bro. Louis Perry, also of St. Louis. He spent several years in Germany before entering the University. His unvarying good nature and unswerving devotion to his friends, have made him a universal favorite in the chapter and his class. Bro. Fred. G. Andrew, of La Porte, Ind., completes the list of sophomores. While he has been a member of the chapter but a short time, we have yet learned that behind his quiet, undemonstrative manner lies an earnest student, a firm friend and a true gentleman. We have but one freshman, but he is a host in himself—Bro. C. M. Cooper, our fourth man from that Phi stronghold, Indianapolis. He is a sad fellow among the girls, and the worst of it is they rather seem to like him for it. He returns from vacation with a tantalizing account of the holiday festivities at the capitol.

Our meetings are held on every Friday night, although regular literary exercises take place only on the first meeting in each month. The other meetings partake more of a social nature, chapter business, games, conversation, music, etc., being the usual programme. Our initiation fee is \$5. We generally make initiations the occasion of

considerable hilarity, not unfrequently winding up with a supper, and always escorting the new brother home with a vocal band. Unlike most of the other fraternities here, our boys do not all board and room at the same place, but, preferring independence, are scattered in little knots all over town. While, as a class, they are not as wealthy, nor do they devote as much attention to dress as some of the more aristocratic fraternities here, their standard of scholarship and ability is second to none. There is much more pertaining to the Chapter, sister fraternities and our grand University, we should like to mention, but, like "Sambo" when his master's oxen died, "dassn't tell you all at once for fear you couldn't bore it."

RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND BANKER.

"BRO. C. D. WHITEHEAD,

President of National Convention Phi Delta Theta Fraternity:

It is with reluctance and many regrets that I resign the office of Grand Banker of our beloved Fraternity, but circumstances over which I have no control, make it a necessity. For the last seven years I have steadily kept the interest of the fraternity at heart, and shall continue to do so. Whatever of good I have done the society, has been a free-will offering, and I hope in the future to do even more for the cause than I have ever yet done. Inclosed you will find a full report of the finances of the fraternity to this date. Wishing you large success, and the cause God speed, I respectfully subscribe myself.

Yours, in the bond,

CHAS. O. PERRY,

Grand Banker of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity."

The above explains itself. By consultation with the Secretary and Financial Committee, it was thought best that I should act as Grand Banker until the convention shall meet and select one at our annual meeting, to be held in Danville Ky., on May 19, 1875. Therefore I take the opportunity to request the Secretaries of chapters to forward to me at once, the number of members received during the year, also a full list of attendant members. Please be prompt in this matter.

Yours truly,

C. D. WHITEHEAD,

Acting Grand Banker,

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LITERARY DEPARTMENT

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OUR LITERATURE.

"There are in the world but two classes of men : those who possess, and those who are reaching forward. There are workmen on buildings, in colors, in forms, and in phrases. I am an architect of battles."—*Napoleon*.

In respect to our literature, we, of the Mississippi valley, are of the class "who are reaching forward." Our civilization has brought forth "workmen on buildings in colors, in forms, in phrases," and in battles, but it has not yet produced what may be called a national literature. True, we have light sparkling gems of poetry, and clear shining diamonds of prose cast here and there by unknown hands—true perhaps, no other nation of the same age as ours has been able to boast of so much, so sound and so delicate literature, but we have not yet possessed. We are only reaching forward. Before us, and around us, there is an immense and untrodden field, whose finer and sightlier places

are unknown to us. We are entering upon a vast and splendid career, which it will require ages to complete. We start upon this career with incredible advantage. We have enjoyed a hundred years of that liberty, upon which letters depend for their patronage and growth. One government, one language, and one character; the same national records, the same illustrious ancestry, and the same glorious prospects are common to, and extend over this vast territory.

The traveler at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, the huntsman in the mountain fastnesses of Tennessee, the dweller in the huts of the Carolinas, are one—the same people—the same nation—breathing the same thoughts—burning with the same desires—inspired by a common purpose—belonging to the same household of faith—and this oneness of freedom and faith will grow stronger with every step of our progress.

The facts of themselves are potent, and constitute a reason sufficient for the prediction of literary achievements, to which the history of the world elsewhere, offers no parallel. For do not numerous and powerful agencies united and working in harmony uniformly produce great results? And must not a great nationality be the parent of a great literature? Of course there is extent of territory, wealth of resources, beauty of landscape, variety of climate and production, marvelous material development, and the mastery of all these by the American mind and hand. But first of all, and most important of all, is this unity of ideas, and purpose, and faith; and this, that makes us the marvel of the nations, must grow more and more marvelous as we create and develop a national literature.

DER EICHWALD.

For the SCROLL.

(THE OAKWOOD.)

[From the German of N. Lenan.]

As wand'ring 'mid the oaken bowers,
I heard a voice so sweet and mild ;
A brooklet murm'ring 'neath the flowers,
Soft as the prayer of a child.

A sweet awe in my bosom glided,
While rocked the branches to and fro ;
As if to me would be confided,
That which my heart ought not to know.

As if now in secret I would hear
God's purpose and most holy will ;
When, at his presence struck with fear,
The forest hushed—and all was still.

LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT MEMBER.

MR EDITOR:—I hope an humble word from an humble writer, may not be out of place in your columns.

I was once an active member of one of our southern chapters, and, though the happy old college days are over for me, I hardly think my love for the Phi Delta Theta fraternity burns less ardently now than formerly. Indeed, it is my interest in the Order which prompts these lines.

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is now nearly twenty-six years old. In that half human life, she has made great progress. The positions which her early Alumni have taken, show with what care she made her selection of members. Her name stands high among her sister fraternities. But, Mr. Editor, do you think her moral character

has kept pace with her intellectual? Is she a power any more noble now than in 1848? 'Tis not an uncommon thing in this, our day, to hear secret societies stamped as failures. I have heard such words drop from the lips of young men, who were merited the honors of our purest Greek fraternities, and who wore no badge, *from choice*. Some of our colleges—and I fear the number is increasing—pass the same verdict of failure, and refuse to admit the orders of secrecy in their midst. While a few are attempting to drive out those which have already found entrance. Such action on the part of college authorities should arouse us to thought, if not to action. One of two propositions bears truth upon its face: either secret societies, as a body, merit the action of several of the learned board of trustees of our land, and if they do, they suffer justly; or else they do not, hence suffer unjustly. Which of these two propositions is true, I am not here to say. The charge is brought against secret societies, and founded, it is said, upon the fruits of their own action. Therefore, a word from a mere correspondent member, can do little to change the mind of those who condemn us. Whatever change is wrought in that direction, must evidently be brought about by the present and future *active* members of the several fraternities interested. Correspondent members can, and should, offer suggestions of improvement and means of advancement, but more, they cannot do. Such is my present desire. I do not mean to answer the charge, but merely to put it in such a light, that we may the better see how far it justly condemns our own honored fraternity. That institution is a failure, which starts out with a certain object in view, and *through the negligence and corruption of its own body* does not accomplish it, which promises, but makes no effort to fulfill those promises. The object of college secret societies may thus be stated in general terms: To draw together a class of genial, promising young men, who shall lend their energies for the good of the order, and the ad-

vancement of its interests, and so to conduct themselves, that their influence shall prove beneficial to the moral and intellectual progress of all members. Some look for fruits higher than these; none, we hope, start out with motives less pure. That fraternity which does not fall short of such a beginning, we regard not only an honor to, but a necessary part of our institutions of learning. But the sad truth is—and secret societies cannot deny it—many have either fallen short, or else are, *in their very core* corrupt; for “a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit.” ’Tis my honest belief, and I think I can speak without prejudice, that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is one of the purest of secret orders, but we are not out of danger. We stand upon the edge of a pit-fall, which has been the ruin of numbers before. I want to see the convention of 1875, pass one law, and carry it out to the letter, if there is ever a breach of it, and that law is: *to re-call the charter from any chapter which, in the least degree, countenances, or even winks at electioneering.* Had we passed, and faithfully obeyed that law years ago, we should now number our chapters as we do our men—by the hundreds.

BIENNIAL CONVENTIONS.

THERE was a committee appointed by the last convention with instructions to report at Danville next month, on the propriety of changing the convention from annual to biennial in its meetings. Not to forestall any report this committee may make, but to call attention of the chapters to the matter before the meeting, is the object of this article. I have no doubt, but that the proposition, at first glance, will strike many as it did myself—useless and injurious to fraternity interests. A careful study of the subject, how-

ever, brings out many reasons, why it is the best thing for the future *well-being* of the society.

The character of the convention is in one way, at least, about to undergo a radical change. Hitherto, a two-fold use has been made of this annual gathering of the chapters. Along with its power of legislation, it has been the only channel of general communication among us. In absence of any fraternity publication, we were shut up to that, as the only means of inter-changing thought, hearing of each other's work, and cultivation of the social relations of the society. I do not think it would be too much, to say that the interest the majority of the members took in the convention was mainly due to this feature. It was for this, we looked forward to the meeting of the assembly so eagerly. There we expected to hear how the cause prospered elsewhere. To the convention, came those beset with toils at home, to get encouragement from the stronger hearts they would meet there; while the victorians, at home, come to compare notes, and rejoice in the wide-spreading conquests of the sword and shield.

In proof of this, I need only refer to the subject matter of the delegate's report of the convention, and the interest with which the boys listened to the story of the good time he had. A new era in our fraternity life has begun with the publication of the SCROLL, and one too, for which we may all rejoice, because in its success, it marks a greater interest in the fraternity, a better organization, a deeper appreciation of Phi principles at home, and their wider dissemination abroad. It will also cause the marked change in the convention spoken of above.

The SCROLL will become, if rightly managed—and there is no doubt but that it will be in the present hands—the great news and thought-bearer of the fraternity. In becoming this, it will undoubtedly be the rightful inheritor of the social element of the convention work. This taking place, there will be left to the convention, legislation

as its distinct feature. The question now arises as to whether this would not be better done by the biennial than yearly meetings. Experience shows us that one of the chief needs of legislation, is time to apply and test the practicability of the laws made. Does not the extent of the fraternity demand a longer time than one year in which to do this successfully? On the other hand, do not too many legislative sittings tend to an undue multiplication of statutes? In addition to this argument, there is the question of finance, that cannot be discussed in this paper. I venture only one statement. There would be an immense saving of funds, needed badly for other purposes by this arrangement. Making the assessment as usual during the alternate years, and applying it to the local interests of the chapters from which it is drawn. By this means, halls could be secured, and fitted up in the colleges where we are established, and we would then have the funds needed to develop many other agencies that the present condition of the fraternity so imperatively needs, but which we cannot have under the present arrangement.

For the SCROLL.

THE PHI DELTA THETA.

No idle visionary scheme,
 An airy nothing, aimless dream,
 But worthy in your poet's theme—
 The good Phi Delta Theta;
 Ordained to aid aspiring youth
 In Love, in Godliness and Truth,
 Life's great desiderata.

Since revelation first began
 To teach the brotherhood of man,
 Has been Jehova's constant plan,
 Wrought out by evolution;

First love within the tribe, and then
 Thy fellow Hebrew—now, love men,
 Is Jesus' institution.

To love each other as we ought,
 To love as Jesus loved and taught,
 A task with difficulty fraught
 Demands our best endeavor ;
 To pass beyond the golden gate
 Where joys untold eternal wait,
 And love bears rule forever.

Then every bond that serves to bind
 The members of the great mankind
 In fellowship of heart and mind,
 And teach them to be brothers ;
 So far is on the side of right,
 And casting in, at least, a mite
 To bless its own and others.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

There is implanted within the breast of every one, a desire to shine before his fellow man. Some endeavor to shine by their wits, or their brass, some with rouge and alabaster unguents, and some are so unfortunate as to never shine at all.

It is not our purpose to deal with band-box men, or highly-perfumed ladies, but to patch up a few trite observations concerning those who are to come before the public with their thoughts.

The ethical obligations of every individual are two-fold—a public and private duty. The language of conscience intuitively speaks, "that man is not born for himself alone, but owes part of his being to his friends, a part to his country, and it all to his maker.

To every reflecting mind actuated, by such a sum of duty, the question naturally arises, how shall I appear before the public? There is ample room to leave college like Dr. Johnson's young man, filled with the learning of the ancient Greeks and Romans—to be at sea, a land-lubber; in the country, a cockney; in town, a greenhorn; in science, an ignoramus; in business, a simpleton, and in pleasure, a milk-sop. Between the theoretical point and practical place of knowledge, lies a great charm filled with the half-dead and dying, which may be termed the purgatory of wisdom's aspirants. Some may be seen rising by the prayers of saintly friends; multitudes uniting in the agonies of a thwarted ambition, or misdirected energy; vast numbers struggling against the tinged tide of matrimony, and a countless host lank with financial famine flitting about in their poverty-stricken gentility. Woe to the book worms in that day when a demonstration must be made of attainments, before ranking with the truly intellectual.

Whether men communicate their thoughts by natural or artificial means, they must stand upon the dignity of merit. Away with your sensational babblers, and those who put themselves in conspicuous places, and then bellow for sympathy. The law of equilibrium must prevail as truly throughout the mental as the natural world.

Voltaire, Mohammed, Paine and Gibbon found their level, as well as the christian writers. Every man, woman and child will gravitate around a sphere in proportion to the amount of their common sense and judgment. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, speakers and sneakers, are all governed *by this universal law*.

There is a system of *cruditional etiquette* of which we are entirely too careless. Our pruriency for action, begets within us a premature deliberation of the sublime and beautiful, and the good and true, are rendered ridiculous by a pedantic impudence. A modest bearing and a proper sphere must never be forsaken, for in the *fashion of liter-*

ature as well as in the social walks of life, we may with Shakespeare say, "Tis better to be lowly born, and range with humble livers in content, than to be perked up in a glistening grief, and wear a golden sorrow."

Brother Phi, what position will you occupy as a leader of opinion? Do you not see the maxims of Franklin and such precepts growing obsolete; the proverbs of Solomon becoming flat and dry; the psalms of David to slow in measure to rouse the christian inspiration? Do you not see the mass of social corruption; a nation eulogized for her morality and christian purity; the prospected evangelizer of the world growing under a sin of sensuality and lust? Shall we be one of the number to crack our pulpit jokes on Sundays, or claim that scriptural doctrine is too dead a thing to preach or practice? No! piety and prudence, or the shovel and the hoe.

How shall I appear before the public, is a common place inquiry, but there can be no question of greater moment, for it is this that decides that other question, "how shall we appear before our God." Do we want to be popular? Do we want to have influence? Do we want to be eloquent? Let us then endorse that sentiment:

"Thou must be true thyself,
 If thou the truth would'st teach;
 Thy soul must overflow, if thou
 Another soul would'st reach,
 It needs the overflowing heart
 To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thought
 Shall the world's famine feed,
Speak truly, and thy words
 Shall be a fruitful seed,
Live truly, and thy life shall be
 A good and noble creed."

DUTY TO PHI DELTA THETA.

Every one understands the necessity of swelling the number of our chapters, extending them to every college and university that is deemed worthy of a chapter, and of taking in men of principle and ability. Also, such men should be elected as are capable of realizing the obligations that must rest upon them whenever they accept the bond of our fraternity, and men that are not so much dazzled by the outside glitter, and the *name* of being a "fraternity man," as imbued with a deep ennobling sense of duty, and determination of acting well their part. In fact, we want men worthy in themselves, such as are contemplated in the bond, and such as will constitute a noble brotherhood at the shrine of Phi Delta Theta.

Too great care cannot be taken in the selection of men. Undoubtedly one great hindrance heretofore in our progress, has been too great haste and carelessness in the selection of men. We want such as mean what they profess, and not such as enter fraternity with any selfish motives, and for any personal benefits alone that may arise from it, but men that have the common good of mankind at heart, and true men.

Again, we think there is a mistaken notion, on the part of some few, with reference to the number there should be in a chapter. Some maintain that a certain number should constitute the maximum of a chapter, and under no condition should there be any more. On the other hand, it sometimes happens, a chapter feels that it has not quite enough, consequently, take in men for number.

The constitution recognizes neither of these principles. We believe the spirit of that noble instrument is, whenever we find a man *worthy* to become a Phi, it is our duty to make a Phi out of him, and not limit ourselves to any

number. It matters not how small the chapter, unless there be *others worthy*, not another should be taken.

The SCROLL and the office of Grand Banker have been established; our catalogue is progressing as fast as it possibly can, under the circumstances; lost archives are being gathered up, and much is being done in the line of progress. And while much has been done in the past it is the duty of every Phi to do his utmost, and keep the noble ship on in her course.

There are many whose names are not yet on the list of subscribers, and there are others that might invoke an inspiration, and pen something of interest and worth to the fraternity.

The brotherhood should be punctual in sending in their reports; also, anything that is known concerning our past history, such as the records of defunct chapters, lost archives and mistakes made in last catalogue, etc. These are all means of doing our duty.

PHI DELTA THETA AT THE INDIANA ORATORICAL CONTEST.

It would naturally be supposed that each college would send its best man to represent it in a contest. Then, it would be the place where one could well judge of the literary ability of the different fraternities in a State where a contest is held. Also the influence of a fraternity may be correctly determined, for each one would desire one of their men to be a contestant. We should therefore be deeply interested in knowing how Phi Delta Theta stood in the contest, recently held in this State.

It is not sufficient to only state that it received second honors in the contest. In my opinion, the Phis carried off

first honors among the different fraternities; for out of seven representatives, four of them supported the shield, and we may justly feel proud of the literary excellence they displayed. They reflected honor and credit upon us which will long be remembered. Concerning Mr. Tomlinson, I need only remark that he was highly complimented, and quote from one of our popular journals, "that he won second prize, and gave us more original ideas and brilliant thoughts, than I ever heard in the same length of time." Those of our members who attended the contest were highly entertained. During their stay, a reception was given them by Professor Wiley, and they returned from the contest feeling that an impression for excellence as a fraternity had been made which will not soon be forgotten. Let us look to these contests in the future, and keep them before us as an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our worth and value.

EDITORIAL.

"AMERICA NOT DISCOVERED BY COLUMBUS" is the title of a little volume, placed on our table by the publishers, S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago. Prof. R. B. Anderson, of the University of Wisconsin, is the author of the book, and if he has discovered nothing new he has certainly opened up an interesting field of investigation. His object has been, in his own language, to present a truthful narrative of the Norse discovery of America, to create some interest in the people, the literature and the early institutions of Norway, and especially in Iceland—that lonely and weird island—the Ultimo Thule of the Greek philosophers. The exploits of that bold and independent people, who once figured so prominently in England, Normandy, France, Belgium, Italy,

Sicely and Greece, are full of interest under the imaginative pen of the author. The book contains a large number of quotations from eminent American, English, German and French scholars, in respect to the historical, linguistic, literary and scientific value of the Scandinavian languages.

IN this number of the SCROLL we are able to follow out our suggestion with regard to the nature of the articles that go to make up this department. The limited time the editors are able to devote to its interests, place beyond the possibility of attainment, the idea of presenting in each issue of our magazine, many articles of a purely literary character. The subjects of vital interest to the fraternity that are now being discussed, give sufficient evidence moreover, that the capacity of the SCROLL will not more than supply the medium necessary to the exchange of thought on these subjects, and hence, while we consider this class of matter of tantamount importance, we will give it space to the exclusion of everything else. If, at the next general convention, provisions can be made for enlarging our fraternity organ and conducting it on a more extensive plan, we think that the pens of Phi Delta Theta's talented members can easily supply the material requisite for an extensive literary department.

WE embrace this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of many congratulatory letters from members in different States of the Union. We spared no pains, brothers, to make the SCROLL such a magazine as would be acceptable to you, and it is gratifying indeed to us to know that it was received with the hearty approbation that your letters indicate. The temptation to give some quotations from said letters is strong, but space will not permit.

THANKS are due to our contributors, all of whose articles do not appear. From the contributions received, we selected such as were considered of more importance to our readers.

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

A. B. THRASHER,

EDITOR.

A SUMMER TOUR IN HER MAJESTY'S AMERICAN DOMINIONS.

One bright morning in May, when the annual exodus of the people from New York City was at its full height, we were borne off with the tide of the populace. As citizens, old and young, on all sides are leaving the metropolis at the opening of summer, there is an influence, well nigh irresistible, constraining every one to go.

Having yielded to this impulse—so similar to that which fills the breast of every college student as he sees his comrades dispersing for the vacation—we set our faces Northward. But we must go by Boston, for it would be considered unwise, if not disloyal, for an American to travel in foreign parts before seeing the “hub of the universe.” That maxim—“always begin with the *center* to describe the circle”—had its full force in this instance. After eight hours unsurpassed pleasure on the New Haven railroad we arrived at Boston. Once there, the time passes too rapidly; for in that city are gathered the sacred memories of Webster, Everett, and the giant intellects of America, while its very ground is hallowed by the blood-written events of our country’s freedom and progress. It is the birth place and home of the belle letters, of our young nation, limited though it be. The whole atmosphere breathes of intelli-

gence, cordiality and patriotism, so that one is a nobler man and truer patriot for having lived in it but twenty-four hours.

Being in haste, as Americans usually are, we reluctantly bade adieu to Boston, and took passage on coastwise steamer, destined for the Bay of Fundy. This part of the journey was spiced with a gentle sea-sickness, which gives the experience described by the paradox—when *first* affected: "Oh, do not let me *die*," and next day: "Oh, do not let me *live*." We fully accorded with the sea-sick Irishman, who said, "the happiest moment he had during his whole voyage was when he placed his *first foot on shore*."

Our destination was reached after a week's travel from New York, placing us at the sea shore village of Quaco, thirty miles northeast of St. John, New Brunswick, on the Bay of Fundy. This was about the middle of May, and we walked over two feet of snow in some places. Our overcoat proved quite comfortable of evenings, through even the months of July and August. The highest temperature of the season stood at 71°, consequently we saw no summer at all, though remaining until September.

Quaco is the old Indian name of the village. It contains about two thousand inhabitants, and is situated in a beautiful valley upon a little recess of the Bay. The vale, three miles in length, lies at the foot of the mountains in the rear, and is bounded on either side by a prominent headland. These mountains, standing at each extremity of the plain, jut out abruptly and loftily into the ocean, as though they were the appointed sentinels of nature. The scenery is most picturesque and grand. One is enraptured by the combination of beauty and grandeur, as he beholds this landscape of the highlands mingling in such harmony with the deep blue sea. The breeze of the ocean combines with the mountain air to form a most invigorating atmosphere; which, united with the beautiful expanse of water, the abundant fishing—fresh and salt, the elegant drives, and

the exceedingly cool summers, affords one of the finest watering places on the North American coast. This is but little known by the pleasure-seeking multitudes of our country. It is acknowledged by all visiting it that its *natural* advantages are far superior to one-half of the summer resorts on our eastern shore. All that is required is a steamship line connecting it with New York, a good hotel, a few summer cottages and a little advertising to render this one of the most popular resorts on the continent.

The inhabitants are mostly Scotch and Northern Irish. We state *Northern* Irish because they are as different from those in the *South* of Ireland as if they were two distinct nations. The former is high in the scale of intelligence and culture, while the latter is correspondingly as low. In fact, the antipathy between these two sections of Ireland, is greater than between any two nations on the globe. These people in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia possess a cordiality and warm-heartedness just in the *inverse ratio* to the cold temperature. They make a stranger *feel* the welcome. They are most sturdy and thorough-going in their habits, except in cases of *degeneration* from the parent stock.

Their vocation is mostly ship-building, and many residing there have amassed great fortunes, because of their superior ships being adapted to the trade of the East Indies. The spruce and fir, covering these mountains, furnish the best material for ships, and well it is so, for the country is not designed for agriculture. Their only products consisting of hay and potatoes. The land is too rocky, the summers too short and cool, and the winters too long and severe to admit of tillage.

It was good once more to handle gold and silver as money. In comparison with the fluctuating greenbacks, this medium of exchange always stands on a *solid* basis. When we saw the manifold benefits derived from specie there was created a yearning desire for that day to dawn

when our nation shall stand again on this adamantine foundation.

But the most peculiar experience of our sojourn there, was that produced by the British ensign flying over our heads, a few days after our arrival in the Provinces. We realized that we *were* under the Queen's protection. As we walked down the street and beheld St. George's Cross and the "Union Jack" floating in the breeze, it created a patriotic longing for, and appreciation of the "Red, White and Blue" that never before filled our breast. Under such circumstances an American's heart echoes the grand sentiment of the poet:

"Flag of the free heart's hope and home,
By angels' hands to valor given,
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in heaven."

We pause for the present, hoping to give in our next, other items in regard to the British provinces, an account of the rapids of St. Lawrence, &c.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

Across the great Mississippi valley comes to us an invitation to help launch into existence the newly born quarterly of Phi Delta Theta, and we have thought as faithful members of the society, we could not slight the invitation. The success of the quarterly will be an honor to be divided among its two thousand living members, and we should refuse to entertain a thought of its failure at this stage of its existence.

Our society is the link that unites us in loving fellowship with one *Alma Mater*, and bridges over the years that separate us from the college associations of other days. To

us, these associations are fraught with blessed memories, and if in the body we cannot go back and mingle with the boys who were boys with us, it is at least glorious to occasionally dwell with them in a spirit that never grows old. Brothers of the Alumni let us to the front and make our department what we are asked to make it, to-wit : an interesting medium of inter-communication for those who have gone forth from college halls, and are battling for places in life's great forum. Here we can enjoy a literary banquet of our own preparation, and whether others like it or not, we, at least, may find our enjoyment kindred to the olden time, when *sub rosa* we disposed of the present and planned the future with a reckless regard for consequences. Let us go over the thorny ways we have traveled since we ceased to be boys and tried to be men, and there may come to the surface experiences, bountiful in useful lessons to us all. We have all constructed airy castles, and each one of us can count by the score the magnificent scenes of these temples that dot our career. Would it not be a grand notion, for a thousand sedate gentlemen, whose shoulders are burdened with their own proportion of the cares of the nineteenth century, to spend a portion of the new years in grouping these structures in the magnificent city they would make. We have all conquered worlds, and coming generations will be anxious to know how it was done. This is one opportunity to furnish the desired information ; besides the student who has grown into a middle aged or old man may write something worth knowing, for those of less experience. The sophomore knows more than he will ever know after he ceases to be a sophomore, and maphap we can show him how to guard against some of the pit-falls into which most of us have fallen. Our brothers in the bond crave our experience. Let us encourage them with our contributions and our substance, and make the quarterly the success it ought to be. We welcome it with a whole-hearted happy new year.

W. N. PICKBRILL.

LETTER FROM COLORADO.

An apology is not necessary for publishing the following private letter. I only wish I could receive more of the same kind.—[ED.]

DENVER, COL., Nov. 7, 1874.

Inclosed please find \$1.10 for one year's subscription to the Phi Delta Theta quarterly.

The receipt of your prospectus was a matter of surprise to me, though I must confess that it occasioned me pleasure as well. Curiosity impels me to inquire how you knew about *me*, and to address me? I graduated at Lawrence University, Wisconsin, in 1859, and I had almost forgotten that in the fall of 1858 a chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was organized there, of which I was a member. It was organized secretly and fostered with difficulty, as our faculty had put their "foot" upon all such enterprises; but we hungered for some such fraternity, and gladly accepted the offer of a charter from the Phi Delta Thetas. We bequeathed our chapter to our successors with urgent entreaties that it might be sustained.

I went to Cuba—was absent from the United States ten years. In 1869 I re-visited my *alma mater*. I inquired after the Phi Delta Theta, but no one knew anything about it. I learned from some of the older graduates that the society was kept up for a year or two and then gave up the ghost. I tried to interest some of the collegiates to re-organize the same, and received some encouragement that it would be, but have never heard whether it has been or not. I do not even remember who were all the members. I can think of but three—Jared Thompson, of Milwaukee; James P. Maxwell, of Boulder, Col., and Edward De Reimer, now a missionary in Ceylon.

I feel a sort of gratification at the receipt of this little circular, so slight a thing of itself. At the end of sixteen years it seems like a token of remembrance, and it *is* a

reminder of pleasant days, and scenes that had well nigh passed from memory ; all the more pleasing in that it came so unexpectedly.

Yours in the Bond,

ALBERT R. DYER.

PARIS.

