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ADDRESS,

BY EMMETT THOMKINS, ESQ.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Is this a progressive age? The old but rather pertinent question presents itself to-night. Do the signs of the time indicate this to be a progressive age? Are we progressing in the sense that the world is becoming better, and the condition of mankind improving, morally and physically, or, as some believe, have we reached the full expanse of our progress and are now on the reflux wave?

Selecting evidence from the mass of facts composing our history to answer this question affirmatively or negatively alone, would produce unfair conviction or belief. It may not be difficult to marshal an array of testimony which, standing alone and unopposed by other testimony or reason, would establish, no doubt, either the negative or affirmative of the proposition. We know the effect of ex parte evidence is, often, to impress one with erroneous ideas, so the fair way to treat all questions and those of public interest in particular, is to hear both sides of the case before rendering judgment.

That this is an age of reason, of growth and invention, we will not now say; that this is an age when things are taken for what they really are, receive their true values and called by their right names, we will not now consider; that the world is striding forward, leaving the shades behind and passing through the sun-light, we will not now assert. There are men who believe it is not such an age, who believe the day when men reasoned, and created new things, is passed; that things are no longer called by their right names and given their true values, but that growth and development have ceased and that fancy values and fictitious names are the rule.

Not only is this opinion asserted, but men go farther; and declare that we are retrograding, are drifting backward, and are becoming, as a race, demoralized and depleted. They believe the world to be the "Sick Man," they have visited the patient, these grave Doctors, and after having held long and learned consulta-

tions, now, with expressions of deep concern and most profound wisdom, they pronounce the case hopeless, and direct the friends to prepare for the obsequies.

What evidence do they offer in support of this belief? They state two propositions, and they are, first: That the physical condition of the people is unhealthy; and second, that the public morals are diseased. To maintain the first of these, they contrast our ancestors with their descendants, endeavoring to demonstrate that the men and women of the present are far inferior to those of earlier times; that by reason of dissipation, both mental and physical, the "Noblest work of God" has been shattered and man made weak and puerile; that this is a "fast age," when life is devoted to pleasures and the gratification of morbid appetites; that our habits have no tendency to promote the growth of and strengthen mind and body, but are of such destructive natures as to produce weakness and imbecility; that the food we eat is innutritious, and the liquor we drink impure and unhealthy; that, in manual pursuits, machinery has so far been substituted for the "arm of brawn" that industry is thereby discouraged and men made inactive and dependent.

On these foundations they hope to sustain the first proposition. As to the second, viz: that the public morals are diseased, and in proof of it, they paint Society in most distressed and demoralized conditions; assert the present religious creeds, as promulgated from the pulpit, to be the emanation of impious hearts and distorted fancies. They declare courts to be but machines in the hands of wicked men who manage them to their own profit only; and, to come nearer home, they denounce politics as being but rings within rings all to inure to the benefit of the few; that men high in office are there for the solitary purpose of advancing their own interests and that of their intimate friends and fuglemen; and, in short, everything religious, social and political is in the embrace of Satan, and they live in daily wonder that the wrath of Heaven does not descend to cut them off in the bloom of their wickedness.

Let the people of the universe agree with and conform to the opinions of these cranky, crotchety men, whose cerebral developments do not exceed that of a bird, and whose souls are enclosed within the sphere of a nut shell, and it will not

be long before everything would assume the unfavorable and abnormal condition by them described. These old fossils lift their dry hands in pious horror that ministers in the pulpit should presume to question the existence of a material future punishment, and that deacons and laymen, and other pillars of the church, should commit such monstrous grievances in the sight of heaven as to tolerate card playing, dancing and other popular pastimes. They believe the church and society to be given over to the gent with the three-tined fork; that all is a mockery of tinselry and pomp, men but dapper dandies, and women gay butterflies of fashion.

They define our courts of law to be unjust distributors of justice and our courts of equity impositions on common sense; that lawyers are corrupt and juries for sale like goods in the market place, and when the merits of a case are against them and the court and jury holds, in whining notes they complain of the monstrous wrong imposed by perfidious counsel, and, with knowing winks, say they'd like nothing better than what that jury got, charge the judge with bribery, and that between the world and the forum, where justice should be meted out, there is a barrier impassable to all but the chosen few. And while they represent Justice as enthroned, holding in her hands the pendent scales and her eyes hoodwinked, they leave a rent in the fold of the bandage through which the goddess can cast one eye on the Dollar.

As to our literature, they declare it to be in a most degenerate, dilapidated condition; that we are no longer pleased to peruse the prosaic and abstrusive writings of ancient authors, to wade through the labyrinths of Socratic philosophy, to dig into the depths of Newtonian theories or to follow the flights of Ciceronian eloquence; but the people of the present day cast these aside to find works of fiction and unprofitable narration; that in fiction the soul seeks to revel in romance and feast on nonsense; to read love stories, thrilling and sparkling, replete with surprising episodes, and, notwithstanding the opposition of stern parents and numerous friends, invariably terminate in the marriage of the hero and heroine, that state where two souls can afford but a single thought, and two hearts can only raise enough beats for one; that we read with astonishing relish the expose

of great social scandals, or digest with unction the report of celebrated trials. In short, they believe that we have taste for only that which is sensational and light, and that the children are reading such a romantic and exciting class of stories that they become dissatisfied with the tame humdrum of ordinary life and long to emulate the example of fiction's heroes. They pronounce our poetry jingling bosh, our prose compiled trash, our philosophy collected errors and our science the speculations of fanatics.

And these men of our own land can not denounce too bitterly the condition of our politics and conduct of politicians. All politicians, they believe, are, from the force of circumstances, as well as by disposition, rascals and demagogues; that the management of National and State affairs is composed of concentric circles, circles with a common center, and that center accessible only to men whose hearts are filled with corruption and souls greedy for gain; that the time when the qualified electors could express their choice at the ballot-box has gone by, and now we must vote, if vote at all, for the nominees of packed conventions, and swallow the dose with all its bitterness; that Mammon is king and all the world beside his subjects, and politicians the most servile slaves.

To sum it up, they make the one sweeping, comprehensive assertion that the world is in a state of moral and physical weakness and lassitude, and for these reasons we are on the down grade, and these self-constituted, self-lauded oracles, with a bench for a throne and a jack-knife for a wand, sit in summer shades and by winter fires, and with jaundiced vision presume to scan what the stars portend. These men, whose ideas are loaded with the accumulated moss of ages; these men, whose minds reach not beyond the span of their narrow selfishness; these men, whose hearts are incrustated with bitterness and never beat from a noble, generous impulse; these men, to whom life is made burdensome by self-imposed tasks; these men, who never greet the sunlight of heaven and feel its congenial warmth; these men, to whom the paths of life are strewn with thorns and clogged with tangled vines because they traverse only the lonely dells and dark retreats of thought; these men, who never step across the boundary of their individuality to receive the flood of light and warmth shed by the sun of reason—these are the men who style this an age of retrogression and decay. They look in the world's face to see their own imperfect forms reflected, but no farther.

And they, in the midst of their displeasure, sigh for the years of "Auld Lang Syne," when Christians, in the ex-
 amplification of their faith and fear,

sprinkled their crowns with ashes and girded their loins with sack-cloth; when the strength, influence, zeal and earnestness of ministers were measured by their ability and enthusiasm in preaching the doctrine of eternal punishment, and painting in horrid colors the miseries of the lost, when men and the children of men sat in straight-backed pews and on hard benches to hear the gospel preached by the pious pastor whose research was short and whose library contained only the Scriptures and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress; when good old deacons gazed over their spectacles in admiration at the player of the bass viol, but lamented the sin and worldiness of him who played the violin. They long for the days when thought was imprisoned and loaded with the chains of dogmas; when reason grew dull from desuetude, and man, the masterpiece of the Infinite, with a mind that can reach beyond the stars and extend its hand to the Almighty to be lifted higher, man with a soul that knows no bounds, and, untrammelled, can soar to measureless flights to contemplate the phenomenal of nature, sat in gloomy confines, with superstition and blind ignorance for his keepers.

These are the men who believe society to be in such a condition as to require reconstruction and reorganization (the great source of relief,) but deem it hopeless. They look longingly for the return of the days of simplicity and crudity, when blushing belles threaded their way to church, clothed in linsey woolsey, listening to the flatteries of the gay Adonis who strode beside her, in his stocks and spotless dickies, when banquets of pumpkin pie and home-made cider made tables groan that stood on puncheon floors; when society would not tolerate such innovations as silks and satins and bumpers of wine at banquets, when the paste buckled, knee breeched, horse hair wigged, cock hatted coachman of the present, was a thing their most distorted fancies never conceived of. They long for a return of the days when politicians, in their judgment, bear in mind, were honest; when gerrymandering and filibusterings were strategies unknown; when men aspired to office only for the good of the commonwealth, and self aggrandizement never put spur to their energies; when the victors did not claim all the spoils, but, like magnanimous conquerors, shared with the vanquished; and they little dream, innocent souls that there was less to complain of among politicians then than now, for the same reason, that black sheep eat less than white sheep.

Who are these men who are forever complaining of the world, continuously comparing the present to the past to the disparagement of the former? Look for

one of them with the determination of finding him, and you must go into lonely retreats and out of the way places where the sun never shines and the breeze of heaven never blows, and when you find him, you behold an allegory of misery, you see a dwarf in body, a dwarf in heart and soul, a stooping figure, attenuated limbs, exceedingly narrow head, long sharp nose and beetle brow, whose stomach is always sour, and his liver in chronic torpor. His identity is unmistakable, and it is as unalterable as the face of the Sphinx. You can tell him among thousands, for he carries his placard in plain view, and when you spell it, it reads, "I am a Cynic." He believes the world imperfect and ill shaped, because it was not made after his designs; he thinks it a disagreeable place to be in; and since he never crosses the threshold of his abiding place, we can not wonder he finds life dreary and unprofitable. He believes everything to be retrograding, because he does not advance himself, because he shuts himself out from the world and active life, and from his narrow cell he would

"Teach eternal wisdom how to rule,
 Then drop into himself to be a fool."

But happily for us the world is not made up of such people; and the fewer of them the better, but, like the poor, they will be with us always. And it is a singular as well as a lamentable fact, that when they get here they stay longer than any body else who arrived in the same party. And notwithstanding they are continually complaining of aches and pains, and anticipating an early demise, they seem never to reach the stepping off place, but live in their misery, and to the misery of every body else, long after the grass has grown green over the graves of their diseased imaginations dug for them. Although frail in body, they can stand more knocks and bumps than the Cardiff giant, endure more hardships than a man of steel, defy all manner of plagues and epidemics, laugh at cholera and small-pox, and while many good people go the way of all earth, they remain unscratched, and a monument to the inscrutable ways of Fate. If everybody were like them the world would, indeed, be a place of gloom, into which light and warmth never entered, where the sound of pleasure never touched dull ears and the smile of joy illumine sad faces, our existence a span of misery unbroken, and at the end nothing done.

But where there is one of this class there are many noble men and women whose impulses and feelings are not narrowed down to self, whose minds are broad, and in their scope immeasurable—men and women, the representatives and leaders of the masses, whose vision extends above and beyond little things,

and whose souls delight only in the contemplation of the good and beautiful. Liberal in thought and warm in heart, they stoop not in their journey to pick out the faults and weaknesses of human nature and hold them up for the contempt and condemnation of mankind, but pass on to higher plains to reach earthly perfection. To men of catholic minds, men of energy and strength, this is not an age of decay and lassitude, but an age of growth and progress, for they make it so. Because life is a continuous conflict, and every day gives birth to new obstacles for them to contend with, they do not abandon the field and yield an unfought victory, but it is their pleasure, their ambition to meet the enemy where they can use the might and main God has given them; and when one battle is gained, they, like Antæus of old, stand fresh and ready to enter new combats. They realize that life is not a play ground, but that it is an arena in which Greek must meet Greek.

It is the tendency of all institutions to give men broad and charitable views; and all statutes are enacted and all ordinances are passed with the aim to maintain the peace and dignity of the Nation to which they may belong, to elevate mankind and to protect and encourage the exercises of all his better qualities. Of our own land it can be said, that the corner stone of the foundation on which the nation rests, is Liberty. Freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom of action are guaranteed to all who will abide under the broad wings of our Constitution. So it is becoming the world over. All republics, kingdoms, empires and principalities are lifting the yoke from the necks of their subjects, that they may stand in the image of their Maker, to breathe the free air, and speak and think as freemen.

Surely then, the privileges are sufficient, the opportunities boundless for man to use the means endowed by nature. There is plenty of room for growth and expansion. There is no crowding, and no insurmountable obstacles; then every question as to his accomplishments rests with the man himself. He alone is responsible as to whether he will advance or retrograde; and circumstances, let him remember, ever combine to assist him who with tireless energy strives to improve himself and make mankind better. And grateful are we that there are many men who realize the existence of, and appreciate these great opportunities—many men of warm hearts, of broad views, of dash and vigor, men of determination and resistless strength, who push the world forward, and make it better and purer for their having been in it. As a result of their work, Reason, the great teacher, has been unchained,

the door of his prison swung open on its rusty hinges, and forth he strides from his dark cell in all his strength and beauty. He, with his giant arm, has lifted the cloud that so long hung like a pall over the minds of men, and now, unobstructed, the bright sun of intelligence illumines the world. We no longer worship the Deity through fear and superstition, but for his bountiful love and infinite kindness. We know that the Great Maniton, would have His children look to Him as their benefactor in their distress, and in hours of darkness to put their trust in Him. To-day men are more free to act and think for themselves than ever before. They are untrammelled by superstition and untrammelled with dogmas. We are moving from lights to greater lights. Democratic doctrines are being more universally adopted as the source of growth and prosperity, and men are accredited with being men, and allowed the full enjoyment and exercise of the endowments of nature.

In the light of all this, who can truly say that this is not a progressive age, that the world has not made unbroken advances, and that still the rapid wheels roll on.

Science, with its mighty arm, has plucked the lightning from the clouds, curbed it as a steed, to become a swift and noiseless courier. With equal ease has it arrested and combined all the elements of sky and earth to make them the efficient servants of man. Philosophy with God like-ken has read the marvelous phenomena of nature, and now with wonderful simplicity explains all its mysteries to man. Invention, the gift of every creature, has lifted man from his low estate of servitude, and made him master of machinery, that with exhaustless strength and tireless motion bears his burdens with the ease that the eagle carries the feather in its wing. And the great work of enlightening and elevating mankind goes on. Let it alone. It is but the crowning of the designs of the Supreme Architect. It is for us to receive in gratitude, and not in questioning complaint, the munificence of God. It is only the Cynic and the Egotist who does this, and to him it might appropriately be said—

"Go, wiser thou! and in thy scale of sense,
Weigh thy opinion against Providence;
Call imperfection what thou fancy such,
Say, *here* he gives too little, *there* too much;
Destroy all creatures for thy sport or gust,
Yet say, if man's unhappy, God's unjust;
If man alone engross not Heaven's high care
Alone made perfect here, immortal there,
Snatch from His hand the balance and the rod,
Re-judge His justice, be the *god of God.*"

Two Rivers.

POEM BY P. W. SEARCH.

I stood on the bank of a river broad,
Whose turbulent roar in silence awed
The soul to unquiet sleep;
And the dashing waves from far and near,
Come leaping on in their mad career,
As gathering strength, with plunge and roar,
They rolled o'er the waters but to disappear
From the face of the mighty deep.

And far o'er the billows the tempest raged,
Struggling and foaming like a monster caged
And seeking the forest free;
And the rock-bound banks and black cliffs high
Gave back the wild roar in mournful reply,
As from deep shadows cast, they echoed the cry
That arose from the storm to the gloom of the sky
Like the voice of an angry sea.

But I thought that same river, so deep and wide,
With its turbulent roar and billowy tide
Would hush like a weary child;
And the dashing waves and blinding spray,
Would soon be at rest, like a bright summer day;
Or the bird, that tired and spent with its play,
Returns from its wanderings and flights far away
To its nest in the forest wild.

And as tho' from the Master, by divinest will
Even now comes the voice that said, "Peace, be still!"

To the waters of Galilee;
So the river will hush from its noisy song,
And borne on its bosom, the world's busy throng
Will float in white ships with its current strong,
As calmly and peacefully it glides along
To join with the dark blue sea.

And I thought how like life is that fitful stream,
When plunged from the brightness of life's happy dream

We sink in the gloom of despair;
When the hopes of our youth are shattered and fall,
Like the sad autumn leaves or fast crumbling wall,
And with only the wreck of the past to recall,
We gaze on our ruin and bright treasures,—all
Shattered, and bleeding and bare.

But the cares of the night and the gloom of the day
Soon vanish from sight, and the clouds clear away

As the coming of morning's bright sun;
And the flowers that are withered reblossom again,
And the hope that seemed blasted by the storm and the rain,
Revive, and the life which we thought all dreary and vain,
Now glows in the sunlight, free from sorrow and pain,
God blessed and with victory won.

And the river flows in its course to the sea,
So life bears us onward, light hearted and free,
With its current so swift and strong;
And, borne on its bosom, we heed not the roar,
Nor startle at sounds as in days long before,
But, cheered by bright forms and the lights on the shore,
We calmly and peacefully float evermore
Like the rhythm of angels' song.

FRATERNITY HISTORY.

BY A. GWYN FOSTER.

Brothers of the Fraternity, Ladies and Gentlemen:
I purpose in a sketch of the history of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, to give you more than brief data of the Fraternity, with its date of founding, number of Chapters, its age, and membership, such as, born in 1848 at Oxford, Ohio, numbering 52 chapters, with a membership of over two thousand, and

died in that unhealthy, sulphurous atmosphere, in which the moral nature of man has so degenerated that all that savors of goodness dies a natural death.

Such, undoubtedly, would be exceedingly humorous to those that believe in brevity, but on scanning the faces of the audience, I find so few dancing eyes (not feet just yet) and merry faces, that a strict sense of impartial justice, partial injustice, it may be in a few cases, demands that I transcend the bounds of dull prosy facts and soar away into the blue ethereal vault of poesy upon the strong white wings of love.

Which one of you does not remember his first appearance at college? The heartless stare of an inquisitive classmate, the cold scrutiny of the more advanced student as he "takes in the good points" of his unoffending addition, the hearty shake of hands on the part of other men that have been separated by a summer vacation, and the joy others have of meeting with friends once more, added to the already too well known facts that our friends are left with the other precious memories of home, causes the pent up feelings of brave resolves rendered more bitter by the knowledge of our utter solitude to be almost unbearable. And when at morning prayers the Faculty stalk slowly by to take their accustomed places on the rostrum, the students seat themselves by classes, the janitor bolts, with a heavy thud, the oaken door, the choir sings a dirge, the Professor reads a chapter in a hunderd tone, the President gives the customary scolding by way of advice, the proceedings become almost unbearable to the sensitive, homesick Freshman. O, what would he not give to have one friend of his own age into whose listening ear he might pour out the burdening feelings of his loneliness and receive sympathy to expel dull melancholy.

Then there is another picture. It is that of the mother at home kneeling in prayer, imploring that her son may be spared the terrible temptations so common to students, that he may remain true as the strong love she bears him, and that his friends may be to him strong, generous, noble.

It was to meet such wants as these, to encourage such motives and to provide such friends that the Order of the Phi Delta Theta was organized.

Tyndall affirms that act or effect is the product of forces that have been going on for centuries, that the tree is not only the effect of assimilation of carbonic acid from the atmosphere, the soluble ingredients of the soil, the light, heat and electricity of the sun, the pattering rain and the gentle zephyrs, but that each of these causes is the result of a previous cause, and these of still an-

other, and so down the dark ages of the unknown past to the original first cause of causes. And so I believe that God gave the possibility for men to be joined in the endearing bonds of brotherhood when he created man, whether as potential in the chaotic atoms of Darwin or as certain in the creation of Adam in the garden of Eden. The direct causes that led to the organization of fraternities dates back to the founding of the first college. Where there are friends there will be circles, and where there are colleges there will be societies formed among the students.

A writer tells us that there existed in the center of Rome the statue of a man with his arm raised and finger pointing to the ground, and upon the pedestal was inscribed the words "dig here." All who saw the statue were perplexed at the enigmatical inscription, until one ingenious fellow conceived the idea of digging where the finger indexed. He did so and was rewarded by unearthing a quantity of golden and silver vessels. So within the walls of the Miami University, the Yale of the West, sat a phantom image pointing to the triune inner nature of man, the social, the intellectual and the moral, and invited all to dig for hidden treasures. One day some three decades ago, it occurred to a sextel of friends to obey the silent injunction of the specter, to dig for gems of thought in the mysterious recesses of the mind. They received their reward. That sextel of friends are Rev. Robt. Morrison, J. McM. Wilson, Rev. R. T. Drake, Col. Andrew W. Rogers, Ardivan W. Rogers and Joseph Lindley; of whom Ardivan W. Rogers and J. McM. Wilson have gone to their long last rest. Concerning these latter, Dr. Boude, a brother and classmate of Gen. Ben. Harrison and Prof. Swing, writes, "Wilson was a man who never passed for his real worth, for his quiet retiring disposition and careless attire, led many to pass him by, but when once the acquaintance was made, he was found to be a genial companion, and one of the best informed men on almost every subject, whether ancient or modern, that it was ever my fortune to meet. The name of Ardivan W. Rogers bring many pleasant memories. He was like a father to us younger members and his counsel and advice were sought for when we were in any difficulty or trouble. He was a man of most noble and generous impulses and had a heart as tender as a woman's. He, alas! died early and sleeps near Piqua."

These six men entered into a solemn compact of perpetual binding obligation, to treat all as friends and brothers, who should accept the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta, to perform to each member the duties arising from that relation, to con-

sult and advise with him in regard to his true interest, to act as a conservator of his morals, to guard his character from calumny, to abstain from the commission of crimes and the cultivation of vices, to endeavor each in his own sphere of action to attain to the highest intellectual character and cultivate a love of truth for its own sake, to seek after it in every department of study, to endeavor to attain a high standard of moral character, to make that standard the only infallible rule of morality, the Bible, and to admit to membership no one who did not sustain such a character.

Upon such adamant principles of right is superposed a structure that has borne against the frosts of adversity, the tempest of a fraternal war, that almost rent the union and the sunny smile of enticing prosperity, while beneath its hospitable roof have gathered a band of more than two thousand, who rejoice in the name and fame of Phi Delta Theta.

Concerning this Bond our distinguished brother, Charles O. Perry, writes, "A people, who would adopt the principles set forth in the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta as their political gospel, would rise above the common station of nations. Such a people would enact before God the drama of mankind in all its grandeur and all its majesty."

The honor of drafting this Bond, which as a literary production, is peer to the best, belongs to Rev. Robt. Morrison—long may his name live and his influence be felt in this broad land!

On the 12th of Oct., 1849, they granted the first charter to the Indiana University, at Bloomington. Upon the venerable sheepskin that made its members the proud recipients of fraternal love is, though grown yellow by the hand of time, still to be read, the bold signatures of the officers of the parent Chapter. Another sacred relic that remains in the archives of the Indiana Alpha is their first constitution, now so battered and torn by long use as to be scarcely legible.

Upon its heels followed other Chapters in rapid succession and by the time of the late war there were 15 Chapters distributed as follows: Four in Ohio, 4 in Indiana, 2 in Wisconsin, 2 in Kentucky, 1 in Illinois, 1 in Tennessee and 1 in Texas. The tendency of the Fraternity was decidedly Southward—another Chapter was ready for chartering in Texas, another was projected in Tennessee, and still others were worked up in the surrounding States. But the war, with its blighting breath, invaded even these sacred precincts of learning and demanded the fairest youths, the flower of the land, to fill the vacant ranks of ruthless soldiery. Colleges were depopulated, our Chapters were despoiled, and the Fraternity at one fell swoop was threatened with destruc-

tion. Had our Fraternity been Eastern, the war would have affected it as little as it did the Eastern Fraternities; but situated as it was, the drain was great. I am told that at the close of the war but two Chapters survived and their total attendant membership was only ten.

In the war as elsewhere the Phis behaved with their accustomed bravery and always have I heard them spoken of as reflecting honor on the cloth they wore; were they arrayed in blue or gray, they were ever the same; courteous in bearing, honest in their convictions, brave in their encounters, and heroic in their death. Coming, as they did, from the higher circle of society, they were appointed to offices of honor and trust, and never did they blur the character of the positions they graced. But the war is past. The dead have been buried and the dirges have been sung. Idle mourning availeth nothing and though sorrowing deeply in heart for its honored dead, Phi Delta Theta took up its burden in song and bravely set to work with the other patriots of the nation to reunite the country, not by reason of might but by reason of love. Silently, slowly, steadfastly, strongly she wields a far greater influence for a permanent reconstruction of the country than the noisy, partisan, quarrelsome Congress. Strength of government lies in willingness of hearts, and the North and the South, the East and the West, are daily becoming more closely united into a common fellowship through the fraternal bonds of love.

With a brave heart our boys set to work to reconstruct the Fraternity, breathing fresh vigor into dying Chapters, building new ones, and strengthening the Fraternity internally. Such success has attended them that within the last decade 34 Chapters have been chartered and many of the old ones re-established. Our banner has been raised on the Pacific shore, and to-day a golden cord of sympathy stretches across the continent. From Virginia to California, from Michigan to Mississippi our colors are unfurled.

Complaints are made that our members allow the fire of fraternal love, which at college burned so brightly upon the altar of their hearts, to die out in the long distance and time that separates them from the happy associates of Alma Mater. This is not true. Their ardor does not die, though it often lies dormant. Time and distance may dim and conceal the sacred flame, but stir up the ashes of their memories and the glowing coals burn with redoubled vigor.

"No idle visionary scheme—
An airy nothing, aimless dream,
But worthy of our song, this 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 Jehovah's constant plan,
Wrought out by Evolution;
First, love within the tribe, and then
Thy fellow Hebrews—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."

May our labors in the past satisfy and gratify our friends.

May our record terrify, deplore, and satisfy our enemies.

May our Fraternity fructify, fortify, and edify.

May her members beautify in character, magnify in power, and beatify in friends.

And may the Omnipotent one glorify and satisfy us all forever.

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It is with fear and trembling that the managers of the SCROLL enter upon the task of publishing Vol. III, No. 1. Experience has shown that the SCROLL "does fill a long felt want," that it is a valuable assistant in chapter work and exerts a strong influence in binding the chapters together. It goes to the Alumnus with the warm greeting of a true Phi, rekindling the smouldering fire of Phi Deltaism. It goes to the student and mayhap in an hour of discouragement, telling him of the trials and success of sister chapters, and gives him courage to be up and doing, to put forth still greater effort in the cause of old Phi Delta.

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We send out this month a large number of specimen copies of the SCROLL to the brethren. We hope each good Phi will find it in his heart to go right down into his pocket, bring forth a dollar and send it forthwith to the publisher. Come boys—young and old—help us and we will warrant that we will do you a dollar's worth of good.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

We learn that the faculty of the State university have unanimously agreed to restore the secret societies which were abolished some three years ago. The trustees at the recent commencement left this matter entirely in the hands of the faculty. Their resolution is wise, for there are fewer incentives to studious habits and general good conduct than those furnished by the best secret societies. Their restoration will work well.

The above is clipped from the Atlanta Constitution of Aug. 16th, and will be good news to Phis. The Ga. B. has been working sub rosa since the Trustees passed the ordinance forbidding fraternities, but was of course at a great disadvantage. Now, however, we shall expect great things of it. We understand that the Trustees of Alabama University have taken like action.

We are compelled from want of space to postpone the publication of a most interesting letter from a prominent member upon the history and present condition of Phi Delta Theta in the South. Such letters are not only valuable for present reading but also for future reference. Will not some of the northern brethren write a similar letter upon the Northern chapters? Too few of our members know the history of their own fraternity.

We remind the corresponding secretaries of the chapters that the new constitution makes it their duty to furnish the chapter reports for the SCROLL. We want to issue the October number on or about the 11th, and will therefore want the reports by the 5th or before. It is desired that each chapter will notice the directory on the last page and forward to us immediately the name of its Cor, Sec, if not already given. Send all chapter reports &c. to the Editor, M. F. Parrish, Lee, Athens, Co., Ohio, all business letters and subscriptions to the publisher, Geo. Banta, Franklin, Ind.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

HELENA, ALA., Sept. 9, 1878.

As the life of the Alabama Alpha was of such short duration a great part of the Fraternity at large is ignorant of the circumstances which surrounded its birth and the incidents which attended its life.

During the latter part of May, 1877, T. H. Spencer received a communication from W. B. Palmer, of Georgia, offering to institute a Phi Delta Theta chapter at the University of Alabama, should he be willing to conduct the arrangements. Brother Spencer accepted and documents were duly forwarded which made T. H. Spencer, J. J. Mickle, O. F. Smith, and your humble writer charter members of Alabama Alpha. We had no difficulty in securing members, as, owing to the inimical state of affairs in the school, a new Fraternity was hailed with joy by both Greeks and "Barbarians," each hoping to secure its co-operation. We were soon joined by Brothers J. C. Smith and Ernest McCreary. This was our chapter when vacation came and we parted: Mickle, to his home; Spencer, to Mississippi; McCreary, to Howard College, this State; J. C. Smith, to Vanderbilt University, and your writer to face the troubles of this world among the coal fields of Alabama. Soon after, we were notified by circular letters that the Fraternities would not be allowed at the University. We had not time to arrange matters and so the Alabama Alpha died. But the fraternal spirit of its members did not die and they have ever been watchful of Phi Delta's interests. Bro. Smith, who went to Vanderbilt, revived the Tennessee Beta, which had died. McCreary, at Howard, made the most strenuous efforts to found Alabama Beta. He failed, but honor is not less due him. But, on the horizon of this darkened sky a bright star appears. A letter from Bro. Spencer says that Alabama Alpha will be revived in October next, and, without stating particulars, says all the arrangements have been made—that there can be no failure. I feel assured that the Brothers for whom this is written, will join me in wishing the rising Alpha a "God speed," and also thanking Bro. Spencer for his indefatigable efforts in her behalf. We have a fine body of members at the Agricultural and Mechanical college of our State. They have applied for charter, and, should the Executive Committee see proper to grant it, it will make a strong auxiliary to the Alpha. Hoping this letter will make plain the state of affairs of Phi Delta in Alabama,

I am, fraternally,

T. M. HOBBS.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, RICHMOND, VA., }
August 28, 1878. }

DEAR BRETHREN:—As the SCROLL on its errand of love, speeds north, south, east and west, on its first journey after its long rest, it must bear the greeting of Virginia to the Phis who anxiously wait the messenger. I need not dwell on the fact that we, whose homes are in the old State, love Phi Delta Theta—for the very words strike the "responsive chord" in all our hearts. Nor yet need I say that we feel closely united to all the members of our order; for, thanks to our Bond, no "bloody chasm" exists to disunite us, but those who loved the blue are brothers with those who loved the gray. This being true, I am certain the Fraternity will rejoice with us over the prosperity of the order in this State. Our banner waves in five of our colleges, all of which reflect credit on the care manifested by the National Grand in the bestowal of charters. Besides these an Alumni Chapter is located at Richmond, composed of men tried and true. Our success last year was very encouraging indeed. Every chapter in the State wears its share of the laurels and bears an enviable reputation. The Alpha at Roanoke is admitted the best chapter in college. No one of the large number of Greek societies at the University of Virginia stands higher than the Virginia Beta. The Gamma at Randolph-Macon is composed of splendid material. The Delta at Richmond college I dare not speak of, being my own chapter, but this

much I can say; its members are true as steel, hard-working and enthusiastic. "By their works ye shall know them." The Epsilon at the Virginia Military Institute is our "baby" chapter—hardly a year old, yet evincing a spirit which will make it not least among the many jewels which deck the crown of Phi Delta Theta. This report from the Old Dominion though hastily written and insufficient is nevertheless true, and, with the hope the each of our chapter may "speak for themselves somedings" in the next SCROLL, I am, with love for the Phis,

Fraternally in the Bond,

GEO. WM. CONE.

TENNESSEE BETA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 9, '78. }

Our chapter has been fully and promptly organized, ready for work this session. The members have come back after enjoying a quiet time during vacation to make a hard and earnest pull at their text books, in hopes to win the honors consequent on such exertions. The majority of the old members have returned. A meeting was held last Saturday night and three new members were initiated into the bonds of brotherly union. The programme by which we expect to work during the coming session was roughly sketched out. Our meetings will be held every other Saturday night, and will be devoted to literary and social enjoyment. We expect to strive our utmost to carry out, as far as we may, our pledges of mutual aid and assistance—to assist each other in the difficult places which must be encountered during every one's college career,—to become in spirit and deed true, consistent, Phi Delta Thetas. We expect to get a very elegant and commodious hall in the city for the use of our chapter. This will add much to the comfort of the Phis. Only two departments of the University are so far represented in the organization, namely: the law and literary. The Kappa Sigmas and S. A. E.'s are making desperate efforts to rush ahead of us in membership. We are not of that stripe. If we can not get good, intellectual men, we would rather stay in the rear. But, fortunately, we are not compelled to do either of these two repugnant things, for we lead the van in membership and in point of scholarship. We have and will only take the very first in each department. Our chapter has sent out one very efficient brother, Mr. Walker Joynes, who intends sometime during the coming session to inaugurate a chapter in the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. We hope to let you hear from us again soon and extend our cordial wishes for the abundant success of those chapters which are striving against such difficulties and obstacles as we are.

J. H. DORTCH.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI,
COLUMBIA, MO., Sept. 11th, 1878. }

The Missouri Alpha, I am pleased to say, is in good running order. At the close of the last collegiate year it had ten active members and will start out this year with a membership of seven. The past of the Missouri Alpha, although it is situated in a climate not conducive to the health of Greek orders, has been very successful and prosperous. The faculty of Missouri University is bitterly opposed to secret societies. Notwithstanding this, the future of our chapter promises to be brighter than its past. The Alumni members have lost none of their interest in the cause of Phi Delta Theta. They promise to stand by the Missouri Alpha and help it in any manner in which they are able if it needs their aid. The Phi Kappa Psis were very strong here a few years ago, but the only chapter they had in the State "has gone the way of all the earth," and the place where they held their sacred (?) meetings is now used for a billiard hall. The Zeta Phis are the only opposition that we have now. This is a local institution. The chapter here is the only one in the United States. The members of the Missouri Alpha during the past year have shown themselves worthy of the badge they wear. The valedictorian of the class of '78 (academic) is a good Phi. He was considered one of the strongest men and the best

student in the University. His average standing for the four years he was in college is far above any other member of the class. Three of the strongest men in the law class of '78 wore the sword and shield. To these men our chapter owes its past success. The guardianship of it is now turned over to the present active members. Its future success depends upon their energy, ability and willingness to work for it. I think I am safe in saying that, instead of losing ground with their management it will gain, and I hope to see the Missouri Alpha at a time not far distant occupying a prominent place among the most prosperous chapters of our order.

FRED. H. AUSTIN.

NATIONAL GRAND.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE,
EASTO, PA., Sept. 10, 1878. }

The year 1877-78 was a prosperous one for the Pennsylvania Alpha. A few facts will show this: At the close of the year we had twenty-eight members, of whom ten were seniors. We were well represented, both on class day and on commencement day. Our Brother Yegawa, from Japan, took the junior mathematical prize, and Brother Jones, the 2d junior orator prize. Then, to crown all, we were made the National Grand Chapter. Financially, we have been somewhat under a cloud. However, we have a room and furniture of our own, and a cabinet organ, the gift of Bro. C. W. Bixby. We closed up the year with a grand banquet, or, as the Phi Kappa Psis say, a *symposium*, which was well attended by the few Alumni we have. We have a half-dozen or more Alumni at Union Theological Seminary in New York city, and through them hope to start a chapter at Columbia college. Our chapter never was in as good a condition as now, and our prospects are brighter than ever before, and, if the coming year can only be made a success, (and there is no reason why it should not,) no one need have any fears for the future of the National Grand.

W. B. SULLIVAN.

INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, IND., Sept. 7th, '78. }

As this is the first issue of the SCROLL since '76, I suppose it is best, in reporting the condition of this chapter, to review last year's proceedings. At the beginning of last year there were but five active members to commence work. In addition to this discouragement there was no hall for meeting and the chapter was somewhat in debt. The five, however, went to work and soon overcame their difficulties. A suitable hall was selected and fitted up at a cost of nearly \$200, and so well was the work done that our hall is acknowledged by all other fraternities here, to be the best Fraternity hall in town. At the same time the "Bully Barbs" were being transformed into first class Phis, and towards the close of the year thirteen good Phis met it our hall every Wednesday night. As the number of members increased the debt melted away and it is now a comparatively small sum. Prosperity again shone upon the old Alpha and it was determined to celebrate the anniversary of its organization by a banquet worthy of such an occasion. Twenty five couples were present and the banquet which was served proved equal to the most sanguine expectations. The chapter was honored by the presence of several members from the Indiana Gamma and Delta. Our prospects for the present year are very promising, but as we have only just begun our work we can not report much done. Before the next issue of the SCROLL, however, we hope to send in a quite full report. We have four other fraternities to contend against, and every triumph is gained only by hard work. But the members are all zealous in the cause of Phi Delta Theta, and it will be strange if the old Alpha dies for want of enthusiasm.

CHAS. BANTA.

ILLINOIS EPSILON.

I. W. UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Sept. 4th, 1878. }

The prospects of the Illinois Epsilon are most flattering. We are not yet a year old and number

sixteen. We begin our winter campaign with the *numbers* and the *men*, and with a determination to win. We need but fight with the vigilance and bravery becoming true soldiers and victory is ours. Give us your best wishes. We do not intend to be selfish, but shall work for ourselves and others. Let us all work in unison, not as a chapter, not as a state, but as a Fraternity, as a grand harmonious whole, and success will crown our efforts. "There is power in Union." Success to one and all.

Yours in the Bond,
J. A. WAKEFIELD.

INDIANA GAMMA.

BUTLER'S UNIVERSITY, }
IRVINGTON, IND., Sept. 19, 1878.

As the Gamma boys, one after another return, the lamp of the Phi Delta Theta grows stronger and brighter, and sends its radiant beams throughout the Butlerian halls and the beautiful village of Irvington. We are in good spirits and intend to raise the Chapter to an enviable position. Our motto is "Hard and unceasing work" from now till the June bug of '89 puts in his appearance. The struggle between us and our brother Frats, the Betas and Sigs, will be desperate. Our forces are already in the field, and we are preparing our guns to hurl the terrible "Spikes," (Get out of the way Betas and Sigs; the Phis are coming in their deadly gigs). We number 12; distributed as follows. 3 Seniors, 1 Junior, 2 Sophs, 4 Fresh and 2 Specials. Not a single one is a flat man, but leave the *at off* and you have just what each one is proud to be. We are glad the SCROLL is to be issued monthly and trust it will be a success. Our prospects are unusually bright, and I am confident our next report will be more flattering.

WILBER D. CAMPBELL.

TEXAS BETA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, }
TEHUACANA, TEXAS, Sept. 16, 1878.

I have been requested to write a short article, giving a history of the Texas Beta and its present outlook. This Chapter was organized about the first of last June, with seven chartered members. The session drew to a close before we got our charter, By-Laws, &c., and got regularly to work. During vacation our operations were partially suspended, but now we find ourselves back again at Trinity University, to engage anew in the arduous, but pleasant duties of School-life. We have received three new members since this session commenced, making five in all received, beside the charter members. The members seem to have zeal and energy, and we hope to make this Chapter the best of *any kind* in the University. We consider our outlook very favorable. There are two other Fraternities here, but they don't seem to be doing much. We have commenced in time at least to get the best material for this session. We expect, now, to go to work manfully and do the best we can. As we become more thoroughly imbued with the principles of our order, I am satisfied we will love it more and more. When we get the SCROLL and learn *something* we will perhaps have more to write.

S. E. KENNON.

VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, }
August 26th, 1878.

A year ago the response of the Virginia Beta to the call of the SCROLL for a report would have been decidedly discouraging. We were five in numbers and though each, I think, desired the best welfare of the fraternity, our efforts were rendered fruitless by the twenty or more rivals by whom we were surrounded and who possessed the advantages of pre-occupation of the ground, and in many instances permanent funds with which to sustain their organizations. Our prospects for the college year just passed, were, by all, considered blank. Owing more to good fortune than to the exertions of the three Phis who constituted the Virginia Beta at the opening of last session two or three first rate men were found who had sufficient sense and good taste to evince a preference for the shield and dagger. Every addition seemed to give new impetus to our progress, and before the close of the year we had the satisfac-

tion, on Saturday nights, of looking around on twelve as good friends and whole-souled Phis as you would desire. A firm foothold gained each year will strengthen us. Next session we hope to take a long stride forward. The promises already given us of additions from other chapters show that our hopes will not be disappointed. Now, that the fraternity is planting itself in many Southern colleges, our permanent future success cannot be a matter of doubt. Heretofore our difficulty has been in being compelled to depend entirely upon the material at the University, which, though excellent, is worked upon by too many fraternities to permit its being considered a reliable means of perpetuating our chapter. Other clubs are sustained from year to year by receiving recruits from chapters at other colleges, whereas last year we received only one such. Next year, however, several are expected, and I think a yearly increase in this line can be depended on. I am not over sanguine, when I say no fraternity at the University has brighter prospects before it than our own.

R. A. JACKSON.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, }
OXFORD, MISS., Sept. 14, 1878.

That the reader may properly appreciate the surroundings of the Mississippi Alpha, perhaps it would not be amiss to enter into a brief description of the institution in which this chapter is established. The institution was founded about the year 1845, as the University of the State; it is situated at Oxford, a town in the northern portion of the state, of nearly three thousand inhabitants. Since the organization of the University, it has been in active operation, (except during the late war between the States, it was suspended) under the tuition of a full corps of competent and efficient professors; in the regular routine of classes—Freshmen, Sophomore, etc., and besides the regular collegiate course, there is a splendid Preparatory and Law department connected with it; and instructions in the art of Telegraphy, is also one of its valuable appurtenances.

Under the auspices of Brother Palmer, of the Georgia Gamma, the Mississippi Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was established in the above mentioned institution, in May, 1877. It was so near the close of the session, that the charter members did not accomplish much during that term. At the opening of the session for 1877-'78, five valiant Phis arrayed themselves against ten other active fraternities, to build up their juvenile fraternity, and by their united efforts, true Phi Delta Theta merits began to reward their labor. Thus they "made haste slowly," always preferring *quality to quantity*, till they had made fifteen additions to the little brotherhood; and I truthfully assert the happiest moments of my college life were spent in our gay meetings. Methinks now I can see a "set of jolly scamps" walking into our old Phi Hall, fully imbued with the same sense of fraternal love that impregnated the hearts of the founders of our beloved order, preserving with spotless purity and unchallenged fidelity, the same God-like virtues that clothed the mystic chieftain in truth and beauty the day it burst into existence with effulgent splendor at old Miami thirty years ago. Its life, like that of its constituents, has its sunshine and its rain. Unfortunately, that noted *black sheep* crept into our flock; his color soon betrayed him, and after losing all hope of rendering him fit for a claim in the joys of our band, he was quietly excluded from our pleasures, and thus lurked about the campus a "driver" and "candidate," till he made his way into the confidence of another fraternity, that perhaps had little honor and less dignity, and was finally expelled from the college. Among 471 students, there were 11 fraternities, and about 170 Greeks.

The only delegate that left the University to represent his chapter in a convention of any kind, went like a messenger bearing "good tidings," with no companion but the Shield and Dagger, the White and Blue, to tell the National Convention, at Wooster, Ohio, that the Mississippi Alpha was up with her duc, in a prosperous condition, and with bright prospects of being among the best chapters of the organization. After our delegate returned and reported, new zeal was added our efforts, and stronger resolutions were made to aggrandize our far off *Psi Deu-*

teron, that she might soon attain and hold her zenith glory. I do hope every chapter will send a delegate to the next National Convention. Go to Indianapolis in 1880, that you may form a proper conception of the dignity and grandeur of the fraternity to which you have the honor to belong. Go there that you may lay your hand on the golden cord that encircles the Union. Go there to meet brothers from every quarter and section of your country. Yes, you will meet them there from the rocky bound shores of the Atlantic, to the silver crested waves of the Pacific, from the limpid Lakes of the North, to the Gulf that washes our Southern coast, divested of the filth and slime of internal factions and national controversies. My college days have ended. Warm friends, and the "little girl" up — street are parted with, the last "Good bye" and the last wave of a snow-white kerchief has been heard, seen, and almost forgotten, but—

"Still pulse will throb and heart beat light,
As faithful memory back shall go,
To view Phi Delta Theta's joys,
And those dear scenes of long ago."

MONROE MCCLURG.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C. }
AUGUST 6, 1878.

MR. EDITOR:—In answer to your request to write up the history, the standing, the workings, etc., of the North Carolina Alpha Chapter, I would say that, since our chapter is so young, our history, as a matter of course, is not very extensive. Brother Palmer, of Cal., organized the North Carolina Alpha at Trinity College, by correspondence. It was organized through Brother Robbins who is now as fervent a Phi Delta Theta as the sun ever shone upon. Palmer began to write for the purpose of organizing our chapter early last fall, but met with poor success, until he wrote to Brother Robbins about the first of March. Since that time we have held regular meetings, though I was not among the first to join. We are now in full running order, and feel that Heaven will prosper us. We have on roll ten good, active members. Though we are in our infancy, we are strengthened by the thought that our beloved Brotherhood are ever willing to assist us in any undertaking that will advance the cause of Phi Delta Theta. Long may our noble order wave, and carry high her laurel-crowned banner, bravely won by a band of true men. May each Phi do his part; and when we meet "Beyond the river" we will be a Brotherhood indeed. Next to my mother I love old Phi Delta Theta. Hoping that good news may come to us through your columns, I am your friend in the

Mystic Bond of Secrecy,

GEORGE M. BULLA.

INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, }
FRANKLIN, IND., Sept. 4, 1878.

Old Indiana Delta rejoices hugely to know that the SCROLL is again to be resurrected. We have missed it during its dormant period, for no number appeared without some word from us. Since the issue of the last SCROLL our chapter (the Delta) has had some rich seasons.

The 28th of May, 1877 we celebrated our seventeenth anniversary, by a regular literary exercise, conducted by our chapter. But last May we aspired to still greater things. Major George W. Grubbs, '60, a charter member of the chapter here, and also a graduate, delivered a fine lecture for us. Subject, "Courage." His lecture was very fine. After the lecture we had a most magnificent banquet. Thirty-two couples were present. Several brother Phis from the neighboring chapters were present. Several toasts, well spiced, were delivered, and good music enlivened the occasion. No dancing. We graduated two good men last year, Brothers J. J. Ballard and D. A. Owen. Last year we had thirteen attendant members, all jolly good men, and good workers. We sent our Brother, James L. Matthews out to Wooster last year, to represent us. The Delta Tau, our only opponents for some years, after growing stale, and becoming thoroughly putrid, threw up the

sponge, turned deadly pale, and gave up their charter and collapsed, "never more to rise again." Our prospects for the coming year are good. We will start with eight good men, and we have an "eye" on two or three new fellows. That the Phi fraternity at large may prosper, and that the SCROLL may find a welcome into every chapter, and be greeted with delight by every Phi, is the wish of your brother,

CHAS. BOAZ.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions of the Pennsylvania Beta on the election of J. C. Reddig to the Presidency:

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,
GETTYSBURG, June 8, 1878.

WHEREAS, The Thirtieth Annual National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, convened at Wooster, Ohio, May 22d, to 25th, in electing our Brother, C. J. Reddig, president of the order, has conferred upon us a high honor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pennsylvania Beta, tender our thanks for this mark of distinction in electing one whom we highly respect as a gentleman and love as a Phi.

That we recommend to the support of our brothers in the Bond, our newly elected President, with the assurance that he will make a good executive, and will labor for the best interests of the order.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent the National Grand Chapter, Ohio Zeta, Phi Delta Theta, SCROLL and Shippen-burg, Pa., *News*.

J. C. F. RUPP, '78.
M. F. TROXELL, '80.
C. M. EYSTER,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by the Georgia Gamma of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, of Emory College, on the death of Rev. E. W. Woodberry.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased God to remove from the scenes of earth our friend and brother E. W. Woodberry, and

WHEREAS, It becomes us, as brethren, loving and beloved, to give formal utterance of our grief. Be it *Resolved*,

1. That in the death of brother Woodberry this fraternity is deprived of a member whose zeal for good works was only equalled by his ability to perform them; whose counsel and company tended toward the ways of wisdom and peace; whose pure and pious life leaves the undimmed assurance that he is now inheriting "the rest that remains for the people of God."

2. That we sympathize with his congregation in the loss of a pastor, whose whole ambition was to work the works of Him that sent him; and whose virtues merit the blessed inscription, "He has fought the good fight and kept the faith." That we offer to his parents and family the condolence of hearts that beat in unison with theirs; and that cherish with them the common hope that the ties of affection so ruthlessly broken here, will be reunited at the "gathering together unto Him of all His at His appearing and coming." And that we commend to them the sweet consciousness that the son and the brother upon whom young manhood had scarce left its impress, though surrendered to the grave and to dust, will one day join the shout of victory in the triumph of the first resurrection.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the SCROLL for publication, and that another copy be sent the family of our deceased brother.

HENRY D. HOWREN,
HENRY B. PHILIPS,
SETH W. WALKER,
Committee.

THEY ARE ALL HONORABLE PHIS.

The boys of the Pennsylvania Beta carried off five of the six honors given by their college last commencement.

Brother Hugh M. Willett, of Georgia Delta, carried off the highest honor of Mercer University last commencement.

A. G. Foster, Indiana Alpha, took the philosophical honor of '78.

R. A. Jackson, Virginia Beta, took the debaters' medal of the Washington Society of Virginia University.

One of the Missouri Alpha boys took the first honor of '78 in a way that the Zeta Phis despised.

Howard Billman, Indiana Beta, was the successful one in the contest for the Baldwin prize for oratory. This prize has been given annually for six years to the best orator in the Senior class, and it has been taken by a Phi five out of the six years. Brother Whitehead was the first one to win it.

At the Indiana State Oratorical Contest, Wabash College was represented by Brother O. A. Penniman, and Franklin College by Brother D. A. Owen. Brother Penniman won the second prize. It is worthy of note that since the inauguration of the contests, four years ago, Wabash College has been represented by a Phi each year, Franklin College has failed but once—in 1877, and Butler University failed this year for the first year.

Brother F. M. Senior, Ohio Zeta, was the first honor man of '78 of Wooster University.

Brother T. W. Keitt, of Virginia Epsilon, took the highest medal of V. M. I.

The boys of Virginia Delta took a large per cent. of the medals unto themselves at commencement.

Brother Ed. S. Palmer and Russell Woods, enter Michigan University next week, and go determined that the fallen banners of Phi Delta Theta shall be raised and planted once more in the strongest University in the West. Too much importance cannot be attached to the raising of the Michigan Alpha. The chapter is not merely "desirable"—it is a positive necessity, and Brothers Palmer and Woods should have the strong support of every Phi and chapter in the United States, morally and financially.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity is entirely Southern, but we understand that at its last convention the rule forbidding the organization of chapters north of Mason and Dixon's line was repealed. A strong effort will be made by them to obtain a foothold at Ann Arbor as a base for future operations in the North.

The Beta Theta Pi's at their convention in Indianapolis last month, chartered a chapter at John Hopkins University a Baltimore. Brother Jackson, of Virginia Beta, recently informed us that there were six or seven Phis at John Hopkins last year. Why don't they organize themselves into the Maryland Alpha?

CHAS. COOK,
OFFICIAL JEWELER

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MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—
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ADDRESS
OF
PRESIDENT C. B. GASKILL
BEFORE
THE CONVENTION OF 1878.

Brethren of the National Phi Delta Theta:

My presence here to-day is enough to assure you that I appreciate the honor the fraternity has done me; and to tell you that I rejoice that it is my privilege to greet you, would be to express my feelings only in part. I have come here animated with a love for you akin to a sacred flame. There are no subjects dearer to me than those which include the interests of the order. If I have failed to illustrate this assertion by word or act it was foreign to my intentions. Soon after I espoused the cause for which so many of you contend to promote and hand down in its purity and sacredness, I became identified with one whose kind advice and instruction inspired me to believe that I had entered upon an extraordinary work. Fortunate for me that I had the aid of this brother, who had the ability to plan, the energy to execute and the patriotism to endure. Before many efforts were made I found myself surrounded by a little band of Phis, whose strong hearts soon aroused their State. Then came the sad news that our kind brother had been forsaken by most all of his men, and in return the Georgia Alpha rallied to the assistance of the Virginia Alpha, and from that day she has run smoothly and been an honor to our name, I love to speak of this dear brother, to praise him for his zeal and fidelity and to rejoice at his successes. There was no man in our fraternity who felt more gratified than I did when it was known that the convention of 1876 so wisely called this brother to fill its highest office, and none regrets more than I that he was forced to decline on account of his pressing business. A duty then fell upon your Executive Committee, who after consultation, forwarded from Indianapolis a notice that I had been appointed to fill the vacancy, and I assure you the news fell upon me like a shock, for I had never dreamed of being invited to occupy such a seat in my fraternity; at the same time I was the proudest and happiest man you ever saw, because it placed me in a proper light before other fraternities, and it made

me glad to know that my labors were not depreciated. At first I thought I would not accept this office, but concluded to leave it to the Phis of my State, so I consulted the chapters and all the alumni within my reach, and with one voice all agreed that it was my duty to accept and do the best I could and no complaint would arise.

On the 14th of March, 1877, I sent in my acceptance, and from that day to this I have felt responsible for the duties of the office, and day and night I have labored to promote alike in every section of our broad country the cause of the great National Phi Delta Theta. I have written to almost every chapter in the fraternity, and have never failed to respond when addressed. I was engaged actively at work with the Pennsylvania Delta when its men gave up their charter. I have been called upon often to write letters of encouragement to desponding men and chapters, and this has always been a pleasant duty. No one of you will doubt me if I should tell you I understand the strength and working of the Phi Delta Theta when you learn that I have been engaged in active service for the fraternity since the 4th of April, 1871, on which memorable night I signed the Bond that is so dear to us all. At that time the Phi Delta Theta numbered thirteen chapters; now, I am told, she embraces more than fifty. What has done this amazing work but the hands of time and patriotic men? All honor to the glorious Phi Delta Theta of 1878. Who would not rejoice to hold a banner for our noble band? Then I call upon you to-day, my dear brethren, in the name of one who has devoted seven years of his life in studying and defending college secret societies to bear me witness that there is none superior to our own. Let us make our love for each other more binding during our thirtieth anniversary than it has ever been before. We have much to make us feel proud and nothing on our record that we could regret. So onward let us grow and expand our usefulness until the blessed influence that we now wield may shed its hallowed light over the young men at every seat of learning in the United States, when the freedom of students is not trampled upon, and when we can successfully and honorably combat the prejudices of faculties and ungenerous trustees.

But this is no time for lengthy remarks,

My grateful thanks are given to the fraternity for the prompt support I have received while I have made such an unworthy President; and now it is my pleasant duty to call the 29th Convention of the Phi Delta Theta to order.

AN EXPOSE.

EDITOR SCROLL:—It was all very improper, but as a confession is good for the soul, I believe I will disclose how the chapter to which I owe allegiance, rather by "ways that are dark," obtained an ornamental piece of furniture for its hall. I will, however, be careful to mention no names. Suffice it to say that it was one of our Austral chapters, and that it was situated in a small college village.

When I was initiated into the mystic rites of Phi Delta Theta I was not overawed with the richness or grandeur of the hall. The fact is the chapter was then meeting in one of the recitation rooms, and the only place of privacy it had was a small closet adjoining, in which between meetings all the furniture and traps were kept locked up. The sum total of the property of the chapter then was three chairs, a round table, a box to put papers, etc., in, a constitution book, a Bible, a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and a student's lamp. Where the chapter got those chairs and that table is yet a mystery wrapped up in the past. I often inquired, but no one ever knew. I incline to the belief that the chapter inherited them somehow. I will mention, however, not meaning to cast any insinuation, but wishing to point out a coincidence, that they were peculiarly similar to the chairs of one of the literary societies. The President, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary all sat around the table, which rather crowded things a little, and if perchance the Secretary let his feet fall on the President's corns that worthy dignity would frown severely and mark down a fine against him. While those three officials each enjoyed an easy chair the rest of us had to sit on the by no means luxurious wooden-seated recitation benches. It was therefore considered very desirable to be elected one of those officers.

After a while, however, we were granted a splendid room in one of the college buildings and we began to fit it up. We procured a carpet, window shades, stove, chandeliers and hat-racks; we hung pictures, photographs and emblems on the

walls; and we built three elevated platforms for the officers. In the same building were stored the chairs of the trustees, in which they were accustomed to sit on the stage at commencement. Some of the chairs had broken bottoms and backs, and several of us considered they were too shabby for such public use, but very good chairs indeed for Phis to sit in, and so we purloined a few with the intention of returning them when we should get better ones.

One thing troubled us considerably—we wanted something awfully grand for our President to sit behind. We gave the subject much thought, but could think of no suitable kind of stand that came within our means.

One afternoon a couple of Phis out walking on the outskirts of the village, having a fraternal talk, passed by a negro church that was building. The materials used had been given by the college authorities, and were from an old chapel which had been torn down. One of the brethren by chance espied among the lumber piles a pulpit and two lamp stands, and exclaimed, "What an admirable stand for our President one of those lamp stands would make." The other bore testimony to the remark, and added that they must have one of them. The thing was talked over, and when they went walking in that direction they would mount the fence with their cigarettes, far enough off not to be suspected, but each with one eye taking in the good points of the lamp stands. They were not sure the stands were to be used, but having very accommodating consciences they concluded the darkies could just as well carry on their religious devotions with one lamp stand less. And so at a midnight hour four Phis, devoid of principles, including myself, went after that stand. We were very quiet and stealthy about it indeed. We lifted the stand over the fence, but in doing so, found it much heavier than we had anticipated. Indeed, it would have been a more suitable load for four mules than for us four boys. We had to carry it on cross sticks, and it was a mile and a half to our hall. All of us also were laughing so hard we could not use our strength. About half way every one of us swore we would have to abandon the undertaking and leave the stand in the street, or procure some other means of carrying it. So one went off, and after hunting around, found the running-gear of a buggy in front of a wagon shop. This was just the thing, and when the stand had been put on it, two of us got to the shafts and two behind, and we then traveled at a smart trot, except only while passing a boarding-house, where some boys of another fraternity were sitting up late. We would have found it difficult to have given an explanation had we been accosted. We got the stand in our hall though, and then left the buggy on the foot-bridge to the college, with the shafts and front wheels hanging over the railing, which caused a great deal of comment next morning, but no suspicions as to the authors. The stand was shortened a little and painted white and blue, with a badge on the front panel. The pious members shook their heads some when they saw it, but they admired it, like the good old deacons spoken of by Bro. Emmett Tompkins in his Convention address, that "gazed over their spectacles in admiration at the player of the bass viol, but lamented the sin and worldliness of him who played the violin."

And now, Mr. Editor, the cat has slipped the bag, and all is told. We think "a wrong confessed, is half redressed," but we do not recommend any other good chapter to try to procure a President's stand in the way we did.

ÆDIPUS.

September 10, 1878.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
SHIPPENSBURG, PA., Oct. 14.

Brothers of the Phi Delta Theta:

On every hand comes the echo of the opening of our colleges for the collegiate year of 1878-9, and with it the question, "What is being done for the Phi Delta Theta?"

Already encouraging reports have been received in regard to an increase of members: but alas! the fact that our new constitution is not in the hands of every chapter brings to your President many unhappy letters, taxing to the utmost his ability to endeavor to explain the validity and necessity of certain parts of our new constitution as understood by our Grand Binker and SCROLL editors.

Our old constitution had become so amended that the convention at Wooster, Ohio; May 22, 23, 24, 1878, in its wisdom saw fit to transform the heavy, cumbersome constitution to one of almost perfect construction, exhibiting wise legislation among unselfish noble spirits which characterizes the members of our noble order. The lack of funds has prevented the publication of said constitution.

Until that has been done and a copy is in every chapter, I call on all Phi Delta Theta's, wherever they may be, "to act well their part." Let not personal views overshadow the great aims for which we are banded together. Act for the best good of the greatest number, and in a few short months you will experience the great benefits of our new constitution.

As President of the Executive Committee I submit the following plan for our work: All communications, accompanied by the proper application, catalogues, etc., to be sent to me direct, upon the receipt of which the opinion of each member of the Executive Committee will be obtained and the official decision forwarded to the applicant.

The great delay occasioned by writing to each member of the committee will be avoided, and the decision will be known to be official, and the report of the Executive Committee, to be reported at our next meeting, will be uniform.

I would ask that the members of the Executive Committee be prompt in their reply, and I will pledge the order that they will receive prompt answers to all communications.

I ask the hearty co-operation of each and every chapter in the Union. Personal letters are earnestly desired, stating the condition of chapters and the prospect for others.

My decisions will in all cases be strictly impar-

tial, and all errors will be of the head, not of the heart. Wishing God speed to each and all I remain
Fraternalty yours in the Bond.

CLARENCE J. REDDIG,
President Phi Delta Theta.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Sixteen fraternities hold the fort at the University of Virginia.

The *illustrious* society which bears the name of "Black Badge" we ascertain is presided over by a local chapter situated at Lynchburg, Va.

The Phi Gamma Delta catalogue of 1870 numbers eleven hundred members, which number is probably increased to two thousand by this time.

Two separate and distinct frats. bear the cognomen of Kappa Alpha. One, the aged one, whose home is in the North, has but a slim list of chapters; the other, which is confined to the South, is just in its teens, and plasters about ten stars on its flag.

The domain of Beta Theta Pi is divided into districts, each having its own chief. The fraternity has about thirty-three active chapters. New chapters have recently been organized at Butler University, Indianapolis, and John Hopkins University, Baltimore. Among the "big guns" the fraternity claims are Schuyler Colfax, Supreme Judge Harlan, O. P. Morton (dec.), A. G. Porter, Isaac West, late Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio, John Coburn, ex-M. C., Thomas H. Siney, D. D., President University of the Pacific; in the last House, Springer and Hanna; in the last Senate, Booth, Hardin, McDonald, Stanley Matthews and Voorhees. Doubtless some of these are "honorary" members.

The Alpha chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was founded at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., in May, 1848. Among its early members are Judge Pershing, of Pa., and Bishop of Larens, of the Diocese of Ill. The chapters take their names from the letters of the Greek alphabet, and Xi Denteron has been reached, the last chapter being located at Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio. About ten years ago the Grand Chapter was moved from Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania to New York City, and it is now composed of graduate members of Upsilon Chapter (College of the City of York) and Omega Chapter (Columbia College). The constitution was revised in 1875 by a committee, of which Bishop Larens was chairman. General conventions are held annually. The fraternity claims as members Gov. Vance, of North Carolina, Gen. Wallace, of Indiana, Ridpath, the historian, and Edward Eggleston, the "Hoosier" novelist.

PERSONALS.

Bro. W. B. Palmer is a law student in Vanderbilt University.

C. B. Gaskill, Georgia A., is City Treasurer of Chattanooga, Tenn.

President Reddig is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Shippensburg, Pa.

C. M. Beckwith, Georgia B., is still Professor in Southern University, Tenn.

Bro. Geo. N. Luccock, Ohio Z. '78, is at Allegheny, Pa., in the Theological department.

Bros. G. M. Lambertson and L. W. Billingsley, both of Indiana Delta, are leading lawyers of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bro. F. M. Senior, Ohio Z., of '78, is at Princeton Theological Seminary. There are ten Phis at Princeton this year.

Bro. S. L. Brooks, Illinois Delta, is a law student at Galesburg, Ill., in the firm which prosecuted the notorious Frank Rande.

Bro. Jonas Parrett, of Indiana E., is in Asbury University. We expect great things of Bro. Parrett in regard to Indiana Eta.

J. R. Patterson, Ohio A., is in business in Cincinnati. He was recently traveling in Alabama, and of course was discovered by Bro. Hobbs.

THE SOUTHERN SITUATION.

The Fraternity was introduced in Georgia in 1871 by our well known brother, Charles B. Gaskill. The Alpha was short lived, owing to the suspension of the institution, but it did not cease before establishing the Beta, Gamma and Delta at the other three prominent institutions of the State. The Beta made a fine record from the first. It had for opponents Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha and S. A. E. The Kappa Alpha is confined to the South, and is distinct, and always has been distinct, from the Northern fraternity of the same name. I think it was founded at La Grange College, Ala., in 1844. S. A. E. is an insignificant affair with a few Chapters. Three years ago the board of trustees of the university put its foot down upon fraternities. The Chi Phi and S. A. E. succumbed, but our Chapter, as well as the Kappa Alpha, stood up nobly, though of course it was not as prosperous as before. Lately it has been very evident that the law against fraternities has been injuring the University, and the press of the State demanded its repeal. The trustees at their late meeting discussed the matter, and finally turned it over to the faculty, who have unanimously decided to place no restrictions upon the fraternities in the future. So the Beta next year will enter upon a new era of prosperity and doubtless become one of our strongest chapters. The Chi Phi and S. A. E. will try to organize again. The university has an endowment yielding \$29,000 per year. The Gamma when first organized had much opposition from its opponents, Chi Phi and Kappa Alpha, established two years previously but it now leads the college. It begins the year with 7 of '79, 5 of '80 and 3 of '81, a total of 15. Chi Phi will have 15 and Kappa Alpha 16. The Gamma mourns the recent death of Rev. E. W. Woodbury, an "honor man" of the '76 class, and one of the chapter's best members. This is the only one of the 62 members of the Gamma who has been called to his last home.

The chapter has a beautifully fitted up hall in one of the college buildings. Emory college is at present one of the most prosperous in the State. The Delta is in a city of about 15,000 inhabitants. The chapter is flourishing, and on its list of active members are men from the first families of the State. Mercer University probably has the finest buildings of any institution in Georgia. Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha and S. A. E. are also there.

Phi Delta Theta entered the "Old Dominion" in 1869, the Virginia Alpha having been established by that acknowledged champion chapter founder of the order, D. Bittle Floyd. The chapter is now doing finely, and took honors thick at commencement. Its opponents are Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi and Black Badge. Alpha Tau Omega also had a chapter at Roanoke two years ago, but there was a row in its camp and it lost its charter. Rev. Wm. B. Yonce, '52 of Ohi Gamma, is a professor in the college. The Virginia Beta at the beginning of last year had only two members, but Bros. L. L. Bristow, of Kentucky Gamma, and Richard Jackson, of Earlham College, Indiana, going there soon built up a chapter able to hold its own against its rivals, which are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Sigma and a number of others. The Beta will begin the year with some good men, and Phi Delta Theta next year will rank high at the noble old University of Virginia, founded by the immortal Jefferson, and now the leading institution in the South.

Virginia Gamma is prosperous, though several of its best members graduated at the last commencement, taking high honors. It has several opponents, among which is Sigma Chi.

Randolph-Macon College has lately suffered a great loss in the death of its President, Dr. Duncan, beloved by every one.

Virginia Delta is in fine working order and has a dozen or more live, energetic members. It took three honors and two medals at commencement. It has Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha for opponents. It has a neatly carpeted and furnished hall. Through the efforts of Bros. G. W. Cone, of that chapter, and T. M. Hobbs, of Alabama Alpha, the Virginia Epsilon was organized last spring. The negotiations were carried on through T. W. Keitt, who graduated at commencement, taking the highest medal given by the institution. The chapter, although young, has six members, and at "rushing time" this

fall will make a strong fight with its rivals, which are Beta Theta Pi, 11; Alpha Tau Omega, 17; Kappa Alpha, 14; Sigma Chi, 16; Kappa Sigma Kappa (?) 7, the appended numerals showing the number of members each had last year. Chi Phi and Kappa Sigma also had chapters at the institution last year, but they kicked the bucket. Our chapter intends to put in a chapter next year at Washington and Lee University in the same town, and where Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Chi Phi, and one other Fraternity is established. The resident Phis of Richmond have recently formed an Alumni Chapter and take great interest in it. Perhaps we shall wish to establish a chapter at Hampden-Sidney and one at William and Mary, the second oldest college in America, some time in the future, when the prosperity of those institutions justify it. The authorities at Emory and Henry are down upon fraternities. Virginia is now a grand Phi State, and rivals even Indiana, each having five collegiate and one alumni chapter.

Phi Delta Theta entered Tennessee as early as 1852. The records of the Alpha Chapter are lost, and the name of but one of its members is in the new catalogue. The law school of Cumberland University is one of the most celebrated in the South. It would be a credit to our fraternity to re-establish the chapter, and efforts will be put forth in that direction. The fraternities now there are Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Gamma Delta (!) and Delta Alpha (!). The Tennessee Beta was started by Brother Lytton Taylor, who was initiated at the Dinville Convention. The faculty does not countenance fraternities, and Brother Taylor did not succeed in building up a chapter, so that at the beginning of the year 1877-78 the chapter did not exist. At that time Brothers J. B. Reed, of Kentucky Alpha, and J. C. Smith, of Alabama Alpha, entered the University, and by assiduous work reorganized the chapter, which now has a large membership. The members are enthusiastic, and they meet in a splendid room of the Maxwell House, in Nashville, one of the finest hotels in the South. The chapter has no opponents. Vanderbilt has a permanent endowment of \$500,000 and full literary, scientific, law, medical and theological departments. Professors, 57; instructors, 8; students last year, 405, representing 19 states.

Kentucky Alpha, the only Southern *ante bellum* chapter now active, is understood to be prosperous. It has several opponents, among which is Beta Theta Pi. Prof. Salvador De Soto LL. D., Ph. D., of the '50 class, and the first graduate of the chapter, fills the chair of Greek in Centre College. It would hardly be advisable to try to reorganize the Kentucky Beta, as it is very doubtful whether a fraternity can live at the Kentucky Military Institute. Chi Phi had a chapter there since the war, but it went to the wall. I am sorry to learn that Kentucky Gamma is about to give up the struggle, owing to the small number of students at the college and the lack of opponents to create a healthy rivalry. This, however, is the only weak chapter in the south. It would probably be an advantage to the fraternity to have a chapter at Kentucky University at Lexington, which is fine large institution.

In the new catalogue appear the names of only five members of the Texas Alpha, established in 1852. It would not be wise to start the chapter again, as the institution is small. During the past spring Brother George Banta, of Indiana Alpha has organized a good chapter at Trinity College, Tehuacana, Texas, probably the most prosperous institution in the "Lone Star State." He got Brother McCoy, an old '56er of Indiana Alpha at Dallas, Texas, to write to a professor at Trinity who was an old friend at Bloomington, Indiana. The professor replied, recommending S. E. Kennon, who was then written to, and with five others agreed to start the chapter, which was chartered as the Texas Beta, by the last convention. By the end of the term it had enrolled two of '78, six of '79 and one of '80. It has as rivals Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Gamma. Trinity College has a collegiate and law department. Prof. R. P. Decherd, '55, of Ohio Alpha, fills the chair of mathematics.

In the opening of 1877 the Mississippi Alpha was organized at the State University, an old established institution of high reputation. Being anxious for a chapter to be started there, and ready to adopt any

expedient, I wrote to a young lady of Oxford, Mississippi, whose name I saw in the catalogue of a Tennessee female college, politely requesting her to send me the name of the best non-fraternity student at the university of her acquaintance. She kindly replied, giving the name of E. A. Enochs. The Chancellor of the University was then written to, and he gave Mr. Enochs a high reputation. A proposition was forthwith made to Enochs to organize a chapter, and he was agreeable, and thought he could. By a judicious choice of men, the chapter soon waxed strong, although it had Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Delta Psi, Alpha Kappa Phi (!), Sigma Epsilon (!), Rainbow (!) and Mystic (!) to contend against. Several of the members have won university and literary honors. During the latter part of 1877, the chapter had some trouble. J. L. Harris, '81, one of the first members, was expelled, and R. C. Lee '81 resigned. But the chapter is now in a healthy condition. It has a good hall, and celebrated its anniversary this year with a grand banquet. It made quite a good show in the new catalogue to have been established so recently, and it sent a delegate to the convention. I hear that my fair correspondent is the organist in the Baptist church at Oxford, and a very accomplished young lady. Alabama Alpha was organized soon after Mississippi Alpha, T. H. Spencer was the first man written to. By the following commencement the chapter numbered nine members, including the irrepressible Hobbs and Smith, one of the reorganizers of Tennessee Beta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Alpha Gamma (!), and Sigma Nu (!) were arrayed against our chapter. At the commencement, however, the faculty put a crusher on fraternities, and Alabama Alpha has lain dormant during the past year. But the trustees have recently changed three of the faculty, including the President, who was the worst opponent of fraternities, and Brothers Hobbs and Spencer are now quite sure the chapter can be organized, and have got some splendid men to undertake it. The other fraternities will probably also try to organize. A move was made during the past spring by Brother Hobbs to establish a chapter at Agricultural and Mechanical college at Auburn, but whether anything came of it I do not know.

The N. C. Alpha, at Trinity College, Trinity, is at present the infant chapter of Phi Delta Theta, but it is kicking lively. W. H. Robbins was written to last spring, and joining with him several students a chapter was soon formed, which was chartered as the Delta Triton by the last convention. Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma were established at Trinity previously. The boys of our chapter took a prominent part in the last commencement. The chapter begins the year with 1 of '79, 2 of '80, 5 of '81, and 1 of '82, total, 9. The Chi Phi will have 10; Alpha Tau Omega 12 and Kappa Sigma 10. The faculty has given our chapter a permanent hall in one of the college buildings, and the members have begun to fit it up handsomely. Trinity college has preparatory, collegiate, law, and theological departments.

Efforts have been made to establish chapters at other institutions in the "Old North State," but narrow-minded faculties stand in the way.

Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida have no institutions worthy of Phi Delta Theta. It would likely be well for the fraternity to have a chapter at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., where the Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha and S. A. E. are now. The proud old University of South Carolina, at Columbia, produced many distinguished men before the war, but during reconstruction days it was thrown open to negroes, and now most of its patrons are of the African race, which, of course, debars Phi Delta Theta from having a chapter there.

The patriotic Phis of Atlanta, Georgia, of whom there are a considerable number, will certainly organize an Alumni Chapter soon, and one will probably be organized at Macon, Georgia.

There are sufficient Phis in Louisville to form a very fine Alumni chapter. The chapters south of Mason and Dixon's line are ever on the alert to promote the interests of the fraternity, and they warn their sister chapters of the North to look well to their laurels. In the work of the future Southern chapters and Phis will do their part.

W. B. PALMER,

Marysville, Cal., Oct. 1878.

The Scroll.

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the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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Chapter editors will confer a favor by reporting promptly each month the proceedings of the chapter. The report should reach us by the 5th of the month in order to secure its publication in the ensuing issue. Write legibly, on one side of the paper only, and you will save the editor much work in deciphering and copying.

CHAPTER REPORTS—WHAT THEY SHOULD CONTAIN.

The object of the chapter reports we conceive to be at least three-fold.—First, to effect a general diffusion of knowledge among the chapters and alumni members of the prosperity or adversity, success or failure of our order in its multifold branches. Secondly, to take the place of, but not entirely to displace, the system of laborious personal correspondence that must necessarily be maintained in order to afford any adequate general conception of the progress and workings of the fraternity. Thirdly, to strengthen the weak, to steady the faltering, to raise up and reassure the downfallen; to instruct the newly initiated; to enthuse, quicken and animate our beloved order in all its mystical ramifications, and cement it into one grand, harmonious whole—an organization bound in sacred compact by the grandest principles of true fraternity—one which places the cultivation of the intellect second in importance only to the Divine power which creates and directs intellect.

This threefold object should be kept in view in writing reports. The chapters generally will be more or less interested in what concerns the individual chapter. The character and frequency of meetings; the nature of literary exercises (if any); the weight and nature of opposition from sister fraternities; the victories gained; the losses sustained; the honors won; the attitude of the college authorities to fraternities in general and to ours in particular; these, and perhaps many other subjects, should be treated in a chapter report. And then if a correspondent is bubbling up and boiling over with Phi Delta enthusiasm let him unburden himself on a short sail, on aquiline pinions, across the oratorical sky. He may be sure he will awaken active response in many true Phi Delta breasts.