No day did I enjoy more than the one spent in the *Pere La Chaise*. Taking an omnibus for three cents, we rode about three miles and entered the gate early in the morning, spending the whole day in this burial place of French celebrities. On entering the gate we turned to the right, and passing the tomb of the Rothschilds, and of the actress Rachel, we sought the famous resting place of Abelard and Heloise. The cemeteries I saw in Europe had no park-like grass plats, but only narrow gravel walks amid crowded tombs. The tombs are usually either sarcophagi or vaults roofed so as to resemble little houses of marble with cast iron doors painted black, through whose lattice work you can see the coffins, on which lie wreaths of flowers. The tomb of Abelard is centuries old and consists of a roof of stone supported on stone columns under which was a stone sarcophagus or box on which were two marble, reclining figures, representing the famous pair of lovers. The celebrity of their love, and the fame of Abelard make this spot one much sought by strangers.

We wandered about at random stumbling at each step on the tomb of some one famous in letters or science. Here were Moliere and La Fontaine in the same enclosure, and a few feet further on, Volney's tomb—a simple pyramid of blue granite with the single word “Volney” in raised letters on the side. Here were chemists and astronomers

with whose names my school books had made me familiar for years; here were musicians whose operas I had listened to; story-tellers and kings. Some one has called *Pere La Chaise* the West-Minster Abbey of Paris.

During my rambles I found the house where Abelard once lived, as also those where lived and died Moliere, Racine, Voltaire, and other celebrities. My brother and I entered a coffee house on a narrow and dirty street south of the Seine in which Voltaire, Rousseau and contemporaries were wont to assemble and discuss the drama, poetry and religion. On inquiry, we were shown the identical ancient-looking table by which we were assured Voltaire was wont to sit and sip wine and coffee. We ordered a cup, and while sipping the beverage, saw a fine portrait of Voltaire's on the wall to the left, and one of Rousseau on that to the right. One of pleasantest privileges connected with foreign travel is that of entering, as it were, thus into the very presence of, and amid scenes made famous by men whose names have penetrated the remotest corners of the earth.

To the stranger who has a few weeks to spend in Paris, nothing will perhaps be more highly enjoyed than excursions to the country palaces and hunting parks of the French kings, scattered around Paris at a distance varying from one to forty miles. * * * * Perhaps none of the residences of the French monarchs are of greater historical interest than Versailles.

Leaving Paris by rail, and passing the place and park of St. Cloud, we reach the city of Versailles, eight miles distant. The approach to the palace by a grand avenue several hundred feet wide presents a magnificent view. While yet a mile distant you see at the end of the avenue the vast central place flanked by immense wings, and as you approach, you begin to realize that this is indeed a palace. The effect is overwhelming, simply from the dimensions of the structure. Passing the palace, and en-

tering the park beyond, one stands first on a vast terrace in which are excavated basins for fountains. From this point, one looks for miles along an opening through the forest, and at one view, sees numerous fountains, lakes, canals, groups of stâtuary, and imitations of heathen temples. Descending, one may walk for miles through avenues shaded by trees, trimmed so as to over-arch the paths like the aisles of some huge gothic cathedral. At every turn you meet with some surprise, in a group of statuary, or a playing fountain where water is made to jet from every classic shape known in the realms of nature, or lakes, or gardens filled with gorgeous flowers or tropical vegetation. Leaving the artificial walks, one can penetrate into, and walk for hours in a wild wilderness of forest. To the citizen of Paris, the almost innumerable resorts outside of the city, where grand forests, stately palaces, galleries of painting and sculpture, and the clustering associations of a most romantic and eventful national history, all combine to afford rare opportunities for healthful and pleasant recreation.

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PROF. WM. W. THRASHER.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The *Zeta Psi* fraternity was founded at the University of New York, in 1847, by John B. Yates Somers, J. W. Skillman, and Wm. H. Dayton. Chapters were subsequently established at Williams, Rutgers, Princeton, Colby, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Tufts, Brown, Union, Lafayette, Michigan, Rennselaer, Polytechnic, Dickinson, Pennsylvania College, University of North Carolina, University of Virginia, University of Chicago, Cornell, and a chapter at the University of Cali-

fornia shortly before our own was established there. It has in all, twenty-two chapters, and claims a membership of three thousand. It has Alumni chapters in some of the larger cities—an example we would do well to follow.

The *Chi Phi* fraternity was founded at Princeton, in 1824. Among its founders was John McLean, afterward president of that college. With the other fraternities there, it was suppressed by the faculty in 1840, and was not again heard from until 1854, when the pins made their appearance. The next year a branch chapter was established at Franklin and Marshall college, and the order soon spread in the Southern States. The chapter at Princeton was again abolished; this time finally, and for several years the order was without a parent charter. Hobart College, Geneva, New York, received this distinction in 1867. Chapters were then established at Lancaster and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. These chapters increased to twelve, forming the northern order of *Chi Phi*. Connection with the southern branch had been broken off by the war, but the two were re-united in 1873. It has about thirty chapters which are numbred by the letters of the Greek alphabet in the order of their establishment.

From the *Southern Collegian* we learn that the eleven secret fraternities of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, have decided to erect a two-story building with a large college hall on the first floor, and fraternity lodges above. The movement has the approval of the faculty.

OUR CINCINNATI PHIS.

We have received a list of Alumni Phis, residents of Cincinnati, Ohio, with the suggestion, which we heartily

endorse, that some good Phis, residents of our other large cities do likewise, and thus give a directory which will be of great interest and value to Phis.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Ransford Smith, Ohio Alpha, class of '52, and orator of the convention of '73, is a member of the law firm of Smith, Young & Crawford, S. E. cor. of Fifth and Walnut.

C. T. Andress, Ohio Alpha, class of '71, is engaged with his father in the wall paper business, on Fourth, bet. Walnut and Vine.

Jas. H. Puntenney, Ohio Alpha, class of '71, is in Baldwin's musical instrument salesroom, S. E. cor. Fourth and Elm.

L. Whittaker, Ohio Alpha, class of '68, is in Chamberlain's stove foundry, on Fifth, bet. Walnut and Main.

Philip S. Goodwin, Ohio Beta, class of '72, is practicing law, at No. 21 West Third.

N. L. R. Johnston, Indiana Epsilon, class of '74, is in his father's planing mill and box factory, on Third, below Smith.

David Humphreys, of the old chapter, at Delaware, O., class of '60, is practicing law, at No. 7 Public Landing.

Robert O. Strong, Ohio Alpha, class of '66, was incorrectly referred to in the January number, as P. O. Strong.

D. B. Williams, Indiana Gamma, class of '70, also mentioned in January number.

A. I. Hobbs, Indiana Gamma, class of '62, is pastor of Richmond Street Christian Church.

John McDonald, Indiana Beta—shoe store, 65 W. Pearl.

S. W. CARPENTER, N. Y. A.

OBITUARY.

LINAS L. BARBOUR, son of Hon. Lucian Barbour, of the Indianapolis bar, died at the residence of his parents, 712 North Meridian Street, in this city, on the 16th inst., in his twenty-fifth year.

He was a member of the Indiana Gamma, of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was initiated into the fraternity during his attendance at the Northwestern Christian University. His subsequent removal to Amherst College, where he finished his course in June, 1874, so long separated him from this chapter, that the report of his serious illness and death came very unexpected to his college friends here. He had just finished a classical course, and was making the initiatory steps to a most promising life. To be thus cut off just as the bright rays of promise are beginning to beam with purest light is a providence, the wisdom of which is beyond weak human ken, and one to which we submit with sadness of heart.

Of Linas Barbour's character, all his friends were truly proud; he lived a truly, noble and manly life; he was quiet and reserved in manners, yet genial and confiding in his friends; he was a persistent student—a perfect scholar; he learned, perhaps, not so rapidly as some of his fellows, but mastered every lesson, and studied with an exactness truly admirable. Duty was inscribed upon his banner, and that banner was ever unfurled.

We, who were his associates only for a brief period, deeply feel his loss in our circle, but how poor, mean and little must be our sorrow compared with the woe and lamentation felt by those who knew him in that nearer and dearer relation of the home circle, as a beloved son; as an affectionate brother. While we mourn for our brother, let us remember in sympathy, the kind family whose circle has been so signally broken by this bereavement—this house-

hold from which has been taken, the only son and brother. But we and they can be comforted by the assurance that our friend and brother, although dead, still lives. The question of Job: "If a man die, shall he live again"—of Cato: "It must be so; Plato, thou reasonest well, else why this pleasing hope, this fond desire; this longing after immortality," and of Hamlet in his soliloquy: "To be, or not to be"—all are answered in the Christian faith. This faith goes beyond Cato's: "pleasing hope" his *fond desire*, his "*longing after immortality*." It removes great distance; it spans the wide gulf between death and the resurrection, and lifts the believer up to his God. Such is our faith to-day. We know the spirit of our brother has gone above to live eternally. We know, although, "the stars shall fade away, the sun himself grow dim with age, and nature sink in years; that thou shalt flourish on, immortal youth, unhurt amidst the war of elements, the wreck of matter and "the crush of worlds."

RESOLUTIONS OF THE INDIANA GAMMA RESPECTING THE DEATH
OF LINAS L. BARBOUR.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, our brother, Linas L Barbour, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, and

WHEREAS, Our deceased brother was a consistent member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and earnestly devoted to the principals of the order. Therefore be it

Resolved, By this chapter, that in his death, the fraternity has lost a valuable and beloved brother. The bar, one of its most promising members; the State, a loyal citizen; the church, a pure communicant.

Resolved, That while we mourn his loss, we recognize in his removal, the inscrutable ways of providence, and submit to his will, looking to a reunion under a *bond* that shall be forever inviolate and inviolable.

Resolved, That we extend to the family and friends of the deceased, our sympathy.

Resolved, That we drape our badges in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our brother; that a copy be published in the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL, and that they be spread on the records of this chapter.

J. C. NORRIS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. T. MASON,	
S. J. TOMLINSON.	

OTIS C. SMITH, Ohio Alpha, '66, died in the 28th year of his age at the residence of his father, H. W. Smith, Esq., in Landon, Ohio. A meeting of the Madison county bar was called, and appropriate resolutions were passed, commemorative of our deceased brother. He was a most promising young lawyer, and we have lost a noble brother. We should not forget to extend our sympathy to his bereaved parents.

BRO. F. J. STANLEY, has recently been appointed Missionary to the Good Will Mission, corner 52nd Street and 2nd Avenue, New York City.

WE acknowledge and return thanks for special favors from Bros. W. N. Pickerill, Fred. J. Stanley, Thad. C. Druley and (indirectly) J. "Brick" Pomeroy.

OUR friend and Bro. Geo. C. Florea, Connersville, Ind., has taken unto himself as a sharer in his joys and sorrows, Miss Elmira Edwards. That he has made a wise choice, at least, two of the editors of the SCROLL will, from personal knowledge, attest. May you ever live happily and prosperously.

WE again call the attention of the Alumni to the fact that we are anxious to hear from you. Send us your

address, business, chapter and class, and the same of your class-mates; and will not more of you follow in the road so ably pointed out by Bros. Pickerill, Stanley and Dyer, and send in communications for our department of the SCROLL. We care not how short they are—only send us a variety. Short, spicy articles are the kind you would all rather read, and, therefore, the kind that we would rather receive.

PERSONALS.

J. E. Kenton, Indiana Alpha, practices law at Springfield, Mo.

Prof. A. M. Burbank, Kentucky Alpha, is teaching, at Springfield, Ohio.

J. E. McPherson, Indiana Beta, *still lives* at Rogersville Junction, Tennessee.

Wm. F. Vilas, Wisconsin, Alpha, is practicing law in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. J. N. Talbot, Indiana Beta, is located at Jacksonville, Fountain county, Ind.

Joe Gilbert, Indiana Beta, was a member of the *late reform* Legislature of Indiana.

H. G. Bradford, Secretary National Convention, can be addressed at Brooklyn, Ind.

W. C. Whitehead, Indiana Beta, is a Woolen Manufacturer, at Yountsville, Ind.

Theo. H. Ristine, Indiana Beta, has a fine baby, and practices law at Crawfordsville, Ind.

Rev. L. T. Walker, Ohio Alpha, is pastor of the ninth Presbyterian church, in Indianapolis.

Dr. Stewart Robinson, Kentucky Alpha, is accounted the best preacher in Louisville, Ky.

Thad. C. Druley, Ohio Alpha, class of '69, is pastor of first Universalist church, at Middleport, Ohio.

Rev. R. B. Stimpson, Indiana Beta, is preacher of the Presbyterian order, located at Logansport, Ind.

T. C. Potter, class of '74, is in business in New York City.

A. J. Montgomery, Western Theological Seminary, Alleghany.

E. M. Wilson, National Grand Chapter, is studying law in Chicago, Ills.

Eugene Field, Missouri Alpha, is local editor of the *Saint Louis Journal*.

F. S. Kaufmann, Iowa Alpha, is a clerk in the eagle flour mills, St. Louis, Mo.

N. B. McKee, class of '72, is a promising young lawyer, in Huntington, W. Va.

S. E. Perkins, Indiana Alpha, is Judge of the Superior Court, at Indianapolis, Ind.

P. S. Allen, National Grand Chapter, class of '74, is at the Western Theological Seminary.

W. A. Dixon, M. D., one of the founders of the Indiana Gamma, resides in Ripley, Ohio.

P. W. Search, National Grand Chapter, class of '76, is a music dealer, in Marion, Ohio.

R. M. Davis, class of '74, National Grand Chapter, is at the Western Theological Seminary.

J. King Gibson, Ohio Alpha, class of '69, is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Ohio.

J. M. Still, National Grand Alpha, class of '73, is a professor in Hookstown Academy, Penn.

L. W. and G. C. Florea, Indiana Gamma, constitute a promising law firm in Connorsville, Ind.

T. S. Graves, Indiana Gamma, class of '74, is devoting himself to pastoral pursuits, at Chaplin, Ky.

J. Elwood Morey, Ohio Alpha, class '67, is a member of the law firm Morey & Morey, Hamilton, Ohio.

J. M. Monroe, Indiana Gamma, class of '71, is preaching for the Christian church, at Santa Rosa, Cal.

Jno. B. Elam, Ohio Alpha, is a successful lawyer in Indianapolis of the firm of Parker & Elam, Brandon block.

W. S. Harbert, Indiana Beta, and husband of Lizzie Boynton, attends to legal business at Des Moines, Iowa.

W. E. Evans, Ohio Alpha, class of '67, at last election, was elected Prosecuting Attorney, of Rose county, Ohio.

J. M. Oldfather, Ohio Alpha, class of '69, is a missionary in Persia, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board.

W. McKerschan, National Grand Chapter, class of '73, is at the U. P. Theological Seminary, Alleghany, Penn.

A. W. Rogers, one of the charter members of the first chapter organized; is a veteran of the law at Warrensburg, Mo.

Elam Fisher, Ohio Alpha, class of '70, one of Phi Delta Theta's heroes while in college, is practicing law in Eaton, Ohio.

Cyrus Hamlin, Indiana Beta, class of '63, still preaches in Boston, Mass., and writes occasionally for the *New York Independent*.

J. L. Fletcher, class of '72, is a prominent business man in Franklin, Ind. He is one of the largest pork merchants in the State.

C. P. Jacobs, Illinois Alpha, class of '66, is a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis, and a professor in the law college of the N. W. C. University.

A. I. Hobbs, Indiana Gamma, class of '61, is pastor of the 6th St. Christian church at Cincinnati. He was, by mistake, on the "dead list" in last catalogue.

Thad. Tracy, Kentucky Alpha, class of '61, is receiving high compliments from the native converts of Japan, among whom he is laboring as a Presbyterian missionary.

John McDonald, Indiana Beta, was married some time since, to Miss Rogers, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has now gone into business in a shoe store, at No. 65 West Pearl St.

B. L. Gregory, Indiana Alpha, has married his accomplished school-mate, Miss Luzadder, of Bloomington, and is engaged in the mercantile business, at Brooklyn, Ind.

Hon. Thos. W. Bullitt, of Louisville, Ky., writes us an encouraging letter, and says he has accepted the position of "orator" for the next National Convention, at Danville, Ky.

C. D. Whitehead, Indiana Beta, class of '73, president of the Phi Delta Theta at large, is spoken of as the rising young lawyer of Indianapolis. He is of the firm of Buchanan, Williams & Whitehead.

Col. W. N. Black, Indiana Beta, poet elect for our next annual reunion, is a gentleman of literary and legal habits, of the firm of Dent & Black, room 37, Major block, corner La Salle and Madison Streets, Chicago, Ills.

G. M. Lambertson, Indiana Delta, graduated at Chicago University, class of '72. He is at present practicing law in Lincoln, Neb., in the firm of Galey & Lambertson. Bro. Lambertson has our thanks for valuable information.

F. J. Stanley, Indiana Beta, class of '73, is attending Union Theological Seminary, at New York City. He received flattering testimonials of regard from the Presbyterian church, in New Brunswick, H. R. M. D., of which he was pastor last summer.

FRATERNITY DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM O. BATES,

EDITOR.

TO THE DELINQUENTS.

It will be noticed that the chapter reports are mostly conspicuous for their absence in this issue, notwithstanding the fact that publication has been delayed over two weeks in the vain hope that they would come in. This could hardly be the result of a misunderstanding, for we tried to state in the plainest English that a report would be expected from every chapter for each issue, and that those for this number should be sent so as to reach us by March 15th. We have regarded these chapter reports as the most important part of the publication. Despite the fact that we have received many cheery, kindly words of encouragement it is quite possible that the SCROLL does not meet the general approval of the fraternity. This being the case, a better or quicker way of discouraging the enterprise could not be devised than a sweetly stolid indifference to its requests for literary and pecuniary support.

The editors propose to fulfill their agreement to published the SCROLL one year whether the fraternity likes it or not, but after that time they do *not* propose to waste time and money on a publication which is not wanted. The conditions are now fairly before the fraternity, and it can decide. If the present editors do not give satisfaction it will be an easy matter at the coming convention to elect those who will. We have sometimes been inclined to suspect that our policy of indefinite and unlimited expansion might be responsible for much of this lack of unity and effectiveness as a fraternity. It is certainly utterly at variance with the policy of the Kappa Alpha, the oldest and one of the best fraternities in the United States. It has but three or four chapters, but they are located at first-class institutions, and are very closely and firmly united. In our almost

feverish anxiety to hear of new chapters, are we not in danger of sacrificing the *multum* to the *multa*?

Contributions should be plainly written, particularly names, and on one side of the paper, (otherwise they have to be re-copied.) As the fraternity editor will leave college before the next number of the SCROLL is published, reports and other matter for this department should be sent *by June the 15th, at very latest*, to Wm. O. Bates, No. 39 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

SINCE the last issue of the SCROLL, four new chapters have been established at the following named places: Akron, Ohio; Lincoln, Nebraska; Georgetown, Kentucky, and Greencastle, Indiana. This makes forty-one living and defunct.

SOMETIMES a very small screw is a very important item in a piece of machinery. Such is the suggestion made here that the convention have a roll call at each session. Let the roll be not of the members' names, but the titles of their chapters.

EVERY chapter should have a post-office box, in the name of the Phi Delta Theta. In some instances, letters of importance are delayed for weeks in order that the name of some attendant member may be procured. An amendment should settle this.

WE would suggest that instead of incurring the expense of publishing the minutes of the convention in a separate pamphlet that the proceedings be "boiled down," and printed in the next number of the SCROLL. In this way they will reach more readers, and be preserved in more permanent form than otherwise.

As a general rule we believe too much stress is laid upon the benefit to be derived from the literary exercises in Chapter meetings. Not that great benefit is not received by those who enter into the exercises cheerfully and heartily, but it should not be task work. If the principal object of a fraternity were oratorical culture, it would soon cease to exist, as the end in view is better attained by an open literary society just in the proportion that it more nearly approximates a public assembly. Such exercises should be assigned to those best able and most willing to perform them, and form part of the

evening's entertainment on an equal footing with social conversation, games and music.

PHI DELTAS are an exceedingly nomadic clan. If a member wish to prove this, let him take his catalogue, select the names of a half dozen Phis, and write to them on "business," taking notice of the number of answers received. On this account, members on committees similar to "lost archives, resurrectionists, etc," find it an almost insurpassable obstacle to their achieving anything. Alumni members should remember that when they became Phis, they pledged themselves to communicate to the chapter, under whose jurisdiction they were, all changes in their residence and life, (except death.) Would it not be well to introduce an amendment here, requiring the correspondent members to make annual reports. It would make the requirement more visible to some perceptions.

CANNOT our next convention carry on the good work already begun in the way of fraternity music, and put this very important factor of the social element of our order on a firm and satisfactory basis? We have some few songs now, of more or less merit. Let a committee be appointed of persons who will *act* in the matter, and have them have our poets write us some good, cheery songs, and then have the same printed in a convenient and tasty pamphlet. We need very much, some good songs for special occasions, which it is not necessary to enumerate, and which would add much impressiveness to them. We have already, two fine pieces of instrumental music, "Phi Delta Theta Marches," one of which can be had of John Church & Co., Cincinnati; price, forty cents. The other, of the California Alpha. Every Phi should procure one of these, at least, for his sister, or some other "feller's."

THAT more advantage is not taken of our privilege of obtaining books at reduced rates, can surely be due only to want of information in regard to this on the part of members of our order, and especially of the Alumni. By the arrangement made by Bro. Perry, in 1873, with Bowen, Stewart & Co., of Indianapolis, in 1874, with Robert Clarke & Co., of Cincinnati, all Phis can obtain books at either place at a large discount, now set by both firms at twenty per cent. To be able to avail one's self of this privilege, it is only necessary to procure certificates of membership, which are issued in duplicate by President C. D. Whitehead, of Indianapolis, and file the duplicate with the firm it is most convenient to trade with. While the Indianapolis firm has had a very fair custom from us since the arrangement was made, the Cincinnati firm has had only four or five orders. But

it is, of course, not necessary more than to call attention to this privilege. *Verbum sapientibus satis.*

By the report of the Michigan Beta, which was published in the last number of the SCROLL, it will be seen that a movement has been made to re-establish the Alpha of that State, at the University of Michigan. The effort deserves the hearty co-operation of every old member of that Chapter, and of the whole fraternity. It is a positive disgrace that we, assertively a Western fraternity, should have no Chapter at the only Western institution making claim to equality with the great universities of the East. Almost the first question an Eastern fraternity man asks, when told that we are a Western fraternity is, "You have a Chapter at Ann Arbor, of course?" That we have not is a disadvantage in making converts, as many of our members can testify, for even the more important Eastern fraternities have Chapters there. Whatever may have been the cause of the Chapter breaking up, it will be worth all the time and money necessary to lift it once more firmly on its feet.

ONE of the first questions which will come up for discussion at the coming convention, will be the proposition to incorporate the Order. It is reported that the committee on incorporation, appointed at the last convention are unanimously in favor of it. Bro. Jamison and other prominent members also, approve it on the ground that, at present, there can be no enforcement of enactments since there is no legal authority therefor. This, and the argument that it will add dignity and tone to the Order, seems to be the main consideration in favor of the plan. But it will involve considerable trouble, expense and complication if adopted, and it may be well to count the cost before doing so. Will incorporation practically secure enforcement any better than the present method? *How much* tone will it add to an organization based on brotherly love and the beauty of unity? We were once connected with a literary society which was proud in a charter of incorporation, and yet we never knew of its suing anybody or getting sued by anybody, although there were numerous occasions for that little ceremony on both sides. If obligations were not enforced with business like promptness, the new method would be no more effective than the old; if obligations within the fraternity were pressed there would be an end of all friendly relations, resignations, and possibly, an appeal to horse pistols. We had hoped that the committee on the subject would discuss the practical method of incorporation, with how much trouble and expense attended, and whether each chapter would have to be individually incorporated. It may be urged in favor of the plan that,

like mint tea, if it don't do any good it is not particularly injurious, but whatever tends to the circumlocution of red tape without a very positive and well defined benefit therefrom, *is* a disadvantage to students with time necessarily limited. But, perhaps our non-professional eye has not been able to see the beauty of the legal side of the question. We, at least, hope that some of our astute lawyers will have some practical information on the subject by convention time.

THE Reports of chapters for the new catalogue are received slowly at the National Grand. They should have been received by March 1st, and now, March 27th, not quite half are in, and some of them have followed the directions so loosely, neglecting this or that rule, that the work must be partially, and in some cases, wholly re-constructed. When the chapters furnish neither material for the catalogue nor money for its publication, the compiler hopes the fraternity will not be very importunate as to the time of issue. As perhaps a misapprehension as to the character of the proposed new catalogue has had something to do with the lack of interest taken in it by many of the chapters, we would make the following statements in regard to it: While the catalogues heretofore issued have been a disgrace to the order from a typographical point of view, so much so that it has been necessary to mark them *sub rosa*. They have also been not only very incomplete, but have swarmed with errors; Thus, although chapters of our Order were known to have once existed in Texas, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Michigan at the same time of the publication of the catalogue for 1872, no mention was made of them therein; while as to typographical errors, a large proportion of the names in the recapitulation, have, one or both of the initials changed from the shape in which they appear under the heads of their respective chapters. Both these faults it is intended to correct, and thus, we shall have a catalogue which will show our Order in its full strength of a total of forty-one chapters, and which will, from the care that has been taken, be as near perfection in point of accuracy as mortal man can make anything. The committee on lost archives, has made very extensive researches, and has reconstructed the lists of all our extinct chapters; it only remains now for the living chapters to send in their reports made out with all care in regard to accuracy, and the catalogue of 1875 will be ready for the press. And we can confidently assert that when issued, it will be something, both in workmanship and as a record of our progress, of which every Phi may well be proud.

WHILE our Order is doing so much to place itself at the head of

similar organizations in the country, it would certainly do well to take some decisive measures in regard to insisting on a superior quality of workmanship in its badge. It is certainly not putting it too strong to say that most of our badges as now made are simply a disgrace to the Order. Our badge is the chief of the externals of the Order, by which outsiders are to judge us; and, though of course, the main test is the man himself, yet strangers can know nothing of the man, and must judge the Order by the only visible and distinctive feature of it. For this reason, and because it is naturally and properly a matter of pride with any fraternity to be able to say they have a handsome badge, there should be a prompt stop put to the making and accepting of badges of the poor quality that has characterized most of those recently made. Not only have badges been ordered, in direct violation of the constitution, of such thin and inferior metal as to disgrace the fraternity they represent, but those made by "our own jeweler" are carelessly made. Little or no regard seems to be paid to symmetry or just proportions, either in the shape of the shield, or in the relative size of the shield and dagger; the latter, as compared with the former, usually resembling more nearly a scotch claymore than a dagger. In many cases too, the Greek lettes are engraved in such a bungling way that it looks as though the middle one had "de(a)lt-a" violent blow to right and left and set the others staggering. This same matter came up before the convention of '73, and a committee was appointed to investigate the making of badges, and the badge-maker was given to understand that unless the work was improved on, we would try somebody else. But, as is usual with the committees of our convention that go over, no report was ever made. Now the trouble lies simply in this, that we went to a "mono hippic" jeweler with, and still keep going there after we find him either obstinately, careless or incompetent. Let us then arrange with some large firm to do our work, who will not only fill our order in a reasonably short time, but will give us only first-class work of uniform quality, and agree to furnish no poor work at reduced rates. Also, make any one liable to summary discipline, who shall disgrace the Order by ordering poor work elsewhere.* As now made, our badges compare so illy with those of Eastern fraternities that our Order suffers in consequence. Then too, owing to their poor appearance, as now made, when the shield alone is worn, any Phi walking along the streets of our large Western cities, where the Masonic descendants of Abraham do most congregate, is only kept from greeting "brother Phis" at every step by a close view of the supposed brother's physiognomy. The appointment of committees on that subject by the last two conventions shows that the dissatisfac-

tion is wide-spread, and it is to be earnestly hoped the next convention will *act* in the matter. Any one who has ever seen one of the old Chicago badges can appreciate not only what our badge is capable of, but the extent to which it has been debased.

CONVENTION RULES.

Bro. H. G. Bradford, Secretary of the 24th, 25th and 26th national conventions, sends us the following rules as about all that remains of the conventions of '72 and '73, which succeeding conventions have left in tact:

1872—1. The colors of this fraternity shall be white and blue.

1873—1. Each Chapter shall insert in its by-laws, a rule providing for an equal distribution of labor necessary to carry on a mutual correspondence between Chapters.

2. A badge of mourning, consisting of black and white crape, entwined and fastened under the badge, shall be worn for thirty days after the death of a member; and each Chapter shall notify all other Chapters of such death.

3. No unjust measures shall be taken to secure honors to members of this fraternity.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FROM THE NATIONAL GRAND • CHAPTER, OR REVISION OF CHARTER.

On page 36, Minutes of Crawfordsville Convention, may be found the authority of the Committee. The Charter will be symbolic, and shall be constructed as follows:

The outline shall be an arch, resting on pedestals. Each pedestal shall rest immediately upon a book on which shall be the words: "Bond and Constitution of the Phi Delta Theta," and this book shall rest upon a book upon which shall be the words: "Holy Bible." Upon the left pedestal shall be in capital Greek letters, Alpha, Omega,

Mu, Eta, the date of the foundation of the fraternity, while the right pedestal shall be blank, in order that the capital Greek numerals indicating the year of the establishment of the Chapter may be written.

The left side of the arch shall be divided into four pieces, upon the lowest of which shall be the Greek word, Pistis, (Faith); upon the second, Gnosis, (Knowledge); upon the third, Hupomane, (Patience); upon the highest, Philadelphia, (Brotherly Love). The Right Arch shall have three divisions, upon the first, Arete, (Virtue); the middle, Egkrateia, (Temperance); the third, Eusebeia, (Godliness. While upon the Keystone shall be the word, Agape, (Charity.) Upon the upper edge of the Keystone shall be in Greek letters of the order—Phi Delta Theta. Immediately beneath the Keystone shall be an eye.

In the upper right hand corner, in the blank formed by the deflection of the curve in the Arch, shall be a Black Shield, with the Silver Cross and Stars. In the left vacancy shall be the Coat of Arms.

The form of the Charter shall be as follows :

*.....Grand Chapter of the PHI DELTA THETA.

Upon all whom these Presents may come, greeting :

Know ye that the †.....Grand Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta, in full meeting, hath given and granted, and by these presents doth give and grant to. ‡.....and their successors, this Charter, in testimony that they and their successors have been constituted the ||.....Chapter of the Phi Delta Order, and that the guardianship of the interests of the Phi Delta Theta at §.....has been entrusted to them; and that all and singular, its rights, privileges and immunities have been conferred upon them, so long as they preserve inviolate and inviolable the Bond and Constitution of the Order, obey the mandates of the National Convention, and submit to the ruling of the National Grand Chapter; otherwise it shall be null and void.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the officers of the *.....Grand Chapter have affixed their names this.....day of.....187...

{ L. S. }

.....President.
.....Secretary.
.....Recorder.
.....Warden.

*Name of Grand Chapter Granting Charter.

†Names of Grantors.

‡Names of Grantees.

||Name of Chapter Organized.

§Name of Institution.

Since the Committee on Revising the Titles of Chapters, (Minutes pp. 32 and 33) need the Charters immediately, and since the expense of making a correct and elegant engraving of the design is heavy, the Committee, if the fraternity adopt the above plan, offers the following resolution passed at the National Grand Chapter, Nov. 17, 1874:

"Since the expenses of the fraternity are at present so burdensome, and the cost of engraving the design of the Charter will be great, be it

Resolved, That a temporary Charter be adopted, for use until the fraternity orders the printing of the design, consisting merely of the form of wording, omitting the symbolism, to be printed on heavy bond paper.

Respectfully, Yours in the Bond,

CHARLEY T. JAMIESON.

A LETTER.

BAY CITY, MICH., Feb. 22, 1875.

The latest offspring of our beloved fraternity, the SCROLL, has come with its bright, cheery face away up here into the bleak Saginaw Valley, but has met, even here, with a reception probably not surpassed in warmth, by that given it, by our brethren of the "sunny south."

This flourishing "city of saw mills," unfortunately affords but one representative of the shield and dagger, and he (your humble correspondent) is but a temporary resident. During the last year, but one hand has met mine in the fraternal clasp, and its owner, a peregrinating member of the Indiana Beta, tarried with me but a few days; hence, the appearance of the SCROLL was hailed with delight, as a representation of the whole brotherhood.

It will hardly do for me to send you the chilling thermometrical record of this region for the present month, but I may perhaps be permitted to darkly hint of congealed mercury, and the other concomitants of cool weather. The warmth of friendship, however, is not dependent on the condition of mercury, nor even the brotherly regard of a Phi be gauged by Fahrenheit's most accurate instrument, and if some of the many readers of the SCROLL could but dive with me into the pile of robes with which our sleighs are filled, and go whirling over the snow and out on the broad bosom of Saginaw

Bay among the fishermen's huts which, everywhere, dot its congealed surface, they would be ready to admit that even this frigid climate is not without its pleasures, and if their noses escaped "unnipped," would probably vow they had a good time.

I am sorry to see no report of the old Ohio Beta in the first number of our magazine. Hope the boys will wake up and not let our faithful little chapter take a back seat. If I mistake not, the SCROLL owes its existence to a suggestion from the Ohio Beta, which was made at the Danville convention in 1872, by our delegate, Bro. P. S. Goodwin, and it does not look well to see her abandon the "young hopeful" on somebody else's doorstep. Don't do it boys!

HERBERT C. JONES.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

NATIONAL GRAND CHAPTER.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER, O., March 26. 1875.

The middle term of a college year is seldom important in fraternity matters. The initiations and other peculiar works are performed usually at the beginning of the first term, or at the final of the last, reserving the second for college hard work. Such has been our experience heretofore, and such it has proved this time.

The first thing of interest was the establishing of the Ohio Eta, (new count) at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. About the middle of the last term, a correspondence was begun by Rev. Thad. C. Duley, of Middleport, Ohio, with a member of this chapter, relative to the founding of Phi Delta Theta in Buchtel. The matter was discussed in the chapter, and resulted in a correspondence between the chapter and Arthur M. Ralston, of Buchtel, subsequently continued by Arthur C. White. The matter ended by Messrs. Ralston, White and W. D. Shipman making a pilgrimage to Wooster, on the 19th of January, for the purpose of initiation, which ceremony was performed that evening, and a charter was granted, on application, the same meeting. Perhaps an incident of the evening will impress upon the minds of members of the Order the necessity of keeping their trunks locked. Soon after the Athens minutes were issued, a Sigma Chi remarked to one of our boys that "you Phis have been making some

change in your initiation ceremony." As this Sigma Chi's speculative tendencies were well known, we at once supposed he had obtained unbidden access to some Phi Delta Theta's trunk—his room-mate being a Phi, and the one to whom he made the remark. Nothing further was said until the night of the above initiation, when they sent a boy to Mr. White, then at Phi Delta Theta headquarters awaiting initiation, with a letter having the entire initiation ceremony written therein. However, the Sigma Chi's changed the location of their smiles, when a few weeks later their constitution was printed and made public after the manner of distributing "boguses." And on the matter of initiation ceremony, our chapter is looking for the report of the committee on Ritual with considerable solicitude. A good, ingenious ritual is a great desideratum, we think, to any fraternity. About the first of this term, Bro. Carson received a letter from Bro. G. M. Lambertson, Indiana Delta, relative to the establishing of a chapter at Lincoln, Nebraska. He spoke in glowing terms of the prospects of the University, and we, falling in with the idea of the importance of gaining the first foothold, so worked that on our last meeting, we granted them a charter as the Nebraska Alpha and Nebraska Grand Chapter, Phi Delta Theta. Adding this to the list, in which the Kentucky Gamma reported, I suppose by the Kentucky Alpha being included, we now number, living and dead, forty chapters. We have the quantity. If any member should question the quality, let him look at the members of his chapter and see if he can find any one whom he would be reluctant to send as a specimen, to any of our best chapters. This is the crucial test.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

CENTRE COLLEGE, DANVILLE, KY., Mar. 19, 1875.

EDITORS SCROLL:—The first number of the SCROLL has been received, and it is needless to say we gave it a hearty welcome. We will not prepare our report with any extended remarks upon its excellence. No doubt you have been wearied with congratulations already. We cannot help saying, however, that it is worthy of the patronage of every Phi Delta Theta, and that we shall re-double our efforts in extending its influence. If the success of the past is an earnest of the future, we have little doubt but that our magazine will rank among the very first of publications.

Since our last communication we have, with one or two exceptions perhaps, nothing of much interest to record. While we have had no additions to our number, nothing has occurred to interrupt the gen-

eral "even tenor of our way." We have, I trust, been waxing strong in the faith. Our chapter now numbers ten. One of our members, Bro. Chenault, was recalled home a few days after the writing of our last report. He is persuing his studies at home however, and will be able to enter his class next year again. We are expecting, and I think we can safely say, that we will have several initiations before the close of the term. I cannot, however, say how soon; but while our members have not been on the increase, we have not been altogether inactive. At the beginning of the present month, we succeeded in establishing the Kentucky Gamma at Georgetown college. This honor is chiefly due to Bros. Abner and Jno. Rogers, who have been attending the above institution during the present collegiate year. Owing to opposition that had hitherto been manifested towards secret fraternities at the college, considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the chapter started; but now, our brethren inform us, the prejudice has, to a great extent, subsided, and that they have before them every prospect for a prosperous future. There is no similar fraternity at the college.

The Kentucky Beta was formerly in existence at the Kentucky Military Institute, at Franklin Springs. The Beta chapter never flourished however, and the charter was surrendered soon after it was established. As much as we regret to say it, there is a dearth of first-class colleges in Kentucky, and the majority of the higher educational institutions of whatever kind are opposed to secret fraternities. We have made repeated efforts to establish chapters, and have failed principally on account of the refusal of the faculties of the institutions to which we have applied to give their consent to the establishing of any such organizations. Wherever we would establish chapters, we cannot—where we can we won't. Centre College, while perhaps not directly encouraging, has never lifted up her voice against secret societies. All of her faculty, indeed, with but one exception, are members of Greek fraternities. The professor of Greek, as well as the principal of the grammar school, are both Phis, and members of the Kentucky Alpha.

I do not think it necessary, nor do I consider that this is the place to enter into any encomium upon the Kentucky Alpha. Like Massachusetts, she needs none, "by their fruits ye shall know them." But while we may be behind some of our sisters in the organization of chapters, we will yield the palm to none with respect to "good and distinguished men."

Yours in the Bond,

JNO. D. FLEMING.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PENN., Mar. 13, 1875.

Our chapter is still flourishing. The college classes containing twenty-two of our men. We have two correspondent members—one having been added to that list since our last report—Bro. Taylor, of the class of '76. He was obliged to leave college on account of ill health. The course of this chapter has ever been upward, and onward since its establishment in the early summer of '73, by J. C. Irwin, A. Leard, T. W. Leard, and W. H. McCurdy. The last mentioned individual, shortly after obtaining the charter, resigned, a circumstance that has since been proven to have been a blessing in disguise. The others are still earnest working Phis. They have the honor of planting the Phi Delta Theta standard on "College Hill," and "Minerva-like" we have sprung forth full armed, and equal to any of our competitors. Bro. Hulings, of the class of '76, was one of the orators from this college at the Inter-Collegiate contest in New York, on the 7th of last January. Bro. Asa Leard will be one of the orators at the Junior Prize Speaking, held here in Pardee Hall during next term. Bro. Park will participate in the same, being one of the orators chosen to represent the Franklin Literary Society on that occasion. Bro. Leard represents the interests of Washington Literary Society, on that contest. Our men are the most active in the literary societies; there are no failures when they are the performers, consequently, we have a high literary character. All our members are well pleased with the SCROLL, and heartily endorse the idea of making it our great channel of intercourse. Since we last reported, we have received another man, and expect to get several more before the year closes. Phi Delta Theta, the flower of the West, appears to have found a congenial home in Easton, on the banks of the Delaware. We have requested the resignation of two of our chapter since its origin, viz: M. Bixby and M. J. Youngblood. This is the way we lop off all extraneous branches. We wish a tree symmetrical and sound, and will trim off to the stump in order to secure a good and firmly planted stock. We are still strong in twenty-two live, active men, fully realizing the lofty ideal to which we all aspire, and are daily striving to render it actual.

OHIO ETA.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, AKRON, O., March 5, 1875.

Mr. Thad. C. Druly, an old member of the Ohio Alpha, and at present a Universalist minister at Middleport, Ohio, some time ago

entered into correspondence with A. M. Ralston, concerning the prospect for establishing a Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta here. Mr. Ralston, assisted by A. C. White and others, worked the matter up, and on the 19th of January, those two gentlemen, accompanied by W. D. Shipman, went down to Wooster. The trio was met by a company of zealous Phis of the National Grand, taken over the town and initiated that evening into the mysteries of the sacred bond. They returned next day to Akron full of Phi spirit, and straightway organized our chapter here. Before the month closed, eleven members were enrolled, and two more were taken during February.

The Delta Tau Deltas have a chapter here, and as they had the field all to themselves at first, they managed to enroll some of our best students. But already we more than equal them in strength, and, as they will lose five or six men next commencement, while we lose only one. Our prospects for coming time are much the brightest. Moreover, they hold no regular meetings, which we think is a great misfortune—to them.

We are happy to enter the fraternity at such an auspicious period, and are especially proud that the Ohio *Eta* and the SCROLL are twins in time if not in parentage. We also feel honored in being located so near the National Grand—nearest of all. Our members are, of course, all fine fellows, and determined to make the Ohio *Eta* a worthy and successful chapter. They rank high in class, and take a prominent part in the literary work. The President of our Bryant society is a Phi. We have not yet secured a hall, but are putting forth efforts to obtain one, and we trust that soon, when we shall don the dagger and shield, and “come out” into the astonished gaze of the multitude, we shall be working as busy as bees for the noble objects set forth in the bond.

D. W. SHIPMAN, Sec’y Ohio *Eta*.

MICHIGAN BETA.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LANSING, MICH., Mar. 17, 1875.

Once more through the SCROLL, the Michigan Beta sends greeting to her sister chapters: If the SCROLL had been established for no other purpose than that of furnishing a means of communication among the chapters, its work would have been sufficient; but no, the Phis are looking for something higher, viz: The attainment of a high standard of intellectual and moral culture. If the first number of the SCROLL is any reflection of what will follow, we predict for it a glorious future.

The Michigan Beta has steadily grown in reputation since its organization in '73, and to-day has the highest regard of both faculty and students. We have had only one opposing element, viz: The Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and it, we have vanquished and left far in the rear. As a mark of the difference in progress, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity existed over two years before one of them had or wore a badge, and they now boast of only half a dozen, while the Phis had existed only a little over six months, and they could boast of a good square dozen badges. The most pleasing feature of the whole affair is that the Deltas did not purchase any badges till long after the Phis had set the example.

There are some things in which we think the convention is either negligent or very slow in bringing about. We very much feel the need of some good form of installation. Our chapter has adopted one which is quite brief, and too extemporaneous to entirely meet the demand. The fraternity also needs a monogram. We believe there was a committee reported on one at the convention of '73, but the matter did not go farther. Extended organizations, also, merits attention, and some better means of carrying it out should be devised. Our chapter is vigorously at work in unity and good fellowship, and the prospects are fair for glowing results in '75.

PHI DELTA.

INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND., March 18, 1875.

We are able to report the Indiana Epsilon Chapter as in a flourishing condition. We have ten members, which number is large enough when we consider that there are five fraternities represented here, while there are only about one hundred and fifteen students in the college. Our members stand well in their classes. One of them will take the first honor in the present senior class, and for several years we have taken the highest honors in the literary societies of the college.

We have an elegantly furnished hall, and no chapter has more interesting or more profitable meetings than ours. Our chapter has been in existence a very few years, but we have an Alumni of which we are all proud. None are idle, but all are making their way up in the world, and all reflect honor, both upon the chapter and the fraternity.

The Indiana Epsilon has been instrumental in founding many of the best and most prominent chapters of the fraternity, and we hope to do even more in the future than we have done in the past.

INDIANA GAMMA.

N. W. C. UNIVERSITY, INDIANAPOLIS, April 16, 1875.

The Indiana Gamma still lives and flourishes. We have our seasons of rejoicing, among which was our recent success in the Indiana Oratorical Contest, when we had the pleasure of sharing the laurels, through the efforts of our noble Bro. S. J. Tomlinson.

Thirteen of the Gamma boys attended. At the close of the exercises, the boys of the Alpha, through the hospitality of Prof. Wylie, tendered Phi delegations of the various colleges of the State, a banquet which cannot be surpassed by any chapter in the brotherhood. The festivities were enjoyed until a late hour, when the party quietly disbanded, leaving behind, an evening's enjoyment never to be forgotten. Long may the Alpha boys wave, for surely it has never been our privilege to meet those who are more earnestly engaged in the work to be accomplished by Phi Delta Thetas than they. We, of the Gamma, welcome the SCROLL; we can't do without it; It supplies a need long felt. Let every Phi give it his support A. M. L.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y., April 3, 1875.

Your correspondent is courting inspiration under very unfavorable circumstances. It is the post-prandial part of a hopelessly, rainy day, and the far reaching valley—under fairer skies itself an inspiration—lies a mass of blue fog and muddy hill-sides, its extent and lack of æsthetical interest reminding one of what the disgusted agriculturist said of his swamp farm, "The more you have, the poorer you are." Even Cayuga, of which the poet sang, "A fairer lake one ne'er may see." Even Cayuga, in summer, a vision of loveliness changing with every hour, and delightful with every change, now hides its tortuous length among love-lying, fog-covered hills, and takes its silent way to Lake Ontario, with its pellucid depths, hidden by rotten ice and muddy water. The gorges are the only factors of the occasion that seem to be really enjoying themselves, and they are roaring and rushing and tumbling as only a spring freshet on a down grade of four hundred feet to the mile can tumble and rush and roar. Thus far, a preliminary run to get under headway, now a jump into the doings of the New York Alpha.

Since our last report, we have initiated one man, and have now sixteen—the largest number ever in the chapter at one time. The

new convert is our fifth man from Indianapolis, and our second haul from the present freshman class, Bro. Charles Carroll Brown. He is a son of Prof. Brown, Superintendent of Public Schools of Indianapolis, and himself a graduate of the high school, located in that growing village. During last year, he was connected with the Indianapolis Public Library, but has lately been developing a remarkable taste for engineering and apple-sauce.

During last term, Bro. Andrew introduced a pleasant variation into our regular literary exercises, viz: the reading of his autobiography before the chapter by each member. They are regularly assigned, one for each evening, and have proven the most entertaining part of the exercises. If a man ever becomes eloquent it is when he is talking of himself.

On account of a press of other work, Bro. Carpenter was compelled to resign his position on the editorial board of the *Cornellian* and Bro. Greene was elected in his stead. The *Cornellian* will be out in a week or so, but of its contents, nothing is known, even by fraternity men, until it appears.

This chapter owns a very handsome coat of arms, which was procured for the above mentioned annual. It was designed by Bro. J. K. Cady, and engraved by Speer, the celebrated wood engraver of the *Aldine*, and consists of a large monogram of the letters "Phi Delta Theta," partially covered by our regular coat of arms, and the whole backed up by clouds. At Bro. Carpenter's suggestion, we had a lot of writing paper printed with this cut, name of chapter, University and place, date of founding, etc. It is very neat and appropriate for Phi correspondence.

We have been making some preparations to celebrate our anniversary one week from to-day. The bill of fare will probably be essays, readings, a history, oration, prophecy and poem, to conclude with other refreshments of a more substantial character. The other fraternities here have a custom which we propose to follow this year. The whole chapter sits for its picture in a group, and each member thus has a pleasant souvenir of his chapter for all time. Bro. S. W. Carpenter is President of the Philatheatan Literary Society for this term, and will probably hold the same office in the chapter.

Now an item or two university news. The graduating classes this year will number about sixty, not a very large proportion to the whole number of students, (521) but there is nothing more natural than the way under-grads fall before the deadly examinations. Last year's class graduated seventy-two. The seniors have begun to sit for class pictures, and so far, are quite well satisfied with the result, being a rather good looking set of fellows. They have engag-

ed Graffula, of New York, to furnish a band of twenty-five pieces for music on class-day and commencement. The last named event will take place June 17th, being considerably earlier than last year, in order to avoid the hot weather, and make the summer vacation long enough to give the professors who wish to do so, a little run over Europe. Although short, the term will be quite interesting on several accounts. Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, Canada, will continue his course of lectures on English history; Prof. Felix Adler, of New York City, will lecture on Oriental history, and Bayard Taylor, after an absence of several years, again lectures on German literature. Vice-President Russell, will continue his class in American historical essays on the plan of Prof. C. K. Adams, of Michigan University. It has proven quite a success, as might have been anticipated in an institution where so much attention is paid to historical and political studies. Considerable disappointment is felt because Prof. Hartt has not returned from Brazil in time to deliver his spring lectures on Geology. He has already one large volume on the physical geography of that country, and two or three more in preparation on its geology and antiquities. It is hinted that Prof. Hartt stands a good chance of being appointed imperial geologist of Brazil. It has also been rumored here that President White may have a call to Washington as Secretary of State. Few men in the United States could bring a riper scholarship or sounder executive ability to that position than he. The fact that President Grant sends his son Jesse here in preference to older and better established institutions, is a slight indication of his regard for President White as well as his respect for Cornell University. Even if President White became Secretary of State, it is probable that the University would insist that he retain his position as its head.

W. O. B.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 7, 1875.

Bro. A. Wendall Jackson, Jr., Ph. B., of the California Alpha, paid us a flying visit to-day on his way to Boston, *en route* for Leipsig, Germany, where he will take a course in minerology and lithology. We did what we could to make the call a pleasant one for him, and he expressed himself as extremely well pleased with the scenery, University and New York Alpha. We found him a genial true Phi, and only regret that we could not see him longer.

THE CONVENTION.

Many letters have been received from the Alumni members which we regard of interest to the fraternity, but space will not per-

mit us to insert but a very few. One of our charter members, Hon. A. W. Rogers, writes as follows:

WARRENSBURG, Mo., August 15, 1874.

BRO. C. D. WHITEHEAD:—Your kind and very welcome letter of the 13th inst., came to hand last evening. A few days since, I received the minutes of the National Conventions of '73 and '74 of the Phi Delta Theta. I did not know to whom I was indebted for this favor. I had heard little or nothing of the fraternity since my leaving college in 1851. I was agreeably astonished to be waked up at our June term of Court by Bro. W. N. Pickerill's saluting me as a Phi. I was much more astonished, and perfectly delighted to hear through him, something of the present, certainly very flattering condition and prospects of my fraternity. It seemed to me that I had been asleep for twenty-five years and more, only to be awakened at this date to the fact that the little fraternity organized in 1848 had grown and strengthened until the whole Union had been brought to feel its influence. I felt that of a surety, my life had not been in vain. You ask me if I can find time to correct proof and aid in finding some more complete dates of the early condition of the fraternity. Yes! certainly, I will find time to do any reasonable thing in my power in furthering the interests of the brotherhood. Send proof sheets at any time when you have them ready. Bro. R. Morrison, who is, I think, at or near Wooster, Ohio, (I had a catalogue from him some months since,) would be the best on the early reminiscences of the organization. I think Drake is some where in Ohio. I had a letter from him some ten months or a year since from Dayton, Ohio. For the present whereabouts of all these members, I would advise you to write to Prof. R. H. Bishor, of Oxford, Ohio. I believe he is still there. He will probably be well posted. I think Gen. Benj. Harrison of your city was a charter member. Also, Samuel R. Mathews, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio. Hunt these men up at your leisure and talk with them. Command my services in any way, and I shall help you all I can. I will see about the visit to Danville, Ky., next May. With many thanks for your kindness, I am ever your brother in the bond.

A. W. ROGERS.

That is the way brother (or we should be more reverent and say) Father Rogers feels toward the institution which he helped to rock in its infancy. We are glad he is proud of it, and manifests so much interest. By the aid of the SCROLL, we can enlist the attention, and interest hundreds of others who, for want of information, are not awake to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta. By published minutes and increased communications, we have more than doubled the zeal of our members everywhere. Let us keep this up, and all

put their shoulder and a dollar to the wheel, and make the SCROLL a welcome messenger to every Phi in christendom. Bring on your one dollars for that is what raises the wheel out, and in the words of the classic Yankee, "makes the mare go."

CHICAGO, ILLS., March 5, 1875.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your note of inquiry, dated 3rd inst., is before me. I have my engagement for our next annual re-union in mind, and expect to be prepared *deo volente* for that occasion. I cannot report progress for the reason that I have not as yet even a subject. Can you help me in this respect? But I have great faith that if the Muse does not lend me inspiration, or give me wings to touch the blue, I can, at least, borrow some humbler rhymes from patient labor, and so jog along. I will try to take Indianapolis *en route*—will see you.

Yours Fraternally,

W. P. BLACK.

We have no fear but that the Muse will attend Col. Black, for he will court her with "patient labor."

Prof. A. M. Burbank, writes from Springfield, Ohio, March 18th, and says he fears he cannot be at the convention at Danville, and wishes some other member blessed with music in his soul, would take his place as chorister. Let some good brother volunteer his services. Don't all write at once for the appointment.

We have seen and had communications from many of our older members who declare their intentions of joining in the reunion at Danville. Among them are: Rev. L. F. Walker, of the 9th Presbyterian church, Indianapolis; Prof. A. C. Alcott, who attended the reunion at Crawfordsville last year, and Bro. W. N. Pickerill, of Clinton, Mo. You will see Judge Rogers talks of coming, and Judge Phillips, of Sedalia has given us some assurance that he will be there, as that is his old stamping ground. Our orator, Col. Bullitt, says he will be with us, and give us his best effort. Does any one say we won't have one of our best reunions at Danville? No, the prospects for a good time never were better. Come one, come all. Let us duplicate the grand time we had at Crawfordsville, and with our old leaders, Rogers, Phillips, Bullitt, Black, and our younger men, Lambertson, Beckwith, Thompkins, Marshall, Carpenter and Jamieson, with us can't we have the best time Phi Delta Theta has ever known? Everybody says, yes!

All except two or three chapters have reported to me already, the number of their initiations this year. I had hoped to hear from all

before going to press with this issue, but leaving out all that have not reported already, I can safely say there has been a large increase over former years. The first of April, I sent to all the chapters, the account of their tax and dues to the Grand Banker. I hope each chapter will answer letters promptly, and correct any mistakes I may have made, and respond as promptly with the money called for as they can. The tax is very light this year. It may not be enough to meet all the expenses of the year, but it was thought better to ask another additional amount in September, rather than levy more than we may need now.

The arrangements for reduced rates over the railroads to the convention has not been fully determined, but there is no doubt but it can be accomplished. We are quite sure of half rates from this point to Danville. Whatever arrangements are made will be announced to the delegates. I wish all chapters to notify me as soon as they elect their delegate, who he is, and how many beside him they expect to send, so arrangements may be made for their transportation and convenience when they arrive at Danville.

C. D. WHITEHEAD, Grand Banker,

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A GOOD many of our subscribers still owe their subscription. To run the SCROLL, we must have the money promptly. The publishers are willing to devote their time and labor, but the fraternity must support it with their dollars. To all such, we say send at once.

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BY W. P. BLACK.

Into the infinite blue,
With treasures stored from the great deep,
Move swift the dark clouds, charged to their lips
(Ragged and torn with the strength
Of wild passions imprisoned, but breaking
Forth from their dark folds,) with lightning,
Leaping and raging, and opening the door for the storm.

Heavy and fev'rish the air,
And the clouds hanging low. Gasping
The whole world, and praying while fearing
The storm. Praying, because evermore
More dread to the earth is dead calm
Long unbroken; the air without pulse
Of sweet winds singing low to the ear
The song of full life in free motion,
Of joy in advance, of strength in the wave
That's begot by the breeze in the bosom of ocean,
Than the storm, though most dread, which sweeps on
With the grand march of power unchained,
Though an arrow of death here and there may be hid

Beneath the dark wings o'er the heavens outspread
 And though now and then a sharp bolt may be sped
 To silence forever some poor heart's commotion.