Suggestions for the general good of the fraternity should be incorporated in the report. A hint dropped in this way might develop into one of the most important features of the organization. Ideas are the germs from which spring our most flourishing institutions. The most gigantic enterprises once lay couched in embryo in some active brain. But unapplied thought avails nothing, and the thinker is little better for having entertained it. The practical part of life is executed thought. If you have ideas, then, upon fraternal extension, or upon development of

feature for the good of the order at large, give them an airing through the SCROLL. It will do you good and will set the entire fraternity to thinking on the subject, and with all at work for the best interests of Phi Delta Theta we will soon make her the emulation of all similar organizations, a fraternity without a peer in harmony, strength and intelligence.

WHAT OF THE SCROLL?

The SCROLL, as our fraternity organ, has a great work to do, for it is through it mainly that we may hope to work up an interest in the Phi Delta Theta such as has never been known before. Without the SCROLL we know but very little of even our neighboring chapters, and vastly less of distant ones. The only way we can know of them without the SCROLL is by private correspondence, and this is carried on by such a few that it might be counted nothing. But through the instrumentality of the SCROLL we are able to know of the prosperity of the fraternity in all parts of the country; and nothing can stimulate individual chapters more than to know that we are prosperous everywhere. We feel warranted in saying that every Phi in existence is anxious to get hold of the SCROLL, and to see how the fraternity is prospering. And again, by means of the SCROLL we hope to arouse to action the Alumni Phis. This undoubtedly can be accomplished only in this way. No doubt that many men that were good frat. men when they were in college have apparently lost interest in fraternity matters, but this is only because they have nothing to keep them in remembrance of it, nothing to tell them whether it is alive or dead.

Now, how is the SCROLL to be supported? The Convention says that "Each member shall be taxed one dollar per capita each year for the SCROLL." Now if the different chapters will respond promptly there will be no difficulty in running our paper. We have men hold of it now that are energetic, and money is all we need, and we can only hope that our brothers will see to it that all remittances are sent in promptly. We can not as a fraternity afford to do without the SCROLL. If we want life, harmony and prosperity we must have the SCROLL. C.

A private communication from President Reddig informs us that charters have been issued to the Michigan Alpha at the Michigan University and the Alabama Beta at the State Polytechnic University of Alabama. Chapters are requested to bear in mind that the Michigan Alpha is *sub rosa* at present, and will remain so until the publication of the Palladium.

Mississippi University has not yet opened, owing to the yellow fever. The Secretary of the Mississippi Alpha has fallen a victim to the plague, and chapters are requested to address all communications for Mississippi Alpha to Monroe McClurg, Vaiden, Miss., for the present.

HISTORY OF OHIO EPSILON.

In the spring of 1868 there were attending college at the O. U. three young men who made application, dated March 24, 1868, to the Grand Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity for a charter to organize a chapter at said university, which was granted, and accordingly a chapter was established before the close of said session of college, and there being no Ohio Beta in existence at the time it received that name. In reviewing the history of our chapter we notice a peculiar instance of the energy and enterprise of our order. Not content with one charter, application was made for another, which likewise was granted. We thus aspired to and obtained two charters, neither of which has been forfeited or surrendered. But the last mentioned had,

long ere its granting, been christened John H., and he for a number of years bestowed his genial grins on his brother Phi Deltas and their happy meetings.

In the early part of its career this chapter encountered much opposition from its two strong opponents, the Beta Theta Pi and the Delta Tau Delta chapters, which at that time were in a very flourishing condition; but the most serious obstacle to power and prosperity was internal dissensions. The latter ultimately succeeded in disbanding the chapter, the members having agreed to dissolve their connection and surrender their charter. These were dark days in the winter and spring of 1869, but owing to their fidelity and determination two of the members, W. H. Hall and Ira C. Adams, who appreciated the benefits to be derived from the association, decided, unknown to the other members, not to surrender the charter, but to retain it and return in the succeeding fall and reorganize, which they did. They were the "forlorn hope;" but, with a zeal that never lessened, and with a perseverance that never grew lax, they succeeded in revivifying the dead chapter, placing it on a stronger foundation than it ever before had, and imparting to it a vigor that has endured to this day in full bloom of health, and with a prospect before it of a long and useful life; and when, in its old age, it does die, its parting breath will blow the dust from a thousand monuments of its former triumphs and glory.

After the reorganization, the membership grew very rapidly. Among the first initiated were W. E. Williams, W. H. Brown, E. Tompkins and V. C. Stiers, and at the college commencement of 1870 there were nineteen Phis to bid each other good bye. The chapter at this time was not only numerically strong, but intellectually and morally so, having among its members the leading men in college. Its sudden growth from the dual embryo to a flower of such bloom and vigor is something remarkable. We know not to what else to attribute it than the indefatigable zeal and labor of the pioneers, Adams and Hall and a propitious fate.

Our chapter in the spring of 1870 stood at the head of the fraternities at this college, which position it has been able to retain. This rank was secured by the ability, and has been maintained by the influence of these nineteen members. They were such men as would give tone and respectability to a society anywhere, and that influence is still felt very sensibly here. The ambitious student emulates them. Their names are remembered with pride and admiration, and are often reverted to by the present members of this chapter. Their example encouraged us to struggle on when days grew dark. Thoughts of them never fail to win Phi Delta zeal.

In later years the tide of prosperity has flown so peacefully and smoothly that little noticeable has occurred; yet at no time, even for a single term, have we occupied the second place of honor in the institution. Occasionally we have had to mourn; sometimes because a member has become unworthy of our brotherhood, and sometimes because they who wore the honor most worthily have have ceased to be among us and all earthly forever.

Joseph W. Shinn, one of the charter members, left college in 1868, and since that time we have heard nothing from him.

Thomas L. Hughes, another of the charter members, graduated here in 1869. He graduated at Princeton in 1871; studied law at Jackson, Ohio, and there was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in partnership with Judge Hastings, but not finding it congenial to his tastes and inclinations he abandoned it and began preparing himself for the ministry, at which he is now engaged. He resides at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Ed. O. Miesse, the other charter member, graduated here in 1869. He never studied for a profession. He engaged in the book and stationery business at his home, Chillicothe, Ohio, and has continued it up to this time.

We have lamented the death of four of our most respected members and co-workers in the interests of the fraternity, namely: William Howard, of Batavia, Ohio; Moses J. Morgan, of Jackson, Ohio; W. B. Selby, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Sanford E. Kendall, of Scott P. O., Ohio. These, without exception, were by us and all who knew them highly esteemed, both for character and talent, and their fate was universally lamented. We wore for them

the usual badge of mourning with a full and true sense of its purpose.

B. F. Whitman, having become so dissipated and vicious after his connection with us as to no longer be worthy of being called a brother by our honorable body, was expelled from the benefits and immunities of the order.

E. C. DeSteigner and C. A. Wilson withdrew. J. A. Robinson, of Greenfield, Ohio, moved from here to the O. W. U., and after remaining a short time he became dissatisfied and withdrew from our chapter there.

[This brings the history of the Ohio Epsilon (formerly called the Ohio Beta) up to the spring of '77. For present condition of chapter see report.—Ed.]

Chapter Correspondence.

INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, IND., Oct. 16, 1878.

We again appear in the Scroll this month, but while we only had promises to offer in our last letter this time we can talk of the solid successes of the past month. As was said in our last letter the number in our chapter at the beginning of this year was only six, while the other fraternities had almost without exception more than double that number. The Phi Kappa Psis were the strongest at the start, having at that time fourteen men. They considered our fraternity as entirely beneath their notice, because of our small number. We soon, however, got to work and tackled two men. About the same time the Sigma Chis took a fancy to one of them and the Phi Kappas to the other, but both went in with us. The Sigs subsided, but the Phi Psis, feeling certain of success, could hardly believe their senses when they found that their man was going with us. In order that they might display their character in its true light they turned out on the night of the initiation to stop the proceedings. It was eleven o'clock when we started to our Hall. A small squad surrounded the door as we were taking our man up, and one of them, that he might outcheek every former act, stepped up and informed our brother-elect that he "didn't know what he was getting into," and "had better keep his eyes open." The latter expression has since become a by-word with us. It was midnight when we were through with the initiation and started to our rooms, yet those truly marvelous specimens of cheek, the Phi Psis, went to our new brother's boarding house, after he had retired for the night, and endeavored to get him up to talk to him. But that is not all. Next day they again surrounded him and told him, among other things, that he "better get right out as quick as he could." About that time, however, they began to comprehend that they were badly sold, and stopped. Since then we have taken in three who were "spiked" by the Phi Psis. They have taken in only three this year, while our total increase is seven.

Bro. A. G. Foster has been with us for several weeks.

The 11th of this month being our twenty-ninth anniversary we determined to celebrate our success by a sociable at our Hall and an oyster supper at a restaurant near by. Every fellow turned out, either with his own or some one else's girl, and had a good time till about half-past two in the morning. We had several alumni present, whose sobriety helped ballast the youthful gayety of some of the younger members.

But while fortune has smiled on us yet we have lately been reminded that we know not what the morrow will bring forth, for while we were almost on the eve of our anniversary the sad news reached us that Bro. Charles M. Gallion, who was with us last year, was dead. His sudden death occurred in another part of the State, but four of our boys went to the funeral, that if they might do anything, to leave nothing undone that would lighten the sorrow of the bereaved family.

The past month has been quite eventful, and in looking back over it we heartily wish every chapter our successes without our misfortunes.

CHAS BANTA.

INDIANA BETA.

WARASH COLLEGE,

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Oct. 3, 1878.

We gladly welcome the SCROLL to our desk. Upon reading the encouraging and enthusiastic reports from abroad, I must acknowledge that I have been inspired with a greater love and zeal for the shield and dagger, with which we propose to fight and expect to win: for we believe our armor is the most complete. Let us know something more of the noble bands scattered all over our country endeavoring to build up an excellent manhood. Our chapter now is smaller in numbers than it has been for many years, owing to the fact that several will not return to college. All, however, are earnest and faithful members. We number ten, having received two accessions this term. We have four fraternities with which to contend, and every victory is gained only by a struggle. We propose, nevertheless, to maintain the standard of our chapter, which, for solid work, has unquestionably been first. Last year, out of twenty-four honor places given in the college and preparatory departments, we had eleven, the remaining four fraternities seven, and we took the first prize in college and the first in the preparatory department. We also took second at the State oratorical contest. What we shall do this year remains to be seen. If our opponents beat us they must work. I love Phi Delta Theta because of the noble principles inculcated; because of the dear and lasting friendships she engenders, and for the incentives she gives for hard and lasting work.

Yours in the Bond.

W. K. PRESTON.

INDIANA GAMMA.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY,

IRVINGTON, IND., October 5, 1878.

The "noble Greeks" are on the war path this term in Butler University. The "spikes" from the artillery of Phi Delta Theta have been doing bloody execution. Two fine fellows have been added to our band of twelve, and we are sure of others. We take none but the best. The male fraternities of the University stand as follows: Phi Delta Theta 14 (always at the head); Sigma Chi, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 7; Delta Tau Delta, 6. At our last regular meeting we made an assessment to pay our little debt of \$2. Everything is lovely. The boys are highly pleased with our future outlook.

A. F. ARMSTRONG.

INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE,

FRANKLIN, IND., October 16, 1878.

The Indiana Delta still lives and prospers. We started out this year with eight active members and we have increased our number by adding to our brotherhood Bro. Will Kemp. We have elected and "spiked" four others, all of whom have signified their intention of becoming members, and in the next issue of the Scroll we hope to be able to report their names, and not only their names but the names of two or three others whom we have an "eye on."

We intend to celebrate our anniversary on the 28th of May, 1879, on as grand a scale as we did last year. Our plan is to have some good brother lecture for us publicly, and then we all retire to the place designated for the banquet. We think some of our Indiana Alpha brothers can testify as to our ability as regards to making banquets successful. I am instructed to write to the Hon. Wm. S. Holman and if possible obtain him as our lecturer for next year's banquet.

We graduate two exceedingly fine men this year—Bro. James L. Matthews and Calvin McCormick. We shall endeavor to send one of them to the State oratorical contest as a candidate for "the honor."

Another thing we wish to speak of, Mr. Editor, is our Phi society in this city. We think on this point we surpass any chapter in the State. Unquestionably the very finest ladies in town are Phis in spirit and in truth, and they hesitate not to put on the "shield and dagger."

It is strongly rumored that a Delta Tau Delta chapter is so be started here very soon, but you can depend on our chapter; she will cause it to go "the way of all the world." In fact they are so soft that

if we even set our little foot on them they will spread out like butter; and we will do that very thing if they come.

Our chapter has its badges draped in mourning on account of the death of one of the Indiana Alpha boys, Bro. Charles Gallion. We deeply sympathize with our bereaved brothers of the Alpha.

Wishing success to the fraternity everywhere, I remain as ardent a Phi Delta as ever I was, in the mystic tie.

FRANK B. DAY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,

GETTYSBURG, PA., Oct. 5, 1878.

Pennsylvania Beta Chapter sends greeting to the SCROLL with the hope that its visits will be regular and certain. Long may it wave! Pennsylvania Beta was born in May, 1875. Early in 1876, while yet a mere baby, our chapter was expurgated. Several bad pills have been swallowed at intervals since its birth, and these proved finally to be very nauseating. When the infant could no longer stand the doses there was a fearful internal commotion, and the result was that several immoral fellows were thrown up. Then we began to live, and the then infant is now a healthy, chubby and lively boy. As an instance of this, we took this year of '78 first, second, and third honors, half the Freshman prize, honorable mention for Junior Tobin medal, and honorable mention for Senior prize essay. "More to follow" next year. We have taken in three capital fellows this term, Beall and Withers of Maryland, and Scott of Pennsylvania. At our next meeting we will have two more to badge with the old shield and sword. But more anon. Last commencement we badged Col. A. K. McClure, Philadelphia Times, when he was here addressing literary societies, and also gave him a banquet at which 100 were present. There were a score or more of ladies. Our corresponding member, C. J. Reddig, presided at banquet. He can do it, you know.

Yours in the Bond.

M. F. TROXELL.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE,
WASHINGTON, PA., Oct. 2, 1878.

Not dead, but sleeping! We have been passing through deep waters, but they did not overflow us. For several reasons our chapter did but little work during the last year. We were in the midst of difficulties which we thought would be most easily removed by lying quiet. Four of our brethren left us with the class of '78. One of them, W. C. Gault, won the honor as essayist last contest. We were well represented on commencement day. These going out, the chapter was left in a feeble condition, only two, A. C. Good and myself, both of '79. But we were determined that the Pennsylvania Gamma should not perish in our hands. The other fraternities regarded our chapter as dead. We were altogether willing to let them think so. Nothing was done during vacation. When we returned at the beginning of this term we found our brother and classmate J. A. Langfelt with us, ready to take his place in our class, and full of zeal for our vieter. In the course of a few days we discovered *mirabile dictu*, a worthy Phi Delta Theta among the motley freshmen. He had come "from wanderings abroad," having been a *sub rosa* member of the Ohio Zeta in '77. His name is J. P. Anderson. Our number was then unexpectedly doubled. We began work at once quietly; our rivals regarding the chapter as dead, gave us no opposition. We have initiated five new men, and expect to open the eyes of another to the mysteries of Phi Deltism to-night. We meet once a week, have literary and social exercises. The boys are all in deep earnest and determined to make the Pennsylvania Gamma wax so strong that she will never wane again. The SCROLL has reached us, and is gladly welcomed by all our brethren. The question of subscribing will be considered this evening. May it find its place in the heart of every Phis. When once established it will be its own advocate. It is to our order what the blood is to the body, a circulating medium, carrying heat and life and vigor to every part. Let it be pure but rich and warm! We admit none but the best of men, and with our

present force, are not afraid of the future. Our rivals are Alpha Gamma Beta, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Skulls. You see we have something to contend with. But this only nerves us for the fight, having worthy rivals. We congratulate the Indiana Delta on her victory over the Taus. Let her like Alexander, sit down and weep, having no more fraternities to conquer. We expect to send some of the Greek orders, as represented here, to the "happy hunting grounds" before many years, and to invite all of them to the rear before long.

Now, let the Phis
To honor rise,
Take every prize
From Sigma Chi's,
And Kappa Psi's,
And Beta Pi's
Whoever vies
With noble Phis,
Or ever tries
To skim our skies;
Defeated lies
Before our eyes.
Do not despise,
His plaintive cries,
But bid him rise,
And being wise,
If he but tries
One of his size,
He may surprise
The very Phis,
Before he dies.

—NEWT. DONALDSON.

OHIO EPSILON.

OHIO UNIVERSITY,
ATHENS, OHIO, O., Oct. 15, 1878.

We are pleased to know that there is a medium through which we can communicate with our brethren in many parts of the country.

The reports in the issue of the Scroll of last month delight us as our eyes fall upon them. It is pleasing to know where our fraternity is represented and how well. Our chapter is in a prosperous condition. There are nine responses at each meeting to the honorable roll. At the opening of this term there were but six. Our chapter stands prominent in number among the fraternities of the college, and we believe in a moral and intellectual view. The Beta Theta Psi and Delta Tau Deltas are lamenting her success and also her reputation this town.

Get out of the way, Betas and Deltas, the Phi missiles are flying rapidly. The boys are agitating the badge question greatly. And no doubt the jeweler will be pleased to furnish them and the girls rejoiced to wear them.

Hoping to have the pleasure of reading another copy of the Scroll soon I desist.

Your brother,

T. M. RICKETTS.

OHIO ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER,
WOOSTER, O., Oct. 3, 1878.

It is with pleasure, though in haste, that I address these few lines to the brethren of the Phi Delta Theta to give you an idea, however vague it may be, of the doings and progress of the Ohio Zeta. Long shall the remembrances of the late convention remain deeply impressed in the inmost recesses of our hearts, and as we cast our eyes back to the memorable days of last May it seems to us but a day, nay, hardly an hour, since we formed the acquaintance of so many Phis who, we are sure, are worthy to constitute a fraternity which does and shall rival all other fraternities of America.

But as to the condition of our chapter, I would state that at the end of last term we had 14 members. Two of these graduated last June, one of whom, Bro. Senior, not only graduated with the highest honors, and that, too, far above the level of the other members of his class, but also was one of the best literary men of the college. The other, Brother G.

N. Luccock, was the hero of our chapter and the leader of our best literary society. Should the members see his slender (?) form rise to discuss a question of debate, the half-shut eyes would open more widely and the inattentive ear, amid breathless silence, would listen to the powerful language of the champion of Irving Society. At present we have three seniors, and at least one of these can rejoice that he is the father of a youngster who, at some future day, may become a Phi, and the others console themselves with the expectation of becoming "pa" too. Two juniors, one of whom, familiarly known as "Bow-legged Pappoose," is really the only ladies' man among us, and he spends seven nights in the week "sparkin'"; one soph., who is too numerous to mention, and four freshmen; one, Brother Gilmore, whose father is now one of the Supreme Judges of Ohio, was snatched from Beta Theta Pi and initiated last meeting. We have two more very good men to be initiated next Thursday evening, who, too, by the way, were bid by the Betas; but our boys, always on the alert, took them also from their greedy but feeble grasp. We have four or five other men in prospect, and on the whole flatter ourselves with future beaming before us as it never did before. In conclusion, Ohio Zeta extends her warmest and most sincere affection to the brethren of Phi Delta Theta.

WILL FREMONT HARN

OHIO ETA

BUCHTEL COLLEGE,
AKRON, O., Oct. 3, 1878.

Ohio Eta welcomes the arisen Scroll and offers her hearty cooperation. Our chapter is a good one; its present relations are eminently prosperous, its future prospects bright. Its membership includes four seniors, yet the fact furnishes no grounds for apprehension. Many a promising sapling in our college undergrowth will doubtless graduate into the Phi Delta Theta fold, if we may be permitted to use two rather incongruous metaphors. Three initiations have been solemnized during the present term, and there is abundant hope that more will speedily follow. By the way, has any general move been made among our chapters in the line of an improved initiatory programme? If not, we would state that the experience of our chapter has been highly successful. Now, we honor the brother who drafted that order of initiation; no word of ours shall ever detract one iota from his fame; we bow before his superior intelligence and reverence his transcendent genius. Yet, after all, isn't this literary masterpiece of his a little flat? Doesn't it inspire in the mind of the new-fledged Phi a feeling akin to disappointment and a vague sense of having been made the victim of a monstrous joke? We confess that such were the sentiments awakened in our manly bosom. Do not think that we have thrown aside the established form, for such is not the case. Its features are all preserved, and whatever we have seen fit to add, might, with propriety, be called embellishments. We await with interest the opinions of other chapters.

Fraternally,

C. B. WRIGHT.

GEORGIA GAMMA.

EMORY COLLEGE,
OXFORD, GEORGIA, October 7, 1878.

As corresponding secretary of the Georgia Gamma, I take pleasure in reporting our chapter in a most prosperous condition. The college opened on last Wednesday with a considerable increase in students, and a consequent increase in Phis. We lost some sterling men in the last graduating class, but we that are left are determined to carry our fraternity to the foremost ranks, if indefatigable labor and constant attention to her interests will lead us to success. We have the Chi Phi, and Kappa Alpha societies to contend with, and for some time their opposition was formidable, but in our present condition, instead of fearing them, we strike them with terror. We have fifteen active members, four of whom have been recently received, and others will be coming in from time to time. Numerically we are behind the Chi Phi, but we are more select in getting our men. We always know something of a man's character before we receive him. We have recently carpeted our hall and improved it generally. We fear no opposi-

tion. We are marching on to startling achievements. We extend a hearty greeting to all Phi Delta Thetas, and wish them the most abundant prosperity. Yea, wherever a band of brothers is united in the common effort to overcome the strong phalanx of enemies which oppose their progress, we pray that victory, grand and glorious, may perch upon their standard.

W. W. SEALS.

MICHIGAN BETA.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
LANSING, MICH., Oct. 5, 1878.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Michigan Beta sends greeting to her sister chapters. Her success, during the past year, has been all that we could wish, and she earnestly hopes that each individual chapter of our beloved order has met with the same degree of prosperity. The banners of the old Phi Delta Theta is in safe hands here, and we intend to do our part toward keeping it afloat and floating in the breeze. When the college opened last March, after its long winter vacation, it required a struggle to keep our chapter above the waves. We then numbered but eight, and it was extremely doubtful, for two weeks, whether all of them could return. An event soon occurred, however, which put our chapter on a firm basis, and awakened an enthusiasm for our noble cause, which even the terrible heat of July and August could not subdue. It was no less than the dedication of our beautiful rooms as the permanent home of all Phis, and especially of Michigan Beta. The programme for this occasion had been prepared during winter, and it was fine, indeed. Several of the corresponding and honorary members were with us, who added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. I doubt whether a band of Phis ever had a much better time than had we on this memorable evening in our history, especially when we adjourned to our large room to sit down to a table laden with the good things that sustain the inner man.

I wish that all the brother Phis who read the Scroll could take a look at our rooms. I can not even attempt to describe them in my limited space. They were presented by the State Board of Agriculture to our chapter and designed for our special use. We use the smaller one of the two for our regular exercises, and will throw open the large folding doors of the other whenever we give semi-public entertainments. Over two hundred dollars have already been expended in fitting them to correspond with the elegant gifts of some of the Phis, the most important of which is a piano from Bro. Kedzie, a chandelier from Bros. Richard and Orrin Gulley, and an album from Bro. Owen. While seeking to make our rooms as attractive as possible, the brothers were on the alert to discover Phi-like qualities in members of the new class. They recognized the fact that it was the personal worth of each individual Phi, and not our fine surroundings, by which we would be judged, and by which we would be able to attain the object of our order. We have but one Greek society with which we contend, and so we're in no haste. Profiting by one mistake of our own and by the many of our rivals, we became thoroughly acquainted with the character of each person before we invited him to take a seat in our midst. We now have seventeen active members and expect soon to initiate another, who is a member of the sophomore class. Although the number that we may have is not limited it is quite probable that we will never go beyond eighteen, as five will soon leave us to take their place in the ranks of the corresponding members, and whose places we despair of ever filling.

On the whole, as we read of the trials and discouragements which some of our sister chapters have so nobly met and so successfully overcome, we, as a chapter, feel that our path has been a comparatively smooth one, and that we have no cause for complaint. With the Faculty secretly leaning in our favor, and two of its number honorary members of our chapter; with but little opposition, and with a fine hall, and eighteen working, whole-souled Phis, we think that our prospects never were brighter than they are at the present time. We hope to form ever one of the strongest pillars of the noble structure which the Phis in all parts of our Union have erected.

HOWARD M. HOLMES.

TENNESSEE BETA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 24, 1878.

It was with much pleasure that our chapter hailed the reception of the SCROLL. We felt, as we read the encouraging notices from our sister chapters that we have formed a new bond of union, and we know that through this medium we will be drawn into closer fellowship with each other. This monthly communion will strengthen us for our duties, and enable us better to struggle against adversity, knowing that our many friends are giving us such cordial wishes for our prosperity. That mystic chain, in whose links are woven those beloved words "Phi Delta Theta," is of greater strength and of more enduring beauty than most of us "new ones" have imagined, and we felt as we have read the history and accounts from various chapters that our allegiance has not been bestowed upon an unworthy object. A slight history of the "Phi's" at the Vanderbilt may not be uninteresting, though I presume it will bear a striking resemblance to struggles of other chapters which have been compelled to work *sub rosa*. Some time during the year 1876, soon after the organization of the University, Mr. Lytton Taylor, of the law department, went to Danville, Ky. He was there made a Phi, given a charter and commissioned to start a chapter here. He returned, sanguine of success, but his incipient efforts were cut short by the Faculty, who gained some knowledge of his intentions. He was thus compelled to desist, and hence things remained *in statu quo* until some time in November, 1876, when Brother Taylor, a promising lawyer of the city then and now, again made another effort, which this time was successful. The Tennessee Beta was then organized by Brothers Taylor, J. C. Smith, of Alabama Alpha, and J. B. Reed, of Kentucky Alpha. During the year Messrs. Baris, Catchings, Lewis, Hobson, Gardner and myself were added to the roll. At the end of the session we took in three or four, making a total of eleven for the year. During last session we had no regular meetings, for being outlawed by the University, weak and few in numbers we deemed it prudent not to make a thorough organization. Our meetings then were held in the rooms of some member who was fortunate not to have a curious room-mate or fellow boarder. But this year we have entered on the work with true and willing hearts—hearts that throb and beat for each other. Our membership now consists of thirteen, with flattering prospects of making an increase in their number. Our chapter will let you hear from it regularly, and we hope each time to report some advancement upon last month's work. Extending a cordial hand to our brothers, and especially—with a fellow feeling—to those *sub rosa*, we remain ever in the true bonds of the "Phi Delta Theta." J. H. DORTCH.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Oct. 14, 1878.

We have no meetings now, as the laws and regulations of the University forbid it, and also make us take a pledge that we will have nothing to do with any secret fraternity. There is only one member of the Phi Delta Theta at the University now, and that is myself. I tried to initiate some of the boys before the school opened, but unluckily, the boys I wanted to join were not here until after I had taken the pledge. I think that after commencement I can get six or seven good men to join. I think that if we can work the thing in this way for a year or so they will allow the fraternities to exist after that time. I will do all that I can, and any information, will be gladly accepted.

Yours in the Bond

M. R. KNOX.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE,
RANDOLPH CO., N. C., Oct. 18, '78.

We have eleven attendant members and think we will have two others soon, the first distinction men of the freshman and sophomore classes. Bro Bulla is our President now and we are doing well; we have one badge that belongs to the chapter, and I have one and some of the others will get pins soon.

Taking everything into consideration I think we have done exceedingly well.

We received our constitution yesterday; we have ordered the requisite implements and will be ready for our next candidate.

Yours in the Bond,

PHIL. HOLLAND, JR.

TEXAS BETA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY,
TEHUACANA, TEXAS, Oct. 4, 1878.

We have just received the first copy of the Scroll our eyes ever beheld. It is a neat, clean little sheet and spicy as well as clean. It comes to us as a welcome messenger from the "far distant land"—North-west. It will no doubt be a herald between many hearts that beat in unison through the "Bond of Union." We welcome it, inasmuch as it is a source of encouragement and brings us much needed intelligence. The articles in it are good, and they show that there at least some of the Phis who have intellects as well as hearts. I have thus written for two reasons: first, because I have nothing else to write; and secondly, because we Phis away off here in Texas feel rather lonesome. Our chapter, however, is doing as well as could reasonably be expected; we have learned to sit alone and are now beginning to crawl. Our number has increased four this session, and the prospects are still good. The Alpha Gammas in the university seem to be about dead, and the Beta Theta Pi's not much better, though I think they will get to work soon. Not many of their members have returned this session, therefore we have the advantage of them, at least for this term. S. E. KENNON.

NATIONAL GRAND.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE,
EASTON, PA., Oct. 15, 1878.

We have received the Scroll and mean to give it our best support. It has been truly gratifying to read the spirited accounts from other chapters. How such good news will electrify the order, invigorate the discouraged and brighten with hope the whole future. National Grand desires at present only a very modest account of itself; we have twenty members, three from the freshman class, all solid men. Have also several other good men in tow. Our new duties and relations are yet somewhat strange to us. Our experience is small, but we are studious and earnest and anxious to qualify ourselves for faithful and intelligent work; we have powerful rivals, but are able to make them jealous and wide awake. We hope to be able from time to time to send the Scroll some interesting accounts of the National Grand and her work. Our record shall find assurance of praise in our very earnestness and love for the good cause. Pennsylvania Alpha salutes the whole brotherhood, whose best interests she has at heart and means to promote. G. W. PLACK.

NOTES FROM UNREPORTED CHAPTERS.

Brother Alveron S. Hough, of Georgia Gamma, writes of the Ga. Beta, that that chapter is prosperous. Now that they are free to work openly, they are doing better work than ever before. The chapter numbers eighteen men good and true. The State has considerably increased the endowment fund of the University. The Georgia Gamma has drafted a series of resolutions thanking the Faculty of the Georgia University for their action regarding fraternities.

Nothing direct has been heard from the Indiana Epsilon, but Brother A. W. Butler, of Indiana Alpha, informs us that the Epsilon boys are doing well, and bringing good men into the Phi Delta fold.

The Iowa Alpha begins the year with the men, and will, as usual, keep the lead in I. W. U. The Beta Theta Pi is their only rival, the Delta Tau Delta having bitten the dust. The Phi's are not fully at work yet. It was rumored at the convention that the Iowa Alpha would this winter find for itself a sister, in the shape of the Iowa Beta, at Iowa City.

The Michigan Alpha numbers five members, and will doubtless be able to send in a long report in

November. Their last addition was Brother Will. S. Johnson, of '82, of Steubenville, Ohio. The members are full of zeal, and the chapter is in good hands. Brother Ed. S. Palmer has promised us an article on the importance of maintaining a chapter at Michigan University, which we hope to present to our readers next month.

The Alabama Beta, though chartered within the last two weeks is over a year old, and numbers ten members. They have several fraternities to oppose them. The Alabama Beta is another feather in Brother Hobb's cap.

The Virginia Delta began the year with six men. The Virginia Beta numbers ten or more men, and is in good condition. A postal card from Brother B. W. Waters, of Virginia Gamma, informs us that the prospects for the chapter are very bright.

The Virginia Epsilon enrolled six members at the beginning of the term, and has probably made several additions by this time.

The Illinois Epsilon is fighting the Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta bravely. Brother Wakefield, the founder, is teaching near Bloomington, and gives the boys the light of his countenance frequently.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES M. GALLION.

HALL OF THE INDIANA ALPHA,
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, IND., Oct. 7, 1878.

All things with God.

Cut off in the bloom of youth, a life warm in its sympathies, noble in its generosity, genial in its friendships has been taken away in the inscrutable plan of a mysterious Providence; and we mourn.

Then WHEREAS, we are bereft of one who has endeared himself to us by his pleasing manners and correct deportment during his stay with us, one who was faithful in his duties, earnest in his efforts and universally beloved for his noble qualities of mind and heart; therefore be it

Resolved, That we who were united with him in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our brother Charlie M. Gallion; and be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased in this their sad bereavement, and as a mark of our esteem that we wear a badge of mourning for thirty days; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes, a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that they be furnished the Brookville papers, Indianapolis Journal and the Scroll for publication.

A. G. FOSTER,
A. W. BUTLER, } Committee.
CHAS. BANTA,

EXTENSION.

Three members of the Sophomore class of Amherst College have consented to identify themselves with Phi Delta Theta, and the prospects for a chapter is good. The Massachusetts Alpha will be a decided step towards a foothold in the New England.

The Tennessee Gamma is in embryo at Tennessee University, Knoxville. Brother Walker Joynes, a former student of Vanderbilt University is the organizer.

Brother A. M. Shuey is organizing the Minnesota Alpha at Minnesota University, situated at Minneapolis. The catalogue of the institution for 1878 shows a Faculty of nineteen professors, and a total enrollment of 371 students.

The Phi Chi is the only fraternity represented in the University.

Cannot some of the Virginia brethren look after Phi Delta interests at John Hopkins University? There are Phis in the University now, who ought to be brought to a realizing sense of their duty. Let some patriotic Phi see to it.

Brother J. M. Barrs, of Tennessee Beta, is of the opinion that it will not be wise to reorganize the Tennessee Alpha.

PERSONALS.

J. H. Gilmore, Ohio Alpha, '75, is in Columbus, Ohio.

O. J. Richards, Ohio Delta, '76, is teaching at Ripley, Ohio.

W. D. Shipman, Ohio Eta, is tutoring in Buchtel College.

D. A. Pottinger, Ohio Alpha, '75, is practicing law in Cincinnati.

Rev. J. M. Brant, Ohio Delta '72, is preaching at Oberlin, Ohio.

Rev. J. F. Coffman, Ohio Delta, '75, is preaching at Denver, Col.

W. C. Jones, California Alpha, is tutor in California University.

Cyrus Hulings, Ohio Delta, '78, is teaching at Marysville, Ohio.

Geo. Patterson, Ohio Zeta, '75, is practicing law at New Castle, Pa.

Professor W. G. Ballantine, Indiana Beta, is professor at Oberlin, Ohio.

A. M. Shuey, Ohio Alpha, is in a railroad office, at Minneapolis, Minn.

J. "Brick" Pomeroy, Ohio Zeta, '77, is at Union Theological Seminary.

Edwin Brown, Ohio Zeta, '76, is attending Union Theological Seminary.

A. H. McCullough, Ohio Zeta, '76, is practicing medicine in Mansfield, O.

Brother Harry E. Wishard, Indiana Delta, is attending school in Chicago.

Brother Cas. Byfield, Indiana Delta, '60, is a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis.

Brother D. A. McCaslin, Indiana Epsilon, '75, is preaching at Muncie, Indiana.

Brother John C. Kelly, Indiana Delta, '78, is telegraphing at Washington Indiana.

A. B. Clark, Ohio Zeta, class of '80, is traveling in Wyoming Territory, for his health.

Brother Thomas E. Taylor, Indiana Delta, '78, is teaching at Morganfield, Kentucky.

Brother Lon. Rogers, Indiana Alpha, '78, wields the rod near Bloomington, Indiana.

Brother Charles W. Sheldon, Michigan Beta, farms near Burr Oak, St. Joseph county, Michigan.

J. B. Elam, Indiana Gamma, was recently elected prosecuting attorney of Marion county, Indiana.

Bros. Clement Hall and J. R. Edwards, Indiana Delta, '77, are at Chicago Theological Seminary.

G. H. G. McGrew, Indiana Gamma, '93, is Professor of Modern Languages in Buchtel College.

Brother Samuel Richards, Indiana Delta, is fast attaining celebrity as a portrait painter. He is at Anderson, Indiana.

Brother A. B. Armstrong, Indiana Gamma, has been elected President of the Oratorical Association of Butler University.

Brother Fred H. Austin, Missouri Alpha, '80, is studying with a view to hanging out his legal shingle at Hamilton, Missouri.

Brother S. C. Dodds, Ind. Alpha, '75, was married to Miss Nellie Winters, at Bloomington, Indiana, on last Thursday evening.

Hon. W. S. Holman, Indiana Delta, was the democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District of Indiana, at the election of October.

Bro. G. M. Overstreet, Indiana A., was married last spring to Miss Ida Riker, of Franklin. He is a prosperous lawyer of Franklin, and is in partnership with Bro S. L. Overstreet, of Indiana Delta.

Bro. Morris Kirby, Ohio Gamma, is principal of the High School at Henderson, Kentucky, and the Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Kentucky. He is one of the foremost educators in Kentucky.

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The Phi Delta Theta Song Book is in the hands of the Executive Committee, and brothers wishing copies can obtain them by enclosing 75 cents to the Grand Banker.

The Delta Tau Delta's are publishing a monthly paper called the *Crescent*. It is a neat, 16 page paper, well gotten up, and well edited. It is not *sub rosa*.

Indianapolis seems to be the city of Fraternity conventions. First, the Ph. Kappa Psi's held forth in August, followed within a week by the Beta Theta Pi's. The Phi Gamma Delta's have just adjourned to be followed by the Sigma Chi's. In a few days, The Phi's will make a fitting climax in 1880.

Wanted.

Any member having a copy of the Phi Delta Theta Catalogue for 1871, and willing to dispose of the same, will please communicate with me.

GEO. BANTA.

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AD DIDONEM PIUS AENEAS.

Dido, Dido, sitting by thy side, O
How can I bear to cut
Up such a dido?

Too true, Dido, really my bride, 'ough
You did the courting as
All widows try to.

Ta, ta, Dido, yonder comes the tide, O
Say, let my dog alone—
Come along, Fido.

Nonsense, Dido, what could ever I do
With you on board? Go
Off and die; do.

Don't cry, Dido—very countryfied too.
Where am I sailing to?
Really I'dno.

Shut up, Dido; your first husband Lido-
nian Lychæus would
Not let you cry so.

[A peroration to an address delivered before the
Georgia Gamma, Nov. 21st, 1878.]

EMORY COLLEGE AND OXFORD APOSTROPHISED*.

BY A. M. MEANS, D. D., LL. D.

Member of the Chapter, and Trustee and Professor
Emeritus in Emory College.

Then hail! ye old halls in whose sylvan retreat
The young of the land all in harmony meet!
A college of Christians, where God is enthroned,
And "free love" and folly are scorned and dis-
owned.

These nurselings, that cling to thy bosom to night,
And imbibe from thy paps intellectual might,
Will, in forthcoming years, when enlabeled by
Fame,
Their old *Alma Mater* with plaudits proclaim.

Dear Oxford thy shady recesses invite
To build up the soul and to crown it with light;
From thy pure, hallowed, houses vulgar vices are
driven,
And woman, sweet woman, allures us to heaven.

*From "A Cluster of Poems for the Home and
Heart," by Dr. A. Means, lately published by E. J.
Hale & Son, New York. Price, \$1.50

—An Indiana editor recently reading
in one of his exchanges that a gentleman
had been objected to as a judge of an ora-
torical contest on the ground that he
"belonged to a great fraternity," in his
next issue wanted to know "What under
the canopy a fraternity was, anyhow?"
and "was it one of those secreties that
gave a boy authority to wear a gold pin
with Greek letters on it, and look as
though he were holding up one corner of
this eternal earth?" That editor is a Bar-
barian.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING FOR? AND HOW ARE WE ACCOMPLISHING OUR OBJECT?

Everything resulting from human agen-
cies and human labor is more or less in-
complete. And to insure a successful
completion of the objects for which we
may be laboring, there must be a con-
stant watchfulness against dangers which
may be lurking beneath the surface of
even trivial matters, and also ceaseless
endeavors towards overcoming all hidden
obstacles. These form the key which
unlocks the door leading into that mys-
terious room filled with the sought for
treasures, and over the door of which is
plainly carved "Success." The same
rule is as applicable to our fraternity work
as to our business pursuits. But just
what do we mean by success as referring to
our fraternity work? This is a question
that has puzzled more than one. I take
it for granted that a fraternity to gain po-
sition and prominence in the fraternity
world at large must not only have prom-
inent and notable men enrolled among
its members, but it must have some char-
acteristic feature as to the location of its
chapters. This characteristic must be
marked, and can only be divided into
three classes: First, great exclusiveness
in organizing chapters, for example the
Skull and Bones, being merely local
organizations restricted by their constitu-
tions to Yale College. Under this class
might also come the Sigma Phi, its num-
ber of chapters being limited by its con-
stitution to six, and they are located at
Williams, Union, Hamilton, Hobart,
University of Virginia and University of
Michigan.

Second, a centering of the fraternity
chapters around one central point, thus
for example any of the prominent eastern
fraternities.

Third, extending the number of chap-
ters, so as to include all the prominent in-
stitutions in the country, east and west,
north and south alike. It is needless to say
that no example can be given of any col-
lege fraternity worthy of being classed
under this head, and the reason may be
found in the fact that many are incapable
of rising above their present level, and
what is more despicable, they are content-
ed to remain almost where found at the
time of incubation. By our constitution
we are lifted out of a local organization
into a fraternity of chapters. By the
labors of many earnest, faithful workers
we are already too far advanced in our

onward course to belong strictly to the
second class. Our chapters, in Missouri,
Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and
Tennessee, may be called Western, but
then what becomes of those in Texas,
Georgia and Alabama, or those in Wis-
consin and Michigan, or those in Pennsylv-
ania and Virginia? The fraternity can
not belong to any one class as it is with
these chapters, and it can not and will
not get along without them. And I am
heartily glad of it, for if we did belong
strictly to a single class, our zenith would be
reached and nothing remain to spur us
to greater endeavors and future conquests.

Hence, as we can not belong to either
the first or second class of fraternities, as
given above, our real object is to enter
into the only remaining division.

And I take it for granted that the am-
bition of every brother in the Phi Delta
Theta has been, and is still, to do all in
his power to advance the interests of the
fraternity in this direction. My great
desire, connected with the interests of the
fraternity, is that I may be permitted to
see the day which shall announce our
final success, when a band of earnest
faithful brothers may be found at work
within the walls of every prominent col-
lege and university in the United States.

At our convention held at Wooster,
Ohio, last May, it was thought by the
convention that this could and should be
accomplished, and great stress was laid
upon the importance of adding to our
eastern acquisitions as rapidly as pos-
sible. To aid this work our Grand Alpha
was moved to Easton, Pa, so as to en-
courage and strengthen the eastern chap-
ters, for they are capable of being most
efficient in organizing other eastern chap-
ters, and need all the support the frater-
nity can give to encourage and aid them
in their labors.

Hence, in answer to the first part of the
question at the head of this article as to
what we, as a fraternity, are working for,
I would say that it is for the express pur-
pose of making a National Fraternity,
having a chapter composed of the best
men, mentally and morally, in every col-
lege and university in the United States
deserving such an honor.

But unintentionally this article has
been drawn out while being written until
it resembles a telegraph wire—all length
and no thickness. Will try and present
the remaining answer to the headline
question in a more acceptable manner.

E. S. P.

GEN. THOMAS J. MORGAN, D. D.

General Thomas J. Morgan is of Welsh descent. His ancestors four generations ago came from Wales and settled in Virginia. General Morgan, of Revolutionary fame, was of the family. His father, Rev. Lewis Morgan, was born in Tennessee and removed to Indiana in 1816. He was a member of the Indiana Legislature, was one of the founders of Franklin College, and was widely and favorably known as an able preacher and an earnest advocate of temperance, Sunday-schools, missions and education, at an early day when those causes were not as popular as now. His brother, Hon. Amariah Morgan, was a Major General of Militia thirteen years in succession, a member of the Indiana Senate and held important and responsible positions under the government.

The subject of the present sketch was born in Franklin, Indiana, August 17th, 1839. At 13 years of age he was left an orphan and penniless. His father, who had by reverses lost his fortune, impressed upon his son's mind the desire for an education so strongly that nothing daunted him, so that by his own energy he worked his way through college, graduating under the late Silas Bailey, D. D., at Franklin, Indiana, in 1861, at the age of 22. He received from his Alma Mater the degrees of A. B., and A. M.; also, from Wabash College, the honorary degree of A. M.

In April, 1861, when Sumpter was fired upon, he enlisted for three months as a private soldier, and, in the 7th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, served through the rough campaign in West Virginia, participating in the battle at "Carrick's Ford." At the expiration of his time of enlistment he was discharged and accepted a position as principal of the public schools (5 teachers and 300 scholars) in the city of Atlanta, Illinois. He handled the school with marked success and was solicited to remain another year. But the call for troops was too strong and he re-enlisted for "three years of the war." He was made 1st Lieutenant Company I, 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by General Benjamin Harrison. He served through the war, resigning in September, 1865, at the age of 26, with the rank of Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General. He participated in numerous engagements, had one horse shot under him at Adairsville, Georgia, and another at Nashville, Tennessee. At Decatur, Alabama, he charged and captured a battery, and at Nashville, Tennessee, in command of his brigade, he opened the great battle in such a manner as to secure the highest praise of his superiors. He was a favorite with the great soldier, General George H. Thomas. He served for a time as volunteer aid on the staff of Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the 4th army

corps, and participated with him in the bloody battle of Buzzard's Roost, Resacca and Dallas, and received from him on taking leave to return to his own command, a letter in which General Howard said, "You have been tireless on the march and fearless in battle." He was one of the first to enter the colored service and was entrusted with the responsible duty of organizing colored troops. He organized the 14th, 42d and 44th regiments of United States Colored Infantry, and organized and commanded the first colored brigade of the army of the Cumberland. He commanded at different times nearly 6,000 colored troops, including the 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 42d and 44th regiments U. S. C. T. At Decatur, he had under his command the 68th Indiana Infantry, and at Nashville, a brigade of Ohio troops, commanded by General Grosvenor. His army record was brilliant and memorable with no help but his intelligence, energy, faithfulness and bravery, he rose from the rank of private to that of General, being one of the youngest men who attained so high a grade.

In September, 1865, less than a month after quitting the service, he entered the Rochester Theological Seminary and graduated in 1868. While a student he served two years as chaplain in the Western House of Refuge, located in Rochester. He was ordained at Rochester, N. Y., in 1868. On graduating, he was tendered the position of "Secretary of the New York Union for Ministerial Education." He rendered efficient service for three years, when he resigned to accept a pastorate in Nebraska. In 1870, he married a daughter of Hon. Frederick Starr, one of the most prominent citizens of Rochester, a lady of talent and culture.

In 1872, he accepted the twice offered Presidency of the Nebraska State Normal School, and administered the affairs of the institution with such ability as to win the highest honor from his students, the Board of Education, the superintendent of public instruction and the Governor of the State. By his addresses before the legislature, his lectures at teachers' institutes and associations as well as by his pen, he exerted an influence upon the entire State. In 1874, he was appointed by President Grant a member of the Board of Visitors of the Military Academy at West Point. During the same year he received from the University of Chicago a degree of D. D., and was made a member of the Northwestern Advisory Committee of the American Baptist Educational Commission. In June, 1874, he was elected Professor of Homiletics in Chicago Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now Professor of Church History. For two years he served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and, in addition to his regular duties in the seminary, has taught special classes in logic, rhetoric,

and metaphysics. In 1873, he was a delegate to the National Educational Convention in Brooklyn, in 1876, a delegate to the National Convention of Social Union in Philadelphia, and in 1878 a member of the Board of Examination for the Rochester Theological Seminary. He also delivered the address that year before the Alumni of that institution. He has fine administration abilities, which have been recognized in every work he has undertaken. He is versatile in study and work, and able to turn his hand to almost anything. He is a fine scholar, a forcible writer, and a fluent speaker; has much acquaintance with and knowledge of men, and tact in dealing with them. Was an army officer of position and reputation, and has been and is a successful educator. He is young, vigorous, full of enthusiasm, and ambitious of success. Has no hesitation in bearing responsibility, but, with self reliance, combines judgment and discretion. He has been a student of Drs. Robinson, Anderson, Hendrick and Northrup; a colleague and co-worker with Drs. Northrup, Boice, Smith and Moss; has enjoyed the friendship and confidence of all, and derived particular benefit from each.

He was a charter member of the Indiana Delta, and delivered the address before the annual convention of Phi Delta Theta in 1872, at Danville, Kentucky.

A CARD.

MR. EDITOR:—In the last issue of the SCROLL a correspondent of some chapter carps at the new form of initiation. Such words as, "we bow before the superior intelligence, and reverence the transcendent genius of the brother who drafted that order of initiation," are simply balderdash. But I wish to "rise to explain."

Over a year ago a prominent Phi and myself were discussing in our correspondence some improvements in the constitution. It was universally acknowledged that our constitution was very defective, and particularly the ritual part. I revised the constitution, making the initiation very much like that of another fraternity, and sent my revision to my correspondent for him to make emendations. My ideas as to improvements were then very crude, but I studied the subject for several months after, and sent to the convention a revision of the constitution which I thought was superior. To my great disappointment it did not reach the convention, owing to a delay in the mails, but the old revision that I had sent my correspondent was brought before the convention and made the basis of the new constitution. Now, I disclaim the authorship of the new initiation. As I said, it is almost precisely the same as the initiation of another fraternity with our old initiation incorporated in it. But the present order

of initiation was passed by the constitutional committee at the convention and afterwards by the convention itself.

Another form of initiation has been forwarded to the National Grand by one of our chapters to be sent out to the chapters for adoption. If two thirds of the chapters adopt it, it will become a part of the constitution instead of the form in the printed constitution lately issued. Possibly our brother may like it better.

GREEK.

Nov. 10th, 1878.

PERSONALS.

E. H. Baker, Ohio Epsilon, is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

Bro. J. L. Kibber, Virginia Gamma, is preaching at Annapolis, Maryland.

A. B. Kirkpatrick, Indiana Gamma, '78, is now in Indianapolis studying law.

C. S. Welch, Ohio Epsilon, is practicing law quite successfully in Athens, Ohio.

Bro. R. I. Haskins, Virginia Epsilon, is teaching in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

W. A. Black, Indiana Gamma, has charge of a thriving school near Gallaudet, Indiana.

Brother D. A. Owen, Indiana Delta, '78, is foreman of the educational mills at Salem, Indiana.

S. M. Sheppard, Ohio Epsilon, will attend medical lectures at Columbus, Ohio, the ensuing winter.

W. A. Ripley, Indiana Beta, '73, was married recently to Miss Emily Meigs, of Romney, Indiana.

Brother J. Walter Wallace, Indiana Delta, '78, is superintendent of the graded schools at Walesboro, Indiana.

Bro. W. H. Haynie, Texas Beta, '78, is at Anderson, Texas, reading medicine with his father preparatory to attending lectures.

Bro. J. A. Storey, Texas Beta, '78, is at Cotton Gin, Texas. He intends going to Virginia shortly to take a course in Civil Engineering.

V. C. Stiers, Ohio Epsilon, is practicing law in Jackson, Ohio. He was, in October, elected prosecuting attorney for his county for the second term.

J. J. Ballard, Indiana Delta, '78, is at his home at Worthington, Indiana, endeavoring to regain his health, which was seriously impaired by the heat of last July.

Hon. A. E. Stevenson, Kentucky Alpha, '60, was recently elected to congress by the democrats of the 13th district of Illinois. He is a prominent lawyer of Bloomington.

Jas. M. Tripp, Ohio Epsilon, '78, was married soon after his graduation to Miss Emma Miller, and he will soon enter the law practice in his native town, Jackson, Ohio.

H. E. Dickason, Ohio Epsilon, '78, is in business in Jackson, Ohio. Madam Rumor hath it that he will soon become entangled in matrimonial webs with a fair maid of Athens, the seat of his *alma mater*.

Bros. C. M. Shields, Virginia Alpha, W. A. Carrington, Virginia Beta, C. H. Chalkley, W. R. Savage and W. Gordon, Virginia Delta, are at the Virginia Medical College, at Richmond. All are firm in the faith.

William M. Croan, associate editor of the *Anderson Democrat*, was married on Wednesday evening of last week, to Miss Josie Myers, a sister of the Hon. William R. Myers.—*Anderson (Ind.) Democrat*, October 24.

That must be Brother Will Croan, of Indiana Gamma '77. Shake, Will, and accept the congratulations of THE SCROLL.

W. D. Shipman, Ohio Eta, is Professor of Latin and Greek in the preparatory department of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. He took unto himself a better half recently and says he is "now learning to appreciate the unequalled pleasures of wedded life."

Three true-hearted Phi's from the Virginia Delta, are at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Kentucky, Bros. Hugh C. Smith, J. I. E. Thornhill and W. F. Harris. Won't Hugh give THE SCROLL the benefit of his pen, and won't all see to it that an alumni chapter is established at Louisville?

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The Southern Kappa Alpha is making strenuous efforts to establish a paper devoted to the interests of that order.

The Pharmacists of Michigan University own and operate a local fraternity known as Phi Chi. The pill-making Greeks sport a very pretty monogram badge.

Kappa Alpha Theta is, perhaps, the strongest ladies' fraternity. It was established in 1870, at Asbury University in Indiana, and has since been gradually increasing the number of its chapters. It has ever maintained the most friendly attitude toward the Phi's.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon held its convention in the city of New York, on Wednesday and Thursday, 23d, and 24th of October, twenty-six colleges being represented. An open meeting was held at the Academy of Music Thursday evening, at which Whitelaw Reed presided, and Dr. A. H. Winchell made an address.

Sigma Phi is fifty-one years old. She celebrated her semi-centennial anniversary last year, March 2d, at Schenectady, N. Y., Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, ex-Governor John T. Hoffman, the Hon. Charles E. Fitch, of Rochester, Judge Hibbard, of Chicago, and many others of note, are among her membership.

Upsilon was founded at Union College, in November, 1833. It has now seventeen chapters, of which ten were established in the decade following its founding. A member of this organization was, some time since, preparing a history of college fraternities, at Detroit, Mich. We have no recent information in regard to this work.

The Alpha Tau Omega chapter, at Virginia Military Institute, is its National Grand. In 1869, a few years after its foundation, the Sigma Nu started under the name of "Whitefeet," in opposition to the Alpha Tau Omega, or "Blackfeet." At first the Sigma Nu was a band of fellows who bound themselves to oppose the "Blackfeet." They at first cut badges out of tin, merely for fun, but afterwards established themselves as a Fraternity.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, closed a two-day's session in New York City, on the evening of October 24th, by a public entertainment at the Academy of Music and a fraternity banquet at Delmonico's. Whitelaw Reed, of the class of '56, Kappa chapter, presided at the public exercises and banquet. Dr. Alexander Winchell, of Syracuse University, delivered the oration on "Modernized Education." Among the toasts at the banquet was one on "The first chapter in our volume," responded to by the representative from Yale College, where the Fraternity originated; which was followed by one on "The last chapter in our volume," responded to by B. P. Wall, of the University of California. The latter person is a base apostate from our California Alpha.

The Delta Phi fraternity, like most of the Eastern college societies, was formed at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.; established November 18, 1827; it ranks as one of the very oldest of these organizations, Sigma Phi preceding it by but a few months, and Kappa Alpha by a few years only.

The founders at Union were ten in number, of whom perhaps the most noted were the late Hon. Joseph G. Maaten, of Buffalo, N. Y., and the late Rev. William Wilson, D. D., LL. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio. Samuel J. Lawrison, U. S. N., is the only one of the ten now living.

Delta Phi was in no great haste to become established in other colleges, eleven years passing before the Beta was established at Brown University. The

following is a complete list of chapters, with the total number of members, in each, as shown in the catalogue, of 1875.

Alpha, Union College, founded 1827, numbers 136; Beta, Brown University, founded 1838, numbers 144; Gamma, Union, New York city, founded 1841, numbers 211; Delta, Columbia College, founded 1842, numbers 227; Epsilon, Rutgers college, founded 1845, numbers 168; Zeta, Harvard, founded 1845, numbers 20; Eta, University of Pennsylvania, founded 1849, numbers 151; Theta, College of New Jersey, founded 1854, numbers 109; Iota, University of Michigan, founded 1853, numbers 109; Kappa, University of South Carolina, founded 1853, numbers 37; Lambda, Rennselaer Collegiate Institute, founded 1864, numbers 68; Mu, Madison University, founded 1874, numbers 68, Total, twelve chapters; number of members, 1,592. The catalogue of 1868 contained 1,261 names.

The Harvard chapter lived but three years. The chapter of the University of Pennsylvania, died after a long existence of more than 22 years, having been most flourishing during a large part of that period. The Kappa was killed by the war, and the Iota expired in 1875, its rivals at last proving too strong for it. Of the eight surviving chapters those at Columbia and Union are foremost. The existence of the fraternity at Princeton (the College of New Jersey) is quite unknown to the Faculty of the institution and to the students generally.

OUR CATALOGUE.

ED. OF THE SCROLL:—Dear Sir—No doubt when our catalogue appeared many anxious hearts were satisfied. But I have reason to believe that to many it was a disappointment. Some, no doubt, had very vague ideas as to what they might expect, while others knew pretty nearly what was coming. And I hope I do not venture too much when I say that probably those who had the least idea of the labor and patience required to collect and arrange the material for such a catalogue were the most disappointed when our catalogue appeared. We do not mean to say that the present catalogue is the best that can be published of our fraternity. No, far from that. For there are many and some very gross inaccuracies in it; but we do not mean to say that better could have been done under the circumstances and for the first time. Those who were anticipating a catalogue accurate and perfect in all respects were anticipating too much. Publishing a catalogue of a fraternity whose members are scattered over the territory which our beloved Phi Delta Theta justly claim, is not so easily done. It is altogether unlike publishing a catalogue of a college or other organization whose members are at the editor's finger's end. I, for one, am unwilling to leave the present one rest unimproved. I am in favor of publishing another and better one at no far distant day. From the present one I have gathered the following facts which may be of interest to some of the readers of THE SCROLL:

We have, according to our catalogue, forty-eight chapters, thirty-two of which are in good working condition. We have an active membership of 431, a correspondent membership of 1,390, an honorary membership of 13, and deceased 89. We have therefore a living membership, including honorary, of 1,821. Of these 160 are in the ministry of the Gospel, and 27 of these have the title D. D., 6 D. D., 11 L. L. D., and 339 are lawyers and 70 M. D's. From this we see that we have a good representation in the professional work of life. Moreover, any one giving careful attention to the catalogue in reference to those as yet unaccounted for will find them (almost without exception) engaged in highly honorable business. This speaks remarkably well for our beloved Phi Delta Theta. Brothers, let us make the future bespeak still better things for our noble order.

Very truly yours in the Bond,

J. C. JACOBY,
Pennsylvania Beta, Gettysburg, Pa.

The Scroll.

A Monthly Paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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FRANKLIN, IND., NOVEMBER 1878.

All communications for publication should be sent to the Editor by the 5th of each month. Business correspondence should be addressed to the Publisher.

Let every Phi remember that he is hereby appointed associate editor for the purpose of sending us personal items.

If each chapter editor will attach to his monthly report three or four personal notices of Alumni members of his chapter, we will gladly publish them.

We wish the brethren of each chapter would send us their college papers. If there is anything in your paper of special interest to the Phi's, mark it and send to us. If not, send the paper along anyhow.

We desire to devote a small space in each issue to other fraternities. Members having interesting information at hand will please forward to us, and we will make such use of it as our judgment suggests.

"Ad Didonem Pius Æneas" is the spontaneous effusion of a Western Phi, too.

He says he didn't try to
Cut up such a dido.

We would like to tell his name, but he has strictly forbidden that.

We desire to call attention to the amendment proposed to the new constitution by the National Grand. An early vote by the chapters is desired. As we have not had the privilege of examining the new constitution, we are not prepared to speak advisedly as to the propriety of the change.

A VERY OBEDIENT LODGE.

A "respectable journal" is responsible for the following, which the *Masonic Review* thinks must therefore be true, though it "smells rather fishy." While we recommend good discipline in the chapters and faithful obedience to law, we will be sorry to hear of its duplication in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity:

"A lodge in Indiana was presided over by a Master who had an exaggerated notion of discipline. One night he had met his lodge in called meeting (not a member absent) to instruct them in the work. Teaching them the use of the gavel, he had just called them up with three knocks, when he leaned too far back, fell against the window that was behind him, fell through, fell to the ground four stories, and broke his neck. Picked up next morning, he was buried decently, but not a Mason came to the funeral. More strange still, not a Mason appeared any more in that village. It was inexplicable. Forty women left widows, two hundred and twenty children left orphans, eighty-four merchants left in the lurch with unpaid bills.

"Twenty years after that, somebody went up in that fourth story, broke open the door, and beheld the lodge—a lodge of skeletons! Strange, but true; they had rigidly obeyed the orders of the W. M., and waiting for the knock to seat them, had starved to death. Each was standing in an attitude of respectful attention, "looking to the East," and had not the pitying citizens taken them down and tenderly removed them, they would have been standing there yet. Such is life."

GEORGIA BETA.

We welcome her once more into the fold. Her persecution would have crushed the life from a chapter with less vigor and vitality. But when thought dead she was only sleeping. The infamous law that so oppressed her was no sooner removed than she sprang into new life. She wears the new garb of freedom with more grace than she did the coils of tyranny. The spirit that endured the most bitter persecution will now build up a chapter that will honor the power that oppressed it, and the entire fraternity which it represents. The private letter from Mr. Charlton Du Pont, of the Georgia Beta, will convey more accurately an idea of their past sufferings and future prospects.

The tardiness with which chapter reports have come in for this issue of THE SCROLL compels us to urge again upon chapter editors the necessity of promptness in transmitting their monthly reports. Neglect or delay in this matter will defeat the most interesting and important feature, and so materially hamper the managers in their work as to render their task an irksome and onerous one, and make it impossible either to satisfy the demands of the fraternity at large or to carry out the fundamental idea of the convention in providing increased facilities for the diffusion of fraternity news. Now we ask for your reports, and insist that they be sent by the fifth of each month. If you have but a line, send it promptly, and *always send something*, if it be no more than your monthly greeting.

We gladly give place in this issue to a communication from the Alumni Phi's of Princeton Theological Seminary. We welcome it because we are ever glad to hear from a Phi, but chiefly because it is so full of genuine Phi Delta enthusiasm that it must awaken in every Alumni breast a kindred feeling. It is most gratifying and encouraging to a weak and struggling chapter to be assured that all over this fair land are hundreds of warm hearts which beat in active sympathy with their every interest; hundreds of willing hands ready to assist in every extremity; hundreds of true and faithful Phi's who know, by a fruitful experience, the many intricate and sinuous paths by which a juvenile knight of the shield and dagger reaches the full glory of his knighthood. We trust that we shall again hear from Brother Senior and his companions, and that the Alumni in general will follow their example, and we can then make our Alumni department one of the most interesting features of THE SCROLL.

OUR GROWTH AND STRENGTH.

The number and character of the reports published in the two previous issues of THE SCROLL give a truer conception of the magnitude and strength of our organization than could well be gathered from any cursory account we might give in the space which we humbly appropriate to ourselves. Our conviction is that we, as a fraternity, were never in a better working condition than we are to-day, and, in fact not nearly so good. Chapters which have been struggling for a year to maintain a pitiable existence are now firmly on their feet, and stand equal, and in many instances superior to the best chapters of other fraternities in their respective colleges. Our standard is higher, our laws more reasonable and just, our powers better centralized, our facilities for communications greater, our financial condition more prosperous than ever before. While our growth

during the last five years has been rapid, our numbers almost quadrupling in that time, it has been healthy. It is not abnormal. There are manifested no signs of disease. On the other hand we think the indications of health and strength evident and conclusive. Our conventions are characterized by the wisdom of age and experience, and the vigor and enthusiasm of youth. In literary contests, East and West, our men obtain a fair, sometimes a lion's share of the honors. Hence we infer, and we think reasonably, that our real strength lies not in our numbers alone, but in sterling intellectual worth.

Upon this auspicious outlook we heartily congratulate the members of the fraternity. We have a keen appreciation of the onerous responsibilities resting upon us. But it shall constantly be our aim to search for the wants of the fraternity and thus to satisfy those wants by furnishing the proper literary pabulum. If we can have the hearty co-operation of the whole fraternity, our task will be lightened, and the ultimate success of THE SCROLL insured. We hope then, and trust that our associations will be pleasant and fruitful, that we will mutually appreciate our noble fraternity, and that ours will be a strong, earnest, united effort to bring to a more glorious consummation the worthy objects contemplated in our Bond and Constitution.

HISTORY OF THE INDIANA DELTA.

The records of the Indiana Delta prior to 1868, are irretrievably lost, and anything beyond a traditional history of the chapter before that time is an impossibility. In the spring of 1860, Judge D. D. Banta, of the Indiana Alpha, class of '55, then a young lawyer of Franklin, conceived the idea of founding a chapter at Franklin college. He communicated the facts concerning the college and the prospects for a chapter to the Alpha, sending the name of Cas. Byfield, a member of the senior class, as one well worthy to assist in the work of organizing the future Delta. The Alpha, after due consideration, authorized Bro. Banta to proceed, electing Byfield.

In the meantime, W. T. Stott, '61 and G. W. Grubbs '61 had consented to bring the Delta into being, and upon the arrival of the constitution, the three charter members were initiated and immediate application for a charter was made. The charter was granted on the 28th of May, and the Indiana Delta took her place in the ranks of Phi Delta with bright prospects. But the war came, and with it, fell the Indiana Delta. The brothers of nineteen years ago tell us that in the spring of '61, there were but two students left in the college, and one of these was a cripple. The chapter had during the one year of its existence enrolled a large membership, but when the call for soldiers was made the Phi's promptly responded. The chapter was dissolved and at commencement the college suspended. In the confusion incident to the breaking up of the chapter the records were all lost, and with them, the names of several members.

The war coming to an end, and peace being established, the Baptist of Indiana again turned their attention to their college, and in September 1869, it was reopened with Prof. W. T. Stott, (one of the original charter members, of the Delta) as acting President. The prospects of the college were bright, nearly two hundred students being enrolled, and Bro. Banta, again organized the chapter with C. H. Hall, Wm. R. Wycoff and G. M. Lamberton as charter members. In 1870, Dr. Wayland was elected President of the college. Under his administration the college went down, and in February 1872, again suspended. Again the Indiana Delta was down, and it was a gloomy hour when the boys met that dark February afternoon in the chapel and held their last meeting.

But Prof. Stott was not the man to see the college fall, and a new Board taking the management of affairs, the college again opened in September, 1872 with Prof. Stott as President. Though greatly crippled by its former failures, this time it rose to

fall no more. Since that time, it has steadily grown in strength and influence, and though the number of students, has at no time been large, they have born a high reputation among Indiana students.

With the return of the students in September, 1872, the Delta sprang into life and commenced the work of civilizing the barbarians. About this time a remarkable element was arrayed against Phi Delta Theta. Among the students were three Betas, who though, without a chapter, successfully opposed the Phi's for a few months. In the spring of '73 a rival fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta, put a chapter in the college, and the Phi's being taken unawares, they secured several good men.

Then began a bitter war between the rival chapters. It was a war of extermination for there was not room for two large chapters in the college. The Delta Tau's had, unfortunately for themselves, soon after their establishment, got their men mixed. Men of different temperaments and tastes had been taken into the three-cornered fold and they were anything but harmonious. Every year added a larger percentage of unworthy men to their ranks, while the Phi's, though not always fortunate in the selection of men, had secured the reputation of having a much higher standard than their rivals.

In the winter of '74-5, a barbarian organization composed of sore-headed barbs, (and subs of both fraternities,) dubbed the O. P. G., made an effort to crush the Greeks. But disagreement crept into their ranks, part of them made an abortive attempt to obtain a Beta Theta Pi charter, and finding that the fraternities were, by some mysterious means kept posted in all of their doings, they ingloriously busted up.

In the spring of 1875, the Delta Tau's showed the first positive signs of breaking up. They resolved to throw up their charter and secure one from the Betas. Delegates were sent to Bloomington for this purpose, but it resulted in nothing. In the fall of '77, it was evident that their end was nigh, and when, early in October they announced that they were no longer a chapter, no one was surprised. Since then they have professed principles violently anti-Greek, and have formed a literary society which admits no Greeks to membership.

In '75 the Sigma Chis attempted to enter Franklin college, but failed, owing to the fact that they accidentally communicated with a Phi instead of a Barbarian.

So much for our opposition. The war has been waged; the foe has been exterminated and the dead Delta Tau chapter has been gently laid away to rest in a dishonored grave.

During all the nineteen years of its existence, the Great Reaper has not invaded the charmed circle. We have mourned, but not because a loved brother had been taken from us to his eternal home. God grant that the day may be far distant when our fraternal band shall be broken by the hand of death.

E. C. McClain, '78, becoming too unworthy, was expelled in 1874. John D. Fisher, '78, finding that the feeling against him, among the members was very strong, resigned in May '75, after being five months a Phi.

I. H. Cammack, '77, made up his mind that it was wicked to belong to a fraternity and resigned.

Bro. W. T. Sellers, '76, was transferred to the Indiana Gamma. Bro's R. A. and Malcolm Jackson were transferred to the Virginia Beta in August, '75. Chas. Banta, '81 was transferred to the Indiana A., last month, and S. B. Eccles, '81 to the Indiana B., at the same time.

Rev. W. T. Stott, D. D., one of the original charter members, is President of Franklin college. Hon. Cas. Byfield is a prominent legal light of Indianapolis, and recently a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court of Marion county, on the democratic ticket. Major Geo. W. Grubbs is a fine lawyer of Martinsville and is State Senator for Morgan county. He delivered a very fine address before the chapter in honor of their last anniversary.

Prof. C. H. Hall is professor of Latin in Franklin college. Prof. J. W. Moncrief fills the chair of Greek.

It would be impossible to speak of all the Indiana Delta Phi's who have gone out into the world and made name and fame, for my letter is already too long.

Two members of the dead Delta Tau chapter

have had their eyes opened to the truths of Phi Deltaism. Bro. W. G. Day joined within two weeks after the dissolution of the Delta Tau's. Bro. Ed. S. Palmer joined in April last, and, with Bro. Russell Wood, one of our boys, is doing good work in the cause of Michigan Alpha.

We have had our reverses, but our faith has never wavered, and, with the inspiration drawn from the Bond of Union, old Indiana Delta will continue to shine in Phi Delta's constellation for many a year to come.

BIANCUS.

Chapter Correspondence.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 6th, 1878.

BORN.

In this city on the 29th day of October, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was presented with a fine bouncing boy baby, which will hereafter be known as Michigan Alpha. There were present on this occasion, Mason W. Gray and A. B. Simonson, of Michigan Beta; R. O. Wood and E. S. Palmer, of Indiana Delta; and W. F. Johnson.

The infant is doing well, has bright prospects, plenty of room to grow in, weighs only five pounds, but liable to gain a couple of pounds before this week is over.

Congratulations are now in order.

Hastily, but nevertheless truly,
ED. S. PALMER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

GETTYSBURG, PENN.,
November, 6th, 1878.

We are glad to report progress in the noble cause of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Since our last report to the SCROLL, notifying you of the initiation of three noble lads into the mysteries of Phi Delta Thetaism we have had four capital fellows "ride the goat;" the names of whom are H. B. Walter, J. F. Herman, J. B. Johnson and C. M. Mussulman, and still more "on deck." We are enjoying more prosperity than we expected. Our sister fraternities regarded us as well as "gone up." True, things did begin to look a little blue around here, as far as members were concerned. We numbered but four active members at the beginning of this term, but now we are eleven first class fellows. Our increase has consisted not only in members, but a new spirit has come among us; new and warmer fraternity blood has been instilled into our veins; we all seem to pull in the same direction, and to-day we stand ahead in all that is praiseworthy and noble. May the Pennsylvania Beta and all the chapters of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity ever enjoy such prosperous and halcyon days, and we remain as ever "true blue" in the mystic Bond.

C. M. EYSTER.

TENNESSEE BETA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.,
November 3d, 1888.

Owing to press of business our report for this month must of necessity be very brief. The last meeting of the chapter was held on Saturday night. We are now very comfortably located in our new hall, and the pleasure of the Phi's thereby much enhanced. Our new constitution was hailed with delight by all. The initiatory ceremony is particularly impressive. No one regretted the discarding of the old ceremonials. We did not initiate any one into the Bonds, but have the promise of two who will at our next meeting unite themselves with us in the sacred Bonds of the Phi Delta Theta. The membership of this chapter now consists of seventeen regular active Phi's, together with four correspondents. Our success, we think, is assured, and we do not intend to permit the Tennessee Beta to fall in the rear of any chapter in the United States, either in number or ability. There is a great disadvantage in working *sub rosa*, but we hope before long to be able to surmount even this obstacle. From all I can gather, the other fraternities at the University are

not in a very flourishing condition. They do not seem to thrive well on the hardy fare of the noble Phi's. They claim to be carrying everything, but then we are unable to see anything upon which they could base such an assertion. There is an increasing idea among the students that there are secret societies in the University, and for this reason, we are compelled to work very carefully. We are standing on a mine which may explode at any time but regardless of all this, it is our firm intention to stand by the gallant old flag of the Phi Delta Theta until she sinks beneath the mighty waves roused by our most worthy Chancellor; such a calamity we all hope may never fall, and if we can prevent it, all in our power will be done. Thankful to each other, faithfulness to the Bonds, faithfulness to our own chapter and faithfulness to the whole order of Phi Delta Theta is our watchword. We love our order, and we intend to cling to it with all the fervor of true Phi's.

J. H. DORTCH.

GEORGIA BETA.

ATHENS, GEORGIA,
November 17, 1878.

I see from the September number of the SCROLL, a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution, on secret societies at the University of Ga. You can judge from that, what a galling yoke we have been laboring under, and this does not express half we have endured. All the students on their entering college had to sign a pledge that they would join no secret society while connected with the University, and even the old members when they met had to seek some secluded spot, and were then in fear of the Professors; but they at last awoke to the fact that the University was going down and would soon have no scholars. In that three years that they were abolished, it decreased from over 200 to 100. After hard work at the last meeting of Trustees they left it with the Professors, who readily acceded to our request and abolished that infamous law that kept us in subjection. We have started, as you might say, a new life, and are advancing on our way to prosperity.

We have a chapter here consisting of 18 members of the best boys at the University. All are good workers and will take a splendid stand in their class and will lead the most of them. We will get both anniversarians this year as we did last, and four champion debaters out of six. We took four gold medals last year out of six.

You will see from the above that we are not as far behind as one might suppose.

Send me a few copies of the SCROLL. We will all subscribe in a few days. I will send the money at our next meeting. With regards, I am,

Your Bro. in the Bond,
T. CHARLTON DU PONT.

MICHIGAN BETA,

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
LANSING, MICH., October 5, 1878.

Our college closed for its long vacation on the 18th inst., and Michigan Beta will not again have the pleasure of communicating with her sister chapters, through the SCROLL, until the March number of 1879. Although our eighteen Phi's will be scattered over the State, they will be as eager as ever to hear of the success of our cause in other parts of the country.

As we separate at the end of this term, we will go to our respective homes well satisfied with the work of the past year. In my last report I gave you some idea of what we have accomplished in that time. We are confident that old Phi Delta Theta stands at the front in the Agricultural College of Michigan, and if such a thing is possible, we are determined to keep her ahead. The graduating class of this year will take five of our number from us—Bros. Owen, Sessions, McNaughton, Gulley and Shilling. The day of their departure will be a sad one for Michigan Beta.

On the 19th ult. we gave a semi-public entertainment, to which the members of the Faculty, their ladies, and a few of our particular friends among the students, were invited. The history of our chapter was read by Bro. Charles; Bro. Osborn read an essay entitled, "What We Need;" Bro. Hubbert, a poem—"Tribute to William Cullen

Bryant;" Bro. Richard Galley delivered the oration, "Society Work;" and Bro. Bailey read a Prophecy. This was interspersed with music—flute solo, quartette, and new society songs. The programme was short, and each class was represented, which was an agreeable departure from the custom of the other societies. After the exercises were completed, the guests were invited to remain and unite with us in a social gathering.

On the 9th inst. we will celebrate our fifth anniversary, and expect to have a very enjoyable occasion.

Yours fraternally,

HOWARD M. HOLMES.

OHIO ETA.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE,
AKRON, O., Nov. 5, 1878.

Prospects excellent; increase of one; three Phi's, two Seniors and one Junior, winning laurels as mathematical instructors *pro tem*. Shipman married; consequent probability that the Phi's may be augmented through other than collegiate channels. Chapter pleasantly quartered in the parlors of the Empire House; piano, Brussels carpet, lace (?) curtains, &c., balcony from which we can respond when serenaded by delegations of leading citizens; balcony unused as yet.

Fraternally,

C. B. WRIGHT.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

STATE UNIVERSITY,
OXFORD, MISS., Nov. 1, 1878.

A few days ago I received a private communication from Bro. George Banta, in which he inquired "How is the Mississippi Alpha?" This reminded me that perhaps other good old Phi's were making the same inquiries; so, on the principle of "killing two birds with one stone," I take the liberty to answer, through the medium of the SCROLL.

The University would have opened at her regular time, September 27th, but owing to the prevalence of the yellow fever throughout our State and the surrounding States, the opening was deferred until the 31st of October; but as the fever had abated very little, in fact at that time was raging in a very malignant form at Holly Springs, just above, and Water Valley and Grenada, just below Oxford, the opening was again postponed until the 21st of this month, at which time, I have no doubt, the regular collegiate business will be resumed, and you will get official reports from the Mississippi Alpha till the close of the term. We anticipate a grand success during '78-9.

I am, Phaternally, your Brother,

MONROE MCCLURG.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,
October 4, 1878.

Our chapter, the Virginia Epsilon, was planted here last spring by Bro. Geo. Wm. Cone, of the Virginia Delta, who initiated Bro. Keitt by correspondence, and requested him to get two more and apply for a charter. Brother Haskins and your humble writer were the two chosen, and, on application, we obtained our charter, February 9th, 1878. Brother Lake, of the Virginia Alpha, next joined our ranks, and with the addition of Bro. J. L. Gill, we parted, Bros. Haskins and Keitt graduating very high in their class. Brother Lake remained in camp throughout the summer, and when we returned, we found that he and Bro. Chalkley, of the Virginia Delta, then on a visit here, had gotten two excellent men, and that Bro. Keitt occupied the honorable position of a professor in our institute. Five more excellent men have since taken up the shield and dagger, and in this year's work we have far excelled all other fraternities at this place.

I am glad to announce to my brothers that "the baby is grown," and I think that the other fraternities could tell you that it has cut its teeth. I hope soon to announce that our mother has given birth to her sixth Virginia chapter, the Virginia Zeta, at Washington and Lee University.

With the best wishes of success to all our brothers, I remain, yours in the bond.

J. B. BEVERLEY.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C.,
November 4, 1878.

The second number of THE SCROLL to hand. We are still pleased with its Phi-like face. Our chapter is still in a flourishing condition. I think one thing that our chapter owes its progress to is the correspondence that it keeps up with other chapters. We have three "Greek enemies" to fight against, viz: Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma and Chi Phi. But we are all friendly and do not have the disputes and differences incident to such opposition. Will some Brother be kind enough to let me know, through the columns of THE SCROLL, the whereabouts of some Brothers from Greensboro, N. C.? Their name is "Whaling." In the catalogue their address is Greensboro, N. C., but upon inquiry we find that no one knows them. God bless our cause.

Yours in the mystic order,

W. D. BROWNE.

NATIONAL GRAND.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE,
EASTON, PA., Nov. 3, 1878.

We have no special report this time, but expect to have a good account at our next meeting. We granted a charter to Michigan Alpha, and may possibly be applied to in three or four other cases soon. If Massachusetts Alpha asks for a charter, we shall, according to their request, send them a man to instruct them and see them rightly started.

National Grand proposes the following amendment to the constitution, and desires from every chapter a prompt answer and vote.

"That all of section 3 and section 1 of article XI, except the part relating to the second entrance of the initiate, be modified or changed to suit each chapter concerned.

This amendment in no way alters the force and completeness of our new constitution, but simply grants a convenience and liberty which is fair-minded and just.

G. W. PLACK.

TEXAS BETA.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY,
TEHUACANA, TEXAS, Nov. 1, 1878.

In behalf of the Texas Beta we would say that the dear sentiments of the bond are its true and only motives of action. Considering the circumstances under which it has been organized, we, the Texas Beta, congratulate ourselves with its present acme, and cling to our brotherhood with hopes of an equal, if not greater prosperity, and a more universal name in the future.

This chapter numbers seven regular and six corresponding members; two of the latter graduated last June, and three of the former will graduate in the ensuing June. All are A. B.'s. The meetings are strictly constitutional; the last one, as usual, was filled with manifestations of the deepest interest, the whole band seeming, as it were, to collect as one, and ring with literary duty.

One of our number, Mr. C. W. Daniel, is superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the Y. M. C. A. at this place. Have heard it said of another that he is the best preacher going to school. Would say more of other members, but will not now, as I think I will have cause to mention them in my next correspondence.

With a true Phi Delta's wish for his fraternity,

I remain, fraternally,

C. H. MUNGER.

VIRGINIA ALUMNI ALPHA.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 28, 1878.

The Virginia Alumni Alpha consists at present of seven staunch Phi's and is in a flourishing condition. We are always glad to see THE SCROLL, for it is always full of interesting matter, and encourages us by its news of the success of our beloved Phi Delta Theta. The Virginia Delta being situated in our college here, affords us an opportunity every fortnight of reviving old times. All of us take great interest in her and attend her meetings. Her prospects were very gloomy about the first of the session, but, I am happy to report, the tide has changed and within the last week two new Phi's have appeared upon the

campus. Her motto is, "Quality, not quantity," and she would rather give up her charter than her motto.

The Alpha Tau Omega has started at Richmond College, but I don't think it will last longer than this session. The Virginia Delta has to contend with the Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha.

We are all very anxious to see the new constitution. I noticed in THE SCROLL a request that some Virginia Phi should try to organize a chapter at the John Hopkins University in Baltimore. I will very gladly make the attempt if some brother will send me the name of a Phi there. I hope that some brother will do so immediately, if he can. The Virginia Alumni Alpha sends love to all the Phi's and wishes great success for THE SCROLL.

CHAS. H. CHALKLEY.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

Washington and Jefferson College,
Washington, Pa., Nov. 4, 1878.

The SCROLL for October was heartily welcomed by our boys. We have not made any additions to our number during the last month. Our rivals are not doing much. The Phi Kappa Psi's initiated a pretty good man last week; but they needed him, having lost two men by expulsion from college in the last year. The Beta's are in the passive voice at present, being acted upon by the faculty; one of them was expelled from college this term. At society, last Friday night, the Phi Kappa Psi's tried to elect their new man select orator for next contest. He was the worst beaten man "in seventeen counties." There are three of our Alumni at the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, viz: Helm, Gault and McComb, who never lost a debate while at college. There are eight Phi's at the Western Theological Seminary. We have sent an order to the jeweler, which will soon be filled.

Success to the SCROLL, and greetings to all Phi's.

NEWT. DONALDSON.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.

R. M. College,
Ashland, Va., Nov. 11, 1878.

Our chapter here might well be ranked with the inactive chapters of the order of Phi Delta Theta; for although we are four in number, yet the surrounding circumstances are such as to prevent our increasing that number. To mention all hindrances seems to me to be useless. I will, however, mention one that has, we think, worked against us more than any other, hoping, at the same time, that other chapters, seeing the evils that result to the fraternity as a whole on account of the dishonorable acts of one Phi, may take warning and let their deeds be just before God and man. I have heard that a Phi at one of our chapters bored a hole from our side of the wall into an opposition fraternity room to watch their proceedings. This report, whether it be true or false, has worked against us; for several, after promising to join us, have begged off and joined other fraternities. It has also spread among the fraternities throughout the State, and will, I fear, injure us elsewhere.

Thinking the SCROLL one of the principal means by which a fraternity as widely spread as ours can be firmly held together, and regretting that through it we cannot greet you, as others do, with cheerful news of our future prospects, we remain,

Yours in the mystic bond,

J. C. TERRILL.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

October 30, 1878.

Dear Brothers of the Phi Delta Theta:

Your brethren of the Theological Seminary at Princeton send you greeting, and why should they not? Although no longer "active" members of our noble order in the technical sense of the term, yet we still are, and ever shall continue to be, active members at heart, ever feeling a deep interest in the success of Phi Delta Theta, ever seeking to promote her welfare, ever sympathizing with her in her sorrows, and ever rejoicing with her in her victories. It was to assure you of this feeling of love which we still cherish for our order, that the Phi's at Princeton desired me to write, believing that Phi Delta Theta still feels an interest in her members, wherever they are, whether at college or at the professional school.

The Phi Delta Theta at Princeton are eight in

number. Their names and colleges represented are as follows: Bros. Rice, Park and Williamson, from Lafayette, Pa.; Bros. Finley and Thornton, from Monmouth, Ill.; Bro. Potter, from Hanover, Ind.; Bro. Porter and myself, from Wooster, Ohio. Bros. Rice, Park, Finley and Thornton, are in the Senior class, Bros. Potter and Porter are Middlers, while Bro. Williamson and your humble servant still "hold the fort" in the Junior class.

In order to draw still closer the ties of brotherhood and to keep warm in our hearts the remembrance of days of "Auld Lang Syne," every few weeks we are accustomed to hold an informal meeting at some kind Brother's room. At these meetings many a delicious "Jersey" melon has mysteriously disappeared, many a harmless joke has been cracked, many a pleasant tale of college days has been told, and many a hair-breadth escape with Sigma Chi or Beta, with Phi Kap. or D. K. E. has been tragically narrated.

The SCROLL is a welcome visitor at Princeton. Every month we eagerly devour its contents and greedily cry for more. We congratulate the order upon having such a live, energetic and efficient paper devoted to their interests, and believe that it is the interest of every true Phi to see that it is liberally supported. Founded as it is upon the immutable principles of virtue and truth, which, we trust, ever have been and ever shall be jealously maintained, our glorious order cannot help but succeed, and in furthering its success, rest assured that you will have the sympathy and co operation of your Theological brethren at Princeton.

F. M. SENIOR,
Class '78, Wooster University.

TENNESSEE BETA.

I do not wish to infringe on the province of our capable Corresponding Secretary, but would like to give a short letter about this chapter. The fraternity is a secret fraternity indeed. Here, for the chapter is strictly *sub rosa*. The Barbarians do not know who the members are, or when or where the meetings are held. The chapter is in a very prosperous condition and the members take great interest in the fraternity. The rival fraternities are Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma. They each have about a half dozen and are doing but little, if anything.

We have eighteen members, and will initiate four at the next meeting. We get the pick of the literary and law students. The "theologs" are too scrupulous about breaking the regulations to unite with the fraternities, and, in their barbarian ignorance, they imagine the fraternities are organized to kill out the theological department. We badly need one, at least in our chapter, though, to conduct the devotional exercises, for in initiation our chaplain has to fall back on the Lord's Prayer, and has to read it at that. We tried to get two "medic" students, but they said they were so busy at night cutting up "stiffs" that they could not find time to attend our meetings. We shall make more efforts among the "medics," however.

Until recently the meetings were held in Brother Lytton Taylor's law office, but he has lately moved his office, and they are now held in a hall of the Knights of Honor, which is beautifully furnished. The rent is \$12.50 per quarter. We have bought a coffin that would make Mrs. Toodles proud, with which to initiate those fellows at the next meeting. The law students are not under the same restrictions as the other students, and we are thinking of trying to get the law professors to countenance the law students joining the fraternities. With the wedge entered in that way, we may get the trustees to allow all students to join the fraternities, as it is said that but one of the faculty is opposed to fraternities.

Tennessee Beta will, I think, become our strongest Southern chapter, as Vanderbilt is such a large University and we have such weak rivals. Bro. P. W. Gardner, of last year's law class, will practice in the city. Probably in a year there will be enough Phi graduates in Nashville to organize an Alumni chapter. The SCROLL is highly appreciated.

All praise to our enterprising publisher. Under his management the catalogue, SCROLL, and constitution have been issued, and his great energy deserves the hearty support of the whole fraternity.

W. B. PALMER.

INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE,
Franklin, Ind., Nov. 10, 1878.

The Indiana Delta comes to the front this month with every promise which she made in our last report fulfilled. We have in the last month added to our brotherhood four excellent men—splendid students. We stated that we had taken in Bro. Kemp; that was on the Monday preceding the date of the writing of our October report. On the following Wednesday, Bros. Eugene Hall and C. M. Carter were admitted into the "Bond." The next Monday Bros. Ed. F. White and Alfred Moss Jelleff knocked and gained entrance. Bro. Jelleff is a member of the Senior class of our city schools, and intends to take a collegiate course either at the State University at Bloomington or at Hanover College. The above make the requisite "four" promised, but, in addition, we will say that on last Monday night Bro. W. W. Smith "found a beau," mounted "William Tecumseh" (that's the name of our initiating animal,) and now we call him brother. He is the "baby Phi." Our memory reaches back to the time when we were called the "baby Phi."

The old Delta is a prolific mother, and by the time of our December report we hope to be able to state that she is the mother of two more good and true Phi Delta Theta's, which makes her entire brood number sixteen.

We are working vigorously on a member of the collapsed Delta Tau chapter at this college, and with every prospect of success.

There is some prospect that we will have a social soon. It will be held at the residence of some of our good Phi sisters. We have an abundance of them in the burg. All the above mentioned member are *sub rosa*, but in two or three weeks we intend them to don the badge. We verily believe that in the aggregate size of the feet our chapter excels any one in the United States, not excepting the one to which our Grand Banker belongs. In fact, brethren, we are a big thing. Bro. Thomas' pedestrian organs, as far as the is concerned, go just a little bit ahead of anything we have ever seen in that line.

In the bond,

FRANK B. DAY.

NOTES.

University of Mississippi opens November 21st 1878.

The authorities of Tennessee University forbid the organization of chapters in the institution.

President Reddig goes to Baltimore November 30th, to look up Phi interests at John Hopkins' University.

And yet one of the students of that University shot a fellow-student dead about eight months ago in a quarrel over a lady. Why don't those astute professors abolish the ladies too?

A student entering Alabama University is required to take the following cast iron oath:

* * * * And I do further pledge myself, on honor, that I will not join, or form any connection with, either directly or indirectly, any secret club, society, fraternity, or other organization, composed in whole or part, of students of the University, or attend the meetings of, or wear the badge of any such secret organizations.

We are sorry we cannot report progress as to the proposed Minnesota Alpha. We have written many pathetic appeals on postal cards to Bro. Shuey, but our thirst for knowledge remains unquenched. We will use up another deck of cards (postal cards,) on Brother Shuey, and, if he don't answer them, we will pawn our personal property, and take the G. T. R. R. (General Tramp Rail Road) for Minneapolis and wrestle with Bro. S. on the subject of the Minnesota Alpha in particular and Christian duty towards correspondents in general. However, we think that if he knew what it means for us to bombard him with postal-cards he would immediately write.

The report from the Virginia Gamma is not as cheerful as we could wish. Such acts as the one mentioned in the report are worthy of the most rigid discipline. A private letter from the Gamma says that the life of the chapter is not in danger, but that affairs will of necessity remain in *statu quo* for a time.

Brother Wakefield, of Illinois Epsilon, sends a cherry letter to us, but, unfortunately, it is not to the editorial "we." He reports the Epsilon as kicking lively, with twelve earnest Phis to keep things boiling. Crawford Elliott, of that chapter, has withdrawn from the chapter. Otherwise, they have had plain sailing. Bro. Wakefield, don't fail to send us a good long report for the December SCROLL.

The Alabama Phi's are lively boys. The Alpha is united and determined. Including the preps and laws with the lits, the chapter has a total enrollment of one member—Bro. M. L. Knox. In fact, he is the chapter, the whole chapter, and nothing but the chapter. He writes that he has six or seven good men in tow whom he feels confident of converting at commencement. Stick to the ship, Bro. Knox. Never a night so dark that day did not dawn. It has come to the Georgia Beta and will come to the Alabama Alpha and Tennessee Beta.

The Ohio Epsilon boys writes us a letter enclosing several personal notes, but say that as they had two reports in the October SCROLL, they do not think it necessary that they should send in a report this issue. Mighty bad logic, brethren. We want to hear from every chapter each month. We know that as lively a chapter as the Ohio Epsilon has not stood still during the last month and we all want to know what you have done. The personals were acceptable, send us more. In answer to the question asked, we answer: Yes, address Bowen & Stewart, 18 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. For necessary certificates, address the President. A similar arrangement was made with Robert Clarke, of Cincinnati, which we suppose is still in force. The arrangement is strictly *sub rosa*.

The Amherst Sophs, who were expecting to organize the Massachusetts Alpha, seem to have gotten into some sort of a wrangle and let the scheme drop. They returned the Bond unopened, saying that the President of the College had discouraged them from making the attempt. But we judge that the colored man in the Amherst wood-pile was really an entirely different one from the one they introduce us to. A few days before the Bond was sent to them one of them wrote us that a certain gentleman, who had been writing to us from Amherst was not wanted by the rest. From this we judge that they had fallen out among themselves. It was very fortunate for Phi Delta Theta that they "busted up" before they were initiated. But they were honorable gentlemen as their returning the Bond unopened shows. Vale, Amherst!

All Phis should get some of the Phi Delta Theta pieces of music. Bro. P. W. Search, of Marion, Ohio, is author and publisher of "Onondaga Waltz" and "Grand March of a Hundred Years," both dedicated to the Fraternity, and very fine, the former piece 40 cts., and the latter 50 cts. John Church & Co., of Cincinnati, publish an excellent "Phi Delta Theta March, by Mrs. Wells, dedicated to the Indiana Epsilon; price, 40 cts. Bro. A. M. Shuey, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is author and publisher of a beautiful "Phi Delta Theta March," embellished with a large coat of arms of the Fraternity; price, 40 cts. M. Gray, San Francisco, California, publish a really grand "Phi Delta Theta March," by N. E. Wilson, of California Alpha; price, 75 cts. Let every Phi procure some of these pieces, and, if not musical himself, give them to his *inamorata*. It will make her a staunch friend of the Fraternity. For Song Books send to the Grand Banker; price, 75 cts. each.

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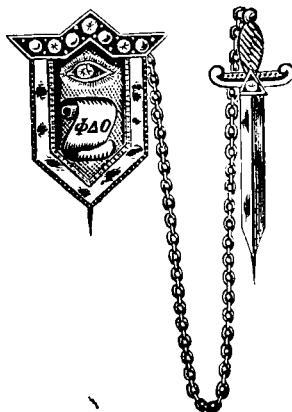
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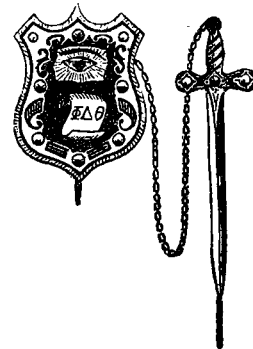
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Hon. Jas. L. Mason, Indiana Alpha, '56, is a lawyer at Greenfield, Ind.

Bro. S. B. Ricketts, Ohio Epsilon, '78, is preaching at Amesville, Ohio.

W. B. Sullivan, Pennsylvania Alpha, '78, is reading law at Dayton, Ohio.

John E. Coffin, Indiana Delta, is attending school at Haverford college, Penn.

Bro. E. H. Baker, Ohio Epsilon, '77, is attending law school in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bro. T. W. Keitt, '78, Virginia Epsilon, is sub-professor at Virginia Military Institute.

J. H. Charter, Ohio Epsilon, '77, has charge of public schools in Parkersburg, West Va.

Rev. T. J. Morgan, D. D., Indiana Delta, '61, is a Professor in Chicago Theological Seminary.

Bro. J. M. Monroe, '71, Indiana Gamma, is president of a prosperous college in Downie city, Cal.

R. M. Thomas, Indiana Delta, '82, doses out the birch to Decatur county, Indiana youngsters. His address is Alert.

Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, Wisconsin Alpha, '58, delivered an address on the occasion of the re union of the army of Tennessee, at Indianapolis, Ind., three weeks ago.

Phi Delta Theta will be represented in the next Congress by Geo. A. Bicknell, of Indiana, A. E. Stephenson, of Illinois and J. C. Blackburn, of Kentucky. Grand Banker please note.

Bro. F. N. Barker, '76, Georgia Gamma, who was married last winter to one of Oxford's fairest daughters, Miss Dora Lovejoy, is now professor of mathematics in Moore's Business college, Atlanta, Georgia.

Brother Frank E. Hunter, a Senior of Indiana Alpha, is a composer of no mean pretensions. We had the pleasure recently of listening to the execution of a waltz composed by him and can testify that it is good.

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[The following exquisite poem, from *The Sunny South* of March 17th, 1877, is from the pen of an honored member of the Georgia Gamma, who rendered important services when the question as to whether the Fraternity should be recognized by the College was considered by the Trustees:]

All Shall Be Well.

BY REV. ALEXANDER MEANS, D. D.

Dark, dark is the night, and the fierce winds are howling,
And red stunning thunderbolts leap from the sky;
The ocean is boiling, the heavens are scowling,
And Nature weeps crystalline tears from on high.
But wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules the tempest, and all shall be well.
The morning is coming, the storm-god is flying
And leaves in his rear all the spoils he has won;
Aurora is smiling, her chariot is nighing,
And soft golden cloudlets now herald the sun
Then wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules the sunbeams, and all shall be well.
But again heaven darkens—the rain-floods are pouring,
And torrents careering, roll wasting and wide;
The meadows are deluged, the rivers are roaring,
And flocks, herds and houses are 'tomb'd in the tide.
But wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules the deluge, and all shall be well.
The wild inundation has calmly subsided—
The streams to their channels submissive recoil;
A fertile alluvian thus is provided,
And husbandmen reap richer fruits from the soil.
Then wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules the harvest, and all shall be well.
The cholera rages—an infant is sleeping—
A gay, godless mother has rock'd it to sleep;
But Heav'n claims the cherub—the mother is weeping,
And bows to her God with a spirit unblest.
Still wait only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules in sorrow, and all shall be well.
The chamber is hallow'd, with angels attending
Where childhood was budding, to bloom in the skies;
That mother has yielded—her prayers are ascending—
Resign'd and submissive, peace beams from her eyes.
Then wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules in mercy, and all shall be well.
Thus, Providence rules o'er the works of creation,
And turns all the darkness of earth into light
From sorrow, educes the hope of salvation,
And crowns with its blessings misfortune and blight.
Then wait, only wait, and the future shall tell
That God rules FOREVER, and ALL SHALL BE WELL.
Oxford, Ga., March 4, 1877.

Opposition to Greek Fraternities.

Seemingly, the day of prophets is not a thing of the past. However, there is

a very great difference in the mission of the prophets of the olden time and those of to-day. The dissimilarity can be written in a very few words, viz., the new and the old, the false and the true.

I suppose as long as this world is peopled with frail humanity, there will exist a class of people, who give exhibitions of the meanest spirit that can be shown—that, of continually opposing and prophesying evil of every undertaking, especially if it pertains in any way to the good of mankind, and, if failure should come, exultantly ready with the most despicable sentence pen ever wrote, or tongue ever uttered, "I told you so."

I suppose, there never has been and never will be, any good work but what has, and will suffer, in a measure, from this class of people, who if they cannot declare such undertakings to be an absolute curse, will still argue that they do not amount to anything.

We, who are Greeks understand how much we unjustly suffer from such people. In the first place we are opposed by the Faculty, but in the second place, it is the opposition from three classes of students, that most concerns us. 1. Those who oppose us from a so-called religious point of view. 2. Those who have once, either belonged to dissolved chapters, or have been "lifted." 3. Those who are so nearly idiots, that fraternities will not have them as members.

Of the first class it is difficult to write because we are commanded to "judge not lest ye be judged." A man's religious views are sacred to himself alone, and if there ever should exist a man who is governed by neither prejudice nor caprice; who has been an earnest faithful Greek, capable of deciding and understanding whereof he speaks; who has carefully and prayerfully decided upon conscientious principles and can show from the Book of books a "thus saith the Lord," of him, we have nothing to say. Indeed we doubt the existence of such a prodigy.

But of that class, who know nothing of the grand truths we uphold; who like the Pharisee in the temple, stand off and pity us poor publicans, thankful that they are not such as we, and boldly declaring that they are praying to save others from such a ruinous road; upon their heads our "righteous indignation" rests. Of them it has already been written, "Woe unto you Pharisees, hypocrites!"

Of the second class, who oppose us from an indignant standpoint, we see the old spirit of Judaism clamoring for the life blood of our dearly loved fraternities. They who have belonged to dissolved chapters prove every now and then by donning the "insignia of their order," that their anti-Greek notions are all a sham. If their objections were as plain to other students as to us Greeks we should have no farther trouble with this class of opposers. Then if there is any thing more contemptible and more deserving of punishment than *spite-work*, we do not know what it is. Seemingly, any influence a "lifted" Greek could possibly have ought to be very worthless indeed, and yet we have to defeat such influence.

It is hardly necessary to notice the third class. They oppose us and at the very same time are trying to become "one of us."

Against these three different classes of students we must wage continued warfare, and you who have been longest marching in Phi Delta Theta ranks, know best that more victories are gained by strategy than force. The law of kindness ought to rule the world, much more should it govern us who are fighting for the good, the true and the beautiful.

DELTA GAMMA.

"Hoosier Phi Orators."

Indiana, taking quite a prominent part in the organization of the North Western Oratorical Association, was awarded the First Inter-State Contest. Phi Delta Theta representing the larg-

est fraternity element in the State, received due honors. The State contest of 1875, was held at Bloomington and represented by seven Colleges. Of these Bros. S. J. Tomlinson represented N. W. Christian Univ.; Jas. B. Swing, a son of Prof Swing, of Chicago, Hanover College; G. H. Elgin, Franklin College, and Jas. P. Roth, Wabash College. Asbury Univ., was represented by a Phi Gammi Delta; State Univ., by a Phi Kappi Psi, and Earlham by a barb. The Earlham gentleman was solicited by the Sigs, Deltas and Betas for membership but he told them he preferred his solitary state. Phi Delta Theta received the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th places.

The second State contest was held at Asbury Univ. in the spring of 1876. There were five college represented; three by Phis, one by a Phi Kap and one by a Sig. Hanover College was kept out through dissensions but had it been represented it would have been by a Phi Orator. Bros. John R. Edwards represented Franklin, J. R. Woodward, Butler Univ.; P. S. Hurlbert, Wabash College. The Phis received the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the order named. They tell a good joke of the Phi Kap, who made the remark that he was not afraid of being beaten by any but the Sig. The Phi Kap received the fourth and the Sig the last place. At the interstate contest the speakers from Missouri, Illinois and Indiana were Phis, Wisconsin was represented by a Phi Psi, and the contestants from Ohio and Iowa were ladies.

The judges awarded the first place to Missouri and the second to Illinois. This year Phi Delta Theta was eminently successful and took the prizes which she deserved. The Third State Contest took place at Indianapolis on March 23rd, 1877. The representative from Butler was a Phi, Asbury a Phi Kap, State Univ. Phi Gamma, Hanover a Sigma Chi, Franklin a Delta Tau. At the Franklin contest the judges declared a Phi to be the victor and the result was published in the papers. A day or so afterwards one of the judges who was partial to the Delta Tau reversed his marks in such a manner that when the averages were counted the Delta Tau won. Wabash was to

have been represented by a Phi; but owing to a determined opposition by the other fraternities the faculty vetoed the primary contest, but allowed delegates to be sent to the convention. Jno. T. Burton of the Ind. Gamma received the third position and it was shameful that he did not get a higher place. The audience was quite indignant about it. At the convention of the association quite a war was carried on against our fraternity. The prevalent cry was anything to beat Phi Delta Theta, and it took a combination of all the rest to do it. In the paper the next day they bragged of how all the other fraternities defeated the Phi Delta Theta. We were greatly elated over our defeat for it was more of an honor to cause such a powerful resistance and it is but a straw showing the current of power in favor of Phi Delta Theta.

The Fourth State Contest took place in the latter part of March of the present year. Five Colleges were represented of which Franklin was by Bro. D. A. Owen, Wabash by Bro. H. Billman, State Univ., by a Phi Kap, Butler by a Sig, and Hanover by a Delta Tau. At the convention all the fraternities except the Betas again combined against our men and through considerable wire pulling succeeding in defeating our candidates. To recapitulate out of the 22 Contestants 10 have been Phis, 2 Phi Gamma Deltas, 4 Phi Psis, 3 Sigs, 2 Delta Taus, 1 Barb and no Betas.

	Phis,	Deltas,	Psis,	Sigs,	Taus,	Barb,	Total,
Contests,	1	4	1	1		1	7
"	2	3		1	1		5
"	3	1	1	1	1		5
"	4	2		1	1	1	5
	10	2	4	3	2	1	22

This is a specimen of the literary work of the Indiana Phis. Our literary work can not be too well attended. While it is not our wish to devote the fraternity work entirely to oratorical drill yet it would aid us as individuals to take hold of this matter. So far Indiana claims the Palm for Phi Oratory—let us hear from our sister States.

In the Bond,

A. GWYN FOSTER.

Our Badges.

In the offset of this article we wish to disclaim any intention to parade our personal preferences as regards the badge of our order. But whether we

accomplish the desired end or not it shall be our purpose to make some suggestions to the fraternity, at least worthy of notice.

It is a well known fact that many a sneering remark and many a harmless blow has been aimed by our pretended rivals at the lack of uniformity in the form and character of the shield and dagger so dear to all who are worthy the distinguishing emblem, and while we should and do consider their envious thrusts far beneath our notice still we must not be blind to the truth that in this particular case their point is well taken. Our badges undoubtedly lack the uniformity they should by all means possess in order to successfully fill the office for which they were created and intended.

In the chapter to which I had the honor to belong there were perhaps eight or ten badges, and as well as I can remember, no two were alike. It is true they possessed the same general appearance and all might have been recognized as the badge of our order, yet they were of different sizes and shapes, and to the mind of the writer were not as similar as the emblem of a bond that makes men brothers should be.

To me one of the most pleasing, yes, one of the grandest features of Phi Delta Theta is the oneness of purpose and unity of action of its members, and this thought leads me to ask the question—why then should not the symbols of our connection with the mystic brotherhood possess *unity*? The answer will come from every Phi who has the good of his fraternity at heart that they *should*.

It is known to us all that the badges displayed at the beginning of a collegiate year have much to do with the ideas of the fraternity which occupy the mind of the unsophisticated barbarians. Then as the design of our badges compares so favorably with any other, and possesses so many elements of beauty, let us see that it possesses unity, that we wear no "new style" shield and no dagger that would be mistaken for a cross, but let us "keep forever in sight" the shield that has blessed many a noble Phi who has gone from our brotherhood to an everlasting fountain of fraternal love, let us be sure that we never wear the shield

without the dagger. Let both be of the usual size—not like a policeman's, covering space enough for a dozen badges far more tasty.

Remember we do not disparage ornamentation, for the handsomer a badge the better, but let us by all means have unity and that we can have by simply doing as we should and abiding strictly by the constitution of our order. *

A Phi of Noble Ancestry.

A correspondent of the *Cincinnati Gazette*, of the 22d ult., speaking of the presidential prospects of 1880, says:

"But in 1880, unless Indiana is accorded the first place on the national ticket, it will claim the second place for Gen. Ben. Harrison. 'What's in a name?' History answers, 'power, influence, strength.' Who is Ben. Harrison? The grandson of President William Henry Harrison, who inherits the old General's coolness, nerve, bravery, simplicity, and strength of character. That ought to be introduction enough to the American people. If more were needed, it could be added that he is the great-grandson of Benjamin Harrison, who served on the Virginia Committee of Vigilance in 1773; who was a Counselor of State when Patrick Henry was Governor; who was a delegate to the first Continental Congress; who was presiding officer of the Congress that adopted the Declaration of Independence, and who afterward became a signer of that immortal document. Were still more needed, one might summon the latter's great-grandfather, who sat in the House of Commons and steadfastly voted for the death of an English tyrant, King Charles I. Thus, look where we may, the family of Ben. Harrison will be found striking for liberty and the maintenance of good government. In 1649 one of them risked his neck for English liberty; in 1776 another hazarded all for American liberty; in 1812 another did as much to hold in check a foreign foe; and in 1861 still another was found, ready at the first call, to aid in preserving the country which his fathers had helped to establish and maintain. How bravely he fought, let the story of Resaca, and Cassville, and New Hope Church, and Lost Mountain, and Kenesaw Mountain, and Marietta, and Peach Tree Creek, and the siege of Atlanta, answer in history. Such a man, in this decade, certainly needs no introduction to the loyal people of the country.

Other Fraternities.

The last convention of the Alpha Tau Omega, held at Richmond, Va., is said to have been one of the slimmest affairs ever attempted by any body of "Greeks."

The Southern Kappa Alphas are responsible for the base slander referred to by the correspondent of the Va. Gamma in the November SCROLL. We know it to be FALSE FROM THE BEGINNING, and are authorized to deny it as an unprincipled LIE designed to injure, not only a member but our order. The Kappa Alphas instead of raising their standard to the level of that of nobler orders endeavor to pull down others to theirs. Let the Phi's stand up for the truth.

The Fraternities at Amherst, are Alpha Kappa Phi, 1836; Psi Upsilon, 1841; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1848; Chi Phi, 1873; and Chi Psi; besides the non-secret society called Delta Upsilon, the appended numerals indi-

cating the date when the chapters were founded. Their membership numbers from twenty-five to fifty.

The class Fraternity system is in vogue at Yale. A student takes an active part in his Fraternity only for one year. The Junior year Fraternities are Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon, which were founded at Yale, and are the only general Fraternities there. The Sophomore Fraternities are Iota Kappa Sigma Epsilon, Delta Kappa, Iota Nu, but they are all local affairs.

The last catalogue of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was published in 1877 at the *Yeoman* office, Frankfort, Ky., the total number of active chapters is twelve. The system of naming the chapters is peculiar, and is a thing that "no fellow can find out." Two were expelled in 1871; both by Grand Chapter, which is the Chi at Military Institute, Farmdale, Kentucky. The most prominent members are W. S. Brown and A. A. Lipscomb, both of Beta, University of Ga., Athens, Ga., and both now Professors in Vanderbilt University; and L. Q. C. Lamar, of Gamma Chapter, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss. The two former, however, graduated long before Beta was founded in 1866 and can therefore be but honorary members. The latter was certainly a member of the "Crescent" secret society, which before the war, existed at Emory College, where he graduated, and therefore Mr. Lamar is hardly more than an honorary member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The catalogue was issued by the Grand Chapter, Robert H. Wildberger and Benjamin T. Farmer being the editors.

Notes and Queries.

A private letter from a member of the Georgia Gamma, dated Dec. 12, contains the following:

"The Ga. Gamma has nineteen members and is doing finely. The next commencement debaters are De Jamett, Chi Phi; Wright, Kappa Alpha; and Wardlaw, outsider, from one of the literary societies; and Dunbar, Chi Phi; Hoyt, Phi Delta Theta and Monroe, Phi Delta Theta from the other. W. W. Seales, Phi Delta Theta is Anniversarian of our Society. No one has been elected Anniversarian from the other, but Howren, Phi Delta Theta, will be. T. B. Walker, Phi Delta Theta, is February Orator on Washington's birthday, and W. R. Hoyt, Phi Delta Theta, represents the other Society on the occasion. The other two Fraternities have combined against Phi Delta Theta, but the number of orators Phi Delta Theta has will give you some idea of which is getting the best of it."

EDITOR OF SCROLL,

Dear Sir: Won't you oblige a Phi by answering the following questions in next SCROLL or if you are unable to do so, refer them to some subscriber who can.

1. Why have the minutes of the Wooster Convention and also the new constitution never been published?

2. Does the Kentucky Alpha live?

3. What is the condition of the Nebraska Alpha? Fraternally. CURIOUS.

[Will some Bro. who is posted in these matters give information in next SCROLL?—ED.]

Paper and envelopes printed with the Coat of Arms of the Fraternity, may be obtained of Beeler and Curry, 208 W. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O. The firm can also furnish plates for printing the arms.

Just as we go to press a rumor reaches us that Sigma Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are going to unite, adopting the Sig constitution and the S. A. E. pin. Does any one know anything about it?

Personals.

Hon. John W. Foster, Minister to Mexico and a noble Phi, recently gave a magnificent banquet and SOIREE at which the State officials of Mexico were present.

J. C. Frank Rupp, of Penna Beta, who was nearly fatally injured on the railroad several months ago, is as good as new again.

Harry B. Walter, the big member of Penna. Beta, has left College to follow *Æsculapius*. Address the Doctor at Greencastle, Pa.

Our Hon. J. C. Blackburn has shaken hands across the table with Blaine. So the papers say. It was at the supper given McCullough, the actor. The bump of forgiveness must be near the stomach.

Holmes Dysinger of Penna. Beta is teaching the young ideas how to shoot as first tutor in Preparatory Department, Pennsylvania College.

W. J. Alexander, of Penna. Alpha, who was at Union Seminary last year is now at home in West Pennsylvania.

George Banta, late Business Manager of the SCROLL has resigned. Success attend him everywhere. M. F. Troxell of Penna. Beta takes his place as Publisher.

Wm. T. Hutchings, Va. Delta, a Phi tried and true and a good fellow generally as all Phis are, is in the Law office of E. E. Boul-din, Danville, Va.

R. E. Scott, Va. Delta, one of the truest and best of all the noble Phis, is teaching at The Plains, Va. He never forgets his allegiance to the order.

C. A. Ritter, M. D., Indiana Alpha, graduating from Ind. Med. Col. '77, with first honors, is serving his second year as Resident Physician and Surgeon at City Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

J. H. Baker, Ind. Alpha, a graduate of Jefferson Med. Col. is practicing his profession at Stockwell, Indiana.

Bro. Geo. S. Pleasants, Ohio Eta, is practicing law at Vevay, Indiana.

Bro. Jos. Hidy, Ohio Eta, is practicing at Washington C. H., Ohio.

Bro. C. Cranston, Ohio Eta, has a law-shingle out at Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. A. M. Ralston, Ohio Eta, is teaching at Cheshire, Ohio.

Bro. Holloway, Ohio Eta, is superintendent of the Akron Iron Works in Athens Co., O.

Bro. D. Glessner, Ohio Eta, is associate editor of the *Hancock Courier*, Findley, Ohio. Stake, brother!

D. A. Walker and S. M. Walker, '78, Georgia Gamma, are now limbs of the law and have hung out their shingle at Dalton, Ga.

J. D. Bunky, North Carolina Alpha, '78, is teaching school in Laurinburg, N. C.

A. S. Hough, who represented the Georgia Gamma in the last convention, has been elected alderman of the city of Oxford. He also practices law.

R. I. Munroe of the Georgia Gamma is interpreting Blackstone in Quincy, Fla.

S. M. Mathews of the Georgia Gamma is now in the drug business at Fort Valley, Ga.

Bro. W. B. Palmer of Tennessee Beta, has been elected anniversary orator of the Philo-sophic Literary Society of Vanderbilt University, for its annual celebration on Feb. 22nd, 1879.

Bros. Percy W. Gardner and Lytton Taylor of Tennessee Beta, have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Nashville, Tenn. They are promising young lawyers, graduates of Vanderbilt Law School, and have abundant prospects of success. Bro. Taylor was engaged some weeks since in a prominent murder case in an adjoining town, where his speech won him many high encomiums in the daily *American*.

Bro. J. B. Reed, B. L. of Vanderbilt is now attending a course of lectures in the St. Louis Law School.

THE SCROLL

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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All communications for publication should be sent to the Editor by the 1st of each month. Business correspondence should be addressed to the Publisher.

GETTYSBURG, PA., DECEMBER, 1878.

We present to our readers this month an article from the pen of "Delta Gamma," a sister under the same rose tree with us. It is well worth the careful reading of every Phi, for who does not immediately recall individuals belonging to all three of the classes mentioned.

We call attention to the advertisement of H. F. Griffin, the College engraver, found in this issue. He is undoubtedly one of the finest engravers in the country and it gives us pleasure to testify to the merit of his artistic work. Phi Delta Theta work entrusted to him will be promptly and elegantly executed.

We have received a few anonymous communications, which, although apparently genuine, we must decline. While it is customary to require names as evidence of good faith and genuineness, it is rendered doubly necessary in the case of THE SCROLL by the peculiar character of its matter and the SUB ROSA nature of the sheet. Chapter editors and other contributors will please remember this and always give name to the editor.

The many friends and admirers of Bro. Lytton Taylor will be glad to know that the readers of THE SCROLL are to be favored with an article from his pen at no far distant day.

Read This.

A private letter from the Grand Banker informs us that the treasury is about dry. It is surely not necessary to call attention to the fact that money is needed at headquarters for national purposes of the Fraternity to insure the squaring up of accounts with Chapters. It is unpleasant to dun and to be dunned. Chapters will please send to Grand Banker at once all amounts due him.

N. B.—He will cheerfully give information if Chapters do not understand how to square accounts.

A Word Here.

In assuming the position of Business Manager of the national organ of the Fraternity a word here may not be out of place. The publication of THE SCROLL has ever been a laborious undertaking, and it is safe to say it has never paid financially. Heretofore the Phis of the West have had the burden upon their shoulders almost entirely. The late Business Manager found it necessary for him,

in justice to his private interests, to resign his position. The executive committee then urged the undersigned to accept the position of Publisher and Business Editor.

In taking up the mantle that Bro. Banta has let fall from his shoulders, the present Publisher earnestly asks the substantial support of the Fraternity in the West, the South, the East, the North. The duties are onerous. The position is responsible, yea of vital importance to the Fraternity. THE SCROLL is become a necessity to successful work among the chapters. It can be made a success only by MUTUAL WORK and MUTUAL LOVE. Letters of hearty sympathy and co-operation from the President, Grand Banker, Bro. Banta, and the Editor, lie on the Publisher's table. Thanks. The watchword of the new management is PROMPTNESS.

Faternally,
M. F. TROXELL, Bus. Man.

Late Issue.

Just here the Publisher desires to say that the December number could not possibly be out on time. The appointment was not made until after the middle of December. The material and instructions had to be gotten from the West. Prior holiday work kept our printer busy for a few days. We will not lose a number however. Without making any promises the Publisher would ask that judgment be withheld until we get into running order.

Ourselves.

The Fraternity, at the Wooster Convention in providing for THE SCROLL, very kindly also made some provision for the Publishers. We are permitted to solicit advertisements, and subscriptions from alumni members. We presume sufficiently on the liberality of Phis to appropriate this small portion of THE SCROLL's precious space to the advancement of our personal interests. We want every old Phi to send us one dollar with his name and address and receive THE SCROLL for one year. If there lurks only a spark of the original fire in his breast the enthusiastic reports of the active members, that are printed in every number, will fan it into a living flame; and if the cares and vicissitudes of business life have strangled the remembrance of his college associations we will reanimate the body of his affections and infuse in his chilled veins the new and warm blood of living fraternal love. Send on your names then and learn what your enthusiastic successors are doing for the grand old fraternity.

The active members can do much for us by a solicitation among the alumni and corresponding members of their respective chapters. THE SCROLL will awaken and enthuse them and thus quicken and animate the entire fraternity. An active, and interested body of alumni will give our order stability, strength, character and dignity. Then let us arouse them. While you are working for us you are at the same time working for the good of the fraternity at large.

The Scroll Act.

We have received inquiries which involve an explanation of a part of the report of the Committee on the SCROLL at the Wooster Convention. We give our interpretation and if wrong in any respect beg to be corrected. Section second of the report instructs the Grand Banker "to levy an annual tax of one dollar per capita for every active member of the Fraternity, on the 10th of September, and to pay the necessary part of the same to the publishers of THE SCROLL in monthly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on the 10th of September of each year." Section fourth says: "Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of THE SCROLL without further expense." Section fifth reads as follows: "Each chapter shall elect a Sub-Editor whose duty it shall be: (a) To make a full report of the condition and standing of his chapter for each issue of THE SCROLL; (b) To solicit and forward to the Editor-in-Chief literary articles, discussions of questions of interest to the Fraternity, and any items he may think of interest to the Fraternity; (c) He shall be required to send to the publishers the number of active members in his chapter, and shall notify them of every new addition."

The ground of inquiry is covered by the question: "How many SCROLLS should each chapter receive?" As the tax is laid on the active members on the 10th of September the amount of the tax will evidently depend upon the numerical condition of the chapters at that time, and it would seem that each chapter should receive as many copies as it pays dollars of tax. But this evidently was not the design as the succeeding sections conclusively show. "EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER" is the language of section fourth, and that the publishers may know the exact number of active members, section fifth provides that they shall be apprised of every addition to the chapters. Each chapter, then, is entitled to as many SCROLLS as it has active members at any time. This is evidently correct and in accordance with the design of the framers of the report. The SCROLL is no longer an individual enterprise but is a fraternity organ, provided for by the statutes of the order, and sustained by direct tax upon the active members of the fraternity at a specified time. Every chapter then should receive as many copies of THE SCROLL as it has active members, and if this is not the case, as some complaints seem to indicate, it is no doubt attributable to the failure of the Sub-Editor to comply with the conditions of the SCROLL Act.

Another item of this report, though not pertinent to this question, is of interest to the fraternity at large and especially to the Editor. It is division (b) of section fifth;—*vide supra*. If not only each Sub-Editor but each member of the Fraternity would exert himself to furnish meritorious and appropriate literary articles and to gather such news items and personal notices as would be of interest to every Phi, he would be an im-

portant factor in the advancement and unification of the Fraternity and would especially be a favorite in the editorial department. Send in your reports, then, brothers, and with them all other matter that you can collect that you think suitable for publication, and we will receive them with gratitude, and make such use of them as we may be able.

Let each member of each chapter consider it his solemn duty to send Personals and Notes to the SCROLL. This will make our organ brighter, crisper and more useful to the Fraternity at large.

Chapter Correspondence.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.
Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 13, 1878.

We were unable to send in our report last month so will report the proceedings of the past two months at once. At the beginning of the first month two of our members were called home leaving us eleven men. The mere matter of losing the influence of two men of course would not discourage us but we soon found we had initiated one, Mr. J. S. Murray, who was altogether unworthy of the rights, privileges and immunities of Phi Delta Theta. He not only neglected his college duties to such an extent as to bring discredit upon the Fraternity, but had created discord in the Chapter. Three of the members then brought these charges against him and he was tried according to the method laid down in the Constitution, found guilty and expelled. Affairs rapidly improved from that time on and we ended this term's work by taking in Mr. L. W. Bradfute at our last meeting. During the trouble caused by the conduct of Murray, the other fraternities thought we were going to "bust up" and commenced discussing the advisability of lifting the entire chapter, or at least parts of it. Four of the Sigs were overheard setting forth their plans to deprive us of three of our men, by one of the men whom they were to take. They decided it not advisable to make the attempt however. But those ever cheeky Phi Kaps went to one of our men and informed him that Phi Delta Theta was a miserable one-horse affair, and that he had better leave and go into that noble (?) institution, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He didn't go. The chapter is on a good footing now, and we hope to accomplish much more next term than we have done this, though we have done very well this term considering the disadvantages under which we started.

CHAS. BANTA.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE,
Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 5, 1878.

Since our last report there have been developments in fraternity circles of great interest to us. An anti-fraternity was organized here some time last year, but did not come to light till a few weeks ago. They are strong in numbers, and bitter in their opposition. This comes from the fact that they think they have been slighted by the Greeks. The opposition, however, does not extend beyond these "soreheads."

The Faculty and Trustees have not as yet thrown out any discouragements whatever. We are on the best of terms with them, and anticipate no danger from that direction. Now a word in regard to our chapter. We

have in the Faculty, Bro. H. R. Thompson, Professor of Chemistry, and Bro. Jno. S. Watson, '78, Tutor. The position of Tutor for the following year is given to the best scholar of the graduating class. It was decidedly justly bestowed in this case. Bro. A. O. Penniman, our senior, has two large elocution classes in College, and is meeting with good success. He is manager and plays the principal character of a dramatic entertainment soon to be given in the city, which will be undoubtedly liberally patronized. As a Chapter we have not encountered the illwill of the Faculty, nor of the Greek or barbarian elements. We now number eleven, and have a good prospect for one more. By the end of the year, we shall have our accustomed number. Last week I had the good fortune to visit Indiana Gamma at Butler University. There the lamp of Phi Delta Theta burns brightly. A more worthy, a more genial and whole-hearted class of young men you seldom find anywhere, and I am proud of the fact that I can call them brothers.

Indiana Gamma has material which at no far distant day will do honor to our beloved Fraternity. A glorious future to you, boys! Wishing the SCROLL unlimited success in its mission of infusing life, unity and zeal into our noble Brotherhood, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

W. K. PRESTON.

Indiana Gamma.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, Dec. 14, 1878.

A short paragraph on the experience of this chapter, is all that I have to offer this month. Among other experiences, are our literary exercises in chapter meetings. These have received more attention with us this term than usual, particularly extemporaneous addresses. Sometimes the most enjoyable part of the evening, is that in which certain members deliver impromptu speeches upon subjects assigned at the time. Of course our struggles with other fraternities, demand a place in this sketch. We have been obliged to cope with three other fraternities in literary societies, college classes and in every other way that "greek meets greek." The results of these conflicts this term have been in no wise disparaging. Our fraternity is the strongest in this college, and the boys are all hopeful and are working together with the unity of one man for the prosperity of the fraternity. We have also experienced a trial of the new form of initiation. Swords and open coffins are impressive things, but we are reminded that "it is only a step from the sublime to the ridiculous." This chapter sends a Christmas greeting to all good Phis and awaits with anxiety the next SCROLL.

Yours in the Bond,

A. F. ARMSTRONG.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind., Dec. 12, '78.

Every Phi Delta Theta of the Delta realizes that the SCROLL is a positive necessity to the welfare of the Fraternity—the noblest one "orbi terrarum." We have done much this term to make us feel proud and nothing that we regret. We lack only one in order that we will have doubled our membership of September. Our last addition to the Bond was Bro. Robt. A. Brown whom we initiated November 18th. It was an occasion which will continue dear to the memory of every Phi present. Such a glorious time!—and all on account of four pounds of peanuts and four visiting brethren and good spirits—I mean the spirit of Phi Delta Thetaism! When the adjournment for Holidays comes, fifteen good and true Phis will have a farewell meeting in our hall, and then—tears, bitter tears! Next that awful, awful rip, and final-

ly comes the departing kiss, ugh! We only wish there were some Phis of the feminine persuasion. But I wander to a front door scene—time 10.30 P. M!

One of the pleasantest socials held in this city for quite a while was given under the auspices of our chapter. It was held Nov. 27th, at the most popular restaurant in the city. Twenty-one couples were present. Excellent music was furnished by Misses Katie O. Gibson and Martha M. Palmer of our city and Miss Carrie S. Davis of Thortown, Ind. Mr. Edward Stevenson also favored us with one of his "cha'ming" solos. He was ardently fanned during the performance by two zealous Phi sisters and humanity sympathizers. The social festivities did not cease until about half past eleven, and everybody felt a secret desire in his heart that the occasion would soon be repeated.

It would have done good to every Phi to have seen fourteen eyes the personal property of seven members of the "collapsed" staring and gawking at our "subs" appearing in chapel with badges placed on a very prominent portion of their personages. Terrible was the consternation produced! Too horrible to write about.

Our most enterprising publisher of the SCROLL, has lately taken one more step upwards on the "ladder of fame." He is now editing a daily paper in this city. To what heights a Phi, and especially a member of the Delta, can attain, is quite beyond our comprehension.

About one month ago there was a rumor prevalent that the Phis would have Prof. John M. Coulter, of Hanover College, lecture for them. This held out about two weeks when the citizens of Franklin awoke to find the beauty of every available "thing" marred by a Phi Delta Theta bill fully corroborating the above rumor, and it furthermore set the date as Dec. 17th. On which night a large audience assembled in the Baptist church to be highly edified by Prof. C.'s lecture. He had chosen as his subject, "The National Park." The Prof. accompanied Hayden in his U. S. Geological survey of 1872, and was thoroughly familiar with the minutest portions of the Park, and how could his lecture be otherwise than edifying? Everybody was pleased. We realized about seventeen dollars from the proceeds, which will be used for re-furnishing our hall.

Wishing every brother a merry Christmas and New Year, we remain loyal to every Phi in existence.

Ever in the Bond,

FRANK B. DAY.

Ohio Epsilon.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1878.

We again find it necessary to send a contribution to our ever-welcome friend—the SCROLL, and to give some account of ourselves and our "doings." Our fraternity is in a most thriving condition. Nine hearty, whole-souled Phis respond to the call of the Warden. We pride ourselves that we are as good-looking as any crowd of boys in the college.

At our meeting last night we had the extreme pleasure of listening to some enlightening and soul-inspiring remarks from one of our old Phis. Of course it is useless to say that these remarks abounded in the flights of oratory and effusions of brilliant thoughts which thrilled us "per ima ossa."

This brother Phi just spoken of teaches school at some distance from the O. U., but about once in two weeks his affection for a certain fair damsel abiding here, conquers the difficulties of the way, and we behold him riding into town on a cream-colored mule or something.

One of our brothers attained the highest grade of scholarship in college last term. We feel proud of him.

Our fraternity is as strong as any in college. The Delta Tau Deltas are extremely quiet, and so far as we know are not doing anything. There are only a few here now and they will continue to be few so long as the "Old Reliable" Phi Delta Theta has any selections to make for her own happy band.

Yours truly in Bond,

JNO. F. LAIRD.

Ohio Zeta.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER,
Wooster, O., Dec., 2, 1878.

The future of which we spoke in our last is now the past and our expectations were realized to the greatest degree. We have initiated four new members since our last letter. We have the gratification to know that all had received bids from the other fraternities, but selected Phi Delta Theta in preference to all the rest. In order that our condition, temptations, and victories may be fully understood we would like to mention a little episode that took place with the Phi Kappa Psis which is the strongest in numbers and oldest of the fraternities at this college.

The Phi Kaps presented a bid to two of our SUB ROSA members, but were politely told that they were Phi Deltas and were much better pleased with their present condition, than they would be if connected with the Phi Kappa Psis. Not satisfied with this bluff they went so far as to ask them to resign the Phi Delta Theta and go into their flock (of sinners). But even the temptation of this incarnate devil did not induce them to eat the forbidden fruit of these men who seek to elevate their fraternity by such mean, low, contemptible means. One of their new members, whose two brothers are also members of that fraternity, remarked at that time that he had received a bid from every fraternity in the college except from the Phi Delta Theta, and that, had he received one from them, he would have joined them, and told his brothers to "go to thunder." Such is the opinion of Phi Delta Theta as expressed not by our own members but by those who are interested in other fraternities:

On last Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of meeting six of our ever welcome brethren of the Ohio Eta, who came down to spend Thanksgiving with us. Having assembled in our recently furnished hall, speeches were made by the members of the two chapters, after which we retired to Faber's Hall for refreshments. On Thanksgiving eve, the excellent ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity held a reception for the Phis at the residence of Judge Parsons, and there the night and early morn was spent in revelry and dance, the star dancers being Messrs. Reisinger and Evans.

There are two questions that interest us very much and we would like to know something about them. First, have the minutes of the last Convention been published? If they have, it is time we would get them. Second, has the committee on badges done anything? Now is the time the badge question should be settled, for now is the time when most badges are bought. If we are to derive any benefit from having only one official jeweler, this benefit should begin before all have purchased badges.

Yours in the Bond,

WILL. FREMONT HARN.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O. Dec. 3, 1878.

Your correspondent, "Greek," has "risen to explain;" a counter explanation will doubtless adjust matters satisfactorily. The

communication which appeared in the October issue of the SCROLL, and to which he takes exceptions well founded when viewed from his own standpoint, was written by a degenerate Phi who didn't know what he was talking about.

Not having examined the minutes of the Wooster Convention or the revised constitution of the Order, it was supposed that no action had been taken on the subject and our letter was framed accordingly. This being known, "Greek" will readily see that the article can in no way be construed into a criticism of the ritual adopted by the late Convention. It refers solely to the antiquated form which he, too, condemns, and if occasion required would be emphatically reiterated, balderdash and all. We have just examined the newly adopted form and have no comments favorable or otherwise; indeed, we should be the last to ridicule any ritual which even approximated to our personal views of fitness and propriety, and your correspondent's closing sentence, "Possibly our brother may like it better," has a tinge of sarcasm which we feel certain our true feelings in the matter do not warrant.

Six of our chapter participated in the dedicatory festivities at Wooster, on the evening of the twenty-seventh. To state that they had a most enjoyable time, would, of course, be entirely superfluous. The air is still filled with praises of our Wooster brethren and their fair allies of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Yours,

C. B. WRIGHT.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville Tenn.,
December 2, 1878.

Our progress up to the present time has more than transcended our hopes and wishes. At the beginning of the present term we could hardly be called a chapter, but we have increased to such an extent that our hopes are now raised that we will soon be the banner chapter of the South at least. Though we are working SUB ROSA yet we do not despair of accomplishing our aim. The Tennessee Beta now has enrolled upon its books twenty-two members, with the promise of three more at our next meeting. Have we not cause to be hopeful of a proud and successful future? The other fraternities are not doing much, and are woefully mistaken as to the real strength of the grand old Phi Delta Theta. In the two other chapters here there is only one man whom we would like to have; but then we have plenty as good as he is. They will soon come to their senses and find they cannot contend with the noble Phis. They have failed to get men, whom we now have enrolled; and they complain that the men are too "squeamish" at the University. But we have not found them so. Only one man whom we asked has refused to join us. I think that the abundant success of our chapter is now secured beyond a doubt, and if we can keep our august Faculty in blissful ignorance of its existence we are all right.

Our membership consists of ten lawyers and the rest literary students. We have as yet not succeeded in gaining a foothold in the Theological Dept., though we are very sanguine of success in that direction.

We have a good joke upon the S. A. E's. They elected one of our men to membership in that high and mighty body, and were so confident of getting him to join, that the Treasurer called on him to pay his initiation fee. He politely told them that he was not quite ready to pay it yet.

As to the honors in the Literary Societies, we have a fair show. In the Philosophic, the President and Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian are Phis. In the

Dialectic we have Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. In the Law Class, we now have one of the Moot Court Judges who is also President of our chapter, and the other two Judges have agreed to join us. We also have the clerk of the Moot Court. I think we now have good reason for saying that our chapter has most decidedly picked the University in the selection of its members. It has ever been our constant endeavor to get only such men as would now, and hereafter in life, do credit to our pure brotherhood. We take no one for whom we have to make excuses, but let him and his actions stand showing what he is and what he can be. We are working slowly and carefully, not feeling so much the necessity of numbers, but always looking out for a man as soon as he proves himself worthy of entering the mystic brotherhood of the Phi Delta Theta. We send our greeting to all sister chapters and wish them much success in their endeavors to advance the glorious old cause.

J. H. DORTCH.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Albemarle County,
Nov. 29, 1878.

There was no report from the Va. Beta in the last number of the SCROLL, but we know that all the brothers will be glad to hear of our success. The chapter was organized with eight members and is firmly established here now. It now numbers thirteen, four law, eight academic and one. Brother Starnes, divinity student, and is one of the leading fraternities. All are deeply interested, not only in their own chapter, but in the success of the whole order.

Nearly all the other fraternities are represented here either by chapters or single members.

Brother Reed has kindly furnished us with Brother Search's song-book and now a greater charm is added to our meetings by the fine bass and tenor voices of Brothers Bristow and Vanmeter. The former you will doubtless recognize as our handsome delegate to last year's convention. Mr. Vanmeter has been severely ill from close application, but is now able to be out again. The presidential office is gracefully filled by Mr. J. Chenault. We cannot forbear mentioning the genial Blackstone, the Phi Delta Theta representative in the social circles of Albemarle, who to his other numerous attractions has added a fine mustache.

The disgraceful act mentioned by your Randolph-Macon correspondent was unknown to us until it appeared in the SCROLL. While it may work against one or two chapters, yet we are confident it will not injure the order at large. We know it has not been heard of here. It may perhaps be a mistake.

The Phi's maintain their reputation in the lecture-rooms and will doubtless receive their share of the honors. We are all well pleased with the new constitution, and hope that under it, as under the old, our order may continue to prosper and spread its good work.

Yours fraternally,

T. R. PHISTER.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C. Dec. 5 1878.

Again we feel it our duty to report the standing of the North Carolina Alpha through the columns of the SCROLL. We have had some trouble in regard to procuring a room to meet in; that is, one that we might "call our own," but now we are preparing to move into a splendid room that we purpose furnishing as a Phi Delta Theta Hall should be. We have initiated three men this session and in proportion to the number in College, we think we have done well. We are fixing to "knock things" next January. Extending to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity our best wishes

for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we remain,

Yours in the Mystic Bond,
WILL D. BROWN, Cor. Sec.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Geo., Dec. 12, 1878.

Georgia Gamma again sends her greetings. Our progress is still unchecked. We have initiated six "most noble youths" into the mystic bonds of Phi Delta Theta this session. Our active membership now numbers eighteen (18) with a prospect for more soon. We have for the past few years been working hard, and have surmounted every obstacle, and today the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity stands emphatically "A No. 1" at Emory College.

We anxiously look for every issue of the SCROLL.

Yours in the Bond,
J. B. GREENE.

EMORY COLLEGE, Dec. 19, 1878.

I will give you a nut-shell account of what the Phi Delta Theta is doing here. There is probably no chapter in the order in a more healthy condition than the Ga. Gamma. Our men are the pick of the college in mind and morals, and they are full of patriotism and watchfulness for the interests of our beloved fraternity. The trustees here are liberal-minded enough to encourage secret societies; and we have a roomy hall in one of the college buildings, which we occupy free of rent. When we first set to housekeeping, like most beginners in that happy employment, we were wanting in household goods. If my recollection serves me right, two or three chairs, a pine table, and an empty flour barrel composed our "stock and store." The bare floor and plastered walls seemed naked as a desert, and they beckoned us on to liberality and sacrifice. When our meetings took place on a chilly night and we met with numb fingers and aching toes, it was hard to tell whether patriotism or a sense of comfort had most to do with the many schemes that were put on foot for bettering our condition. Be that as it may, those plans were successful. Our hall is now elegantly furnished. A rich carpet covers the floor, costly pictures and works of art adorn the walls, to say nothing of chandeliers, patent hat-racks, stove, desks, arm chairs, rostrum, and-so-forth. Now, Bro. Editor, don't you feel like giving us your hand on that? Let others who begin poorly take courage.

If my nut-shell (?) isn't already too full, I can add some personals from the Ga. Gamma. Carter and Greene, besides standing high in college are reported to be the two handsomest men in the State. Seals is a poet of no mean ability; though still in his teens, his contributions are published in some of the best periodicals in the country. Hoyt and Carney are our prodigies in debate, and indeed it is about conceded that they are the Coriphei of the college when it comes to measuring strength and testing steel in the proud polemic art.

Will send several subscriptions to the SCROLL, when I write again.

H. D. HOWREN.

Texas Beta.

TEHUACANA, TEXAS, Dec. 15, 1878.

The grip seems to be the principal manifestation of friendship between our members; while questions and compliments show their growing interest in the fraternity at large. We are well pleased with the new constitution. It is quite an improvement on the old one.

In the last month we have initiated three good members—brothers J. H. Walker, T. J.

Hefner, and J. R. Bell; who we trust will some day be an honor to our beloved order.

The Beta Theta's have commenced work with one new member, increasing their number to five while we have ten regulars. They are going to have a sociable during the holidays.

On Thanksgiving Eve we had a supper at the residence of Dr. S. T. Anderson, (Principal of the Chair of Mathematics) which was enjoyed hugely by all. Much is due to the pleasant lady of the house for the general merriment. The boys say they will get ahead of us Christmas, but the girls say "we will stick to and love the Phis till we die." One of the brothers who heard this expression is gradually convalescing.

Seven of our boys are out as honor men at the debate celebrations in January. What other chapter can say as much?

C. H. MUNGER.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 11th, 1878.

Since our last report, Pennsylvania Beta has been pursuing the even tenor of her way with good feeling and independence as her watch words. No new Thetas have been born but several are held in PROSPECTU for next term. Our last meeting was one of the best of the term. We passed the amendment submitted by the National Grand. Read and talked up pretty thoroughly the new constitution. Debated the question as to whether animals have reason, and also discussed the question, "the study of Chemistry." Had a good essay, talked about SCROLL, about chapter correspondence, and had several letters read. The last SCROLL was best number under the new regime. An ardent Junior member of our chapter has sent for several pieces of the Theta music noticed in November SCROLL for his,—well, you know who. [Must tell no tales out of school.]

Pennsylvania Beta has several of the prettiest pins in our institution. Our boys have quite a mania for handsome badges just now and a very commendable mania it is too. About chapter correspondence—it seems to me that much interest can be aroused in having more correspondence among the individuals of the different chapters. We are trying to work up this matter here and if anybody wants live correspondents at this end of the route, let them send a line to the undersigned. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

It is to be hoped that President Reddig can firmly plant the Maryland Alpha banner in John Hopkins University, Baltimore. It is a magnificently endowed institution and ranks high. Three cheers and a tiger for Princeton Seminary boys and their letter to the SCROLL. Do it some more. Cannot Union Theologue, New York, turn us out a stunning letter too? May prosperity attend those who have worn the sword and shield.

Truly in the Bond,

M. F. TROXELL.

Alabama Beta.

ALABAMA A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Auburn Ala., Dec. 10, 1878.

Biographies of the members of the "Ala. Beta of Phi Delta Theta."

R. L. THORNTON.

Son of Dr. Thornton. Was born at Tuskegee, Macon Co., Ala., in the year 1856. Entered the Ala. A. and M. College, in the Spring of 1875 as a member of the Freshman class. Bore off the honors of said class at the following commencement for declamation. Was the founder and originator of the Fraternity. Now holds a prominent position as Prof. in the Barton Academy of Mobile, Ala.

J. A. LANIER,

Son of B. C. Lanier, A. M. Was born at Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., in the year 1857. Entered the Preparatory Department of the Ala. A. and M. College in the Fall of 1873, was also an honored graduate of the class of '78. Was the first man initiated into the Fraternity by Bro. Thornton. Now holds a Professorship in the Barton Academy of Mobile, Ala.

S. B. CANTEY,

Sec. of $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ son of Gen. James Cantey, was born at Fort Mitchell, Russel Co., Ala., 31st day of July, 1861, now resides at place of birth. Entered the Ala. A. and M. College, Feb. 1877. Now a member of the Junior class. Holds the Sen. office of his class in the capacity of a 2nd Lieut.

C. A. L. SANFORD,

Chaplain. Son of Col. Wm. F. Sanford, LL. D., and brother of Col. Wm. J. Sanford, Congressman from the 3d district of Ala., 1878. Was born at Tuskegee, Macon Co., Ala., Dec. 17th, 1857. Resided at place of birth for six months, from there moved to Oak Bowery, Chambers Co., Ala., lived there six years and then moved to Auburn, Lee Co., Ala., where now resides. Entered the A. and M. College at the age of 17. And now a member of the Sophomore class, joined the $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ in '77. Now holds rank of Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets.

JOHN CANTEY,

Son Gen. James Cantey, was born at Fort Mitchell, Russell Co., Ala., on the 19th of March, 1866. Still living at his place of birth. Entered the A. and M. College in Feb. '77. Is now a member of the Junior class, and a first Sergeant in Corps of Cadets.

A. FITZPATRICK,

Cor. Sec. $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ Son of B. H. Fitzpatrick and grandson of Gov. Fitzpatrick of Ala., was born at Nutchel Station, Bullock Co., Ala., Oct. 9, 1859. Now resides at Montgomery, Ala. Entered Ala. A. and M. College, Feb. 1875, and is now a member of the Junior class occupying the 2d highest military rank in his class. Bore off the honors for declamation, Sophomore class of 1878.

J. A. CRAWFORD,

Pres. $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ Son of Hon. Dr. Crawford. Was born at Rockford, Coosa county, Ala., Dec. 20th, 1857, now resides at the place of birth, entered the Ala. A. and M. College, March 1st, 1875. Now a member of Senior class, and holds the office of first Captain. Will graduate with the highest honors in Corps of Cadets.

T. D. M'GOUGH,

Warden $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ Son of John McGough, was born at Columbus, Ga., July 1st, 1859, lived there 3 years, then moved near Eufawla, Ala., and remained there one year and then moved to Glencenville, Ala. There he now resides. Entered the Ala. A. and M. College in Sept. 1877 as a member of Freshman class. Is now a member of the Sophomore class and ranks as a Corporal.

E. A. PRICE,

Historian $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ Son of Rev. G. W. F. Price, A. M., Pres. of Huntsville Female College. Was born at Tuskegee, Macon Co., Ala., June 13, 1860. Lived in said place until '72. When he moved to Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., where he now resides. Entered the Ala. A. and M. College in fall of 1876, as a member of the Freshman class. Bore off honors for declamation in said class. Now a member of the Junior class of '78. Holds the rank of Color Bearer Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets.

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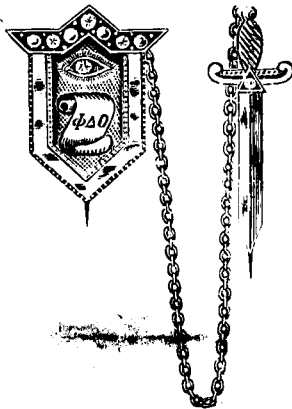
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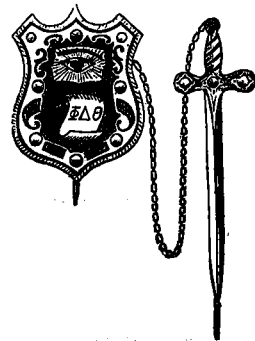
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Silence.

[Selected.]

In silence mighty things are wrought,
Silently builded thought on thought,
Truth's temple greets the sky;
And, like a citadel with towers,
The soul, with its subservient powers,
Is strengthened silently.

Soundless as chariots on the snow,
The saplings of the forest grow
To trees of mighty girth:
Each mighty star in silence burns,
And every day in silence turns
The axle of the earth.

The silent frost, with mighty hand,
Fetters the river and the land
With universal chain;
And, smitten by the silent sun,
The chain is loosed, the rivers run,
The lands are free again.

After "Hiawatha."

"Never stoops the soaring vulture,
On his quarry in the desert,
On the sick and wounded Bison,
But another vulture, watching
From his high aerial look out,
Sees the downward plunge and follows,
And a third pursues the second,
Coming from th' invisible ether,
First a speck and then a vulture
Till the air is dark with pinions.
So disasters come not singly,
But as if they watched and waited
Scanning one another's motions.
When the first descends, the others
Follow, follow, gathering flockwise
Round their victim, sick and wounded,
First a shadow, then a sorrow,
Till the air is dark with anguish."

LONGFELLOW.

But the vultures, coming many,
Coming quickly, tarry briefly
And they fly away together,
Though their visits seem untimely,
Cruel to their wounded victim,
Yet the earth is benefited,
Yet the air is sweeter, purer,
And disease, restrained, aside stands.
So disasters, watching for us
When one comes and many follow,
Quickly do their tasks allotted,
Quickly altogether leave us.
Though our hearts be 'en most broken,
Shadowed o'er with many sorrows,
After these their presence taking,
We are filled with brighter musings,
Having hearts well versed in anguish,
Hearts that happiness can value.

A. G. W.

Secrecy in Relation to Societies.

BY J. H. DORTCH.

The charm of secrecy is almost irresistible. This singular fascination has its seat in the very depths of our nature and is "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh." Its peculiar force is felt more deeply in early life, than, perhaps at any other period. There is a hidden

power in mystery that draws us to it with the silent force of the magnet. Men of ripe years and with hoary beards are not disenthralled from its fascinating influence. It is the carrying out and following up of this desire and impulse of nature that has been the mainspring of all the great secret organizations that have spread over the world.

Man loves that which is veiled, mysterious, unknown. He wanders through the realms of nature, and traverses the wide domain of mind, and finds that mystery reigns every where. He delights in it. He loves that which has the robes of the mysterious hanging about it, and hence he has organized great associations and all under the garb of secrecy. These, though, they hide their workings from the gaze of the world, under it all seek to inculcate some principle of high morality. They only throw over all the curtain of secrecy to gratify that which is inherent in the breasts of all men, and thus accomplish a double purpose.

Because these organizations are secret they are decried. Many people think that they ought to throw their doors wide, and let in the full light of investigation upon the hidden treasures. They fail to recognize that man loves the mysterious and is urged through love of it to promote good aims. They think that under the robe of secrecy deeds of iniquity are being enacted. These carpers should remember that our Bible tells us to be secret in our good works.

The majority of secret associations, whose influence is of wide extent, and some whose sphere is narrower, are organized for the promotion and furtherance of great moral truths. To illustrate our point, the *Φ. Δ. Θ.* Fraternity, will answer our purpose. In this organization, spreading its sinews out over the U. S., and fed by the intellectual and moral strength of the best colleges in our land, we find a body of young men banded together for the

promotion of good will and friendship towards each. They give to each other their mutual pledges that they will assist and support each other in the hard and difficult places that lie in every boy's college career. They engage to be friends to each other in every sense of the word. Friendship—the key stone in the arch of Virtues—they seek to inculcate. This is the purest and holiest of the Virtues. It is only another name for Love or Charity. An inspired writer in the Holy Bible tells us of "Faith, Hope and Charity, but the greatest of these is Charity." In this Fraternity then they have brought together the two great principles of man's nature. The cardinal virtue is placed as the mighty foundation stone, upon which is reared a vast temple, in whose hallowed sanctuary, the noble youth of our colleges may find a pure home, and over all is hung the curtain of secrecy, to prevent the vulgar eyes of those not worthy to enter, from gazing upon the delightful retreat which friends have fashioned for themselves.

Vanderbilt University, Dec. 20, 1878.

From Tennessee.

EDITOR OF THE SCROLL.

Your kind communication of late date has just been re-read. I was not conscious of the distinguished honor until I found myself seriously thinking of the dear old fraternity. In asking me to write occasionally you do an injustice to some of our members of the south whose ability is not doubted, and who are, to use a word that is expressive, "gifted." I do not mean by this to say all are not men of ability, for they are, and this is one of the requisites to become a Phi.

The oration at Danville was one of the most practical and best that I ever read. To use the orator's words, "waiving that higher value which these gatherings have as an appointed means to develop the objects of our body, 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 pace we all are moving."

If successful in showing to any Phi the benefit in after life of our fraternity, my object will be accomplished. It may seem a little strange at first blush how any fraternity can claim or present ties more binding than those of friendship. It has been the experience of nearly every one to form associations most dear, yet in how many cases may it truly be said "out of sight out of mind," and more—forgotten forever, even the name. In our dear old fraternity, "once a Phi always a Phi." Years may pass by but never will the relations we bear to others be forgotten, and no longer will the thought be—I am unknown, except in the little circle in which I move. Think not thus there is one Eye alone, that watches you. That Being has taught us, we are as a band of brothers, and with true love every Eye is watching you. If this be not enough in itself to stimulate a man there is little in that man. Man was made for society. His Maker has failed in the task, if that being can be so little as to live, move and have his being without knowing or desiring to know, others than himself. In nearly every part of the Union, (the members of this fraternity may well flatter themselves) we have good and true men, and if any member will take the trouble of procuring a catalogue and map of the States and will look at this and that name, and the town or village opposite the name on the map, he will surely appreciate this and be consoled by the fact that they are true friends and those you may rely upon.

In the south secret societies meet with much more opposition than in the north and perhaps the most satisfactory reason is that of woman—just because. It is to be hoped that this is dying out, but as an explanation rather than a reason, it may be suggested, as is well known, all fraternities are not based on the same pure and grand basis that ours is.

Because we have always so well succeeded and proved the best, others, and in nearly every case some faculty or

member thereof who has not been fortunate enough to be one of our number, possessed of an odious spirit better pleased to detect a fault than commend a virtue, eagerly seize at the slightest mistake or trifling fault, and in the "dignity of ignorance" most solemnly declare secret societies dangerous to the safety and welfare—of the ignorant, indolent and imbecile.