First in the air,
 That bore the dread burden of silence till now,
 Is heard a low moaning, and motion is felt :—
 And the murmur and touch of the breath but just born
 Startle the watcher who looks to the sky
 With bared brow and worn face,
 And hopes, (yet the hope is but voiced in a sigh,
 So faint is the hope,) that the end draweth nigh
 Of the long summer-fever, whose hot hand has lain
 On the parched earth, and scorched it in valley and plain,
 And held the worn world in a burning embrace
 To be cooled by the on-coming rain.

The breath wakes the leaves and they shake off the dust,
 And wearily move and unite a sweet tone
 To the murmur, that swells and then dies
 Then is quickened again, then is lost in a moan,
 As if the sweet sound were unreal. But just
 When the silence has settled again, a surprise
 Comes over the land—and the murmur, now grown
 By a steadier sweep of the wind, comes again,
 And wakens new voices, that take up the strain
 Of joy for the life that is coming through pain :
 And into the shade that but now cooled the day
 Leaps out the fierce lightning, and follows the roar
 Of the thunder's deep tone, like the surf on the shore
 Heard far through the star-vigiled night.

The gloom grows still darker ; while all through the air
 Runs a tremor, as if the whole world, filled with fear,
 Awaited a judgment, delayed, but full sure
 To fall on the victim. Strange voices, now near,
 Now afar in the distance, sob low as in prayer,
 Or cry out in anguish as filled with despair.

But soon the full chorus absorbs every tone
 That erst-while was heard in a separate moan,
 And the tempest rules now, its black front lit with fire,
 That rends the wild clouds, or is flung to the earth.
 All else now is silent ; no vestige of mirth
 Is seen on the faces of men, but an awe
 And a quiet, as waiting some sentence most dire.

Then the rain comes! The blessed and most welcome rain,
 Pouring out from the windows of heaven :
 It drenches the parch'd land, fills valley and plain
 With treasures from out the clouds riven.

And with the music of the falling shower
 The storm is stilled.
 The rain with blessing crowns the passing hour :
 The air is filled

With whisp'rings of God's mercy never worn
 Though oft forgot ;
 Of love the same in calm or wildest storm—
 Love changing not.

The whisp'ring rain-drops purify the air
 As soft they fall,
 Their murm'ring music, an unspoken prayer :
 "Thou GOD of all

"Send down Thy blessing from an opened heaven
 "On man below !
 "No plea we make but what thyself hast given—
 "*Thou lov'st them so !*"

The mutt'ring thunder now afar is heard,
 So faint and low to music it is turned
 By the dim distance—and a sweet-voiced bird,
 Shaking the moisture from its quivering wing,
 And springing upward with glad tone doth sing.
 The tempest passed, while blithely welcoming
 The sunshine, breaking from the bright-hued west,
 Where, on the back-ground of the broken cloud,
 Drifting away and melting in the blue,
 The light enkindles many an altar-flame
 That shines in glory, burning to the true
 And only GOD, who is forever blessed !
 And human lips are opened for a song,
 And human hopes are quickened by the glow,
 And human faith spreads pinion free and strong,
 While human souls, lit by the glory, grow
 In the bright vision of this beauty given,
 A beacon-light, to draw our thoughts to Heaven.

The altar-flames fade, and the splendor grows dim,
 As the shadows of night speed the day,
 But the stars of the firmament glorify Him
 Who hath kindled each beautiful ray.

And still the night moves on with a wonderful grace
 Till its full course is perfectly run,
 And all its sweet voices are voices of peace
 As of old, when its first song begun.

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Now sit we down at nature's gentle feet
 To learn her teachings—read the wondrous SCROLL
 Spread out below, above, and ever filled
 With picture-lessons for our human view.
 The life that has no testing by the storm,
 No breaking of the deadly calm of perfect ease,
 Grows selfish, and without a noble use ;
 No purpose, no desire beyond the scope of self.
 A dead sea, out of which there never runs
 A stream to water any parched land,
 And in whose waters naught of life is found.
 Nay, if a bird of Heaven, some gen'rous thought,
 Attempt to fly above the deadly pool,
 It lifeless falls into the stagnant deep.
 And like the hot breath of a fev'rish day
 The very life of such self-centred soul
 Is death to others. How it needs the storm
 To purify this air, to break the spell
 That rests like death's embrace upon the one
 Who lives but in such mockery of life !
 The ministry of suffering in our lives
 Is one of those deep questions of the soul
 O'er which we vex us oft, and oft in vain.
 And yet the answer of this inquiry
 Is voiced and writ through nature everywhere,
 And everywhere we find full well approved
 The wisdom of the plan that made the law,
 That we bring forth in pain the fruit of life.
 And he who has no sense of sorrowing,
 Who never tastes the cup of grief or woe,
 Who never knows a cloud sweep through his sky,
 Can have no part in the sweet ministry

To others' need, which is the noblest aim
 Of human life; can have no worthy share
 In the great work of that divinest One,
 That "Man of Sorrows," and acquaint with grief,
 Who by His suffering has forever joined
 The human and Divine, and by his feet
 Has marked a path that shall forever shine
 Up from the earthly to the infinite—
 The path of service and unselfish love.

Nor more prepared
 For the sweet work of truest life is he
 Who doth rebel against the chastening,
 By which his nature's dross is purged away
 If he submit in love to the Refining One
 Who fans the flame, or lets the hammer fall
 Only so long as needs to temper well,
 And fit for action and a noble use!
 He who rebels makes shipwreck of the plan.

The painless souls are e'er the barren ones!
 They bring no happy children to the birth;
 No grand thoughts throng their ever-sluggish brains,
 Or push for utterance to a listening world.
 No noble purposes do ever find
 Through *such* a blest fruition—and no deed
 Of glorious note finds such a lifeless soul
 An instrument for its accomplishment.

Yet never think
 Because this law is set about our lives,
 That life is therefore sorrowful, or draped in gloom
 Or sorrow to be sought for its own sake.
 Nature ne'er hastens to the coming storm,
 But waits its advent with a stately mien
 And hush that seems a prayer to Him
 Who rules, that *His* will should be done.
 The storm comes only at His ordering
 In its appointed time. So if we look to Him,
 He will administer the time of storm,
 The days of sorrow, hours of suffering,
 Which shall work out their perfect work in us,
 Perfecting us for His own glorious work
 To which He calls us. While within our souls,

Like the sweet calm that follows after storm,
Filled with the glory of a perfect day,
All peace and joy shall find a dwelling place,
And the sweet sunshine shall illumine our way.

Count sorrow not an ill, nor ease a joy !
Think not self-sacrifice the supremest end
Of any life, but rather sacrifice !
Know that you gain in giving out your store
With liberal hand, unstinting, joyously,
Like a full fountain, flowing evermore !
For GOD will measure back through human hands
Or keep a treasure in the infinite
'Gainst your home-coming to the heavenly hills !
Judge that the soul is higher than the flesh,
The spirit-life the first, and of most worth,
And GOD's approval of unselfish ways
And humble life of hidden sacrifice,
Of far more value than the common praise
Of this rude world and its ill-judging throng !
Set the Christ-life before you as your guide,
A life made perfect by its suffering.
Then, though all time with you be tempest-wrought,
The end will be surpassing glory then,
And the sweet song of triumph and of praise
To Him who makes the morning joy come forth
After the sorrow, during for a night.

Your life may seem to you all sacrifice,
Laid on an altar, and forever lost,
Touched by the fire to ashes, and unknown,
But He, whose throne is set above the sky,
Will keep the names of those who serve him here
Writ in His book ; not one will be forgot,
Though men may make no records of their lives,
And He who changes not, nor e'er can change,
Will gather up the ashes from these fires
Of sacrifice; and set such souls on high,
Transmuted into Him by love's grand alchemy.

ADDRESS

BY COL. THOS. W. BULLITT, BEFORE THE 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.

Ladies and Gentlemen ; Brethren of the Phi Delta Theta :—

Waiving that higher value which these gatherings have, as an appointed means to develop the objects of our order, they are useful in another view, especially to those of us who have gone out from you to the wider sphere of an active business life. They help to mark the years which we have traveled, recalling the past they point also to the future, into which, with the same steady pace we are all moving.

It seems a brief space since our little chapter used to meet in the old building over there, striving to kindle a mutual enthusiasm for the ends of virtue, and intellectual growth to which we were pledged by the terms of our bond. Yet it has been nearly thirty years, and as I look back, the vista is crowded with scenes which have been wrought not contemporaneously but successively, through this flight of years.

Many of the good old people, whose kindly virtues and genial warmth spoke of the better days of our fathers, and many, very many of the younger ones too, have fallen by the way. Even the face of the old town is altered, for the flames have swept over it as they have over the hearts and lives of so many of those whose presence gladdened the days to which I have adverted. But I doubt not, your brief stay here has shown that the spirit of hospitality and kindness still survives among the people of Danville. Time was, when as one of them, I could have given you welcome as guests, and now I know I speak truly on their behalf, when I say that you are welcome now and always. But this is not my theme, though it is one upon which I could dwell.

Nearly twenty years have elapsed since I was within the halls of one of your chapters; the whole tenor of my life having drifted into channels foreign to purely literary exercises, you will believe me it was with some surprise, as well as embarrassment, that I received your call to the discharge of the present duty.

I had no choice, however, but to respond in such manner as I might be able. Candidly, too, I felt that from the teeming world of thought around us, the difficulty could not be great in finding much

that should be of common interest for us. Yet when I came to gather up from what seemed this vast open field, the demands of business, and even more than these, the habits of professional life and thought, seemed like absolute fetters on the mind; and painfully, I must confess, I recoiled again and again from the task. Gradually out of this environment merged the train of reflection which I propose to submit to you.

My own experience seems to indicate that I could not better perform this duty than by suggesting, especially on behalf of these younger men who have yet to form habits of thought and study, some considerations touching the importance of preserving among all the demands of business a degree of literary taste and culture. What I shall say within the brief limits of this address, can of course be suggestive only. If given in a plain and homely way, let what I have previously said be my sufficient excuse.

Let me be clearly understood, at the outset, that I do not urge or advise literary culture to the sacrifice in any degree of that main pursuit, which each man should select as his path to fortune and to eminence. I have no war to make with the maxim that concentrated energy and thought are essential to success in business. Rightly understood, the principle is just, and is the only sure key to success.

The thought which I wish to develop, is that the constant exercise of a well-regulated literary taste is not only a joy in youth, a consolation in age, but is an important element in the formation of character and a powerful ally in every calling of life. What I desire to impress is, that literary culture is not inconsistent with the steady prosecution of business; and that the contrary opinion, too prevalent even among thoughtful people, is not only untrue but of a most mischievous tendency. I am not mistaken in attributing to such opinion an extensive as well as a dangerous influence. In every branch of business, and in every class of society, its effects are more or less apparent. Occasionally it will manifest itself in open opposition to everything like literary progress. Some of our most excellent old fashioned people look with concern, if not with some disgust, upon the innovations which a little learning may induce their sons to make on the ways of their fathers; as when a good farmer is spoiled to make a poor doctor, or as in the case of an old *confrere* of some of my Danville friends, who was so attached to the "cash system" that he would not teach his boys arithmetic for fear they would "keep books;" and an old German shoemaker in my own town is disposed to make lasting war on the public school system

because his son who passed honorably through the grades now wants to be "von tam lawyer."

But this, the most reasonable, is also the most harmless form of opposition to general literary development, where it transcends a mere contempt for the vanity that accompanies superficial acquirements—its absurdity deprives it of power. A far more serious obstacle, as you will find in your intercourse with the world is the indifference, if not contempt, with which the masses of our most active professional and business men regard everything outside of the sphere of their respective pursuits. The almost universal tendency among us is to become pure specialists, ignoring everything which does not tend immediately in the direction of our peculiar labors. To some of the inconveniences and dangers involved in this tendency I invite your thoughtful consideration.

Reflect, then, for a moment upon the general objects of life and see if they do not transcend, very far, the compass of any profession or pursuit usual among men. Man is not a machine for business only—he is a citizen also; he is a member of society; he is a member, perhaps the head, of a family; he is an immortal being. I do not stop to even suggest the vast scope of the duties and obligations devolved upon him by this complex relation. I ask you to reflect upon the nature and extent of the several pursuits which are open to you as a means of a livelihood or as a path to distinction. To the larger number of young men the prospect of entrance upon active business life possesses something almost of romance. It lies before them as the broad expanse of ocean; stormy and dangerous it may be, but attractive, free and almost boundless. There is something ennobling in the thought of that field of labor for which, so long, they have been preparing; and rightly, for in the labor that brings independence there is a dignity, for the absence of which no amount of cultivation or learning can compensate. But there is hazard in permitting the romance of any sentiment to obtain control of the reason. Every man who has faithfully trodden the path of any profession or pursuit whatever, will tell you that it embraces a narrow sphere in comparison with the great circle of our duties.

The bulk of all professional labors is a routine. In the country, it is planting and gathering; in the city, it is buying and selling; with the physician, it is prescriptions for chills to-day—for fevers to-morrow; with the lawyer, it is foreclosure of mortgages and writs on promissory notes—not a lawyer but will tell you wearily of what they call the drudgery of the profession. We work for bread. We use our professions, not for pleasure, not for cultivation, but for

bread. What brings bread, we must do. Even in politics, the most varied of secular pursuits, the ordinary range of thought and inquiry is confined within narrow bounds. Questions of temporary, and usually of partisan, policy form the staple of the most animated discussions on the stump and in our legislative assemblies.

Do not understand me as suggesting that your profession, be what it may, will not demand of you great labor and the exercise of your best intellectual faculties. Right there, if anywhere, you must display the powers which God has given you. I mean this, that your profession alone, with whatever success it may be crowned, will not fill the measure of your life or meet the demands of your intellectual nature.

Keeping in view the general duties of life, what is there, for example, in the nature of agriculture, of merchandise, of medicine or science, tending to enlighten us on the grave questions of public policy and national order, which we assume to determine by the exercise of the elective franchise? The solution of these questions depends not on the requirements of one class; but upon the relations of all. This consideration leads us far beyond our individual spheres into the vast domain of the national life.

The law, which is supposed to be most nearly allied to it, is yet widely separated from the field of legislation. The lawyer has simply to do with the law as it exists, with policies as they are settled. In his capacity *as lawyer* he has nothing to do with those broader questions touching the wisdom of legislative provisions or of governmental policy; and some of the finest specimens of forensic reasoning you will find to rest upon principles which, though correctly stated as law, are in fact false in theory and unjust in operation. True, now and then, some great mind, led by the contemplation of things as they are to things as they ought to be, will throw off the professional shackles, and entering the legislative field, by the power of his intellect and will, break down old abuses and work an era of reform. But in this I will be sustained by the most thoughtful men in the profession, that the tendency of the law as such, pursued in contempt or indifference of other liberal accomplishments, is to absolutely dwarf the mind and to fetter the intellect by the narrowest rules of special pleading.

While I speak thus feelingly, do not suppose I lack a just pride in the noble profession to which I have dedicated my life. To the earnest laborer, to the generous mind, I do believe it offers the fairest rewards, the most enduring pleasures which this world can bestow. But I design, in a plain, honest way, to direct your atten-

tion to the dangers attending this, as in all other pursuits, where the bridle-path is mistaken for the highway over the illimitable plains of human life.

Beyond all question, to the tendency on the part of our business men to ignore everything beyond the limits of their respective special spheres, lies the greatest danger to the future of this country. With minds and hearts absorbed in business, the calls of public duty are incompetent to withdraw them for a moment. It is precisely this that renders it possible for the control of the government to fall into the hands of demagogues. If the mind is uninformed the passions are easily reached; and an appeal to local prejudices, or regard for a recognized leader, will outweigh the profoundest reasoning based on national considerations.

On other relations of life the subject has a bearing not less important. Most men intuitively recognize that a mere knowledge of the laws of business is not the only, nor indeed the most important, food for the minds of the youth whom God has committed to their care. With the single exception of those miserly spirits, the Anthony Chuzzlewits of the world, who laboriously impress upon these tender minds the conviction that to grasp and hold is the single aim of life, and who find the issue of their maxims in the growth of malicious, craven spirits, ready to sacrifice parental duty and all other good affections to the lust of avarice. With this exception, we might almost say the recognition is universal. To the honor of the world, it may be said the instances are rare of men who do not wish to confer upon their children those broad, manly views which are to be derived from a liberal education. But if the fathers, absorbed by business, neglect the cultivation of their own minds, they fail of the power because they lack the knowledge by which to direct the thoughts and foster the intellectual development of their children. This is a matter of greater moment than is generally conceived. The drill of the schools is of course necessary; but it falls far short of a complete engine of education. It is the *inspiration* of the education on which mainly the results depend; and where can that be so effectually derived to the youth as from the atmosphere of his home?

If he breathes there a pure air, rest assured that a firm, animated spirit will pervade his future life. But should his thoughts be permitted there to dwell upon low and vulgar plans, it will require a mighty awakening indeed to induce him to tread the lofty heights of honor and of true ambition. The entire remission of children in the matter of their intellectual culture to teachers—often ignorant,

sometimes vicious—a practice so common in this busy country, is, I am persuaded, a fruitful source of those disappointed expectations of which good men so often and so bitterly have reason to complain.

Again, the constitution of man is such that a great deal of his happiness, as well as his usefulness, depends upon what we call social intercourse. Into that sphere the rules of good breeding do not admit the details of business transactions; but the extent and variety of information mark the line between the boor, the pedant and the man of genuine culture. Just as the topics of conversation, and the style in which they are treated, mark the distinction between the gossip of a tea party and the intercourse of polite society.

Then, in a variety of ways I might illustrate the inadequacy of professional technical knowledge to meet the demands of a generous life. But the query may arise, to what extent are mere literary attainments adapted to supply the deficiency? Perhaps the most dangerous, because the most insidious, form in which the disregard for literary development appears, arises from a miserably false and narrow conception of its true boundaries. The ancient classics, the poets and novelists with perhaps certain works of a speculative character, to a very large extent in popular apprehension fill the literary field; and the feeling is that a working man cannot waste from his profession the time essential to acquire knowledge of those purely imaginative works. The price of the acquisition is too dear.

Waiving for the time the genuine practical value of these noble productions, consider how infinitely the conception falls short of the reality. Literature, rightly conceived, embraces every subject of human thought and inquiry. Where terminate the limits of our special pursuits, there, for us, begins the field of literature. Perhaps the noblest, as well as the most neglected, of all its branches is that which seeks through the medium of science to interpret the voices and expound the laws of external nature. Here it delves into the rocks and brings us into converse with the ages that are past; it goes forth on the bosom of the ocean; it floats upon the air, and takes the measure of the winds and the waves in their circuits; it reaches forth into the infinite depth of space, from every quarter pouring floods of light upon the mysteries of nature, and even of revelation.

Let me read you now. This is beautifully illustrated by one of our most practical American workers: "The Bible frequently makes allusion to the laws of nature, their operations and effects. But such allusions are often so wrapped in the folds of the peculiar and graceful drapery with which its language is occasionally clothed,

that the meaning, though peeping out from its thin covering all the while, yet lies in some sense concealed until the lights and revelations of science are thrown upon it. Then it bursts forth with exquisite force and beauty. As our knowledge of nature and her laws has increased, so has our understanding of many passages in the Bible been improved. The Psalmist called the earth the 'round world;' yet for ages it was the most damnable heresy for Christian men to say the world was round; and finally sailors circumnavigated the globe, proved the Bible to be right, and saved Christian men of science from the stake. 'Canst thou view the sweet influences of Pleiades.' Astronomers of the present day, if they have not answered this question, have thrown so much light upon it as to show that, if ever it be answered by man, he must consult the science of astronomy.

"It has been recently all but proved, that the earth and sun, with their splendid retinue of comets, satellites and planets, are all in motion around some point or centre of attraction inconceivably remote, and that that point is in the direction of the star Alcyone, one of the Pleiades. Who but the astronomer could tell their 'sweet influences?' And as for the general system of atmospheric circulation, which I have so long been endeavoring to describe, the Bible tells it all in a single sentence: 'The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.'"—*Murry's Physical Geography of the Sea*, p. 78.

But these are still not the boundaries of the literary domain. It reaches down into the depths of human thought and life; it goes back to all the generations of our race; it reveals that otherwise unseen cord by which the generation of to-day is indissolubly bound to the ages that are past, and by which shall be united to all those which shall follow to the remotest period of time.

There is such a cord and we cannot escape its fetters. By laws and customs, by traditional opinions and inheritable traits of mind and character this union is inexorable; and the mightiest exercise of a free, untrammelled will cannot dissolve it. Does it not, then, behoove us to pierce with calm, deep insight into that past from which we have come? When Patrick Henry said to the patriotic men who had assembled to consider of the future of the colonies, "The lamp of experience is the only light I have to guide my path," he recognized the force of this truth. It was not an experience compassed by the term of a single life to which he appealed; it was to all the experience of the past—and by the clear light streaming

therefrom was revealed the path of glory over which the heroic men of that day led their country to independence and to freedom.

More or less distinctly, we all recognize how the pouring of knowledge in upon the mind tends to expand the intellect and to elevate the affections. But there is a particular phase of this subject of such importance as, I conceive, to claim your special consideration. Perhaps the hardest struggle which earnest working men have to endure, is with a certain weariness of spirit; a depression of the intellectual forces. Sometimes it is the reaction that follows vigorous action; sometimes it is unaccountable, except as a weakness inherent in the human mind. It is what a fine writer has called the "pain of conflict, the debility of indecision." Against this tendency the mind requires a strong and healthy stimulant. It is important that you realize this fact; also to realize that this stimulant, strongest and purest, may be formed in the exercise of a correct literary taste. Try it for yourselves. In the deepest lethargy that steals upon you turn to one of those great writers, ancient or modern, who has known how to speak at once to the passions and the understanding. Though the subject may be foreign to your labors, you will find your thoughts to be awakened, your nerves strengthened—the whole frame-work of your system braced up for the effort.

I find an admirable illustration of this in what one of the greatest of modern scientists, and certainly not a sentimentalist, says of himself. I read from an address of Mr. Tyndall: "Indeed I believe that even the intellectual action of a man is, consciously or unconsciously, sustained by an undercurrent of the emotions. The reading of the works of two men, written of them imbued with the spirit of modern science, written of them, indeed, friendly to that spirit has placed me here to-day. These men are the English Carlyle and the American Emerson. I must ever remember, with gratitude, that through three long, cold German winters Carlyle placed me in my tub, even when the ice was on its surface, at five o'clock every morning; not slavishly, but cheerfully, meeting each day's studies with a resolute will, determined, whether victor or vanquished, not to shrink from any difficulty. To Emerson and Carlyle I ought to add Fichte, the greatest representative of pure idealism, these three men made a practical scientific worker. They called out 'act.' I hearkened to the sermons, taking the liberty, however, to determine for myself the direction which effort I was to take."

To this I may add that one of the foremost pulpit orators, as well as one of the ablest divines of this country, to whom I mentioned this statement of Tyndall's, told me that Carlyle had done more for

him than John Calvin; not from any knowledge which he imparts, nor from the justice of his sentiments, but by reason of a certain impetus of thought, which, beyond most men, he seems to possess the power to excite.

But it is not by these writers, nor by the writers of this class alone, that this impetus may be imparted. Every new truth, as well as every grand imagination, tends to stimulate the mind to the exercise of its own higher faculties. Again I appeal to your inward consciousness. How often, in boyhood, have you stood on the banks of the river watching its silent flow without even wondering whence it came or whither it was rolling; how often have you enjoyed the evening breeze, or have been startled by the sudden bursting of a storm; how often have you surveyed the motion of the heavens, accepting them all as things of course, with scarcely a conjecture as to their laws or as to the power which controls them? And what was the awakening when first the reality dawned upon you? To every thoughtful mind I suppose there comes such a period. To such, this single experience will point the truth, which I am attempting to express, with a power far surpassing any words that I can utter.

If literature tends to give impetus to youth and middle age, it is no less a pleasing and kindly companion in the decline of life when the passions are chilled, when the physical and mental frame alike are worn and weary of the cares of business, when the friends of youth are departed and the loneliness of age steals on. Then, indeed, a pure literary taste is the sweetest friend, the gentlest comforter. It withdraws the mind from self by filling it with pleasing images of external nature; it calms the irritation of temper by keeping alive the kindlier emotions of the heart; it leads the thoughts to the contemplation of a higher life, and while it teaches how to live serenely, it teaches how to die calmly.

From every point of view, in every relation, and at every period of life, you will find it to stand well to your account to preserve and extend the literary culture of which your college career is but the commencement. On every side you will find that your special knowledge needs to be supplemented by what you will obtain only there.

Cast your thoughts within, then, upon external nature. What, without these labors of your predecessors, could you make of it all? Flung here into the midst of time, ignorant alike of our origin and destiny, with minds and hearts which glow and burn with joys, with sorrows which we feel but cannot explain; surrounded by the

glories of earth and sky, the elements themselves enveloped with clouds and bursting into storms. We faint in the effort to-grasp the mystery of life. One of the deep-thinking men whose name I have mentioned, struggling with this vast problem, breaks forth in these words: "Who am I? What is this me? Sure enough, I am and lately was not—but whom? How? Whence?" The answer lies around written in all colors and motions; uttered in all sounds of jubilee and wail, in thousand-figured, thousand-voiced harmonious Nature; but where is the cunning eye or ear to whom that God-written apocalypse will yield articulate meaning?

"We sit in a boundless phantasmagoria and dream-grotto—boundless for the faintest star. The remotest century lies not even nearer the verge thereof; sounds and many-colored visions flit round our sense; but Him, the unslumbering, whose work both dream and dreamer are, we see not—except in rare, half-waking moments—suspect not." And yet the unslumbering One hath spoken; through the countless forces of nature—as well as by the solemn warnings of revelation—is still speaking; and in articulate tones, to some of our race has spoken so kindly, so clearly that they have been able to trace the heavenly words, which now forever stand on the pages of the world's literature an open book revealed to all mankind. Listen to these voices, whether uttered from the depths of nature to your own souls, or repeated by those of your kind whose minds and hearts have been open to receive these impressions.

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY,
HELD AT
DANVILLE, KY., MAY 19, 20 and 21, 1875.

The Twenty-seventh Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was called to order by the President, Bro. C. D. Whitehead, of Indianapolis, Ind., in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, Danville, Kentucky, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, May 19th, 1875.

By consent, the reading of the minutes of the year 1874 was dispensed with, the minutes having been printed, and most of the members being supplied with copies.

The President appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Bros. G. E. Patterson, National Grand; J. P. Roth, Ind. Beta; and R. H. Woodrum, Va. Alpha.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Permanent Organization: Bros. G. E. Patterson, National Grand; J. D. Flemming, Ky. Alpha; F J Annis, Mich. Beta; S. C. Dodds, Ind. Alpha; and R. H. Woodrum, Virginia Alpha.

The following Committee on Visiting Delegates was appointed by the President: Bros. J. C. Finnell and C. R. Anderson, of the Kentucky Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Patterson the Convention adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

C. D. WHITEHEAD, *President*.

H. G. BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 19th, 1875.

The Convention was called to order at two o'clock P. M., by the President, Bro. Whitehead.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully submit the following report of Delegates present:

G. E. Patterson, National Grand, University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

R. H. Woodrum, Virginia Alpha, Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

S. C. Dodds, Indiana Alpha, State University, Bloomington, Ind.

J. P. Roth, Indiana Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.

A. M. Lyster, Indiana Gamma, N. W. C. University, Indianapolis, Ind.

T. E. Taylor, Indiana Delta, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana.

J. S. Sims, Indiana Eta, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.

G. S. Hammond, Ohio Delta, O. W. University, Delaware, Ohio.

W. D. Shipman, Ohio Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

J. D. Flemming, Kentucky Alpha, Centre College, Danville, Ky.

Abner Rogers, Kentucky Gamma, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky.

F. J. Annis, Michigan Beta, Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

On account of the Indiana Epsilon's non-payment of former assessments, the following gentleman was not allowed the privilege of a delegate: D. S. McCaslin, Indiana Epsilon, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

J. P. ROTH,

G. E. PATTERSON,

R. H. WOODRUM,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Lyster, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows :

We, your Committee on Permanent Organization, respectfully offer the following :

For President—C. M. Beckwith, A. M., Sewanee, Tenn.