It is sad to think that any class of men would forget themselves so far, as to prohibit what they know not of, or that they will blindly say this or that when neither is based on reason or right. I seriously hope that others will imitate the example of the Tenn. Beta as she has in turn initiated, and driven out this opposition. Let not this deter any man from working where societies are prohibited. There is nothing in our constitution or by-laws, but an angel would say Amen to. While others remain in darkness forgive them for they know not what they do.

The members of the south send greetings to our brothers through the SCROLL throughout the Union. To the reader of this, if at college, believe one who speaks from experience, that nothing is of more importance to you than your fraternity. Your misfortunes are ours; your prosperity, our joy.

After your school life into whatever profession you enter you will find what is here written literally true. Those out in the world bid you welcome and gladly will they share your burden.

One word. Be true to our cause. We are known and respected, and let our fraternity be as it always was and is and as we say it shall be—the first.

L. T.

College Fraternities.

Some time since a writer in one of our college papers, in treating the above subject, said:

"Every few weeks some zealous patron of daylight bubbles over and smites college fraternities and other secret organizations from "Dan even to Beersheba." The instances of evil done by them are served up in different styles again and again and brought before the public as a new dish. They have been rehashed, in fact, till they have lost all their charm for the appe-

tite. The anti-fraternity writers would do well to get a fresh supply of illustrations before sallying forth again. As for a sufficiency of abstract arguments they need feel no uneasiness. There are enough of them which, by a careful observance of the law of permutations, can be made to assume an almost infinite variety of forms. These kaleidoscopic views of their arguments deserve credit for variety if for nothing else.

For the last fifty years secret organizations have been denounced by the over-scrupulous as relics of barbarism, but all the while secret societies have been on the increase. No one, surely, is willing to believe that the world is growing worse. No one is less esteemed by his friend who has joined a secret society, than he was before, unless it be from other causes. But notwithstanding this, false prophets still prophesy evil.

It is not our purpose to offer any argument in favor of fraternities. If they accomplish any good, they are worthy of its reward; if they create evil, it is sure to recoil upon themselves. While we believe fraternities strengthen the bond of friendship among their members, we do not believe that they make their members less regardful of those who are without the mystic circle. It is not that they "love Cæsar less but Rome more."

Of late years college fraternities have become quite numerous. Many able writers have set themselves against them. Some colleges forbid the formation of such societies among their students, but with all this opposition fraternities only increase. But evil has not increased proportionally. There are just as many good and useful men sent out from colleges which tolerate secret societies as from those which do not, and we venture the assertion that there are as few tricksters. It is natural for everybody to have his intimate friends, and if he wishes to meet them alone to the exclusion of all others, and seeks to accomplish his purpose by means of signs, grips, knocks or pass-words, we fail to see why it should be any ground of offense to others. Even among the opponents of secret societies, there is as much exclusiveness between them and those of a little different rank socially,

as between those within and those outside the "realm of secrecy."

We are aware that little dissensions often arise, ostensibly on account of these societies, but if the societies had not existed there would have been differences just the same. It is quite a homely saying that,

"Birds of a feather
Flock together,"

but homely as it is, it expresses an undoubted truth. Since it is true, if they choose to make their "flock" specifically distinguished, it is nothing more than just to them that others should be satisfied to "leave them alone in their glory."

Other Fraternities.

The Beta Theta Pis are having a terrible time in the endeavor to get out a catalogue. Funds are lacking and it seems the attempt is growing monotonous to the Fraternity, having been in progress several years.

Alpha Tau Omega has started a chapter at Richmond College, Va. They say they don't care for the *quality* of the men selected for founders, all they want is a good number. Thanks to our Bond, Phi Delta Theta is compelled to look to the *men*.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilons, an exclusively southern fraternity have but twelve chapters in correspondence with the Grand Alpha, which is situated at the Ky. Mil. Institute, Farmdale, Ky. There are 794 names in their catalogue. Perhaps their strongest chapter is at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. where they manifest an unlimited amount of cheek, but can scarcely cope with the Phis in popularity. A Phi was recently elected a member of that order and invited to join. They were so sure of getting him that their treasurer asked him for his initiation fee. But he thought the demand a little premature. He has not paid it yet.

For the benefit of those who possess no list of Fraternities, we give below the name, place, and date of organization of nearly all of the College secret orders:

Phi Beta Kappa.....	William & Mary.....	1776
Kappa Alpha (north) Union.....		1823
Chi Phi.....	Princeton.....	1824
Sigma Phi.....	Union.....	1827
Delta Phi.....	Union.....	1827
Alpha Delta Phi.....	(?).....	1832
Psi Upsilon.....	(?).....	1833
Mystic Seven.....	Genesee.....	1837
Beta Theta Pi.....	Miami.....	1839
Chi Psi.....	Union.....	1841
Delta Kappa Epsilon Yale.....		1844
Theta Delta Chi.....	Union.....	1844
Delta Psi.....	Columbia.....	1847
Zeta Psi.....	Union, N. Y.....	"
Phi Delta Theta.....	Miami.....	1848
Phi Gamma Delta.....	Jefferson.....	"
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	Univ. Pa.....	1850
Phi Kappa Psi.....	Jefferson.....	1852
Sigma Chi.....	Miami.....	1855
Kappa Sigma.....	Baltimore.....	1857
Delta Tau Delta.....	Bethany.....	1859
Black Badge.....	Roanoke.....	"
Alpha Tau Omega.....	Va. Military Inst.....	1865
Kappa Alpha (south) Wash. & Lee Univ.....		1865
Sigma Nu.....	Va. Mil. Institute.....	1869
Pi Kappa Alpha.....	Univ. of Va.....	1869

The Delta Gamma Fraternity (ladies) of Oxford, Miss., have established in the past month, a chapter at Franklin, Ind. The existence of the new chapter is to be for a time, *sub rosa*, to all but the Phis. The organization will be of great assistance to the Indiana Delta. The Delta Gamma is a southern fraternity and the Franklin chapter is the first to be organized in the North. The Grand Chapter at Oxford, is endeavoring to establish chapters in Northern colleges, thus linking together ladies of the North and South, by ties that are tender and true—bonds of sisterhood that can never fail to exist, and golden chains of love that can never be riven.

Notes and Queries.

A RE(EN)COUNTER EXPLANATION.

MR. EDITOR:

Please allow me space in the SCROLL to state that since the counter explanation of the Ohio Eta correspondent in regard to the initiation ceremony has appeared, I desire to withdraw everything contained in my card published in the November SCROLL. I was honestly mistaken as to the import of the communication to which my card referred. The brother will understand, I hope, that the reason I wrote anonymously was to avoid a show of *egoism*.. GREEK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JEWELER.

WASHINGTON, LA., Dec. 19, 1878.

To the Executive Committee and Fraternity at large:

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

Therefore we would advise and urge our executive committee, that they appoint Messrs. L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., official jewelers of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

A. GWYN FOSTER,

W. B. SULLIVAN,

A. S. HOUGH,

Com.

ANSWER TO "CURIOUS."

EDITOR OF SCROLL:

Dear Bro: In obedience to the request in the last SCROLL, I take it upon myself to answer the questions of "CURIOUS."

1. The minutes of the convention of '78 were printed three or four months ago and can be obtained of Bro. J. C. Norris, 231 Peru St., Indianapolis, Ind. The new constitution was printed in September and any brother or chapter can obtain a copy of the undersigned by enclosing a sufficient number of stamps to pay for registering the same.

2. The only way any one can find out anything about the Ky. A., is to go to Danville and see for himself. If the chapter is living, the members have either failed to receive my heart-rending appeals for light upon this very subject, or else neglected to answer.

3. The Nebraska Alpha is a busted community. Want of opposition killed it. But just wait until Bro. Ed. Palmer of Michigan Alpha, hangs out his legal shingle in Lincoln next spring. About that time the dry bones of the Nebraska Alpha will have some life breathed into them.

Truly in the Bond,

GEO. BANTA, Franklin, Ind.

Personals.

N. R. Richardson, '81, N. C. Alpha, is teaching at Earpsboro, N. C.

C. H. Welch, Ohio Epsilon, is practicing law at Athens, Ohio.

H. K. Shaner, Penna. Gamma, is principal of Witherspoon Institute, Butler, Pa.

W. V. Catchings, Tennessee Beta, is practicing law at Vicksburg, Miss.

O. H. Anderson, Penn'a. Gamma, is residing on his farm near Six Points, Butler Co., Pa.

F. D. Cook, Tennessee Beta, is a limb of the law in San Francisco, Cal.

A query. Who will tell us what has become of Brother Hogg, formerly of Penna. Gamma?

Junius Brutus (?) Hobson, Tenn. Beta, is conducting the "Falcon" in Summerville, Tenn.

Bro. Hamilton, of Lebanon, Tenn., has settled in Nashville to practice law and will attend the meetings of Tenn. Beta. Good!

C. M. Fleming, Penna. Gamma, died of typhoid fever in July, '78, at Elk City, Pa.

V. C. Lowry, the "silvery tongued" orator of the Ohio University, is Principal of the Marshfield schools.

Ask "Dick," of the Ohio Epsilon, how many halves he has. Or Coultrap what his experience is concerning femininity.

T. Loge White, N. C. Alpha, '81, is in charge of a fine school at Red Cross, N. C., and we hear is "doing the subject justice."

G. M. Lambertson, Ind. Delta, '72, has been appointed District Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

Bro. S. B. Eccles, Ind. Beta, '81, is the "honor man" of the Sophomore class of Wabash College.

The mortality among the Democratic Congressmen at Washington is terrible for the three Phi Congressmen who are all Democrats.

Congressmen Tom Brown and Godlove Orth, of Indiana, are members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Bro. R. H. Hamilton, '77, Mo. Beta, is practicing law at Nashville, Tenn., in the same office with Bros. Taylor and Gardner.

What has become of J. W. Boyd, orator and ladies man of the Virginia Delta. It is a shame that Jim does not give the SCROLL the benefit of his pen.

P. F. Jacobs, Ohio Epsilon, is eagerly looking forward to the time when he will receive his "sheep-skin;" then to bask in the sunshine of happiness, he thinks.

Won't some brother inform us as to the whereabouts of J. B. McCabe, Va. Gamma? He has been a very enthusiastic Phi, and should be yet.

Jno. S. Kline, class of '77, Iowa Wes. Univ., and delegate to Danville Con. from Iowa Alpha, is practicing medicine in Kansas.

Jno. W. Palm, Iowa Alpha, of class '76, I. W. U. is Co. Supt. in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, is also Ed. of "Journal," and like Bro. Palm he runs both institutions with perfect satisfaction.

L. E. Bentley, Va. Delta, yarrer and vocalist, can be found at Loretto, Va. He has added a flourishing mustache to his numerous irresistibles.

Dr. W. E. Williams, Ohio Epsilon, says that Φ , Δ , Θ , is by no means the least thing in his mind, while C. A. Atkinson and J. M. Tripp, both rising young lawyers at Jackson, Ohio, carry law and Phi Delta Thetaism in conjunction with—a baby.

Captain T. W. Keitt, the initiate of the Virginia Epsilon, sends his subscription and is a sub-Professor in the Virginia Military Institute. His enthusiasm still lives, and every Phi finds in him a friend and brother.

What Chapter claims Rev. David Bittle Floyd? He has done good work in the Fraternity and ought to be heard from through the SCROLL. He may be called the father of Penna. Beta. Bro. Davy Bittle is now blowing the gospel bugle in Uniontown, Md. Let us hear from you, Brother.

THE SCROLL.

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

M. F. PARRISH, Editor, Lee, Ohio.
M. F. TROXELL, Bus. Man., . . . Gettysburg, Pa.

All communications for publication should be sent to the Editor by the 1st of each month. Business correspondence should be addressed to the Publisher.

GETTYSBURG, PA., JANUARY, 1879.

The article on our first page from Bro. J. H. Dortch, is well worth a careful reading. Who will not agree with the writer in regard to the vein of the mysterious running through our nature?

If compliments were salable, and if we felt disposed to sell, the SCROLL would be rich in a week by disposing of them at a penny a dozen. For all good wishes and encouragements—thanks. Let the good works follow, and our brothers will never be sorry.

We publish in this issue an interesting and instructive article from Bro. Lytton Taylor. Read it and be convinced that the benefits of fraternity do not cease with college life.

"There's music in the air." Read Bro. Search's column on our last page and delight "somebody" by procuring for them some choice music. We hope all the Phis will patronize our own family circle by sending to Bro. P. W. for all the music they want, particularly in view of the liberal discount offered by him to his brothers in Phi Delta Theta.

A Phi sends us a selection from Longfellow's "Hiawatha" with some similarly metered lines of his own that do not perceptibly pale in lustre when brought in juxtaposition with the lines of the great bard. We gladly give them a place.

There are more than twice as many Phis in the Tenn. Beta as there are members in both the other fraternity chapters at that place. It should be remembered that they are *sub rosa*.

We again call attention to the advertisement of H. F. Griffin, the college engraver. His engraved cards are models of beauty and should be in the hands of every student who makes any pretensions to "style."

The Virginia Delta boys come up with a report in this number—the first one, by the way, since the September issue. The difficulties in their way to prosperity are numerous, but they have surmounted most of them and are now strong in unity and fraternal love, if not in numbers. They are true workers and we confidently expect to hear of their future growth and prosperity. Frown upon everything unmanly or un-Philike in your members and you will soon win the favor and esteem of all worthy to be associated with you.

The Ohio Epsilon correspondent breaks out in a most extravagant apostrophe to something whose approach is hailed with as much rejoicing as a college vacation. Now Frank, if it is the SCROLL you mean, why that's all right and perfectly proper, but if you were thinking of your Dulcinea, we should think so wide a publication of your private feelings and interests would be scarcely excusable.

We are compelled to leave out some important matter from this issue. Our columns are somewhat crowded. The omitted matter will appear in our next number. It is highly gratifying to have sufficient subject matter and we hope our brothers will not be impatient for publication of articles, as all will appear in due time. Just here, however, we must ask the sub-Editors to shorten chapter reports. We have had to leave out several of these from this issue on account of length. Make all reports spicy and to the point.

Our Latest Born.

Hail to the Phi Delta Theta infant! We have just received intelligence of the birth of the South Carolina Alpha at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. It was founded on the 18th inst., by Bro. T. C. Du Pont, of the Georgia Beta, and has T. J. Rogers, W. D. Simpson and R. C. Rembert as charter members. The Georgia Beta characterizes these as three "splendid, solid fellows," and the second named is a son of the present Governor Simpson, of South Carolina. We are without further particulars now but will give a full account of our baby in our next issue. For the present we can only extend a most hearty welcome.

A Lively Corpse.

Just as we had properly composed ourselves to write an obituary notice of the Tennessee Beta, having of course assumed a solemn cast of countenance becoming the gravity of the subject, we received a lively report from that chapter, which at once dissipated our ideas of annihilation. We had understood from reliable sources that the "game was up," that the faculty had learned of their existence and had taken measures to exterminate them and that they had surrendered their charter. From the report it seems that they were in great danger at one time and were induced to give up their charter but subsequently took it back and are now doing well with a membership of about thirty. We can only counsel extreme caution and care. Avoid haste and make no unnecessary exposure.

Private Correspondence.

We fear the active members of the fraternity do not fully appreciate the advantages to be derived from individual correspondence. Many, we apprehend, will rely almost exclusively upon THE SCROLL for their fraternity news. Our idea of our fraternity publication has always been that it should be distinctively a news gatherer and promulgator, but a total reliance upon it in this capacity will certainly beget a fraternal

lassitude which is evidently antagonistic to the best interests of the order. Individual correspondence will bring with it a more general knowledge of the personal character, and worth of the members of the fraternity; it will disclose the actuating animus of individual members of the brotherhood; it will beget warm personal friendship between residents of remotely situated localities and with all these will evidently cause unity, strength and harmony throughout the entire order. Our conventions would be characterized by the wisdom of mature deliberation and the enthusiasm of a body of personal friends. The mistakes would be fewer and less grave. The fraternity machinery would be less complicated and the fraternity itself would become an undivided unit in the advancement of the interests and principles of our beloved order. The history of the past will bear us out in these statements and we feel justified in making them because we have already attained a high degree of excellence in these respects, and much of this result, we are sure, must be attributed to the system of individual correspondence that has been kept up among some of the most active and efficient members of the Fraternity. Association of similarly inclined minds begets thoughts and these thoughts by comparison and careful pruning are soon shorn of their incipient crudity and thus the work of advancement goes on. The record of the past is not an unenviable one, but let us make the future more productive of fruit and give to it a more glorious history. A proper use of the columns of THE SCROLL and a well sustained system of individual correspondence will be powerful factors in our future work.

This insertion will cost you nothing and may do a vast amount of good for yourself and the Fraternity. Who wants a correspondent.

Now in order to start the ball rolling, we propose to make THE SCROLL an agent. We will devote a small space to the names and addresses of those who desire correspondents in the fraternity. You may insert a line stating in what State or in what part of the country you would prefer your correspondent.

Many promises of sympathy and support have come from both active and alumni members, for all of which we are duly thankful. We trust, however, that these promises and compliments are only the precursors of the more substantial assistance that will soon follow. Give us a live, active and enthusiastic fraternity at our backs and we will send you out every month a sheet brim-full of news, wit, wisdom and Phi Delta enthusiasm. We want to waken up the whole fraternity, and every active member ought to be an agent in advancing the good work by helping to stir up the alumni. Get them to take THE SCROLL, and you will thus get them interested in the prosperity of the fraternity, and we as a body can have the value of their influence. A number have promised already to send us subscriptions and no doubt many

others are able to do so. We have adopted the cash plan to avoid all trouble in collecting by mail, and the dollar must invariably accompany the name. **THE SCROLL** is not only a fixed fact but it is an indispensable factor in the future progress of the fraternity. There was a time, perhaps, when its necessity was not so sensibly felt but that day is past: now the fraternity must have it. Every month, then, as provided in the **SCROLL ACT**, will we send out a number of our little sheet and there need be no apprehension about its failure; *it will come*. So send along your dollars, Brothers, and spend a short time each month in reviewing the most pleasant hours of your lives.

Chapter Correspondence.

National Grand.

EASTON, Pa, Jan. 11th, 1879.

Comments have not yet been fully passed on the changed appearance of the **SCROLL**. However they can scarcely be otherwise than favorable, or else the writer's pleased taste is dreamy and vacant. Our brotherly ranks are not yet full and braced for work, but we are slowly creeping back to our places. From vacation and home to college and study, is a sleepy waking, a rubbing of drowsy eyes, but a warm Phi grip and the earnest words of a brother quicken the good old life of love and enjoyment. We expect to do prompt and energetic action as a chapter. The term is favorable in every respect, and our hopes are justly bright. Financially we are getting a healthy color, heightened 'tis true occasionally by an honest blush at neglected duty.

Before I close I must add another generality, which is in brotherly praise of our Pres., Bro. Reddig, whose self-sacrifice, enthusiasm and systematic work for the Fraternity entitle him to his honors. Eyes have seen, ears heard and it has thus entered into an admiring heart to speak. Let the Frat. recognize the fact and give credit and cheer.

G. W. PLACK.

Ohio Zeta.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER,
Wooster, O., Jan., 15, 1879.

Bro. Geo. E. Patterson, an alumnus of this chapter, now studying law at Newcastle, Pa., was in the city during the holidays visiting a young person whose name for courtesy to "Pat." we will not mention for fear it might be *mis-given*. Our Junior, H(ow) W(ee) and L(ovely) (?) is again before the public as making the startling announcement that he thinks no man is justifiable in badging a girl unless he has already given his hand and heart to that young lady. But in a few days the still more startling announcement was made that this gentleman's badge was seen dangling on the breast of an L(ovely) L(ittle) W(oman) of the Junior class. We will permit you to draw your own conclusion, but would like to state that if any of you are in the least bashful, you should use the same method.

Our Sophomore still persists in going to Ashland by the same *Rho*tes, and occasionally stops by the wayside to fish for *Minnies*, of which sport he is very fond. In fact we do not know what will become of him and have given up all hope. More anon.

Yours in the Bond,

WILL. FREMONT HARN.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., Jan. 8 1879.

The new year has opened auspiciously for the Phis. At the annual contest of Buchtel College branch, Ohio Collegiate Association, held in the College Chapel last Friday evening, we certainly had no cause to complain. Bro. Wm. H. Jones received the first place in our interesting and fairly fought struggle, Bro. Herman A. Kelley, alternate. The effort of Bro. Pleasants was most creditable: a veritable "victory of the vanquished," in fact. Our Delta participated, but the conundrum of "where, oh where is he?" is mournfully echoed back as an unsolved mystery.

We have really no news to offer. All are well and, we believe, happy. Resolutions of condolence might, with propriety, be extended to our opponents. Their solitary recruit of the past six months, that *beau ideal* of college chivalry, the "gallant, gifted, glorious" Baker, has decided to swell the rank of the Esculapians, and is lost for aye. It is quite too awfully sad to contemplate, but we must have doctors. The **SCROLL** looks well in its new dress, and it is a pity that the literary excellence of the coming number should be marred by such a communication as the present. As was remarked before, however, we really have no news to offer.

Yours, &c.,

C. B. WRIGHT.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Richmond, Va., Jan. 15, 1879
DEAR BRO. EDITOR:

Although I feel rather ashamed to write to the **SCROLL** at this late day, still believing in that old proverb, "Better late than never" I do so. I don't suppose there is a single chapter in the whole fraternity that has worked harder than has ours this session. We have met regularly and have elected and asked to join us nine or ten men. Out of which number only three have consented to become Phis and have been initiated.

There are several things that have worked against us. But none so much as the report that the Beta's and K. A's have spread, to the effect that one of our last years members was caught several times attempting to listen to their proceedings. Five good men who said they would join us but for this, have gone over to the other fraternities.

At this college the Beta's have fifteen men, the K. A's seventeen, the Alpha Taus four, and last but far from least the Phi eight. Phi Delta Theta is represented at the Medical College, in the city, by four young Sawbones, who in a little while expect to be making the rounds with Mrs. Winslows Syrup and Tarrant's Seltzer Aperient in either hand. There are several Phis here and at the University of Va., who in a few years expect to be thundering away as ornaments of the bar, at the Police Court.

At the last election in the Mu Sigma Rho literary society here, one K. A., one Alpha Tau, no Betas, and three Phis were elected to offices. "We are little, but we are loud." Rest assured that, though we are small in number, we are as thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our motto as any chapter in the land and that our zeal and love for dear, old Phi Delta Theta never abates for a moment. "We happy few, we band of brothers."

Ever yours in the Bond.

JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville Tenn.,
January 16, 1879.

DEAR EDITOR OF SCROLL:

Since our last report, the Tennessee Beta has been in a most flourishing condition notwithstanding the opposition by the Theologi-

cal students, and the rumor that the Faculty had become certain of our existence, and determined to extinguish us. We have initiated eight members, and now number thirty of the "unspotted of the flock." At our next meeting we expect four or five more. We seem to "flourish and prevail" under the rose, and would scarcely wish the restriction removed, so enticing it is to "eat fruit in secret." It is true that in daylight we could have the pleasure of showing with pride our strength: but the consciousness of thriving under the same frown that withers our opponents, is almost as pleasant.

A rumor spread some weeks ago, that we were absolutely "spotted" by the Faculty, and our new boys, unaccustomed to "moving accidents" and "hair-breadth 'scapes," persuaded us to resign our charter. The scare is over and we resume our meetings Saturday night. During the scare trouble three of our boys got out the report, honorably, of course—for "they are all honorable men"—that they had organized a fraternity, called the "Gamma's," they, or one of them, belonging to that section in our chapter; and the "S. A. E's," knowing their standing, offered to take them in if they would break up, and also the other members on reputation. Our Phis refused, of course, declaring their "Gamma" was not a *local* affair, but was well able to cope with the "S. A. E's." They had *two chapters*. Others of our men have had the honor of being elected to that honorable body, but also the greater honor of spurning the proposal.

Two of our best members have withdrawn from the University—J. H. Dortch our beloved Cor. Sec., and J. C. Smith, who, in connection with J. B. Reed, planted the acorn which has become a mountain oak. We miss them very much; but the plant they nourished has become thrifty and well able to stand unsupported, except by its remaining roots.

I see by the late **SCROLL**, with which we are all highly pleased by the way, that each chapter is entitled to as many papers as it has active members. We therefore desire twenty-eight (28) copies.

Wishing every chapter in our order the success which attends our own, we remain fraternally and eternally,

Yours in the Bond,

M. S. SAMS.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind., Jan. '78.

The **SCROLL** "arrived in" safely and to say that it was appreciated by Franklin's twenty-five or thirty zealous Phi Delta Thetas is scarcely sufficient. We thought it was simply immense and if there are fifteen Phis in the United States that wish the **SCROLL** more prosperity than the Deltas of Indiana do, will you please send us a group picture of them and receive one of ours in return? And in your letter informing us that you have mailed said "photo" will you add a P. S., and tell us the size of boots each one wears? Anything in the world to lower Bro. Thomas' opinion of his feet. Since we mentioned the fact that he was no "Cinderella," in November **SCROLL**, he can scarcely contain himself. We need sympathy. What chapter will be the first to offer?

But as to our work, our prospects, &c. Since my last report we have elected two fellows whom we would like very much to call Bros. and we are working on them diligently, not without the desired effect either. I can safely assert that when we "pop the question" "to be or not to be" (a Phi) we shall be gratified with an affirmative answer. This will augment the number of the "Delta" to seventeen and considering that there are only about fifty students in college, we think we have done something big. Think of it. Over

a third of the whole number of students active members of our chapter! Is there one other chapter that can say as much? If so, we want its photo and the size of its feet.

Yet while we glory in this, we, deep down in our hearts, feel very much humiliated that our hall is not what it should be. But I am pleased to inform the SCROLL that we have been awakened to such a realizing sense of our position that *we* are going to make out of our common hall as fine a one as there is in the State. The flame of Phi Delta Theta's noble lamp has glimmered long enough in that part of our work—hereafter it shall glow brilliantly. We intend to raise the money by subscription partly, but mostly by having lectures. Our first lecture I mentioned in my last. The second will be a very prominent humorist of Cincinnati, A. Minor Griswold, more familiarly known as the "Fat Contributor."

Our chapter is quite well "badged," having four very fine jeweled badges besides numerous plain ones. We hardly agree with the brother that advocated uniformity in badges except in one particular, viz., that no Phi should allow himself to be seen wearing what is termed a "new style" shield. They are unauthorized. I came near omitting to state to the fraternity at large and especially to the Southern brother that it was Walter B. Palmer that advocated and participated in the stealing of that Pulpit from the poor, disconsolate, but true worshipping Negro congregation; nevertheless a Phi is a privileged character and can overlook one of the commandments. "What did you say?" Bro. Palmer?

Again allow me to express my admiration for the SCROLL and for our glorious fraternity.

In the Bond,

FRANK B. DAY.

Ohio Epsilon.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1879.

Oh, thou soul-inspiring and ever-welcome "ray of light," coming to us in the cold and dreary winter; diffusing warmth and brotherly love through our inmost bones, with what eagerness do we await thy coming? As we look forward to the college vacation, so do we await thee. Our holidays ended with the 6th inst., and we can earnestly say that we enjoyed ourselves "hugely;" in fact we had a "boss" time; dancing, sleighing, parties and the like. We still hold the fortress. What a noble band we are! Judging from the columns of the SCROLL, we are truly an Appollian band, captivating the hearts of the "fair sex" and winning laurels generally. Wishing you all success, and hoping you will not forget to indicate your letters "1879," I remain,

Yours truly, in the Bond,
F. J. STERNBERGER.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Albemarle County,
Jan. 12, 1879.

EDITOR OF SCROLL:

The Virginia Beta heartily congratulates the Editor and the publishers of the SCROLL on the success of the December number. It is excellent in quality and appearance. With each new issue we find ourselves growing more and more attached to our fraternity paper. Judging from the quickening influences its arrival always exercises on our interest in Phi Delta Theta matters, we recognize that the SCROLL must henceforth be as much a part of our order as is its badge. We were particularly pleased to read of the general prosperity of the Southern Chapters, for from them we hope Virginia Beta will receive year by year numerous recruits, whose efforts, uniting with ours, will advance the Beta chapter to the position in the Phi Delta

Theta fraternity, which our University occupies among American institutions of learning. It has been our aim thus far to confer the shield and dagger on those only of whose ability and manhood we were confident. Our policy has been pursued it is true at the expense of mere number but it has accomplished the far more important result of giving a significance to the possession of our badge which attaches to few others in the University. We wish always to preserve the standard we have established. While this will depend primarily on our own exertions, it will depend also indirectly on all the Southern chapters. The University of Virginia is the Harvard of the South and receives every session large members of students from other Southern Colleges. Therefore if our fraternity in sister colleges ever forgets to require the highest qualifications in the candidate for admission and receives men of an ordinary stamp, it will violate the spirit of our Bond, not only to the detriment of its own particular chapter, but will send in upon us ill-chosen brothers to tarnish the lustre of what bids fair to rank foremost among $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ chapters. We have not yet experienced any of the evil consequences which we deprecate and so far as we know every chapter in the South is worthy of its charter. We therefore have spoken candidly knowing that there is no particular reference in our remarks. We have been induced to refer to the subject by observing the disaster brought on one or two other fraternities in the University who have been cast into ill repute by unwelcome additions from other colleges in the State. We have not felt but we have seen the practical evils of spreading the branches of a fraternity in all directions and we consider the vainest boast that can be made is *number*—unless it be coupled with quality. We at present are firmly founded and our success is not a question unless it is rendered so by indiscriminate and unwise scattering of chapters through Virginia and the South, sacrificing strength to size. Such a course would add a few little twigs to the sturdy Phi Delta Theta oak but at the same time lop off a strong and vigorous limb.

We wish to express our approbation of the views of your contributor on the subject of "Our Badges." We regard the diversity exhibited in Phi Delta Theta badges as a matter needing prompt remedy. We think some definite style should be adopted and that there should be a prohibition of any deviation therefrom. If we admit and sanction every modification which the taste of the jeweller or caprice of the student may suggest, though we may continue ONE in the inner structure of our fraternity yet to the world we will appear MANY. As we present our order to the college world as a rival of others for its preference, the consciousness that we are forever the same Phi Delta Theta within, should not make us indifferent to the opinion of those who are without, for in the good opinion of others lies our future prosperity. Our new badge with its novel shape and jeweled top and short little dagger is very handsome but it is not the old familiar shield and sword which was dear to them that originated our glorious fraternity, and if they to whom we owe so many pleasant hours in our college life and such dear associations could be consulted, I imagine they would emphatically negative the new desire for novelty in what should be ever sacredly exchanged. We should respect their wishes. As great a departure from the new badge as the new badge is from the old would place it beyond recognition by Phis of ten years ago. Let us have one constitution, one purpose and one badge.

Since our last report the Virginia Beta has remained in statu quo and it has probably reached its maximum of membership for

the session 1878-79. Thirteen, they say, is an unlucky number. If so our bad luck is still before us for up to the present moment prosperity and success have been our constant companions. We have taken in altogether this year four men—Jones, of Virginia, Starnes, of Georgia and Phister, and Lewis, of Kentucky. If we are always as fortunate in our choice you will have none but favorable reports from the Beta.

Those who were at the last convention and met our delegate Bristow, will regret to learn that hard study has deranged his mind. Dr. Fletcher says it is only temporary and we hope by our next report to chronicle his return among us. We sadly miss his familiar face and cheery voice at our club meetings.

Geo. Wash. Blackstone still preserves the reputation of Phi Delta Theta among the young ladies of Charlottesville and we have the pleasure every Sunday of seeing the prettiest young lady in town wear the prettiest badge in the University to Church. "Black" himself isn't by any means an Adonis, but he is a first class judge of beauty. Rumor, always rife, says beauty and brains will soon unite.

Bro. Starnes, the dark eyed, poetic Georgian, with the Roman name and Grecian profile, joined a serenading party the other night who went down to Charlottesville and let their souls ascend in song under the windows of sundry sleeping beauties. When they got ready for their first song the serenaders found they had a quartette without Valerius. He afterwards remarked that he "felt like a little nigger following around a brass band."

I would like to tell you something about our hall and its fittings, which owes its rich furniture and handsome ornaments chiefly to the liberality of our Kentucky Cræsus—little Joe. Chenault, but I fear I already have exceeded the just limits of a report to the SCROLL. With best wishes for the SCROLL's future,

Yours in the Bond.

R. A. JACKSON.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C., Jan. 13, 1879.

The December number of the SCROLL is before us and we are highly pleased with it and think the improvement is worthy of the commendation of every Phi. The N. C. Alpha is still in a flourishing condition and have hopes that we will one day rank among the brightest stars in the Phi Delta Theta constellation. At our last meeting we initiated W. S. Tyson into the mysteries of the fraternity. We use the ritual for opening, closing and initiatory ceremonies, gotten up by Bro. W. B. Palmer, and think it a great improvement on the order of proceeding laid down in the new constitution. The N. C. Alpha can boast of some as bright intellects as may be found anywhere. We have Bro. G. T. Sikes, '80, who is taking the Sophomore and Junior course at the same time and it rejoices our hearts to see his immense effort crowned with such brilliant success. Bro. W. S. Tyson, '82, bids fair to take an honor in his class. In the Literary Societies we hold a good hand, as the majority of officers in both were filled by Phis last quarter and still we have officers in each. Bro. Bulla has especially been favored in the Hesperian Society and our hearts have been rejoiced oftentimes to see him holding the highest offices that either the school or society could give him. In the Columbian Society, Bros. Holland and Sikes are the two most prominent contestants for the debater's medal, and the beauty of the whole thing is, that neither cares to which one it is awarded; both are given up to be among the best if not alto-

gether superior to any member of the society. At our next meeting we propose to initiate an '82 man, who has been and is still being ardently solicited by the Chi Phi and the Alpha Tau Omega, but he has decided to wear the shield and dagger and cast his lot with us. Our place of meeting is a splendid room on the third floor of the college building, free entirely from all eaves-droppers, &c. Our chapter has a much stronger hold here by far, than has any other fraternity. Our chapter was organized only last winter and the chapters of the other fraternities were organized in 1870 and '71. Three of our boys bid us a long farewell just before Christmas and it was with sad hearts we shook the hands of Bros. Bell, Richardson and Pair; than whom noller Phis never lived. Hoping to see good news in the next number of the SCROLL, we remain as ever, in the Bond,

WILL D. BROWNE.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.

January 13, 1879.

Since our last report we have made one addition to our ranks. We now number twenty. They are, as our sub-Editor told you, the pick of college in mind and morals. We have planted our banner above every other here and we intend to stand by it. We can boast of having the LONGEST man in the Freshman class and the SHORTEST man in the Senior class. By a strange coincidence these two men stand at the head of their respective classes.

As our honored sub-Editor indulged in a few personals in his last letter he will no doubt pardon me if I follow suit.

We can boast of a King among us who is indeed a KING in the musical art. We can also boast of an highly honored member who is conceded to be the finest speaker in Emory College. He came from the swamps of Florida and just to look at him you would not think that he was MUCH. But in a debate he proves himself a giant indeed. He probably does more work and exerts more influence for Phi Delta Theta here, than any other single member. Our honored sub-Editor, for some reason, failed to mention him in his personals. Can you not guess why, Bro. Editor?

We hailed with renewed delight the advent of the Dec. SCROLL in its new dress. We may well feel proud of it. Long may it wave in the prayer of all true Phis.

Fraternally Yours,

J. B. GREENE, Cor. Sec.

Virginia Alpha.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VA.

January, 1879.

We have not felt a desire to report the condition of our chapter, on account of our small membership, this session. We have only five members. Last session our number was much larger, averaging, during the session, about twelve zealous and patriotic brothers. Many of our old members failed to return after the holidays; and we have made no accessions from new students. In fact, there is scarcely any one in college whom we would care to have as a member of our brotherhood. Other fraternities here have shared in our misfortunes in not getting new members. Only one man could pass our RIGID PRELIMINARY INSPECTION, but we failed to initiate this one. The college is absolutely destitute of material upon which to operate. But, although it is our ambition to make the Va. Alpha as good as any of our sister chapters, still, we can not speak altogether disparagingly of our present condition; for we are ahead of any other fraternity at Roanoke. We have now one member more than any of our rival chapters; and in material we are

decidedly "the top of the pot." Our men are all good students. You can put us down for the Valedictory. We are unrivalled for that honor. Promising that our next shall be a more extensive and comprehensive report, I humbly ask your indulgence for this poor effort.

C. L. THURMOND, JR.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASHINGTON, Penn'a., Jan. 11, 1879.

THE SCROLL in its new dress has come to Wash. and Jeff. We are all pleased with her appearance. May all Phis fall more deeply in love with her and cherish her more than ever before. Our present term opened on the 8th inst. Our brothers have not all returned, but their "reports" as far as heard from for last term compare favorably with those of others in their several classes. To give our sister chapters a faint idea of the work done by brother Phis in Wash. and Jeff., I give the rank of some of our first men. The Senior class numbers thirty-four. The first man is a "barb;" the second an Alpha Gamma, the third a Phi Delta Theta; the fourth an Alpha Gamma; the fifth a Phi Delta Theta, &c. In the Junior class, Phi Delta Kappa, first; Phi Kappa Psi, second; Phi Delta Theta, third, &c. In the Sophomore class, Phi Delta Theta, first; Alpha Gamma, second; "barb," third, &c. In the Freshman class, Delta Tau Delta, first; Phi Delta Theta, second, &c. We are holding our own and that against worthy men.

The Pres. of Wash. and Jeff. College, Rev. Geo. P. Hays, D. D., has resigned. He is going into other business for the good of the college. His resignation has not been accepted by the Trustees and it is probable that he will resume the duties of his office in a year or two. Arrangements have been made by which his educational and executive duties are faithfully and competently discharged. The college will not suffer from his absence, but we miss him very much indeed. I sent a report for the Dec. number of THE SCROLL to Chas. Boaz, who formerly had charge of the correspondence with chapters, but we see that it did not appear. Wishing our new Publisher abundant success. I remain a sincere Phi.

NEWT. DONALDSON.

Mississippi Gamma.

UNIVERSITY OF MISS., Oxford, Miss.,

January 2d, 1879.

Our University opened on 22d Nov. 1878, with five of the Phis present to carry on the good work of the fraternity, and with their characteristic zeal under whatever circumstances they may be placed, they have been earnestly engaged in advancing the interests of our band, and the consequence is they have added five new names to their list, among whom was the writer. We expect at our next meeting to initiate another member. So with two of the old members who have lately returned we number one whole dozen. By earnest work and patience we are rising by degrees, and ere long we hope to surpass the opposing fraternities, which have such a decided advantage in respect to age, some of them having been in operation here for many years. We have received the new constitution and all of our members are pleased with it—willingly giving it the place of the old.

Gen. A. P. Stuart, Chancellor of our University, gives us the benefit of his influence which is no small consideration to a chapter striving to gain a reputation second to none.

With a happy greeting to the brother Phis everywhere, and wishing them a happy New Year, I remain yours,

Fraternally,

R. C. REDUS.
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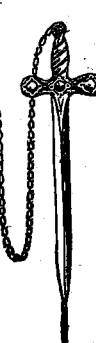
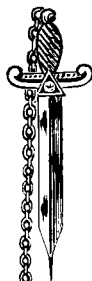
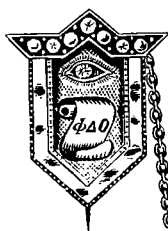
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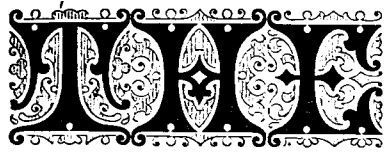
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My Mother.

My mother, when thou watched with anxious
care

The bright beginning of a life of fear,
When oft above my sleeping pillow smiled.
And stooped to kiss thy little fair haired child;
Or pressed me to thy own maternal heart,
Didst then thou think that we would ever part?
But such it was. When told the dreadful truth
How vanished all the happy dreams of youth!
My heart, all broken 'neath the cruel blow,
Sunk crushed forever in its bitter woe.
Bereft of hope, even bereft of peace,
It bled, nor would the deepening anguish cease.
For I had fondly dreamed that nought should
tear

Me from the one that was so doubly dear.
Too vainly thought, tho' grief and pains betide,
To linger still and love by mother's side.

They tell me I shall soon be used to this;
That I shall soon forget the hours of bliss,
Which I have spent in childhood round thy
knee;

That I shall cease to think of *home* and *thee*.
They know not filial love or anguish deep
Who thus would lull my sorrowing soul to sleep.
Be friends and all that's dear forgot,
But never could I once forget the spot,
Where every nook, and each familiar place,
Is sweetly hallowed by a mother's face.

Tho' lost to view, yet still in dreams I see
Thy smiling face, which oft hath beamed on me.
Still on my head thine own dear hands are laid,
That once were wont to bless me while I prayed;
When tripping to thy side, and kneeling there,
I lowly lisped to God my evening prayer;
And thy sweet hands would cool my fevered
brow—

Oh! as I felt them then I feel them now!—
And still in troubled dreams I seek thy breast
And nestle like a frightened bird to rest.
There, oft besought, confess some childish grief;
Still sure to find in thee a sweet relief;
For in thy heart's own placid depths I know
Is balm for every wound, comfort for every woe.

And still I feel thy loving arms entwine,
That drew my throbbing heart so close to thine;
And still I feel the kiss, the quick embrace,
Still see the stifled anguish in thy face;
And still the dreary parting word I hear.
Within thine eye still see the heart-sent tear;—
Still hear the hopeless sob I heard *that day*,
When, wrung with grief, I slowly turned away.

Oh! linger yet, ye pleasant memories, ye,
Who oft consoled, oh! stay and comfort me!
Still let me sigh my secret woe along.
Till heart, and hope, and life, and all is gone!
Still let me shed the pure, the filial tear
With none to scorn, or none to pity near.

But we shall meet again, my mother, thou,
And I shall see thee as in fancy now.
Once more thou'lt greet thy wanderer with a
kiss,

And welcome him to *thee*, and *home*, and *bliss*!

STANNY SAMS.

Vanderbilt University,
Jan. 18th 1879.

True greatness is to make the world
better for having lived in it.

Conscientious Scruples Against Fraternities.

That conscience is a moral guide is almost universally admitted by moral scientists and philosophers. It is not therefore our purpose to detain our readers with any arguments in proof of this point; we consider it sufficiently well established to answer our present purpose. As such a guide, its office is to judge right from wrong—to decide between good and evil. When, therefore, men conscientiously decide against fraternities, one of two things must be true: either fraternities are morally wrong—inherently evil, or those who claim to have conscientious scruples against them are mistaken. For unless there exists an actual, inherent evil in them, conscience has no part in the matter. Let us see what is the true state of the case.

We ask therefore:

1. Is there anything inherently evil in the secrecy of the fraternities? Certainly no evil can be found. For what is there about us that is not robed in secrecy? Secrecy is a part of our nature; it forms a part of our every-day life. I presume those who are most zealous in denouncing fraternities would be slow to admit that there is any evil in secrecy. Many of them belong to literary or other associations in which they are bound to keep such secrets as may be deemed expedient. If therefore there is any inherent evil in secrecy they are inconsistent with themselves. In order to be consistent they must denounce all these as evil. Besides these we can only mention the family circle, personal friends, &c., all having their secrecies. Hence we presume all will admit that the evil does not consist in the secrecy.

2. Can there be any evil in the pledge or form of initiation?

Here again we can meet our "conscientious" friends on their own ground. We pledge ourselves to do this and to do that; but they have in all proba-

bility taken as many pledges as we. In some institutions, (e. g., a Collegiate institution,) they pledge their word and honor that they will live in accordance with the rules and regulations of the institutions. When this is not the case they take a similar pledge upon their admission to a literary society. Or probably some of them have taken a legal oath before a judge at the bar. Now fraternity pledges are no more binding than any of these. The same principle pervades them all. Hence if a pledge or oath is wrong or inherently evil in one case it must be in all. Were the evil existing here our "conscientious friends would again be found to be inconsistent.

3. Is there anything in the general working of the fraternities that looks like fostering evil?

The general object of fraternities is the higher attainment of intellectual culture, the development of our social faculties, friendship, "Brotherly Love," &c.

All these are in harmony with our general college work and with the teachings of the "Book of Books." As a band of brothers we endeavor to render mutual aid in the attainment of these objects. In all this there is nothing that interferes with our religion or our general work. Hence there can be nothing morally wrong in the general workings of fraternities.

What then is the matter? If there is nothing morally wrong, if there is no inherent evil to be discovered, what has conscience to do with deciding either for or against fraternities? Those who claim to be conscientiously opposed to fraternities confound *conscience* with *reason*. By a certain process of reasoning they conclude that fraternities are an unprofitable organization. It therefore becomes a matter of reason and judgment, and not of conscience.

We feel sorry therefore for those men who recently withdrew from one of our Western chapters, in obedience to

the dictates of conscience. We hope they will ever after this be equally obedient to the same.

In conclusion it will suffice to say that all such as thus think they have a call from a "*tender conscience*" and ought to obey it, when they are moved by reason, or, probably more properly speaking, are moved by a personal, selfish prejudice, are unworthy of a home in our beloved Phi Delta Theta.

J. C. J.

Relation of Fraternity to Country.

ED. SCROLL:

A few weeks ago a prominent and once active member of our fraternity in the South, remarked in a communication relating to fraternity matters that his principal object in joining the fraternity, was to cultivate acquaintances and friendships outside of his own circumscribed section and especially to extend his knowledge of men and motives into the North. The remark contains hidden in it the germ from which I have developed the appended thoughts.

Our obligations to our Creator are paramount to every other; next to these are our duties to our country. Citizenship in such a country as ours is a God-given boon. But ignorance, crime and corruptions would beget anarchy, and citizenship would then be a disgrace. There is a grave responsibility then resting on some one to maintain the moral dignity of our institutions; to uphold the time honored and bed-rock principles of universal freedom and equality, to insure not merely an automatic enunciation of these principles but an honest and impartial carrying of them to their practical and legitimate results. On whom does this responsibility rest? Can we trust it to the ignorant? There is already too much power exercised by the illiterate. Experience, judgment, knowledge of men and facts, all the requisites to success are wanting. Shall political demagogues administer these sacred trusts? Must principle be sacrificed to selfish motive and our noble institutions to personal aggrandizement? I think every honest Phi will cry out against this. Where then shall we go? We almost instinctively turn, as the great mass of American citizens are

turning to the scholarship of the country. Wherever ignorance is found, there prevail superstition, crime, want and all the long train of evils that follow in its wake. Not the education of the few but the enlightenment of the masses will avail to turn the tide of popular sentiment into the proper channel. Educators should exert themselves to give the common people an adequate knowledge of History, Political Economy and the Constitution with the basal principles of government, rather than the classics and sciences and philosophies to the few. When we have a practical realization of this, demagogues will be without employment; unscrupulous place hunters will attempt in vain to prostitute the very manhood of an independent suffragist with a bribe; the purity of the ballot will be sturdily maintained as the strong bulwark of American liberty, and injustice will scarcely dare to raise her craven head.

But I must hasten to my application. Fraternity represents scholarship. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is sending out into the world every year perhaps only a few men, but they are men of scholarly attainments, men accustomed to organized thought, men whose opinions command respect and attention. The guarded counsel of this favored few is more potent than the unthought-prate of the illiterate many. They mould public sentiment. They make themselves felt wherever they go. The country must eventually stand or fall by the influence of just such. But fraternity represents more than scholarship. Educated fraternity accomplishes more than scholarship alone can accomplish. If based upon principles as ennobling and eternal as those which underlie our beloved order, fraternity must extend sympathy and aid to the advancement of everything elevating and purifying in its tendency; it must lend its strong arm to the maintenance of justice; it must labor unitedly and harmoniously for the accomplishment of one grand purpose. Educated fraternity men have an advantage over educated non-fraternity men in that they know the motives and appreciate the efforts of their brothers wherever they may labor. While we may be compelled to give some credence

to the reports of corruption in high places, impurity of the ballot and other disgraceful abuses of the principles of true government that daily fill the columns of our political press in all parts of the country, every Phi Delta can assert with positive assurance that there are men scattered all over this fair land of ours who frown upon all such demonstrations as hostile to national peace and prosperity; who guard our venerable institutions with a zealous eye and who give not only their influence but their more substantial aid to the maintenance of honesty and purity. He knows it because they have been educated in a school whose fundamental principle is pure and eternal as truth. The Bond of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity imposes obligations to noble and honest living so sacred that they are not easily broken.

I would say in conclusion that we should not wait to be carried into governmental affairs. The great demand of the country is for educated honesty; honest legislators, honest executives, honest judges. Duty to country should impel us. This thought has been so beautifully expressed by Samuel F. Hunt, in an address on the "Claims of Country on the Scholarship of the Land" that I append this extract:

"Citizenship is only something when country is something. Scholarship can not afford to assume a dignity greater than the nation. Scholarship cannot afford to wait to be invited to public life; it must go from a grander impulse than self. It should not reserve itself for the mere stately occasions which are periodical, nor should it act alone in the more critical emergencies of society which are but temporary. Cincinnatus left his plow and only returned when he had rendered full service to his country. Nothing is unworthy of the best thought in science or literature or law which may contribute in any way to the welfare of man and the safety of the Republic. When the politician was silent, and the press muffled, and even the pulpit held its tongue, the scholar of Massachusetts was eloquent over the barbarism of slavery. It would be a calamity, hardly less terrible in its consequences than civil war itself, if the men of letters should, voluntarily or involuntarily, be divorced from all active sympathy with their political and social institutions. The aim of all generous scholarship should be toward creating and keeping alive a sound public opinion upon all subjects

of morality, philosophy, of science and politics. In a Republic where the whole people legislate and public sentiment is the supreme law, the intellectual and moral culture of the nation should be elevated to a right conception of justice. It was written in one of the old Egyptian temples, "Know ye that govern that God hates injustice." There is but one means to render a government firm, and that is by justice, said Carnot, when the question was debated whether the Imperial Crown should be offered to Napoleon in order to render the government stable. The great Dramatist says:

Corruption wins not more than honesty;
Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace,
To silence envious tongues. Be just and fear
not;
Let all the ends thou aimest at be thy country's,
Thy God's, and truth's." ALUMNUS.

Other Fraternities.

The Kappa Sigmas have lost their charter at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.

In the Black Badge Fraternity a Barbarian is admitted on a *two-thirds* vote. This perhaps accounts for some of the material composing chapters of the B. B. within our knowledge.

Beta Theta Pi has removed from his enviable position the official Jeweler at New Haven, Conn., and settled on a party in New York. A *third* style of badge is added to the two designs already extant.

It is reported that the Phi Chis are endeavoring to "hold a fort" in Alabama A. and M. College. But there are not men enough there to man it.

The Gamma Chi Beta of Gettysburg, Pa., is the youngest fraternity of which we know and for its age is right lively. It was founded in February, 1878. Recently they held their first anniversary in their fine hall, following up literary exercises with a banquet. The whole affair passed off pleasantly. Our President Reddig acknowledges receipt of an invitation.

Beta Theta Pi has thirty-two living chapters, divided into five districts. Very many of the chapters are located in Colleges which though once in a flourishing condition have now decayed and can barely hold their heads above water, such as Centre College, Ky., William and Mary, Va., Bethany, W. Va., and some others. We have a complete list of the chapters of this fraternity with place of location which with some other items of interest pertaining to the fraternity we will give next month. The following is an item from their paper:

"A noble 'dorg' is to be sacrificed to WOOLIN in two weeks. All members stopping in the city are invited to be present and assist in the sacred rite."

The Alpha Tau Omegas were organized by a man by the name of Terrill, in Rockbridge county, Va. Their first chapter was planted at Va. Military Institute, about the year 1850. Their first charter member was Packet Glazebrook, now a member of the Episcopal ministry. Their first meeting was beneath a rock in the vicinity of the Institute. They have a symbolical alphabet in which they correspond and a uniform and regalia which

they wear in meetings. Their latest extension is at Johns Hopkins University where they have established a chapter.

The following is a list of the Chapters of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, taken from its 1877 catalogue:

Alumni Chapter, Alpha, Atlanta, Ga., founded 1872, members 11. Ky. Alpha, Forest Academy, Anchorage, Ky., founded 1877, members 6. Beta, Univer. of Ga., Athens, Ga., founded 1866, members 122. Beta, beta, Howard College, Marion, Ala., founded 1870, suspended 1872, members 20. Gamma, Univer. of Miss., Oxford, Miss., founded 1865, suspended 1869, members 33. Epsilon, East La. State Seminary Baton Rouge, La., founded 1867, members 24. Zeta, Miss. College, Clinton, Miss., founded 1871, suspended 1871, members 9. Eta, Oglethorpe Univer., Midway, Ga., founded 1860, suspended 1861, members 12. Tenn. Eta, West Tenn. College, (now Southern Baptist Univer.) Jackson, Tenn., founded 1867, members 31. Theta, Baylor Univer., Independence, Tex., founded 1859, suspended 1861, members 9. Va. Theta, Va. Mil. Inst., Lexington, Va., founded 1873, suspended 1874, members 5. Iota, Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., founded 1858, suspended 1861, members 17. Kappa, William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., founded 1858, suspended 1861, members 9. Lambda, Cumberland Univer., Lebanon, Tenn., founded 1859, suspended 1861, revived 1868, suspended 1870, members 31. Mu, Univer. of Ala., Tuscaloosa, Ala., founded 1856, suspended 1860, members 8. Nu, Univer. of Nashville, (now Vanderbilt Univer.) Nashville, Tenn., founded 1857, suspended 1861, revived 1870, members 63. Xi, Univer. of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C., founded 1857, suspended 1862, members 25. Omicron, Univer. of Va., Charlottesville, Va., founded 1858, suspended 1861, revived 1865, members 85. Pi, Ga. Mil. Inst., Marietta, Ga., founded 1859, suspended 1861, revived 1873, suspended 1874, members 29. Rho, Columbia College, Washington, D. C., founded 1858, suspended 1862, revived 1867, suspended 1867, members 28. Rho, rho, N. C. Mil. Inst., Charlotte, N. C., founded 1877, members 11. Sigma, Washington and Lee Univer., Lexington, Va., founded 1877, members 46. Phi, Furman Univer., Greenville, S. C., founded 1869, members 47. Chi, (Grand Chapter) Ky. Mil. Inst., Farmdale, Ky., founded 1858, suspended 1861, revived 1868, members 68. Psi, Mercer Univer., Macon, Ga., founded 1870, members 46. Omega, Union Univer., Murfreesboro', Ky., founded 1859, suspended 1861, revived 1871, suspended 1873, members 21. Total number of members 794.

Personals.

B. C. Voorhees, Ohio Epsilon, is attending the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati.

Wm. Williams, Ohio Epsilon, is a successful medical practitioner at Jackson, Ohio.

Bro. L. H. Reynolds, '77, Ind. Gamma, is now studying law in Indianapolis.

Bro. John R. Woodward, '76, Ind. Gamma is practicing law at New Castle, Ind.

Monroe McClurg, Miss. Alpha, has taken B. L. degree and is behind a law shingle in Vaiden, Miss.

Jas. M. Tripp, '77, Ohio Epsilon, wants all his friends to know that he is papa. We believe "it" is of the male persuasion.

Bro. W. T. Mason, '76, Ind. Gamma, is Pastor of the Christian Church at Fort Wayne, Ind. He delivered the anniversary address before the Philokurian Society of Butler University last term.

W. J. Alexander, Penna. Alpha, in a prospectus announces himself Principal of an Academy to be opened April 1st, at Saltsburg, Pa.

S. J. Tomlinson, '75, Ind. Gamma, is now Pastor of Olive Branch, Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind., and is meeting with success.

A. B. Thrasher, Ind. Gamma, who was one of the former Editors of the SCROLL, is now attending Medical School at Cincinnati, Ohio.

F. A. Lewter's address is Scotland Neck, N. C. He was initiated into the Va. Delta the first year of its existence and has always remained loyal to the cause.

Bros. F. W. Winter and Al. C. Jennis, '76, Iowa Wes. Univ., will soon graduate in the Med. Dept. of Iowa State Univ., at Iowa City.

Bro. J. T. Burton, '77, Ind. Gamma, is now principal of the Irvington Public Schools. This is his second year in that position. He is giving good satisfaction.

V. C. Stiers, Ohio Epsilon, '74, is one of the most successful farmers and fine stock raisers in southern Ohio. He lives in Hocking county, near Logan.

Geo. O. Roper, Va. Delta, can usually be found at Bowling Green, Va. There is some hope of him gladdening the hearts of the Richmond College Phis, by his presence next year.

H. W. Coultrap, Ohio Epsilon, has, after a few years of successful effort, firmly established himself in the good will of the people and consequently in a lucrative practice of the law at McArthur, Ohio.

General T. J. Morgan, D. D., Indiana Delta, 1861, Professor in Chicago Theological Seminary, has a leave of absence and is going with his family across the water. THE SCROLL wishes the Doctor and his family *bon voyage*, a pleasant visit and a safe return. We are sure that all Phis will echo the kindly sentiment expressed in the following clipped from a late issue of *The Standard*, of Chicago:

"It is with a kind of sorry-glad feeling that we announce the fact that Dr. T. J. Morgan, of the Theological Seminary, has taken passage for himself and family in the *Ethiopia*, of the Anchor Line of steamers, for Glasgow, to sail on the 8th of March. We are glad for him and them, sorry for the left-behind ones, including especially ourselves. No man has better earned this opportunity for travel and study than Dr. Morgan, and no man could use it better than he will. He expects to return, we believe, about the opening of the next seminary year. His wife and son will remain abroad for another year, when he is to go back for them. However the wind may set in other respects, there will be a perfect gale of good wishes blowing fair and free for them over the sea. Dr. Morgan expects to spend most of his time, while absent, at Leipsic, Germany."

Notes.

Tennessee Beta has over one-half Commencement speakers this year.

On the Spring Exhibition of the Pythonian Society of Butler University, the first and second orators, and first essayist, are Phis.

The Annual Commencement of the Virginia Medical College, takes place in Mozart Hall, Richmond, on March 1st, 1879. Bro. Wm. S. Gordon is Valedictorian, and Bros. C. H. Chalkley and W. R. Savage are on the Reception Committee. All three are Alumni of the Va. Delta.



A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

M. F. PARRISH, Editor, Lee, Ohio.
M. F. TROXELL, Bus. Man., . . . Gettysburg, Pa.

All communications for publication should be sent to the Editor by the 1st of each month. Business correspondence should be addressed to the Publisher.

GETTYSBURG, PA., FEBRUARY, 1879.

In accordance with our proposition in our last issue we will publish names and addresses of all Phis who desire to open correspondence with brother Phis. We present the first candidate this month.

Bro. L. D. Rogers, Indiana Alpha, Ind. State University, Bloomington, Ind., desires to open correspondence. East or South is preferred. Next!

There seems to be considerable trouble about securing funds owed the Grand Banker. This has caused a very great amount of trouble and vexation to the Business Manager of the SCROLL, and has also entailed upon him a great deal of work not properly belonging to his position. The trouble lies either with the G. B. or the chapters owing the G. B.; with which is not exactly known to the Business Manager. There are times when forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and unless there is some remedy there will be some plain words in next issue of the SCROLL. Chapters know their duty, and knowing it there is but one thing to do and that to fulfil it. It is to be hoped that a word is sufficient.

There are some chapters that have sent us no report since the re-issuing of the SCROLL began. The Business Manager sends out cards monthly to all chapters asking for reports to be sent promptly to the Editor, but some of our chapters never acknowledge receipt of card, papers, or any thing else. This is wrong. After this issue the Business Manager desires to know from EACH CHAPTER if the number of SCROLLS sent is correct. If silent chapters persist in remaining dumb, they may find themselves without the monthly visit of our journal. It is highly important that this matter receive attention, and we kindly beg of the Sub-Editors a speedy reply to this squib.

Fraternity Extension.

In November last Bro. Walter B. Palmer, of the Tenn. Beta, opened a correspondence with Mr. T. I. Rogers, of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., in regard to establishing a chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at that place. Mr. Rogers proved himself to be a gentleman of as sterling worth as he had been represented, and favoring the proposition of Bro. Palmer, thought a chapter would be started. Most of the good material had been taken, but some of the best still remained. Permission having been obtained

from the proper authorities to proceed, Mr. Rogers went cautiously to work to procure associates. Bro. Palmer then wrote the Ga. Beta, asking them, as they were the nearest chapter, to send a delegate to Wofford. With characteristic readiness to advance the interests of the fraternity, the Ga. Beta sent, at her own expense, Bro. T. C. Du Pont to establish the chapter. On Jan. 18th he initiated in the Spartanburg Hotel Messrs. Thos. I. Rogers, '80, W. D. Simpson, '82, and Rob't Rembert, '83. These three young men are men of ability and merit, and are full of pluck and enthusiasm. We confidently expect to hear soon of an increase in the triad. Their rivals are Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi and Chi Psi. Wofford College is a Methodist institution, founded in 1853, with \$100,000 worth of property and an endowment of \$60,000. It has eight professors and one hundred and twenty-five students. This is the only place in the State where fraternities are allowed, but is also the only place where we want a chapter. This fills out nicely the southern list, and now Phi Delta Theta is without doubt the fraternity in the South.

All honor is due Bro. Palmer for his active interest in this matter and to Bro. Du Pont and Ga. Beta for their noble and ready response to the call. And may the South Carolina Alpha, now so young and numerically weak, grow strong with age and wise with experience, and become one of the most brilliant luminaries in the southern constellation of Phi Delta Theta.

Who will make the next score?

Alumni Chapters.

We have received for publication a copy of the Constitution of Alumni Chapters of Phi Delta Theta, "as ratified by the National Grand, Nov. 9th, 1876." Inasmuch as its publication would occupy several columns of our space, we do not feel at liberty to print the whole Constitution unless there is urgent necessity for so doing. We give below, as briefly as possible, a synopsis showing the principal features of a more general nature, and will furnish further information at the written request of Alumni Phis.

Article I. pertains to Organization of Chapters. A Charter will be granted to not less than six Phis residing in same vicinity. Chapters shall be numbered in same manner as active chapters with "Alumni" before letter denoting number.

Art. II. pertains to Membership. Any alumnus to become a member of alumni chapter must present petition in accordance with Form "G" as appended to the Constitution of the order. Pledges of secrecy are equally binding with alumni and active chapters.

Art. III. pertains to Officers. Of these there shall be President, Recorder, Warden and Historian. The sections of this Art. give duties of officers, etc. Elections shall be held twice each year at regular meetings only.

Art. IV. pertains to Meetings, which shall be held at least once every six weeks.

Art. V. pertains to New Chapters, which may be organized on the petition of six or more alumni Phis to their State Alumni Grand, or to the National Alumni Grand, according to Form "G" of Constitution.

Art. VI. pertains to SCROLL Reports, etc. Each alumni chapter shall be required to report to SCROLL, and shall be subject to same penalties as active chapters in case of delinquency. Each chapter shall be entitled to one delegate in National Conventions of the Fraternity.

Art. VII. pertains to Organization. The alumni chapter at Franklin, Indiana, shall be the National Grand Alumni Chapter, and shall have power to grant charters, to annul any charter granted by it, and to decide all appeals brought to it by other chapters, but any brother not satisfied with its decision may appeal to the National Grand at Easton, Pennsylvania.

Art. VIII. relates to Punishments. Each chapter shall have power to censure, suspend, or expel any member violating Bond or Constitution, by proceeding according to proper articles and sections in Constitution of the Order.

Art. IX. pertains to Literary Exercises and Art. X. pertains to By-Laws.

Official Jeweler.

The report of the committee appointed at the Wooster Convention, on Official Jeweler, has been adopted by the Executive Committee. We hope and expect that good will result from the change, as we now have a Jeweler pledged to uniformity in style of badges. We append the action of the Executive Committee and strongly endorse their report. We give the report in full:

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, Shippensburg, Pa.,
February 13, 1879.

Brothers of the Phi Delta Theta:

Your Executive Committee accept the report of the Com. on National Jeweler, as found in January SCROLL, and having notified Messrs. L. G. Burgess' Son & Co., of their appointment, received the following in reply:

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11th, 1879.

MR. C. J. REDDIG, PRES.,

Dear Sir: Your favor has been received, and we can assure you that the information it conveyed gave us much pleasure.

We shall make it our aim to maintain a uniformity both in the design and quality of our Badges.

We have so reduced the price of our Badges from what they were formerly that we can scarcely afford to make a further one, but will make this exception. On orders for three Badges and upwards, will allow five per cent. and will so inform the chapters in our correspondence.

With thanks for your kind wishes, we are,
Yours Respectfully,
L. G. BURGESS' SON & CO.

Having, therefore, appointed a National Jeweler and received special terms, we urge upon each member the necessity of possessing a Badge and of purchasing it only from one National Jeweler.

A price list will be furnished on application to the Jeweler, and all orders must be endorsed by the chapter Secretary.

C. J. REDDIG,
J. C. NORRIS,
C. D. WHITEHEAD,
GEO. W. PLACK.
Exec. Com.

Chapter Correspondence.

National Grand.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 11th, 1879.

What about the "National Grand" now? Have we whereof to commiserate, expostulate and congratulate? Listen!

We are in debt. Hot! Sweating! Hungry flies! And what is sardonically amiable we have had repeated revelations made to us that we are actually in debt. Who has not heard of Prometheus and the Vultures? So we, bound, taunted and torn, commiserate "Mongst horrid dens, and stares and plagues unseemly." In addition we have been subjected to the tender mercies of G. B. There is however this much comfort that we have paid our "SCROLL" tax (put that in italics) and have our room rent considerably reduced for the coming year. We expostulate against the lack of business interest and enterprise in the fraternity, having seen the beam in our own eye. Are we rightly alive to our interests? No encouragement, suggestion or help comes to us from any of the chapters. Our efficiency must essentially depend on the campaign spirit of the fraternity at large. Rally brothers! Our watchword and motto deserve to be the language of Phis yet unborn.

We congratulate ourselves on our sweeping success in "Class Day Elections." Bros. McCauley, Dietzler and Plack, respectively, Salutatorian, Historian and Prophet—all to the bitter aggravation of other less favored fraternities. In fact we are going to shine right through commencement. Jones and Tegawo (familiarily known as our "Jap") will more than likely take speeches. How is that? Especially when set off with dark scowls and brooding jealousies. Only keeping up our past reputation.

G. W. PLACK.

Ohio Epsilon.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens Ohio,

February 14, 1879.

In order that you may know that a spark of Phi Deltaism yet remains, and is being gently fanned into a glowing coal, we submit the following.

At our last meeting it was decided to have a "blow-out," a term which we trust is quite familiar with our Editor; as we think we can see him of old, making a conspicuous figure at our table, and trying to hide behind a "mountain" of peanut hulls.

We need only to say that peanuts, candies, figs, sardines, &c., were among the luxuries. In other words it was a "Phi bum" of the first order. [Should like to have been with you Phil. Ed.]

The other Frats. here are not very flourishing. The Betas are few in number, but have some good men. The Deltas number eight or nine, but they consist of poor material. Their aim is members, not men. If they fail to get men of the first water, they are content to take them from the second, and often from the third or fourth.

But rather than have men from any except the first class, we feel content to wait for a man who we think is worthy to take a place with us and help us battle for the right. May success attend you all.

Yours in the Bond,
PHILANDER JACOBS.

Texas Beta.

TRINITY COLLEGE, Tehuacana, Texas.

January 27th, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

The fraternity at this place, has begun the work of a new and we trust a prosperous era.

The spring term of this session opened last Monday, the 20th inst., with as prosperous and encouraging an outlook as any we have ever known. It has brought with it quite a number of good looking and intelligent boys, and the Phis seem to be wide-awake as to their interests, and will lose no time in securing such as seem worthy of the honor of becoming one of our number.

Bro. W. J. Johnson, who has been absent from us for some time past, honored us by his appearance at our last meeting, and we are glad to announce that he will remain with us this spring.

The Literary Societies of old Trinity have had their celebrations, in which the Phis were largely represented and acquitted themselves as well as could be expected, better even than any Beta Thetas or Alpha Gammas.

We were somewhat alarmed at our last meeting upon catching a notorious character eavesdropping, but whom we soon cleared away, as we, after some little resistance on his part, managed to capture him and then turned him over to the President of the University. The young lad assaulted us with some very violent threats. We are all up and about as to our interests, and never fail to congratulate and speak words of encouragement to our members.

Very truly yours in the Bond.

E. F. EDWARDS.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C., Feb. 7, 1879.

We are progressing finely, situated in our new hall, where we are free from all Greek and barbarian aggression, and where a brother (Sikes) becomes eloquent when he looks around at the fine works of art that grace our walls, and the lace that floats in folds from our sacred windows. Another lovely ornament is our banners which were worked in blue and white silk by a sister Phi for us. Thus you see we have sisters in our noble order. We also have the Pope but he can't rule every Bodie, a Bull(a) who likes Browne and will permit Robbins to come near him without molestation, and soon we will put our grain in our Garner and all take a trip to

HOLLAND, (PHIL. JR.)

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, AKRON, O., Feb. 4, 1879.

Metaphorically speaking "we are full." Excessive prosperity and want of opposition are making us lazy.

The Delta Tau Delta's have two or three fair men, but as a chapter, they are a heterogeneous crowd of Freshmen and Sophomores, the limit of whose ambition is to be "good little boys" and to perfect that method of rapid transit around corners and across streets commonly called the "girl escape."

Our chapter consists of thirteen men, one of whom, a Junior, was initiated at last meeting. Two Freshmen, one fried and the other boiled, will constitute the bill of fare for next meeting, and then we are done. Fifteen are all we want. It has always been a matter of some wonder to us, how an entirely harmonious and brotherly feeling can be cultivated with an attendant membership exceeding twenty. Will Tennessee Beta please explain?

The Kappa Kappa Gammas are dozing. We fear that chapter Lambda will sleep itself to death. Will not some Phi Delta admirer of Kappa Alpha Theta or Delta Gamma suggest to one of those sisterhoods the plan of starting a chapter here? There is plenty of good material and Kappa Kappa Gamma will faint if somebody doesn't appear with a bucket of ice water.

Newly married professors are the style. A

young Mid-shipman and another recruit from Anna-polis are expected soon.

Ohio Eta's star is in its zenith and we feel like betting that there isn't a better chapter in the country.

H. A. KELLEY.

Indiana Epsilon.

HANOVER COLLEGE, Hanover, Ind.,

January 30, 1879.

Our chapter is progressing nicely. Owing to the paucity of students in our College our number is small. At present we have five members. Two of our boys left last fall, one owing to sickness the other to teach school. We have one man spiked, and there are two others whom we will spike soon. To some of the chapters our number may seem small, yet our numbers compare favorably with those in the other fraternities, and in equality, I think I may say, we surpass all of them. Our men are all good students, and in one thing particularly do we leave the other fraternities in the dark, viz., in attention to the ladies.

Fraternally,

J. E. TAGGART.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind.,

February 12, 1879.

Probably the most important event since my last report was the initiation of as fine a student as dwells within the halls, yea classic halls, of old Franklin. At least he took the honors of all his classes, notwithstanding his heels were trod upon by a reserved force of noble Phis. I refer to Bro. Chesley Holmes. The initiation occurred the 3d inst. It was real amusing to see the grin on our chaplain's countenance when he observed that some of the wicked portion of our band had placed within the sides of that mystic and awe-striking burial affair, the following articles, to wit: three overcoats, one hat and one pair of shoes. (It might be well to remark that but one pair of such "things" as the Delta boys wear could be placed in that mystic and awe-strik—&c.). They were arranged so as to present the appearance of a man. Expect Bro. Holmes thought we had committed the ghoulish crime of grave-robbing, but we didn't. Anyway Bro. Mc. finished reading the Psalm. You may add one more SCROLL to your apportionment for Franklin.

If at any time in the future any Phis happen to pass through our beautiful little city, stop off, walk over toward the college, but mind you, keep a sharp look out. If perchance an elegant two-story brown stone front with the following inscription over the large double doors, "Phi Delta Theta Hall, 1879" meets your view, don't get alarmed, but walk right in, pass up the broad richly carpeted stairs, turn to the left and give the established Phi Delta Theta rap and enter. There behold the beautiful and tasty ornaments, fine lace curtains, almost priceless carpetings, superb chairs, &c., &c., and then regret that the chapter to which you belonged did not have the energy that we have. The above will probably give an idea of what the Delta has in contemplation. O, what a fertile and sublime imagination has this chapter.

Bro. Geo. Banta, who represented the Indiana Alumni last spring, at Wooster, pleads his first case next Wednesday. Long before this piece of information reaches the SCROLL readers, carpenters will be at work collecting, repairing and replacing the numerous fragments of the Court-house roof.

Having already occupied too much of your space, we will refrain from further scribbling. But we always were jealous of a place in the SCROLL. Success ever to our dear paper.

Truly in the Bond,

FRANKLIN B. DAY.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.,
February 12th, '79.

MR. EDITOR:

The copy of the last number of the SCROLL was received with mingled pleasure and delight, and now I must give you a short history of your infant boy. Three months since I received a letter from Bro. W. B. Palmer, of Tenn. Beta, proposing that I would associate with me several other students, and organize a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Wofford. I responded by propounding to him several queries, I confess with little intention of taking him up. However his prompt and explicit answers gave me new views and inspired me with admiration for Phi Delta Theta. I began to work immediately, and on the 16th of January, Bro. T. C. Du Pont came over from Athens, Ga., and 'twas then that W. D. Simpson, R. C. Rembert and myself were born into the beautiful mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. We have our Charter, and shall endeavor to prove worthy of it. We have our Constitution, and shall stand by it. We have our Fraternity, and shall ever love it!

We are, as yet, like rude settlers in a western forest, being without any of the comforts we read of in the SCROLL. We have not even a hall but meet here and there, wherever convenient. We are crawling now, but will walk before long. Time is all we ask for; we shall work to make South Carolina Alpha rival any chapter, and in so doing shall endeavor to forget there is such a word as fail. In our informal way (necessary to our nude state), we initiated into our bond Bro. Frank Pegues on last Saturday night. Will take in two others in a few days. There are three other fraternities established here, and they are each in full force; so we have a good deal to contend with. But if at length we are overpowered, we shall emulate the example of noble ones who have gone before us and preserve hope and vigor until the last glimmer of the taper is extinguished, and then store away in memory's sacred shrine the lost cause for which we struggled.

With fraternal greetings to all Phis, I am
Your's in the Bond,

T. IRBY ROGERS.

Alabama Beta.

ALABAMA A. and M. COLLEGE,
January 16th, 1879.

DEAR BROTHER:

Full fledged and unbroken stand we to resist the stringent authorities of an able Faculty, whose condemnation for secret organizations is poignant in the extreme.

Though *sub rosa* is our motto, none the less dear is the name of Phi Delta Theta, forevermore. Misfortune may enshroud us in cimmerian gloom, yet the voice of the unseen fairy whispers

"Be still sad Phis and cease repining,
Beyond the cloud the sun's still shining."

Will send other orders for SCROLL soon. Its arrival is always hailed with ecstatic joy, by each and all of us. Through its columns we trust ever to assure our distant brothers that we are loyal to the great cause entrusted. Oft times we spend the "wee small hours of the night" consulting as to how we can advance the interest of the fraternity and meditating upon great and profound truths contained in that bond that binds our common brotherhood. To this brotherhood we desire to prove faithful

"As long as Albany, with feeble hand,
Holds borrowed truncheon of command."

Yours Fraternally,

ALVA FITZPATRICK.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASHINGTON, Penn'a., Feb. 1, 1879.

We received the January SCROLL to-day. As usual it gladdens our hearts and raises our hopes for the future of our dear old fraternity. Two weeks ago we had the pleasure of entertaining two of the OHIO ZETA's worthy theological alumni, Bros. Eggert and McClelland. They arrived at the good old town of Washington, on Friday about noon. Joyfully we hailed them, for they are "handsome" as the girls say. They will doubtless be honored men in their profession. The GEORGIA GAMMA may boast of her *tall* man but if he is *taller* than Bro. McClelland, he had better make astronomy his specialty. We held a social meeting on Friday evening in which with our visitors we discussed questions pertaining to our fraternity. Nothing benefits a chapter more than to receive visits from sister chapters. Can we not have more personal intercourse between chapters? Our next commencement day will be July 2nd. Commencement will be past in most of our colleges before this. Why then cannot some of our brothers come and see us at that time?