For First Vice President—J. P. Roth, Indiana Beta, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

For Second Vice President—F. J. Annis, Michigan Beta, Lansing, Michigan.

For Secretary—H. G. Bradford, Brooklyn, Indiana.

For Marshal—J. D. Flemming, Kentucky Alpha, Danville, Ky.

G. E. PATTERSON,

J. D. FLEMMING,

F. J. ANNIS,

S. C. DODDS,

R. H. WOODRUM,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum the report was received and adopted.

Bro. Whitehead, on leaving the chair, made a few very appropriate remarks.

In the absence of Bro. Beckwith, Bro. Roth, First Vice President, officiated.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum, a committee of three was appointed to revise the initiatory exercises. Bros. Woodrum, Flemming and Dodds were the committee.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution defining the authority of the National Grand Chapter, State Grand Chapters, and the Conventions. Bros. Patterson, Shipman and McCaslin composed the committee.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, a committee of three was appointed to devise some more perfect means of keeping our records. The committee consisted of Bros. Whitehead, Annis and Hammond.

On motion of Bro. Annis a committee of three was appointed to provide a Phi song book for the use of Chapters.

The committee consisted of Bros. Annis, Shipman and Fennell.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of recommending that *THE SCROLL* be published six times a year instead of quarterly, as now. The committee was composed of Bros. Patterson, Sims and Taylor.

The Committee appointed on Charter reported at this time, and their report will be printed with the secret workings of the Convention, together with revisions of the Constitution and Initiation.

On motion of Bro. Whitehead, a committee was appointed to consult and report in regard to the practicability of holding biennial conventions. The committee was composed of Bros. Whitehead, Annis and Lyster.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

MAY 19th, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by the Kentucky Alpha, who initiated Mr. Lytton Taylor, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Bro. Beckwith, who had arrived during the afternoon, then took the chair amid much applause, whereupon the Convention heard the reports of the several Chapters, through their delegates. The reports were all of the most satisfactory character, showing that very great prosperity had attended the Fraternity. This love feast took up the entire evening, and at about eleven o'clock the Convention, on motion of Bro. Whitehead, adjourned to meet on Thursday A. M. at 8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

MAY 20th, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by President Beckwith.

Minutes of previous day read, corrected and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum, a committee of three was appointed to have the names of the delegates and officers printed. The committee was composed of Bros. Woodrum, Sims and Jones.

The Committee on Credentials offered the following supplementary report of delegates who arrived on Wednesday evening :

M. F. Parrish, Ohio Beta, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

A. C. Greene, New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

T. W. Leard, Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

E. Davis, Missouri Alpha, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri.

Wm. E. Keener, Georgia Gamma, Emory College, Oxford, Ga.

A. S. Jones, Georgia Delta, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

J. S. Kline, Iowa Alpha, I. W. University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

On motion of Bro. Jones, the report was received, adopted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Biennial Conventions offered the following report :

We, your committee, would respectfully submit the following report: 1st, It is the unanimous expression of the committee, that the Fraternity shall hold its National Conventions on each alternate year; 2d, We do further recommend that an assessment of two dollars *per capita* be levied and collected, as heretofore, on the first day of April, 1876, and the funds appropriated as follows: One-fourth to be applied to the permanent fund, three-fourths to remain in the treasury as the general fund, subject to the call of the expenses of the Fraternity, as authorized by this Convention.

C. D. WHITEHEAD,

A. M. LYSTER,

F. J. ANNIS,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Jones, the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Annis, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of conferring greater privileges upon honorary members, and if deemed expedient to name such privileges. The President appointed Bros. Annis, Keener and Greene as the committee.

Bro. Whitehead read a letter from Bro. J. G. Parks, Chairman of Committee on Ritual, advising that no change be made in the present form of initiation.

On motion of Bro. T. E. Taylor, a committee of five was appointed to revise the initiatory exercises. Bros. Taylor, Shipman, Roth, Sims and Lyster were appointed as a committee.

On motion of Bro. Leard, a committee of three was appointed to devise some method of inaugurating chapter and convention officers. Bros. Leard, Annis and Greene were the committee.

On motion of Bro. Roth, Bro. Whitehead was elected to read the poem at the literary exercises, Prof. Black being necessarily absent.

On motion of Bro. Keener, a Committee on Badges was appointed, consisting of Bros Keener, Taylor and Greene.

On motion of Bro. Greene it was resolved that the California Alpha be allowed to elect a delegate from some Chapter nearer where the Convention is held, and have him act according to their instructions.

On motion of Bro. Dodds, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 20th, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Prof. Beckwith, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Songs was continued with privilege to report hereafter.

Bro. Patterson, on behalf of Committee on Arrangement of Chapters, offered the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Greene, was received and adopted :

OHIO DELTA OF THE PHI DELTA THETA, }
WOOSTER, OHIO, May 13, 1875. }

To the President of the Convention, and Members :

The committee appointed to perform the duties embodied in the motion on pages 32 and 33 of the minutes of the Crawfordsville Convention, 1874, make the following report :

1st, We found it necessary to pursue our investigations in conjunction with the Committee on Lost Records, and the two committees united in one.

2d, As Bro. Gilmore declined serving, we elected Bro. S. W. Carpenter to fill the vacancy.

3d, As all the material collected by the Resurrectionists has been arranged for the catalogue, we will merely give the information relating to rearrangement, submitting the data as it will appear in the catalogue for the lost records reports.

4th, The rearrangement is as follows, by states, giving name, location, post-office, and when founded :

Ohio Alpha, Alpha,* Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1848.

Ohio Beta, Deuteron,† Miami University Oxford, Ohio, 1852.

Ohio Gamma, Epsilon,‡ Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, 1852.

Ohio Delta, ~~Zeta~~^{Xi}, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, 1860-1871.

Ohio Epsilon, Phi, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1869.

Ohio Zeta, Theta Deuteron, University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, 1872.

Ohio ~~Eta~~^{Xi}, Zeta Deuteron, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, 1875.

Indiana Alpha, Beta, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana, 1849.

Indiana Beta, Zeta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1852.

Indiana Gamma, Mu, N. W. Christian University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1859.

Indiana Delta, Omicron, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, 1860.

Indiana Epsilon, Sigma, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, 1868.

Indiana Zeta, Tau,‡ Indiana Normal, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1868.

Indiana Eta, Upsilon, Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, 1860-1875.

Kentucky Alpha, Gamma, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, 1850.

Kentucky Beta, Iota,‡ Kentucky Military Institute, Franklin Springs, Kentucky, 1854.

Kentucky Gamma, Omicron Deuteron, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, 1875.

Tennessee Alpha, Eta,|| Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, 1852.

Wisconsin Alpha, Kappa,|| University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1856.

Wisconsin Beta, Lambda,|| Lawrence University, Appleton Wisconsin, 1859.

Illinois Alpha, Nu,|| North-Western University, Evanston, Illinois, 1859.

Illinois Beta, Rho,‡ Chicago University, Chicago, 1865.

Illinois Gamma, Omega, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, 1871.

Illinois Delta, Alpha Deuteron, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, 1871.

Texas Alpha, Theta,|| Austin College, Huntsville, Texas, 1852.

Michigan Alpha, Pi,‡ University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1865.

Michigan Beta, Lambda Deuteron, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Michigan, 1873.

Virginia Alpha, Chi, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, 1869.

Virginia Beta, Mu Deuteron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1873.

Virginia Gamma, Nu Deuteron, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, 1874.

Missouri Alpha, Psi, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 1870.

Iowa Alpha, Beta Deuteron, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant Iowa, 1871.

Georgia Alpha, Gamma Deuteron,* Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1871.

Georgia Beta, Delta Deuteron, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1871.

Georgia Gamma, Epsilon Deuteron, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, 1871.

Georgia Delta, Zeta Deuteron, Mercer University, Macon. Georgia, 1871.

New York Alpha, Eta Deuteron, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., 1872.

California Alpha, Iota Deuteron, University of California, Berkeley, California, 1873.

Pennsylvania Alpha, Kappa Deuteron, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, 1873.

Nebraska Alpha, Pi Deuteron, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1875.

Of those chapters surrendering their charters on account of the members leaving for the armies, almost nothing can be ascertained. We managed to collect tolerably full data of all the Chapters excepting the Tennessee and Texas Alphas.

And now, since this long-standing defect has been remedied, so far as possible without some miraculous revelation, the committee cannot refrain from suggesting that means be taken by which to prevent any return of the evil. This preventive consists of two amendments to the constitution, viz: 1st, An amendment to the article requiring correspondent members to communicate the changes of their residence, &c., which will require them to communicate such changes to the Chapter under whose jurisdiction they may be, at least once a year. 2d, An amendment requiring that all charters granted by the State Grand Chapters be submitted to the National Grand for the affixing of the Greek letter indicating the order of establishment in the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLEY T. JAMIESON,
SAMUEL W. CARPENTER,
AL. W. FULLERTON,
EDGAR M. WILSON,
Committee.

The proceeding report was also the report of the Committee on Publication of Catalogue.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, a committee of three, con-

* College suspended.

† Incorporated with the Ohio Alpha.

‡ Cause of surrender of charter unknown.

§ Suspended on account of the war.

sisting of Bros. Jamieson, Whitehead and Carpenter, was appointed to publish the catalogue.

On motion of Bro. Jones, the Convention went into an election for Grand Banker, which resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. C. D. Whitehead.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, the Grand Banker was instructed to levy a tax for the purpose of printing the catalogue.

The Committee on Initiation reported at this time, and the report will be found in the separate publication of the private work of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. Lyster, it was ordered that the report of the Committee on Initiation be printed separate from the minutes.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum, a committee was appointed to consult and report concerning electioneering in Chapters. Bros. Woodrum, Greene and Davis were the committee.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, the report of the Incorporation Committee was taken from the table.

On motion of Bro. Keener, the above report was laid on the table indefinitely.

On motion of Bro. Annis, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

MAY 20th, 1875.

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

On account of not being able to attend to the duties of President, Bro. Beckwith resigned, and on motion of Bro. Dodds the resignation was received.

On motion of Bro. Lyster, a committee of three, con-

sisting of Bros. Lyster, Leard and Hammond, was appointed on publication of minutes.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, it was

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the editors of THE SCROLL its publication six times per college year, and also that the Convention and Order do pledge it their hearty support.

[Signed.]

G. E. PATTERSON,
W. D. SHIPMAN,
F. E. TAYLOR,

Committee.

The Committee on Extension of Privileges to Honorary Members reported as follows:

Your Committee on Extension of Privileges to Honorary Members, would recommend that the privilege of initiation and attendance upon all meetings at all times be extended to them.

F. J. ANNIS,
WM. E. KEENER,
A. C. GREENE,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, the report was received and adopted.

Bro. Whitehead read a communication from Col. T. W. Bullitt, the orator for this occasion, stating that owing to death in his family he could not be present, but that he would send his address, and the Convention could read it or not, as it saw fit.

On motion of Bro. Jones, a committee was appointed to look over Col. Bullitt's address, and report if it should be read or not. The committee consisted of Bros. Jones, Davis and Sims.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made the following report as to exercises and time and place of holding the next Convention:

We, your Committee on Permanent Organization, would respectfully report further; we would recommend that the place of holding the next Convention be at Wooster, Ohio.

The time—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the second week of October, 1876.

The orator—Rev. J. M. Worrall, Covington, Kentucky. Alternate—J. T. Phillips, Sedalia, Missouri.

Poet—Wm. O. Bates, N. Y. Alpha, Indianapolis, Indiana. Alternate—Eugene Field, St. Louis, Missouri.

On obituaries—E. A. Gibbs, Iowa Alpha, Chicago, Illinois. Alternate—Samuel W. Carpenter, New York Alpha, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The historian—C. T. Jamieson, National Grand, Batavia, Ohio.

The chorister—A. M. Burbank, Danville, Kentucky.

G. E. PATTERSON,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Bro. Parrish, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Publication of the Minutes made the following report, which on motion of Bro. Lyster, was adopted:

We, your Committee on Publication of the Minutes of this Convention, recommend that all that part of the minutes and literary exercises which is necessary to be published, be printed in THE SCROLL, and that this Convention appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for that purpose.

A. M. LYSTER,
F. W. LEARD,
G. S. HAMMOND.

Committee.

The Committee on Reports made the following report:

1st, It shall be the duty of each Chapter, immediately upon the initiation of any member or members, to report the name, date of class and initiation of such to the Grand Banker, and at the close of each month to remit the initiation fees to the Grand Banker.

2d, The Grand Banker shall procure a record, and record such names as are reported as provided in the above, and preserve and surrender the same to his successor.

C. D. WHITEHEAD,
F. J. ANNIS,
G. S. HAMMOND,

Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock on Friday morning.

MORNING SESSION.

MAY 21, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

On motion of Bro Greene, a committee, consisting of Bros. Greene, Whitehead, and Jones, was appointed to furnish matter concerning the Convention for publication in the daily and weekly papers.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported further, as follows :

Your Committee on Permanent Organization, since the resignation of Bro. Beckwith, would recommend for President, Rev. L. F. Walker, of Indianapolis, Ind.

On motion of Bro. Jones, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of the Phi Delta Theta Convention be opened with prayer by some person whom the President may select.

On motion of Bro. Leard, Bro. Patterson was appointed Toast Master, in the place of Bro. Roth, who had left.

The Committee on Visiting Delegates made the following report :

We, your Committee on Visiting Delegates, would respectfully report the following visitors present :

C. D. Whitehead, Indianapolis, Indiana.

C. M. Beckwith, Sewanee, Tennessee.

H. G. Bradford, Brooklyn, Indiana.

Charles Read, Ohio Delta, Delaware, Ohio.

Al. Glenn, Kentucky Gamma, Georgetown, Kentucky.

J. L. Warden, Illinois Beta, Georgetown, Kentucky.

C. R. Anderson,	Kentucky Alpha,	Danville,	Kentucky.
J. B. Reed,	"	"	"
John Cochran,	"	"	"
J. R. Burnham,	"	"	"
Wm. Kenny,	"	"	"
Wm. Finley,	"	"	"
Wm. McClure,	"	"	"
J. C. Fennell,	"	"	"
L. M. Rue,	"	"	Harrodsburg, Kentucky.
Wm. O. Shenalt,	"	"	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.
			J. C. FINNELL,
			C. R. ANDERSON,
			<i>Committee.</i>

On motion, adopted.

On motion of Bro. Keener, it was

Resolved, That each Chapter be required to report for each issue of THE SCROLL. Any Chapter failing to do the same shall be fined Five Dollars, and if not paid on the demand of the Grand Banker, the same shall be doubled, and if not paid on the second demand, the said Chapter shall be subject to forfeiture of charter.

On motion of Bro. Kline, it was

Resolved, That the seniors of the different Chapters of this Fraternity be solicited and requested to contribute to the Grand Banker, as they may see fit, for the Permanent Fund, or give their notes payable in any time from *one to five* years after date, said notes to draw ten per cent. interest from date.

On motion of Bro. Jones, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be requested to confer with the Historian of the Fraternity with regard to the performance of his duty, and if he cannot perform it, the President shall be empowered to appoint his successor.

On motion of Bro. Jones, a committee was appointed to give a practical illustration of the signs of recognition. The President appointed Bros. Patterson and Bradford as the committee.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions allowing the organization of ladies' Chapters. The committee consisted of Bros. Greene, Patterson and Kline.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, a committee was appointed to carry into effect the resolution concerning charters, found on page 31 of the minutes of 1874. The committee consisted of Bros. Jamieson, Whitehead and Patterson.

On motion of Bro. Leard, a Committee on Improvement of Coat of Arms was appointed, consisting of Bros. Leard, Parrish and Jones.

The Committee on Electioneering reported as follows :

We, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, do hereby resolve that any member of any Chapter of said Fraternity engaging in electioneering for college honors shall be subject to expulsion from the Chapter of which he is a member, and any Chapter failing to take action upon such member shall be subject to forfeiture of charter.

R. H. WOODRUM,

A. C. GREENE,

E. DAVIS,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Sims, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Woodrum, the Illinois Beta was instructed to keep its organization in the best way it could.

On motion of Bro. Keener, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the managers of THE SCROLL for the able and efficient manner with which they have conducted it.

On motion of Bro. Sims, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be returned to Bro. C. D. Whitehead for his services as President and Grand Banker of the Fraternity, for the year ending May 21st, 1875.

On motion of Bro. Leard, a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. D. B. Floyd, for his exertions in establishing Chapters.

On motion of Bro. Jones, a vote of thanks and the sum of ten dollars were tendered the Secretary, H. G. Bradford, for his services.

On motion of Bro. Beckwith, it was

Resolved, That this Convention instruct the Secretary to notify the several Chapters of the absence of their Delegates, and that it passes censure on all Delegates who have left this meeting without full cause to justify such action.

On motion of Bro. Jones, it was

Resolved, That a roll of members shall be called at the opening of each session of the Conventions, and at the close of the last session, and that the absentees be noticed in the minutes.

On motion of Bro. Leard, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the practicability of holding a reunion of Phis in July, 1876, at Philadelphia, and that it be allowed to report through THE SCROLL.

The committee was composed of Bros. Leard, Parrish and Greene.

On motion of Bro. Greene, it was

Resolved, That certificates of membership be hereafter issued to all applicants free of charge.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 21st, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

On motion of Bro. Patterson, it was

Resolved, That the jeweler in Cincinnati making badges, should be notified of the resolution requiring badges to be at least sixteen karats fine.

On motion of Bro. Jones, it was

Resolved, That the badge of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is not complete without the sword and chain attached to the shield; That any Chapter may place any mark of its Chapter it may desire on the hilt of the sword.

The Grand Banker made the following report, which on motion of Bro. Sims, was adopted :

PERMANENT FUND.

C. O. PERRY'S REPORT.

Subscription notes at 10 per cent.....	\$260 00
Invested.....	179 50
Unpaid subscriptions.....	139 00
Collected from initiation fees.....	74 00
	—————\$652 50

DUE PERMANENT FUND.

Pennsylvania Alpha.....	\$10 00
Virginia Gamma.....	4 00
Indiana Alpha.....	4 60
“ Gamma.....	4 00
“ Eta.....	8 00
California Alpha.....	9 00
	—————\$39 00

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From Certificates of Membership.....	\$ 4 40
“ Minutes of 1874.....	11 00
“ Receipts as per C. O. Perry's report.....	12 55
“ Ohio Eta tax.....	42 00
“ New York Alpha tax.....	38 60
“ Virginia Alpha tax.....	42 00
“ Georgia Delta tax.....	42 00
“ Michigan Beta tax.....	33 00
“ Ohio Delta tax.....	18 00
“ Indiana Eta tax.....	30 00
“ National Grand tax.....	66 00
“ Pennsylvania Alpha tax.....	54 00
“ Georgia Gamma tax.....	30 00
“ Ohio Beta tax.....	30 00
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Carried forward.....	\$453 55

Brought forward.....	\$453 55
From Kentucky Alpha tax.....	30 00
“ “ Beta “	21 00
“ Indiana Alpha “	23 00
“ “ Beta “	45 00
“ “ Gamma.....	45 00
“ “ Delta.....	37 50
“ “ Epsilon.....	27 00
“ Iowa Alpha.....	27 00
“ Missouri Alpha.....	18 00
“ Interest received.....	7 50
Total Receipts.....	<hr/> \$734 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Postage stamps.....	\$ 10 50
“ Printing receipts and circulars.....	7 75
“ “ postal cards.....	3 50
“ “ delegates' cards.....	2 50
“ Postal cards.....	3 00
“ Envelopes.....	1 50
“ Telegrams.....	2 65
“ Express charges.....	1 40
“ Invitations.....	59 25
“ Ink and stationery.....	50
“ Railroad fare.....	599 55
“ Stage and back fare.....	8 00
“ Band.....	25 00
Total Disbursements.....	<hr/> \$725 10

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

For 1873 and 1874, as per C. O. Perry's report.

Ohio Alpha.....	\$ 4 50
Indiana Alpha.....	4 58
Ohio Gamma (now Delta).....	6 00
Indiana Epsilon.....	54 65
Illinois Gamma.....	18 25
Virginia Beta.....	10 95
Carried forward	<hr/> \$98 93

Brought forward.....	\$98 93
For 1875.	
Virginia Gamma.....	30 00
Georgia Beta.....	48 00
Indiana Alpha.....	19 00
Illinois Beta.....	21 00
California Alpha.....	27 00
Delinquent Interest.....	26 00
Total delinquent.....	\$269 93

DEBTS.

To Secretary.....	\$ 10 00
To THE SCROLL.....	75 00
To as per Perry's report.....	209 00
Total debts.....	\$294 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.....	\$734 55
Disbursements.....	725 10
Amount on hand.....	\$9 45
Delinquent as per report.....	\$269 93
Debts due by the Fraternity.....	294 00

REMARKS.—The two Chapters, Illinois Gamma and Nebraska Alpha, have not reported and could not be assessed.

On motion of Bro. Beckwith, the Grand Banker was given discretionary power in regard to the assessment of the Georgia Beta.

On motion of Bro. Greene, it was

Resolved, That the expenses referred to on page 44 of the minutes of 1874 shall only include the railroad fare for one Delegate from each Chapter, without hotel bills or sleeping car fare; and that each Delegate shall, while at any Convention, bear his own individual expenses.

On motion of Bro. Kline, it was

Resolved, That the number of members of the Fraternity holding tickets for the banquet be ascertained, and that the expenses thereof be divided equally among said members.

The report of the Committee on Ladies' Chapters was laid on the table until next Convention.

On motion of Bro. Greene, a committee of three was appointed to consult different jewelers concerning the manufacture of badges, and report through the columns of THE SCROLL. The committee consisted of Bros. Greene, Kline and Keener.

On motion, Bro. Whitehead was appointed a committee to investigate the non-sending of Delegates by Chapters.

On motion of Bro. Annis, a vote of thanks was tendered the Kentucky Alpha.

On motion of Bro. Jones, a vote of thanks was tendered the Knights of Pythias for the use of their hall.

On motion of Bro. Annis, the Convention adjourned to meet at Wooster, Ohio, on Wednesday of the second week in October, 1876.

LITERARY EXERCISES.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening the Second Presbyterian Church was filled with a large and appreciative audience, who came to listen to the oration by Col. Bullitt and the other literary performances which had been duly announced. But they were doomed to disappointment. Col. Bullitt was detained at home on account of the death of a member of his family. His absence was much regretted by the members of the Fraternity, as well as the people of Danville, who knowing something of Col. Bullitt's ability, had anticipated a grand treat. His oration we print elsewhere. The

poet, Col. W. P. Black, of Chicago, was unfortunately detained by business, but forwarded the poem we print elsewhere, which was read by C. D. Whithead in his very commendable style.

Prof. Beckwith delivered the address on "Obituaries," which was novel in its design, and was well-received. The absence of the orator gave Prof. B. more time, and he improved it by some felicitous *extempore* remarks to the *living*. In these he abandoned his manuscript and came out free and unencumbered, giving us a rare display of soul-stirring and captivating Southern oratory.

The banquet at James' Hall, which had been prepared by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, was an elegant affair. The tables were not only abundantly supplied, but burdened with all that the most exacting epicure could possibly demand. Beautiful floral decorations happily ministered to the æsthetical taste. Consumption was the prevailing disease of the joyous crowd who gathered around the board.

This are noted for their *capacity*, and although many of them were strangers in a strange land, yet none of the good ladies of the First Church were heard to complain of their bashfulness or lack of *capacity* for this prodigious undertaking.

At the conclusion of the feast, toasts were announced, and the first one, *On the Press*, fell to the editor of the *Kentucky Advocate*, who claimed he ought to have time, and promised in the next number of the *Advocate* a reply. We have since received a copy of the *Advocate*, which contains the following:

The independent and unfettered Press to-day is attempting to break down the barriers of sectional prejudice, and to cultivate fraternal feelings. This is essential to the accomplishment of the great mission that has been assigned to the people of this country. We find that we are confronted by the narrow-minded demagogues, North and South, but with the assistance of such associations as the

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, we shall not despair of ultimate success. It is the feature of *fraternization* that appeared to be the leading office in the affiliation of the "Phis," that we most heartily commend.

The toast, *To the Ladies*, was assigned to Prof. Beckwith for a response, and right happily did he "get off." Mr. Whitehead, in responding to the sentiment, *Our Order*, gave us a brief but very interesting history of the organization and its rapid development. It was conceived at Miami University, Ohio, in 1848, and now its Chapters are scattered all over our broad land, and has upon its rolls the names of those who are distinguished in the professions and business pursuits of life. *The Faculty of Centre College*, was next in order, and to this Prof. Ralston was called upon to reply. He excused himself by stating that he was not a member of the Faculty, and even if he was, so far as a speech was concerned, he was in the same fix as the lady whom Mark Twain says could only spell one hundred and eighty words in the dictionary. She couldn't learn any more and steered clear of all the rest. When she found herself obliged to write upon a subject which necessitated the use of other words, she—well, she didn't write on that subject! So it was in his case. Possibly there were some one hundred and eighty things he might do, but when he was called upon to make a speech, he—well, he didn't make a speech! The hit was a capital one, and well-received. Dr. J. L. McKee, President of Centre College, in response to the sentiment, *The Church*, did not think it was just the place to speak on that subject, but he gave us a bit of his experience as a member of a sister organization, the "Betas." It was quite amusing, and being related in Dr. McKee's captivating style, brought down the house a number of times. Our young friend, George C. Cohen, was selected to respond for the *Kentucky Alpha*. He did it well, and in behalf of his Chapter extended to his brother "Phis" a most cordial welcome. To the unique toast, *The Meandering Streams of Old Virginia*, Mr. R. H. Woodrum, of Salem, Va., briefly responded, in which he concluded with a most happy allusion to the Kentucky ladies.

This was the end of the programme for the evening, and all dispersed, most sincerely congratulating themselves on the pleasant features of the evening's entertainment. Our people were pleased with the representatives who honored us with their presence, and they have taken with them to their homes our sincerest benisons.

Our brother is in error in his statement that *this was the*

end. He, perhaps, went home then to the bosom of his family, but the *end* was not yet. The happy hour (perhaps we should put that in the plural number) spent after all formality was abandoned, and eye met eye in the social *tete-a-tete*, can never be omitted or forgotten and do justice to the occasion. We might speak of other things, of hearts that yearned for an ever-presence of those who had won at sight a sacred corner in that receptacle of human affections, the heart. Need we speak of those farewell notes, of the sighs that drowned the pulse of the locomotive as absence and distance were the thoughts? No. The sequence will be announced in due time in THE SCROLL.

People of Danville, receive the thanks of our Fraternity for the kind attention you so heartily granted us, for the happy time we enjoyed while we were your guests!

Ladies of Danville—we mean young ladies—we have but two things to regret on your account! These are distance and skepticism; distance to Danville, and skepticism because of the very unpleasant apprehension you had that we were married. With these regrets, and these alone, we still pass sleepless nights. But, notwithstanding all this, you have our thanks for the pleasant time your excellent presence rendered us. May we meet again at some future time and have all this joy anew.

At an early hour—in *the morning*—the gay crowd dispersed to their homes, and thus ended one of our most pleasant re-unions.

C. D. W.

FRATERNITY DEPARTMENT

WM. O. BATES, PH. B.,

EDITOR.

GAUDEAMUS.

We willingly enlarge the present number of *THE SCROLL*, and greatly abridge and omit our regular matter in order to give a full report of the doings of the Convention, both because that is *the* great and only topic of interest in the Fraternity just now, and because we wish in some way to show our appreciation of the complete and enthusiastic support given by that body to *THE SCROLL*. As the official organ of the Fraternity we feel that our efforts have been appreciated, and by the timely financial appropriation by the Convention, the demon Bankruptcy grins from a more respectful distance. Then, too, the action of the Convention making it pecuniarily painful for those Chapters not handing in reports, meets our heartiest approval. Notice is hereby given that the laws of the Medes and Persians will withdraw abashed in presence of the mathematical inflexibility with which these fines will be collected. Particular thanks are due Bros. Whitehead, Bradford, Greene and Lyster for exertions in our behalf, and the whole Convention will please consider itself patted on the back.