Our chapter is making an earnest effort to raise money to square our account with the G. B. We think some of the charges against us are utterly unjust, for where is the justice in taxing a man for what he never received? No man in this chapter ever saw a copy of THE SCROLL till this year, yet there is a "Scroll Tax" of twelve dollars against us. This, in our humble opinion, is no good way to foster young, struggling chapters. However if our executive committee think there is nothing wrong about it, we shall try to "raise the stamps." But we would recommend honest dealing toward all and most especially baby chapters. We are the baby of Pennsylvania and were seriously threatened with croup, but the child has grown and is fast increasing in strength and in the favor of man. There are two "new styled shields" in our chapter. We think them very pretty but are in favor of uniformity in style of badges.

As long as BRO. THOMAS don't "work his toes" the INDIANA DELTA should not slander his "feet."

I close with the language of Dr. Elliot a worthy member of our chapter, "*Fam satis est.*"

In the Bond,
NEWT. DONALDSON.

Alabama Beta.

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 24th, '79.

DEAR SCROLL:—On the 17th inst., with all the requisites available of our order for initiation, and with several copies of the SCROLL, I boarded the train bound for Spartanburg, S. C. On the train I met an old Phi, and we had a joyous time talking about our Fraternity until we reached Spartanburg. I found him to be still loyal to our noble order.

At Spartanburg three noble boys, anxious to be initiated into the mysteries of our Fraternity, met and conducted me to the hotel.

On Saturday morning they took vows of fidelity to our Fraternity, and in my room that morning I initiated Bros. Rogers, Simpson, and Rembert. They are only three and will have to cope with the Chi Psis, Chi Phis, and Kappa Alphas. The latter have about 25 men, and are the strongest Fraternity at Wofford College. The Chi Psis have about 16 men. Our boys have set out with a determination to succeed, and I am confident they will do so. All our chapters should write letters of encouragement, and if the ardor of our new Brothers should ever waver encourage them to stand firm for they will have to battle against foes of every kind.

The Alpha Chapter established at Wofford

College is our first in South Carolina, and if it is a success, as I have every reason now to believe, (for we have three noble Phis for a foundation), we will be beyond doubt one of the first if not the first of the fraternities in the South.

Bro. Palmer, of Vanderbilt University, deserves the credit of making the arrangements necessary for the establishing of the new chapter. He has worked for it over a year. We being the nearest chapter cheerfully sent a delegate.

Scarcely had I left Wofford College before envy and malice against us commenced. Some malicious rascal wrote an anonymous letter to the Chi Psis defaming their members and said that we were flourishing and would combine in the future with any other fraternity and defeat them in the coming elections. This communication was signed Phi Delta Theta. We are doing our best to find out who wrote the letter, and when we do will make him repent. None but one devoid of all feelings of a gentleman would be guilty of such an act.

The Georgia Beta is flourishing. We will get a new man at our next meeting. More anon.

T. CHARLTON DU PONT.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, IND., Jan. 18, '79.

BRO. EDITOR:—The Fates are propitious, the Barbs suspicious, and the girls delicious. The latter assertion is based upon the opinion of Bro. Goodwin. We begin the new year with zeal and cheerful prospects. We look back upon the past with pride, and to the future with joy. We are encouraged by the flattering reports that monthly appear in the SCROLL. They give us assurance that within the last year there has been what might be called a new birth or new awakening of fraternity interest. We are glad to witness this revival and promise to lend a helping hand and sincere heart. The Barbs, one by one desert their ranks. One who yesterday walked a Barb, shall do so no more forever. He was transformed into a Greek of the noblest type, and now marches under the victorious banner of Phi Delta Theta. Now there is rejoicing in the camp of Indiana Gamma. Seventeen valiant hearts beat strong in the Phi Delta Theta faith, exclusive of the many tender hearts that often give forth the sentiment, (a good one) "The Phis are the boys we love." Would that there were more of us! We are in good working condition and hope to reap golden harvests. Our opposing forces are the Sigs, Betas, and Tau Deltas. The Sigs are next to us in strength, having 14 men. They are likely to carry the contest. Laughlin, the man who represented Butler last year is likely to do so again. After this year we will be all O. K. as far as contest is concerned. The Betas have only six men this term. Three of them graduate this year. Next year we hope to crush the egotistical asses to the earth. The Delta Taus amount to but little, except in numbers. They have eight or nine men, one or two of whom are passable.

During vacation Bro. Goodwin and myself had the good fortune of spending a few days in Louisville. Some of Louisville's leading men are Phis; such as Dr. Stuart Robinson, Hon. Thos. W. Bullitt, Hon. Geo. Simrall. We also had the pleasure of meeting two of the boys from Richmond, Virginia; Bros. Harris and Thornhill. They are genial and enthusiastic southerners. The Richmond chapter may be proud of them. I would be unjust if I did not mention Little Brad. of New Albany. He met us with a smile on his lip and a badge on his breast. Brad, you are a jolly fellow. We are much pleased with December SCROLL. Thanks to Bro. Foster for

the "Hoosier Phi Orators." It shows a record of which Phi Delta Theta may truly be proud. May the Oratorical Star of Indiana Phis continue to grow brighter.

The other day a rival *Greek* told me our catalogue was spoken of very disparagingly by a fraternity periodical. This deserves our attention. In all due respect to the brothers who got up the catalogue, I say it is not what Phi Delta Theta merits. Let the matter be agitated and a new catalogue be compiled. We notice with pleasure the compliment passed upon us by the correspondent of the Indiana Beta, and in return congratulate the Beta upon its enthusiastic and handsome correspondent.

The Sigs no longer cry aloud, "The Phis are dead," but are sorry to know that we are ahead. Lively corpses we are; not yet reduced to *Skull and Bones*. I now lay down my plumous implement and patiently wait for the January SCROLL. Let the present year be one of unprecedented success in the cause of Phi Delta Theta.

Yours,
WILBUR D. CAMPBELL.

Georgia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA,
Athens, Ga., Jan. 19, '79.

Chapter Beta, of the University of Georgia, is now moving steadily forward to prosperity. It is almost like starting over again on account of past oppression which you, Mr. Editor, understand. Tell me of another chapter just emerged from bondage sending a man three hundred miles to establish a chapter. At our last meeting we delegated our worthy President, Bro. Du Pont, to go to Spartanburg, S. C., and organize and establish S. C. Alpha at Wofford College.

This chapter still sustains her well-earned reputation in the two literary societies of this institution, the Phi Kappa and the Demosthenian. Bros. Du Pont and Chapman have been elected to serve as anniversarians. Bro. Du Pont from the Phi Kappa; Bro. Chapman from the Demosthenian society.

These are the only honors awarded as yet, but whenever there is another distribution of honors of any kind, our chapter will not be found behind.

The Alpha Tau Omega has been instituted here. I think its chances for success are not very good, but may be mistaken.

We received the December number of the SCROLL last Saturday. All have examined it and are much pleased with its neat appearance.

At our next meeting we will probably take some action with regard to our part of the support of our organ.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. S. JOHNSON.

Virginia Epsilon.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,
Jan. 8th, 1874.

DEAR BROS.—Once more I extend the best wishes of the Va. Epsilon to all Phis. Since you last heard from me, we have lost one man and gained one. Bro. W. H. Lake, of Memphis, Tenn., on account of his father's death, had to leave us, and sorely have we missed him and regretted his absence; for a more ardent Phi, or truer man, I never met; and I request the first of my readers who meets him, to give him the hearty old grip for me. We have now one man at Washington and Lee University—Bro. Scratchy of Lexington, Va., but there are no more to be had there, this year. However, we are *confident* of two, if not three, who are coming there next year, and are well enough known to initiate the day they arrive.

In the late examination, three of our men

passed among the first five who are designated "stars" in their respective classes, and two others took single "stars," (that is, among the first five in one particular study); the rest, with a few exceptions, doing very well. This is more than any other frat. here can boast; and if Bro. Lake had remained, one more star would have studded our crown. We expect to take in one more man soon. Hoping success to all other Phi chapters, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
J. B. BEVERLEY.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, Jan. 20, '79.

The subject of new pins has been claiming our attention for some time. And none too soon, for at the beginning of the year there was but one in the entire chapter. However we lost none of the Phi spirit, and now have several, but here is the rub, only two are alike. When we began to correspond with our numerous "Official Jewelers" we were confused with the multiplicity of styles, designs, prices, &c. Happily we escaped the "new style" shield (?) and in our variety we have a few pins acknowledged by all to be the finest among the Greeks. We heartily endorse the article on "Our Badges" in last issue, and think something should be done in order that there may be more unity in size and style of our badges. During the holidays Bro. Warren McBroom, Principal of Covington city schools, was married to Miss Watkins of this city.

We wish to correct the statement in last SCROLL that Wabash was represented at the State contest by Mr. Billman,—he is no longer a Brother, being expelled last year. Wabash was represented by Bro. A. O. Penniman of '79.

Our chapter is in an excellent condition. Expect two new additions by next report. SCROLL is improving.

In the Bond,
LYMAN E. OTT.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,
Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 24, '79.

Since our last report we have been working hard to get a few new men, but so far no one has been added to our number this term, although some have promised us if they join any fraternity it will be Phi Delta Theta. Our last meeting was very interesting. The question of the evening was, "Should Ministers of the Gospel engage in Politics," and it was well argued, pro and con, by Brothers Lentz and Dysinger. Through a private letter to our "Publisher," we learn that Bro. A. A. Stearns, of Akron, Ohio, visited Gettysburg, during last vacation and searched the whole place for a Phi. The catalogue puts all our members down as residents of this place when just the opposite is true, of all those at least who belonged when the catalogue was published. This is one of the several errors in the catalogue. If Bro. Stearns comes again, or if any other Brother ever visits G., let him drop a line to one of our boys about it and he will receive a most hearty welcome. Gettysburg is a charming place to visit for more reasons than that the Penna. Beta is flourishing here. We have 10 active members, and they are among the best in College, both in learning and beauty. We have also at the Theological Seminary, half a mile from College, seven as good Phis as are found any where. We will close by sending our greetings to all chapters and wishing them much success in their endeavors to advance the sword and shield.

Yours in the Bond,
J. F. HERMAN.

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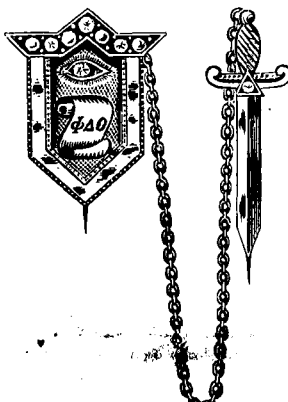
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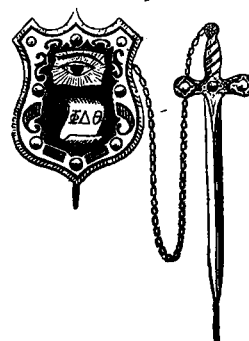
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SUB ROSA.

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[When you read the following, reflect that Geshoo is a Phi who has acquired the knowledge of his subject from actual experience.]

Between Two.

What's in a kiss
From a sweet Miss?
The height of bliss
Is there, I wis.

A clasp of hand
Ere we disband,
Is—well—most grand
I understand.

A warm embrace
With face to face,
Nought can displace
For better grace.

A kiss, a hand,
A warm embrace,
Sways every land,
Rules every race.

GESHOO.

Professor—Nothing More.

To a Prep there came a tapping as of some one gently rapping,

And his answer was quite plain for teasing boys had rapped before.

"Who is there," he cried with splutter (and his heart was in a flutter,

So he only spoke with stutler,) "rapping at my chamber door?"

"It is I," a gruff voice answered firmly at the chamber door.

Only "I" and nothing more.

Startled at the stillness broken by reply so aptly spoken,

"Doubtless," said he, "what you utter is your only stock and store.

One word only shall I utter, If your ribs are fat as butter,

Come ye in and I'll not mutter; cross the threshold of my door;

But if leanness be upon you, lift your hoofs and leave my door."

Only this and nothing more.

To his dreaming soon returning, all his soul within him burning,

Lest some stern and firm professor had been driven from his door,

Came again surcease of napping, for again there came a tapping

As of some one gently rapping, something louder than before;

And his heart was still a moment as he, opening quick the door,

Saw Professor, nothing more.

Friction!

The SCROLL in its renovated form looks first rate and its subject-matter especially as to its chapter reports, is always of a lively, hopeful and gay character. This is as it should be. But permit me to speak of a few things pertaining to the machinery of indi-

vidual chapters, which might be the means of removing some of the roughness that may cause unnecessary friction.

The constitution of the human soul is so varied that no number of persons can assemble socially without a manifest tendency to disagreement in sentiments, likes and so forth. This occasions sometimes no little hinderance to progress and unity in the *home circle*. This should not be, some may say; but it will and must occur, and is the order of nature notwithstanding bond or name, contract or congeniality. When two of the opposite sexes agree to live together and to love each other for life, and the agreement is solemnly witnessed, what are the probabilities in their favor, that they will adhere *thoroughly* to the contract? Let him who reads, answer. So under a bond of brotherhood such as we are under, it is natural to expect, strictly speaking, offences of various degrees of flagrancy.

In all assemblies according to the number of persons in each, we find a few or more, who possess a strong instinctive tendency to be active and useful. This certainly is not wrong, for it is one's duty to be a *live* member, if a member at all, of any society or body. But sometimes a love of display, dictation, power, and the like, manifests itself and betrays grounds for suspicion as to motives; and when this is the case, the person subject to such tendencies becomes, to a varying extent, a hinderance to harmonious action and general good feeling. There are some who are not very sensitive to tendencies like these, who are satisfied if one or two monopolize the management of affairs, and who even yield with calm submission to the domineering disposition of an apparently determined mind. If there are such members of Fraternity as are somewhat disposed to be easily controlled by those of more ambitious natures, such sluggish ones should be wrought upon in such a manner as

would tend to make them more active and interested in the chapter and fraternity at large. Excessive officiousness and undue propensity to govern must be guarded against, as well as tendencies in the other direction. In a chapter, whether large or small, there is scarcely room for a few who are opinionated, unreasonable, self-willed, and infatuated by the idea that *they* constitute the motive power of the establishment. To some of the Phis such a paragraph as this may seem visionary; yet are there *not* causes of hinderances to a chapter's prosperity, arising from the action of members who fail to interpret and practice the spirit of our inestimable Bond? The object of the Bond should be carefully kept in view in all things and at all times, and then the sphere of our action would be high indeed, morally, socially and intellectually.

Our aims are high; and if we work unitedly, keeping ever before us the grand principles of our order, we shall not fail in the accomplishment of great good. The machinery of each chapter will run without harsh and grating sound. Let him whose natural inclinations to haughtiness, dogmatism, and officiousness are strong, restrain them by the constant observance of his pledge and the Golden Rule: let him who is sluggish and deficient in real and active duty, rouse himself and shake off his indisposition, and having become interested in the work he will be and feel himself a ten-fold better Phi. Finally, let us all be *brethren of co-operative spirit*.

OMEGA.

For the SCROLL.]

Our Catalogue.

We do not write this article for the SCROLL as a criticism on the Catalogue, although we intend to point out what we deem some grave errors in it. But we write to incite an interchange of views among members of the Fraternity as to the feasibility of publishing another.

If the membership will take up and carefully examine our Catalogue until the meeting of the next convention, and there decide whether this last or any other issue fully comes up to the merited standard of the Fraternity—whether we can afford to let our last issue remain as the best that we can do—the objective point of this article will be attained.

We have now been in existence for 30 years without a Catalogue fit to be seen. This was one reason, no doubt, that the issue of former years had *Sub Rosa* conspicuously printed on the cover. And it seems to us, that, if the last issue would have borne the same motto, and scrupulously been adhered to, it would have been better for the Fraternity. But we have now the strength, numerically, pecuniarily and intellectually in our brotherhood, to compete with the most powerful Fraternities in this country. Then let us have a Catalogue of which we need not be ashamed. Let us come out from under the rose bush, and show the Barbarians and others, who and what we are. It is a great mistake to shut ourselves up in our domicile, so that others cannot feel our influence. We have nothing to gain, but all to lose by keeping the contents of our Catalogues a secret, and yet, we have never had one, to our knowledge, that was profitable to us to show. Most of the great Fraternities have Catalogues that are in keeping with their brotherhood. The members gladly show them, because it is to their advantage to do so. But we would reluctantly put any issue of our Catalogue into the hands of students who have Catalogues of other Fraternities with which to compare it. The last issue of the Sigma Chi Catalogue is a model of neatness and accuracy without its objectionable costly binding. Have we not ample room for improvement in this direction? We hear the cry of reform coming from different quarters, and certainly the movement should begin where it is most needed. In our humble opinion, the greatest need of reform, just now, is in the Catalogue. Can we not issue a good, large, accurate one?

What are some of the objectionable features in the last issue? It seems to us that in this great age of book making an index, or at least, a table of contents

is indispensably necessary to any book. In our Catalogue we have neither an index nor table of contents, unless the Editors intend that we should consider "Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity" to be an index. But an index without giving the page on which the subject in a book may be found is as good as nothing. Even in this "List of Chapters," which does not refer to the pages of subjects, the Pa. Beta is assigned to the "University of Pa. at Gettysburg." We all know—Editors too—that this worthy Chapter is *not* established at the University, and the University is *not* located at Gettysburg. It is also a very grave omission in this book, that the location of Chapters is not given on the page where the "List of members" may be found. For instance, on page 123, the "Georgia Gamma" should have in addition to its "List of members," *the name of the institution* at which it is established, also the date of the month and year. The name of the College or University where any of the Chapters are located, should be given, with the date of their organization, on the same page with the enrollment of names. It is certainly very inconvenient and perplexing to be compelled to refer back to the "List of Chapters" to find out where and *when* a Chapter has been established.

Those Roman numerals placed at the head of the list of every half dozen names or so, are ambiguous. Do they refer to the year of their graduation from College? "Explanation" says that these numerals designate the latter. But with regard to the case of some members, as we happen to know, these numerals are anachronisms. As an example, we find in one Chapter, that three names are enrolled under MDCCCLXIX. One of the trio graduated from the College in the year that these numerals indicate, another (and we know whereof we affirm) entered the Fraternity and College that same year, and did not take his degree until the year 1872, and the third name, we have every reason to believe, is a myth. No man by that name was at that College in 1869, no man by that name was known in the town assigned in the Catalogue as his residence, no man by that name was ever known to have entered the Fraternity, lived, or died. And in an-

other Chapter, nine names are enrolled under MDCCCLXXV, yet only *one* out of the nine graduated in the year which these numerals indicate. Of course, the Editors received the data from the Chapters, and published just what each individual Chapter chose to send them. But we are not finding fault either with the editors or chapters. It is the Catalogue that we seriously object to.

The designation of the year by Roman numerals is an objection. Why do we discard the convenient symbols which all christendom uses, and return to the barbarous age of Rome for characters in the computation of time? What earthly use is there in saying MDCCCLXXIX instead of 1879? It neither adds to the appearance nor convenience.

On the very face of the title page the Catalogue declares itself in beautiful, convenient, English symbols, to be up with the times, and yet some of the correspondent members, whose occupations are variously set down as students of law, medicine, divinity (true perhaps, at one time) took their degrees four or five years ago—long before this last issue was thought of—and are growing old in their respective professions.

The residences of the attendant members are not given with any thing like accuracy. Who can believe that *every member* of the Georgia Beta lives at Athens, Ga.? Such a thing is possible, but not, by any means, probable. All the members, except three, of Pa. Beta, attendant and correspondent, are enrolled in the Catalogue as citizens of Gettysburg. Your sidereal correspondent, in the number of THE SCROLL for December, sounded the proper note when he struck the key of uniformity. But it is not the badge, in our opinion, that calls for reform, it is the Catalogue that calls—calls loudly. Uniformity is what we want. But in the case of the residences of the members in these two last chapters mentioned, we have a *little too much* of the good thing. In the make up of reports, each chapter seems to have taken just any view—or none at all—of what the Editors wanted; and the Editors seemed to have depended too largely upon the stale catalogues of former years for information. The bitter consequence

is that the publication lacks method, symmetry, accuracy. Perhaps those geographical names at the right hand of the column were not intended for the residences of the membership, but pray, what are they there for? It is understood by all, without insertion in the Catalogue, that attendant members, during the academic years of their student life, have a temporary residence in the town or city at which their respective colleges are located. But to insert these college towns and cities in the catalogue as the permanent residences of all these students is a misstatement of the fact. MARYLAND.

Other Fraternities.

—Sigma Chi has according to one of their own members twenty-seven living chapters.

—If any Brother knows the number of chapters which Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi have please let the SCROLL know it.

—Beta Theta Pi has reappeared at Ann Arbor. In 1865 the chapter there went over solid to the Psi Upsilon. At Western Reserve College in 1868 their chapter bolted to the Delta Kappa Epsilon.

—A Sigma Chi informs us that there is truth in the coalition of the Alpha Sigma Chi with the Sigma Chi. The latter is going to completely swallow the former according to our informant.

—The Omicron chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon is building a chapter-hall in Ann Arbor.

—Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest, Delta Beta Phi the youngest Greek Letter society. The former was founded at William and Mary in 1776, the latter at Cornell in 1878.

—"The *Volante*" (University of Chicago)" of last month was mistaken in the name of the new fraternity about to make its appearance in our midst. It should have been Delta Kappa Psi, instead of Delta Psi. As all catalogues of college fraternities within reach omit this one, it is probably the initial chapter."—*Volante*.

—A College journal recently published the following note:

"It is proposed at the University of Virginia to issue once during each session a magazine in the interests of the secret fraternities. A committee, representing the Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternities, has been appointed to make necessary arrangements."

We will believe the above when some Phi at the University informs us of its correctness. As neither of the fraternities mentioned has a publication of any kind there may be something in it.

—The following fraternity journals are published, besides our own. *The Diamond* by Psi Upsilon; *Phi Gamma Delta* (size about 6x8, 12 pages) at Delaware, Ohio; *Beta Theta Pi*, Delaware, Ohio; *Chi Phi Quarterly*, Monroe, N. C.; *The Crescent*, Delta Tau Delta at Meadville, Pa. All are monthlies except the Chi Phi journal which is quarterly.

—The regular annual reunion of the Chi Psi Alumni Association of New York city was held at the Union League Club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing

year:—President, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D. D.; vice presidents, Wm. Astor, Colonel Silas W. Burt, David H. Cochran, LL. D., Hugh L. Cole, Elbridge T. Gerry, Robert Earl; secretary, Samuel P. Blagden; treasurer, Frederick D. Tappan. Among the prominent men, besides the officers, present were:—Professor C. A. Seelye, Professor D. G. Eaton, Charles E. White, Dr. Vedder, Dr. John Shady, H. M. Ruggles, F. T. Garrettson.

After the preliminary business meeting the Alumni adjourned to the dining room, where toasts were responded to by Drs. Cochran and Kempshall, Samuel P. Blagden, Julian M. Elliott, F. W. Whitridge and many others. The exercises were interspersed with college and society songs, pleasant reminders of the days that are past.

—We give below a complete list of the living chapters of Beta Theta Pi. In several instances the name of the Institution is not known, and only the name of the place is given. The chapters are divided into districts.

DISTRICT I.

Zeta, Hampden-Sidney, Va.; Omicron, Va. University; Rho, Lexington, Va.; Psi, Bethany College, W. Va.; Alpha Theta, Lexington, Va.; Alpha Kappa, Richmond, Va.; Alpha Xi, Ashland, Va.; Alpha Tau, Williamsburg, Va.; Alpha Phi, Blacksburg, Va.; Alpha Chi, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md.

DISTRICT II.

Epsilon, Danville, Ky. Centre College; Theta, Delaware, Ohio; Kappa, Athens, O.; Gamma, Washington, Pa.; Alpha Gamma, Springfield, Ohio; Alpha Lambda, Wooster University, Ohio; Alpha Sigma, Carlisle, Pa.; Alpha Upsilon, Boston, Mass.

DISTRICT III.

Delta, Asbury University, Ind.; Iota, Hanover College, Ind.; Pi, S. University, Bloomington; Tau, Wabash College, Ind.; Alpha Psi, Butler University, Ind.

DISTRICT IV.

Lambda, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Chi, Beloit, Wis.; Alpha Pi, Madison, Wis.; Alpha Rho, Evanston, Ill.

DISTRICT V.

Alpha Delta, Fulton, Mo.; Alpha Epsilon, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Alpha Iota, St. Louis, Mo.; Alpha Omicron, Trinity College, Texas; Alpha Nu, Lawrence, Kansas.

Of this fraternity Bro. C. L. Goodwin, of Indiana Gamma, says:

"This was once a strong fraternity and has many eminent men among its alumni members, but from what I have heard and seen of them, and that is not inconsiderable, they show great degeneracy and decay. They have evidently passed their meridian and are sinking slowly but steadily toward their setting. In my own State, Indiana, their chapter at Hanover can hardly be said to be alive, there being but four or five men in it, and they of a very inferior class. Their chapter at Wabash College has eight or ten inferior men the height of whose ambition seems to be to dress stylishly and be popular with the ladies. This is the disease that appears to be affecting the majority of their chapters. The one at Asbury College is of about the same character, as the one at Wabash. I have heard the character of their Virginia chapters, or at least part of them, is much the same.

Their chapter here, Butler University, from present indications, will hardly survive the coming year.

Among all the twenty-two representatives of the different Colleges in the State Oratorical Contests, out of which ten have been Phi Deltas; four Phi Psis; four Phi Gammas; two Sigs; one Delta Tau; and one "barb," there has never been one solitary Beta."

Personals.

Hon. A. C. Harris, Indiana Gamma, is State Senator from Marion county, Indiana.

A. D. Pair, Ga. Gamma, is "biling" bones in Baltimore. Success to you, Ick.

Bro. Kent O. Foltz, Ohio Eta, is engaged in the drug business at Akron.

Bro. C. S. Ticknor, Ohio Eta, is Assistant Postmaster at Conneautville, Pa.

Ricketts, the ex-Sec. Ohio Epsilon, is noted for going to Church and going home with the girls.

Bro. George Banta, late publishing editor, was duly admitted to the bar at Franklin, Ind., in October.

Bro. A. J. Findley, Ohio Eta, is city Editor of the *Akron Daily Beacon*, and is a regular attendant of Chapter meetings.

They say that Frank H. Terrill, M. D., Va. Gamma, is one of the most popular and efficient surgeons in the United States Navy.

Frank, the Ohio Epsilon correspondent of Jan. says: "Who'd a thunk that the Editor would a thunk that I meant my 'Dulcinea.'"

Jas. P. Maxwell, Wis. B., '59, ably presided over the Republican State Convention of Colorado, Aug. 7th, 1878.

Eugene Field, Mo. A., '73, is an editor of the *St. Louis Journal-Times* a paper lately formed by the consolidation of the *St. Louis Journal* and the *Evening Times*.

Prof. David Swing, Ohio Beta; the eloquent preacher and original thinker of Chicago, has just written a new book called "Motives of Life."

Rev. Bro. Davy Bittle Floyd has been heard from. It contained a years subscription and a promise to call and see the Penn'a Beta boys. Call soon, Brother.

Amos W. Butler, Ind. A., '81, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Butler Ice Company, formed last month with a capital of \$40,000. Ame is immense.

George C. Powers, Va. Delta, rolls pills for R. W. Powers & Co., Richmond, Va. He is a good Phi and therefore should be forgiven if he does grumble about "fate" now and then.

Cyrus K. Drew, Ky. B. '60, was appointed receiver of the Evansville Opera House, and he has refitted it and brought new companies there much to the pleasure of the Evansvilians.

A. Gwynn Foster, Ind. A., '77, has been employed during the past winter with the State Engineers Corps of Louisiana, and is now brushing the rust off his manners among the bon tons of New Orleans.

Geo. Wm. Cone, Va. Delta, is hard at work at Riverton, Va. He is one of the most zealous Phis of whom the SCROLL knows and the best that we can say of him is that his morals are as good as ever.

Dr. Edwin Walker, Ind. E, '73, a Professor of the Medical College of Evansville, is at present continuing his studies in New York. The *Evansville Journal* speaks of him as "one of the most successful and gifted physicians of the State."

The New Orleans *Democrat*, in a recent editorial, speaks in the most flattering terms of Bro. Blackburn, of Kentucky. We quote: "Throughout his entire course in Congress, Mr. B. has commended himself to the affection and the admiration of all true men of the South. Equally conspicuous for sagacity, courage and indomitable will, he has shown himself eminently qualified as a leader of men."

Phis will make their mark in the world.



A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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Wanted.

A correspondent from Georgia Delta, and Tenn. Beta, PHILANDER JACOBS, Athens, O.
A correspondent from Texas Beta, J. F. LAIRD, Athens, O.
Ohio Epsilon.

We are glad to insert the name of the Secretary of Kentucky Alpha and hope to have a report by our next issue. Remember the Bond, Brothers, and that strength is in unity.

The Indiana Eta has again found a way to the front. The Eta has sent out some noble men and this alone should be a source of inspiration for stout efforts now. The other Indiana chapters, as may be seen from reports in this issue, all desire to see the Eta flourishing and promise hearty assistance. We hope for a progressive report by next month.

We call the attention of those about purchasing badges, to the fact that the work of Chas. Cook, of Cincinnati, is 18k fine as required by the Athens Convention, that he has been for four years Fraternity Jeweler, and has for fifteen years manufactured our badges and always given satisfaction.

We get word this month, indirectly, from Missouri Beta. The notice came through Tennessee Beta and will be found in the report of that chapter. She is progressing finely with about ten members, some of the best in college. We will expect to hear from her next month.

If some nice young Phi who prides himself on the beauty of his name finds it shorn of all its romance and poetry by a horrible-typographical contortion, he must pour out the phials of his wrath upon the head of the SUB-ED. who reports for him. We will not be responsible for the translation of some of the hieroglyphics that find their way to our table. In intricacy of design and perplexing tortuousness they surpass a Chinese tea-box. Our reporters could save us much trouble if they would exercise a little more care in the preparation of reports and would *only write on one side of the paper*.

The many complimentary notices which we have received from correspondents encourages us to renew our efforts and to try to make the SCROLL not only an appreciated and welcome visitor, but to make it absolutely indispensable to the fraternity. There is

a want which it must satisfy and by the counsel and aid of the fraternity at large we hope to be able to make the SCROLL fill that want. We have no cause of complaint and only ask a continuance of that generous assistance, brotherly sympathy and thoughtful promptness that have marked our mutual intercourse heretofore.

The Executive Committee.

An "Address to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity" lies before us. It is not the annual address we presume for it does not so call itself nor is it complete enough for that. It is a plain, sensible statement of the financial side of the Fraternity. In three things this address is hardly explicit enough. These three things are the change in the SCROLL management, which is taken for granted but not stated; the suppression of the amount of indebtedness of, as well as of the amount owed to the Fraternity; and the mention of the permanent fund. The first of these is of little consequence, but we would wish the two latter to be distinctly understood by every Chapter. They are matters that can scarcely be brought too often before the Fraternity, never too forcibly.

We need to learn the lesson that our debts must be paid just as any other debt is to be paid, that our transactions are not to be put off to suit our own whims and fancies, but are business transactions. We are engaged in no child's-play, but are seeking to be come fitted for successfully battling in the great, busy world. This, at least, if we follow the true intent and purpose of our Bond. Thus reflecting is it not amazing that the Grand Banker presents such statements as are in the address before us? There has been gross, criminal neglect. There is no use in even trying to deny the fact. This must by every means be remedied and at once. Better prospects are before us than ever before. It remains for every Phi to do his part in whatever position he may be in the great work we have assumed. Every man, then, to his place. Let every Phi read the address of the Committee. We quote the closing paragraph:

"The very rapid and substantial growth of Phi Delta Theta in the past year is a matter of which we all may feel justly proud. We have not only increased the number of our chapters, but have largely increased our influence. We are to-day in nearly all the first-class institutions in the middle, southern and western States, and the day is fast approaching when we will vie with the oldest fraternities, for honors, in the best institutions of learning in the land."

Accessions.

The report of Bro. Jackson, of the Va. Beta, in January SCROLL, contains principles and cautions which, although he discusses them as affecting his own chapter, are equally applicable to the whole fraternity. While it is true that the University of Virginia receives many editions principally from southern chapters, and that our chapter there will be materially weakened or strengthened as these additions are weak or strong, it is also

true that the whole body fraternal is affected by each individual accessions to its numbers, and that the character of our order will be estimated by the character of its individual members. If we would give it the dignity of intellectual worth and potential energy, we must seek not necessarily men of present power, but those who have the germ of power and with it a strongly developed element of progression—we want men that will develop their power. Every student of ordinary experience and ability can point out his progressive fellows, also those whose Sisyphean efforts bring them no nearer the realization of their vain ambitions. If we would be strong we must avoid the latter and select the other. The sturdy young oaks of a vigorous forest, close-set against the sweeping storms, whose symmetrical branches reach out far and still farther into the ether blue of heaven, and whose roots extend deep into a nourishing soil must, in the lapse of years, develop into "green-robed senators of the mighty wood," admired for their stately dignity and valued for their practical utility. So would we have our noble fraternity: a band of vigorous, progressive, undwarfed minds, strongly united by the sacred ties of friendship; deep-rooted in the immutable principles of our Bond and drawing thence wholesome and nutritious pabulum for an active and out-reaching intellect, and ever looking to Divine protection for succour and encouragement in all laudable undertakings.

Bro. Jackson's principles are correct—we only wish to generalize them. It is not only for the southern chapters to be careful as to the character and ability of men introduced, but it is for the chapters at the east and west and north as well, in order that the entire body may be kept pure and intact and growing to that moral and mental worth that commands the respect and admiration of the world.

Notes.

—On Spring Exhibition of Mathesian Society of Butler University, Irvington, Ind., the first orator and second declaimer are Phis.

—Randolph-Macon College of Virginia has begun the publication of a very creditable monthly paper. We notice the name of Bro. Waters in the Corps of Editors.

—We return thanks to Bro. J. T. Dickinson of Virginia Delta for a copy of the *Richmond College Messenger* and congratulate Bro. D. on his entrance into the Editorial Sanctum. The *Messenger* seems to be well conducted. The March number has a good account of the banquet given the Delta by the son of Col. Wm. E. Tanner, of Richmond. Of Bro. T. the journal says that this "is only one of the many proofs he has given of his affection for his fraternity."

—We acknowledge the receipt of invitations to attend the Spring Exercises of the Literary Societies of Emory College, Oxford, Ga. Bro. A. S. Hough informs us that the orators of both Societies are Phis, as are also the chairmen of committees on invitation. One of the Societies celebrated Washington's birthday and the orator on that occasion was also a Phi. Cannot the Ga. Gamma enter into a contract to run things down there?

College and Educational.

President Angell, of Michigan University, is about to give six lectures on International Law at the National State University.

Harvard, for an extra fee of \$3, provides an instructor in vocal music.

The University of Michigan has 1,353 students. Wooster, 400, Ohio Wesleyan, 470, Iowa State, 275 and Oberlin 1,015.

The Auburn Theological Seminary, within a few years, has received endowments amounting to \$300,000.

Lessons in millinery are to be given at Lasell Seminary.

Boston University had during the past year 667 students, 171 being young women. Two of the four new trustees were women.

General Saigo the Japanese Minister of Education, has presented to Roanoke College thirty Japanese books, and nine boxes of minerals from the Royal Museum.

Mr. Tennyson has written a new dramatic poem, called "Becket," which is considered extremely good.

Coimbra, the only University of Portugal is 589 years old; has 70 instructors and 1,100 students.

There are over 7000 Americans studying in German schools, and they spend annually over \$4,500,000.

Germany's 10,000 authors produced in 1877 14,000 new books containing 20,000 volumes. The total number of copies was 2,400,000.

Italy will erect 2,000 new school houses and make education compulsory. There was in 1875 one convict in their prisons for every twenty-six pupils in their schools.

Chapter Correspondence.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, Ohio, March 12th, 1879.

The darkness of last Wednesday night ushered into existence a new-born Phi, and thus placed another star on the banner of Ohio Zeta. His name is not Greenlee, as might be supposed, but A. M. Crisler, formerly of the Ohio Agricultural College, Columbus, Ohio.

Yours in the Bond,
WILL FREMONT HARN.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,
Gettysburg, Pa., March 17th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL: It is my duty once again to prepare a report for your columns, and as the space is almost all taken up, you cannot expect much from me this month. Since our last report we have had the initiation of a noble young man, whom I suppose if some of you were to see, you would think him a musclem, and you would think exactly right, for his name is J. Elmer Musselman. This is the second Musselman we have initiated this year, and now we all agree that we have more muscle than any other chapter.

Yours in the Bond,
J. F. HERMAN.

Alabama Beta.

ALABAMA A. and M. COLLEGE,
March 8th, 1879.

DEAR BROTHER: All quiet along the lines of the Ala. Beta, and every thing moves "merrily as a marriage bell." There are fifteen of us gathered safe within the "mystic fold."

An incident recently transpired which

we think worthy of mention in the SCROLL. Having learned only a few days before his departure that one of our senior brothers was compelled to leave college, we determined to make him a presentation. We decided upon a charm in shape of a Delta. In the centre was engraven Phi Delta Theta, and in the margin the Latin inscription, "We love him still." As we could not obtain the design in town, we sent Bro. Geo. W. Stevens, one of the noblest of Phis, a distance of one hundred and sixty miles to make the purchase. He performed his mission quickly and satisfactorily, and the night after his return we met to extend our "Triste Vale" to Bro. Crawford. A "sorrowing circle" was formed in a mystic recess of the huge college building where pathetic and laconic addresses were made. These were followed by the graceful presentation by President Canty. Bro. C. accepted it with gratefulness and eloquence, after which the "Mystics" plodded their weary way realizing "How pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

Yours in the Bond,
A. FITZPATRICK.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., March 10, 1879.

But once during the past month has the equilibrium of Ohio Etaic affairs been disturbed. Last Tuesday it was discovered that the dome of the college was on fire and immediately the heroic blood of our brotherhood was raised to temperature 212° F.

Trunks, girls, tooth-brushes, tables and boots were hastily removed and piled in confusion in every mud puddle on the campus. By the time all articles of value were safely thrown out of the windows, the fire department had the flames under control.

Everybody's back instantly became lame, and it required several days of steady work to repair the damages of a few minutes over pressure of heroism.

Now we are serene once more. Loss only \$6000, fully covered by insurance.

The question of another ladies fraternity is being strongly agitated and it is hoped that we shall have a chapter of Delta Gamma or Kappa Alpha Theta before commencement.

We are very sorry to notice a negligence on the part of some chapters in preparing SCROLL reports. In the last SCROLL only sixteen chapter reports appeared, whereas there should have been thirty-five. To us this chapter correspondence is the most interesting department of our paper and we hope to see more promptness in the future.

H. A. KELLEY.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, March 12, 1879.

Since our last report we have been prospering well. One addition to our number—Bro. J. F. McCulloch, of New Albany, Ind. You may now send us fourteen copies of the SCROLL.

We omitted to report elections in our last report. Bro. L. H. Rogers is our Secretary.

Last week we received a very interesting communication from the Grand Banker—about the sixth dun for SCROLL tax. Fearing for our charter, we immediately heeded his call, and now hold a "receipt in full." How many chapters can send in a like report? We have been in debt to the G. B. for a long time, and in all probability would have put off squaring our account longer, had it not been for instructions of the executive committee to revoke charters of delinquent chapters. We hope more of the chapters will have a little loyalty scared into them and pay up. If they do not let them suffer the consequences. For if there are chapters in

Phi Delta Theta so dead that they cannot be scared into loyalty, let the ex. com. revoke charters until we can just see how many good loyal chapters we have. The Chapter which has a tendency to keep in debt is better out of existence.

I wish some Brother who is posted, would give us an article on the foundation and organization of our fraternity. I refer to the fraternity at large. Have we ever been incorporated so that we stand on a business basis? Also give us some definite idea of our financial standing—the *original* and the *present* design of our permanent fund. Since any one person is in college only a few years, our whole membership is constantly changing, and if these things are not occasionally brought forward, the majority of our membership must work in the dark and of course lose interest in the Fraternity.

LYMAN E. OTT.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind.,
March 12, 1879.

The "Delta" has been enjoying quite a refreshing repose for the last three weeks, owing to the fact that we have precious little work to do. We have sowed reaped and garnered and are now growing corpulent. We have our years' work done, unless perchance, some good material comes in next term for us to select from.

I mentioned in Jan. SCROLL, that A. Miner Griswold, (a Delta Kappa Ep, from Hamilton College, N. Y.,) was our next lecturer. He arrived in the city yesterday, and at night lectured to a large and appreciative audience in the Baptist Church. It proved an immense success and kept the audience for one hour and a half in an exceedingly happy state of mind. We realized twenty four dollars.

If there are any earthly devils, Franklin College possesses a few of them, in the shape of anti-Greeks (ex-members of the Delta Tau Deltas). Having found out long since that we were their masters in every sense of the word, and having exhausted all fair means by which to destroy us as a chapter they now, in the following manner, use foul and insulting ones in order that we would get angry—raise a row and hence give the faculty a ground upon which it could base a decision to the effect that the Delta should *exist no more*. Firstly, they procured brass buttons, yarn strings and darning needles, to imitate respectively our shield, chain and dagger; these they wore in chapel and recitation rooms for two or three days. Then elevating(?) their morality to a still higher pitch, they made wooden daggers and tipped the points in red ink, typical that they had pierced our vital parts. These they wore four days, forsooth, insulting in the highest degree, not only to our Chapter, but to the fraternity at large. During this time we held three meetings and decided every time to *keep silent*. The Faculty seeing plainly that we were treating them in a gentlemanly manner and that they were not so treating us—very quietly went to them and told them to either shed their ornaments or leave Franklin College. They chose the former. Thus ended the affair—we honored; they, dishonored. Let this be an example to all other chapters when placed in circumstances similar to our own. It is unnecessary to add that our city undertakers would have had a "good run" if the Faculty had not acted when it did. *Ita postquam, qui similia susceperunt.*

Several enterprising and accomplished young ladies have lately organized a Kappa Kappa Gamma Chapter at this place. We congratulate the Kappa Kappa Gammas that they have placed their banner in the hands of such truly admirable ladies as comprise the above chapter. Long and prosperous may

her life be! We love e'm. They are all Phi sisters. We prophesy from the tone of the "Ohio Eta Report" that Bro. Wright has a Kappa girl at Wooster, and Bro. Kelley has not. Bro. Wright is a sensible man for obvious reasons. The Franklin Kappas are no sleepy heads; they will set up with a fellow until eleven. What better can you ask?

The SCROLL is a success and we will now take a recess.

Ever in the Bond,
FRANK B. DAY.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Richmond, Va.,
March 2d, 1879.

It affords me great pleasure to again send you the report for our Chapter. We want to tell all the Phis that we are just as happy as we can be about Phi Delta Theta here.

The principal source of our delectation is the recollection of a supper given us last week by Bro. Tanner. Last Monday night we held our regular meeting, by invitation, at the residence of Bro. T's. father, Col. Wm. E. Tanner. After the meeting was over, we adjourned to the dining room where was to be seen a magnificent array of eatables and drinkables. You may be sure justice was done to them; and by the way, I never saw a Phi yet that did not have a big appetite. After the supper, fraternity songs were sung, toasts were drunk, "And all went merry as a marriage bell."

Several members of the Va. Alpha Alumni were present and added to the zest and enjoyment of the occasion.

Bro. Tanner is one of the truest and best Phis the Delta has ever had, and she may be well proud of his devotion for her. Since our last report we have taken in one man—Bro. Frank Puryear, son of the Chairman of the Faculty of the College. He is a first-class man and will make a true Phi. We have recently purchased a handsome set of arm chairs for our hall, which latter, as soon as we have it papered, will look quite "nobby."

The Betas have taken in two men lately, making their number here eighteen. Alpha Tau has only four, and seems to be about to "kick the bucket."

Cant' somebody tell us how we are to get the new constitution and form of initiation?

Love to all the Phis and tell them the Va. Delta is as happy as a big sun-flower, as united and stuck together as a bottle of mucilage, and as lively as a Texas mule.

Yours in the Bond,
JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Ind.,
March 8th, 1879.

The Indiana Alpha has been delinquent in her SCROLL reports for several months past, principally for the reason that there was nothing to report. But lest other Chapters may think we are dead or otherwise unreportable, this report is sent. The work done in the second term, though full of interest to the various Chapters is not of general interest. Our literary exercises, our hopes and plans, "bums"—all, and especially the last, are of great interest locally, but they don't lend much assistance toward making up a good letter for the SCROLL. In speaking of "bums" I might say that occasionally our alumnus Bro., Lou Rogers comes up to our meetings and in response to our call, makes us good speeches, well stored with words of wisdom and advice, ending with the cheering intelligence that he has a treat for the Chapter, whereupon the Chapter tumultuously adjourns for fifteen minutes refreshments of apples, oranges or peanuts as the case may be. There is one thing which is agitating the

minds of the Alpha boys at present, and that is the establishment of the Indiana Eta. We have a Phi attending college there and three other Chapters, the Alpha, Beta and Gamma are near and ready to lend a helping hand. We think that with work on the part of these chapters and especially the Phi at Asbury, the Indiana Eta can be restored to her old place among the living chapters of the fraternity.

CHAS. BANTA.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga., March, 1879.

We failed to make a report the last number of the SCROLL, from the simple fact that we had nothing of special interest to report. Another month has rolled by and finds us in the "same fix;" we can only say "everything is lovely, et cetera." The single event of interest since our last report, is the initiation of as fine a specimen of humanity as Texas can afford. He was recently matriculated at Old Emory, and has pushed his way into the foremost ranks of the Junior class and bids fair to graduate with high honors. The Kappa Alphas and Chi Phis brought all their forces to bear upon him, but mindful of his Sunday School training, he said unto them "Get thee behind me Satan," and turned his foot-steps to the open arms of Phi Delta Theta, and now sports the shield and dagger with the most exquisite grace. His name is Walter A. Pitts. There are now twenty-three of us.

The Literary Societies here celebrated Washington's Birthday with speeches by Bros. Walker and Hoyt, both noble Phis. Bro. Walker had just recovered from an attack of the measles, but, under the influence of "Beautiful Isle of the Sea," he fully sustained his reputation as an orator. The Phi Gamma Society celebrates its Anniversary on the 8th of March, with an address by another worthy Phi Delta Theta, Bro. W. W. Seals.

Fraternally Yours,
J. B. GREENE.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C., March 5, 1879.

We gladly send our Spring greetings to the Phis, inasmuch as we are upon a firm basis. Saturday night we made up our "Bakers dozen" and now stand far ahead of any fraternity at this place, and what is very remarkable, Bro. Bulla is our President. Pres. of the Hesperian Society, Literary Society, and also Pres. of the Theological Society. We do not stand in want of College honors. We are well represented in all the societies and all persons seeking college honors are anxious first to make friends with the Phis. When election for commencement speakers comes off we will be well represented. Some of our boys are corresponding with parties at Capitol Hill (the University of our State) and I think we will soon be able to apply to the National Grand for a charter for the N. C. B. We are glad to greet the S. C. A., and sincerely trust that she may take a leading part in Wofford College. She has a good man at her helm. I'll now give a biographical sketch of some of our members whom I did not mention in my last communication. Numa Fletcher Reid Loftin, was born in Thomasville, Davidson county, N. C. When he was quite a small boy, and long before his tiny (?) feet were taught to move, he had something on his upper lip that resembled a phosphorous mark on a black-board, but I've since learned it was a protuberance of red hair. James Samuel Garner, of Darlington county, S. C., is decidedly the "prettiest" boy that the Palmetto State ever produced. David Everett William Cates, is supposed to have been borned somewhere in Borneo and is a fine sample of his race, and is a decided poetical genius. The SCROLL may look for

some of his productions before long, Samuel Garland Daniel, (the N. C. A's cub) of Halifax county, N. C., is a youth that we may well be proud of; he sports the shield and dagger with a peculiar pride.

Yours in the Bond.

PHILEMON HOLLAND, Jr.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, Ohio, Feb. 15th, 1879.

One more heathen has been converted—one more "Dr." initiated into the mystic bonds of the Phi Delta Theta. On Monday night, Feb. 3, Mr. H. T. Patrick, another one of ye great medicine men of ye wonderful Freshman class, with phantoms of fiendish furies flying frantically around his feverish face and with a trembling foot-step that shook the very earth from pole to pole, advanced to take the solemn vow of secrecy. Notwithstanding his fears and gloomy forebodings, he was able to answer the questions by a "yes" and not give way to emotions, because he knew he "didn't Darr say no."

In Irving Society our Chapter stands on an equal footing with the Phi Kappa Psi's, although they have a membership of about thirty, while we have only fifteen. The following will show that we are at least twice as strong as they, if the number of their members be taken into consideration: for 22nd Entertainment, Phi Kaps 1, Phi Dels 1; Annual Entertainment, Phi Kaps 2, and alumnus orator, Betas 1, Phi Dels 2, and alumnus alternate; Officers in Society, Phi Kaps 2, Betas 1, Phi Dels 3.

Bro. C. T. Jamison, one of the most enthusiastic Phis that ever belonged to Ohio Zeta, has purchased an interest in the Urbana, Ohio, *Citizen and Gazette*, and this Chapter would like to express the hope that he will prosper in his new enterprise and be blessed with an abundance of fame.

Bro. Sam. McLellan! See with what reverence he approaches his post-office box! and lo! there cometh a letter from the Dead Letter office at Washington—his heart is lighter, his face much brighter, for in his haste to send his best to a fair young friend he forgot to address the envelope!

Our Junior—no, I must refrain. "Why persecutest thou me?"

Bro. Hermps McLain says there is nothing like *Harper*—such nice dress-patterns and a lovely picture seven times a week! More anon.

Yours in the Bond.

WILL. FREMONT HARN.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Feb 14th, 1879.

It has become my pleasant and also painful duty to forward the Va. Beta's monthly account to the SCROLL. Pleasant, because:

"'Tis pleasing sure to see one's name in print,
For a name's a name, tho' there be nothing in't."

Painful, because I feel a profound embarrassment in having any production of a poor "divinity student," before such an august body of critics, as I know the Phi Brotherhood to be.

We still claim the banner Fraternity of the University, and will endeavor to maintain that position in spite of Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta or "any other man."

We have five embryo A. M's—Bros. Lewis, Lancaster, Phister, Fletcher, and Patterson, and a perfect "Rupert of debate," in the person of our doughty Indianian, Bro. Jackson. Six feet two in his socks, massive in person, iron pointed, supple sinewed, with a brow Socrates might have envied and an eye that e'en Napoleon would have quailed before, he stands a very Saul amongst his fellows—and feet! *such feet!!* Don't talk to us about

the feet of Bro. Thomas of the Indiana Delta! They are nowhere. If any one doubts this assertion, the Chapter is prepared (having contributed a dollar apiece to pay freightage) to send one of Bro. J's. shoes to Franklin and prove by ocular demonstration that Indiana everywhere maintains her superiority in the growth of pedal extremities, as well as hogs and Presidents.

The painful duty also devolves upon me of having to chronicle the cruel deeds of one of our members—the festive Phister. Every Sunday night Tom says to himself: "So will I arise and dyke and go into the town of Charlottesville, which lyeth over against the temple of learning, which goeth by the name of University, and lay siege to the heart of some fair maiden until it break." And straightway he dyketh and goeth on his way and besiegeth the heart of the aforesaid maiden 'till it hath broken, and then Thomas saith "Lo what an insinuating young man I am to be sure!" And there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth within the precincts of the city of C. while *he* goeth on his way rejoicing. Selah!

Allow an old school-mate to extend the hand of fellowship to Bro. Seals of the Ga., Gamma, and to congratulate him upon his rising reputation as a poet. Go it old fellow! I predicted in those bright fall days of '73, at Richmond Academy, that some day you would make a Chaucer, a Spencer, or a Martin F. Tupper.

We all take a deep interest in the SCROLL, as in fact we do in every thing which bears the three mystic letters Φ . Δ . Γ . on its face and gives forth the ring of the *royal* metal which composes our glorious old sword and shield.

Yours in the Bond.
V. STARNES.

Mississippi Alpha.

OXFORD, Miss., Feb. 21st, 1879.

Mississippi Alpha has been trying to get straight into the harness ever since its first organization, and I can say now, with a proud heart, that it has reached the zenith of its ambition. What reports you have received from us, were sent by first one and another. I was elected corresponding secretary last fall, and before I could send a report I was taken sick, and last night was the first meeting that I have attended in two months. After this I will send my report regularly. We took measures last night to carry out all of the initiation as prescribed by the new constitution.

Since our last report, a new Phi has been born. I think we will announce the birth of another in our next report. We have just twelve members now and all full blooded.

We are now trying to elect our man for anniversary next year and I hope we will be able to announce his election.

I think the Sigma Chis will get that office this year, and I expect we will meet with very strong opposition from the Alpha Kappa Phi this next year.

Wishing success to all Phis, I am always
Yours Fraternally,
J. M. CATCHING.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
Nashville, Tenn. Feb. 16th, 1879.

This Chapter has unretarded prosperity. It now has fourteen in the Literary Department, seven in the Law School, and five from the State Normal College, which is an Institution in another part of the city. The representation from the different States is as follows: Tennessee 7; Ga. 6; Ky. 3; Va. 2; La. 2; Texas 2; Miss. 2; Ala. 1; Fla. 1. We have recently left the hall we formerly

occupied, and rented a Knights of Honor hall, over the Fourth National Bank. It got too hot for us at our old place, as it was too near the University, and we were in danger of being detected. We were puzzled how to get our coffin transferred to the new hall. Four pall-bearers were appointed to serve, but they declined and hired a drag. Apropos, on the Monday morning after getting in our new hall, Bro. Lytton Taylor had rather an unexpected visit from the Chief of Police of Nashville. He was sitting in his office longing for clients, when in walked the policeman, to whom he showed his suavest manners.

"Good morning captain," he said, inwardly speculating as to the object of the visit.

The policeman said, "Mr. Taylor, the porter saw a coffin carried up into the room above last Saturday night after dark; what does it mean?"

"It was just an empty coffin belonging to a society."

"Yes, I've been around there to see it, and there is a sword and dark lantern in it. They look mighty suspicious. The bank officers don't like it. They think that there is some scheme up to rob the bank, or that medical students mean to dissect bodies up there, and if so the officers don't want them up there."

"But those things," responded Bro. Taylor, "are only used by a society in initiating members—I wouldn't like to tell you how, but no robbery on the bank at all is intended, and the society never dissects anybody."

"Well I didn't understand it, and the bank officers insisted I should see you, as they said you were the man that rented the hall."

Bro. Taylor then fully explained the matter to him, and he went away satisfied.

A club is being made up of about twenty to send off for badges soon. The outsiders will be amazed when twenty Phis appear badged. The S. A. E. has "busted" at this University, and we wore a mourning badge of black crape on our coats for three days in its memory. Kappa Sigma cannot hold out much longer, and we will soon be left alone in our glory. We are almost pining for some respectable rivals. Of the competition for the commencement medals, one Phi out of the four was elected from our Literary Societies; and three Phis out of the four from the other Society. A stock company has been organized to publish a paper at the University. The elections were held yesterday; and of the six editors four, including the Chief, are Phis; and of the six managers two, including the Chairman, are Phis. It will be seen from these data how strong Phi Delta Theta is at Vanderbilt. The faculty do not much favor having a paper published at the University, but if all goes well the first number will be issued early in March. We are arranging to have about commencement a grand banquet and sociable at the finest restaurant in the city. Everything will be in style; invitations will be printed, and we will have the girls. Bro. R. H. Hamilton, now practicing law in the city, visited just before Christmas his *Alma Mater*, Central College, Fayette, Mo., where our Mo. Beta is situated. I have long thought the Chapter dead. Bro. Hamilton says it did die down once, but the College changed Presidents and though fraternities are not favored, and have to be run *sub rosa*, still the new President is not near so hard on them as the former. Our chapter there now is in a very flourishing condition having no rivals. It has nine or ten of the very best men in the College, and on the occasion of Bro. Hamilton's visit they gave him an elegant reception at the city hotel. Now let the Mo. Beta Phis speak out for themselves.

In the Bond,
W. B. PALMER.

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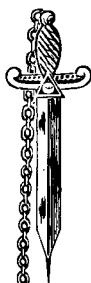
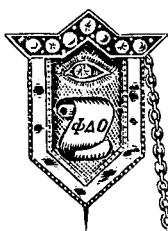
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The Death of Queen Elizabeth.

She is dying, England, dying!
Fast her life-blood ebbs away,
And the dark sepulchral shadows
Gather round her closing day.
There, she lies upon her pillows,
Stretched upon her dying bed!
There within that royal palace,
Dies the Sovereign; softly tread!

There she lies who once was mighty,
Who o'er England once held sway;
At whose bidding, strong and queenly,
Fell each foe, resentment's prey.
Once she was a queen most royal,
Sitting on a regal throne,
Wedded only to her kingdom,—
All her subjects were her own.

Now she's dying, England, dying!
Dying on the palace floor!
Now she's laying down her sceptre,
Nears the dark Plutonian shore.
Ah! that bridal ring is severed,
Which the "Virgin Queen" had worn
As an emblem of her marriage
To "Old England"—from her torn.

See you yet the pride, th' ambition,
Shining from her lustrous eye?
See you now that cold resentment,
Which for Essex cast the die?
Mark you yet that jealous hatred
That sent Mary to her grave?
That caprice and love commingled,
Which made subject fawning slave?

Yea; you see her ancient vigor,
Beaming from her glist'ning eye.
But a melancholy picture
She presents, about to die.
All her ancient glory's fading
Into darkness; and the gloom,
Nearing she the Stygian river,
Shrouds in terror glory's tomb.

There we see remorse and passion;—
All her faculties aglow—
As caprice gives way to sorrow,
Ambition to the wail of woe.
Now when nobles would desert her,
Leave her all alone, forlorn,
She, her ancient vigor rousing,
Turns to them with bitter scorn:

"Haste, ye nobles, haste to Scotia,
Bow before your future lord!
Swear allegiance to his sceptre,
And defend it with your sword!
You have long a king desired;
You have wished me out the way;
To his standard prove ye loyal:
Welcome in the longed for day!

"Haste! the 'Virgin Queen' is dying!
And a king alone shall reign!
Who can be a queen's successor,
But possess a royal name?
Let him be from Caledonia,
Who shall in my palace dwell.
Haste, ye nobles, fawning vassals,
Haste to Scotia! Fare you well!

"But shall all my greatness perish,
When I'm lowered in the grave?
Shall this age, replete with greatness,
Thus be sunk 'neath Lethe's wave?

Or, shall execration follow
Every act of good 'Queen Bess'?
But I'm dying, England, dying!
Fare you well, May God you bless!"

Yes; she's dying, England, dying!
And her nobles far away,
Waiting on their future Sovereign,
At whose feet they homage pay.
Thus neglected, she is dying,
Welcomes gladly death's embrace;
Dying, England, and deserted,
The last sovereign of her race.

HOLMES DYSINGER.

Pa. College, Jan. 6, 1879.

Poem,

Read at the Celebration of the Third Anniversary of the Penna. Beta, Phi Delta Theta, May 4th, 1878.

I.

Aglow with memories glad, this festal hour,
Fraternal hearts and kindred minds and souls
Are knit in friendship's holy bond, with power.
By slow degrees the historic page unrolls:
Then, see the well-formed bud, the comely germ,
And hear the mystic oath, so solemn, firm,
On this eventful, glad some Fifth of May,
My well-beloved chapter's natal day.

II.

But *now*, behold the flowers, the full-blown
flowers,
That point to harvests in the far-off years.
And when the sun dark, threat'ning clouds conceal,
Or when its radiant glow we cannot feel,
'Tis ours to tend, with watchful care, the tree,
That, as the sturdy forest oak will be,
On other, future, happier Fifts of May,—
My well-beloved Beta's natal day.

III.

When years on years in endless floods have
flown,
And ripe 's the fruit of seed so long since sown;
The past again recall, the era done,
And give to God, the Lord, the one begun.
Thus other better years will speed away,
And nobler lips than ours these tributes pay,
On more eventful, joyous Fifts of May,—
Rho Deuteron's proud and happy natal day.

J. C. FRANK RUPP.

Correspondence between Chapters.

There is nothing so beneficial to our order as correspondence between individual members of different chapters. At first sight it would appear that the SCROLL reports of the respective chapters would answer all purposes; but in the reports we cannot give in detail every little incident of the great struggle, this can be done only by correspondence among ourselves. Thus only can we learn everything about our co-workers, their doubts and fears, their hopes and

intentions, their success or failure; all so interesting when their cause and also their object is the same as ours. It is both encouraging and instructive to watch thus the manner of operation and progress of our fellow-laborers in the great harvest. Competition is also excited between chapters in the desire to excel each other in the high attainment of success. We learn by observation as well as experience, and we desire to use this knowledge in excelling others in a good cause.

I can assert with confidence that at least one half of the articles under "Other Fraternities" are derived in this way. Almost every one has some little grain of information, insignificant so long as it is isolated; but by correspondence they are gathered into a single lump, worthy of exhibition. Besides we learn thus the conditions of our rival fraternities in other colleges, whether prosperous or not, their characteristics and their rank, and above all, in every case, we learn our own superiority. Not only should this correspondence be carried on during the session, but also throughout vacation. Many of us have friends who are going off for the first time to college, men whom we know to be worthy of initiation into our order, and if we would just take the trouble to write to some member of the chapter at the college which our friend will attend, the Fraternity would gain a good man, and the friend would be saved from the jaws of those greedy grasping fraternities known as "snapping-turtles." It will not do to wait until the session commences, for in many cases by the time our letter arrives our friend has been clutched.

A "BABY" PHI.

The Chaplain.

Those brothers who attended the convention at Wooster, will probably recollect the discussion elicited when the subject of a ritual for the use of our chaplains came up for consideration.

While no form was adopted by the convention, yet any chaplain may make use of any suitable forms he sees fit. It was the custom of the Druids to open and close their bardic circles with a beautiful formula of prayer, the words of which have been preserved and which might very appropriately be adopted by the chaplains of our order. The prayer is as follows:

"O God, grant us thy protection; and with protection, strength; and with strength, discretion; and with discretion, justice; and with justice, love; and with love, the love of God; and with the love of God, the love of all living things." c***.

About a Phi.

A correspondent of the *Indianapolis Saturday Herald* pays the following tribute to a distinguished Phi:

J. C. G. BLACKBURN.

I never saw a man of the dash and brilliancy, the personal magnetism, the grace of manner, and at the same time combining the elements of intellectual strength of this southerner. Men I have seen possessing one of these qualities, or even two, in more or less perfection, but never such an apparently happy combination. To simply see him is to see a very ordinary man, rather homely, if anything, of medium stature and slightly round-shouldered. To hear him speak is to hear an orator whose lips seem to burn with impassioned fire; all nerve; his broad chest heaving with a deep and resonant voice, and language that flows like a mighty river, he seems to bear down all before him. His utterance is clear and words sharp cut from the tongue. There is nothing stilted or sophomoric either in his style or language. Both are incisive, pungent. There is a certain grandeur in his utterance of the most commonplace things. And when he chooses to do so, his first words enchain the undivided attention of the body of which he is the most interesting figure. Mr. Blackburn is not more charming to listen to from the galleries than he is in the private circle. When you have taken him by the hand you quit the hold of one whose every tone and glance and most minute gesture impress you in the indefinable way of a superior man. To be able to say the right thing in the right place, and not too much of it, is a gift as rare as Blackburns. In company with young Alston, a son of the unhappy Bob Alston, murdered at Atlanta, Ga., last week, I met Mr. Blackburn in the Willard lobby. He was surrounded by a troop of friends. It was but

an hour after the caucus had sat upon their hopes. His face was bright with smiles, and his pride of bearing seemed even a nearer approach to haughtiness than usual. But he paused to shake hands with the group of which we were members, and chatted wittily of his discomfiture. Young Alston was presented. The face of the great southerner suddenly changed at the name, and taking the young man's hand in his, he spoke so earnestly and eloquently of the lamented dead, in a very few low words—by Jove! I don't believe there was a dry eye in the circle! There was no parade, no time for the man to think, but it came welling right up from the southern breast, and thrilled every hearer.

Fraternity Extension.

An old friend of mine is in the habit of saying that, "the time to push a thing is when it is prosperous." Now that our Fraternity is in good working order, we should make strenuous efforts towards extension. Some Fraternities have only a few chapters located at prominent institutions, and do not endeavor to establish others. Such Fraternities will be very high-toned and exclusive, but their influence will be limited. It is not, however, the policy of our Fraternity to restrict our chapters to the present number. Were we to make no further efforts toward the extension of the Fraternity, it most surely would begin to wane and decay. The Phi Delta Theta is not designed to be sectional. We should ever have it in view to make it *national*. The growth of the Fraternity during the past few years has been rapid, but it has not grown too fast, nor has there been anything abnormal in its growth. The Phi Delta Theta was never more prosperous than it is to-day. It is now the foremost Fraternity in the West and South, and its good standing in Pennsylvania ought to bring about the organization of other chapters in the northern and eastern Colleges. In the Middle and New England States there is a large missionary field for the Phi Delta Theta, and even in the West there are institutions of high character where the Fraternity has never been established, and still others where it once flourished, but now to our disgrace, does not exist. While we should carefully guard against admitting the

Fraternity to unworthy institutions, we cannot afford to halt now. Activity is the watchword of our success.

The SCROLL, since its revival, has created an enthusiasm among our members. The constitution and ritual have been improved. The plan and polity of our Order are well understood and its condition well known. This then appears to be a favorable time for a general movement to widen the domain of the Fraternity.

It is a surprising fact that the six or eight most recently established chapters were organized by correspondence. And yet every year Phi go to institutions where we greatly need chapters, but make no effort to start them.

It is no easy matter to start a chapter. Experience has taught me that it is very difficult. The founder of a chapter deserves the highest credit and praise from the Fraternity. When chapters are started by correspondence, communications have to be made with uninitiated persons at a distance of several hundreds of miles. But under these disadvantages have our new chapters been founded. How much less labor and risk it is for a Phi attendant on an institution, and acquainted with all the students, to start a chapter! Have the members of the Fraternity attending institutions where Phi Delta Theta is not established done their duty in this matter? It takes energy and persistent effort to build up a strong chapter, but it is a Phi's bounden and Bonded duty to promote, in every way possible, the interests of the Fraternity. We now have members in eastern Colleges, and next fall others will go. Our men who go east are generally exceptionally good students. It may be said to be impossible to establish the Fraternity at the large New England Colleges by means of correspondence, but it is in the power of our members attending them to plant the Phi Delta Theta firmly in Plymouth soil. During the coming collegiate year an advancement should be made all along the line. Let each Phi remember his obligation to the Fraternity; let each one improve every opportunity to benefit it, and during the year Phi Delta Theta will be wonderfully increased in strength and importance.

W. B. P.

Our Catalogue.

Among the many important points spoken of by "Maryland" in the March SCROLL, I would call attention to the simple fact that the incorrect address of *so many* of our members is one of the greatest drawbacks we experience in establishing chapters.

For example, I wrote to Bowdoin College for a catalogue, and examining the list of students, found several residents of New York State and living in places where our catalogue states that we have members.

I immediately wrote to our Phi boys, asking for information concerning such persons attending Bowdoin. Of course I received a letter in return, but it was the same one I had sent with a request "to be returned if not called for." It was not *called for*, because our catalogue was incorrect and we had no members there.

I call attention to this fact simply to show how great is the delay experienced in our endeavors to obtain a foothold in new Colleges.

To remedy this present evil, I would earnestly request that each and every chapter, and every alumnus who sees this notice, forward to me *at once* a correct list of all active and alumni members, giving correct name, address, profession, and occupation.

This will partly remedy one of our present hindrances to our prosperity.

We need a new catalogue but it should not be published until after our next convention, when the convention can elect a board of publication and the chapters can send in a correct and revised list of their members after the opening of the Fall term.

Let those who see this please forward to my address the above information and the result will be an increase in our prosperity.

Yours Fraternally,

C. J. REDDIE, Pres.

Shippensburg, Pa., April 12th, 1879.

College and Educational.

The Maine Legislature discusses the expediency of abolishing the free high schools of the State.

The number of South Carolinians in colleges in the State last year was 334; outside the State, 133.

The meeting of the American Institute of Instruction, will be held in the White Mountains this year.

Ohio has 1,027,248 children of school-age; \$21,329,864 worth of school property, and 23,391 employed teachers.

Of the 60,000 thousand students in the Colleges of the United States, only 25,000 are professing Christians and fewer than 8,000 are engaged in active Christian work.

"Cramming" in the public schools has recently received some severe adverse discussion. Its practice in our colleges is equally as common and injurious and should be discouraged.

The Regents of the University of Michigan have asked the Legislature to give them a new hospital; \$2,500 a year for the library; a fire-proof building for the museum and library; steam-heating apparatus for all the buildings, and about \$26,000 to be divided among the departments.

Other Fraternities.

Phi Gamma Delta has twenty-three living chapters.

Phi Kappa Psi has twenty-seven chapters now in existence.

Sigma Chi we stated last month had twenty-seven chapters. It has but twenty-two.

Phi Kappa Psi holds its next convention at Washington. Beta Theta Pi at Cincinnati.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) has founded a chapter at Franklin College recently. O to be an Indiana Delta boy!

Beta Theta Pi is discussing the admissibility of making public its constitution. It is strongly urged by many prominent Betas but meets with some hearty disapprobation. We cannot see any object in taking the proposed step.

The Kappa Alphas have started a fraternity organ at Richmond College, Va., with a Mr. Turner as Editor. It is not sub rosa and depends principally on outside support for its maintenance. Success to it.

A catalogue of Psi Upsilon, edited by C. W. Smiley, has been published. According to the New York *Tribune* it is a very handsome and complete affair. "A History of Psi Upsilon," by Prof. Willard Fiske, will be published in about two years. This fraternity has some eminent men on its lists.

"American College Fraternities, a Descriptive Analysis of the Society System in the Colleges of the United States, with a Detached Account of each Fraternity," by Wm. Raimond Baird, is to be published soon. Mr. Baird graduated last summer from the Stevens Institute, Hoboken, New Jersey, and is a member of the Alpha Sigma Chi. The author has collected facts from nearly 150 different Greek letter societies. The price of the book is not to exceed \$1.50, and several hundred have already been subscribed for.

Delta Tau Delta has twenty-two living chapters, many of them in a precarious condition. In Indiana their chapters are composed of material for which other fraternities have no desire and it is rather a slur on a man to say that he belongs to Delta Tau Delta. Their members have large feelings and little to back them. Their chapter at Asbury University, Irvington, Ind., has only three members.

By a reference to the list of Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapters published recently in the SCROLL, which list was taken from their 1877 catalogue, it will be seen that they have only fourteen living chapters, one of which is Alumni, a very insignificant affair indeed. Their membership according to same catalogue is 820.

The March number of the *Crescent* (the organ of Delta Tau Delta) has a lengthy article on the harm done their fraternity by the withdrawals and resignations of the dissatisfied. All this seems curious to the Phis who are not troubled by such a state of affairs. The same number of the *Crescent* hurls a harmless dart at Phi Delta Theta, which we deem unworthy of notice.

The Pi Kappa Alpha was founded at Va. University in 1868. It has founded in all eight chapters distributed as follows: Alpha, Va. University, 1868; Beta, Davidson College, N. C., 1869, (dead); Gamma, W. and M. Col. Va., 1871; Delta, Southern Univ., Ala., 1871; Epsilon, Va. Ag'l Col. 1874; Zeta, E. Tenn. Univ., 1874; Eta, Louisiana University, 1878; Theta, S. W. P. University, 1879. Their badge is a lozenge with the letters *II. K. A.*, and from its sides hang triangular figures each bearing a Greek letter.

Personals.

J. M. McComb, '77, Pa. Gamma, is teaching at Six Points, Pa.

Newt. Donaldson, '79, Pa. Gamma, is teaching at Cross Creek, Pa., and A. C. Good, '79, at Worthington, Pa.

J. H. Barton, '81, Pa. Gamma, will teach an Academy at Canonsburg, Pa., during the coming summer.

H. K. Shaner, '77, Pa. Gamma, is the happy father of a daughter, which will doubtless be beautiful some day. This is the first baby born to a brother in the Pa. Gamma.

S. C. Dodds, '75, Ind. Alpha, is the popular and successful Book Merchant of Bloomington, Ind.

Prof. A. A. Wylie, Ind. A., Professor of Natural Sciences of Ind. State University, is considered the best and most popular Prof. by both students and graduates.

Rev. M. C. Hobbs, '56, Ind. Alpha, is in the lecture business. He has a finished lecture entitled "The Dedication of Solomon's Temple." Should like to hear it.

Harry B. Walter, Pa. Beta, reads medicine and gladly welcomes Phis at 1103 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa. Harry contains as much geniality as any six-feet-two Phi in the land.

W. T. Buckner, Va. Gamma, has left Randolph-Macon, and is attending Military Institute at West Point. Phis fight for fame and fortune.

Chas. W. Tanner, Va. Delta, is the popular organist of the second Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. He often cheers the Delta boys by his presence. "Rings on his fingers, bells on his toes," etc.

Chas. M. Shield, Va. Alpha, who recently graduated with distinction at the Virginia Medical College, has been appointed physician at the Richmond alms-house. We hope he may never be aught else there.

Geo. C. Powers, Va. Delta, is in business with his father in Richmond. George is a true Phi and by the Powers! but he's a good fellow any way you take him.

Joseph L. Armstrong, Va. Gamma, can be addressed at 66 Edmonston St., Baltimore. Joe, all Phi Delta Thetas join us in begging you to work at Johns Hopkins. Can you resist an appeal from such a source?

C. C. Cody, of the Georgia Gamma, has been elected to a professorship in South Western University, Georgetown, Texas.

S. T. Quick, Ind. Alpha, the only Phi Delta whose name begins with a Q, is prospering as a physician at Edinburg, Ind.

The famous "Grubbs Libel Law" about which all of the Indiana papers are howling, is fathered by Senator G. W. Grubbs of the Ind. Delta, '61.

Rev. D. B. Banta, '74, Ind. Epsilon, is at home near Franklin, Ind., in very poor health.

Bro. Guthrie, the only Phi Delta in Purdue University, Indiana, was recently honored by being elected one of the delegates to the State oratorical association.

Prof. W. G. Ballantine, '69, Ind. Beta, was elected Prof. of Greek, in the Ind. State University by its board of trustees, but he declined. At present he is filling a chair in one of the Theological Seminaries of the east.

Col. Wm. H. Vilas, '78, Wis. Alpha, delivered the annual address at the twelfth Reunion of the Army of the Tennessee, at Indianapolis, Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, 1878. It was an able effort and elicited the laudations of the press. Bro. Vilas is one of the rising men of Wisconsin.

THE SCROLL

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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The SCROLL. Shall it sink or swim?

Read what the G. B. says about things.

Our poems on "Spring" have been tabled indefinitely.

The article of President Reddig, on third page, is to the point and should claim attention. The list of members Bro. R. proposes to make will be exceedingly valuable to the future Catalogue maker.

A card from the G. S. A. of Delta Tau Delta, states that the *Crescent* would be happy to exchange with the SCROLL, "if Phi Delta Theta is willing." Is Barkis willin'? That's the point yet to be decided. We have an opinion but it is not flattering to Delta Tau Delta.

We have received the *Vanderbilt Austral*, a new college paper, published at Vanderbilt University. It is ably edited by Bro. W. B. Palmer, of Tennessee Beta. We trust that it will continue to find its way to our table.

It may not be out of place to put in a word of reminder here that the SCROLL is sent out *sub rosa*, and that therefore it dare not be shown to those in no way connected with our fraternity. There is great danger of carelessness in this regard and particularly among alumni members. It is carelessness not wilful but forgetful, but it is against our law all the same. We trust that all Phis, active and alumni, will carefully keep the SCROLL under cover and out of sight of those without the Bond. This may seem a superfluous precaution, but recent assurances impel us to utter it.