Whether considered as to the work accomplished or the social re-union of those attending, the Convention was a complete success. Biennial conventions will greatly reduce our expenses, allowing the Fraternity funds to be used in other directions where they are greatly needed. The movement is at least valuable as an experiment, and if it does not succeed we can return to the old love. The support given to the committee for publishing a new catalogue was as much, due the energy and thorough work of those gentlemen as its results will be beneficial to the Fraternity. The action in regard to elec-

tioneering, and the enlargement of the permanent fund, show a determination to make our Order second to none in dignity and permanence. And then, the good time the boys had down there, the true Kentucky hospitality of the Alpha Chapter, the proverbial wit and beauty of the Kentucky girls, the touching manner in which they failed to come out in the Beta badges—it all forms a picture to which the pen of a fellow who wasn't there can do but niggardly justice!

In regard to publishing THE SCROLL six instead of four, times a year, we can only say that if the Fraternity thinks it can (financially) stand two numbers more per year, we are ready to get them out.

Chapter reports and communications for the next number must be sent so as to reach us by October 15th. That will give ample time for the Chapters to report progress on the fall term's work. Chapter reports and Fraternity news should be addressed to the Fraternity Editor, at 314 Park Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

WORDS FROM THE GRAND BANKER.

Dear Brethren:

The Fraternity in convention assembled at Danville, Ky., saw fit to elect me to the office of Grand Banker. In accepting and entering upon the duties of this office, I wish to say a few words.

The office pays no salary, but imposes many duties and much responsibility. I am a young man, and my profession demands all of my time, in order that I do justice to those who have seen fit to put their business in my hands. Yet there always are a few spare moments which we take for leisure; these I shall devote to this business. In order that I may do this, and do justice to myself, to my clients, and to you, I ask that all letters I may write may have due and prompt attention and reply; and I further ask, that all business in this department may be done in a business way, with promptness.

I am preparing circulars and blank notes, and I will call upon all to contribute to the *Permanent Endowment Fund*. I want every member to have some stock in this fund, if it is not more than \$5.00. The Convention has proposed a way by which you can be a contributor by giving your note for any amount, from \$10 to \$10,000—

the interest only to be paid annually on the 1st day of April, and the notes payable any time within ten years. These blank notes I propose to send to all the members, so soon as I get the new catalogue, and call upon all to contribute. The matter has been only presented to two or three Chapters, and about a thousand dollars has been raised. Bro. R. H. Woodrum, of the Virginia Alpha, has written me this week, that he will secure \$500 for this fund in Virginia—that he has already \$100. If other States join in the chorus, and sing to the tune Old Virginia has pitched, we can have this fund, by October, '76, reach \$10,000. Will we do it? A little systematic work will put it up to that figure. We have a good start now; let us not let go.

The Chapters will take notice of the resolution in regard to the keeping of records, and report in accordance therewith, promptly, to me all initiations, etc., as called for in that resolution. As many of the reports of Chapters to me before making the assessment were imperfect and not in accordance with this new plan, I will ask that each Chapter report to me, in accordance with that resolution, the names, date of class, and date of initiation of all members that have been initiated since May 20, 1874.

I wish to begin this record properly, but can not do so without the facts. It will save me much time and save the Order expense, if each Chapter will heed this request without further action on my part.

I am, with many thanks for the confidence you have placed in me, your brother most truly in our bond,

C. D. WHITEHEAD,
Grand Banker.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 8, 1875.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

WE should be pleased to be informed of the whyness of not receiving either report or subscriptions from the Missouri Alpha.

PHI and college advertisements are always acceptable. Terms: One page, four numbers, \$20; one number, \$5. Cards, \$1 per insertion.

WE are a little late this issue, but part of the corps has gone to Canada to see his girl, and then just think how much longer it took to build the Pyramids!

OUR correspondents will notice that we have been obliged to cut their reports down to the bare news contained, on account of the press of other matter.

ETERNAL vigilance is the price of liberty, but THE SCROLL still retails at \$1.10. "It is a point we long to know" why some of our subscribers continue to peril their future happiness by failing to pay the printer.

PARTICULAR attention is called to the business card of our pioneer Bro. Ransford Smith, of the Ohio Alpha. Phis having legal business in Cincinnati will consult their own interests by entrusting it to Bro. Smith.

BRO. P. W. SEARCH, who has gone into the piano and music business at Marion, Ohio, has just published the "Onondaga Waltz." It is dedicated to our Fraternity by the author, T. B. Prentice. All Phis should send 40 cents to Bro. Search, as above, and get a copy by return mail.

THE boys of the Indiana Beta walked off with seven out of the eleven prizes given by Wabash College during the past year. They had a grand Phi reunion Thursday, June 24th, which was honored by the presence of Rev. W. L. Essex, '57, L. Railsback, '62, and R. B. Spellman, '56.

SIX of the Kentucky Alpha boys received their diplomas on Thursday, June 17th. They leave four good men in the Chapter, and (one absentee returning) will have five with whom to commence the fall term. They are all warm in the cause, as the delegates to the last Convention can attest.

THE Indiana Gamma lays claim to two of the three graduates of the N. W. C. University this year, Bros. Tomlinson and Sellers. Bro. Tomlinson was valedictorian. It is quite probable that the Chapter will secure a hall in the new University building at Irvington. It will begin next term with seventeen members.

THE Michigan Beta has initiated nine men this term, and one honorary member, Mr. Otis Fuller, of Mason, Mich., a brother of our late lamented Bro. Emmet Fuller. The Board of Control of the Agricultural College has given the Chapter permission to finish off

rooms on the fourth floor of one of the buildings. The Chapter is now working to raise means for this purpose.

BRO. AMOS STOUT writes from the newly established Kentucky Alpha at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, that although there was much prejudice among students and professors against secret societies—ours being the first established there—yet the Chapter has already eight members, and a bright prospect for time to come. It had two members in the graduating class, Bros. Abner Rogers and Amos Stout.

BRO. A. S. HOUGH reports the Georgia Gamma, at Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, as having eleven members, mostly in the upper classes. They have two rivals to contend with in chapters of the Chi Phi and Kappa Alpha. The small number of students at Emory has reduced the numbers of the fraternities, ours being somewhat less than either of the others. The Chapter has lately moved into a new hall on the college campus, claimed to be perfect in its adaptation to the purpose intended. It will soon be appropriately furnished.

THE Ohio Beta, at Athens, reports ten active members and one more under consideration. One of their Seniors tendered his resignation, but, no reason being given, the Chapter declined to act on it, and it is hoped that he may be induced to withdraw it. When the Ohio Beta was established at Ohio University, there were two other Fraternities already there—the Delta Tau Delta and the Beta Theta Pi. There was considerable strife between them, however, and the Phis, taking neutral ground, succeeded from the very first, and have continued to do so.

APROPOS of commencement, the *Chicago Times* has the following bit of sarcasm, under the title "He Elevates His Yawp: "

The college orator is now abroad in the land. His voice is heard from the four quarters of the earth, telling of the efforts he has made for distinction in the past, and his hopes and aspirations for the future. He is sanguine—far more sanguine than he will be a few years hence, when he shall have encountered and been conquered by some of the stern realities of life. Thus far his education has only been theoretical; in the future it will be practical. Whether the former shall fit the subjects for the latter, the future alone can determine.

BRO. CLEMENT HALL, of Franklin College, Ind., writes that the Delta Tau Delta, the only rival of the Phis at that college, is disposed to "lamentate" and cease hostilities, by reason of sinking

beneath the horizon of power. Such things will happen in the worst of families. The Chapter numbers thirteen of the most studious and moral young men in college, our correspondent (the fourteenth) modestly declining to include himself in that list. The Chapter graduates the entire Senior class, and *he* was their contestant at Bloomington. He is described as having grey eyes, and being between seven feet long and four feet short.

BRO. E. A. KEESE, of the Georgia Delta, took the first honor at Mercer University. He was considered the most social boy in college, and one of the best talkers in the State. The commencement orator was also a Phi. Last year the Chapter took the first and second honors, the first prize for oratory, and the position of anniversarian. In connection with his late visit to the Convention, Bro. A. S. Jones speaks of being *Haysy*, and of an intended summer vacation at some mysterious "asylum." We are afraid he is not the only Danville delegate who is troubled by haunting memories of the dark-eyed daughters of the Blue Grass region; for instance, Greene, of the New York Alpha.

BRO. C. J. REDDIG, of the new Pennsylvania Beta, established at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., sends a cheering account of the inauguration of that Chapter. It took place on the evening of May 5th, J. P. Keeney and Asa Leard, of the State Alpha, and D. B. Floyd, of the Virginia Alpha, assisting. The ceremonies lasted until 12 P. M., when an adjournment was made for songs, tea and toasts. On the morning of the 6th, the Chapter was given a friendly reception by the other fraternities, the Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Chi. A platform was erected, and speeches of welcome delivered. Bros. Leard and Keeney were shown the battle-field and other points of interest, and left for Easton on the 7th. The Chapter starts with ten good and zealous members, and has the advantage of being under the experienced eye of Bro. Floyd, who is attending the Theological Seminary there. This is the *eighth* Chapter he has been instrumental in founding.

AS BRIEFLY stated in our last number, the Indiana Eta, at Asbury University, Greencastle, has been set upon its feet again, and, starting with ten members, now numbers fourteen. They are quite hopeful. Though having five other Fraternities to contend with, they have already taken men away from them. The Chapter has secured a nice hall for next year. It is 36x16 feet, and is engaged permanently or as long as is desired at \$100 per annum. It

will be neatly and comfortably furnished, a start to that end having been made among the members of the Chapter. They will need about \$100 more. While their own alumni are expected to contribute, an appeal is made to the Fraternity at large for help. A good Phi hall at Asbury is necessary to the continuation of our Chapter there, as the other Fraternities are all well provided for in this respect. Remittances may be made to J. S. Sims or Geo. W. Barnett, Greencastle, Ind.

THE Ohio Eta, at Akron, "took in" two men during the past term, and received C. A. Wilson by transfer from the Ohio Beta. They have at present fifteen active members. Their only opponents, the Delta Tau Deltas, have awakened from their lethargy sufficiently to take in several second-rate men. They have adopted the plan of holding their business meetings on the Tuesday evening of every second week. On the alternate weeks an informal meeting is held at the hall or the residence of some member. They like the plan better than having a regular meeting every week. In order to preserve the history of the members, an album is provided to which each one, before leaving college, is required to contribute his photograph, and write opposite it a short and concise history of his life. Although organized only a little longer than four months, the Chapter is only second to the National Grand in numbers. They hope to secure a hall of their own next year.

At the Junior Orator contest, held at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., May 20th, Bro. Clearfield Park took the first prize, to the mental mortification of the Delta Kappa Epsilon men, who had a supper prepared to celebrate the expected triumph of their candidate. This will probably secure his election to speak at the Inter-Collegiate contest, which would secure to the Pennsylvania Alpha the honor of being twice represented in that contest within the first two years of its existence. Bro. Keeney recommends L. G. Burgess & Son, No. 10 Plain street, Albany, N. Y., as good and reliable badge manufacturers. This firm gives its entire attention to the manufacture of badges, medals, and keys, and is extensively patronized by Eastern fraternities. Both the Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta have ordered badges, which give entire satisfaction. In view of the recent action of the Convention, this firm makes the following bid: For plain badge and attachment, of 16 karat gold, \$8.25; the same set with pearls, \$13.37.

THE New York Alpha has reached a critical period in its history.

By the graduation of four seniors, the Chapter is deprived of the services of those who have been with it since its establishment and built it up to its present standing. The Chapter will start next year under the most favorable circumstances. With eight or ten members, an established reputation, all arrangements made for a large and handsomely furnished hall, and no back debts to encumber, the eyes of the old members and of the Fraternity at large will be turned with anxious solicitude upon those to whose care the honor of this Chapter has been committed. As they well or ill acquit themselves of the one chapter of our Order located at one of the four great universities of the land so will their reward be; credit and commendation, or disgrace. It is probable that W. E. Lucas and W. E. Yager will again be with them next year. The Chapter had two men on the commencement programme, one of them being also a class-day performer.

THE report from the Iowa Alpha, at I. W. University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, comes written on a neat Phi paper, with cut, hall address, etc. The Chapter has been brought to a realizing sense of its duties and privileges by THE SCROLL and the cheerful report of the Danville delegate. Bro. A. C. Jennis tells us that it was never in a more prosperous condition, having initiated six men during the past college year. Owing to a penchant for teaching school, however, there were but ten attendant members the last term. The Chapter has a nicely furnished hall. Its rivals, the Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta, are showing signs of weakness. The young ladies of the University have two secret societies—the “I. C.” and “P. E. O.”—about equal in strength. The Chapter deserves the commendation and support of the Order in the attempt to establish a Chapter at the State University at Iowa City. At present, the Phi Kappa Psi is the only fraternity there. It is thought that a number of excellent men can be counted on as charter members.

AT last comes news of the California Alpha, located at the State University, Berkley, Cal. Bro. Benj. P. Wall writes us that the Chapter was founded in June, 1873, by S. L. Clark, formerly of Wisconsin Alpha, and then a lawyer in San Francisco. The University was then at Oakland. A Chapter of the Zeta Psi had been established three years before, and had the best men of the upper classes. With the removal of the University to Berkley better times dawned, and the Chapter has since grown and prospered in its beautiful home by the still waters of the bay, looking out through the Golden Gate upon the “Peaceful Sea.” The Chapter now numbers twenty-

four members. Being far removed from the other chapters, they have been obliged to do everything for themselves with little outside advice or assistance. By faithful work the Chapter has taken the leading position in the University, the Zeta Psis and Chi Psis to the contrary notwithstanding. At the Junior contest J. E. Taylor carried off the honors. He is also the poet of the Chapter. J. N. E. Wilson is the musician. With these two, and a lot of jolly, frolicksome fellows, in a handsome hall, their meetings are characterized by a variety of exercises, literary, musical and gastronomical, truly fraternal. D. B. Huntley is valedictorian and historian of his class. Wm. C. Jones is class orator. May 22d, a banquet was given by the Chapter to W. S. Alexander, who enters the Military Academy at West Point. It was quite formal, and gotten up in the highest style of the literary and culinary arts.

"BRICK," of the National Grand, sends us a spicy personal letter on the members of that Chapter. In '75 they had two members, of whom Bro. A. McGogney is a jolly Irishman from the Keystone State, who, after a stay of three years, again returns to bask in the smiles of Pennsylvania's daughters. The other is Charley T. Jamieson, the most ardent Phi in the order, and richly deserving the compliment paid him by the Convention in making him Historian. The Juniors are all ladies' men. Bob Ballagh is one of the editors of the *University Review*, and an able writer. Brown is quiet but zealous, and represented the Chapter at the Junior Exhibition. Porter is a decided flirt, getting into love-scrapes innumerable. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, sports a blonde mustache, and, though a prospective preacher, is also a lady-killer. He responded to the farewell address at the Irving Society anniversary. W. Spense is a particular favorite with the ladies of the Lutheran church. In the sophomore class there are eight men, of whom Carson is the laziest, Eggert the best looking, McClelland the longest, Taylor the shortest, Hunter the funniest, Evans the most devoted to the ladies, and McClarran is a granger. They are the moving spirits in a class of forty-two. Of freshmen, there are five. Hull is an earnest worker of great promise. Luccock, though a base-ballist, still finds time to get his lessons and give a fine performance in literary society. He is judged the best man in his class. Senior ranks first in class standing, however, and just now is suspected of being in love. Johnson is secretary, and takes an earnest, conscientious pride in doing his work well. Gordon, late of Kentucky Alpha, though a new-comer, has won the esteem of all by his refined manners and gentlemanly deportment.

IN MEMORIAM
—
EMMETT FULLER,
—
MICHIGAN BETA.

IN MEMORIAM.

EMMETT FULLER, son of James Fuller, Esq., of Mason, Michigan, died at the home of his parents May 15th, 1875, in his twenty-second year.

He entered the State Agricultural College at the beginning of the second half of the college year in 1873, and before the close of the year was initiated into the Michigan Beta of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. By perseverance and close application to his studies, he had so far hastened his work in the course of study that, had he lived, he would have graduated the present year.

The first to be initiated into the Chapter after its organization, he was the first to be taken from its rolls by death. Stricken down at such an early age, the community and the Fraternity at large have lost a noble member. Very few of us thought, when we gathered around Phi Delta's altar at the beginning of the year, that before its close we should be called upon to mourn the loss of one of our number by death.

To know Emmett Fuller was to love him. Stamped with all that goes to make up the man, possessing an affable style and genial disposition, he drew to himself all who became associated with him.

He was a faithful student, and a zealous laborer for the interests of the Fraternity. Being connected with this Chapter in its infancy, he gradually grew up into the full spirit of its workings, and his last labors, before leaving college on account of failing health, were in behalf of Chapter interests.

Few had brighter prospects for future usefulness. With a clear, unclouded perception, and a keen idea of the practical, we could not but expect this result. Truly we mourn and deeply feel his loss; but ours can be but feeble in comparison with the grief of those who held a nearer and dearer relation to him.

The Chapter's ranks were weakened and the family circle broken. Still, is not our loss his gain? If a life devoted to the true, the beautiful, and the good can hope for a reward in the world to come,

such has been his lot. Those who imitate his example can hope for reunion.

"His name our charging hosts along
Shall be the battle word,
His fall the theme of choral song
From virgin voices poured.
To weep would do his glory wrong;
He shall not be deplored."

FRANK J. ANNIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst Brother Emmett Fuller; and

WHEREAS, Brother Fuller was an energetic member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, ever active in promoting the interests of the Order; and

WHEREAS, He was the first to be stricken from the roll of the Chapter by the hand of death, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Fuller not only the Chapter, but the Fraternity at large has lost an efficient laborer and a beloved brother; the community, a useful citizen; his family, a devoted son and brother.

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore his loss, we are looking forward to that grand reunion under a *bond* that shall be forever inviolate and inviolable.

Resolved, That we tender to the family and friends of our deceased brother our sincere sympathy.

Resolved. That our badges be draped in mourning for thirty days.

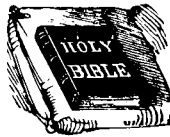
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased brother; that they be published in THE SCROLL, and that they be entered on the records of this Chapter.

CHAS. W. SHELDON,

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S. J. TOMLINSON, EDITOR.

L I F E.

BY JUDGE UNDERWOOD.

- Infancy.* A little crib beside the bed,
 A little face above the spread,
 A little frock behind the door,
 A little shoe upon the floor.
- Childhood.* A little lad with dark brown hair,
 A little, blue-eyed face, and fair,
 A little lane that leads to school,
 A little pencil, slate and rule.
- Youth.* A little, blithesome, winsome maid,
 A little hand within his laid,
 A little cottage, acres four,
 A little, old-time fashioned store.
- Maturity.* A little family gathering round,
 A little, earth-heaped, tear-dewed mound,
 A little added to his soil,
 A little rest from hardest toil.
- Age.* A little silver in his hair,
 A little stool and easy chair,
 A little earth-lit glory mixed with gloom,
 A little cortege to the tomb.

MORITURI SALUTAMUS.

TO THE PUBLISHING BOARD OF THE SCROLL AND OUR SUBSCRIBERS: I hereby submit my resignation as editor of the Literary Department of THE SCROLL. For this action I assign two reasons. 1. Having bid farewell to college walls, standing no more in the knightly Sanhedrin of Phi Delta Theta, I am incapacitated to labor as an active member in her ranks, and, moreover, my duties demand my individual attention. 2. At my instance the board has decided to concentrate its power in the Fraternity Department. The experience of the last year has taught us that this department is the one in which the interest of the members centres, and by a united effort of the brotherhood this can be made just the thing the Fraternity needs.

I avail myself of this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to this department, and those who have given their support to our magazine. I sever, by my present action, my actual connection with THE SCROLL, but not my sympathy with it, nor my pleasant remembrances of its managers, nor my kind feelings toward the brotherhood. I commend it, under its present organization, to the patronage of all who honor the Shield and Dagger and love the Bond.

Respectfully,

S. J. TOMLINSON.

INDIANAPOLIS, NOV. 10, 1875.

FRATERNITY MUSIC.

For some time there has been an earnest desire on the part of some members of the Fraternity to secure a choice collection of Phi music, both vocal and instrumental, together with the publication of a song book containing such songs as would be suitable for fraternity meetings, glee clubs, etc. In regard to the sheet music, permit me to say that the

brotherhood have failed to give that hearty support which was promised and is necessary for the success of this undertaking. I will give facts. Bro. Wilson, that whole-souled Californian, published a march of his own composition, one that has been pronounced by musicians a *grand* march; yet it is almost unknown beyond the limits of two or three chapters. Mrs. Wells composed a march which was dedicated to the Indiana Epsilon; it has had a very limited circulation. Bro. Search published the Onondaga Waltz, a very excellent waltz, but only a dozen copies have been sold to Phi Delta Thetas. More have been sold outside. It is earnestly desired that Phis who are music loving, or have sisters who love music, or know any "other feller's" sister who does, would help get our music scattered. Send 40 cts. to Bro. P. W. Search, Marion, O., for the Onondaga waltz; 75 cts. for the California march; 40 cts. for the Indiana march. We have on hand a superb waltz by Bro. Wilson which can be published if the others are circulated well and at once.

"BRICK."

SONG.

AIR:—*Billy O' Rouke.*

We are a set of jolly scamps,
From many a home and village,
Our fathers gave us all their stamps,
And sent us off to college.

Chorus—Let *Alma Mater* have her praise
With Sigma Chi and Beta;
Above all other frats we'll raise
The name Phi Delta Theta.

We shine our boots and comb our hair,
As every body knows, sir,
And sing our songs of classic air,
While others sing their prose, sir.

Chorus—Let *Alma Mater*, etc.

THE SCROLL.

In German, French, and ancient speech,
 We ne'er get in a muddle,
 But toads, when in the class-room each,
 The biggest in the puddle.

Chorus.—Let *Alma Mater*, etc.

In books, in halls, in laws and rules
 We keep a constant croaking,
 And pass for more than home-bred fools
 In logic or in joking.

Chorus.—Let *Alma Mater*, etc.

Like virgins wise, we'll trim our lamps,
 And fill ourselves with knowledge,
 And give our fathers back their stamps,
 When we get out of college.

ROBERT BALLAGH.

THE parentage of the subjoined scrap of experience, clipped from the *Cincinnati Commercial* has been traced home to Brother Sam W. Carpenter, and—*horribile dictu*—it is founded on fact:

"Provoking!"

He passed along
 Through the surging throng
 That crowded the busy way,
 But his thoughts were far
 From the noise and roar,
 A-gath'ring wool in some long-gone day.

When suddenly
 He chanced to see
 At his side a fair, bright face
 That flashed with a smile
 And vanished, while
 He lifts his hat—to the empty space!

"Confound it now
 Did she see me bow
 I wonder? But she must know
 That I prize too high
 Her regard to try
 Its strength by neglect of the due I owe."

HAL CYON.

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

A. B. THRASHER, EDITOR.

For THE SCROLL.

IN MEMORIAM.

J. R. O. DIED MAY 23, 18—.

I trust that somewhere in the fields eternal,
There's gain for every loss ;
That barren wastes shall yield to pastures vernal—
The Crown succeed the Cross.

I fain would think that wrongs all unrequited,
Here in this land of tears,
Shall yet behold their recompense, be righted,
In some far future years.

I fain would trust the love of Him who suffered
All the world's wrong and pain,
And on the heights of love so freely offered
His life, that I might gain,

Some sure and perfect sense of sins forgiven,
Some resting from the strife,
Some certain entrance to the blessed Heaven,
And high immortal life.

And yet I stagger 'neath these heavy crosses ;
Through tears I can not see
Why such distressful, dark and weary losses
Should in God's purpose be.

These wasting weeks—oh ! how we watched their hours,
To see if they would bring
New life to him we loved, with all their flowers
And hues of later spring.

And day and night, and in the early morning,
 Our prayers went up on high ;
 The only answer seemed a bitter scorning
 That echoed down the sky.

And so the great heart feebler beat, and slowly
 The light in that dear face
 Flickered and wavered like some taper holy
 In some sweet saintly place—

And then from out the regions of the distant
 There came a stronger breath,
 And all was hushed and quiet in an instant,
 And we were left with death.

* * * * *

To-day with tender hands, yet weary hearted
 Amid the falling rain,
 We laid him down with sad farewells and parted,
 Never to meet again,

Until we stand among the dreadful splendors,
 That stream from unknown ways,
 And in the Resurrection morning hear the thunders
 Chant the Redeemer's praise.

Rest well O brother, for the fight was weary ;
 Ofttimes the heart was faint ;
 Rest in His arms who here was ever near thee,
 Rest well, beloved saint !

But we—how shall we rest beneath this sorrow,
 This sense of awful loss ?
 How shall we front each new succeeding morrow
 And bear this crushing cross ?

How shall the Church bereaved renew her beauty
 Disfigured by such grief ?
 How rally round the standard of her duty
 When dead her mighty chief ?

And thou, dear widowed wife and lonely mother,
 For thee what yet remains,
 Save tender memories of our friend and brother
 For solace in thy pains,

And earnest longings in some bitter moments,
 To rend the earthly tie
 That holds thee separate from the immortal spirit
 That waits for thee on high?

And while we strive to bear the blow in meekness
 To lift the funeral pall
 That darkens us—oh Thou who knowest our weakness,
 Great God—sustain us all!

C. P. J.

A CHANGE OF BASE.

When we began work as editor of the Alumni Department of THE SCROLL we enthusiastically wrote fifty or sixty letters to alumni of our acquaintance and those of whom we could hear. The answer to this deluge of letters came pouring in to the tune of three or four lame excuses. Our ardor cooled. But it would never do to quit that way, so we wrote again.

The Government was growing opulent at our expense. The P. M. of our quiet village talked of higher wages, as the amount of mail matter had increased so rapidly. Our philanthropical friend Stanley took pity on us and furnished a very readable article. Brother Pickerill, ditto. Brother Norris, with a zeal worthy of better pay, kept sending us personals. Our spirits revived and we scraped up enough "stuff" for the first issue.

Our experience with the April number was a repetition of that of the first. It then began to dawn upon our mind that perhaps there was not such a *pressing* demand for an Alumni Department as we had supposed. Possibly the *live* part of our Fraternity is all we care about hearing from any way. Pardon us for our vanity in forcing this department on you and we will quietly take it back.

Seriously, Brethren of the Phi Delta Theta, the burden of issuing a magazine is a heavy one, unless the Fraternity

as a whole, puts its shoulder to the wheel. We editors have about concluded that one of us can run the whole of the business about as easily as one third of it. With *one* at the head, THE SCROLL can come out when advertised, the contents can be more methodically arranged and the whole paper will be better worthy of your support and approval. Brother Bates, a practical printer, a thorough literary gentleman and a wholesouled Phi, is just the man for the place.

The gist then of the whole matter is this: Brother Tomlinson and myself have concluded to hand over the whole editorial control of THE SCROLL to Brother Bates and ask your hearty support and cooperation for THE SCROLL with its single editor. Whether it will continue to be published is owing to how promptly and how liberally you support it. Brethren, can we afford to do without a magazine of this kind? Individually we would give three times the price rather than not have it. The *Chi Phi Quarterly* is the only "Greek" magazine published in the United States that can rival THE SCROLL and it does not in any respect surpass it. The *Chi Phi* is edited by one editor at \$1.50 per year. If every Brother would consider himself a committee of one to solicit subscribers for THE SCROLL and every chapter see that every active member is a subscriber, then could we confidently hope for the continuation of a magazine that will do more for the advancement of Phi Delta Theta than double or thribble that sum of money spent in any other way. EDITOR.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

H. H. BOUDINOT.

The subject of this sketch was born in Terre Haute on the 29th of February, 1840. H attended school at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

While there he joined the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and was probably there entangled in the meshes which finally led to his matrimonial capture by one of Crawfordsville's "fair ones" in July of '64. He was admitted to the practice of law in August of '63 and has since occupied a prominent position in the Terre Haute bar. In 1863 he was elected District Attorney, which position he occupied for two years. He was a candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket in 1870 but was defeated by the "colored question."

He is a true Phi and not one of the kind that lays off his loyalty with his badge.

GENERAL JOHN F. PHILIPS.