It is with the deepest regret that we publish in this issue the intelligence of the death of Bro. Mouzor of South Carolina Alpha. His loss is greatly to be regretted at this time not only because he was a worthy Phi Delta and gave promise of a useful and honorable life, but because his presence is needed to support the young chapter which is bereaved and weakened by his death. We trust, however, that this disheartening circumstance will not overcome the praiseworthy zeal of this young chapter, but that they will find not one alone, but many worthy to take his place and wear the shield and dagger. Losses of this kind frequently unite and strengthen, and while the dispensations of Providence seem very severe they may result in a more

perfect union and if possible, a more earnest and zealous endeavor to build up their own chapter and with it the entire fraternity.

Our Finances.

We present in this issue a somewhat extended account of our finances from the pen of the Grand Banker. Considering the fact that there has been much misunderstanding in this direction the account is given none too soon; neither can such a statement be given too plainly. The statements of the G. B. are clear and easily understood and it would have been better for all concerned had some such statement appeared three months ago. Since we now have it the fraternity at large is made acquainted with the true state of our finances and we must endeavor to better the condition of the exchequer at once. Whether or not there may have been inaccuracies and failures of notice in the past does not enter into the solution of the problem now at hand. There is half a thousand dollars due the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity from its chapters. It is clearly and unmistakably the duty of chapters indebted to pay their debts. The first debt paid should be to the National Organization. Is it asked how is the money to be raised? For shame! Let no chapter of Phi Delta Theta pause long before answering this question. Let it be raised by special tax, by increase in dues, by subscriptions, by borrowing at suitable discount,—in any honorable way let it be raised and sent at once to the Grand Banker. This must be done if we desire to stand in our present rank and to go still higher. It is acknowledged that we are the first fraternity in the South, that we are the equal of any in the West, that we are rapidly growing in the East, and that our condition is far better than ever before. Let us with united action and honest effort attest nobly and well these acknowledgments.

To return to the statements of the G. B. The large number of catalogues should at once be lessened. Notwithstanding its imperfections, our last catalogue is by far the best we have and is worthy a place among our Phi literature. While the small sum of fifty cents is extremely low for a publication of its character and importance.

But the SCROLL. This indeed seems to be the most troublesome affair of all, perhaps because of its importance. We are rather surprised that only about one-half the active members of the fraternity have paid their year's subscription. Is it because the SCROLL is not wanted? We have received encouragements, compliments, and good wishes almost numberless. Have these all been mere words, idle words? We do not, cannot believe it. We believe that the neglect in the payment of subscriptions is due to carelessness and the thought that the money was not needed. Now that it is needed let there be prompt remittances. Surely the management, in addition to its onerous burdens, should not be vexed and harassed for the want of funds. Shall the June number be omitted as the G. B. suggests? We await

expressions of opinion on the subject until our next issue. We think the June number cannot afford to be lost to the Fraternity. Meanwhile we shall expect to hear encouraging news from Bro. Whitehead.

As to the construction put upon the article 'The SCROLL Act' in our December issue, we by no means agree with the G. B. The fact that subscriptions are to be paid in September by no means excludes payment after that date. It would be absurd for any sensible person to imagine that he is entitled to the SCROLL free because he joined the fraternity after September. Subscriptions are payable at any time, but the current year with the SCROLL begins in September. Of course the G. B. has no claim on those who have graduated.

The Grand Banker states that his own business prevents him from writing long and numerous letters. Surely he cannot afford to let fraternity business suffer. That needs great attention, and our G. B. *must* have time to guide it clear of rocks and shoals when there is an open channel. There is no need of long and numerous letters, but there is need of clear, business statements and wise management of the fraternity's funds. Common courtesy is never lost, and business tact and energy are always recognized.

Extension.

The founding of Penna. Epsilon is in the hands of Rev. Bro. A. Z. McGogney, of Ohio Zeta. We are unable to give more than a place in the Directory this month. A card from Bro. McG., just as we go to press, informs us that he will send full report at once. Full report in our next.

We desire to publish and mail the June number of the SCROLL sufficiently early that it may reach the chapters before they disband for summer vacation. To do this we must send out May numbers by the 12th and June by the 5th of these months respectively. Chapter Editors will please report for next month *not later than the 5th*, and for the June number the reports *must reach us by the first*. Please be prompt, Brothers, and send your reports to the Editor.

Notes.

—Bro. Search's last song, "The Dying Soldier's Farewell," is a splendid hit, and bids fair to be one of the most popular songs of the day. It is a graphic picture of a soldier, who, dying upon the battle-field, recounts to his comrades gathered around, the happy scenes of his far-away home, and tells of loved ones there anxiously waiting his return. Thousands of homes in the North and South will find, in this song, a story that will awaken the tenderest emotions for the brave boys who went forth never to return. The chorus by his comrades, as they lay him down to rest, is very touching:

"Tread softly, comrades, softly, as we lay him down to rest.
He is dying, and some loving heart will broken be to-night;
Beneath this waving cypress, with its leaves so green and bright,
We will lay him down to sleep and rest, sleep and rest."

—Penna. Beta was recently stirred up by a visit from its father in the person of Rev. David Bittle Floyd, of Uniontown, Md. Bro. F. is an alumnus of Va. Alpha, and has done some noble work for the fraternity. It is a very high compliment to say that he is as much interested in Phi Delta Theta as ever, and his excellent lady gives him encouragement by wearing his badge.

Finances.

DEAR EDITOR:

There has very properly been some anxiety about the condition of the treasury. This anxiety is a good omen. Heretofore very little interest has been exhibited upon this subject. The work in this department has fallen entirely upon me. It is due to the fraternity at large that I give some facts to correct some misunderstandings.

Complaints have been made that I have not given the chapters proper notices of their assessments. I have given notice to every chapter of the several assessments as they have been levied, and some much oftener. I have been unable to ascertain the name of secretaries of many chapters before the publication of the list in the SCROLL. When I had no name I sent the notice to "The Sec'y, &c.," giving College and town. These may have failed to reach the chapters, but I never got any of them returned through the dead letter office.

Another complaint of which I have had an intimation, is that the "30 days" notice is much too short a time. To this I say, that if the thirty days given in last notice had been the only notice given it would be too brief. But the report of delinquencies in detail was given in the minutes of the last convention. These minutes the Secretary, Bro. Norris, tells me were sent to every chapter in numbers sufficient to supply the entire membership. This of itself made a very *substantial notice*. But some Brother says we had nothing but the thirty day notice, that our charter would be withdrawn in default of payment of delinquent account. In that the Brother is again mistaken. On page 18 of minutes of last convention, the record reads as follows:

"On motion of Brother Hough, the Executive Committee was instructed to withdraw the charters of all chapters which do not pay up all moneys due, initiation fees, and convention expenses, within ten months after the adjournment of this convention."

This action was had by a full delegation, and was another rather public notice. These delegates did not do their duty if they did not notify their chapter of this important action upon their return.

But this further notice is given through the printed minutes of the convention and came to the hand of every member some time in August or September last. After all this has been done I do not see where the ground is for complaint on account of failure to give notice of assessments.

When I made my report in the convention, I showed that I had received for the publication of the catalogue \$257.30. This sum came to my hands in early part of 1876, and it was thought by Brothers Bates, Norris and myself to be sufficient to pay for printing the catalogue. The manuscript for the catalogue was not ready for some time after the money had been provided, and to pay some old debts of the fraternity left by my predecessor Bro. C. O. Perry, and to save the fraternity from disgrace, I borrowed from the catalogue fund \$92.97.

This was paid back at the last convention to the catalogue fund, and was applied since the convention to pay on the note. I gave for the balance due for printing the catalogue. By way of parenthesis I will say the catalogue cost us \$400.30, and the fraternity owes a balance of

\$140.00 and interest and the postage spent to transmit copies to the several chapters.

To raise this sum there are in my hands about 300 copies of the catalogue which if we can get into the hands of members at a cost of 50 cts. per copy will just pay the balance due. I am authorized by Executive Committee to so offer them, and I am in hopes that every man who has not received a copy will write to me at once for one sending me 50, cts.

Now a word about the SCROLL.

I have received on account of SCROLL	\$210.88
Paid out	\$205.50
Leaving balance	\$5.38

This is all I have on hand for this purpose. There are three numbers yet to be issued. There will no doubt be some more paid in a few days from Illinois Epsilon, and ought to be from several other chapters, certainly enough to pay for April number. If delinquent payments are not made the May and June numbers will have to be paid for by private subscription. We could probably cut off one number, without serious results to the SCROLL, or its management.

This shortage in funds is largely attributable to the construction put upon "The SCROLL Act" in the December Number. That construction allows the payment of \$1.00 per capita upon all the members in attendance on Sept. 10th, of each year. Every one knows that the 10 day of Sept. is a time when the students have just returned to college and before any new accessions have been made. By this means the assessment fails to reach the graduate members or those who fail to return early in the term, as well as all the new men.

This is not just and equitable and does not afford sufficient revenue especially when several chapters fail to pay their proportion. On account of this construction of the SCROLL act I have been compelled to make reduction sufficient if collected to have taken us through the year.

I hope to hear some suggestions as to how we shall make up the deficiency, in case payments are not made to carry the SCROLL through the year.

I also hope that chapters that know themselves indebted to this fund will pay in at once without awaiting a formal invitation from me. I have my own business to attend to and cannot write long and numerous letters. There are other matters about which I will communicate in your next.

Yours in the Phi Delta Theta Bond,
C. D. WHITEHEAD.

Chapter Correspondence.

Ohio Epsilon.

ATHENS, Ohio, April 10, 1879.

Since our return from vacation we have girded on the armor for the Greek warfare. We see about the campus some new students, who we think possess the talent and stamina which are characteristic of the Phis.

At our first meeting this term we elected our officers for the ensuing term. Our ex-Pres., Bro. Wright, is not with us this term.

Our coffin has been procured and the boys are anxious to see the victim buried, and we hope by the next report to give in detail the mystic proceedings. Ohio Epsilon sends regards to all the chapters.

I have the honor of being fraternally yours,

PHILANDER JACOBS.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

April 9, 1879.

Between his many duties as student, "reporter for a western paper," &c., to say nothing

of an *affaire de coeur*, our corresponding Secretary's time is so much employed, that the Beta would be omitted from the chapter reports, did not some of us give an account of its doings in his stead. As just hinted, Jackson is in love, and it affects him seriously. He writes page after page of sentimental poetry, sends daily long missives to the fair dulcinea, and finds comfort in reading nothing but Tom Moore. Only the other night he was seen at 12½ A. M., taking an affectionate farewell on the door-steps whilst he softly murmured:

"Good-night! Good-night! and is it so?
And must I from my *Rosa* go?
Oh *Rosa*, say 'good-night' once more,
And I'll repeat it o'er and o'er,
Till the first glance of dawning light
Shall find us saying still 'Good-night.'"

The Chapter is in a fine condition, and the interest continues unabated. Charles Search Reed fills the office of President with due dignity. His address upon being installed, though lengthy, was full of sound thought, and will do the chapter much good. Our Hall is a marvel of elegance. Little Joe Chenuault talks of adding a handsome chandelier. Van Meter has consented to donate his fine oil painting "La Shorte Horne." We will then challenge the fraternity to show a finer Hall. Van has developed into quite a "Calicoist" and is never more "at his ease" than when in the presence of the gentler sex. The genial Blackstone still maintains his enviable position among the Charlottesville girls. He swears by "the delegation," (being piously inclined, he never swears otherwise,) and industriously applies himself to the cultivation of a moustache; but you are too young for that, Black, too young. Fletcher says he agrees with Ik. Marvel that "Coquetry is like the thorn which guards the *Rose*, easily rubbed off when once plucked," and admits that he is "sorter" thinking about plucking the aforesaid flower one of these days. Lancaster, through the restraining influence of our pious Bro. Starnes, has laid aside his bad habits and is one of the best students in the Univ. We fear his health will not permit him to meet with success in his attempt to make A. M. this year. Patterson is now suffering from an attack of fever. The Doctor says it is not dangerous, and pronounces it of the "Spring" species. Lewis has an unusually hard ticket, consisting of Junior French and Junior Gymnasium. He bears up under it well, though he is not applying in either class. He will return next year to complete the course. The festive Phister having finished his heart-breaking operations in Charlottesville, sighs like Alexander, for more worlds to conquer. We are glad to report that Bro. Jones who went home on account of bad health, will return next year to get his B. L. I have mentioned all the members save one, and he would beg leave to defend himself against an impression which seems to have been conveyed to the fraternity in a former report to the SCROLL. *He believes* that his "loss of mind" never existed elsewhere than in the fertile brain of Bro. Jackson. If really *non compos* he consoles himself with the reflection:

"Great wits are sure to madness near allied,
And thin partitions do their bounds divide."
In the Bond,

L. L. BRISTOW.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND., April 2d, 1879.

The Delta is still alive and has been the recipient of a number of visits from members of sister chapters and also from some old Phis who are graduated from our college. We first had Bro. D. A. Owen, class of '78,

who is now teaching in the Salem, Ind. High School. While he was here Bro. L. D. Campbell of the Ind. Gamma came and remained two days. The train that carried Campbell away brought Bro. A. O. Penniman of the Ind. Beta who gave us a public reading in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Dainty has been here this winter, but people who have heard both her and Penniman, pronounce Penniman the better. We feel proud of him and congratulate the Wabash chapter on the possession of such a member. He will be back in May and we will have a crowded house. At the close of the reading, two of our best and most zealous Phi sisters, Misses Eva and Jennie Payne, gave him a reception at their home, which was attended and enjoyed by every Phi and his girl. Next Bro. Banta of the Ind. Alpha was with us and promised to send me a catalogue of Bloomington but I guess by mistake mailed it to some fair damsel. Charlie is "some" on the girl question and we did not see much of him. While he was here Bro. J. R. Edwards, '77, now of the Chicago Theological School paid us a visit. Next came Johnson of the Ind. Beta and Preston of the same chapter came too, and finally Bro. Eccles from the Beta. Our primary contest came off last evening and to our chagrin Bro. McCormick our representative was beaten, but we think we will get the delegates from here. The contest was attended by Bro. Eccles and Bros. Campbell and Fitzpatrick of Ind. Gamma. Bro. McC. was beaten by an ex-Delta Tau, but the grade differed only one per cent. and the decision was universally condemned. Since the last report a new Phi has been born and Bro. Holmes is no longer the baby Phi. S. H. Thompson is our new man and the other side worked hard for him. We have also lost one as Bro. James William Daugherty is not in College this term. Our anniversary May 30th promises to be a grand affair and we expect about sixty couples to be present; the Literary part will be in a church, the Banquet at Smith's Hotel and the Social in the Odd Fellow's Hall. Some improvements this month: J. B. Thompson with the aid of a jack plane, has carved his feet down to a No. 11 boot and Bro. Day has been taken in hand by a "Paynes" taking young lady, who promises to make a man of him.

In the Bond,
ALFRED M. JELLEFF.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.,
April 1st 1879.

DEAR BROTHER:

My last communication being too late for the March SCROLL, I write another principally to tell you of the sad bereavement which has happened to our Chapter. Tonight, 8½ o'clock, will be one month since we initiated our beloved friend and Bro. Frank Mouzor. But he has never since been permitted to meet with us. He was taken sick three days before our regular meeting, and never again arose from his bed. After suffering for two weeks with typhoid fever, he departed this life exactly twelve hours before the month of his living in the peace and friendship of the glorious Phi Delta Theta had expired, leaving behind him many friends and fellow students to mourn his loss. We are wearing the badge of mourning for him, as the last thing we could do for him on earth. I regret very much to state that we did not get his name to the Bond. I regret also to say that he never knew any of his brothers in the Bond after he was taken sick, indeed he knew not even his parents. Truly, "Heaven gives no joy like that it takes away." Our deceased Bro. was a young man of fine talents, of high standing in society, and could he have lived to complete his college

course, would have been an honor to the fraternity. What more can I say in regard to our well beloved brother? Suffice it to say, he was a Christian and an honor on earth, and he is now an angel in Heaven.

We are now but four in number, but soon expect to be increased by three or four. We are determined to initiate only those who are worthy: and we shall one day stand unequalled by any chapter in the State. As we started out late, we can do but very little this session, but next session, God willing, we shall swell our little band ten fold.

We are constantly receiving communications from other chapters, congratulating us in the good work we have begun and encouraging us to be of good cheer, and I assure you each missive inspires us with new zeal. Bro. T. I. Rogers, our President, is a young man of sterling worth and if I am not mistaken in my judgment will one day make a fluent lawyer. He is first affirmative on Annual Debate and from all appearances will take the medal. Our men are all first class and we are determined to succeed.

With friendly greetings for all Phis, I remain, yours in the Bond,

FRANK PEGUES.

Georgia Delta

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga.,
March 31st, 1879.

DEAR BROS.:

It affords us much pleasure to report the fine, prosperous condition of our Chapter. We have a good fraternity, consisting of 2 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 4 Sophs, 2 Freshmen; in all numbering thirteen. Notwithstanding we have three fraternities to contend with: Kappa Alphas, Chi Phis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, we seldom fail to get the man whom we solicit. We are generally victorious in every contest for office in our literary societies. We have elected a Theta to represent the Phi Delta society as Anniversarian for several years past. In short our Chapter is a success; one that makes every Theta feel honored to be a member of Ga., Delta, in Mercer University. Will we stay back in the shade and remain silent in regard to the interest of the SCROLL? No! We unanimously look to it as the star of our cause and will rally to its support.

Yours in the Bond,
S. D. SMITH.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Lansing, Mich.
April 1-t, 1879.

You may have wondered what has become of the Michigan Beta. I will tell you that we are still alive, but a little backward with our correspondence in the Spring, on account of the Winter vacation. A majority of Phis and other students of the College are engaged in teaching during this term, and are necessarily two or three weeks late at the beginning of the Spring term; we also have been watching the new comers and selecting those who we think would be worthy brothers and an honor to the fraternity. At our last meeting, we added one to our number, making in all a baker's dozen of active members. We have one or two more in view who will probably join us in a week or more. We have to work against three other societies, each of which is stronger in number than we; but we have the inside track, however, because all of our boys are gentlemen and rank first or among the first in their respective classes; also the faculty hold our society in a higher estimation than any other at the College. We have nicely furnished rooms and stand financially speaking, about square with the world. The latest numbers of THE SCROLL are decidedly improved and please us

much better than those at first. Perhaps I am speaking egotistically, but I think it would be difficult to find a society, of whatever name, that would equal us in brotherly feeling and in the interest which is taken by all the brothers in society work. With our best wishes for the welfare of all other chapters and the happiness and prosperity of all brothers, we remain with you in the Bond.

WILL B. OSBORN.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Richmond, Va.,
March 31st, 1879.

Nothing has occurred since our last report to interest the Phis, except the commencement of the Va. Med. College, in which the Virginia Alpha Alumni boys figured a good deal. Bros. Shields, Carrington and Gordon graduated with high honors. Bro. Shields was first in the class and Bro. Gordon made the Valedictory address, the first ever made in that College. Every person I have heard speak of his speech, said it was one of the finest they ever heard.

We have just received a copy of the new constitution, which is the best I ever saw; but very long. One brother has been copying it for a week and has not finished it yet. Can any one tell me what is meant by *Regalia* in the form of initiation? I do not think the constitution mentions it any where else, and I never heard of it before in our fraternity.

While two brethren were in the hall some time ago, some girls came to the door and tried it. One of them was heard to say, "I wonder if this is the Kappa Alpha hall, they must keep the goat in here."

The Alpha Tau Omega chapter can hardly live after this year, as both men they have initiated intend to leave college this session.

We have the acknowledged best base-ball players in college, and as for our artist, no one dares even to compare his work with Bro. Frank Puryear's.

Bro. Currie, our babe, who is only three feet and a half high, was walking down the street a day or two ago, when a little boy eight or nine years old came up and said, "Hello! Babie."

The Kappa Alphas have started a paper here with Mr. Turner as editor. It is not *sub rosa*, but depends upon outside subscriptions mostly for its support.

Fraternally,
LYMAN CHALKLEY.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky.
March 24th, 1879.

Have just received the Feb. and March numbers of the SCROLL. These are the first numbers I have seen of the edition.

I am very sorry to have to report the Ky. Alpha's condition as being very bad. I hold in my hand a card of honorable dismission from the chapter. I love our fraternity and am always ready and willing to do anything in my power for its advancement. I leave in the chapter three gentlemen, all good men. They are T. B. Andrews, Seth Botts and H. P. Dudley. Mr. D. will take Secretary's place. He will work if the other two will. I thought that by withdrawing the others would work better. Let the brethren generally write to these three, encouraging them in every way.

Bro. Andrews and myself represented our society on 22nd February. The ladies of the town presented me with an elegant Phi banner on that day. I notice in the Feb. number this notice: "Very many of the chapters (Beta Theta Pi) are located in Colleges, which, though once in a flourishing condition have now decayed, and can barley

hold their heads above water, such as Centre College, Ky." &c. Now please omit, by correction, Centre College. Our College is in a better condition now than she has been since the war, and a glance at her Catalogue will show that "Old Centre" is a very lively College. We have here four frats., Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Delta Kappa and our own. Unless the boys do something soon, the chapter will die out this year, as they are all Seniors. I shall always work for and with our Chapter in all that it does, and ever try to sustain the reputation of a loyal Phi. Wishing the SCROLL and the Fraternity God speed,
I am yours Fraternally,
W. R. WORRALL.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, IND., April 3d, 1879.

BRO. EDITOR :

Eighteen we are who wear the shield
In College hall, and lovely field.
Eighteen we are good, noble Phis
Who wait the SCROLL with longing eyes.
Our meeting last was one of cheer;
The best we've had the entire year.
A worthy Freshman on that night
Was made a Phi of promise bright.
Elder Roberts of seventy-one
Beheld the Gamma's new-made son.
"Judge" Kirkpatrick of seventy-eight
Made a speech of power and weight.
Brother Carter, a Franklin boy,
Joined us in our hour of joy.
The man who last was made a Phi
Was "spiked" by Beta Theta Pi.
Another one, John Kuhns by name
The Sigs felt sure would be their game;
Asked he was by the Delta Taus
To join them in their noble (?) cause.
Beset by tempters all around
He did not move from off Phi ground.
Last week we sent for badges three
To Burgess and Son of Albany.
For once we're square with our G. B.
And hope all others soon will be.
We gladly greet the Hoosier Eta
Working again for Phi Delta Theta.
Be careful in your choice of men,
And write to SCROLL with careful pen.
What Maryland said in last month's SCROLL
Should fall with force on every soul.
Our Catalogue is not indeed
What we deserve, or what we need.
Ere long I trust that all dear Phis
The truth of this shall realize.
Now let all Phis throughout the land
Work together, hand in hand;
Thus united we shall stand
A bold and strong fraternal band.
In the South we hold the sway;
Our Order West grows day by day.
Eastward we go, but rather slow,
"Slow but sure" is the best you know.
Our prospects bright where'er we view;
With this, dear Phis, I bid adieu.

Yours truly,
WILBUR D. CAMPBELL.

Pennsylvania Gamma

WASHINGTON, PA., March 27th, 1879

DEAR SCROLL :

It is my painful duty to write the report of the Penna. Gamma "for de last time." Not but that the Gamma will still live and flourish and report, but the time for my departure from Washington is at hand. Is hall be out of college next term, teaching, and another will discharge the duties of my office much better than I have been able to perform them. The Gamma is prospering. Our enemies or rather a few of the most insignificant and harmless of them, call us the "Sisters of Charity." We initiated a new man last Thursday evening. We badged him and sent him out to meet his examinations on Friday.

He is a good man every way you take him. One of the meanest men in College came up to him and drawing his coat open in front, said, "They say you have joined the d—d 'Sisters of Charity.'" But about that time the new "Sister" became an avenging angel and struck the "barb" a blow at the root of the ear which sent him whirling across the pavement and converted his swearing into praying and his contempt into apologizing. He is since that as meek as a kitten. Our new hero's name is Lobough. Our Chapter is almost out of debt and will soon be free from all such weights. With best wishes for the success of SCROLL and our fraternity at large, I am still a sincere Phi.

N. DONALDSON.

P. S.—Bros. O. H. Anderson, '76 and J. M. McComb, '77 visited us this week.

Texas Beta.

TEHUACANA, March 31, 1879.

As I thought some of our boys would like to have their names in the SCROLL as a correspondent, I did not write for the February and March issues; but requested them to perform the duty for me.

This Chapter still leads a prosperous life, having lately opened her doors, and revealed the mystic Bond to one we now term a noble Phi, F. N. Drain. His most suitable description is: a young man, quiet in public assemblies, attentive to his books, and in every respect, properly adjusted to make a *man*. We have also subjected another to the test and declared him suitable for membership. He will doubtless be our last for this session as he is the only one remaining we now deem worthy.

In the celebration of the literary societies during Commencement in June, the Phis number W. J. Johnson and your humble writer, Presidents; S. E. Kennon and W. H. Cowen, orators, and W. J. Lackey, valedictorian. While the Beta Thetas have only two, and the Alpha Gammas one such honor men.

The Sunday and Church choristers at this place are both members of our order. These with other singers make such songs as "Phis are the boys we love," etc., add no little interest and melody to our meetings.

The Song Book and SCROLL are creditably gotten up and can justly be called an honor to the Fraternity.

As ever in the Bond,
C. H. MUNGER.

Texas Beta.*

February 10th, 1879.

Our fraternity is still looking up; and we think it probable that we will increase our number soon, for we have two very nice young men in anticipation. One says he will join soon, the other has not been elected yet.

As for our regular members they are all doing very well. Three of them are officers in the Ratio Xenie, and one in the Philosphonian literary society here. There are two other Greek societies here: the Alpha Gammas and the Beta Thetas, but they are not doing much.

Our School is quite flush this session; there will be twelve graduates, five of that number are Phi Delta Thetas.

Some of our corresponding members seem to have the disease that some Texans call the "gal on the brain." It perhaps will be the same way with some of us when we get through school. We are in the wide, wide West, but we are all *tame* boys yet.

Yours in the Bond,
W. J. LACKEY.

* This report of Texas Beta was unavoidably delayed until this issue — BUS. MAN.

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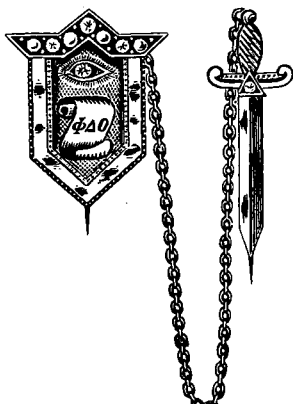
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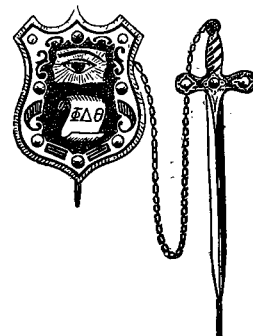
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GETTYSBURG, PA., MAY, 1879.

NUMBER 9.

On Leaving School.

A few short weeks, and books and I
Shall part—forever part;
I'll fling them by without a sigh,
Without one pang at heart.
Nor ever long to pore again
O'er "Livy's pictured pages,"
Nor strive 'till morning comes, in vain,
To fathom ancient sages.
The lofty hopes of youthful hours
Have passed as Spring-time dreams,
Or faded as the morning flames
Beneath the mid-day beams.
And now for me the vast, vast sea
Of real earnest life!
And may it be forever free
From danger, gloom, and strife!
The loves of childhood and of youth,—
My heart asks—"where are they?"
Ah! they were transient, as in truth,
Which flashes to—decay!
But why provoke the buried Past
To cast a gloom o'er pleasure?
I'll let the sorrows vanish fast,
And brightest mem'ries treasure!
There's not a heart, whose kindly beat
Would quicken at *my* name;
Nor cheek a blush would ever greet
To mantle into flame!
So then for me, the vast, vast sea
Of real, earnest life!
And may it be forever free
From dangers, gloom, and strife.

M. STANNY SAMS.

Vanderbilt University, April 28th, 1879.

Choice of Members.

It is a matter of almost vital importance to our Fraternity, that we shall select the right kind of men for its members. And this becomes all the more evident, when we consider that the active portion of our membership is constantly changing from year to year, and that each man has so short a time to work for the Fraternity, that we cannot afford to have that time employed by inferior men.

In considering whether a man is worthy of our Order, we shall first consider whether he is a man that will keep the Bond. This ought to be the chief test of his worthiness. It is our duty, both to ourselves and to them that we are considering, not to take in any whose past character shows that they would not be likely to conform to the Bond. For what says the Bond on the subject? A careful perusal of that

unerring guide—and members should make themselves thoroughly familiar with it—will show that we are not to admit to fellow-ship persons who are not up to its own rigid tests of morality and manhood. It seems unnecessary to call attention to this, but in our eagerness to secure persons that are otherwise agreeable and congenial to us, we may forget this point and have cause to regret it when it is too late. After the point has been decided, it remains to consider whether he is a man of ability, one that will benefit the Fraternity, and be congenial to its members. But the main question should be "*Will he keep the Bond?*" If we find a man that will do this, he is very apt to be, in other respects too, the man we want.

Now as to the time of choosing members. I suppose we initiate more men during the earlier part of the collegiate year. And, indeed, it is natural so to do, as we generally have an influx of new men at that time to choose from. But we should be exceedingly careful in selecting members from the new men during the first few months of the session, for, as a general thing they are known only to a few, if to any of our members when they come, and it takes some time in a large college for a whole chapter to become well acquainted with a man. But some may say that it is not necessary for the whole chapter to know him, that those who do not know him ought to trust to the recommendation given him by those of the chapter who do know him. Although we should be guided to a certain extent by the opinion of our brothers, I maintain that we should not trust entirely to their opinion, we ought to know the man ourselves. The whole Chapter ought at least to be acquainted with him, and the greater part ought to know him well. For a man may be very congenial to some of us, and at the same time others may not like him. I have known it to be the case. At one time we had under consideration a man, who

was a very great friend of one of our members. And that member supposed that none of the others would object to him after they had made his acquaintance. But it was found when the matter was brought up that one member did object to him. Now suppose he had been taken in simply on the recommendation of two or three of us, would it have turned out well? No, it is a mistake to take in men hastily. Wait till we have worked side by side with them in the harness and have associated with them in the campus; then we will know what they are made of. Why, there is a chapter of a fraternity here, at the University of Va., which seems to be characterized, as far as I can see, by taking in men after the first year. And they have a sufficiently large chapter and, what is better; it is made up of good men.

Let us, then, consider our man well before we lay hold of him, and remember that we had better lose a good man than take in a bad one. J. A. L.

The Permanent Fund.

The recent startling announcements of our Grand Banker, touching as they do one of the most vital interests of our order, the maintenance of the SCROLL, should engage the earnest attention of all who feel an interest in the preservation of our organization.

The agitation of the question brings to mind a movement made by a few chapters at the Wooster convention to abolish the "Permanent Fund."

It will be remembered that one chapter (Mich. Beta) gave notice that not another dollar of her initiation fees should go to increase the "whited sepulchre;" and from the information we have since received, it has become evident that not one-half of our chapters are reporting initiations and "dollars" to the Grand Banker. Furthermore, if the true character and necessary tendency of this "hoarding" system, were understood, it seems impossible that it

should long continue one of our laws.

A permanent fund formed by voluntary subscription is of course unobjectionable; it is this system of indirect taxation which is so odious to the rebellious chapters.

The objections to the initiation fee tax and the permanent fund as supported thereby, are many, but may be condensed under the two following heads.

1. We are opposed to the laborious accumulation of wealth for the support of future laziness. "Brains and vigor are generally in the inverse ratio of the amount of money left to the heir"—a rule which will apply to future generations of Phis, as well as to the children of wealth.

As the fraternity becomes older and larger, it will be better able to bear its own burdens than we are to bear ours, and surely better than we are, not only to bear our own, but part of theirs also.

2. It has been the universal experience of all fraternities who have tried the experiment, that such a fund sooner or later proves disastrous to their prosperity by reason of corruption which is liable to creep into the financial management as the organization becomes larger and more complicated in its workings.

We are prepared to furnish instances of these calamitous consequences, but they are too numerous for the narrow limits of this article.

It is easy to pull down a house, but once demolished, it must be rebuilt. How would the abolition of taxation to support the permanent fund, relieve the distressed finances of the fraternity?

The following is substantially the plan proposed and matured after nearly a year of private correspondence amongst the dissatisfied chapters.

1. Continue the permanent fund, but support it entirely by voluntary contributions.

2. Continue the tax of \$1 per capita upon all initiations, but make it tributary to the *General Fund*, instead of the permanent fund.

The benefits of the above reform will become evident upon a little reflection. We have at present thirty-five active chapters. During each year the average number of initiations in each chapter would be at least five, which would

yield a corresponding income of \$175 per annum or a biennial income of \$350, which, added to the \$50 interest on the present permanent fund, would nearly defray the expenses of our biennial conventions and thus lighten the direct and dreaded heavy "convention tax" to a small fraction of its former amount.

We would recommend this plan to the earnest consideration of the fraternity at large and would propose it as a constitutional amendment. It would not only lighten our present heavy taxation, and give ample opportunity for the exercise of generosity on the part of wealthy brothers, but would allow each Chapter to use its funds for its own immediate advantage, and also remove the possibility of the hard earnings of individual chapters being swept from us at some future time by a black sheep almost certain to find his way into the midst of our fold. H. A. K.

Mass Meeting of the Phi Delta Thetas of Indiana.

REMY HOUSE PARLORS, Nos. 18, 19 & 20,
Indianapolis, Ind., April 17th, 1879, 12 M.

About one month before the meeting of the Oratorical Association of Indiana, it was thought that the day on which the above association met would be an admirable time to have a mass meeting of the Indiana Phis. This thought, after being fostered with tender care for a short time was eventually divulged to the several chapters of the State and on the night of the 17th inst. (or more properly the morning of the 18th), there followed a result that reached so far beyond our expectations that we came to the conclusion that we did not have any expectations at all.

A primary meeting was held in Parlor No. 18 at 3 P. M. in order to select officers and arrange a programme for the night. A committee consisting of Bros. Banta, Goodwin and Hoss was appointed for this purpose. Their report was as follows:

That the following gentlemen serve as officers for the evening.—Bro. Adolphus Ogapew Penniman, President, the undersigned, Secretaries, Bro. Markillo Brown, Warden, and Bro. James Buck Thomas, Chaplain.

PROGRAMME.

1st. Initiation of candidate, Gilfred Spenser, of Purdue University, by Indiana Beta.

2d. Resolution in regard to a State Association, to be drawn up by Bros. Banta and Penniman.

3d. Resolution in regard to the subject and cultivation of orators to be introduced by Bro. Kilpatrick.

4th. Hints for the general good of the order.

5th. The "farewell (?) kiss" of the order,—the grip,—adjournment.

GEO. BANTA.
C. ELLIE GOODWIN.
TIMOTHY HOSS.

On motion their report was accepted.

About half past eleven the youths of the "shield and dagger" began to assemble and by midnight there were between thirty and forty male representatives of our fraternity present. The assembly was promptly called to order by the President, who showed great managing ability throughout the entire evening; and it requires

uncommon skill to preside over such a happy crowd of boys.

The Petas then proceeded to initiate Mr. Spenser into their chapter according to a form neither old nor new, but one peculiar to mass meetings. Next the report of the committee on permanent organization of the Indiana Phis was heard and adopted, after which we immediately proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Result as follows: Pres., Bro. Ot, of Wabash College; Vice Pres., Bro. Brown, of Butler University; Sec., Bro. Butler, of State University; Treas., Bro. Montgomery, of Hanover College; Cor. Sec., Bro. Banta, of State University; Chap., Bro. Thomas, of Franklin College; Warden, Bro. Christian, of Butler University. On motion a committee of three was appointed to draw up articles of association and present them to the convention to be held at Franklin, Ind., May 30th, '79—Bros. Banta, Hunter and McGill.

Then the report of the committee on oratory was read and accepted, the substance of which report was that it devolves on each chapter to apply just as much of their time as they consistently can whereby in the future we may have at least one Phi representative in all oratorical contests for the State Honor.

On motion it was decided that it was the sense of this meeting that the "National Executive Committee" should grant a charter to the Purdue University Phis whenever said charter shall be applied for.

Bro. Norris, Grand Sec'y, and Bros. Morris and Bates, of the editorial staff of the Indianapolis *Daily Journal* being present, made some very timely and instructive remarks. After these, numerous others indulged in flights of oratory that not only have never been excelled but have not as yet been equalled. But Mr. Ed. this is not surprising; the enthusiasm of the meeting was simply unbounded, and of course was sufficient to make Clays, Calhouns and Websters out of us for the time being.

On motion the following resolution was adopted—

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the SCROLL for publication.

Adjourned to meet in Franklin, May 30th, 1879.

A. OGAPEW PENNIMAN, *Pres.*
F. BENNIDO DAY, *Sec'y.*

Abstract from the Minutes of the First Phi Delta Theta Convention.

WALNUT ST. HOUSE, Cincinnati, Ohio,
Dec. 30th, 1856.

In pursuance of a notice previously given by the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta to the Alpha chapters of Indiana and Kentucky, calling a general convention of the order at Cincinnati on above date, delegates from the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky Alphas assembled at the Walnut St. House at the appointed time. Owing to some mistake in sending the notices to the Beta chapters the representation was not as large as was anticipated, but the enthusiasm and devotion of those present compensated in some degree for the absence of numbers. Bro. J. W. Foster was made President and Joel Tuttle Secretary. The President stated the object of the meeting to be to advise and consult concerning the prosperity and perpetuity of the Phi Delta Theta. A somewhat promiscuous discussion of various topics pertaining to the interests of the organization ensued. All constitutional amendments were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Dulaney, Scott and Tuttle. At the next session, 9.30 A. M., Dec. 31st, Bro. Dulaney moved that the proposition to transfer the Grand Chapter to the Kentucky Alpha, be referred to all the chapters of the order for their approval. The motion was debated at some length for the purpose of determining the legitimate relations and responsibilities of the several chapters.

Many gentlemen expressed the opinion that not the Grand Chapter should answer for the fate of the whole order, but the responsibility rested on each and every one, and especially the Alpha of each State. The motion was finally lost.

By motion of Bro. Banta semi-annual conventions were provided for, time being subject to the decision of the chapter where the convention was to be held; some member of the order to deliver an address on the occasion. First convention to be held at Danville, Ky., Centre College, on the occasion of their next annual Commencement. The publication of a catalogue was deemed impracticable at present. Messrs. Foster and Peck were chosen a committee to determine definitely the size and shape of the badge and to make arrangements with the engravers to have them made uniform hereafter.

At next session, 3 P. M. same day, Mr. Spellman, delegate from Ind. Beta, was introduced. The report of the committee on amendments to Constitution was unanimously adopted. The subject of establishing new chapters was debated and promises were elicited from each one in behalf of his chapter to make every reasonable exertion to introduce the order into all respectable literary institutions throughout the West. The business being finished, the Convention adjourned with brighter hopes for the future and with the consciousness of having labored together in one noble, common cause.

J. W. FOSTER, *P. es.*
J. TUTTLE, *Sec'y.*

Other Fraternities.

Beta Theta Pi's National Grand is now located at Butler University, Ind.

The Kappa Alpha Theta (Ladies) held their convention at Bloomington, Ind., May 8th and 9th.

We hear from a reliable source that Sigma Chi will try to start a chapter at Richmond College, next session.

"Phi Gamma Delta has undoubtedly run behind." So stated a prominent member of that order to a Phi, a few days since.

The number of students at William and Mary College, Va., where the first College fraternity was established, is so small that the Greeks have a serious time keeping alive.

The 32d Annual Convention of the Zeta Psi Fraternity was held at Troy, N. Y., Jan. 3d and 4th, 1879, nearly all of the chapters being represented. Severe snow storms prevented a few of the delegates from coming further than Buffalo, and on this account important business was necessarily carried over to the next convention, which will be held with the Sigma Chapter at Philadelphia.

The Southern Kappa Alpha was organized at Washington and Lee University, in 1865. It is purely a southern affair, as no chapter has yet been established north of Mason and Dixon's line. A twenty dollar medal is awarded by every convention of the order, for the best essay submitted, on any subject. A quarterly magazine, the *K. A. Journal* devoted to the interests of frat., is published at Richmond, Va., is not *sub rosa* and costs one dollar per year. The last medalist of Kappa Alpha was totally eclipsed by a Phi in an essay contest at Richmond College, and Jim Dickinson's "angel" to-day wears the emblem of the victory over K. A.

Reliable information from Mich. Beta has been received, to the effect that the braggart clamor in a recent *Crescent*, the Delta Tau Delta organ, of their standing in Mich. Ag. Coll. Faculty, is as false as it is boastful. They have four members in the Faculty, and not six as it is stated three times in one issue of their paper. These are so disgusted with their chapter at that place, that it is thought it will be eliminated from the institution if

it does not die a natural death soon; which seems quite probable as they can now get only second rate men by charging no initiation fee.

The ninth edition of the Psi Upsilon catalogue has just been published. It is a large volume of nearly 500 pages, and is edited by Charles W. Smiley, '74, of Wesleyan, who gave two years to its compilation. It is a complete record of the growth of the fraternity since its organization at Union College, in 1843. It contains a list of all members by chapters and classes, with a sketch of their lives, honors, appointments and writings. Following each name and residence are certain mystic fraternity symbols. In the second division of the book the names of all members are repeated according to geographical distribution, being alphabetically arranged by towns and States. By this scheme a travelling Psi Upsilon can, when stopping at a strange city, find the address of all the resident Psi Upsilon's by a glance at his catalogue. A list is also given of sixty cities and towns accredited with ten or more mem, ten of which cities claim more than fifty each. Other summaries divide the membership according to profession or business and church connections, and a table of relationship shows how many sons have succeeded their fathers in the fraternity. The membership of the fraternity which in 1870 was 3,525, now numbers 4,928. The order of arrangement of this catalogue ought to be of interest to the person who compiles our next catalogue.

Notes.

—We return thanks to Bro. Dickinson, Va. Delta, for Literary Society invitations.

—Information is wanted of Bro. Palmer of the Michigan Alpha.

—Who can tell when the change was made from semi-annual conventions to annual?

—Penna. Beta has taken first honor again this year in the person of W. K. Hill of Schenley, Pa. He is the only Phi among the graduates, and took first honor with an average of 99.

—A list and account of the fraternities in the United States has been published in Detroit, Michigan, by A. P. Jacobs, Psi Upsilon, under the title of "The Greek Letter Societies." From this book we see that Phi Delta Theta has more chapters than any other fraternity.

—We desire to call the attention of Phis to our page of advertisements. Considerable change was made in our last page in the March number, but want of space compelled us to omit any special notice then. The ads. speak for themselves, and it will pay to let them speak. Read!

—Would it not be a paying investment for the Princeton Phis to take an alumni charter? There will always be enough Phis there in the Theological department to maintain such an organization, and it could not fail to be beneficial to all concerned. Princeton to the front!

—A letter from the genial correspondent of Texas Beta informs us that the Delta Gamma proposes to organize a chapter among the ladies in Tehuacana. The aforesaid correspondent compliments the ladies very highly, and there must be something up. It looks suspicious to say the least. There are three ladies literary societies in Tehuacana.

—Bro. A. H. Shuey, in a letter to the ex-Business Manager, writes that he has six young men of Minnesota University about ready to embrace Phi Delta Theta. So that Bro. Shuey will probably make the next score.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon is also trying to obtain a foot-hold in Minnesota University. "Competition is the life of trade."

—Bro. Search's song, "My Home in the Dell," is the story of an old man turning from the busy cares of life to wander again amid the happy scenes of his far away but never-to-be-forgotten home. Each verse has a rich stirring chorus, and the piece concludes with a second chorus through which runs a beautiful baritone solo. Read Bro. Search's ad.

—Bro. Chas. B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., has the true Phi zeal. He desires to firmly establish Kentucky Alpha, and in a private letter says that two Phis have pledged themselves to rouse the Alpha boys "and if there is a spark of fire among them you will hear of the Phi Delta Theta fire burning before we stop applying our torches. They have given us Blackburn, the able representative in Congress, and he is not the only distinguished man they have sent out." Bro. G. has a noble work in hand. We hope to hear of his sure success.

—"American College Fraternities," by Wm. Raimond Baird, is a work now near completion, and which will be issued by August or September, by Lippincott. The work will contain a record of the origin and progress of Fraternities from 1776 until 1879, a general description of organizations, badges, chapters, etc., a directory of colleges and chapters, and a list of college and fraternity colors and publications, together with a review of arguments for and against the existence of Fraternities. There will be accounts in the work of 150 societies. The book will contain about 250 pages, 12mo. cloth, gilt, price \$1.50. Phis should certainly have the work. Those desiring to subscribe will forward names at once to the Editor. See ad. on last page. Information concerning Phi Delta Theta was furnished by Bros. Reddig and Banta.

Personals.

Lee P. Viley, '76, Ky. Gamma, is farming in Scott Co. Ky. What's the latest from "the South," eh, Lee?

T. P. Cothran, '78, Va. Beta, is a member of the able Law firm of Perry & Cothran, Abbeville, S. C. They say he is soon to take another partner—of t'other sex!

Frank Milburn, '77, and J. J. Burchenel, '78, are at their respective homes, Memphis, Tenn., and Richmond, Ind. They will return to the University of Va. next year.

Geo. W. Cleveland, '76, Ky. Gamma, is a successful hardware merchant, in Georgetown, Ky. He has one of the handsomest wives in the "Blue Grass" State.

John Rogers, '78, Ky. Gamma, is farming at Harrodsburg, Ky. John will go to the University of Va. next year, to attend Law lectures and help swell the number of the Beta.

C. B. Charles, a present active member of Mich. Beta, was chosen delegate to represent his district at the recent Mich. State Republican convention. This convention was called for the purpose of nominating regents of the Michigan University and a Supreme Judge.

We have a letter from Bro. J. B. Thomas of the Ind. Delta defending himself against Bro. Day's attacks on his big feet. He claims a misrepresentation, and refers to the Faculty of Franklin. He thanks "Bro. Starnes, Va. Beta, for his honorable mention, and Bro. Donaldson, Pa. Gamma, for his sympathetic admonition."

We have from some source received the information that Bro. Day, of the Ind. Delta, "has soft white hair, a ponderous nose, a massive brow and a winding blade walk," besides other eccentricities, and that he is with it all a "jolly good fellow and very destructive to the plastic hearts of the fair ones." Now 'fess, Bro. Day.

THE SCROLL

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

M. F. PARRISH, Editor, Lee, Ohio.
M. F. TROXELL, Bus. Man., Gettysburg, Pa.

All communications for publication should be sent to the Editor by the 1st of each month. Business correspondence should be addressed to the Publisher.

GETTYSBURG, PA., MAY, 1879.

WANTED—A correspondent from a Southern Chapter.
J. B. BEVERLEY,
Va. Epsilon. Lexington, Va.

Au revoir.

Every Phi should use his best endeavors to do vacation work for the fraternity.

We hope the members will write us through vacation;—we are always glad to hear from a Phi.

We will expect every Phi returning next year to make special provision for SCROLL tax when he furnishes his exchequer.

There seems to be considerable dissatisfaction about our Permanent Fund. We print in this issue an article suggestive of change, not that we think this the *best plan* that can be devised, but hoping to draw out some honest and earnest discussion on the subject between this and next Convention. Through the medium of the SCROLL and private correspondence important subjects of this kind ought to be thoroughly discussed previous to Convention. Then the action of that body would be more frequently characterized by judgment and wisdom.

We believe that Phis are universally wide-awake; that to excite wonder and inquiry is necessary to their happiness. If not so by nature they soon acquire the spirit from contact with the old wheel horses of the fraternity. Their dreams would be unpleasant if they had not in some way during the day attracted the attention of the unsophisticated and uninitiated public. They have many ways of accomplishing this and are never at a loss for fuel to create a flame. Bro. A. G. Foster, in a private letter, records one instance which perhaps will serve as a fair illustration of this Phi peculiarity.

"The Indiana delegation of fifteen, sustained the severe dignity of their respective chapters on their way to the late convention at Wooster. While on the cars they plaintively and feelingly rendered Sankey's songs, in their own inimitable way. Noticing their rigid decorum and listening to their dulcet strains, the conductor, train boy and brakeman, entered into a consultation as to the character of the delegation. The conductor was unanimous that the party was on the way to a Sunday School convention. While the train boy who had seen more of life decided it was a base ball club and our noble G. B. was short stop. As they could reach no decision they left it to the crowd to decide and we got off by treating the crowd."

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Another infant has been brought forth and baptized. The organization of Pennsylvania Epsilon, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., has been completed by Rev. Bro. A. Z. McGogney of Ohio Zeta. We have no official report from the chapter as yet, but a private letter from Bro. McG., dated May 2d, gives so concise an account of the healthy addition that we quote parts of it. He says: "We completed the organization of Penna. Epsilon last night with 12 members, all good men and each one had been asked to unite with other 'Frats.' We will get in good running order by Commencement. Hope the boys will all get badges, take the SCROLL and be brave boys in our noble cause. My duties as a minister of the gospel have kept me back in an earlier organization of the chapter. * * Greeting to all from Penna. E."

The twelve are all charter members. President is E. A. Nelson, and Cor. Sec. is W. Bowser. The new chapter begins to live under most favorable auspices. Their rivals are Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Phi Kappa Psi. The SCROLL extends hearty congratulations to the Keystone Epsilon and hopes to hear from it shortly.

"Until We Meet Again."

It was our intention and desire to issue a June number of the SCROLL, but we are forced to omit it. If it were a private enterprise we would feel personally responsible for the appearance of every number according to the contract. But it is the Fraternity's organ and its existence for a single day depends entirely upon the votes and support of the active members. If we could perform our work, feeling confident that the necessary funds for the adjustment of all claims were subject to our draft it would be a pleasure. But the anxiety and care are worse than the physical labor. We wish, then, to be entirely absolved from any dereliction of duty in the failure to issue the June number—the Fraternity would not or *did not* furnish the money, and we could not be expected to advance it. Those chapters which owe SCROLL tax are responsible—we do not know which they are—but each one should have an abiding sense of having neglected, slighted one of the most important and vital institutions of the Fraternity.

For the present, then, we must part. In many respects our labor has been pleasant. We have formed an epistolary acquaintance with many noble hearted Phis whom we would gladly meet and greet with brotherly affection, and whose spicy reports we will read, we trust, at the opening of next college year. In the meantime let us be wide awake and active to the Fraternity's interests. Much labor can be done through the vacation by an active correspondence among the members. Those who do not expect to return should give information in regard to any new student whom they may think worthy to become a Phi, so that when college opens he may be put under surveillance. Discussions of gen-

eral interest to the Fraternity should be kept up. And in the fall, when college opens, let us have from every chapter in the land a short, accurate and interesting report of its actual condition, the number of members, and the prospects for the year. Do not forget; do not delay. And when the Grand Banker's levy for SCROLL tax makes its appearance we trust that not a chapter will hesitate or waver, but that every one, with the promptness that ought to characterize true Phi Delta zeal, will remit at once. Start right and then we will be right all the year. Then to every Phi we wish a season of rest from books unalloyed by any disturbing influence; but let us all keep the interests of the dear old Fraternity near the heart until we meet again.

The Next Convention.

It is not too soon to agitate the subject of our next convention. Why should it not be held in the East? The West and South are strong and we must open a way into the Eastern and Northern Colleges. The only way in which to do this is to bring the reputation we bear in the West and South to the notice of the East through the influential metropolitan press. A convention held in one of the Eastern cities would be an able means of doing this. The West and South will have a majority of officers and speakers and would show well in the Convention. At any rate let us have an interchange of opinion on the subject.

State Organizations.

We print in another column the report of a state meeting of Phis held in Indiana. From the report it is evident that a good time was the order of the evening in which the meeting was held. We regard this state reunion as a good omen for future work in the same direction. Our Conventions are biennial, and in the off year there might easily be a meeting held in each State where the number of active and alumni Phis would justify the movement. There is no reason why there should not be state organizations. The conventions and meetings implied in such organizations would extend the influence of Phi Delta Theta, would knit more closely ties of brotherly love, would cause healthy correspondence and interchange of ideas concerning fraternity work, would carry more of interest and matured thought into our national conventions, and would awaken new zeal and cause more activity in our whole work. Indiana has made the start, and we hope to hear of other organizations being effected ere long. Our columns are open to correspondence on the subject. It might be well, in case of a small number of Phis in certain States, for two or even three States to join together in organizing. While the expenses would be slightly increased the benefit to be derived from personal contact and increased personal acquaintance and free exchange of ideas would more than repay the outlay incurred.

From G. B.

EDITORS SCROLL :

It is with profound regret that I note the fact that my numerous requests for remittances have met with but few responses. It is a *great pity* that we should be disgraced by inattention to finances. The publishers of the catalogue got desperate and carded the chapters by an open circular. This I did not approve but as all my attempts proved futile, I gave my consent that it might be sent out, but did not know that they intended sending an unsealed circular. For some time now, I have offered the catalogue, paper bound, for 50 cents and the cloth bound for 75 cents. I have received two orders. There are enough on hand to pay all that is due the publishers if taken at the low price named above. I hope they will be ordered by the chapters before the college year closes.

It is not likely that the June number of the SCROLL can be issued on account of funds, I therefore take this opportunity of notifying all chapters to pay in any initiation fees taken in during the year, before the year closes. Also, that we want the remittances for next year's SCROLL on or before the 10th day of September, 1879, and on the initiation of new men, one dollar each should be forwarded for the SCROLL. I hope we will be able to clean up all the old indebtedness both from chapters and the fraternity at large, before the convention in 1880. We will have nothing else to do next year but to *square up* and I feel sure that it will be done.

There were a number of song books sent to the executive committee and put in my hands for distribution. Only a very few of them have been taken. Send in your orders.

Truly in the Bond,
C. D. WHITEHEAD, G. B.

Chapter Correspondence.

We desire chapter reports for our next issue to reach us by September 10th next. Sub-Eds. will please be prompt.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, May 12th, 1879.

I feel almost incapable to perform the task which falls upon me by being elected C. S. of Indiana Beta. But I feel it to be a pleasant duty to address the SCROLL. Each issue is looked forward to by our members with increased interest.

I believe that a fraternity paper is a valuable and *necessary* element to the progress of a brotherhood such as ours. In its columns the "Indiana Alpha" and the "Georgia Gamma" meet and shake hands, and the "N. Carolina Alpha" and "Ohio Zeta" exchange greetings. The thought strikes me now that we have an organized "monthly convention," a convention of words, in which all chapters come together and exchange a hearty "how are you." Bros. Campbell, Kuhns, Goodin and Brown were over from Indiana Gamma and were present at our regular meeting, Saturday, May 10th. They are all good baseball players and played with the Butler nine in a match game against our nine. We had a good game, but they beat us one run—score 8 to 7, ten innings. We were very much pleased with their visit and we all feel proud proud that we can call these young men "brothers."

We are to test their "Phi solidity" again next Saturday in another game of ball.

Bros. Preston and McCulloch are absent this term.

Yours in the Bond,
L. H. ROGERS.

Michigan Beta.

STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
Lansing, Mich., May 9, 1879.

DEAR BROS:

It gives us pleasure to report that our Chapter is in a fine, prosperous condition. Yes, "Phis are the boys we love" and our Chapter has added one more to the "noble band" since our last communication to the SCROLL.

Bro. Bloodgood, '77, was with us at our last meeting. He is a member of the Medical Department at the Mich. University, but is now away from there, as that Department is having its summer vacation.

The second term of our school year closes May 20. We then have a vacation of one week. Many of the Bros. look forward to this time of rest and recreation with quite glowing anticipations; some will remain at the college; others will visit relatives and friends; while a particular few will make it a special point to fan some of their "dying-flames" or get some new "flame" to fan. Bro. Bailey, our botanist, would go without his meals for a whole day, if by so doing he could go botanizing with a company of girls. It is rather curious what a particular liking some Phis have for the girls. Bro. Charles says: "If there is anything I like to look upon in this wide, wide world, it is the face of a pretty girl." It is all right to like the girls, but let it not interfere with other matters that are quite as important. We are getting ready for a Phi reunion, which is to take place the latter part of next term. We expect to have a grand time, and will let you know something of it in some future number of the SCROLL.

Success to the fraternity and the SCROLL, is the earnest wish of a brother in the Bond.

WILL B. OSBORNE.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, May 17, 1879.

Gettysburg is slow to catch anything. But even walking matches walked in here and we had an interesting contest for the championship of Penn'a College. C. M. Eyster and H. D. Withers of the Penn'a Beta were among the contestants. Both made good records, Withers taking the first prize and champion belt. By the rules, the belt is open to challenge, but Withers' victory was so decisive, that it is thought no one will venture another contest with him.

A lively scene occurred here recently, resulting from revelations of a member expelled from the Sigma Chi fraternity. He confessed that several members of the Sigs with an "anti" had entered the halls of the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities on several occasions by means of keys, models of which had been surreptitiously secured.

The guilty "anti" was called into joint meeting of the two chapters, confessed his guilt and gave up the keys. The intruders had simply gratified their curiosity, having obtained no information of the least importance. Much gasconading resulted, nothing more serious, and affairs now move on as usual.

The final examination of the Senior class occurs next week. We have but one representative; his average is 98.6 under close notation, thus giving us the best record in the class. The Beta members can walk with the intellect as well as on a "tan path."

Bro. J. B. Johnson was recently called home on the saddest of missions, the burial of his mother. He is again in our midst, receiving our sympathy, appreciating our affection and nobly meeting his duties.

Three members of the graduating class in theology this year, are members of our fraternity. They have carefully heeded all instruction, even the advice they received to select wives before entering upon their active work. They are enthusiastic over their matrimonial prospects, we, in addition, are enthusiastic over their moral and literary attainments, and predict for them more than an average amount of success. I heartily wish that some of the correspondents who are disposed to write about large feet, great eaters or smokers, fast walkers or talkers, or any other such eccentric things; about late callers, early risers, faithful lovers, or any other such unusual things; Phi girls, new pins, Freshman caps or any other such beautiful things, would visit this celebrated place once; we would make some astonishing revelations to them.

Keep honor bright, and let every Phi be active.

Yours in the Bond,
H. MAX. LENTZ, Sec. pro tem.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, O., May 6th, 1879.

We are happy to announce that Ohio Zeta is still alive and is soaring higher and higher till now she is in a condition almost unequalled in the history of the Chapter. Slowly but surely we gather into our fold the members of College while the Phi Kaps, Betas and Sigs look on in wonder and amazement. Silently and stealthily do they watch our movements and patiently wait to see their prospects wiped out of existence before their eyes.

Though we have been silent in the SCROLL for a month, we have not been so in college. Mr. H. W. Thayer, a gentleman who has been honored with a performance first in rank in the public entertainment of Athenæan society, was initiated in the latter part of March.

Bros. Eggert and McLelland, alumni members of this Chapter, now of the Allegheny Seminary, were in the city during vacation, spending a few days with their friends. John and Sam. have been at the Presbyterian Synod, getting licenses to preach (or to marry?) and are now happy that they can soon discourse on now and hereafter.

Mr. J. M. Scott, a Phi from Lafayette College, was here expecting to enter the Junior class, but becoming dissatisfied returned to Easton.

Crisler, our unwashed, has the reputation of attending the Parsonage seven nights in the week, and "Common Fame" says that his visits are increasing.

Yours in the Bond,
WILL. FREMONT HARN.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.,
May 1st, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS :

It gives me pleasure to again give you a limited account of your infant chapter. Our last report was sad, this one gives good tidings. Another babe has been born to our glorious fraternity. Saturday night last we had the pleasure of initiating Bro. W. H. Major, of whom we shall be proud, for he is one who will spare no exertions in building up the Alpha.

Our sad bereavement some weeks since has, I hope, strengthened instead of weakened us. We mourn the loss but shall not permit it to discourage us. We have begun a good work and have determined to succeed or die in the attempt. We most earnestly ask those older in the mystic Phi Delta Theta to advise us as to the best course in our work. By thus receiving encouragement we will be better able to carry out our fixed determination.

We soon expect to have another brother, then our work is done for this session in that direction. We expect to purchase several Badges next session, and then our chapter will begin to show externally.

By the way, our last-found brother was considerably afraid of "suthin" turning up when he was initiated. He now says he would give five dollars to see another fellow "ride the goat." Our dignified warden did his duty as best he could, but enormously large boots impeded his movements somewhat. Our financier is a highly perfumed Freshman, who seems to count his steps when he walks. We can say nothing bad of our executive but that he is a good fellow and in—love. We hope to be excused from saying anything about the scribe, as he is trying to be a good boy and cannot say anything for himself at all, except that he is doing his best for Phi Delta Theta.

Sincerely in the Bond,
FRANK PEGUES.

Pennsylvania Alpha.

EASTON, PA., May 1st, 1879.

DEAR BRO :

The National Grand can again report itself as in fine condition; and with the aid, and co-operation of the other chapters ready to do effective work in its official capacity. We now number twenty-two, as fine fellows as are to be found. All of them loyal and true. We are numerically and individually strong, and there is no reason why we should not spread as a goodly tree to the east and west, the north and south, and exert such an influence for good that our name will become synonymous with all that is high and noble.

We recently had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Murray Olyphant, of New York City. He seemed to be as much pleased with us as we were with him, and we hope that on brother who can possibly call, will ever neglect to do so and put our boasted hospitality to the test.

As we expect *all* to mourn with us in our sorrow, we now call on all to rejoice with us that one of our men, Bro. "Billy" Olyphant, has taken the remarkably high grade of 98.40 in the preceding term. We also have great hopes that Bro. Beers will take the first prize in the coming Junior Oratorical contest.

As your patience is doubtless nearly exhausted, I will now subside.

In the Bond,
M. GRAHAM TULL.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, May 8th, 1879.

"Joe we're scooped."

The above words were uttered by a badly beaten Beta to a Brother who entered the room of the first on hearing a noise. The latter Beta found his Bro. in a sad and disconsolate mood and, at the same time, beheld another man in a different temper. The other man was Marshall, now a Phi Delta Theta. He came here a few weeks ago, having formerly attended college at Delaware, Ohio. On his arrival the Betas formed his acquaintance and became very generous, offering to post him on fraternity matters at Butler and give him advice on things in general. After they had spiked him for about a week, we asked him to unite with our chapter. After considering the matter for a week, he gave us a favorable answer. Just before the time set apart for the initiation, he repaired to the room of the above Beta for the purpose of procuring a catalogue which was in the possession of the Betas. The Beta, on Mr. Marshall's request, brought forth the desired document; and, as soon as Marshall got his hands on it, by some unaccountable cause the

catalogue disappeared through a window to the ground below, where a Phi was stationed. The Beta, somewhat astonished, asked what that meant, and received the curt reply "*we want our Catalogue.*" Just then the other Beta entered, to whom his brother, with great brotherly feeling, exclaimed in the deepest agony: "Joe we're scooped." These words sank deep into the Bro's heart. Wooglin no doubt is extremely angered, and purp after purp will have to be sacrificed to make reparation for the Beta's loss. We had a season of real rejoicing at that initiation both over the man we got and the restoration of our stolen property. The Betas, like babies, complained to the President about the catalogue matter, but the President assured us that he will not interfere. Since the fracas with the Betas, fraternity matters at Butler have assumed a different aspect. And I am glad to say all the better for the Gamma Chapter, for such skirmishes unite more strongly the members and awaken additional enthusiasm.

We now number 19. Probably a man will be added before the college year closes. Our Palladium *The Butler*, appeared last week. In this the Phi Delta Theta takes the lead as she does in everything pertaining to college life at Butler, excepting the burning of out-houses, &c. This business devolves on others more fit. We have received an invitation from the Ind. Delta to attend their Chapter anniversary, May 30th. We thank them for the invitation, and as many as possible will be present on that occasion. We are anxious to hear about the chapter just started at Meadville, and presume, at least hope, some information will be given in the coming SCROLL.

Yours Truly,
WILBUR D. CAMPBELL.

Alabama Beta.

ALA. A. & M. COLLEGE,
May 6th, 1879.

ED. SCROLL :

Nothing new since our last report except the initiation of a new man worthy of the proud title—Phi. I refer to Brother Thomas whom we initiated at a recent meeting. He seems delighted at his conversion from the rude state of "Barbarism," and the Beta with pride numbers him with the "mystics."

At a recent Public Debate (of the two Literary Societies of A. & M. C.) three of the four disputants were Phis.

Our Fraternity will be well represented in the exercises of the approaching commencement.

Success to the SCROLL, and in the language of Rip, "may she live long and prosper."

In the Bond,
A. FITZPATRICK.

Ohio Eta.

AKRON, OHIO, May 5, 1879.

Once again all we can report is undiminished prosperity. Our number, which is at present fifteen, will soon be augmented by the addition of another man, with whom the Delta Taus have been laboring all this term.

We are pained to hear the depleted condition of our "National Treasury," and the gloomy forebodings of sickness or death, which consumed so much space in the last number of the SCROLL.

No chapter feels a deeper interest in the welfare of our fraternity organ, and, we think it safe to say without boasting, no chapter has more promptly met the levies of our Grand Banker than Ohio Eta, but we maintain as we did at the last convention that our financial system, as it exists, never has been, never will be a success. In another column, if the Editor finds space for its in-

troduction, will be found our objections and suggestions in regard to this very important subject.

With respect to the catalogue, we regard the recent un-business like circulars of Baker & Randolph sent to chapters which have always been prompt and faithful in meeting all obligations, as a magnificent manifestation of *cheek* on the part of somebody. Such a circular should, however, shame delinquent chapters into a prompt payment of their just dues.

Hoping to hear more prosperous reports from the G. B. and less wild shooting at the sound financial bull's eye,

Yours in the Bond,
H. A. KELLEY.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND, May 4th, 1879.

Since the last report we have had one addition to our number, in the form of Bro. Williams, who was initiated into our Mystic Brotherhood, April 16. A number of our boys attended the State contest, and while there made arrangements for a convention, to be held in our town, May 30th, 1879, and that being our anniversary day too, we expect a grand time and have secured an elegant hall for the use of the convention. We hope to see every Hoosier Phi here and many from other States too. Hope the SCROLL managers will be on hand. Franklin boasts of lots of pretty girls and they are Phi "sisters" too.

On Tuesday May 6th, our Wabash Phi, Bro. Penniman, will be with us again and after his entertainment will assist us in something fine. We are jubilant over what will occur at a Phi meeting after the Reading and as the immortal Sairy Gamp says "words, cannot exprege our feelinks." Full particulars next month.

The Kappas are doing finely and work in harmony with us.

Will be able to give a full report of anniversary, etc., next month. In concluding let me urge upon every Phi in the State to come to the convention. The expense will be very little and the enjoyment very great.

Fraternally,
ALFRED M. JELLEFF.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C., April 26, 1879.

EDITOR OF SCROLL :

We have only a few short weeks to remain here with each other, then we will bid farewell, perhaps some of us never to meet on earth. Bro. Bulla will graduate with first honor, get his A. B. and leave us to enter one of the finest Law-schools in the South. His success is sure, provided he does not take the Perry ilious journey that his visits to High Point seems to indicate, though I think it will only be a Mina(or) affair. We swelled our number to fifteen at our last meeting by initiating Bro. Redding. We are progressing finely and bid fair to be the banner chapter of the South. Our prospects for next year are fine. The S. C. A. has our profound sympathy in their bereavement and we trust that their loss will be to their spiritual benefit.

Yours in the Bond,
PHIL. HOLLAND, JR.

Mississippi Alpha.

OXFORD, Miss., May 4th, 1879.

We of the Miss. Alpha send greetings to every true and noble Phi and hope you will excuse the negligence of the Corresponding Secretary for not sending in his last report

last month soon enough for publication. I am glad to say that we are still on the path that leads to prosperity. We can compete with the best of the other fraternities here in any way, and far outstrip the most of them. We are now fourteen in all: 1 Senior, 4 Sophomores, 7 Freshmen, 1 Preparatory student and 1 dignified Lawyer. The trial declamation for Freshmen speakers at commencement came off not long since, and I am glad to state that no other single club will furnish more speakers on that occasion. We have the new order of exercises, but have not been able to procure all the necessary accompaniments yet, as required in the initiation of officers.

I am glad to say that our boys all come forward promptly when they are on duty, and in that way make our literary exercises very interesting. Last night we installed our new President. He made a very fine speech upon taking the chair. The one retiring also made a very fine exaugural address, giving the past history of our Chapter, and concluded by giving some very good advice to act upon in the future. I think we bid fair to be the first among fraternities everywhere, if I am allowed to judge our chapters at others places by our own standard.

Hoping to be able to impart something else of news to the readers of the SCROLL in my next correspondence, allow me to subscribe myself,
Yours fraternally,
J. M. CATCHING.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Richmond, Va.,
April 29th, 1879.

At 8½ P. M., Monday, April 14th, a fine baby was born into the Va. Delta. Six feet, brown eyes, black hair and trying very hard to raise a moustache. W. A. Vaughan was his name. He swells the number of active members to nine in all.

A few months ago, something was said in the SCROLL about Pres. Reddig going to Baltimore, to start a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Johns Hopkins University, and nothing has been said of it since. I would like very much to know if he went, as the members of this Chapter have been trying all this session to start a chapter there, without any success. One of them has written to Bro. Wilbur F. Smith twice about it; but he has not answered either of the letters. There are one or two members of this fraternity there now, I believe. Can't they be gotten at in some way? The Va. Delta will do anything in its power to start this Chapter.

While two of our boys were looking at banners, &c., several days ago, the storekeepers showed them some regalia, and said he was making it for the Alpha Tau Omega chapter at Richmond College, and also a bow of red, white and blue ribbon with Love, Truth, Virtue painted on it in gold. Do you suppose that is their motto?

I think there is a misunderstanding here about the initiation fee and SCROLL tax also. Most of our boys think that the part of initiation fee sent to the G. B. comprises the SCROLL tax also. Is this so? Or does each Bro. have to pay one dollar SCROLL tax also when he is initiated?

Both the Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha chapters at Washington and Lee Univ., have "busted." Each has one man, I think.

In the Bond,
LYMAN CHALKLEY.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tenn.,
May 1st, 1879.

This Chapter is as prosperous as ever. The meetings are full of interest and the members are zealous and united. One member has been initiated since our last report, and

we expect to get a number of others before commencement, which occurs the last of May. Several also will unite with us during commencement week, who dislike to join us now, because of the regulation against fraternities. Notwithstanding the faculty opposition, the three law professors, Thos. H. Malone, Wm. B. Reese and Ed. Baxter, have been elected honorary members by Tennessee Beta and have accepted. The Chapter has procured ten song books, which are often used at each meeting, and it is surprising how much the singing adds to the exercises. In accordance with a Constitutional provision, each member of the Chapter is assigned some other Chapter of the fraternity, with which he shall carry on a correspondence. Tennessee Beta owes nothing to the Grand Banker for the SCROLL. Those in the Chapter last September paid for the whole year, and those who joined subsequently, paid proportionally from the time of initiation. The Ex. Com. allowed us to do this. The Chapter owes some from initiation fees towards the permanent fund, but will settle that shortly. Most of our members will return next year. During vacation, address Chapter correspondence to me as I shall be in Nashville during the summer. Bro. R. H. Marr, of New Orleans, who has relatives in Tuscaloosa, Ala., will stop for some time on his way home at the latter place, and help Bro. Knox strengthen the Alabama Alpha. During the commencement at the University of Alabama, doubtless many will unite with the Fraternity who heretofore would not on account of the strong faculty opposition. Bro. Smedes of Vicksburg also will probably stop over with Bro. Marr, at Tuscaloosa. Bro. J. A. Noyes of the Tennessee Normal College has relatives at Hanover, N. H., and will likely go to Dartmouth College at that place next fall to remain two years. If so, he is determined to start a Chapter. Bro. R. H. Hamilton, formerly of Missouri Beta, now a lawyer in this city, says that Chapter has about a dozen members and gives me the following as some of their names: R. J. Coleman, A. M., Tutor in Central College; Nathan Swetland, '79; T. Dines, '79; R. H. Payne, '79; Virgil Dilin, '81; ——— Lindsley, '81; Eddie Ball, '80. Bro. Hamilton also says Missouri Alpha has lately completed a fine brick hall of its own. We are very glad indeed to see that Indiana Eta has been revived, and we extend a hearty welcome to the new Chapter, Pennsylvania Epsilon. We think the SCROLL should be kept *sub rosa* and not exchange with other Fraternity papers. We hope the SCROLL will be published for June. By the way, is it not about time for some of the SCROLL Chapter correspondents to let up on the subject of the size of the feet of their members?

In the Bond,
W. B. PALMER.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Ind.,
April 17th, 1879.

Indiana Alpha reports progress. Bro. Fred. H. Ogle is our last addition and requires an extra SCROLL.

The Phi Psi's, who were our worst enemies at the beginning of the year, are now in a fair way to become extinct. Four of their men left at the last meeting and there is general discontent. They don't seem to have any provision for redeeming their badges, for three of the ex-Phi Kaps have exposed their badges for sale in the show window of one of our jewelers. The combined value of the badges is placed at \$31.50. Of course the Phi Psis will be able to do nothing more this year, and as three of their best men graduate they will have a poor show next fall.

In the Bond,
CHAS. BANTA.

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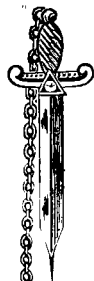
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[From *Acta Columbiana*]

A College Window.

What, been in the city all summer,
And grinding away on your Greek?
Well, well! You'll excuse me, old fellow,
But really, you are getting weak!
Conditioned! What of it? I'm always
Conditioned—a regular stack;
But I work them off somehow or other,
And keep myself straight with the Fac.

Why of course, Tom, you ought to have cut it,
And gone off with me and St. Clair;
No end of nice girls and salt water,
And lots of our fellows down there.
If you want any "points" on Nantucket,
Or my adventures to hear,
Just call for them ad infinitum,
While Fritz has gone after the beer.

Any snab? Well, you'd think so to see them!
Every girl was a regular belle;
All the tone of New Haven and Boston,
And other ones equally swell.
But one of them, Tom, was a stunner:
She brought down her game on the wing,
For in less than six hours, by Jingo,
She had every man on a string!

Pretty? Rather! Her teeth were like pearls, sir,
Peeping out between coralline bars;
And her eyes, when she smiled on a fellow,
Just twinkled like midnight cigars!
She captured our whole delegation,
A Trinity junior (a swell),
Two cheeky sub-freshmen from Harvard,
And a couple of sophs from Cornell.

Well, we used to walk out in the evening,
To watch the moon's crescent arise;
And some of us thought of the landscape,
But the rest of us thought of her eyes.
And when, on the murmuring water,
The silvery light was aglow,
It appeared like a vision of Eden,
(To the freshmen especially so!)

Such is life; here, I'll show you the locket
She gave me at parting; and Will
Has a bangle of hers in his pocket,
We keep them for a memorabil.
As for me, though, I wasn't enraptured,
In spite of the rose tint and pearl,
For somehow, I'm never contented
With only the tenth of a girl.

And she's not very young, let me tell you—
Ten years since they shipped her from school;
And I don't think she'll ever get married,
She can't find a big enough fool.
Her name? Miss Van Arsdel, of Brooklyn.
You met her, you say, in July?
You're engaged to her, Tom? O, the dickens!
Beg par—, I—well, hang it—good by!

Men not Numbers.

A maxim has long been existent in the fraternity that our needs call for "Men not Numbers." While this is strictly true, and while it is the imperative duty of each one to watch that no un-

worthy man finds refuge with our mystic Alma Mater, a sentiment of exclusiveness has grown from that maxim. It is to guard against what is becoming an unhealthy precedent that this article is indited. The fostering of this sentiment has ruined for us enough good chapters to start a flourishing fraternity. Once imbued with this spirit a chapter finds no new comers worthy of membership, so none are initiated, and when its attendant members leave, the charter is returned with the old tale that the standing of the college does not warrant the continuance of the chapter. No doubt the standing of the college is reduced below their requisite grade; but is it not strange that a half dozen flourishing chapters should find support there?

Whether or not it is best and right to be exclusive, the tendency of our fraternity is too far in the contrary condition to check the movement. We have this fact to cheer us, that we are not alone in our doctrine, but that the strongest fraternities West and East have adopted it and even our exclusive sisters of New England find that to be abreast with the times, their organization must be extended and they are reaching for a western foothold. Any institution of high and well established reputation is entitled to a chapter of Phi Delta Theta so our *patres conscripti* decided; and to what they in their wisdom ordained we have lowered our heads and said "Amen."

Our strongest chapters are our largest; than the small ones, they have more harmony, pleasanter meetings, greater influence and better success. Here is a concise history of many chapters—perhaps you have been a member of such an one. They start out at the beginning of the session with, say five sturdy, maybe brilliant men; but they are indolent, the new student does not impress them as a good man and neglecting his acquaintance they are ignorant of

his strength. In November the Junior falls sick and returns home; in Spring the Sophomore's father becomes bankrupt or is otherwise unfortunate and the chapter is deprived of another member; the two Seniors graduate and the last man feels so lonely that he finds companionship elsewhere. No doubt "in union there is strength" but one man, no matter how unanimous he may be on all conflicting points, does not make union. We want our chapters strong enough to stand the adversities of ill health, ignorant outsiders and jaundiced faculties. Let 15 be our minimum number and if a college cannot support such a chapter, the charter should be withdrawn. If our chapters were larger they would not grow dormant or dead, they would inspire the uninitiated with the grandeur of their power, they would be numerically strong enough to fight their college battles and they would have a much more salutary influence on their own members. A. G. F.

Our Literary Taste.

This is a progressive age—an age in which everything which has not stamped upon it *progress*, is doomed to become insignificant and must soon pass entirely from public notice. During the past year the SCROLL has made progress. It accomplished a good work; and still there is room for improvement. All thoughtful readers of the SCROLL have no doubt been impressed with the fact that an air of boyish frivolity characterizes our chapter reports. We can greatly improve in this department. Many of our chapter reports thus far have been written as though the reporters had no other end in view than to say something *funny*—something "to make the boys laugh." If saying foolish things, and glowing accounts of some good brother's "*big feet*," &c., &c., is the object of these reports, then it might be advisable for the Editor to change the heading "Chapter Reports"

to something else. But I do not understand this to be the object of the space thus given to chapters reports. I understand its object to be to give correct statements of facts as to the work of the different chapters of our fraternity. From these chapter reports we may learn what the fraternity at large is doing. Hence at least three things should characterize them; accuracy in the statement of facts, brevity, and good literary taste.

Unless these facts are accurately given the reports are of little or no avail. "One of the first essentials of a history," says one, "is an accurate statement of the facts." Just so with these chapter reports. We read them to gather facts—good, reliable information as to the general work of our fraternity. Hence they ought to be given correctly.

These reports should not be unnecessarily long because if our chapters report as regularly as they ought there is not space enough to contain lengthy reports from all. I have frequently read chapter reports of more than half a column's length which could have been condensed to one-fourth the space and given all matters of interest. It would be well therefore for our Cor. Secretaries to be less verbose in their reports.

And then while giving these reports accurately and briefly, why not write them in good style? One of the objects of Phi Delta Theta is to aid in literary attainments. In writing these chapter reports our Cor. Sec's have an opportunity to improve and cultivate their literary talents. Their improvement in this direction will be a mutual gain. Both writers and readers will acquire a more refined literary taste and the literary standard of the SCROLL will be elevated. Therefore let our Cor. Sec. give us their reports accurately, briefly and in good style and the SCROLL will have made another progressive step.

J. C. J.

Fraternity Extension.

The following data concerning some northern institutions were obtained lately from one who has particularly good means of getting information of the kind.

Wisconsin University.—In ten years it will be superior to Michigan University. It has a fair literary school, a

splendid school of science, and a good law school. There are now there about six hundred students and three fraternities. Beta Theta Pi has a splendid chapter and Phi Kappa Psi a poor chapter. Chi Psi has a good chapter organized last year. Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Sigma Phi, are all going to try to get in next year. Such a Phi as Judge Vilas can give Phi Delta Theta a fair start when the prospects warrant.

Lawrence University.—A fairly good institution with ninety-one students. The faculty is hostile to fraternities. Phi Kappa Sigma was there but went under before a charter was granted.

Wittenberg.—Has one hundred and eight students and is rapidly gaining a reputation as a mathematical college. Beta Theta Pi has a splendid chapter there; it is their Presiding chapter for this year. Phi Kappa Psi has a good chapter also.

Beloit and Racine.—Both strong anti-fraternity but good colleges. Beta Theta Pi is at Beloit and Phi Kappa Psi was at Racine. A good chapter probably could not be started at either place. The Beta alumni keep their chapter alive and initiate about two men from each class.

Westminster.—A good college with one hundred and fifty students. Beta Theta Pi has a splendid chapter and would probably help another fraternity establish there.

University of Iowa.—A splendid college but anti-fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi is there but *sub rosa* and it is doubtful whether the good men would join a fraternity now. Beta Theta Pi was there but disbanded when the laws were passed. Delta Tau Delta was there also.

W. B. P.

In Memoriam.

John R. Woodward died at his home in New Castle, Indiana, on the 15th day of June, 1879.

He came from Kentucky University to Butler University and pursued his studies in the latter college until his graduation in the year 1876, receiving the degree of A. B. and the following year took a post-graduate course, receiving the degree A. M.

During his Senior year he represented

Butler University in the Indiana State Oratorical contest and was awarded the Second Honors.

While in College he was regarded a student of rare ability. After completing his collegiate education, he studied law in Indianapolis and after passing a very creditable examination was admitted to practice in the United States Court.

About one year ago he removed to New Castle, Indiana, and there continued the practice of law until his death.

The Indiana Gamma, of which Bro. Woodward was a member, adopted the following resolutions in regard to his death:

Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst John R. Woodward, and

Whereas, Brother Woodward was a faithful and active member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, ever vigilant in promoting the interests of the Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Woodward not only the chapter but the fraternity at large has lost an efficient laborer and a beloved brother—Society a valuable member and the State a useful citizen.

Resolved, That we tender to the relatives and friends of our deceased Brother our heartfelt sympathies.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL and that they be entered on the records of this (Indiana Gamma) chapter.

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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 visits cease, the letters, while still breathing the old affection become few and brief, and we awake to find that he who seemed once a part of our very soul has become a comparative stranger. This is the way of the world, and he who seeks its work and rewards must bear its burdens too. 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 in fraternity forever.

Other Fraternities.

—The Delta Tau Delta Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University has been reorganized.

—Alpha Sigma Chi did not surrender to Sigma Chi but to Beta Theta Pi at the latter's convention in Cincinnati.

—The Psi chapter of Delta Tau Delta, at Wabash College, Indiana, threw up its charter last June and went over to Theta Delta Chi.

—Phi Gamma Delta has stepped down and out of Washington and Lee University, Va., and Phi Kappa Psi has but two members.

—According to good authority Phi Kappa Psi is meeting with heavy reverses everywhere.

—The motto of Beta Theta Pi is *βοήθεια* (mutual assistance) *θεωρία* (a searching for—wisdom) *πίστις* (faithfulness).

—The last living chapter of the Alpha Kappa Phi, at Oxford, Miss., was absorbed by Beta Theta Pi at that place last session.

—W. R. Baird, the author of the proposed book on "American College Fraternities," negotiated and gave over his own fraternity (Alpha Sigma Chi) into the hands of Beta Theta Pi at their Cincinnati convention. Baird claims to possess constitutions of forty different fraternities.

—Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon have recently founded chapters at Harvard.

—Zeta Psi entered University College, Toronto, Canada, last spring.

—Delta Kappa Epsilon has a new catalogue in press. All previous editions have been thoroughly revised and brought up to date.

—The anti-fraternity laws at University of N. C. are likely to be repealed. Chi Psi and Alpha Tau Omega are there now.

—The Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity who organized a chapter at Franklin, Indiana, made a happy selection of ladies. They are the most enterprising and accomplished ladies of the College at that place, and have made their chapter the finest one in the State.

—Anti-fraternity laws have been passed at the Univ. of Cal., but the frats. seem disposed to fight it out. The Zetas have secured an injunction from the state courts. They have a house and claim that the abolition of fraternities would be a confiscation of their property. But fraternities had run down there before the laws were passed. At present the status is as follows: Zeta Psi 5, Chi Phi 7, Delta Kappa Epsilon 8, and Beta Theta Pi 9. Alpha Tau Omega had 2 men but withdrew charter last month, having a very short life there.

—Beta Theta Pi has entered University of Mississippi, assimilating the Alpha Kappa Phi and Rainbow, two local fraternities. It united last summer with Alpha Sigma Chi having chapters at Cornell, Columbia, Rutgers, Stevens Institute, St. Lawrence University, and Maine Agricultural College. It will publish its constitution to all the world soon. It will take a voyage up the classic stream of Salt River next. It held its convention in September, in Cincinnati, under the auspices of its Alumni Chapter. A Ritual was adopted. A Miami alumnus, in response to a toast, said Miami was not dead but sleeping, and that in ten years it would be as prosperous as ever. Last spring Beta Theta Pi entered University of California, but got only four members who were the butt of the University. They were dubbed "pie-biters" and their badges called "pie-dishes" by the students' paper. The summer of the California Betas was very short, however, as the University has now passed anti-fraternity laws.

Personals.

—T. M. Hobbs, Ind. Alpha, is planting at Athens, Alabama.

—Is Benj. F. Taylor, the author and novelist, the B. F. T. of Ill. Beta?

—W. Kuhns Hill, first honor man of '79, Penna. Beta, is at his home in Schenley, Pa.

—Hon. J. L. Moore, Ohio Alpha, '66, was elected Judge U. S. Dist. Court of Kentucky recently.

—G. W. Plack, Penna. Alpha, '79, our executive man of the N. G., is at Union Theological Seminary, New York city. Tell us about the Phis there, Brother P.

—Dr. Edwin Walker, Ind. Epsilon, '71, owns the badge that has been worn by the most popular lady in Evansville for the last four years.

—Amos W. Butler, Ind. Alpha, '81, will spend the winter in Mexico collecting specimens, seeing the country and recuperating.

—A. Gwyn Foster, Ind. Alpha, '78, will spend the winter in Mexico with his uncle, Hon. J. W. Foster. Address care United States Legation, City of Mexico. Cannot Bro. Gwyn tell us if there were any Phis among the Aztecs?

—Harry H. Weber, Penna. B., '82, had a share in Freshman Prize last year.

—Harry B. Walter, Penna. B., has gone to Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

—Rev. J. C. Jacoby, Penna. B., '76, has accepted a call to Zanesville, Wells Co., Ind. "J. C. J." is a Hoosier by birth and bringing up, and the Hoosier boys will find in him an ardent worker. Do not forget Penna. B., Bro. J. C.

—Benj. F. Carter, '79, Georgia Gamma, has entered the Harvard Law School.

—Bros. Chalkley and Powers, Va. Delta, have gone to University of Virginia.

—J. B. Beverley, Va. Epsilon, is taking a tour in Europe.

—T. M. Keitt, Va. Epsilon, has gone to Columbia College, N. Y., as medical student.

—R. W. Freeman, B. S. Tenn. Beta, '79, is studying law in Senoria, Ga.

—Bro. Merrick, Tenn. Beta, '80, is reading law with his father in New Orleans, La.

—Dr. H. J. Hall, Ind. Delta, '73, will spend the coming winter at Bellevue Hospital, New York city.

—Dick Speck, Ind. Alpha, '77, is in the General Ticket Office of Kansas Pacific—and is a Gould man.

—Rev. M. C. Hobbs, Ind. Alpha, has been returned the third time to the Mt. Vernon charge by the M. E. Conference South of Indiana.

—Julian Kendrick, Va. Epsilon, is teaching mathematics in a boarding school at Fort Defiance, Augusta Co., Va. Have a care, brother, lest your heart go off on a tangent.

—David Ellison, Ind. Alpha, '78, is practicing law at Bedford, Ind. He does not believe it good for man to be alone. His *first* will make a lawyer's wife some day.

—George C. Jones, Tenn. Beta, is roughing it on his farm for two years. Then he will follow literary pursuits. Success be yours, brother.

—Cyrus K. Drew, Ky. Beta, is secretary of the Citizens Insurance Co. of Evansville, Indiana.

—Hon. Benj. F. Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52, entertained President Hayes and party during their visit to Indianapolis recently.

—Walter S. Bradfute, an attendant member Ind. Alpha, has for three years conducted a weekly paper at Bloomington, Ind. Bro. B. is a born editor and bids fair to be at the head of his profession.

—D. A. Owen, '78, Ind. Delta, has been elected tutor in Franklin College.

—J. L. Matthews, '79, Ind. Delta, is attending Theological Seminary at Chicago.

—Frank Hunter, '79, Ind. Alpha, is studying law at Bloomington, Ind., and the boys do say that he has developed a remarkable taste for "Pud'n." (For explanation of the above "goak" address the Secretary of Ind. Alpha).

—The Mich. Alpha will have a staunch supporter in I. W. Christian, '81, Ind. Gamma, who enters Michigan University this fall.

—Prof. G. E. Bailey, Ind. Delta, last year a professor in Franklin College, will attend the Theological Seminary at Rochester this year.

—Hon. John W. Foster, Ind. Alpha, '55, U. S. Minister to Mexico, has lately undertaken the inspection of the consulates along the Pacific coast and Northern Mexican States. He travels in state and has a body guard of 50 soldiers.

—Prof. David Swing, D. D., Ohio Beta, '52, will read the poem at Grant's reception of the Army of the Tennessee at Chicago. Prof. Swing's last book has been very favorably criticised.

—"The biography of James Buchanan, which was first intrusted to the late Wm. B. Reed, is now to be written by Mr. Geo. Ticknor Curtis who is particularly qualified for the task."—*Harper's*.

—Hon. Ed. R. Hatfield, Ind. Alpha, '58, is one of the most eloquent men in his State. With his partner he cleared a man indicted for murder although everything seemed against them, and the opposition comprised the best lawyers at the bar. During brother H.'s speech he had the jury and the audience in tears. He is from Evansville and was the defeated nominee for Congress in his district.

—George William Cone, Va. Delta, '79, has gone to Galveston, Texas, to fill a place in the Secretary's office of one of the principal Railroad's there. We congratulate the R. R. and hope that brother C. will send us Phi news and "copy" from the Lone Star State.

—Bro. Cal. McCormick, Ind. Delta, Franklin College, '78, is wielding the birch in the swamps of Sugar Creek Bottom at present. Mc. takes a course in the scientific department of Yale beginning next year.

—Rev. G. H. Elgin, Ind. Delta, Franklin College, '75, and Rochester Theological Seminary, '79, is at present preaching to the congregation of the 1st Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

—J. R. Edwards and Clement Hall, Ind. Delta, both of '77, Franklin College, will obtain their sheepskins from the Chicago Theological Seminary in '80. Bro. Edwards will deliver the lecture at the annual celebration and banquet of the above chapter on May 28th, 1880.

Notes.

—Kentucky Alpha alumni are making arrangements for a Ky. Alpha Alumni chapter. It will probably be established in a month.

—Ky. Alpha is the oldest of our living chapters and was the third one established in order. It has had a checkered career but is now on a firm foundation.

—Our South Carolina Alpha starts out this year with six good men and a strong determination. We look for a good report for our next issue from there.

—Bro. J. F. Herman, Penna. Beta, is having our coat of arms finely engraved in steel by Dreka, of Philadelphia. The cut will be an inch and a half in diameter. The idea is to furnish paper and envelopes to the boys at a low rate. Look for advertisement next month.

—Bro. E. E. Stevenson, Ind. D., attended the commencement exercises of Knox College at Galesburg, Ill., last June and reports that he was there pounced upon by a number of loyal Phis. The boys are making a strong fight at Knox but are of course *sub rosa*.



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WANTED—Correspondent from Texas Beta.
GEO. B. THOMAS.
Ky. Alpha.

The Grand Banker's call for SCROLL tax has no doubt been received by every chapter and we trust that before this number of the SCROLL is read by the members every chapter will have met the call promptly. If this has not already been done let there be no loss of time, but let every chapter immediately transmit the amount due, and we can then go on confidently with our work knowing that the funds are at hand to meet the necessary expense.

To All, Greeting.

We heartily enter into the feeling of joy and gladness which has been manifested by so many Phis in their opening reports at the prospect of again communicating with the brothers in all parts of the country through the medium of the SCROLL. This spirit of almost boyish delight which, by the way, can not be aught but agreeable to us, seems, too, to be but the surface manifestation of a deep seated enthusiasm—a united, harmonious determination on the part of every chapter to make this the most successful year that our Fraternity has ever known. Every report and every private letter bears to us evidence of a willingness to work and a confident anticipation of the legitimate rewards of honest labor. Herein is the grand secret of success; here must reside the reason of our sanguine hope. And already the record of more than one victory has been made. Our workers have not been idle in the field, neither have they entered the contest without a careful survey of the ground to be gone over or a clear perception of the importance of that cautious movement and skillful management that would ensure success. Since these glowing reports come from all sources, from the highest official to the humblest private in the ranks, we feel justified in heartily congratulating the Fraternity upon the most auspicious opening for the year within the history of our connection with the organization. Neither do we believe this to be an abnormal or unhealthy condition, but a clear and honest issue of the untiring effort that was made all through last year to bring about this very result, and we believe it to be permanent, far-reaching and important.

But we must not imagine that our labors are over and that we are entering upon a season of rest. This theory would work almost

immediate disaster to our beloved cause. There are many essential points to be looked after, the first of which is of vital importance to the life and prosperity of the individual chapter, that is, securing the ablest and most worthy additions to the old returning members. A part of that work has already been done no doubt, and we believe well done. Some students develop slowly, however, and it is well to keep a close watch on all to ascertain if a jewel has been overlooked or if perchance an intellectual genius has required the force of peculiar circumstances to make manifest his hidden power.

The interests of the Fraternity at large require special attention and should not be overlooked by a single member. Fraternity extension involves much labor and responsibility. Not only the character of the charter members should be carefully and rigidly scrutinized but the standing of the institution is a matter to be carefully looked after. Chapters should be planted in none but first class institutions.

The financial question is almost as important to us as to the government—that is our own finances, and perhaps we have as many and conflicting ideas as are expressed on that subject. Honest and intelligent discussion of this subject may result in great good to our order.

Lastly, the SCROLL should be kept constantly in mind as one of the most valuable adjuncts to the Fraternity's usefulness. It should be the endeavor of every member to use his utmost efforts to build up our organ and make it a worthy and faithful exponent of the great organization which it represents.

Now, Brothers, while the omens are bright, let us enter into the contest with a hearty earnestness and a spirit of determination that will insure success. We have only to labor for it and it is ours. No idle waiting or sluggish inactivity on our part should be allowed to work defeat in a single instance.

Facts and Figures.

It is not necessary to say that we begin the year a month late. There is only one reason why the September number was not issued—the money was not forthcoming, and besides the Business Manager has had to carry the debt of two issues since last spring. We thank the printer for his indulgence and say in justice to him that he would cheerfully have issued the September number at our consent! But the management agree perfectly that we can succeed in establishing the SCROLL only on the cash basis. Now, our last year's bills are paid and we have a handsome amount to run us through this year, an amount amply sufficient to cover all expenses, *provided* that the chapters report taxes promptly.

To prove that we do not overstate we give a few figures. The cost of printing and mailing the SCROLL since in the hands of the present management has been less than \$25.00 per month including all expenses. Say that it costs \$25.00 per month. Then by easy multiplication a year's expenses, ten

numbers, will cost \$250.00. This is the maximum cost to the fraternity and is low because on a cash basis. Now to the chapters we send out, according to number of members received from the Secretaries, more than 300 copies (nearly 400) per month. Giving these facts and figures we come to the conclusion that there should not be any trouble as regards our financial basis. The B. M. guarantees regular, prompt issues so long as the funds are not to be begged for by him. A tax of ten dollars on each chapter would cover a year's expenses with a hundred dollars to spare. Many of our chapters have twice ten members, few have less than six or eight. It then resolves itself into a matter for the chapters to settle as to whether or not our issues shall be prompt and regular. We ask no salary but decidedly can assume no debt.

Extension.

In this progressive age to stand still is to sink away from the notice of men. We should not then stand still, for human nature impels every man to make a favorable impression on his fellows. We are gratified to note our own progress. We do it briefly.

On the second Thursday of October President Reddig in person established the Vermont Alpha at the University of Vermont, Burlington. There are ten charter members and two men have already been added. The chapter has wealth and brains, and we hear also that "the members are all men fully up to the rigid tests of the Phi Delta Theta." The men were all asked to join other fraternities, there being chapters of Sigma Phi, Delta Psi—local, and Lamda Iota—local. Bro. Reddig writes: "I feel gratified with the result and Phi Delta Theta will I am sure feel proud of her New England chapter, as they intend to work with earnestness and have already a furnished room." The secretary Bro. Harrie M. Woods writes: "The chapter must I think succeed, and that it does succeed should, it seems to me, be of deep interest to the fraternity at large. * * * The prospects are then if we succeed in making this chapter the best one here, that we can establish at Dartmouth, Union and Middleburg." These are ringing, noble words and we heartily endorse them and extend to the new chapter the warmest of Phi welcomes.

We also gladly record the re-founding of the Kentucky Alpha, Centre College, Danville, and of the Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware. We give a full account of the former in chapter reports. The latter chapter started with three men and have already doubled their number. The work was done by a member of Indiana Gamma. Thus the work goes on. Our President, Bro. C. J. Reddig, is untiring in his efforts in furthering and extending our interests and writes us just as we go to press that he has yet greater things in store. Let the good work go on!

In this connection we would say that we have reports from several chapters that have been crowded out of this issue. All will appear in good time. Several chapters have

not reported as yet this year. We would urge upon all to give a report if only a few lines. This is required and will be the means of arousing all chapters to do their utmost in the interests of Phi Delta Theta.

Chapter Correspondence.

Indiana Alpha Alumni.

FRANKLIN, IND., Sept. 17th, 1879.

At our last meeting last night, a charter was granted to the Alumni Phis of Indianapolis, under the title of Indiana Beta Alumni. Among the petitioners were the names of Hon. Ben. Harrison, Senator Harris, J. B. Elam, Prosecuting Attorney of Marion, Co., Hon. Cas. Byfield, Judge Elliott, and ex-mayor Mitchell. We hope to soon report the organization of Alumni chapters at Danville and Louisville, Ky.

In the Bond,
T. C. DONNELL.

Georgia Delta.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga., Oct. 10th, 1879

I am sorry to say that only once before in quite a long while has the voice of the Georgia Delta been heard welcoming and congratulating her sister chapters through the columns of THE SCROLL. But her negligence certainly did not result from any lack of interest in the welfare of the Fraternity at large, but rather from the laziness of her former Corresponding Secretaries. Lazy Secretaries have now gone out of fashion with our chapter. Our college opened on the 1st of October with something more than a hundred students, which I think is doing first rate, especially when we consider that Mercer is a denominational College, at least, it is under the control of the Baptists. The new boys this year, taken as a whole, are the hardest looking cases I ever saw, but out of the exceptions to that "whole," we have badged two men who bid fair to be among the very foremost in the ranks of Phi Delta Thetaism. We have solicited three others, but strange to say their parents object to secret Fraternities; but we have the promises of the young men that should their parents turn "from the error of their way," they would certainly wear the sword and shield.

At our last Commencement five out of the ten Junior speakers were Phis. Bro. W. T. Cheney, now of the Ga. Beta, bore off the Junior medal for composition, although hotly pursued by a Chi Phi; while brother Nunnally was awarded one of the Sophomore medals for declamation.

Heretofore the societies have been almost entirely under the the control of the secret Fraternities. In fact so great was the influence exercised by the frats. that the Trustees of Mercer threatened to abolish them on the plea that their existence was injurious to the Literary Societies. But I think we have nothing to fear from that source, as our boys have on foot a plan which I think will break up the combinations of the secret societies, besides both of our Literary Societies are now in excellent condition.

Our rival Fraternities here are the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Chi Phi and the Kappa Alpha, but we have by far the best men in college. Both the Sigma Epsilon and Chi Phi have some good men, while the Kappa Alpha brings up the rear most manfully. A rumor is current among the boys that the Chi Phi chapter at Mercer had disorganized, but I cannot vouch for the truth of the report as there is no way of finding out anything definite. I am certain that they have not taken in any new members this term, and that of itself looks suspicious. It matters not with us whether they be or not be.

While on my way back to College I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Houser of the Ga. Beta, who reports his chapter in a fine

condition. During our last vacation I had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of Phis, and the knowledge that we have such an exceptionably noble band truly thrills my soul with pride and joy. Hoping to keep you regularly informed as to our doings I am,

Yours Fraternally,
J. K. BATTLE.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky.,
Sept. 13th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

Kentucky Alpha once more comes to the front with a report which is entirely different from the one published in the April number. At that time our chapter was indeed in a very precarious condition, as all the members, excepting one who went into the Beta, would graduate with the class of '79. At present every thing is just the reverse, and, instead of being the weakest fraternity in college, as we then were, we are one of the strongest. Our membership now amounts to nine, tonight it will be ten, and before this is published we hope that it will be greater.

As it will perhaps be of some interest to the other chapters to know by what means their sister chapter has been raised from a condition so bad to one so prosperous, we will explain. For about fifteen years there has been at this college what was generally considered the Delta Kappa fraternity, but which in truth was nothing more nor less than a literary society, founded at Yale for the benefit of freshmen; the chapter at Yale, one at Dartmouth, and the one here, being the only ones living in 1878-9. Last session our boys, becoming dissatisfied with the so-called fraternity, decided to change it into some well-known and time-honored fraternity. After discussing several different fraternities, we at last decided upon the Phi Delta Theta, and now, through the kindness and energy of brothers Phister and Lewis of Va. Beta, we claim the rights, privileges and immunities in one of the best fraternities in the land. The Delta Kappas when they came to the Phis, did not come empty handed, but brought with them a very elegantly furnished hall, which is the handsomest fraternity hall in Danville. Wednesday night, September 3d, seven Delta Kappas and one new student were gathered together in their hall for the purpose of being initiated into the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and in a short time were transformed into full fledged Phi Delta Thetas. Friday night following, another "barbarian," whom the Betas coveted *muchly*, was numbered with our noble band and he now wears the shield and sword much to their discomfiture.

There were present at our initiation besides our active members Dr. H. P. Bosley, who joined the Phis in 1853, Prof. De Soto, Prof. of Greek in Centre College, who joined in 1850, Logan McKee, 1866, C. R. Anderson, 1871, and T. B. Andrews, 1875. After we adjourned we had a grand banquet, which was a very elegant affair. Several brothers made very good speeches, especially Prof. De Soto and brother Phister. In the midst of the feast Prof. De Soto suddenly exclaimed that he was poetically inspired at that moment and relieved himself of a very beautiful little poem on our motto. I here give it.

Φ.

We are to love mankind with Christian love,
With a love that's purest like that above;
We must love still more our own *brotherhood*,
Seek to promote and do each other good.

Δ.

Through study and thought we are to acquire
That wisdom to which our minds should
aspire,

Which amid life's tempest will bring a calm,
In afflictions despair a healing balm.

Θ.

We are to please God in joy, in sorrow,
We are to please God to-day, to-morrow,
We are to please God in our every breath,
We are to please God ever until death.

If to our motto, by us, an active heed be given,
Then bright on earth our bliss, but brighter
still in heaven.

The feast broke up at 2.30 A. M. and the boys escorted Prof. De Soto home, making the morning ring with the jolliest of jolly college songs.

Hail now, all ye Greeks! Be it known to all the world that Ky. Alpha is again on her "pins," the best fraternity in Centre College. May she always be such!

Yours in the Bond,
GEO. B. THOMAS.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
Oct. 24, 1879.

Back at college again. Here we find the same quiet halls, the same aversion to laughter, the same devotion to books alone that is ever found where young Americans are brought together. Ten-pins, music, fire-crackers, foot ball, salutation of visitors, courtesies to ladies, are the main exhibits of the side show. With all this, in proper proportion, there is much good work done.

With pleasure we report that the gains to the chapter thus far have compensated for the losses of last year. M. C. Remsburg, Middletown, Md., J. B. Fox, Lincolnton, N. C., H. H. Weber, Baltimore, Md., bring us to the usual number. Everything is moving on successfully and harmoniously. Brother J. F. Herman is showing quite a spirit of enterprise in having engraved at his own expense a coat of arms; so that he will soon have stationery for all who desire something elegant.

Our Juniors (2) have, at present, a keen appreciation of the poetical. One quotes Shakespeare quite freely, the other gives prominence in his library to Tennyson and "The Language of Flowers," while rumor says that he is very anxious for his *bacca-laure-ate* degree. Of course we do not comment on such vagaries among seniors. They "ramble," read many novels, come in at all sorts of strange hours, and things of that kind, some of which can be imagined better than described in their details, or realized more fully if practiced than talked about. One has decided to write letters "three times a week until my boys we are through." These men are a law unto themselves. We anxiously await the SCROLL. Success seems to be crowning our order in every quarter. Let the work go on.

Yours in the Bond,
H. MAX. LENTZ.

Michigan Beta.

MICH. STATE AG. COLLEGE, Lansing, Mich.,
Sept. 11, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS:

It is with pleasure that we are able to report that Mich. Beta is in splendid condition and that our prospects for the future never looked brighter than at present.

We are able to report three members initiated since our last report and can truly say that they come fully up to our motto "Brothers not numbers."

Our chapter had a reunion last month, and with a good majority of our correspondent members present we made a night of it, not adjourning until the cock had crowed several times. It would have done you all good to hear those charter members relate the trials and tribulations of the early history of our chapter. And you would have enjoyed a share of our banquet for 'twas made doubly delicious by the joy of our graduates at find-

ing Mich. Beta in her enviable position at this college.

Bro. Owen, '78, is here trying to teach the class in History that "Napoleon built the pyramids," and also has the class in Practical Horticulture; brother John Taylor has found the idol of his heart out in Kansas. "He has gone and done it." Two of the three Phi Seniors have received class literary offices, while the seven Delta Tau Delta Seniors did not get any. Throw up your hats for us!

In the bond,
C. B. CHARLES.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND, VA. Oct. 1st, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

It is with feelings of great pleasure that I forward you the report of our chapter for the first month of the scholastic year 1879-80. We have a fine start this session—the best that our chapter has ever in her four years career been blessed with. At the opening of the college we had seven tried and true Phis back to work for our noble cause at this institution. Since then we have taken in two very good men—brothers J. H. Nelms and C. H. Jones. These are both men of excellent parts and will doubtless gain honors for themselves and the fraternity to which they should be proud to belong.

The Betas have four men here, the K. A's six and the Alpha Tau two. We are far ahead of all the fraternities here, both as regards quality and quantity. To every chapter of our fraternity the Va. Delta sends her hearty greeting. Let us all work harder this session for dear old Phi Delta Theta than ever before. With hearts swelling with love for her, with souls thoroughly imbued with the sentiments of the Bond and with elbows touching all along the line, let us raise Phi Delta Theta high above all other fraternities. Now is the time when much can be done towards getting new members. Once more up to the breach, dear friends. "To your tents, O Israel." Ever yours in the Bond,
JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O.,
Sept. 11, 1879.

The College opens the tenth year of its existence with a large attendance, and we have already welcomed eleven of our old brothers back into the fold. Two more are expected this week, which will give us a membership truly surprising to our friends, the Deltas, who based wild predictions of our dissolution upon the fact that we graduated five men last commencement.

Our roll for the opening of this term will be as follows: *Post Graduates*—W. H. Jones, H. A. Kelley; *Seniors*—Irving Tomlinson, V. E. Tomlinson, J. H. Aydelott, C. B. Wright, J. A. Guthrie; *Sophomores*—Chas. Pleasants, Geo. E. Smith, F. M. Tallman, L. B. Buckingham; *Freshmen*—Geo. W. Crofoot, Sam. Thompson.

A brighter prospect was never spread out before Ohio Eta and we hope by a few well selected additions to place our chapter numerically, intellectually and socially in the right number of an equation with any other in the fraternity.

With many wishes for the success of the SCROLL.
Yours in the Bond,
H. A. KELLEY.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, O., Sept 25, 1879.

Ohio Zeta opens the campaign this fall with nine members and so far the prospects for her future are very flattering. Although the

number of new students this year is large, yet perhaps the quality is not so good as heretofore. However, we have four or five good men in prospect and by our next report may be able to announce the initiation of all. Bro. Findley of Ohio Eta has entered the Junior class and expects to complete his course here. Bro. John McClarran, '77, this week goes to the Boston Law school. By the way, John is a Greenbacker and has been requested to run for the legislature on that ticket but his many other duties compelled him to refuse the nomination. Bro. C. E. McBride has left college and is now reading law at Mansfield, O., and is also enjoying the pleasures, trials, temptations and restraints of married life. Mac, hope you will send us up a little Phi Delta Theta soon.

Bros. Evans, Greenlee and McClelland are at the Seminary, Allegheny, Pa. Bro. Thayer is principal of the Canal Dover High School. Bro. Jim Gaston has gone into business at Steubenville, O. Bro. Hermps McClain is studying Pharmacy with his brother at Urbana, preparatory to going to the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Hoping that the Fraternity at large will prosper more than ever this year and that the number of Ohio Zetas may be at least in the teens, we remain yours,

In the Bond,
WILL. FREMONT HARN.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIV., Nashville, Tenn.

Sept. 20, 1879.

Thirteen of last year's members returned this year, and H. D. Phillips was received from Georgia Gamma. The rule against fraternities has been made more strict, but not so severe it cannot be evaded. We have initiated one man and will get others. We have recently had visits from Bros. Catchings, Ivie, and Dortch. Bro. Smedes took the summer law course at University of Virginia, but has returned here. The Normal College opens Oct. 1st, and we expect additions from there. The medical school opens at the same time, and this year we intend to get a delegation from it. Bro. Foster of Ind. Alpha was here during the summer and met our resident Phis during vacation.

I have the pleasure of reporting another southern chapter. During the summer I learned that two fraternities had entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Having previously tried and failed there, I was under the impression that fraternities were not allowed. But I at once wrote to all the Phis in Tennessee living at places where University of Tennessee students resided. Our best chance proved to be at Chattanooga. Bro. Clinton R. Gaskill living there took an interest in the movement, and when the Bond, Constitution, etc., were sent him, initiated F. A. Vincent, A. S. Ragsdale and C. T. Hicks. The three have returned to Knoxville and are now at work. They are taking steps to procure a hall. Their application for charter I forwarded several days ago. The other fraternities which are or have been at University of Tennessee are Alpha Tau Omega 1872-3; Pi Kappa Alpha 1874-76; Sigma Alpha Epsilon 1879; Alpha Gamma 1879. The University of Tennessee is equal to any Institution in the South, excepting Vanderbilt and University of Virginia. It has a very large faculty and number of students for a Southern Institution. I hope all the chapters will write letters of encouragement and advice to these young Phis. As I am trying to furnish the SCROLL with the unpublished minutes of former conventions, I would be greatly obliged if any Phi having them would send the MS. minutes of the Chicago convention, May 1869, and of the Indianapolis convention, May 1871. Will

not each chapter search its archives for them? Indiana Gamma ought to have the minutes of 1871.

In the Bond,
W. B. PALMER.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Ind.,
Sept 12, 1879.

The Alpha starts out this year with a brighter prospect than has usually been her lot. All but four of last year's members returned and two of these being Seniors were of course not expected. Both of these brothers aspire to distinguish themselves in the legal profession and no doubt they will, at any rate they have the good wishes of the entire chapter. Since there has been no SCROLL since May, perhaps it would be well to go back to last June and give an account of ourselves from that time to the present. A few evenings before commencement day, the Phis in company with ladies assembled at their hall to enjoy themselves socially and to listen to Bro. Hawley's farewell address to the Seniors which was eloquently responded to by them. The remainder of the evening was spent in promenading, dancing, ice cream, etc. Of course both Seniors, Bros. Hunter and McCluskey, covered themselves with glory on commencement day. Bro. McCluskey spoke forcibly on "Limitation of Suffrage" and Bro. Hunter brought the house down with a humorous oration on "Slang."

But returning to the present. We now have fifteen men; two of these, Bros. Shirk a Junior and Foster a Freshie, were not in last year. We have initiated four men so far this year. These are Bros. T. W. Wilson, John G. Smalley, Wallace C. Palmer and W. Randall. Our prospects are at present fine. We have two or I might say three men that we are almost certain of and have the lines set for a good many more. All are enthusiastic and hard at work so we anticipate success. So far we have taken the lead of the other fraternities in work and we are not going to let it go now.

Last May at the State Convention, one of the Alpha boys during a discussion concerning the offices of that organization, basely slandered his chapter by saying that it could not produce a chaplain. The outrageous character of this slander has been lately proven by the election of Bro. John C. Shirk as chaplain of the chapter. Bro. Shirk is a good Baptist, but is undecided as yet whether he shall be a minister, a politician or a tight rope walker.

We claim to be the banner chapter in regard to finances and if we are setting up our claims on false grounds we would like to know what chapter is beating us. At the beginning of last year our chapter debt was \$125, now our debt including the SCROLL tax and the initiation fees incurred this year is \$26. The treasurer will send away our SCROLL tax tomorrow. What other chapter can report better than Indiana Alpha?

CHAS. BANTA.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, Crawfordsville, Ind.,
Sept. 16, 1879.

College opened lively on the 10th, and quite a number of new students have come in, but so far we have not become sufficiently acquainted with their abilities in the classroom to justify us in getting out our spiking machine.

The Phis have had two meetings this term which showed three absentees. Bro. Penniman of '79 goes to N. Y. Theological, Bro. Baugh of '81 to Seminary at Allegheny City, Pa. He reports six Phis in the seminary,

quite enough to start an alumni chapter. Bro. Rogers of '83 is still at home near St. Louis, but we expect him back in a few weeks.

Would speak of the meeting and banquet at Franklin last May, but know Ind. Delta will not lack in those who will give merited praise.

Will probably have more to report next time.
LYMAN E. OTT.

Indiana Gamma.

BUTLER COLLEGE, Irvington, Ind.,
Sept 12, 1879.

DEAR EDITOR SCROLL :

After the intermission of a few months we are again happy to assume the duties, as a chapter, of our worthy and esteemed organization. During the vacation we were completely isolated from most of the members and chapters of our order. But we are thankful that the time is at hand when we shall become acquainted with the prospects of one another through the columns of the SCROLL.

We hope the vacation has proved beneficial to the physical and mental powers of all those that shall again enter the campaign in the interests of Phi Delta Theta. College opened auspiciously last Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Many new students have put in appearance and have been the recipients of the kindest attentions on the part of all fraternities. We are not sleeping. We have four or five members in contemplation, who from outward appearances are first-class men. At the present writing it is impossible to tell what will be our success. However we are in the best of spirits and are consoled by starting with a larger number than any other fraternity. We number ten, exclusive of two graduates who are tutors in their Alma Mater. We gladly welcome among us W. M. Floyd of Ind. Alpha, and hope his sojourn with the Gamma boys will prove agreeable and profitable. We had a short meeting to-day at which our SCROLL tax was raised. We shall forward it in due time, and trust all other chapters will fall in line. Let us all work for the improvement of the SCROLL as a fraternity paper.
W. D. CAMPBELL.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind., Sept. 16 1879.

The banquet of May 30th, 1879, in connection with the State Convention of the Indiana Phis at this place, was regarded by all as a propitious omen for this chapter. Their predictions have been fully verified for never in the existence of our chapter has she been in such a prosperous condition and with such splendid prospects. Our condition is briefly about as follows: We have sixteen active members to commence with and about ten inactive ones who readily respond to any of our needs. There are about nine new students whom we will *positively* initiate in a few weeks with a reserve of three or four probable ones. We have a few dollars in the treasury and are not a cent in debt. We man and control one of the finest literary societies in the State. We have a retinue of some forty or fifty ladies who strive long and zealously for the noble cause of Phi Delta Theta, whom we attempt to reward but fail. Yet they have our thanks. We have a furnished hall and the necessary equipments for the new form of Initiation. We have a class of boys who preach that familiar, yet eminently true adage, "Qui perstat. vincit," and they practice what they preach. Some of the above may seem boastful, but we think the facts not in the least misrepresented. The SCROLL need not be surprised if no initiations are reported for the course of a month, and all because some persons who think it wicked to belong to a secret organization, falsely, maliciously and with libelous

intent, have circulated a certain rumor to the effect that the literary society, to which most of the Delta boys belong, and our chapter were essentially one and the same thing. This rumor caused us to lose one or two men, and we thought best not to verify their statements, i. e. make an *apparent* verification to them.

We suppose every chapter received her apportionment of "THE SCROLL, JR.," containing the minutes of the State Convention, reports from the several chapters of the State and the State Constitution. We would be pleased to hear comments through the SCROLL on our effort.

Last night we initiated Dr. Homer J. Hall, (not a new student), a gentleman who enjoys as large a practice as he can conveniently attend to. The Dr., now brother, is a graduate of Edinboro, Penn'a., where, in the class of '73 he took the degree of A. B. He then studied medicine and graduated at the Louisville Medical College in '77 and thence removed to our town and immediately began the practice of his profession. He is quite a young man to be so talented and not being satisfied with his present knowledge of pills, he is going to start to New York City on next Friday and there, at Bellevue Hospital take another course of lectures. We wish Bro. Hall a safe journey and heartily recommend him to any brothers with whom he should chance to meet. Thus one more star is added to our constellation.

After this, Bro. E. E. Stevenson will correspond with the SCROLL. To his fellow scribblers we cordially introduce him.

In the Bond,

FRANK B. DAY.

Indiana Epsilon.

HANOVER COLLEGE, Hanover, Ind.,
Sept. 16, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS:

We hail with delight the news that the SCROLL is to begin again with the college year.

Our work is scarcely begun, so we have little to report except that we expect prosperity in the future. We could wish for a much larger chapter than we are likely to have, yet we prefer men to numbers. We deplore the fact that we are too far away from other chapters to enjoy the pleasure and profit of mingling often with our brothers, but thanks to the SCROLL for bringing us news from them all. Our plans for the year are simply these—to strengthen our chapter, meet regularly, make our meetings attractive and every two weeks to meet together with our lady friends for social improvement.

In the Bond,

H. C. MONTGOMERY.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASH. AND JEFF. COLL., Sept 12, 1879.

After a silence of a few months we hail with pleasure the privilege of thus pleasantly talking together through the means of the SCROLL.

I hope every Phi has had a jolly, rollicking time during vacation and means business for the next year. The regular college year at W. & J. began Sept. 3 and since three noble Phis were in the class of '79 of course they do not return, but their places are filled by some who have been out for some time.

Can report but one addition since our last communication, but we don't mean it shall always be thus. As you know Phis are choice of their company; we think it wise to test our new men ere we act, lest we initiate a lot of apes and mummies. With our very best wishes for the SCROLL and all the boys in the Bond, we are

Yours in truth,

M. A. DENMAN.

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NUMBER 2.

A Trio.

A la Pinafore Proverbs.

Frats are seldom what they seem,
On statistics Betas dream.
Big paste diamonds make a show
Like our gods we men do grow.
Beta's god
Is a dog.

Greenies dwell in every fold,
Sigma Chi with moss grows old.
Blue and yellow green do make,
On wiry schemes they sometimes break.
Over keen
To get green.

Drop their wind, then stop their mill
Phi Kaps oft times do instill.
Men are chosen for their grease,
And in members they increase.
Very true
So they do.

Oh! our Grand Banker's shoes,
Are as big as his dues,
Which, he sendeth for collection once or twice.
They were once at Wooster town,
In that 'ere meet of our'n,
And declared to be the biggest thing on ice.
They were cocked upon his desk—
A reporting com. perplexed
Was relieved from unnecessary talking—
For they slipped—slap,
Like a thunder clap,
And suggested from fatality—a coffin.
GESHO.

Convention of 1860.

Abstract from the Minutes of the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Session of 1860.

According to appointment the convention met on Tuesday, June 26th, 1860, in the hall of the Chamberlain Literary Society of Centre College, Danville, Ky. Only two chapters were directly represented. Ed. O. Guerrant, '60, was the delegate from Ky. Alpha, Jacob S. Broadwell, '60, as delegate from the Grand Chapter (Ind. Alpha) had been appointed by a majority of the other chapters to cast their votes. Jas. B. Bullitt, '60, of Ky. Alpha, was called to the chair, and Jas. H. Lapsley, '61, of Ky. Alpha, was appointed Secretary. The main object of the convention having been stated to be to take into consideration the expediency of establishing the Grand Chapter of the Fraternity permanently at some place, a lengthy discussion of the subject ensued. The correspondent members present by invitation participated.

Bro. Broadwell was able to present a most favorable report of the progress of the Fraternity during the two years the Ind. Alpha had been the Grand Chapter, during which time five new chapters had been organized, viz.: Ill. Alpha, N. W. University; Ind. Gamma, Butler University; Ind. Delta, Franklin College; Wis. Beta, Lawrence University; and Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University. Bro. Guerrant presented the claims of the Ky. Alpha for the Grand Chapter, expressing her willingness and desire to receive the same and to do all in her power to advance the interests of the Order generally. It was finally resolved that the Grand Chapter should be transferred permanently to the Ky. Alpha.

On motion, it was resolved that a uniform size of badge be adopted—a medium size between the two then worn. J. E. Warring, '60, of Ky. Alpha, was requested to make arrangements with Messrs. Beggs & Smith, of Cincinnati, for the manufacture of them.

The subject of electing honorary members was presented, and after a warm discussion, laid over for the consideration of next convention, as this one was unable to come to any agreement on the subject.

A report concerning the new catalogue, just issued, was presented and received, and on motion, the surplus funds were handed over to the treasurer of the Ky. Alpha. Copies of the catalogue were presented to the convention and chapters; and on motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Robert Morrison, '49, of Ohio Alpha, for the trouble and care he had bestowed in preparing it for the press.

It was agreed that the convention should be held every two years, leaving the place of meeting to be determined by the chapters. It was resolved that a convention be held two years from the date of the present one, at such time and place as might be determined during the next year, on which occasion a poem and

oration should be delivered by members selected from the fraternity. The convention then adjourned. In the evening an address was delivered before the convention and chapter by Rev. Samuel Hibben, '53, Ohio Epsilon, of Peoria, Ill., which was an honor to the speaker and worthy of the fraternity's praise.

J. B. BULLITT, *Pres.*,
J. H. LAPSLEY, *Sec.*

Fraternity Songs.

It is to be feared that our different chapters do not highly enough appreciate singing. It can be made one of the most enlivening and entertaining features of their meetings. Singing in the chapters only needs to be tried to show its good effects. A chapter now in mind recently procured a number of Bro. Search's song book, and they have worked a charm. All the members join in and much life and animation has been thrown into the meetings. One reason it is feared that singing is not generally practiced among the chapters is that Bro. Search's song book has not sold rapidly. It is now very cheap, and all chapters should supply themselves. It has some songs that are poor, but the most breathe the spirit of true Phi Delta Theta patriotism. When the supply is exhausted the Fraternity should have a new song book. One should be issued creditable typographically and with notes. The poor songs should be discarded and new ones added. Phi Delta Theta should have a song book in which all its members would take pride and which would equal the song book of any Fraternity.

The object in writing this besides being to recommend singing in chapter meetings is to urge our members to compose some stirring Fraternity songs with a view to their publication in our next song book. We need some jolly, rollicking songs, and some pathetic and patriotic. We want some convivial ones—about the "bums" we have, the Phi Delta Theta Goat, the Grand Banker's Shoes,

or something funny or traditional that all will join in and enjoy, Let our poet Phis now court the muse, and give us some stirring songs. Those who are musicians as well should compose accompanying music also, but those who are not should adapt their pieces to popular college airs. "Carmina Collegensia" contains many airs, such as "Son of a Gambolier" and "My Last Cigar," which are now sung in every college of the country. It is to be hoped that many will respond to this plea for fraternity songs, and send to the SCROLL for publication, original songs that will ring all along our lines.

W. B. P.

Re-establishment of Dead Chapters.

There seems to have been a tendency among certain members of our fraternity in the last decade, to establish chapters where we *could*. It made little difference whether they lived or died, just so that they were once added to our list. We have been taught by chilling experience, that such a state of affairs resulted only to the detriment of our order. This looseness was even carried so far as to almost threaten the dissolution of our fraternity. But now "the ropes have been tightened" and we are approaching a new era—an era in which our ideal fraternity is assuming a practical form. We have only to glance at our catalogue, to see there, a huge imperfection, in the form of chapters now defunct. Would that they were numbered among the living! Let us now do away with the establishing of chapters with very little effort and still less honor to us, and attempt so far as possible, to resuscitate those chapters now dead. I do not desire to disapprove of the establishment of a single chapter under the wisdom of our present executive committee. They have done nobly. They have marked out our pathway more clearly. They have established some of our best chapters, and have refused to establish as many more because they knew they would be a dishonor to us. Why do we boast of sixty chapters when we have but thirty. Who in our brotherhood would not rather see the efforts of our men expended upon these fallen chapters, than upon our western academies? I ask you to reflect upon these institutions where we were once established, viz.: *Cumberland University, University of Wisconsin, North Western*

University, Chicago University, University of Michigan, Asbury University and the University of Nebraska. Our chapters were in these Universities at one time. Will they ever again be there? Let these chapters no longer be published in our catalogue as *dead*. Let every brother do all in his power to see that a chapter of Phi Delta Theta shall again honor these classic halls. It is with shame that we are compelled to say that our chapter in these universities are extinct. As a fraternity, we have shown within the past year that we can accomplish anything upon which we set our minds to work. We may justly be proud of our leaders. They are of the best possible material. Under their guidance our dear old fraternity has been extended, enlarged and honored. We can do no greater good to our fraternity than to do all in our power to reestablish these fallen chapters. If we do this, we abolish forever the precedent of chapters sending in their charters over the most insignificant little trouble. We would strengthen ourselves in every respect. Once established on this basis Eastern colleges would receive our charters gladly and the power and influence of the fraternity would be greatly increased.

H. W. L.

The Greek Fraternity in Colleges.

An Oration delivered before the Ind. Delta, on the evening of their 19th Anniversary, May 30th, 1879. By Charles Boaz, '80.

All nature is veiled in mystery. Around us every where are wonders that baffle the investigation of men. All matter is robed so heavily, that we know confessedly nothing of its origin or essential elements. Life has been the all absorbing topic of scientists of every age. The origin of sin has closed the mouths of the greatest theologians of the world. Death partakes of the elements of the unknowable, while God, the centre of all things, is beyond the comprehension of man.

Man loves mystery. He seeks for it in every avenue of life. He cannot be satisfied without it. He would condemn the Bible as an ingeniously wrought tale, if he could understand it all. The stories and prophecies told by the prophets, would be inferior to the fiction of the present day to him. The characters of

the Old Testament would lack the charm that a Shakespeare's character demands; while Christ, the God-man, would be classed as a mythical Zeus, and all his followers as miserable dupes.

Secret organizations of some kind have been in existence for centuries. Masonry hundreds of years ago arose in the orient like a beautiful star, and coursing its way along through the lapse the of ages, it has now thousands of admirers and almost countless thousands of advocates until to-day it is known around the globe. Scarcely less brilliant is the career of Odd Fellows, while for the last two decades the Knights of Pythias have risen from a clouded dawn to the full blaze of a noon-day sun. Everywhere secret organizations have been fostered by the ablest men and most conscientious Christians.

Since the day students first congregated for study until the present, secret organizations have been in existence among them. But it is more especially the Greek fraternities of our American Colleges that we wish now to consider. Many have been the objections of men against them, men who claim to be conscientious, but who confound conscience with ignorance and prejudice. The secret fraternity is but the necessary outgrowth of human nature. It is as impossible to kill it as it is to kill one of the elements of our body. Dr. Noah Porter, one of the finest scholars of America, says: "These societies are common to all colleges and universities of America. It is not surprising that in our American colleges, animated with the practical and independent spirit of the country, and sympathizing most warmly with every public movement whether political or literary, these associations should have assumed great prominence, and should have exercised a powerful educating influence. The social tendencies must necessarily lead to associations for other than exclusively literary purposes. The clannish tendencies which result from their ardent likings, as well as their newly developed feelings of independence, would tend to make these societies exclusively secret. The love of secrecy and reserve is too strong in human nature to be easily thwarted." And finally he says "We doubt the expediency, because we disbelieve in the possibility of destroying or preventing secret societies." The grand objects of the Phi Delta

Theta fraternity are to cultivate a feeling of brotherhood and to develop each other socially, intellectually, and religiously. This is the highest aim of any organization upon the face of the globe. Our colleges are deficient to a great degree in developing the social nature, and where the college stops in this particular, there the fraternity begins. Take away the fraternity, and you will strike a vital blow at college social life. If the fraternity can fit a man in any degree to enter society, it is a blessed thing. It not only fits him to enter society, but to act his part. Holland tells us that "one of the first things a young man should do, is to see that he is acting his part in society. The earlier this is begun the better. I think," says the learned critic, "that the opponents of secret societies in college have failed to estimate the benefit which it must be to every member to be obliged to contribute to the support of his particular organization, and to assume personal care and responsibility as a member. If these societies have a tendency to teach the lessons of which I speak, they are a blessed thing." In the fraternity a brotherhood is germinated and cultivated that could not exist without it. The Phi Delta Theta seeks only the best men in morals and intellect, and he who wears the Shield and Dagger strives to improve not only himself, but the whole brotherhood. And wherever he meets one with the glittering gem of our order upon him, he knows he is a man worthy of confidence. The vast army of more than three thousand noble men of our fraternity are bound together by the golden links of love, revering the sword of justice and anchoring upon the solid rock—the Bible. When a brotherhood exists among individuals, States or nations, peace sits upon them as beautiful as the rose of Sharon's Valley, but where it does not exist, republics and empires are rent in twain and man is not satisfied until the life blood of his fellow man shall follow the murderous steel as it quits his body, and until desolation like the dark spirit of the storm shall brood over the whole land. The brotherhood that arises from the union of students in college is stronger and more enduring than any other. Unions of trade men formed for material interests, lack the elements of moral power. Political clubs have ambition in view and hence are wholly selfish, even where they look to mutual protection. Not so the connection of young men in college. They are actuated by generous, unselfish and pure motives. No other aims prompt them, no other aims urge them, no other purpose except enjoying the society of each other, and rendering assistance in the great problems of life common to all. Here then the strongest friendships of life are formed, and many look back to these as-

sociations as the brightest which have gilded their experience since childhood. Prof. Cooper of Rutgers college says: "The friction of diverse characters thus closely united in secret societies, educates more than all the teaching from the professor's chair. For while the latter is the great means of didactic instruction, and the real nucleus of college culture, still what is learned *ex cathedra*, is by the intercourse of the students together, digested and assimilated so as to produce the growth of education. The closer and more confidential this intercourse may be the better does it effect the purpose of growth." Such has been the evidence of one of our best scholars and professors. Many have been the objections raised by grave professors and uninformed parents—objections almost bordering upon the ridiculous. But a few common sense reflections, when reason is allowed to guide, must convince that these secret societies are not the dangerous fire-brands that a morbid imagination would picture them. How can persons believe that honorable and pious young men leave behind them all their integrity, honor and piety when they enter the "mystic castle hall," that the few mottoes, signs and pass words have in them any thing of mortal sin? Is it to be supposed that the pure minded, if these societies are such as fancy paints, would remain members after the discovery of the deception practiced upon them? That they would defend the society through a long course of study, and refer to them in after life with a remarkable degree of enthusiasm?

It is true, without scarcely an exception, that the men who would answer these questions in the affirmative and who would not only object to secret societies in colleges but to all others, know but little about secret organizations. The students make the societies. There is no magnetic power in the name or the simple and usual rites which make up the paraphernalia of the secret order to make a transformation of character. Fraternities do not make the students what they are, but are good or bad according to the membership for the time being. But should these orders become the apparent nurseries of mischief and vice, they are only the barometer which shows the moral atmosphere, and do not create it any more than the mercury in the tube makes the weather.

Reasons when not dimmed by ignorance, or swayed by policy, sanctions the secret organizations in our colleges, I mean reason that can understand the wants of the human soul, reason that can look beyond self and fathom human nature, reason that can encourage young men and women to make themselves thoroughly fitted for society. And this the Greek Fraternities are aiming to do. Some are accomplishing more of this

than others. And Phi Delta Theta, the loveliest star of all the train, shines out more brilliantly than all others that stud the clustered galaxy. Built upon the enduring and eternal truths of the Bible, let her principles continue to be perpetuated until the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll, and the sound of the trumpet of the Archangel sounding through immensity shall declare that time shall be no more.

Personals.

—S. B. Hunt, Ind. B., '78, is teaching at Clinton, Ill.

—W. E. Morey, Ind. B., '76, is mixing drugs at Clinton, Ind.

—R. E. Scott, Va. D., '79, is training the young idea, etc., at Warrenton, Va.

—G. D. McCullough, Ind. B., '76, is preaching at Paw Paw Grove, Ind.

—W. O. Lamprecht, formerly of '80 Ohio W. Univ., is in a bank at Cleveland, O.

—John Watson, Ind. B., '78, is tutor, and H. R. Thompson, Ind. B., '68, is Professor of Chemistry in Wabash College.

—P. S. Hurlbert, Ind. B., '76, is preaching in New York, with salary of \$1200 a year. Better than being an Editor.

—James V. Logan, Ky. A., '54, is a Professor of Moral Philosophy in Central University, Richmond, Ky.

—Emmett E. Phillips, Ky. A., '77, whose father, ex-M. C. from Missouri, was a Phi before him, is at Columbia Law School.

—Hon. John F. Phillips, Ky. A., '55, whose son is a Phi after him, has a case in the courts of St. Louis which if gained will net him the handsome fee of \$5000.

—W. D. Campbell, Ind. G., '80, is out this year on account of health. A good opportunity to study up fraternity work and give us the result in the form of "copy."

—A. B. Simonson, Mich. B., '77, has received a \$1200 position in the Lake Superior Iron Mines. He is Doctor, Book-keeper, and general "Boss" of a whole town on the Lake Shore.

—Hon. Thos. W. Bullitt, Ky. A., '58, is one of the most prominent lawyers in Kentucky. He is at present chief lawyer for the plaintiff in the Green-Hargis case which is creating so much excitement in that state.

—J. M. Roseberry has charge of the schools at Trafalgeo, Ind.

—J. J. Ballard, Ind. D., '77, is spending most of his time on the farm.

—Bro. Geo. Banta, (our Geo.), is doing a rushing business in law. He promises much.

—Maj. Geo. Grubbs, charter member of Ind. D., and author of Grubbs Libel law, will lecture before the Alumni of Franklin College next year.

—Bro. T. J. Morgan, of Chicago Theo. Sem., gave the Ind. D. a lecture on "German Universities" a short time ago. He has been to Europe during the past year and made notes.

—Frank Annis, Mich. B., '75, is Professor of Chemistry in the new Colorado Agricultural College.

—Rev. S. E. Smith, Penn'a. B., '76, lately received and accepted a call to a Lutheran mission church, Hays city, Kansas.

—P. W. Search, Ohio Z., '76, is now editor and proprietor of the West Liberty, Ohio, *Gazette*. We hope his quill will always be sharp.

—Rev. Ed. N. Thompson, Ind. B., '64, is accounted one of the ablest ministers of Piqua, Ohio. This are good in any field.

—Dr. G. Volney Dorsey, Ohio A., '50, represented his county in the late constitutional convention of his State.



A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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WANTED—A correspondent from one or two of the southwestern chapters.

H. P. SCRATCHLEY, Va. E.
Lexington, Va.

WANTED—A correspondent from an Indiana or Pennsylvania chapter.

C. H. JONES, Va. D.
Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

Our Pennsylvania Epsilon seems to have some trouble about its name. We do not know where it applied for the privilege of changing its baptized and chartered name, but it persists in calling itself the Delta. Penna. Delta was chartered in 1876 at Lehigh University, and if we understand correctly no other chapter can usurp its title even if it is dead. If so what would the deceased do if resurrected some day? If Pa. Epsilon has good proofs to show that it is the Delta let us have them. Otherwise we must call it by its original name.

We publish in this issue again some more fraternity history in the shape of minutes of old conventions. We think it would be well to exhume some of our old laws as a means of ascertaining the history of the order more accurately; and perhaps some of our modern Solons might find food for reflection in these mouldering statutes. If it meet with the approbation of the order we will continue to give these abstracts occasionally throughout the year.

The history of the Delta Kappa, the Centre College chapter of which has been merged into Ky. Alpha, is as follows: It was started as a freshman society at Yale in 1845, and has continued there since under the peculiar laws of Yale. It has also a chapter at Dartmouth as a freshman society. Its membership is confined to the freshman class in each case, and members join other fraternities. It formerly had chapters at Amherst, N. C. U., Va. U., and Miss. Univ. There had been no communication between the Yale and Centre College chapters since 1870 until 1876, when the latter returned its charter and papers to the former. The Centre College chapter has since been running on its own merits. The Yale men now do not know even what Delta Kappa means.

We appeal to every Phi who receives the SCROLL to use his influence among the alumni of his acquaintance to induce them to sub-

scribe for their fraternity paper. Our pay comes through advertisements and alumni subscribers, and while we are as willing as any to work for the fraternity and will sacrifice as much for her interests, we do not feel it to be our duty to take this responsible and laborious position in addition to other labors already sufficiently arduous without some compensation. Our pay last year was virtually *nil*, and we would certainly like enough remuneration this time to lubricate the machinery. It would make us feel better and work better, and hence we could send out a better, livelier paper. We trust that every one will use his utmost endeavors to circulate the SCROLL among alumni. Send in the names and accompany each one by a dollar—terms invariably in advance.

Our Prospects and Wants.

The present condition of Phi Delta Theta is flattering so far as the number of chapters is concerned. From "American College Fraternities," just published and received too late for review in this issue, we learn that Beta Theta Pi had the largest number of chapters when the book was written. The tabular list gives that fraternity 36 chapters. Next on the list is Phi Delta Theta, having 35 living chapters. This list does not include Tenn. Gamma, Ohio Delta, Vermont Alpha, nor Ind. Beta Alumni. Further than this, Ill. Delta is put down as dead while recent letters from Galesburg (Lombard University) give the cheering information that the Delta is alive and has initiated seven new men this year. Summing up we find we have 40 living chapters. This is a larger number than any other fraternity in the United States. Our chapters nearly to a unit evince a lively interest in the work and prosperity of the fraternity at large. In order to hold our position this interest must not flag, and in order to advance still further there must be renewed zeal, strong energy, and the spirit of sacrifice. This sacrifice will be shared by every member when every member is willing to do his share of work and to discharge his duty conscientiously, without petty strife and without finding fault.

In thinking of our needs we hesitate. But we do not hesitate long. Looking about us we think that we need not more chapters but strong chapters. Our present standing will warrant a halt in order to nourish and strengthen those secured in the conquests that have been made. Many of our chapters are ignorant of some parts of our work. These should be enlightened. Some of our chapters are struggling to get out of difficulties and these should be encouraged. It should now be our aim to build up individual chapters and to more strongly bind all together. Not that the work of establishing should stop do we mean this, but that we do not need to extend at this time so much as we need to make strong. If chapters can be established in our first-rank institutions let it be done by all means. But let us pay particular attention to the rank and file.

Notes.

—South Carolina Alpha is doing well. Keep at it.

—The authorities of Trinity College, North Carolina, have issued an edict banishing fraternities. Some things will not be banished.

—Chas. Cook, our former official jeweler, has designed a fine looking watch charm. See cut and his advertisement on last page. Also notice Bro. Herman's announcement. The stationery is fine.

—We have received a neatly printed "Tribute of Respect" in memory of Bro. John T. Parr, late of Indiana Delta, gotten up by the chapter to which our deceased brother belonged. As a member of our common brotherhood we mourn his loss.

—On account of great press of matter we are compelled to crowd out other fraternity news as well as some few interesting reports. All will appear in due time.

—We are glad to give place to an advertisement of Dreka, Phila., Pa. In his business he is well established and needs no word of recommendation, being known to most lovers of the beautiful in artistic designs and fine printing. Our Phis may be sure of satisfaction when orders are filled by Dreka.

—A voice from Indiana sounds forth that Indiana Alpha is the oldest living chapter and not Ky. Alpha as stated in our last issue. The latter is next oldest. "Honor to whom honor," and we cheerfully make the correction.

—We call attention to the new advertisement in this issue of Burgess' Son & Co., who are our official jewelers and are prepared to fill orders promptly to entire satisfaction. Their work is well executed and very handsome in appearance.

—President Reddig has in use a copying arrangement with which he sends out bulletins of special fraternity news. The first, dated President's office, Oct. 21st, 1879, is before us. It is neat, terse, and contains three items of interest. A good move in the right direction.

From G. B.

Indianapolis, Nov. 7th, 1879.

EDITOR OF THE SCROLL:

Allow me to say to the order, through the SCROLL, that "I am still on hand at the old stand" to receive the assessments of several chapters yet for the support of the SCROLL. But a very small portion of the chapters have yet met this assessment. Many doubtless suppose other chapters will send in enough to keep the paper going, and they will send in their quota before the money is actually needed. This is bad reasoning and if chapters are not careful will cause a delay in the issue of the SCROLL sometime in the future, which will be unjust to the members who have paid their full share. I know when your attention is called to it you will not delay the matter longer.

There is a Permanent Fund to which is due \$1, from each member initiated. A large portion of the chapters remit this sum to me without any urging, but there are others who either do not know the requirements in this regard or they neglect to remit. I cannot well send a bill for each initiation, and thus call attention to this matter. I have sent blanks to the chapters for their reports to me of initiations in accordance with a resolution passed at the convention of '75, (see July SCROLL, '75, p. 128).

To those desiring information as to this fund, its establishment, &c., I refer them to Minutes of Conventions of '73, p. 9, and '74, p. 35. Those not having these minutes can get them by sending to me, with or without

stamps enclosed. There are quite a number on hand, and I am determined to send them to any one who cares enough for them to drop me a line. To those who want to pay cost of sending, I will say that it costs about six cents to pay the postage on a single copy of minutes of '74, and three cents on '73. The minutes of '78 are in the hands of Bro. J. C. Norris I will also get a supply of them and fill any orders.

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue the December number not later than the 13th, and we wish to mail each issue thereafter on the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please send reports accordingly without further notice on or before the first day of each month. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Kentucky Alpha.

HALL OF THE KY. ALPHA, Nov. 12th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

Ky. Alpha is still "booming" although the boys are sad over the departure of one of our best men, who left us this morning for his distant home in Montana, thereby reducing our membership to a dozen. Ed. Knight is one of the most whole-souled fellows on earth, one of the most popular boys in college, and is noted for having the sweetest of conversational voices. We will miss him much. This is the second man who has left us, as Poyntz, whom the Betas coveted "muchly," left us for the U. of Va., and after gracing the Va. Beta for a short time left for home.

We have decided to initiate all of the alumni of Delta Kappa who desire it and have already initiated five and will soon initiate more. Among them was Dick King, son of the cattle king of Texas, and we advise the Texas Beta to make his acquaintance. He is a loyal Phi and a good fellow any way you take him.

We are now busily at work improving the appearance of our already handsome hall and therefore the Betas are wild with jealousy.

We received a handsome cabinet photo of Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn a few days since and we will soon have our walls decorated with the photos of such of our alumni as Rev. Stuart Robinson, Col. Phillips, etc.

Our hall has the reputation of so far outshining the Betas that they, not liking others to observe the contrast, have passed a law that none but the "sons of Wooglin" shall tread the sacred precincts of their pantry. They think themselves to be infallible and will not own that their men can do wrong. Some time since the telegraph operator asked one of the Betas if he would hand a telegram to our corresponding secretary who was boarding at the same house. He took it and read it and told its contents to his fraternity men and it raised a big stir among them as it was about a new student they had in tow. We asked for an explanation and they all stuck to it that it was not dishonorable in the least, but they were very anxious to keep the matter quiet.

A young lady who has heretofore been a most enthusiastic Beta, volunteered to make a table cover for our hall, and the Betas hearing of the matter went to her and asked her not to do so. She told them she would do as she pleased and we get the cover. We are fast gaining popularity and the Betas are fast losing ground in that direction.

There is also a chapter of Sigma Chi here but we have no trouble with them as they are all quiet, religious and studious, but are not very congenial.

If any of our chapters have any trouble with the Betas and want to keep them quiet just write to us, and we will send the constitution of 1876, which is not the one that will

be published, but which contains a good many things they would not like to have known. The "legend of Wooglin" will not be published and by quoting from it the Betas may be effectually silenced. We gladly welcome our new brothers from Vermont and Tennessee and extend the right hand of fellowship to them with the best wishes for their success; the same also to the Delaware, O., Phis.

Yours ever in the Bond,

GEO. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Beta.

CRAWFORDSVILLE Nov. 10th, 1879.

The long looked for SCROLL came at last, neat, spicy, but the reports rather out of date. We have not much to say this time, and have done but little in the way of taking in new men; only initiated one, Mr. Stewart, from Ill., and "spiked" another. In numbers we are as large as any fraternity here, eleven responding at roll call. Four of that number are Seniors, three of whom have positions on class-day. The Phi Gammas have one and the Theta Delta Chis one, leaving the Betas and Phi Kappas out in the cold.

At the beginning of the year we were put to the painful necessity of asking Mr. Preston, '80, to resign. He did so. His resignation was unanimously accepted, so that he is no longer a Phi. Although compelled to take the action we did, still we harbor no desire to do the gentleman injury, but we rather sought to benefit the fraternity.

Bro. Rogers, '83, has returned bringing his melodious voice to enliven our meetings. We send our SCROLL Tax to the G. B. this week.

- In the Bond,

L. E. OTT.

Alabama Beta.

ALA A. & M. COLLEGE, Oct. 22d, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

Doubtless you think the Ala. Beta has slumbered too long and in her "deep sleep" has forgotten her relationship and become insensible to other obligations to the common Brotherhood.

Upon "awakening" from this profound lethargy, allow a few words in vindication. The faculty is at last cognizant of our existence and we have been "working and watching" what course they would pursue to prevent our continuation. Nothing more than their disapproval of such is evident, and they have taken no measures to impair our progress. Therefore we assume a "bold front," though *sub rosa* be yet our motto, and exclaim: *Phi Delta Theta, Unity and Brotherly Love, now and forever.*

Eight of us have returned after our college respite and we have one or two men in prospect.

The S. A. E's. have a flourishing order here and it is our hope and intention to out-rival them, though they have prominent and experienced members (citizens) as "chief advisors." We are all tyros and earnestly solicit all the aid our more enlightened brethren can extend us.

Our Treasurer has forwarded subscription list for SCROLL to Grand Banker. Wishing it unbounded success, as doubtless it will enjoy, being the organ of so grand a cause, I am,

Yours Fraternally,

ALVA FITZPATRICK.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.

Nov. 5, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

South Carolina Alpha once more comes to the front with her banner unfurled while the wild zephyrs of success hold them out to public view, and make her feel proud that she has

so far attained such brilliant and encouraging success. It gives me much pleasure to be able to report S. C. Alpha in a more prosperous condition than she has ever been, and to say with sincerity and delight that our prospects for the future were never brighter.

We are now able to report three additions to our number: Bros. W. A. Parrott from North Carolina Alpha, M. Pegues and Mabey, each of whom I assure you comes up to our motto "men not numbers," though I fully agree with "A. G. F." in his article. We have now one Senior and one Sophomore, four Freshmen and one Introductory. We anticipate initiating three or four more ere our next report comes out and then we will be on a solid basis for two years, as far as members and men are concerned. We are not yet fully organized but in a few weeks we intend to be permanently settled or organized.

The SCROLL made its appearance on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and a more welcome and entertaining visitor never came to Wofford College since a chapter of Phi Delta Theta has been established here. With friendly greetings to all Phis, I am

Yours in the Bond,

FRANK PEGUES.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Meadville, Pa.,

Oct. 25th, 1879.

The baby has begun to kick and spread itself and take an interest in passing events. In other words, our new chapter has really and earnestly begun life. After our grand symposium and commencement banquet, and all the pleasant events connected with the close of our first college year as a fraternity, having graduated two solid men, and after enjoying our summer vacation, we have come back each with a firm resolve to make our young chapter a success. We are "all right up to the present time." Our prospects are bright, and we propose to keep our reputation unblemished by initiating none but first class men.

Bro. Nelson, '79, is pursuing the study of Theology at Allegheny Seminary, while Bowser and his newly married wife are making their wedding tour on the broad Atlantic. The latter was ordained at the last session of the Erie Annual Conference and transferred to the South India Conference, where he goes as a missionary. We were sorry to part with him, for he is a royal gentleman, a fine scholar, a man entirely devoted to his calling, and a star in the diadem of Phi Delta Theta.

We have at present eleven members, and a good prospect for more. Our rooms are elegantly furnished apartments in the Commercial Hotel, where we can have a jolly *convivium* on short notice. It is conceded by all that we have the finest pins of any worn in this institution. The other fraternities represented here are the Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta. These bear no enmity against us, all seeming to agree that there is plenty of room and material for us. We send cordial greeting to all brothers in the mystic bond of Phi Delta Theta, hoping that we may hear from you all through the columns of the SCROLL. We are proud to be considered,

Yours in the Bond,

W. G. WARNER.

Vermont Alpha.

BURLINGTON, Vt. Nov. 14th 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Our chapter has been established something over a month. In its success the Phi Delta Theta has made a gigantic stride. Thus far success has crowned every effort, and the Vt. Alpha is destined to be the most powerful fraternity at the U. V. M.

In justice to these new Green Mountain Phis, and for the benefit of the readers of our SCROLL, it is befitting that I should give a description of the chapter and how it came to be organized.

A few years since, a number of worthy students here, sacrificing the good opinion of their fellow comrades made vigorous efforts for a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi but failed, signally, through the mismanagement of the Sec., *pro tem.*, and the steady opposition of the other societies. However, nothing daunted, they sought the arms of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and here would have found refuge but for the inborn hatred which one chapter, that of Dartmouth, bears toward the students of this University. After the refusal of the convention of 1878 to grant a chapter here, several letters were written—promising to reconsider the question at the next convention, but no petition was sent in. The spirit of rebellion was still smoldering and when Bro. Reddig wrote of the many superiorities of this fraternity every one was favorably impressed.

A thorough examination of the letters proved to our entire satisfaction that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was not only a moral but an intellectual organization. A telegram started Bro. R.: he came, he saw, he conquered. We are delighted more and more and further developments prove more conclusively that our fraternity is higher, infinitely higher than our imagination could have conjectured.

And now, of our members, need—I say more than that they are fully up to the rigorous requirements of the Bond, and *deserving* of the good will of every brother, East and West.

With amazing rapidity the chapter has placed herself on an equal footing with the other societies here and to-day commands the respect of society men, the reverential fear of the neutrals and the admiration of the ladies.

We number twelve "*mentes sanæ in corporibus sanis*," and with senses ever on the alert for the interest of our fostering mother.

Our prayers are, that we may never be betrayed or disgraced by foolish choice of an unworthy man. Our motto in weighing men is "*Palmum qui meruit ferat*," "Let him who has won it, wear the crown."

I should delight to write more, all about our ceremonies, and by-laws, but time and space are wanting. With the best wishes for the welfare of every brother who enjoys the privileges of our beloved order, we remain,

Yours cordially in the Bond,
H. M. WOODS.

Ohio Delta.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware, Ohio,
Nov. 12th, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Ohio Delta begs leave to make her bow to the Phis through the SCROLL. Bro. C. W. Marshall, of Indiana Gamma, Butler University, reorganized Ohio Delta Chapter, Oct. 8, 1879, at the Central House, this city. The undaunted three who first were made brothers in the Bond—W. P. Fulton and T. H. McConica of '81 and Scott Bonham of '82, will have a distinct remembrance of rain and struggling moonbeams and "wee sma' hours" connected with their entrance upon the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. Armed with the implements of Grecian warfare, they attacked Barbarian rank, and now Ohio Delta numbers eight. The additional ones are D. D. Woodmansee, L. W. Squier, A. H. Smith, '81, F. S. Rosemond of '82 and J. E. Randall of '83. We have fair prospects for another member at our next meeting.