John F. Philips, of Sedalia, Mo., was born Dec. 31, 1834, in Boone County, Mo., and educated at the University of Missouri and Centre College, Kentucky, graduating at the latter college in 1855. He joined the Phi Delta Theta at Centre College, and thinks of his experience with the order at Danville as one of the brightest pages in the book of memory. He studied law after leaving college, and with the interval of the war, has practiced his profession in central Missouri since 1857, with a success conceded and attested by all. He was elected from his District in 1861 as delegate to the State convention to determine the relations of Missouri to the Federal Union, and though one of its youngest members, he served with distinction. During the war he served as colonel of a cavalry regiment in the Federal Army, and for gallantry on the field received a commission as Brigadier General from the Governor of Missouri. In 1868 he received the nomination by the Democratic party for Congress in his District, and though defeated, his laborious and brilliant canvass won him a second nomination in 1874, when he was elected to the 44th Congress by a large majority. Though devoted to his profession and constant in its pursuit he has ever been a student of history and our higher literature: and through all these busy years he has delivered numerous addresses upon a variety of topics before Masonic bodies, agricultural associations and literary societies.

DR. J. STEWART,

Was born, to use his own language, "in one of the very smallest of log cabins (in what was then the "howling wilderness") in Delaware County, Indiana, Jan. 26, 1843." His father was a "Hoosier School Master" who died at the age of 23 leaving to his two children, as their sole inheritance, a good name. The oldest of these children was our subject, aged three years, while his brother was but one. His mother marrying again in a few years, he went to live with a benevolent uncle who reared him as his own child.

He worked on his uncle's farm, going to district school twelve weeks in winter, until seventeen years old, when he made his first start for himself in life by "hiring out" for a year. With the money thus earned thirst for knowledge led him to Troy, Ohio, where he attended the Union School.

In December 1860 he began teaching with fine success, and with the money thus gained entered the N. W. C. University in March of '62.

The "Civil War" interrupted his college life and in the summer of 1862 he enlisted as a private in the 44th Ohio Infantry. In '64 he returned to the N. W. C. U. and early the following year he united with Phi Delta Theta. At the close of that year he taught with success in Miami County, Ohio. Began the study of medicine in '67 and improved all his leisure time reading, and spent vacations in the office of R. Griffis, M. D., Middletown, Indiana. Attended lectures in the winter of '69 and '70 at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he again came in communion with a chapter of live Phis. His second course of lectures he attended at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he graduated June 30, 1870. In September of this same year he was married to Miss Mahala Brandon, of Middletown, Indiana, and located immediately thereafter at Anderson where, with good success, he has been dispensing "physic" ever since. He is now Secretary of the Madison County Medical Society and has already attained an enviable position as a physician and is one of the very best of Phis.

COL. C. P. JACOBS.

Hon. Chas. P. Jacobs, whose beautiful poem we publish in this number, was born August 29, 1837, at Homer, Cortland County, N. Y. He entered Kalamazoo College, Michigan, in the year 1853, and, taking the classical course, graduated in 1857.

During the winter of '59 and '60 he attended lectures at the Albany N. Y. Law School, and the following fall was elected District Attorney of the 17th Judicial District of Indiana, which office he held for two years. In 1864 he was appointed on the staff of Gov. O. P. Morton as aid de camp and private secretary, and served till the close of the war. Chosen secretary of the Union State Central Committee in 1866, at the close of the campaign in October he entered upon the practice of law in Indianapolis, where he still resides.

Col. Jacobs is a member of the Baptist denomination, and has been closely identified with the Sunday School interest, having been President of the State Baptist S. S. association. He has also served in other places of honor and trust, such as President of the Indiana State Convention of Y. M. C. A., and of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. Association.

During the past five years, 1870-75, he has been a member of the Faculty of the Law Department of the N. W. C. University, and has invariably secured the friendship and confidence of his associate professors and the young gentlemen attending upon his lectures.

Though a successful business man and a first-class lawyer he does not cease to cultivate his literary tastes; and his large library gives unmistakeable evidence that the books are not there merely for show.

His connection with the Phi Delta Theta dates from the year 1866, when he was made a member of the Illinois Alpha, at Chicago, and delivered a poem at the inaugural of that chapter. Since that time he has been chosen and officiated as poet at three of our annual conventions, Indianapolis, Oxford and Crawfordsville.

For two years he held the position of Indiana correspondent of the *Chicago Times* and the *Cincinnati Gazette*, and perhaps the habit acquired then renders it easier for

him to still occasionally wield his pen to the benefit and interest of his friends.

HYMENEAL.

MARRIED at the residence of the bride's parents in Athens, O., on Tuesday evening, Sep. 21, Emmett Tompkins Esq. to Miss Martha L. Welch. We are compelled by lack of space to omit an interesting series of *whercases* and *resolves* of the Ohio Beta on the above blissful event. They mourn for Emmett as one "not dead but gone before."

MARRIED Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the residence of the bride's mother in Thorntown, Ind., Bro. Curt. H. Remy, class '72, Indiana Gamma, and Miss Fannie Wheeler, class '75, Glendale Female Seminary. Bro. Remy, now rapidly winning himself a name in legal and journalistic circles, is an old college friend of ours and we heartily congratulate him on his union with the very beautiful and accomplished young lady he has chosen.

EVEN A casual perusal of the concluding part of our worthy Grand Banker's report of the Danville banquet (see SCROLL, page 139) must have left the impression that our financial head-light was then and there in love. He was evidently "yearning for an ever-presence" of somebody, but alas for the Danville girl who thought it was *her* ever-presence that he was after! Even then the stricken fair had "an unpleasant apprehension that he was married." O prophetic soul! he *is* married. Now we will be dignified and state facts. Bro. C. D. Whitehead was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary M. Wilson, at a social given by Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Indianapolis, on the evening of October 22. A bridal trip to Ohio, and permanent settlement at 136 E. St. Joseph street, Indianapolis ensued. Mrs. Whitehead is a graduate of the Western Female Seminary, of Oxford, O., and a most accomplished and attractive lady. We recently met Bro. Whitehead with a market basket on his arm, and can certify that he jawed the hucksters with the practiced ease and skill of an old family man.

PERSONAL.

We had the pleasure of seeing Brother Geo. Florea and his lady-like wife recently. Another case of two Phis marrying. Join the Phis, girls.

BRO. H. G. BRADFORD has changed his habitation from Brooklyn Ind., to Indianapolis, and his allegiance from J. N. Gregory & Son to Sadler, Pee, Roots & Co.

THERE will be some scientific carving of the human anatomy when Bro. Nels. W. Cady gets out of the Bellevue Medical College, New York City, where he is spending the year.

BRO. HENRY C. GUFFIN, of Indianapolis—and what Phi does not know him?—is one of the few who have kept the altar fire of fraternal friendship brightly burning through all the years of an active business life.

GEO. GIFFORD, Indiana Gamma, thinks he has got the smartest and prettiest boy in the State. Any one knowing his handsome wife could not doubt that the child would be pretty, and of course it will be sharp for it is named after us. Send him to college and make a Phi of him, George.

We are sorry to learn of the protracted illness of our friend and brother, W. S. Tingley. He has charge of the Christian church at Wilmington, Ohio, and cannot but render satisfaction wherever he goes. His accomplished wife, *nee* Miss Hattie Hillis, has always been a loyal Phi. May many such join our ranks.

We clip the following notice of Brother F J. Stanley's pastoral work at Prescott from the *Chicago Interior* :

Services are well attended, having a full, and sometimes crowded house. Much interest has been manifest from the first, and all have seemed to appreciate the earnest Christian efforts of Mr. Stanley. In his farewell sermon, he gave an account of his summer work. Among other items he stated he made upwards of 260 pastoral calls. He has been a very earnest worker and has endeared himself to the people. The church will give him a call to return as pastor at the close of his seminary course.

FRATERNITY DEPARTMENT

WM. O. BATES, EDITOR.

THE SCROLL UNROLLED.

We have tried to build up a trade in this magazine. When the board of managers undertook its publication there were two serious obstacles in the way. We did not know what the character of the publication should be, and we were too widely separated to hold any satisfactory councils of war. Hence the extreme delay in issuing and the character of compromise and lack of proper arrangement which the magazine has borne. Our year of experience has taught us several things. While the alumni, in individual instances, have manifested a lively interest in THE SCROLL, the great majority are too difficult to reach and too much absorbed in the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches to take any active part in our enterprise. The interesting articles of the Literary Department have been either those pertaining to the active workings of the Order, (and hence belonging elsewhere) or those written by alumni members eminent for ability in this direction. The working members have given THE SCROLL a hearty but disorganized support. Subscriptions, in many instances, have not been paid; chapter reports have failed to come and have not always been satisfactory when they did come. And, finally, it has been found practically impossible to make the magazine entirely *sub rosa*. For all of these ills and mistakes we shall attempt a remedy in the next volume, if the Fraternity sees fit to give the support necessary to its publication.

This is our prospectus. Instead of three separate and distinct departments, the matter will be classified under as many headings as its nature may require. In the place of three editors there will be one managing editor, with an assistant editor in each chapter. The assistant editors will be elected by their own chapters to serve for one year. They will be expected to furnish a report of their chapters for each issue; whatever editorial articles and hints that may occur to them; to collect news of their chapters' alumni, and to act as chapter subscription and advertising agents. Occasional and short literary articles of peculiar merit will be gladly received. A good poem is always in order. The space devoted to such articles

will, however, be quite limited. Since it has been difficult to hear directly from the alumni, the effort will be made to learn all that is possible about them. To this end the biographical notices of distinguished Phis begun in this number will be continued. While our circulation, as in the past, will be confined to members of the Order, nothing should be written, or will be published, which would be detrimental to our interests if generally known. Bro. Norris has kindly consented to retain control of the publication and assist in the general management. He has decided to keep the subscription price at \$1.10, notwithstanding the fact that he has hardly paid expenses this year.

Chapters will please elect their editors at once that the next number, if issued at all, may be out promptly. In choosing editors the most experienced and active man in the chapter should be elected. To this end we make the following nominations to a few chapters, which they may accept or not as they feel disposed: Indiana Alpha, W. B. Durborow; Indiana Gamma, A. M. Lyster; Indiana Beta, W. McBroom; National Grand, J. B. Pomeroy; Georgia Alpha, C. B. Gaskill; Georgia Delta, A. S. Jones; Tennessee Beta, Lytton Taylor; Missouri Alpha, N. W. Halstead; Iowa Alpha, J. S. Kline; Nebraska Alpha, G. M. Lambertson; Pennsylvania Beta, C. J. Reddig. On the assistant editors, when elected, will depend the future of the magazine. If they go to work at once collecting old subscriptions and getting new ones, with a bright look-out for news and alumni personals, we shall feel that the Fraternity wants the magazine and act accordingly. In the expressive language of the Grand Banker, "Talk is cheap but it takes money to run THE SCROLL." We don't beg however. If THE SCROLL is not worth all we ask for it, let it die. Editors will please make their chapter reports as personal and spicy as possible. Alumni personals should be paragraphed and written on a separate sheet of paper. If you have any distinguished alumni, write up a brief sketch of their lives. The Publisher wishes to be clubbed at once, and all reports and articles for the next number must be in by Jan. 15, 1876.

And now a parting, it may be a last, word. One end of the scroll has been unrolled before you; we have tried to predict what the other may contain. We have not hesitated to darken its folds with censure when censure seemed to be needed—nor shall we in the future. Yet, in the main, the task has been most pleasant and congenial. Our best reward for all labor and anxiety is the feeling that though we may never meet and clasp hands with our little band of readers, a bond of sympathy has been established utterly independent of the weary miles that roll between.

CATALOGUE!

After two years careful work and much waiting to gather facts, the committee have ready for publication a complete catalogue. Therefore, in accordance with the order of our last convention at

Danville, Ky., (see July number of SCROLL, page 126) they have called upon me to raise the money. I therefore levy an assessment of \$1.00 *per capita* on all the attendant members of all the chapters to defray the expenses of publishing our catalogue. Said assessment must be paid on or before January 1, 1876. Each member who is in attendance when this tax is paid will be entitled to one copy of the catalogue in paper cover, and by adding 50 cents can have it bound in rich English cloth. In remitting state which style is desired.

C. D. WHITEHEAD, Grand Banker,
Rooms 1 and 3 Thorpe Block, Indianapolis.

IN THESE days of growing independence in journalism THE SCROLL is proud to confess itself an organ.

ON IT the Michigan Beta is making strenuous efforts to place the Alpha on its feet again. They are lively boys, up there.

BRO. HUGH C. SMITH, of the new Virginia Delta, reports his chapter as numbering thirteen of the best men in Richmond College.

FROM THE various reports in this number it would seem that a matrimonial tidal wave is sweeping over the devoted heads of our brethren. Let this be a warning to us all.

THOSE chapters not having reports in this issue will find authority on page 130 of last number for remitting \$5. each to His Financial Highness, the Grand Banker. Told you so.

AN impatient subscriber asks if we are waiting to get out a Christmas number. This is the November number, sir, no matter *when* you get it. Owing to the general debility of our printers, etc.

WE are pained to learn from the *Evansville Courier* that our Order has but three chapters in Indiana. Many of its members have flattered themselves that it had twice that number but the *Courier* knows, of course.

BRO. WM. E. KEENER, Georgia Gamma, Emory College, Oxford, Ga., has changed his local habitation and his name and wishes now to be addressed, Wm. A. Keener, Harvard Law School, 12 Dunster st., Cambridge, Mass.

OF Col. Black's poem an Eastern lady of fine culture and literary judgment writes, "I have been much pleased with that poem in THE SCROLL. Do you know any thing of the author? He is a truly reverent interpreter of Nature."

A LATE report from the irrepressible "Brick" Pomeroy announces a new chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, Cannonsburg Pa., and two more in embryo. Brick bids fair to rival Floyd, of the Virginia Alpha, as a chapter founder.

A MORE general ventilation of views by fraternity workers on fraternity workings would be profitable. Say what you think on a postal card, and the bread cast upon the waters may return unto you after many days, provided it is not too heavy to float.

BOWEN, STEWART & Co., of Indianapolis, will bind THE SCROLL in morocco back and corners, with cloth sides, for \$1.35; in the same style but imitation morocco, for \$1.10. Postage 18 cents extra. Where six or more volumes are sent at once a discount of 10 per cent will be made.

FOR violation of the Bond, W. E. Yager, of the New York Alpha, and Frank Smyser, Will C. Boteler, W. H. Grabenhorst and E. A. Herbst, of the Pennsylvania Beta, have been given "the grand bounce" by those chapters respectively. Deep threats of vengeance fright the trembling air. Next?

THE FOLLOWING addresses may be useful; Rev. L. F. Walker, President, 305 East Ohio st., Indianapolis, Ind.; C. D. Whitehead, Grand Banker, Room No. 1, Thorpe Block, Indianapolis; Jas. C. Norris, Publisher of THE SCROLL, 173 Ash st., Indianapolis; Wm. O. Bates, Editor, 314 Park Ave., Indianapolis.

THE SCROLL is indebted to Brother A. M. Shuey, Minneapolis, Minn., for a copy of the Phi Delta Theta March, which he has lately composed and published. It is a beautiful piece of music and the title page is adorned with a fine large engraving of our coat of arms. Brother Shuey will furnish copies of the same at 40 cts. each.

IN the dissolution of its editorial triumvirate THE SCROLL surrenders the alumni editor to the charge of a flourishing preparatory school at Groves, Indiana, and its literary man to the pastoral care of the Olive Branch Christian Church of Indianapolis. Since they have other fish to fry, may their lines be cast in pleasant places.

BRO. JAMIESON writes: "For various reasons I am constrained to resign my position as Historian. Feeling assured the work will be placed in abler hands, and thanking the Order for the honor they have conferred upon me, I hereby offer my resignation as Fraternity Historian, and request that you appoint a substitute at your earliest convenience."

BRO. S. B. McCABE, formerly of the Virginia Gamma, writes us from Leesburg, Va., in regard to the arrears reported against that chapter by the Grand Banker. The assessment was paid in full, only too late to go in the report, and the financial fame of the Gamma is as clear as "the meandering streams of Old Virginia."

BRO. B. L. GREGORY and his amiable spouse, of Brooklyn, Ind., recently treated a humble but voracious fraction of THE SCROLL to watermelon. For the encouragement of diffident admirers we take pleasure in stating that the journalistic maw resembles that of the ostrich in its omnivorous power and the proverbial omnibus in distensibility.

THE GRAND BANKER wishes particular reference to be made to top of page 44 in the minutes of 1874; bottom of page 128 in minutes of 1875; to the resolution of Brother Keener on page 130; to "amount on hand," page 135 and on the same page, see *Delinquent Chapters*, "and "Debts." The California Alpha is referred to an order recorded on page 53 of the minutes of 1874, and particularly to the word "only" at the top of page 54.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for reunions and representation at the Centennial next year by a variety of orders, why should not Phi Delta Theta have headquarters and representation too? There will undoubtedly be two or three hundreds Phi present and if they knew where to find each other they might have a grand social time while waiting for the eagle to scream. It would be as good as a convention. Where is our committee?

BRO. KEENER, of the Badge committee, reports that he has been unable to hear from the other members but would recommend the badges made by Charles Cook, northeast corner of Fifth and Smith streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Cook has made badges for some of the Ohio chapters and is said to be a competent workman and a reliable man. His badges vary in price with the degree of elaboration. Descriptive and price list may be obtained of him.

BRO. F. J. ANNIS leaves the Michigan Beta on Nov. 10 to take charge of the Union School at Greeley, Colorado. In consequence of this change he has transferred the compilation and publication of the Phi song book to Brother P. W. Search, Marion, Ohio, to whom all communications thereunto pertaining should be addressed. Brother Search's well known ability in this direction will leave nothing to be desired—except a cordial support from the members.

GOING to press we learn that Harry W. Jones, of the Indiana Beta, died at his home in Columbus, Indiana, on Monday, Nov. 22.

Bro. Jones had been the victim of consumption for about a year, and went north last summer in the vain hope of finding relief. He was an active and zealous Phi, never working for honors but for the very work's sake. A singular fatality seems to attend the Beta boys, several of them having died from the same disease in times past.

The Michigan Beta boys tell a good story on a member of their rival fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta, who became so flustrated that he brought a brother from abroad to the the door of the room where one of the professors was engaged in hearing a class in Shakespeare. They gave their secret rap and when the professor opened the door the member from abroad rushed into his arms (as all good brothers should) and gave the astonished professor the secret pass word and grip before he discovered his mistake. On the professor's rising to explain, the two worthy Deltas retired in some haste.

With an organization second to none in the South; undeniably the most powerful fraternity in the vast region drained by the Ohio, while our chapters in New York, Pennsylvania and Old Virginia send words of welcome three thousands miles across the Continent to their sister on the shores of the peaceful Pacific; with the zeal of a Caesar for conquest and the strength and energy of a youthful giant awakened from refreshing sleep; whoshall say that our influence is limited and that our quarter century is not the opening chorus of a symphony that shall ring down the ages with the inspiring melody of fraternal song! Notwithstanding all this glory, THE SCROLL will still be sold at the old price, \$1.10.

BRO. CHARLEY T. JAMIESON sends the following errata to the Convention report on arangement of chapters published in our last number:—

—For Ohio Eta, Zeta Deuteron, read, Ohio Eta, Xi Deuteron.

—For Indiana Eta, established 1860-1875, read, 1868-1875.

—For Ohio Beta, Deuteron, read, Ohio Beta, Delta.

—Chapters may add to their list:—Pennsylvania Beta, Rho Deuteron, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1875.

Brother Jamieson suggests that, owing to the liability of the titles of superior chapters, as the National Grand and State Grands, to change, these titles be used only in their official connection.

THERE is an excellent opportunity for some one to hang out his name on the outward walls of posterity and reap a present harvest of ducats, besides, by writing a history of the twenty or thirty college fraternities in the United States. Nothing of the kind

has ever been attempted and if the work was ably and fairly done it would meet a large sale among college men. A prominent man in each fraternity might be employed to write up his order and the whole embellished with cuts of the different coats of arms. The date of founding, general principles of the order, its prominent men, where its chapters were located, vicissitudes, etc., would be some of the topics to be treated by such a work. What a fine missionary work it might do in teaching some of the smaller fraternities modesty!

AFTER doing much honest and excellent work, Bros. C. T. Jamieson and S. W. Carpenter have resigned from the catalogue committee by reason of the want of appreciation and support of their efforts by certain chapters. The catalogue will be published by the surviving member of the committee, Bro. Whitehead, as soon as he has funds enough to warrant its issue in first-class style. Its arrangement and classification will differ from previous catalogues and be much fuller and more satisfactory. Full reports have not yet been received from the following old chapters: Georgia Gamma and Delta, Illinois Gamma and Delta and Missouri Alpha. Our new chapters, the Tennessee Beta, Pennsylvania Beta and Gamma and Virginia Delta, are respectfully invited to send reports. Reports should give name, (indicating charter members) year of initiation and of graduation, present residence, occupation, and all titles and offices of honor. If other chapters will forward the names of members taken since they reported, said names will go in. A very small amount of work will insure a good catalogue and save the reputation of some chapters in this matter. Send all reports to Bro. C. D. Whitehead, Indianapolis.

ONE of the great objects of a fraternity and the avowed mission of this publication is the renewal and perpetuation of those ties of friendship formed in college but too often sundered at the going forth from the college gates. We all resolve that it shall not be thus in *our* case, that frequent visits, letters and messages of love shall keep the flame burning brightly. The world however is perfectly relentless and ever brings us new duties and new pleasures to supplant the old. Gradually the visits cease, the letters, while still breathing the old affection, become few and brief, and we suddenly awaken to find that the friend who seemed once a part of our very soul has become a comparative stranger. This is way of the world, and he who seeks its work and rewards must bear its burdens too. And yet there are moments of pause in the fierce rush of life when the memory of other days and other friends comes in upon us with a storm of wild, re-

gretful longing and self reproach. Bro. Jackson, of the California Alpha, once speaking of this very subject quoted the Hindoo simile,

Two sticks of wood the boundless ocean bore :

They meet, they touch, they part to meet no more,

with the remark that it comprises about all of human experience and feeling. To a rational mind the ever-sounding "*vale, vale, vale,*" must ultimately bring a great longing for that state where those who love need never part but be joined together in fraternity forever.

ELSEWHERE will be found testimonials of esteem for Bros. Wm. Howard, Ohio Beta, and John E. Taylor, California Alpha, deceased. The case of Brother Taylor, dying by an accidental and violent death, would seem peculiarly sad. While we cannot but mourn the loss to his friends and the world of one who gave so fair promise of a noble and successful career, yet there comes into mind that line, at once the truest and the saddest commentary on human life, "whom the gods love die young." Struck down in the early flush of manly vigor, with all of life's bright possibilities and few of its bitter realizations in view, may it not be said of him as of Scipio, "*ut ex tam alto dignitatis gradu ad superos videatur deos potius quam ad inferos pervenisse?*" Never for him the confession wrung from one whose antecedents and talents were equally promising,

"Behind a visor of acted lies,

I strive to hide from my fellows' eyes,

How sadly life can fail."

Another well and truly says, "Only you, the cross new on your foreheads and in your hearts, too young to know what lies before you, too buoyant to fear it if you knew—only you think the strife is better than inaction—think the combat has a promise of exultation." Loving and tear-dimmed eyes watched the pained spirit of Brother Taylor relinquish its physical habitation; would that they might have looked beyond and seen the broadened and untrammelled life of truth and use waiting him on the other shore!

THE SCROLL was established by our Fraternity, and one of its chief features was to be full reports from all the chapters, showing quarterly the status and progress of each chapter. In the first issue but fifteen chapters reported, or less than three-fifths of the entire number; in the second issue but eight chapters reported, or less than one third; in the third issue the proportion was the same as in the first. Can any the most enthusiastic Phi draw from this a flattering picture of our *esprit*? The resolution of last Convention in this regard, rendering chapters liable to fine and forfeiture of charter, shows what practical fruits that zeal which manifests itself in froth

brings forth. Again, the committee on catalogue have now been occupied during the past year in getting in shape the reports of the various chapters. During all this time it has been well understood throughout the Order that such a catalogue was in course of preparation. Yet not only have all the chapters waited until asked before sending in reports to the committee, but many of them when requested, have so neglected the very plain instructions that a long and vexatious correspondence has been necessitated and the work of the committee, large enough under the most favorable circumstances, has been vastly increased. Our Order will not become great and glorious simply by our calling it so. It is necessary for us all to do all we can *individually* for her advancement; and then we can say that we really have that excellent organization which our Bond and Constitution show us to have on paper.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

OHIO BETA.

A SHORT SONG BUT THE RIGHT TUNE.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, OHIO, Oct. 16, 1875.—I take pleasure in reporting for our chapter a healthy action and a perceptible revival of the old enthusiasm. We have eight attendant members, having initiated one this term. We are anxious to see THE SCROLL succeed and will support it the ensuing year. M. F. PARRISH.

TENNESSEE BETA.

HOPEFUL WORDS FROM AN EARNEST MAN.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 23, 1875.—We are progressing, and the day is not far distant when the Tennessee Alpha will take her place among her sister chapters. We have men who *can, will and are* working. We hope the time is not far off when Nashville will be the place of meeting. If any brother or brothers feel interested in us we would be pleased to hear from them. Words of encouragement would go well in this dark hour of our existence. Address,

L. TAYLOR, with Col. W. B. Reese, Nashville, Tenn.

INDIANA DELTA.

PROSPERITY A LA FRANKLIN.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, FRANKLIN, IND., Oct. 11, 1875.—We are prospering as usual this year. Have had no new additions. We deem it wise to be cautious. We want *men*, men of promise. We think every chapter should strive to get good men rather than to increase its numbers.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity is our only antagonist. They have some men of character and brains. We will make it a point to excel them in class standing and literary society.

J. R. EDWARDS.

INDIANA BETA.

GAIN AND LOSS—A NEW HALL.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Oct. 25, 1875.—I seat myself to report *breviter* the state of the Indiana Beta. We have as yet taken in no new members, but our number has been increased by W. S. Booe, formerly of the Indiana Gamma, who is now attending Wabash, having entered the junior year. We lost, with the graduating class of last year, two men. Have procured, and are fitting up in handsome style, a commodious hall in Harter's Block, corner of Washington and Main. We are anticipating a grand year for the Fraternity in general and for our chapter in particular. *Gaudeamus!*

W. McB.

INDIANA ETA.

CAST DOWN BUT NOT DISMAYED—ABOUT THAT HALL—THANKS.

ASBURY UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND., Oct. 13th, 1875.—The college year with us has opened very pleasantly, with an unusual number of students on the roll. And the Eta still lives. Our prospects are not so flattering as they were the last of the year. A great many of our boys did not come back and, owing to the fact that we had rented a hall, it makes it embarrassing to the half-dozen who are still in the ranks. We have only to say to the recreant that we are full of

life and have a bright prospect before us, and desire to remind them of the obligations which they left behind unsatisfied.

We are under many obligations to quite a number of our old friends who have assisted us very generously, and there are still others who have promised to help us. We thus in the begining of a new year send fraternal greetings to all our sister chapters, bidding them God-speed in the noble work.

J. S. SIMS.

OHIO DELTA.

THE DELTA NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS—A SENIOR EDEN IN ILLINOIS.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, O., Oct. 23, '75.—Our chapter is still *sub rosa* and not generally known to exist but we, ourselves, think we *do*, and hence send a report. Last year we expected to come out at the beginning of the present term, but met a reverse sufficient to postpone our intentions. There are but five of us left at present. Three of our members did not return this term as we expected. One of them was a senior and editor-elect of the *Transcript*, (our college paper) with a reputation, both literary and as a student, second to none. But alas! in his innocence he became entrapped in a matrimonial mesh and they have both gone to Illinois, where he is teaching. If any brother meet him and congratulate him in the name of his chapter, he will have our thanks. He left here several days before school began and we had not the opportunity. We are without a hall at present but do not intend to be so long, for we find we cannot have the same interest as when possessing a proper place in which to hold our meetings.

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KENTUCKY ALPHA.

WE ARE INJECTED WITH GENTLE BLOOD IN "OLD KAINTECK"—A DARK AND BLOODY PUN ON PLUTARCH.

CENTRE COLLEGE, DANVILLE, KY., Oct. 25, 1875.—The Kentucky Alpha commenced operations this year with but two men on the roll, two of its old members who were expected back having failed to return to college. To this number, however, have been made four additions, three by initiation and one, Bro. Phillips, by transfer from the Missouri Alpha. The new members all manifest great interest

in the Fraternity, and the whole chapter is actively engaged in its work. One of our new brethren, Bro. Worrall, is a son of the Rev. J. L. Worrall, of Covington, who is to make the address at our next convention. While on the subject of genealogies, we will add that another, Bro. Crittenden, is the grandson of John J. Crittenden, Kentucky's famous statesman and orator. The remainder, also, are all of gentle blood, but it would require too much time to enumerate their various virtues or trace the long thread of their illustrious ancestry. Modesty commands us to be silent. A great deal could be written about Kentucky boys and their devotion to the cause. Indeed I think we may be safe in saying that if we each had as many lives as Plutarch, we would willingly sacrifice them all for the good of the Fraternity. But until we are called upon, there will not be any needless effusion of blood. Greetings to our old brethren and congratulations to the new!

J. D. F.

KENTUCKY GAMMA.

BLUE GRASS BELLES—AS TO THE GAMMA'S BIRTH—WHAT SHE CAN DO WHEN SHE GETS READY—A GOOD WORD FOR "THE SCROLL."

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, GEORGETOWN, Ky., Nov. 1, 1875.—In the very heart of the famous blue-grass region of Kentucky is situated the beautiful town of Georgetown. It is celebrated for its fine and flourishing schools, and especially for its beautiful young ladies. It is here that the Kentucky Gamma was born about seven months ago; here she is being reared, and is becoming stronger every day, and while this is the place of her birth, we hope she will never find here her grave. The cloud of opposition that hung over her earlier existence has disappeared, and the sunshine of encouragement has burst upon her. Our chapter now numbers six. One of our best men, Brother Glenn, was not able to return this year, but will be with us next year. We have initiated no new men this term; but will in a short time, initiate at least a half-dozen. Since there are no other secret organizations here, we can take in new men just as it suit our convenience. We have been waiting in order to become well acquainted with the different characters, before we take any steps toward initiation. We can get just as many men as we wish, for quite a number are desirous of becoming members of our chapter. We have received several copies of THE SCROLL, and it is needless to say that we are all delighted with it; and we are determined to do our part towards supporting it. We think it well

worth the patronage of Phis wherever they may be. Success should and will crown the efforts of those who publish it if every Phi will only do his duty. [Amen, Ed.] A. ROGERS.

MICHIGAN BETA.

OUR GRANGER CHAPTER PINS TWO PROFESSORS AND GIVES A GORGEOUS BANQUET.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LANSING, MICHIGAN, Sept. 28, 1875.—Since our last report we have initiated several members, among whom were two official members of the faculty. I tell you, Phis, we just grinned clear down to our boots, to see *those* fellows come in with a handkerchief over their eyes.

On the 21st of August our chapter gave a grand banquet, under the chief management of Brothers H. E. Owen, C. W. Sheldon and J. E. Taylor. It was a perfect success. Among the exercises the following toasts were responded to: "Our Fraternity," by Brother F. J. Annis; "Our Sister Fraternity" (the Delta Tau Delta,) by C. L. Ingersol, the Delta Tau Delta representative; "The Ladies," by Brother H. H. Willis; "Our Honored Dead," by C. W. Garfield (honorary member); "Our Chapter Receptions," by J. E. Taylor.

After the banquet the company repaired to the public parlors where the Phi Glee Club, under the directions of Brother F. J. Annis, furnished some fine music.

It is said the boys in town were somewhat exasperated on the occasion, from the fact that the Phis had run off with all their best looking girls.

Our success was so complete that we propose to hold another reception on the 8th of November. All Phis are invited to come. If any see fit to visit us then, let them inform us beforehand, that we may prepare for them, in true granger style, which insures a sumptuous feast. A heart and hand of brotherhood, from the Michigan Beta to all Phis.

J. E. TAYLOR.

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

GOOD BYE SENIORS—A FRESHMAN TRICK—LOOK OUT FOR A NEW HALL.

KNOX COLLEGE, GALESBURG, ILL., Oct. 10, 1875.—Since our last report we have added no new members to our chapter: on the con-

trary we have lost four. Our two Seniors graduated with credit to themselves and to the fraternity; and while we cannot be insensible to losing them, we are not ashamed to send them forth into the world as representatives of our Society. Our numbers are further thinned by the removal of two Freshmen, from whom we were very loth to separate. Brother Wood departed for an Eastern college; while Brother Mc Murtry, in spite of his freshman-hood, his minority, and his *beardless* face, decided to abandon the classic walls of Knox for the field of matrimonial felicity.

So we have at present, but six active members; we expect, however, to admit quite a number of both Freshmen and Sophomores during this term.

We are taking measures to procure a new and commodious hall for holding our meetings. We have suffered for want of a permanent room ever since our former hall, with all our furniture and *paraphernalia*, was destroyed by fire.

We are united and happy: and feeling that we have accomplished something during the past year, we shall aim during this to achieve still more.

AUTHUR W. LITTLE.

NATIONAL GRAND.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE TO CHARLEY JAMIESON—WHAT PRES. TAYLOR THINKS—THE IRREPRESSIBLE "BRICK" FOUNDS A NEW CHAPTER AT RICHMOND, VA., AND IS STILL ON THE WAR PATH.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER, OHIO, Oct. 9, 1875.—On last commencement day we bade farewell to Charley Jamieson, the moving spirit of the National Grand and the pride of all. Then we were filled with gloomy forebodings as to our future success. But, thanks to the zeal of those brothers of whom *he* was the leader, our prospects are brighter than ever. He labored hard for the prosperity which we are now enjoying. Animated by his illustrious example, every member is laboring zealously for the upbuilding of our common cause. On the authority of President Taylor, ours is the best fraternity in the University of Wooster. As to numbers, we are the same as when last reported, in the classes of '76 and '77, also of '78, with the exception of Brother Gordon, who when last heard from, proposed returning to the Kentucky Alpha. Our prospect for getting the best men in the class of '79 are *decidedly* favorable. But

few personal allusions are necessary. Porter is tutor in Latin, Ballagh and Brown have been on the temperance platform, Hunter has been discussing the inflation question. G. E. Patterson, of '76, and J. B. Pomeroy, of '77, are editors of the *University Review*. Bro. Pomeroy is taking the place of Charley Jamieson in fraternity work. He, together with two brothers of different chapters, have succeeded in establishing a chapter at Richmond, Virginia. We also expect to establish a chapter at another good institution in a short time through his agency.

G. W. LUCCOCK.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

GETTYSBURG ON THE GROW—TWO PHIS MARRIED AND A NEW HALL PROVIDED.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA., Oct. 4, 1875.—Our chapter, though but recently ushered into existence, is flourishing and, we hope, rapidly approaching that dawn of glory when by one's deeds he may be known. The infant weighs fourteen pounds, is hearty and enjoys fine prospects for future distinction. At the beginning of the year we numbered, three seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, one scientific student and one from the preparatory department. We have now fourteen (including one correspondent member) having initiated this session two freshmen and one sophomore.

We are happy to say that each of our new members, is possessed of the highest intellectual and social qualifications. Two of our boys, during vacation, saw grand goals in the blissful plain of married life for which they strove and were successful in obtaining. One of them, who is now a senior, returned and nobly displayed his fraternal hospitality by providing for us a convenient and comfortable hall. There, around a cheerful hearth, may thirteen Phis at stated times, be seen earnestly consulting for the good fortune of their noble cause. There are four fraternities here and ours though once least is now second in number, the Phi Kappa Psi being somewhat ahead of us. The Phi Gamma Deltas profess eternal friendship for us but the Signa Chis (in consequence of our having politely deprived them of several men) haven't much to say.

At the biennial anniversary of the Phrenakosmian Society, to be held on the 22d of February, two of the six orators will be Phis, two Sigs and two Deltas.

We stand on an independent basis, asking favors from none but hoping, in the triumphal march of time, to leave a lasting impression upon the minds of a chosen class.

We would be glad to hear from some of our western brothers at any time.

WM. I. BOTELLER.

INDIANA GAMMA.

TWO GRADUATES TAKE RESPECTIVELY A CHURCH AND A WIFE. WHO CHOSE THE BETTER PART?—THIRTEEN SURVIVORS—A CONJUGAL RIVAL FOR COLLEGE HONORS.

N. W. C. UNIVERSITY, IRVINGTON, IND., Oct. 27, 1875.—Vacation has come and gone, and with it its varied scenes of pleasure and sadness. Many of the former we would gladly recall, while the latter are welcome to be remembered with the past. College duties have again called together the warm hearts of the Indiana Gamma. Some of the boys have not returned. The class of '75 took from us two of our noblest and best—Brothers Tomlinson and Sellers. The former was early called to take the pastoral charge of Olive Branch Church, Indianapolis, where he is doing a grand and noble work. The latter, in one respect at least, has excelled the former. Finding the journey of life lonely he took unto himself a companion, one of Indiana's best, shortly after his return home. This, however, is characteristic of Phis, and, of course, the step he has thus taken will not be condemned by his brethren. Scott Booe, another whose smiling visage always betrayed the glowing soul behind it, and who during the year '74-5 made one of our number, has for the year '75-6 enrolled his name with the boys of the Indiana Beta. Thirteen of the old members have returned. The vacation has taken from them none of that genial Phi spirit which has always shed lustre on their deeds. Brothers Blount and Granger, each of whom have been absent from college for the past two years, have returned. They are both good workers. They bring evidence too of the noble work they have been doing while away from college. Brother Granger comes to us strong, vigorous and manly, bearing the marks of much additional culture. Brother Blount comes, not with this testimonial alone, but bringing with him a life partner, a noble lady such as Phis always choose, who stands side by side with him in contesting for college honors. Who can do better? The Indiana Gamma is fully alive to the duties which lie before her. Active in class room, zealous in literary society and courteous toward all, she ranks high in the estimation of faculty and students. In the class of '76 there are four Phis; so we are pretty well represented. Brother E. F. Taylor,

whom the Gamma boys initiated two years ago, and who was with the Epsilon chapter last year, graduates with the class of '76 in Bethany College, West Virginia.

A. M. L.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

NEW EDITION OF AN OLD JOKE—VICTORY AT LAST—PHI CORNELL-
IANS MOVE INTO A NEW HALL—WHAT IT IS LIKE—A CONTEMPLA-
TED FEED—NUMBERS.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1875.—A terror-inspiring threat that O'Bates, the thunder-and-poet editor of THE SCROLL, would fine the New York Alpha \$5. if its report were not immediately sent in, would have been sufficient inspiration for the following if there were not already other and better causes. Said editor was with us at a time when prospects were gloomy enough, and enthusiasm so evenly matched with discouraging circumstances as to make success a doubtful thing. He remained with us, too, until the roughest of the road had been traveled and we were gliding along in as smooth a channel as was meet of any well established chapter: he left us while we were in a happy state of mind and, I am glad to state, we have so continued.

The new hall which was so fruitful a cause for discussion last year, is at last completed and we are now ready to move in. Its dimensions are 22x34 feet for the large room or hall proper, and 5½x10 feet for the ante-room. There are two other rooms (intended to be occupied by Phi boys) immediately adjoining. The ante-room connects with the exterior hall-way and is guarded by an iron door which will be lettered in gold. This room is not specially ornamented nor furnished: the floor will be covered with thick matting and will be so arranged near the external door as to exclude and include all sound. To guard further against any unlucky sounds escaping we had the wall adjoining the hall-way made double and stuffed between studing, from floor to ceiling, with felt paper. We expect to test whatever virtue there is in deadened walls. The decoration of the hall is in blue, gold, red and drab: the panelling is neatly carried out, and there is a freshness about the whole that is very pleasing. The president's chair is an institution: its design is gothic and viewed at a slight distance, it has a peculiarly graceful appearance. The upholstery is in blue—the Fraternity color. A large post in the centre of the room affords a convenient place for attaching eight bracket gas jets—one at each angle and on each side. Beside these

there will be two jets at each end of the hall and another in the ante-room: from all which it may be gathered that we intend to do no deeds of darkness. The carpeting is of light colored brussels bordered in deeper shades. The chairs are of black walnut, also the secretary's desk. It is our very serious intention to take possession of all this in correct and approved form on Friday night, Nov. 19th. Previous to that time a general fast will be in order to prepare a fitting reception for the little feast that we will indulge in at Simpson's. We are looking forward to the night with genuine pleasure as the successful termination of six or eight weeks of persistent "bossing" in the job, on the part of the faithful committee of three. Of that committee, consisting of Bros. Cooper, Boynton and Cady, the former has been especially faithful.

There are now in the chapter sixteen members, distributed as follows: one instructor, two post-graduates, three seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen. With something accomplished and much undone, with much present enjoyment and more hope for the future, the members of the New York Alpha think themselves happy in their surroundings.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

AS TO NUMBERS AND THE LITTLE GAME OF THE OTHER GREEKS—
BROTHER SHIELDS FOUNDS THE VIRGINIA DELTA. WILL TWO
FOUNDERS FOUNDER A CHAPTER? RISE UP BROTHER BRICK.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VA., Oct. 19th, 1875.—The opening of this session has brought back to us nine of our Phis of '74 and '75; two more will yet arrive and we have already initiated four good men; thus bringing our number nearly up to its former status.

Roanoke has secured the best lot of new students, both in number and quality, she has had the privilege to boast of for several years. All the fraternities, in consequence, have been zealous in their endeavors to obtain additions. The Phi Gammas and Sigma Chis have been most successful as to numbers.

We are obliged to confess a failure in one or two instances this session, owing principally to the unwillingness of our boys to act hastily or greedily, like other fraternities, as well as to the fact that several of the best men were previously electioneered by our Phi Gamma college agent. The chapter is, however, in a flourishing condition and the most harmonious spirit prevails.

We have not been as fortunate in securing men this session as we hoped to be; but we congratulate ourselves on the harmony that exists among us, which unfortunate accessions might have broken up. We console ourselves therefore, with the thought that what seems a misfortune may have been a blessing in disguise.

You can judge of the quality of our men when I tell you that five of them have been elected to represent our literary societies in their coming celebrations.

Through the instrumentality of Brother Shiels, a correspondent member of the Virginia Alpha, a chapter of eight men has been established at Richmond, whose charter was issued by our chapter. We send special greeting to them among the rest of our sister chapters.

OHIO ETA.

MAKING HASTE SLOWLY—THE ETA TO WRITE ITS LIFE—MELANCHOLY WEATHER STRIKETH "C. L." AND CAUSETH SENTIMENTAL EBULLITION.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, AKRON, OHIO, Oct. 8, 1875.—The Ohio Eta, though greatly reduced in numbers and strength, still lives. Of our fifteen men, only seven returned to college this fall, and we have yet taken only one new member. We don't intend to "rush things" and get sold on strangers, but prefer knowing a man thoroughly before inviting him to become a Phi.

One thing in our July report needs correction. We did not wish to claim that our chapter was second only to the National Grand in numbers in the Fraternity, but only in Ohio.

Our meetings thus far this year have been quite interesting. We have decided to ask each member to write his autobiography and read it in chapter, certain that this will amuse if it does not instruct.

Success to the new song book! The Eta contributed her share.

All is still to-night. Our great college looms up like a giant in the moonlight falling so clear and silvery everywhere. Delightful, melancholy October is with us once more. The leaves on the picturesque, oak-covered hills around our lovely city are glowing with rainbow colors. I am reminded of coming gloomy hours when, with hearts sorrowing for lost beauty, we shall say,

"The gold and crimson and frost-tipped green,
From the varied forest's leafy crown,
Fell that day, as the snow flakes fall
In a storm."

Our surroundings make autumn peculiarly lovely. I need not remind the classical student that *Akron* means *high*. We are close to the head waters of the Tuscarawas, running south, and we enjoy a magnificent view of the Cuyahoga valley away to the northward, stretching on and down towards the Great Lake, till the eye is lost in the "blue haze of the dim distance." To appreciate Akron one must pay it a visit in October when the dying leaves decorate the hills. The true Phi catches beauty as it goes and trusts to luck and labor for the morrow.

C. L.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

GREETING FROM THE GOLDEN GATE—BROTHER JOHN EDWIN TAYLOR MEETS DEATH BRAVELY AMID THE SIERRAS—GROWTH AND PROSPECTS—WHAT THE ALPHA THINKS OF PHI DELTA THETA IN "THE STATES."

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKLEY, CAL., Oct. 2, 1875.—We were long waiting for the third number of THE SCROLL to make its appearance, but it came at last, a pleasant reminder of the ties which bind us to our far off brethren. Since our last report was made we have received a severe blow. Brother John E. Taylor is with us no longer; our most brilliant member is gone. While spending the vacation with a number of his brother Phis among the lakes of the high Sierras, the accidental discharge of his gun caused his death. His loss creates a void hard indeed to fill; if any one in particular was the life of our gatherings, it was he. He was a man characterized by all that is true and noble, a man worthy to represent the Phi Delta Theta. While his life blood was ebbing away in that shadowy, pine-clad canyon he whispered, "I am ready, I am willing to die." A more extended notice of the accident and the resolutions adopted by the chapter will be found elsewhere.

Commencement has passed; four good men have left us and five have been added. The struggle for men in the present Freshman class has been quite severe, in some cases, bitter. We are bearing up nobly under the combined attacks of the Zeta Psis and Chi Phis, who are doing some very mean things toward us. But, standing firm to the principles of our sacred bond, we do not fear but that little of injury will come to us. We have initiated three from the Freshman class and have several fine men pledged.

THE SCROLL and the workings of the last Convention suit us in all but one particular. We do not like the altered form of initiation. It has always been felt with us that there was a little enough of it; that additions could be profitably made. This part of our meetings should be very impressive and any little asides which tend toward strengthening this feeling should be adopted.

In regard to the establishment of chapters, we are of the opinion that they should be established in none but first class institutions. We are glad that the chapter at Ann Arbor has been revived, and hope that it will prosper.

While we appreciate the motives which led to the introduction of the subject of forming female chapters and while many of us are perhaps susceptible to the charms of the fair ones, yet we do not think it advisable or proper for such action to be taken.

B. P. W.

INDIANA ALPHA.

COUNTING NOSES—GASTRONOMICAL RATIFICATION—A PHI ORCHESTRA—OTHER FRATERNITIES.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Oct. 18, 1875.—When our last communication appeared in the THE SCROLL about one year ago, we almost felt timid at calling ourselves a chapter, so new were we, having just been reorganized. Then we were few and weak, many of our men being in the lower classes, but a year makes vast changes. In that time we have grown in numbers and influence while other fraternities here have lost ground; we have now eleven "head" of fellows distributed as follows: one Alumnus; two Seniors; three Juniors; one Soph; three Fresh and one Prep. Of this number seven hold positions of honor in the gift of the literary societies and classes. Brothers Thompson and Duncan united with this year, the latter under most interesting circumstances. It was the night of the 11th of October, just twenty-six years since our old parchment charter was granted to the *patres conscripti* of this chapter. After the initiation was over we indulged freely in oranges, cakes, candies, nuts, figs, etc. and after speeches adjourned at a late hour, congratulating ourselves upon a most worthy addition to our number.

We have made a few additions to our form of initiation which add to the pleasure and impressiveness of the ceremony wonderfully,

and if the chapters wish to adopt it we would cheerfully furnish written copies on proper application for the same.

We have received this year Brother Banta from the Indiana Delta, who has entered the Senior class of the University. To the brothers of the Indiana Delta we would say that their loss is our gain. We will heartily welcome any brothers from other chapters who choose to make the University their Alma Mater. We are somewhat musical in our proclivities, having a violinist, guitarist, flutist and pianist, while in a short time we will add a cornet to this number. Try music, brothers, in your meetings and social gatherings and you will find it will bind together stronger those united in the holy bond of Phi Delta. Concerning the "frats" here: the Phi Kappa Psi have thirteen badged men, and clever boys they are. It is currently reported here that they go on "quantity rather than quality" but somehow they get the two mixed. The Beta Theta Pi are very little liked here; they number eleven. Phi Gamma Delta has five, while Sigma Chi, which three years ago showed the largest and best chapter in college, now displays but three pins. There is a whisper abroad that Delta Tau Delta is trying to raise its fallen banners here, as they have three men from abroad who act rather mysteriously. If they come we will welcome them, for "the more the merrier."

Any or all letters directed to, Secretary of Phi Delta Theta will reach us; or they may be addressed to, Al. S. Foster or J. B. Young. Write to us, sister chapters and alumni, we will reply.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

BUSINESS—THE ALPHA HAS A CLEAR FIELD PARK PREPARED FOR THE INTER-COLLEGIATE CONTEST—A BANQUET TO REV. JAMES ROBINSON.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA., Sept. 6, 1875.—It is with peculiar delight that we avail ourselves of your columns to report to our brethren at large our continued and still growing prosperity. We have initiated four new members this term, two from the class of seventy eight and two from seventy-nine. Our new members are men of high moral and intellectual standing and, taken together, make a strong addition to our chapter. Our prospects are, at this time, most flattering. At the contest for the Inter-collegiate Orator-

ship, which was held here a few days ago, Bro. Clearfield Park won the coveted honor, and will make the second orator in succession taken from our chapter and sent to New York to represent the College at the Inter-collegiate Contest. It so happened that the Lehigh Presbytery was then in session at Easton, and among the delegates was Rev. Bro. James Robinson, formerly of Wabash College. Bro. Robinson was not even aware that Phi Delta Theta had reared her standard at Lafayette, but he was not long in ignorance of us and the agreeableness of his surprise could only have been equaled by the great pleasure it afforded us to have him with us in our hour of triumph. The following newspaper notice will speak for itself:

The Pennsylvania Grand Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity made last evening an occasion of interest which will long be remembered with peculiar delight by those who participated. The event was a reception banquet tendered by the Chapter to the Rev. James Robinson, of Ashland, Pa., formerly of Wabash College, Indiana, where he became associated with Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Robinson came to Easton to represent his people at the meeting of the Lehigh Presbytery which has just closed its sessions, and it is doubtful if among the young members who compose that honorable body, there is one whose talents are of a higher order than his and for whom there awaits a more useful and noble career. The Phi Delta were both glad and proud to welcome him as a friend and brother.

A special interest was added to the occasion by the awarding (earlier in the evening) of the inter-collegiate oratorship to Clearfield Park; making the second orator in succession taken from the Fraternity and sent to New York to represent the College in the inter-collegiate contest.

The supper was arranged by Mr. G. W. Ihrie, who deserves much credit for the care and taste which he displayed in getting it up. It might just as well be stated here that no wine or liquor was used; a good cup of coffee being altogether sufficient to wash down the more substantial things which preceded. After the inner man had been fully attended to, the evening was given to song and toasts and friendly converse. The following were the toasts with their responses:

1. "Our Guest"—Harry Emmons.
2. "The Order"—Rev. James Robinson.
3. "State Grand"—Frank Moore.
4. "The Victor, to whom was given the motto, 'Finis Coronat Opus'"—Clearfield Park.
5. "Sub Rosa"—A. P. Berlin.
6. "The Orators"—Jackson Keeney.
7. "The Absent Members"—H. V. Rice.

The toasts were interspersed with appropriate fraternity and college songs, and it was not until after midnight that the interesting exercises were brought to a close by an invocation of Divine Blessing and fervent prayer of thankfulness to Him who doeth all things well.—*Easton Daily Express*, Sept. 24.

Ad Astra.

JOHN EDWIN TAYLOR.

California Alpha.

It is with a sad, sad heart that your historian's duty compels him to chronicle an event which has robbed the California Alpha of one of her noblest sons, the University of an ambitious and energetic student, his family of a faithful son and affectionate brother, the community of a promising and talented citizen. In the death of Brother John Edwin Taylor, of seventy-six, Phi Delta Theta mourns one of her worthiest members. Endeared to us by a most happy combination of those rare qualities which made him at once a true and loving brother, a cherished friend, an esteemed fellow-student, he has passed from among us at the moment when he was beginning to realize the powers with which by nature he was so generously endowed.

Having been called by his fellow-townsmen of Grass Valley, California, appreciators of his remarkable talents as essayist and orator, to deliver the Fourth of July oration in 1875, he came forward and gave to the world his final and best effort. Applauded on all sides, happy in his recent success, full of the glow of manly exuberance, looking forward to the future without fear, he started on a trip to the lakes with a party in which were two brother Phis, Wall and Searls. No trouble o'er-cast his mind. All animation and enjoyment the party proceeded until that fatal twenty-second of July. Brother Taylor was some distance in advance. None knew of the frightful scene which they were about to witness. Wounded to death by the accidental discharge of his gun, poor John lingered six hours, then died, receiving the care of his grief-stricken brethren to the last.

Conscious during the whole period of his suffering and realizing that his end was nigh, with quivering lips he said, "the dew of death is gathering on my brow;" bade his companions a last farewell, and expired. Fearless to the last, he died as he had lived—nobly. In the twenty-fifth year of his life he passed from the world, just as he was about to gather the harvest of years spent in patient toil. Conscientious, faithful, never flinching, he strove for and obtained the highest collegiate honors—the sure rewards of personal sacrifice and application. Identifying himself with all important college affairs, he by his fearlessness, honesty of purpose and thorough comprehension of the situation, gained for himself the respect of professor and student. In the foremost rank of the University as poet, essayist, orator and student, he labored zealously to maintain the position he had gained, often under adverse conditions of fortune. No more will his voice fall on our ears freighted with words of advice and encouragement, in these our mystic gatherings; no more will his ringing laugh be heard in our joyous re-unions; no more will he join us in song and revelry on the college campus! All is o'er. He has gone. May we ever cherish faithfully the memory of him, who for three years sojourned with us within these college walls, a self sacrificing student, a trusted friend, a whole-hearted, noble brother.

P. F. C. SANDER.

Resolutions of the California Alpha.

All things rest with God.

A beautiful life, while in the very act of bursting forth into the glory and splendor of a noble manhood, hath been most suddenly blasted by the unsparing, withering hand of Death. The Almighty in his benign providence, hath so willed it that we should be deprived forever of the cheering presence of Brother John E. Taylor.

Then Whereas: He hath taken to Himself one who was distinguished among us for clearness of intellect, perspicuity of thought and an earnest love of learning; one who ever was to us a constant associate, a genial companion, a beloved friend; one who was in every sense of the word, a true MAN; be it

Resolved: That we, who were his brethren in the sacred bond of Phi Delta Theta, do recognize in his untimely death, a most painful affliction to ourselves and an irreparable loss to our Fraternity.

Be it also Resolved: That we remember his aged father and all others of his relatives, and do condole with them in their sad, sad bereavement.

And be it further Resolved: That we do wear a badge of mourning for the space of thirty days from date, in honor of the memory which dear John by his many acts of kindness and generosity has rendered imperishable in the hearts of all who knew him.

FRANK OTIS, '73.

BENJ. P. WALL, '76.

JOHN GOSS, '74.

JOHN N. E. WILSON, '76.

WM. CAREY JONES '75.

P. T. RILEY, '77.

FRED W. ZEILE, '78.

Committee.

WILLIAM HOWARD.

Ohio Beta.

William Howard of the Ohio Beta, died at his home in Batavia, Ohio, Aug. 31st, 1875, in his twenty-third year.

He was faithful in his studies, upright in conduct and respectful to all.

He had been baptized into the M. E. Church a short time before his death. His strivings after literary worth and the development of those faculties with which he was so bountifully endowed have been cut short. He has exchange the badge of fraternal love for a place beneath the Shield of Him before whom all must appear.

Resolutions of the Ohio Beta.

WHEREAS, the overruling Providence has seen fit in His wise dispensation to take from us our much loved Brother, be it

Resolved: 1. That in the demise of Brother Howard we have sustained a severe affliction and that we deeply deplore our loss.

2. That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to his bereaved relations and friends, trusting that they with us may realize that our loss is his gain.

3. That we, the members of the chapter, as a token of respect for our departed brother and in compliance with the Constitution of our order, wear the badge of mourning for thirty days.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be published in THE SCROLL and in the *College Mirror* of the Ohio University.

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