We have secured the use of a hall connected with Masonic Hall, which is furnished with chairs and tables, lighted by gas and

nicely carpeted. A very convenient ante-room is connected with it. We have ordered our badges but have not yet received them. Through the kindness of Ohio Zeta in lending us pins, we succeeded in "badging out" before another fraternity which has recently been reorganized here came to the surface. Our rivals are Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Delta Tau Delta. The ladies have a fraternity, a local affair, Delta Chi Alpha. Our boys have been enjoying the fun of seeing a *sub rosa* Phi Delta run hotly by the Chi Phis.

I should, perhaps, state that this is the third time Phi Delta Theta has set up her altars at the Ohio Wesleyan University, having been first organized here in 1861, running till 1871; a second time in 1875, continuing two years. However, we feel confident of success, hoping that we shall be able to steer our chapter clear of those rocks upon which she has gone down heretofore.

Yours in the Bond,
SCOTT BONHAM.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
Nov. 11th, 1879.

It would puzzle the inventive genius of "J. C. J." or any Phi who has the desire to read, the ability to compose and the inclination to write chapter reports filled with news, sparkling with wit and marked with literary excellence, to write a *newsy* report for this chapter at present. We have received no new members, rented no new hall, taken no prize (there being no opportunity), nor in any way has the chapter, or any of its members, done anything to bring either notoriety or present renown. We hope no one will infer from this that we have been inactive. We have had our regular meetings where our regular literary and other exercises were fully carried out with gratifying results. Every member has been faithful in his college work, as well as in fraternity relations. Thus while not making any remarkable changes there has been a sure and steady progress, which it is hoped with reason will bear abundant fruit in years to come. In a word our members all seem fully to realize the meaning of the Bond, and they do not merely give it their outward assent, but with them its principles are living and active. All have a high standard of morality. The promptness with which all the duties of the fraternity are met, the effort, care, and ability shown in their discharge, the hearty, cordial sociability of the members, and their marked honesty, integrity and high moral character, all alike show that while in want of meteoric flashes to make an interesting chapter report, we are not without substantial progress. Yours in the Bond,

H. MAX. LENTZ.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford Ga.,
Nov. 5th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

I am happily moved to the pleasant duty of sending our report at this moment on account of the fact that I have just returned from the initiation of a new member into our Fraternity. The new brother is quite young, being about fourteen years old. But he has given such fine assurance of success that his extreme youth ceased to be a consideration. He is a son of the eminent physician, Dr. Battie, of Rome. He is the third whom we have taken in since the opening of this term. Our chapter now numbers eighteen members. We are having quite a lively contest at present for the son of Rev. Young J. Allen who has recently come among us. We have, however, the fairest hope of success.

Bro. Howren is again with us, and it is to

his persuasive tongue, formed by nature to voice the merits of Phi Delta Theta, that we owe most of our recent accessions.

Our meetings are becoming noted for their long and loud debates. And the effect is showing itself in the literary societies. We furnish the principal debators for both societies. The October issue of the SCROLL was duly received. With best wishes for its continued success, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
H. C. CARNEY.

Virginia Alpha.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, Salem, Va.,
Oct. 3d, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Agreeable to your request, we beg to submit the following:

Owing to the rough material that entered as students last year, we failed to initiate any one. But this session there is a decided improvement in the attendance of students and we are hard at work filling our ranks with the best of them. Our roll has already been increased by the names of three capital fellows who are wearing the shield and dagger to the chagrin of other organizations.

The Sigma Chis are working too, and judging from the class they are taking in, one would think they were running on quantity not quality. They are taking any and everybody they can get. Not so with us, for we search to-day for what we have always searched and that is quality, being particular that no slouch wears our emblem. We continue to work hard and will initiate another man next meeting making our number seven.

The other frats. here are not flourishing, Sigma Chi having the most members (8), only one good man. The Deltas number six. Others are not worth mentioning.

Yours in the Bond,
W. H. LAKE.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind.,
Nov. 4, 1879.

The Indiana Delta has great cause to be exultant over its prospects for the coming year. Recently a new feature has been developed in the fact that our *brother* society, viz., the anti-secret, is on the verge of removing from their constitution a clause relating to secret societies. Notwithstanding the fact that they have preached the funeral sermons of all secret societies and circulated without limit tracts for that effect, they are compelled at last to give up in despair. We have fought them bravely and nobly, we have shown ourselves to be invincible, and as a result we have conquered.

We have this year opened with brighter prospects than any previous year. Their exertions for the right (?) have terminated in the disgust of a majority of the new students because of such conduct. We have virtually obtained most of the new students who are worthy of being Phi Delta Thetas, and should this clause be removed in the so-called anti-secret society, we would beyond all doubt obtain some of their members. Some have expressed themselves to be heartily in favor of secret societies, and one has gone so far as to say that if he could have had any assurance of being a Phi, he would never have joined such a society.

We have elected several good men for our chapter, and are only waiting a short time to perform the initiation ceremonies. Soon we hope to report a large number of members added to the brilliant cluster already composing the Ind. Delta.

Our chapter has at present thirteen active members. Since the last issue of the SCROLL, we have initiated one member, Bro. J. M.

Roseberry, who is at present teaching in a graded school near Franklin. He is a member who associated with the Phis and one who will now be an honor to the cause of Phi Delta Theta.

At our last regular meeting, the members engaged in a general discussion of the Bond as it impressed each one most. It was a meeting which aroused all our Phi spirit, and we went to our rooms resolved to do more in the work which Phi Delta Theta is designed to do.

At other meetings certain ones of our members have read selections from some favorite poet; thus, we have made our association profitable as well as pleasant. It has been determined by our chapter to have a Phi social, at least once a month, at the house of some good Phi sister. We have already had one social with brilliant success.

Next Friday evening the ladies fraternity of Franklin College gives a social in town. They hope to have a number of visitors from other colleges, particularly ladies from Butler University. Of course the Phi boys are chosen as escorts.

Our chapter sent a large delegation to the anniversary of the Ind. Alpha, and all came back in jolly spirits; well pleased with the work of that chapter, reporting a hearty reception by the members of Phi Delta Theta and ladies also. One of our boys became so thoroughly taken in as to receive in less than a week a Photo from his girl. Bravo, Bro. Dick!

Bro. Matthews, a student in the Theol. Sem. of Chicago, has visited us once this year. He came partly for the purpose of attending a convention, and partly to see her no doubt.

Rev. T. H. Morgan, a professor in the same Sem., and an old Phi Delta Theta, has been among us. While here he delivered a lecture on University life, or the characteristics of University life in Germany. He has during the past year been studying there.

Our badges have been draped in mourning for some time in consequence of the death of our Bro., an active member, John T. Parr. He was the pride of our chapter, a natural orator, one of great social qualities, and as a close and thorough student excelled by none.

In the Bond,

E. E. STEVENSON.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE. Nov. 5th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

We were more than pleased with the October number of the SCROLL and you little know how our hearts were gladdened and cheered to read of the new chapters founded and the old ones re-established, and to see such encouraging reports from so many colleges. Truly our fraternity seems to be entering a new era of prosperity and we should be all the more inspired to strain every nerve and stiffen every sinew for her welfare. We have probably a better chapter this session here than ever before. Our membership now is ten and we have our eyes on several other students. Our youngest is Geo. Bryan, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Though but a "baby" in the Phi world, he is already doing us credit and honor.

During the State Agricultural Fair, which was held last week in Richmond, we had some ten or fifteen Phi visitors in the city. There were representatives from the Va. Military Institute, the University of Va., and Randolph-Macon College here. Right glad we were to see them too. One of the most pleasant things in the world to us is to meet a Phi and take him around and introduce him to the Delta boys. We had a very enthusiastic meeting during the fair, our hall being fairly crowded with earnest, working Phis.

By the way we do have most delightful meetings and never, no never, does anything happen to interrupt the harmony and good feeling. There is something peculiarly inspiring to me in our meetings. Exactly what that something is I can't say. Perhaps

"'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom, were near,
Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear."

I would like to hear the opinions of some of the brothers as to the feasibility of having a Va. convention of Phis in this State, somewhat similar to the Indiana State Convention. We now have six chapters and nearly two hundred members resident in the Old Dominion, and our strength might be increased by a State convention. I merely make this suggestion and would like to hear what the Phis think about it. Nothing that could further the interests of Phi Delta Theta should be neglected.

Yours in the Bond,

JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Georgia Beta.

ATHENS, GA., Oct. 31st, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

As corresponding secretary of the Ga. Beta it affords me much pleasure to report that our chapter is flourishing. We opened with eleven old members, two of whom were from the Ga. Delta and one from the University of Miss. We have taken in two new men making thirteen our sum total. I can say with great truthfulness that the pick of the University of Ga., are in our ranks.

In regard to the other fraternities here, the Kappa Alpha is the strongest numerically. The Chi Phis and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have each a membership about equal to ours. The Alpha Taus are not doing much, and have a very small membership. We have made a combination with the Kappa Alphas, by which we will get one Anniversarian this year, they getting the other. More anon.

W. G. BRANTLEY.

Ohio Epsilon.

ATHENS, O., Oct. 3d, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

The commencement of the college year once again unites the worthy "seven" of the Ohio Epsilon. Refreshed by the summer vacation, and animated by the smiles of the "gals we left behind us," no wonder that a student in astronomy finds on the page of his book the horizontal parallax of a young lady's face, or vies with Roscoe in the analysis of a complex compound—in this case, a piece of femininity. We have not been idle. The Ides of September had no sooner been replaced by the grey dawn of the following morrow, than two more trembling beings were brought in from the "by ways" of this carnal world, purified and robed in the spotless garment of Phi Delta Thetaism. Amid the fantastic and varied playings of spectral light, at that time "when graveyards yawn—and hell breathes forth contagion to the world," the trembling "Yess" of the convert was seized by the angel of fate and, amid the silent amens of the assembled brotherhood, was recorded in black and white beneath our Bond. So let it be.

The other frats, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta, have done nothing as yet. The two we have received—is it worth while to describe them? Just look at the essential composition of a Phi and you have it. One of them, although "Poor," will become a staunch Phi, while the other will ever furnish an "Arm-strong" as that of the worthiest champion of our cause.

Yours in the Bond,

TOM. A. JONES.

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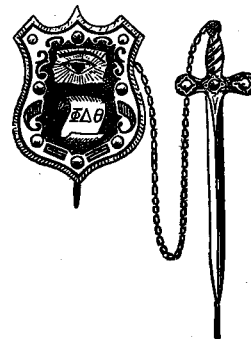
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United in the Bond.

AIR :—"My Last Cigar."

I.

We've met again, joy reigns supreme,
We grasp each brother's hand,
And show, by word and action, that
This is a happy band.
And now, in one grand chorus joined,
We'll raise a joyous song,
We'll sing of our Fraternity,
With voices loud and strong.
||With voices loud and strong,||
We'll of Phi Delta Theta sing,
With voices loud and strong.

II.

Our Bond of Unity sets forth
Our object and our aim,
We'll ever keep that aim in view,
And act tow'rd each the same.
We'll strive in learning to excel,
We'll virtue cultivate,
We'll keep our pledges, one and all,
In th' Bond inviolate.
||In th' Bond inviolate,||
Our pledges and th' mystic Bond
We'll keep inviolate.

III.

Our Brotherhood of kindred souls,
A strong united band,
Has thousands kneeling at its shrine
All over this broad land;
Triumphant it has been before,
Its path ahead is bright,
Our obligations we renew,
And shout its praise to-night.
||And shout its praise to-night,||
We pledge ourselves to it again,
And shout its praise to-night.

IV.

With armor worn by loyal Phis,
The golden sword and shield,
Our noble Order we'll defend,
Determined ne'er to yield.
For passing are our college days,
Not long these haunts we'll roam,
Too soon we'll all each other leave,
And this fraternal home.
||And this fraternal home,||
Too soon we'll say good-bye, and leave
Our dear fraternal home.

V.

When settled we've become in life,
And fame and fortune made,
Phi Delta Theta never shall
From out our mem'ries fade.
We'll still assist our glorious cause,
The cause of which we're fond,
And ever be, though parted far,
United in the Bond.
||United in the Bond,||
Though sundered far, we'll always be
United in the Bond.

W. B. PALMER.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 28th, 1879.

Some Qualifications to be Considered in Selecting a Phi.

BY J. H. DORTCH.

In this age of eternal progress the human mind occupies the central figure,

and is the idol before whose shrine the world bows in humble adoration. It is the god to be carried before the nation or secret organization if power and prestige would be won. The influence wielded by a powerful mind is wonderful. No man can resist its magnetic tendency. This mind—and by mind we mean a powerful one, innate or extraneous—must rule. It will draw to itself those of lesser abilities, as the stronger loadstone draws the smaller pieces to itself. It will become the nucleus around which they cluster.

Now what position does the consideration of this element enter into the qualification of a man whom the Phis seek to initiate into their mystic order? Its consideration is of prime importance—a first thought. When a man is sought whom we wish to take the noble vows, we should first see that he has high intellectual ability, aside from his moral qualities that we hold are essential too. Do not stop simply to inquire if he is a good sociable fellow, but go further and see how he stands in his classes, how he shines in his literary society. In fact see that he is a man that will reflect credit upon the order when he leaves the university—a man to whom succeeding Phis can look and point with pride, and exult that "he is a Phi Delta Theta."

Every collegian knows the intellectual boy is one whose influence is widest and greatest in the college. They see that he has the highest honors conferred on him by the Faculty and students. He is indeed a power, and as the common aphorism goes, "Brains will tell in this age." His very intellect will attract others of like abilities. He will give tone and name to the literary society to which his name is attached. Outsiders will judge it by the standing of its best men, and the new student who has any ambition will join that society in which there is the most intellect and talent. Intellect likes to rub against intellect, to find something worthy of its steel. Minds

can only be sharpened by attention, as the diamond is cut by rubbing against another. Thus we see that wherever our talented student goes he is certain to carry others like him or of lesser merit. This then is the student to choose out of the many who throng our institutions of learning. Having thus obtained such a man, you will surely get others like him in the college. Thus when the literary societies choose their honor men, you will have no hesitancy in urging his claim and none can say you voted for a weak man simply because he was a fraternity man, a charge often brought against secret societies. The prestige thus gained will be carried on from year to year, and new men will judge you by the number of men taking positions in the years previous.

The consideration of these few points which I have fully thrown out, will show the thinking Phi how necessary it is that only strong intellectual men should be chosen. Our boast—true or false the future will tell—now is that we *have* and *have had* the most intelligent men in the American colleges. Let us maintain this high standard, so that in the future we can point back with pride to the long list of Phis whose talents have gained them lofty places in the broad arena of life. The good resulting from an adherence to these lofty principles will be felt as well in the living present as in the future. As far as it is in our power let no man be chosen for whom apologies must be made now or hereafter. If we will strive only for men of these lofty casts of thought and noble chivalry, such as we see exemplified now in the eloquent Blackburn, the success of our beloved order is doubly assured.

Some of the other fraternities place social standing as the *par excellence* of noble qualities. We should not be deceived by such gaudy tinsel, but let us inscribe on the Scroll we love so well—High moral character and lofty intellectuality.

A New Catalogue.

There can be no doubt but that fraternity rivalry is greater than ever before. Its field is rapidly widening. It is gradually assuming a more complex character and a more varied aspect. Forces that have hitherto remained dormant are now springing into action. Things that at one time were of but little import are becoming important factors in fraternity work. Influences are brought to bear on those sought that were scarcely thought of a few years since. Anything that can have the least possible weight with a prospective member is held up as an inducement. And in my opinion one of these recent (but not least) influences is the fraternity catalogue. It has come to play no small part in the Greek world, and fraternities, seeing this, are taking advantage of it by showing and comparing their catalogues with those of their rivals. Hence the fraternity that presents the finest catalogue has the advantage.

Now before proceeding farther I desire to state the reason of this article. I want to hear an expression of the various chapters concerning a new catalogue and desire the matter discussed in the SCROLL. Nor do I propose to find fault with the patriotic brothers who volunteered to arrange our last catalogue. They deserve the praise of their brethren. Though many mistakes appear in it, let us not shift all the blame on to the editors' shoulders, but seek to remedy the evils. I for one want a new catalogue and want it for the fraternity's good. Our catalogue fails to do us justice. The general design is faulty. In comparison with other catalogues it dwindles into pitiable insignificance. It is far below that of the Sigma Chis and is not up to that of the Delta Taus, whom some of us are too apt to deride. Furthermore it has been the cause of many jeers and insinuating remarks (and not without reason) being cast upon the fraternity. When such things stare us in the face it is time to be doing something. I do not advocate the immediate publication of a new catalogue; but want to set the ball rolling and bring forward the new issue next year. In this stretch of time there will be ample opportunity for obtaining the complete records of all the various chapters. Then it "will not put forth in a day nor perish in a night." But will be the

result of a year's labor and will remain for years to come an honor to the organization and an object of pride to all its members.

As stated above the general design of the present catalogue is faulty. And in view of this fact and for the future benefit of our order, I advocate a catalogue that will contain a correct and complete list of all members together with their residence; a catalogue that will give the name of each member in full; a catalogue with a fine frontispiece representing the insignia of the order; a catalogue with an appropriate engraving of the order preceding each chapter; a catalogue that will contain an index of membership, alphabetically arranged; a catalogue covered with a decent leather binding, making a book fit for any parlor, and besides all this a catalogue that will not be hampered with the words *sub rosa*, thus rendering it possible to have a book that we can show to our friends with pleasure to ourselves and honor to our fraternity.

W. D. C.

Our Old Catalogue.

MR. EDITOR:

An article in a recent number of the SCROLL animadverted quite severely upon the catalogue of 1878. If the good brother who wrote that article had ever had anything to do with that catalogue and so became acquainted with a few of the mountains which rise in the path of the catalogue makers, he would not have written as he did. And because he was thus ignorant we forgive him—he knew not whereof he spoke.

In the first place that catalogue was knocked about from pillar to post, or rather from editor to editor, was a literary foundling in fact, for its parents abandoned it when very young and it was raised by hand. The two illustrious gentlemen whose name adorns its title page were probably green barbarians when it was conceived. They found it crying in its cradle over in Ohio, and were requested by the foster father who then had it in hand to relieve him of it, as he had no time to attend to its wants. Where he had found the waif is not to this writer known, but probably he had received it from its real parents who had abandoned it in disgust.

The undaunted youths who had taken hold of it and who finally did publish the

concern, soon found that they had drawn a whole drove of elephants in a lottery. In the first place the thing was two years behind time. The manuscript was known to be very incomplete and defective; many names were not in it that should have been in it. So a wholesale and very laborious correspondence was begun with numberless Phis who persistently neglected to answer the frantic appeals to their Phi spirit. A few chapters had no report at all. These *had* to be obtained. In some chapters the list of names was huddled together in a confused mass without regard to age, sex, color, or previous condition of servitude. These had to be straightened out and arranged by classes, and in one or two cases the only way this could be done was by referring to files of the catalogue of the colleges, which fortunately the volunteer editors had. Many names both of persons and places were illegible and as we had to guess at them, we will never know to our dying days what they did mean.

There was about \$150 in the treasury awaiting the order of the catalogue managers. It would cost not less than \$400 to print it. There was a hiatus, so to speak—an aching void of \$250 had to be filled.

In the mean time, howl upon howl arose from chapters and members as to when we could send them that blessed catalogue. That was the only kind of correspondence we could get out of any one in fact. Members shrieked for the catalogue who had not subscribed for it and who have not to this day subscribed.

Thus although our manuscript was very incomplete and we knew it to be so, and we had hardly one third enough money, we took courage from despair and gave our copy in to Baker & Randolph. They did a good job for the price they charged, \$2 per page, especially when we reflect that they have not got it yet. The work was done, a bill of \$400.70 was handed in, and our noble G. B. came to the rescue by giving his individual note for the difference between the bill and cash in hand. We will always have a warm spot in our hearts for our big G. B., for he stood by us. If any brother wants to make fun of the catalogue of '78, let him go to the G. B. and he will be wonderfully enlightened upon catalogue making, especially the financial part.

ONE OF THE EDITORS.

(S B)

In Memoriam.

EBEN D. EDSON,

Indiana Alpha, '84, died in November, 1879, while at College, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., of pneumonia.

JOHN T. PARR,

Indiana Delta, '83, died at the residence of his father, a few miles from Franklin, Ind., October 26th, 1879.

Deceased was an active member of the Delta chapter and entered college this year as a Freshman, intending to finish his college course and then to engage in the study and practice of law. He was manly in his actions and his example will survive as a model for others. His work in the class-room and in the department of literature gave the earnest of determination and power. As an orator he gave evidence of talents surpassed by few. In regard to his death Indiana Delta adopted appropriate resolutions.

I. ALEXANDER LANIER,

Alabama Beta, '78, died at his father's residence in Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 3rd, 1879.

Deceased was born in Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., Aug. 9th, 1859. He was one of the charter members of Alabama Beta of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and one of the most brilliant stars that glittered in that mystic crown. He entered Ala. A. & M. College at Auburn in the fall of '73, graduating with honors at said institution in '78.

Possessing those admirable traits of character which constitute "Nature's gentlemen," and that gifted genius that characterizes the scholar, it is not strange that he won the applause of all with whom he came in contact, and was justly pronounced a true ornament to society. His aspirations were high, honorable and noble, and nothing groveling, low or meanly selfish came near the head or heart of "Aleck" Lanier.

The flower that bloomed with ineffable sweetness has faded, but not to lose "its fragrance on the desert air," for this shall ever remain to remind us of him who tho' dead yet speaketh in the noble example he has left as a legacy to those who shall enshrine his name in lasting remembrance.

"Cold in the dust his perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once—can never die."

A. F. W.

Other Fraternities.

Sigma Chi has 1727 names in its catalogue of 1876.

Beta Theta Pi makes the newly initiated eat raw beef.

Phi Gamma Delta has revived its chapter at Marietta College, Ohio.

The Sigma Chi Grand Chapter is the Alpha, formerly the Gamma, Delaware, Ohio.

Phi Gamma Delta held its last convention early in November at Cleveland, O. The next will be held in Baltimore.

The Grand Arch Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi is at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

The Phi Gamma Delta paper published at Delaware, Ohio, is about one half as large as the SCROLL.

Harvard strongly opposes fraternities. Alpha Delta Phi entered there last spring as an open literary society. Delta Kappa Epsilon has been there secretly for 25 years.

Beta Theta Pis say that the faculty of the Univ. of California will permit their chapter there provided they will show their constitution. Not a hard thing for a Beta to do. But how about Wooglin?

Since 1871 Sigma Phi in Union, Schenecta-

dy, N. Y., has been decreasing, and the chapter at Ann Arbor is worse. Vermont Alpha has strong hopes of overriding Sigma Phi in University of Vermont, Burlington.

Beta Theta Pi decided at their Cincinnati Convention to make the Alumni Chapter at that place their permanent presiding chapter, and not Wittenberg as stated recently in the SCROLL. This fraternity did not absorb the "Rainbow" at Oxford, Miss. See report from Phi Delta Theta chapter there.

The Delta Gamma (ladies) is making arrangements to establish chapters at Danville and Millersburg, Ky. This fraternity now has eleven chapters, mainly in the South. At their last Convention in Oxford, Miss., they declared their undying love for Phi Delta Theta.

Delta Kappa Epsilon held its thirty-third convention with Pi chapter, Dartmouth College, Oct. 23 and 24. The business of the convention required three sessions each day and was of interest to members only. About sixty delegates were present, representing all but four chapters. The next convention will be held with Alpha Chi Chapter, Trinity College.

Theta Delta Chi held its thirty-third convention Oct. 22 and 23 with Lambda Chapter at Boston University. C. C. Kneisly, of Dayton, O., was re-elected President of the Grand Lodge. The business of the convention required four sessions of about four hours each. The several chapters were fully represented. The literary exercises were particularly fine.

The other fraternity publications are as follows: Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, monthly, W. L. McClurg, Meadville, Pa., publisher, \$1.00 per year, not *sub rosa*. Chi Phi *Quarterly*, published last year at Monroe, N. C., \$1.00 per year, not *sub rosa*. Phi Kappa Psi journal, published by Dr. Edgar F. Smith, Univ. of Pa., Philadelphia, probably *sub rosa*. Beta Theta Pi, W. O. Robb, editor, Delaware, Ohio, \$1.00 per year, monthly, *sub rosa*. Phi Gamma Delta, monthly, W. F. McDowell publisher, Delaware, Ohio, \$1.00 per year, not *sub rosa*. Southern Kappa Alpha Journal, monthly, Richmond, Va., \$1.00 per year. Psi Upsilon *Diamond*, strictly *sub rosa*, not now published. Theta Delta Chi *Star* is now out of print. Alpha Tau Omega will publish this year with J. R. Anderson Jr., Richmond, Va., as editor. Kappa Sigma will also begin this year.

Personals.

—Rev. C. B. Martin, Ohio Alpha, now writes his name with a D. D.

—Arthur Clark, Ohio Zeta, is traveling in Wyoming Territory for his health.

—J. S. McCampbell, Ohio Zeta, is studying law at Marysville, O.

—Rev. M. D. A. Steen, Ohio Alpha, has changed his address from Worthington, O., to Ludlow, Ky.

—George M. Bulla, N. Carolina Alpha, '79, is in Greenboro, N. C., studying law.

—J. D. Bundy, N. Carolina Alpha, trims urchins minds and pants at Pleasant Garden, N. C.

—Charles T. Jameson, Ohio Zeta, '75, is editor of the Urbana, O., *Citizen & Gazette*.

—C. D. Bell, N. Carolina Alpha, has gone to Europe. He did not tell us for what.

—L. T. Blair, N. Carolina Alpha, has left Trinity and is working on young ideas at Enfield, N. C.

—W. N. Mateer, Pa. Alpha, '78, is in business and is popular among the ladies in Shippensburg, Pa.

—Hally G. Armstrong, Ohio Epsilon, is now traveling for the firm of Towell and McFarland, Portsmouth, Ohio.

—Judge J. K. Summers, Ky. Alpha, '57, has retired from a successful law practice

and is now proprietor of one of the best farms in Boyle Co., Ky.

—R. C. Warren, Ky. Alpha, '62, was candidate for Commonwealth Attorney for Boyle and adjoining counties in Kentucky and was elected. At least he ought to have been.

—W. L. Yerkes, Ky. Alpha, '67, is traveling in Europe for his health. He is one of the most gifted men that have gone out from Centre College.

—C. G. Jones, Va. Beta, is practicing law in Staunton, Va. Clagget is a first rate fellow and is sure to succeed wherever he goes.

—J. C. Gentry, Va. Delta, is in Gordonsville, Va. He has not gotten out his law license yet but, like some other persons and things, does considerable work *sub rosa*.

—J. W. Flint, Va. Delta, medalist and good fellow generally, is reading law at King and Queen, Va. He ought to have a trump some how sure enough.

—Alston Ellis, Ohio Alpha, received the honorary degree of Ph. D. from Wooster University. He is considered one of the best Institute lecturers in the State of Ohio.

—Hon. W. F. Vilas, Wis. Alpha, '58, received the Democratic nomination for Governor but refused. Being a L.L. D. and Judge of Supreme Court and Law Professor in University of Wisconsin and so on he could afford it. But just give us a chance at such a thing once.

—Col. J. F. Phillips, Ky. Alpha, '55, gained his case in the St. Louis Courts. His fee is \$10,000 instead of \$5,000. We would like to go "halves." Even a slice would not go bad.

—President C. J. Reddig, Pa. Beta, '77, our handsome head and front, was elected Secretary of the National Lutheran S. S. Convention, held recently in Pennsylvania. He is also General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Shippensburg, Pa., and entertains Phis at his delightful house in a princely fashion.

—Geo. W. Plack, Pa. Alpha, '79, and late member of our Executive Committee, is at No. 3 Winthrop Place, New York city, and has preached twice on Long Island. He had a rich experience that we ought to know more about. Sorry to lose Bro. P. from the Executive but know he will still be a working Phi.

—C. D. Moore, Ind. Gamma, '83, is out of College this year but says he cannot do without us and sends a dollar. We would like to have Moore of that kind of compliments, best wishes for success, and soon. Bro. M.'s address is Clarksburg, Decatur Co., Indiana.

—Prof. Salvador De Soto, Ky. Alpha, '50, better known down there as "Sox," is the Greek Professor and most popular member of the Faculty in Centre College, Danville, Ky. He is a Spaniard by birth and speaks six languages. He was formerly Professor of Latin and Greek in the University of Florence, and was also Professor of Modern Languages in the University of Jena, Germany. He is now an ardent Phi and renders efficient aid to Kentucky Alpha.

—Col. Vilas, Wisconsin Alpha, was present at the Grant reception in Chicago and was called on to respond to a toast. Of his speech the Louisville *Courier Journal* has this to say: "Then came Col. Vilas, a rock-rooted Democrat from the Badger State. As he progressed in his response to the toast, 'Our First Commander,' he paid the most matchless tribute to Grant as representative of American genius; to national unity; to the wide, all-pervading, cumulative spirit of love for the Union, which reaches to the remotest confines, that ever fell from human lips. He carried all before him. He swept the field. He stamped himself the Western wizard of oratory, and, when he had finished, indescribable excitement prevailed. Col. Vilas, of Wisconsin, has proven himself the coming man of the West."

The Scroll.

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

M. F. PARRISH, Editor, . . . Lee, Ohio.
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GETTYSBURG, PA., DECEMBER, 1879.

WANTED—A correspondence with Jas. T. Dickinson of the Virginia Delta.

FRANK PEGUES,
Spartanburg, S. C.

To all Phis in this and other lands the SCROLL extends the compliments of the season, wishing for each and for all the merriest kind of a Christmas and the happiest sort of a New Year.

There has been some complaint about the names in the Directory. We do not change names until authorized properly, and make corrections invariably in the first print of the Directory after notification. If not notified promptly the fault is not ours.

As to the arrangement of chapter reports in some regular order we have received some good suggestions which we would gladly adopt if practicable. But as reports come to hand in every kind of order we are compelled to give up system and to listen to the appeal of the printer for copy. As it is we are often obliged to wait on the pleasure of our correspondents in getting reports. We would be pleased therefore if each sub-editor would try to be the first in mailing his monthly letter.

We publish an interesting report from S. C. Alpha in this issue. This chapter although but a few months old manifests a life and energy characteristic of those older and stronger in the cause, and while we congratulate the boys down there on their eminent success we see no reason why they should not go on winning victories until their chapter is not only the best in Wofford, but a peer of any in the land.

The January number promises to be rich in interest. The Grand Banker will furnish us with a full statement of the finances, there will be an interesting account of "Our Phi Jap.," from the pen of a corresponding member of the National Grand, we hope to have reports from Alumni Chapters, some minutes of the Convention of '64 will appear, and we expect a poem from a gifted Phi of thirty years experience in fraternity. We will also publish some very important information concerning one of our chapters and its members, that may occasion surprise. With our usual news and reports an interesting SCROLL may be looked for in January.

A private letter from the National Grand

begs pardon for the silence of that chapter. The Secretary has been changed and we will make correction in our January number. Here are a few sentences from the letter before us which we consider it no breach of faith to give to the fraternity at large: "We have never had so nice a set of fellows or as encouraging a prospect since our organization here. We have admitted to membership four new men this term and hold a very enviable position among the members of other fraternities here, and I think by outsiders we are looked upon as having a decided character. I do not know but that a certain tendency to exclusiveness militates against a more rapid increase of membership. I do not know though but that it is better in the end." From such words the N. G. must certainly be doing a good work and the fraternity ought to know it. Let us by all means have a report for our next issue.

That Catalogue.

We give prominence this month to the subject of fraternity catalogues. There seems to be a widespread interest in this direction among the Phis in all parts of the land. This is our apology, if any apology is necessary, for giving so much space to the subject. All that we have to say now can be said in three short paragraphs.

In the first place the catalogue of 1878 ought to have a short rest. It has been handled without gloves, has been criticised without stint, has been laid bare unmercifully. If a book out beyond the Phi world had been so treated by the critics, curiosity would have exhausted the edition long since. Yet, with all its faults, we reiterate what we have said in this column before, namely, that the catalogue of 1878 is the best by far that bears the name of Phi Delta Theta and is not quite so bad after all as the accounts make it, not even excluding the defense in its favor in this issue by one of its makers. As it was issued by the fraternity, Phi patriotism ought to guarantee its sale without loss to the fraternity; but aside from this the book is in itself worthy a place among Phi literature.

As to the defense of the catalogue in this issue, we give it place for two reasons. The first is that we are inclined to protect the makers of the catalogue because we think they did the best they could under the circumstances. But the columns of the SCROLL are not open to charges and defenses on the subject. This must be distinctly understood. The second and stronger reason for giving place to the communication referred to is the fact that it will, better than any other kind of explanation, give some idea of the difficulties under which makers of catalogues labor. To this end we call careful attention to it, the attention especially of those who have taken upon their shoulders the responsibility of making a new catalogue. It is a most worthy but laborious, and we had almost said a thankless, undertaking.

A word or two concerning the new catalogue contemplated, and our three paragraphs

will have exhausted themselves. We would gladly welcome, we might say there is a need for, a new and imposing catalogue. But we are not in favor of its publication by the fraternity, meaning by this that the fraternity ought not to be responsible for the expenses of the work. The makers should have the sanction of the Executive and the whole body of the fraternity. Then the makers, or the publisher, should at their, or his, own risk get out a catalogue of such style and value as to make it desirable for its worth in dollars and cents. There should be no secret in the catalogue or its manner of publication. Phis would then feel that they ought to have the book because it is worth the money, and not because the finances, consequently the honor, of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity are involved. The responsibility for the failure or success of a catalogue brought out this way will be on some individual's shoulders, and cannot be shifted about until it is spread over an area of several states. It will be a matter of personal loss or gain, hence the utmost will be done to make it successful. Is it objected that no one can be found to undertake the work in this way? Then we are not ready for a new catalogue and had better drop the subject. The way which has been pointed out is the only way in which the idea can be carried out with honor to the fraternity and without loss to the finances. It is well enough to theorize but a bit of experience back of us ought to pin us down to the practical.

"American College Fraternities."

The above work has appeared under the full caption on the title page as follows: "American College Fraternities: a descriptive analysis of the society system in the Colleges of the United States, with a detailed account of each Fraternity. By Wm. Raimond Baird. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1879." The work comprises 212 pages, 40 less than the prospectus promised. A frontispiece shows badges of 43 chartered fraternities, Phi Delta Theta having a conspicuous place in the top line. The table of contents gives the following heads: "Greek Letter Fraternities—their origin, progress, manners, customs, etc., General Fraternities, Defunct Fraternities, Local Fraternities, Local Fraternities Defunct, Ladies' Societies, Class Fraternities, Greek-Letter Literary Societies, Unknown Societies, Statistical Summary, Directory of Chapters, Fraternity Colors, College Annuals, The Fraternities: Have they a right to live." The volume closes with an Index, carefully prepared and a valuable addition to its worth and use. It is marred however by *errata* noticed after going to press to the number of ten. The name of Lippincott is a sufficient guarantee for the mechanical make-up of the volume, which does them credit and presents a fine appearance.

As we will have occasion to refer to the work hereafter we omit any critical analysis of the contents at present, only saying that we take issue with the author, who is rather loose in general statements, as to some points.

Notes.

—A change has been made in the Executive Committee, according to requirement of the Constitution. Bro. G. W. Plack, who represented the National Grand on the committee, retired when he graduated from college last year. Bro. John T. Morrison has been elected to the position. His address may be found in the directory.

—We call attention to another new advertisement, that of Mr. J. E. Wible. The printing done at this establishment should need no recommendation to Phis, for they have been complimenting it in all quarters already. In fact this is where the SCROLL is printed, but it must be kept *sub rosa*. We hope our printer will get numerous and large orders for cards, &c.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 4th, 1879.

The unfortunate Corresponding Secretary of the Alpha is catching Hail Columbia on all sides because he has been so engrossed in the busy pursuit of knowledge as to, for once, neglect to send in his accustomed report to the SCROLL. These fault finders, for the most part from his own chapter, no doubt have a laudable desire to see the noble deeds of their chapter and themselves heralded through the columns of the SCROLL. Perhaps their modesty over sounding their own trumpets is the reason that it never occurs to them that they might occasionally come to the rescue of the Corresponding Secretary and even show him the error of his ways.

The chapter has had its good and bad fortune during the past month or two though the former has predominated. Our total number of men initiated so far this year is ten, and we have lost two; the one of these, Mr. J. F. Randolph, by resignation, and the other, Bro. E. D. Edson by death. We yet have our hall draped in mourning in memory of Bro. Edson. The names of those whom we have initiated since our last report are Bros. Frank Arnott, 'Jake' Halderman, B. F. Thompson, Oscar E. Bradfute, Esquire, Albert Weatherby and Addison L. Roache, Jr. Bro. Weatherby was one of those tough old barbs that it is so hard to convert, and though he had successfully warded off for three years the spikes of several other fraternities, he at last fell a victim to an invincible spike administered by the unerring hand of our worthy chaplain, Bro. Shirk. He is as yet *sub rosa*, and we will no doubt astonish the natives when we bring him out next term.

We have been fortunate in having three of the *Patres Conscripti* with us at different times this term. First was Judge Banta, who graduated here in '55 and is consequently getting to be quite an "old boy." He evidently had not forgotten Phi Delta Theta however. Next we had Bro. Al. Fullerton with us who, though yet a young man, is nevertheless one whom we honor with the name "Daddy Fullerton" for the reason that in '72 when all others deserted the old standard, he stuck to it and fought the thing through; thus becoming in truth the father of Indiana Alpha. Our next visitor was Judge Robinson, of Spencer, who met with us at our last meeting. The Judge gave us an address which I do not suppose will be

soon forgotten by the members. He is holding court at this place now and the shield and dagger which he wears adds new dignity to the bench. If these old members knew how much good it did the boys to meet with them I believe they would oftener put themselves in the way to be met.

The Alpha now smiles serenely when the G. B. bursts forth in the SCROLL with his supplications to the chapters to pay up, for she is now square, holding his receipt for \$29.00. She is consequently in a position to urge upon the other chapters the necessity of squaring their accounts with the G. B. Pay up boys. Nothing will be gained by delay. It also strikes us forcibly that we might, in view of our clear account, be allowed an extra SCROLL for the benefit of the Chapter Archives.

CHAS. BANTA.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 8th, 1879.

The statement in a former report that but few good men have entered the University this year proves only too true and consequently we are only able to report the initiation of two collegiates up to this time, with the prospect of one more. These men, C. W. Pepper, Junior, and J. W. Criswell, Freshman, are men of undoubted ability and well worthy of Phi Delta Theta. We have taken in more than any of the other Fraternities this year except the Betas; the Phi Kaps adding only one to their number, while the Sigs have done about the same. We do not intend to take in a single man unless he be worthy, even if we dwindle down to nothing. Hoping to be able to report greater accessions by the next time, we remain,

Yours in the Bond,

WILL. FREMONT HARN.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, K.
Dec. 1st, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

After partaking of a splendid Thanksgiving dinner the Ky. Alpha boys were made happy by the appearance of the SCROLL, and you may be certain that the contents were quickly devoured and properly appreciated. We enjoyed perusing the chapter reports and are pleased to hear of the success which is crowning our efforts in the college world. Although deprived of "other fraternities" and some other matters, we considered their loss more than compensated for by Bro. Boaz's article, in praise of which our boys are unanimous. Indiana Delta will please accept our compliments on having such a master mind in her ranks.

We have been gliding gently along since our last communication and nothing has occurred to give spice to the dull monotony of college life except a little effigy scheme, in which most of our boys figured prominently. Hal-low e'en some naughty students made figures representing the worthy members of our faculty and, while engaged in suspending them on a wire across Main street, they were surprised by the night watchman and two of their number captured, one of them a Phi. Of course they had an interview with the President, but by some technicality they escaped punishment. The effigies are still extant and will go up at an early date.

The Beta Theta Pis are contemplating building a hall and will probably do so, — if they can get the wherewithal. They had better look around for some more men as they have only one Soph. and one Freshie, and neither one of them take any interest in their fraternity and could not do much if left to their own resources. They had a rub with the Sigs when they learned that we were in

possession of their constitution through the instrumentality of the latter.

Although we are not a Va. chapter we desire to say that we agree with Bro. Dickinson in regard to a Va. State convention and we would do something of that kind ourselves, but the number of Ky. chapters is too small.

As we have enough of debating, etc., in the literary societies, we have decided to have a change and are now reading Richard VIII.

We are sorry to say that another of our men has been called home, but this is the last one we will have to part with as the rest are regular old stagers.

I would be pleased if one of our boys in each chapter would be kind enough to mark the fraternity men in the catalogue of the respective colleges and forward to me at once.

Yours in the Bond,

GEO. B. THOMAS.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
Dec. 9, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Another month finds us passing successfully on in the regular routine of duties and pleasures incident to college life as experienced by earnest Phis. We cordially extend merry holiday greetings to all our noble brotherhood, and sincerely wish them all to realize the bright hopes they have of future success.

Yours in the Bond,

H. MAX. LENTZ.

Ohio Delta.

O. W. UNIVERSITY, Delaware, O.
Dec. 2, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

In our last we spoke of a man we had fair prospects of getting. We got him—Frank L. Davis, '82. But Oliver Twist like, we wanted "more;" so, last Tuesday morning we donned the "white and blue" for Bro. R. B. Carter, '83, although we had to give the Sigs and Delta Taus the G. B. to do it. He is said to be able to kick foot-ball harder and play base ball longer than any other man in college of only 166 pounds avoirdupois.

Our chapter is sorry to lose Bros. McConica and Fulton, who go out to teach for a short time. Bros. Jack Randall and Dock Smith had to go home Thanksgiving for turkey and, — of course, well, Dock has not got back at this writing. We hope to be able to report him alive in the next SCROLL.

For literary exercises in our chapter, we have been trying the plan of a reading club, devoting a half hour or more each evening to reading. Holland's "Bitter Sweet," as something not very difficult to commence with, has been lying on our dissecting table. We should be glad to hear from other chapters what they make their literary exercises consist in, how they conduct them, etc. This can and should be made an important feature of our fraternity, though, of course, not to the neglect of the moral and social. Bro. Rosemond, our historian, read us a short spicy sketch of our chapter's history at a recent meeting. In addition to writing an occasional song for the chapter, he never fails to call at the Female college every Saturday afternoon and take in some unwary Sem.

We have received our new badges and even other fraternity men acknowledge them the prettiest in college. The Sems., dear creatures! are going into ecstasies of superlativeness over them.

Quite a sensation was produced in O. W. U. circles Thanksgiving morning, and particularly no little consternation in the Phi Kappa Psi camp, on finding the Phi Kappa Psi constitution printed and pasted up about town, revealing signs, form of initiation, etc. The Phi Kaps stood it pretty well, though a

bad "give away." It seems to be the result of a common enmity towards them by other fraternity and non-fraternity men, possibly on account of their capacity to blow, which appears a characteristic of the fraternity, or of this chapter at least.

The suggestion of a State Convention by Virginia Delta reminds us that it has been also suggested that Ohio Phis hold a convention at some early date at Columbus or Delaware, or some other convenient point. Such a convention could not but result in the improvement of the various chapters from a better acquaintance with one another. We should like very much to hear from Ohio Zeta, by whom the suggestion was made. Also from our other Ohio chapters through the SCROLL. By all means let us have it, for assuredly an Ohio convention will be a success, even though we are few.

Yours in the Bond,
SCOTT BONHAM.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.
Nov. 29 1879.

DEAR MESSENGER OF PHI DELTA THETA:

You are welcome always, for every visit from you has the effect of warming our latent energy and of stimulating us to more strenuous efforts for our beloved fraternity.

Would that S. C. Alpha had many trophies to be recorded for you. But while we have not yet made vast conquests and swept from the field every foe, we are steadily advancing. We have since last report gained two converts from barbarism and have safely placed them under the enlightening veil of Phi-ism. They are brothers Taylor and Alsbrooke, both belonging to the introductory class, but they are giants there.

We will enter a hall next week permanently. And we purpose to begin the regular literary exercises at our next meeting, which exercises hitherto, on account of paucity of men, we have neglected.

Our new badges, received a few weeks ago from Messrs. Burgess & Co., are models of beauty and have elicited much warm admiration and praise from the ladies. One says—"The Phi Delta Theta badge must be, and can't be other than an emblem of gallantry."

Bro. W. D. Simpson is our Corresponding Secretary and will keep you posted in the future as to our movements. May the fires burn bright in all Phi halls.

Yours in the Bond,
T. I. ROGERS.

Virginia Alpha.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, Salem, Va.,
Nov. 15th 1879.

DEAR BROTHER:

It is with much pleasure that we forward a report of the Va. Alpha, which is now working under such favorable auspices. Though there were only two of us old members left from the former session to resume the duties of our chapter, we went to work and have augmented our band by the addition of five members and energetic workers, who recognize in their initiation the cause for which the Phi Delta Theta is organized.

We regret to say that two of our best members failed to return, viz: Bros. Shipman and Thurmond; also Bro. Wildbahn, but he being a graduate was of course given up to return to his home in Texas, where he is now studying law. And it is worthy of remark that he, being the only graduate from our fraternity in his class, took the highest honors. Bro. Thurmond is deputy sheriff of Victoria county, Texas.

There have been too few reports from our chapter the past two years. In fact, there were so few of us last session that we were

not near as enthusiastic as we should have been, but we will try and make it up in the future.

In the Bond,
LOUIS F. BOWLING.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Dec. 1, 1879.

At last the Virginia Beta comes out with its report. I suppose you have thought us neglectful of our duty in not sending one before, but, on the principle that a poor excuse is better than none, like the Alabama Beta, we have a few words to say in our vindication. We wrote you a report last month but greatly to our surprise a few days since we discovered it had not been mailed.

We have as good a chapter as any fraternity here, and this with our tremendous opposition is saying a good deal. I suppose we have more fraternities to work against than any chapter in our order. There are in all about seventeen here, varying from the poorest up to the best, among which latter I am glad to say we stand. The Betas are here with a good chapter. So are the Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha, and Chi Phis, especially the latter. The Zeta Psis are not as well represented as formerly. Delta Kappa Epsilon also has a fine chapter here, perhaps the largest of all, numbering about seventeen. Our own membership is at present eleven, constituting what we claim to be one of the best of the "clubs" here. Among our accessions from other chapters are Bros. Chalkley and Powers of Virginia Delta, and Bro. Stevenson (our quiet (?) man) of Randolph-Macon college. Five of last year's chapter are again with us; Bros. Fletcher, Blackburn, Patterson, Bristow, and last but not least, that festive chap and champion gymnast, Tom Phister.

We opened this fall with nine men, one of whom, Bro. Poyntz, of the brilliant Kentucky Alpha, had to leave us shortly after the commencement of the session. We have initiated into the mysteries of our Bond but two new ones, Bros. Bryan and Gaitskill, both excellent men; the former of whom, by the way, is also a very quiet (?) man. Like the Georgia Delta, we have had to work among a sorry lot of new students. Most of those who are worth anything, came here members of fraternities, having joined at other institutions. The two upon whom we have placed the badge of Phi Delta Theta, are however well worthy to wear it. So much for the report of any facts.

Ky. Alpha, allow us to congratulate you on your success. From Bro. Thomas' reports we would judge you to be "booming." May you continue to prosper.

To the baby of Pennsylvania we would say that we feel a sincere interest in your infant antics. May you pass safely through your period of infancy and enjoy a long and successful life.

Wishing all manner of success to our order
I am,
Yours Fraternally,
JNO. S. MOORING.

Virginia Gamma.

R. M. COLLEGE, Ashland, Va., Nov. 24, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

It affords me great pleasure to make a report for our chapter. College opened Sept. 18th. We had only two Phis at the opening this session, as Bros. Terrell and Buckner did not return. As Bro. Buckner had our books we could not get to work until one month had rolled away.

After getting our books from Bro. Buckner I must confess we were very much discouraged but finally determined to get out our "spiking machine." We at once brought it to bear upon Bro. F. C. Watson, who, after considering the matter for sometime,

agreed to become a member of the Phi Delta Theta. Bro. Buckner happened to be visiting here at the time and, being asked to aid in the initiation of Bro. Watson, readily consented. With his help we soon initiated Bro. Watson and sent him forth to bear the shield and dagger.

We soon concluded that we had more material to work upon and so brought out our machine again. This time we succeeded in getting Bro. J. H. Moss. We initiated him last night. He is small, but, to use a common expression, he is "loud." Both of our new men are good students and take a good stand in their classes. We will try our machine again this week.

The Gamma sends greetings to all chapters of the Phi Delta Theta. Wishing to all success, I am yours in the Bond,

S. A. WALTON.

Virginia Epsilon.

WASH. & LEE UNIV., Lexington, Va.
Nov. 9th, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Will you be so kind as to insert my name in the SCROLL, as wanting a correspondent from the South-Western chapters? Washington & Lee is almost destitute of good men. Those few who are good men were spoken to before they came to college. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter here has no men and is therefore a non-entity. Phi Kappa Psi has only one man and is not going to get any more. Beta Theta Phi as one man here, a right good man. Phi Gamma Delta has only one, a splendid man. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Sigma Kappa, have the largest chapters here.

Will some brother tell me through the SCROLL whether the Black Badge has gone up Salt River or not? They do not wear their badges at this college. Does any one know why? The B. B.'s themselves are silent and never say anything on the subject.

Yours in the Bond,
H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, Ohio.
Nov. 6th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

It is with pleasure that Ohio Eta again greets the SCROLL and through it learns of the grand success which has been inaugurated all along the line. Let the good work go on.

We have added to our number one worthy brother, Mr. N. Hine. Our friends the Delta Tau Deltas, have initiated two or three men to whom, so far as we are concerned, they are entirely welcome. At the last college social, one of the lady students came out wearing the Delta Tau Delta badge. This was too much for the gallantry of the Phis, and now the "shield and bright golden dagger" adorn the form of many a lovely one. It is needless to say our friends have learned how we are regarded by the ladies.

By the way, let me not forget to mention the Senior banquet given at the close of last year by the Senior Phis. Many correspondent members were present and enjoyed with us the princely feast. We had only one regret, namely, that our Wooster friends were unable to be with us.

At present we hold our meetings in the parlors of the Empire House, but we desire to see the time when Ohio Eta has a hall of her own, consequently for the purpose of hastening that time we have decided to give a course of lectures. Mrs. Livermore has been engaged, and several other noted lecturers are under our consideration.

Yours in the Bond,
CHAS. PLEASANTS.

North Carolina Alpha.

TRINITY COLLEGE, N. C., Nov. 8th, 1879.

Our first greetings we fear will cast a gloom over the members of the fraternity. Our college faculty have passed laws forbidding any fraternity to exist here—hence we had to yield up the Ghost, open our doors and dispose of what property we had on hand; but before the law was passed we succeeded in initiating three of the best men in college, to wit: Bros. May, Welsh, and Pierce. We are waiting to see what course the other fraternities will pursue. We have not abandoned our ship yet, nor do we expect to, for we believe the law will be repealed, but if it is not, we will perhaps run our machine the laws of the college to the contrary notwithstanding. We would be pleased to hear from any brother giving us advice as to how we could safely solicit persons to join us. Hoping that the great boom of Phi Delta Theta may go on in its good work we remain,

In the mystic Bond,
PHIL. HOLLAND, JR.

Indiana Gamma.

361 Mass. Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 16, 1879.

Our former sub-editor, Bro. Campbell, has been obliged to leave college on account of failing health and the chapter has placed upon me the important duties of correspondence. It is with some little trepidation that I address my first report to the fraternity at large; but the progress of the Indiana Gamma has been so marked that it does not require a gifted pen to point out its improvement. We have altogether sixteen men, having initiated six since the year opened. The last SCROLL was received with joy as it brought the news of continued prosperity and extension of our order. The Gamma takes pride in having established, through Bro. Marshall, the Ohio Delta. From recent letters we learn that the new chapter is sound and healthy.

Why is it that we never hear through the SCROLL of the Illinois and Missouri chapters? Every chapter should report monthly, and we think these reports should be given space in preference to anything else.

Bro. Palmer, in Oct. SCROLL, inquires for the minutes of convention of '71. I think he can get them from the G. B. They are not in the archives of Ind. Gamma. We send our heartiest congratulations to the Kentucky Alpha. "May she live long and never die."

In the Bond,
H. W. BROWN.

Indiana Epsilon.

HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND., Nov. 10, 1879.

Septem sumus. We are a small but growing band. Three of us responded to the roll-call at our first meeting. We went to work earnestly and tremblingly, and secured the men we wanted.

We are now working upon several others, two of whom are already converted and promised to join us soon. By extending our "feelers" in all directions we have found there is still available material enough to warrant us in hoping to reach at least the teens. Meanwhile we have a working number and are striving to carry out the noble objects of our order. Experience has taught us that it is the best to combine pleasure and profit at our meetings. At present we have exercises similar to those of a literary society, and thus gain much benefit.

We are glad to learn that our fraternity is marching onward in its work, and intend to make our voice heard regularly throughout the year's campaign, shouting for the victories of Phi Delta Theta.

In the Bond,
H. C. MONTGOMERY.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LANSING, MICH., Nov. 5th, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Mich. Beta has been made glad by another number of the SCROLL and although our chapter will be closed for the winter on account of the long winter vacation of our college, we can still enjoy more numbers like the last. We ended our pleasant meetings with a grand oyster supper, Nov. 8th, which is not only our anniversary but also our centennial, for we have held just two hundred meetings. We graduate three men this fall with honors and leave the chapter with sixteen good men to take up the good work in the Spring. We have money in our treasury and owe not a cent except the Permanent Fund fees which we intend to leave in our own treasury. By the way, what think you of that P. F.? We believe it an unsafe and unsound policy to pursue and earnestly hope the next convention will repeal the article that keeps it alive.

Yours in the Bond,
C. B. CHARLES.

Mississippi Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF MISS., OXFORD, MISS., Nov. 2, 1879.

ED. SCROLL:

Since last writing, the number of members of the Miss. Alpha have increased to fifteen, and we have three more in view. We have three lawyers, three Juniors, five Sophs, two Freshmen and two Preps. Although we have a goodly number of boys, I cannot comment, as some of the chapters, upon their good looks; but I can safely say that the deficiency is supplied by a great deal of sense.

Our tempers have slightly been ruffled by a Delta Kappa Epsilon, who imagined that he could dislodge the noble Phis from their guy room, which is a hall of one of the literary societies, by introducing a resolution to the effect that no secret club be allowed to meet in said hall, that the guying of said club in that hall was detrimental to the carpet, chairs, etc. What do you think of that piece of impertinence. But their little game was too thin not to be seen through. The members of different clubs spoke to us concerning this matter and expressed their sentiments to the effect that they would vote against that vile measure.

The Delta Kappa Epsilons were once very powerful at this University but they are crumbling away, like the walls of some vast fortress before the bombs of the enemy, and soon they will be surrounded by that impenetrable gloom from which they can never emerge.

The Delta Psis made a feeble effort to revive their fast sinking fraternity; but cannot hold out another year, as their leader graduates this year, and there will be no experienced members left to work for the fraternity. The Beta Theta Pi did a bad job when they swallowed up the Alpha Kappa Phis at this place. For the Alpha Kappa Phis, *alias* Beta Theta Pis are the most detestable set of fellows that were ever in this University. There is some mistake about the Rain Bows going over to the Beta Thetas. But from what I heard the Beta Thetas proposed to the Rain Bows, and were indignantly rejected. The Sigma Chis are in fine working order. But the old Phi Delta Theta has risen above them all. When our chapter was first established it was made the jest of the Campus, and it was not expected to live, but it did live, and is now on the high road to prosperity and fame. And with the wish that the Almighty may ever shower His blessings upon the fraternity, I am, with love to all the noble Phis, yours fraternally in the Bond.

W. E. BARKER.

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I Enjoy this Scene with Thee Alone.

The sun is sinking in the west,
The stars are peeping one by one,
The vesper-hymn is now at rest,—
I enjoy this scene with *thee* alone.

The bright and modest queen of night
Meekly looks from her starry throne,
And bathes this earth with mellow light,—
I enjoy this scene with *thee* alone.

The silver brook in cascades hies,
And breaks in plaintive, softest tone,
The breeze in sylvan bowers sighs,—
I enjoy this scene with *thee* alone.

The sweetest odors fill the air
From fragrant flowers freshly blown,
And touch and kiss a loving pair,—
I enjoy this scene with *thee* alone.

Eyes silent meet, hands gently press,
The pain is sooth'd, the doubt is gone;
Two hearts have breath'd the longed-for *Yes*,
This scene's enjoyed by them alone.

A manly form, a blushing bride,
Solemnly vow e'er to be one,
And make their years in bliss to glide,—
This scene's enjoyed by them *alone*.

S. DE SOTO.

DANVILLE, Dec. 8th, 1879.

"Our Jap."

The familiar title above is that usually given to our brother H. T. Yegawa, whose high merits of head and heart, well and proudly known among us, have brought him into the complimentary notice of the *Philadelphia Times* and the *Peekskill Democrat*, and now bring him before the readers of the *SCROLL* as their brother. To know him personally was to esteem him; to know him as this sketch presents him I feel sure will be to warmly recognize him as an honor to the Fraternity.

Bro. Yegawa belongs to one of the old families of the feudal nobility of Japan, which no longer holds power as an institution in the government, but still retains some rank and favor. At the death of his parents he was when quite young taken into the care of an uncle who held a high position in the government and who no doubt afforded him a careful and fatherly training. His sister, whose beauty bears no mean comparison with winsome American types, is the wife of the Japanese Minister to Italy.

In 1872 Yegawa came to this country

under government appointment, and attended school at the Peekskill Military Academy, where, after a short struggle with and a fair mastery over the English language, he studied until the following June when he joined his friends Soma Okubo and Makino in the school at Highland Falls. After about one year he returned to Peekskill Academy and resumed zealous study under Messrs. Donald and Wright, two first-class educators, the latter of whom is now an honorary member of the National Grand, being in every respect a great honor to us and to the Fraternity at large.

Bro. Yegawa was more than studious, he was ambitious, and the two combined made him surmount all natural difficulties and soon placed him over his fellows as captain of cadets, besides budding him forth as an orator of "honorable mention" in a regular contest. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Technical course of Lafayette College, passing a most creditable examination, equalled by very few members of a large class.

During the Freshman year while he was attaining a high standard in his studies and attracting general curiosity and admiration, he was undergoing a most critical inspection at the hands of our Phi boys. We were cautious in trying an entirely new experiment, but early in the Sophomore year, all delicacy gone, Yegawa signed the constitution and, once within the mystic vale, he became an overwhelming zealot and was the delight of the brothers as well as the apparent cause of envy of other fraternities.

Henceforth in his college course Yegawa enjoyed the warm sympathies and intimate associations of those who were morally and intellectually after his own heart. He took the Mathematical Prize of the Technical department, and at the Junior Oratorical Contest he proved his power and ability as an orator, receiving sensational applause and congratulation. Though he failed in getting a prize at the regular contest, he evinced a measure of persevering and spirited effort which is

rarely met with, and showed talent in the main not unworthy the flattery and credit so largely accorded him.

The *Peekskill Democrat* thus notices the crowning effort of his college career: "His commencement oration, 'The Treaty Relations of Japan,' was a scholarly production and delivered with a grace, force and distinctness that rendered it scarcely second to any of the day." We can say more. When Bro. Yegawa spoke, the audience, before rather listless and languid, became eager and attentive, pressing from all quarters close up to the stage. The energy of the applause, the richness and abundance of the bouquets, the congratulations of prominent men in the audience, and the compliments of Gen. Patterson and the Hon. Edward Wells at alumni dinner, all testify in a peculiar manner, to Bro. Yegawa's last brilliant, farewell college effort, as well as give some earnest of prominence and influence hereafter in life.

Let us also hint here that his fondness for good, solid, substantial reading and for the best books was well marked, and his absorptive and assimilating qualities of mind will make him a cultivated master of much information.

To omit his social qualities would be the grossest error. United with tasteful and elegant dress, Bro. Yegawa had a very genial, polite address, and was not only fond of ladies society, but was peculiarly favored by the best of the fair sex wherever he went. His attractive personal appearance and the novelty of being a foreigner must by all means be made subordinate to his warm, earnest, winning, and often humorous conversational powers. He was quite fond of jokes in the abstract, but became a trifle dry when America was practically against him.

Let us acknowledge his record in so far as it promises something marked in the future, and let us hope to see our Japanese Brother Yegawa attain the goal of his ambition,—distinction in the government.

G. W. P.

A New Catalogue.

Brothers W. B. Palmer and George Banta, having been authorized by the Executive Committee, are now actively engaged in preparing a new catalogue of the Fraternity. They will leave it to the convention to devise a plan for raising the funds necessary, but they are resolved to begin the compilation of the catalogue at once. Many who are now active members and can give assistance will soon leave their chapters, and as to the dead chapters, the sooner they are begun on the better. The editors are determined to make the most complete Fraternity catalogue extant. Every fact of interest obtainable concerning every member of the Fraternity will be given. The catalogue will have an alphabetical index, and also a geographical index, by which may be seen the Phis living in any town. There will, in addition, be given as full a history of the Fraternity and of each chapter as the information that can be obtained will permit. The editors are aware of the immense labor they have undertaken, but they are determined to work on this catalogue until it is completed, for it is impossible to make a perfect catalogue when it changes hands in preparation so often. The labor to them, however, will be much lightened if the different chapters will heartily assist by sending correct and full reports of members. A careful man in each chapter should at once be elected to make up its list of members, and another to write its history. The following directions for making out lists are furnished.

1. Give FULL names of all members, including middle names. Divide according to classes. Give all whom the chapter has received by transfer, stating the chapters from which they came. Give all lost by transfer, stating the classes they were in before they left, and the chapters to which they went. Give separately the names merely of all who have resigned or been expelled, not to be inserted in the catalogue, but that the editors may make no mistake.
2. Give post office addresses in full. If members are itinerant, give permanent address. If living in cities, give streets and numbers.
3. Give exact date and places of birth.
4. Give exact date of initiation and of reception of members from other chapters.
5. State the courses in college taken.
6. State whether members graduated or not, and give the baccalaureate degrees of all graduates.

7. Give all subsequent degrees, stating whether in course or honorary, and giving the colleges conferring them and the year in which each was conferred.

8. Mention with dates all honors and distinctions taken in college, including class day officers, and poets, essayists, and orators on anniversary, commencement, and other public occasions.

9. If members attended any other colleges, state what, giving years inclusive and classes.

10. If any members have been principals of any high schools or seminaries, or tutors, professors, or trustees of any colleges, state what institutions, the chairs occupied, and the years inclusive.

11. Give the names of papers, magazines or other publications, including college papers and annuals, which members have edited, and of which they have been contributors or correspondents, stating when.

12. If any member is the author of any book, pamphlet, address, essay or poem, give the title, size, number of pages, and place and date of publication.

13. Give exact dates of marriages of married members, with their wives' maiden names and residences.

14. If any member was ever a delegate to any general political, religious or other convention, give date and place, and state whether he was an officer or orator on such occasion.

15. If any member was in the army during the late war, state on which side, and give regiment and rank, with date of enlistment and appointment, and years of service.

16. If any member ever held any civil office, municipal, county, state or national, legislative, judicial or executive, state what, and give years inclusive.

17. If any member ever held any official position under any large corporation, give the name and years inclusive.

18. If any Phis are members of any scientific or similar societies, give names and years of membership.

19. State present occupations of members, and how long they have been engaged in the same, and give former occupations with years inclusive as far as known.

20. In case of ministers, state what theological seminaries they attended, giving the years inclusive and degrees, or state when they were licensed or ordained. Give the denominations of ministers, and their synods, assemblies or conferences, and name the charges they have held since entering the ministry.

21. In case of physicians, state what medical schools they attended, giving the years inclusive, and mentioning whether degrees were obtained.

22. In case of lawyers, state what law school they attended, giving the years inclusive and degrees, or state when they

were admitted to practice in the state courts and the U. S. courts.

23. Mention all instances known of in the whole Fraternity of fathers and sons, brothers, and business partners who are Phis, giving chapters and classes.

24. Denote deceased members by *, and give exact dates and places, and if under peculiar circumstances, the manner of deaths.

When as perfect reports from the chapters as they are able to furnish are received, circulars will be sent out to the members to obtain additional facts, but most facts can most correctly be obtained from the chapter and college records. For dates of initiations see the chapter minutes. For full middle names, classes, courses, degrees, etc., examine the matriculation book of the college and literary societies, and the catalogues and archives of the college. Also examine files of college papers, and consult old Phis, class secretaries and members of the faculty who keep posted as to alumni. The editors, trust that every Phi who reads this will forward to them full and lengthy "personals" of himself and other Phis. Every Phi will please examine his 1878 catalogue, and forward as many corrections and additions as possible. Even a slight assistance, as furnishing a full middle name, will be valued. Phis can greatly aid by preparing full city lists of members. Much difficulty will be had with dead chapters. Any Phi familiar with the membership of any of these, will confer a great favor by preparing and forwarding a revised list of the same, or furnishing any information concerning them. Any Phi particularly acquainted with any part of the history of the Fraternity or of any chapter, will please give the editors the benefit of his knowledge. It is most earnestly hoped that each chapter will at once prepare and forward a complete and carefully prepared report. The list of the Ohio Delta, Epsilon, Zeta and Eta, Missouri Alpha, Texas Beta, and of all chapters in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska should be sent to George Banta, Franklin, Indiana. The lists of the Ohio Alpha, Beta and Gamma, Missouri Beta, Texas Alpha, and of all chapters in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and California should be sent to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tennessee.

Convention of 1864.

Abstract of the Minutes of the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, session of 1864.

By previous arrangement, the second biennial Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society assembled at 10 A. M., June 29th, 1864, in Philomathean Hall, Indiana State University, Bloomington. The Ind. Alpha and Ind. Gamma were represented by authorized delegates—the Alpha by Messrs. R. N. Ramsey, '64, A. C. Mellette, '64, S. B. Hatfield, '64, W. H. Owen, '66, J. S. Broadwell, '60, J. M. McCoy, '60 and R. A. Wilbanks, '65; the Gamma by Messrs. D. Hillis, '64, M. W. Wylie, '64 and J. W. Elstun. Bro. D. Hillis was chosen chairman, and on assuming the position he returned thanks in a short and appropriate speech, expressing his gratitude for the honor conferred and his interest in the future prosperity of the society. Bro. Wilbanks was chosen Secretary. Bro. Robt. Morrison, '49 of Ohio Alpha then opened the convention with a fervent prayer. The minutes of the last convention held at Danville, Ky., in 1860, were called for and approved. By request of the convention, Bro. Robt. Morrison was admitted to a seat as delegate from Ky. Alpha. He accepted the seat, but declined to vote without instructions. On motion each chapter was allowed but one vote. On motion of Ind. Alpha, the Grand Chapter was permanently established with the Ky. Alpha.

The Ind. Alpha moved that a committee of one be appointed by the President to collect the names and materials for the purpose of revising the catalogue. Motion carried, and Bro. Wilbanks appointed.

The Ind. Gamma moved that a committee of three be appointed to superintend the publication of the catalogue after the names and materials shall have been collected. Motion carried, and Messrs. Morrison and Wilbanks appointed, and by request of convention, Bro. Hillis also. The Ind. Alpha moved that the provisional charter granted by it to Ill. Beta at Jacksonville, be on recommendation of the convention confirmed by the Grand Chapter. Motion carried.

On motion of Ind. Alpha the thanks of the convention were returned to Bro. Robt. Morrison for his presence and for his efficient services rendered in the publication of the catalogue.

The representation in the convention being so small the delegates present deemed it inadvisable to discuss or take action in regard to other business. The convention hopes that a greater degree of interest will actuate the members of different chapters in the next biennial convention, and that the proper steps will be taken by each chapter to send at least one delegate. A number of lengthy and able speeches were made in behalf of our organization by members present reviewing its formation, history, progress, present membership, and the field open in the future for the accomplishment of the grand object for which all true Phis should assiduously labor—a stronger union for ourselves, and "those that may be regarded as worthy of being associated with us." On motion the convention adjourned *sine die*.

DAVID HILLIS, President.
R. A. WILBANKS, Sec'y.

On the evening of the 28th of June, the Ind. Alpha held a reunion of its members. A goodly number were present. Bro. N. E. Cobleigh, D. D., '54, Ind. Alpha, of Boston, Mass., delivered an address to a crowded chapel, and all without exception pronounced it the most eloquent, logical and practicable address that had ever rung through the old classic groves of the Ind. State Univer-

sity. A supper was given to Phis exclusively and many were the kind words and cheering sentiments expressed in the form of toasts during the gala evening. It was a proud day for the Ind. Alpha—one long to be remembered. May she see a thousand such! She sends greetings to other chapters and bids them do likewise, and emulate or excel her annual festival in their next.

R. A. D. WILBANKS.

Other Fraternities.

—Phi Kappa Psi held a symposium in Philadelphia in the latter part of December.

—Zeta Psi held its annual convention in Philadelphia, on Jan. 7th, this year. Nothing of great importance done.

—Delta Tau Delta recently founded a chapter at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, N. Y. This makes six there.

—Anti-frat. laws at Purdue University, Ind., subtracts one more from Sigma Chi's list of twenty-one living chapters.

—Phi Gamma Delta has a chapter at Russellville, Ky., in a college that is scarcely known beyond the borders of the county.

—Purple is the color of five different fraternities, blue of three. Our combination of white and blue is also the colors of Delta Phi.

—One of the former chief potentates of Sigma Chi from Ohio Wesleyan University, was recently elected Grand Alpha of the Chi Phi.

—Chi Phi was in a critical condition at Dickinson College until recently. Phi Kappa Sigma is even yet in an almost helpless way and Sigma Chi began with two men there last fall.

—Delta Beta Phi had a chapter in embryo in the class of '83 at Butler University last year, but the Phis having taking two of the three charter members it was indefinitely postponed.

—Alpha Sigma Chi claimed that although they sold out to Beta Theta Pi, their name should never die and that they should be called the Alpha Sigma Chi chapters of Beta Theta Pi. This idea don't seem to be relished by the latter, so the distinction is already falling into disuse and Alpha Sigma Chi will soon be no more.

—The faculty of Butler University at Indianapolis, Ind., has forbidden young ladies to belong to secret societies with the young men. This order was caused by a belief that in the initiation ceremonies each female candidate was kissed by all the male members in turn, as she was led between two lines of them. What a naughty faculty.

—Phi Kappa Sigma held the tenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, 30th December, 1879. Delegates were present from Lafayette, Washington-Jefferson, Franklin-Marshall, Long Island Medical College, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Virginia. An oration was delivered and a poem read. Phi Kappa Sigma has nine active chapters.

—The number of ladies' fraternities is seven, founded at the following times and places: Alpha Phi, 1872, in Syracuse University, one chapter; Delta Gamma, Oxford Institute, Oxford, Miss., having five chapters; Delta Sigma Rho, 1877, North-western University, Evanston, Ills., one chapter; Delta Chi Alpha, 1878, Ohio Wesleyan University, one chapter; Gamma Phi Beta, 1874, Syracuse University, one chapter; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1870, Indiana Asbury University, seven chapters; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1870, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., ten chapters. The last named has the largest number of chapters, but Kappa Alpha Theta has the largest membership.

Personals.

—Bro. Geo. Wm. Cone's address is 472, 26th St., Galveston, Texas.

—Abel Risinger, Ohio E., '79, is studying law at Eaton, O.

—W. H. Pleasants, Ohio E., '79, is in the dry goods business at Vevay, Ind.

—Geo. S. Pleasants, Ohio E., '75, is practicing law at Vevay, Ind.

—W. H. Jones, Ohio E., '79, is tutor in Mathematics at Buchtel College.

—Jos. Hidy, Ohio E., '76, is practicing law at Washington, C. H., Ohio.

—A. A. Stearns, Ohio E., '79, is rustica-tiong awhile and will take up law in a few months.

—W. D. Shipman, Ohio E., '77, is tutor in Greek at Buchtel College, Akron, O.

—J. H. Gill, Va. E., '79, is assistant Professor in his institution this year at Lexington, Va.

—Hon. W. B. Flemming, Ky. A., '65, is a member of the Kentucky legislature, and a most loyal Phi.

—Rev. C. S. Trump, Pa. B., '77, and now a Seminarian, has received a call to supply Pleasant Valley, Carroll Co., Md.

—Clarence J. Reddig would marry, but has not found anything to suit his taste yet.—*Shippensburg Daily Visitor*, Dec. 20th, 1879.

—Hugh C. Smith, Va. D., '79, is the popular pastor of two or three churches near Petersburg, Virginia.

—A. S. Jones, Ga. D., '75, is principal of the Senoria Male and Female Academy, Senoria, Ga., and teaches the classical course.

—C. C. Tear, Ill. E., is at West Point, having received an appointment to a cadetship at the United States Military Academy.

—A. Ramsey Speel, Pa. A., '78, a nephew of our new Secretary of War, is in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. How would it do to ask him about incorporation?

—Jos. Bell Reed, Ky. A., '75, died in Denver, Colorado, Nov. 24th. His remains were brought to Danville, Ky., on December 1st, and were interred there. Many brothers mourn with the Alpha.

—C. H. Chalkley, Va. D., '79, will be valedictorian at Richmond Medical College in March at Commencement. He is the only representative of the Delta at the Medical and is hard at work for all the honors possible. We hope to record more.

—Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Ky. A., '57, was invited by the literary societies of Richmond College to deliver the address at their final celebration next June. After writing the committee from the societies, of which Bro. Dickinson was chairman, his inability to accept the position, he added in a private note to Bro. D., the following: "Have the kindness to remember me to all the members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity whom I hope some day to meet in brotherly convocation."

—Hon. Alexander Ramsey, Pa. A., our new Secretary of War, was born near Harrisburg, Pa., September 8, 1815, and from his boyhood has been intrusted with important public offices, the first of which was clerk in the office of the register of his native county, when he was but 13 years old. He was appointed by President Taylor, in 1849, territorial governor of Minnesota, holding that office until 1858. During this period he took part in negotiating several treaties with Indian tribes, for the extinction of the Indian titles, which resulted in the rapid development and settlement of the present state. In 1855 he was elected mayor of St. Paul, and three years later was made governor of Minnesota, continuing in the latter office until 1862. He was elected United States senator in 1863, and served two terms, retiring in 1875. During his senatorial career he was a member of some of the most important committees.



A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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GETTYSBURG, PA., JANUARY, 1880.

WANTED.—A correspondent from Indiana Alpha, also from Indiana Gamma.

J. BARCLAY JOHNSON, PA. B.,
Gettysburg, Pa.

Welcome to the new Alumni Chapter.

We are done with 7s for 7 years—At least we ought to be.

Phi correspondents must have had too much New Year—At least reports come in slowly.

We issue at the promised time and hope that nothing will occur to delay any future number. Our labor is far heavier than any body else's in this field but we cheerfully bear it for the sake of Phidom. Do all Phis feel thus? Then be prompt in matters pertaining to the SCROLL.

The Missouri Beta is dead. It is nearly two years since it ceased to exist and it is quite singular that the SCROLL has just discovered the fact. The fraternity at large we presume has been ignorant of the unwelcome news also. The correspondent of the dead chapter whose name appears in the directory states that he wrote to several chapters informing them how things stood and that the Beta was not in existence. This makes it more singular that we have not heard of it before. Peace to its ashes. But we trust that out of the ashes a new life may arise.

In the minutes of the Beta Theta Pi convention held last October, the total membership of each chapter is given and it foots up 3919 members in the fraternity. Yet the author of "Am. College Fraternities," who is now a Beta, says that Beta Theta Pi has 5000 members. Comment is unnecessary.

As will be seen we give up the second page to the subject of a new catalogue. The detailed plan of work that is laid down we approve of in the main and urge a prompt response to the circulars sent out by the authorized compilers of the work. But it must be understood that the editors whose names are appended to the article and the circulars have not been appointed by the Executive Committee, the Committee not having power to do anything of this kind. The Committee has simply authorized the editors, at the request of the latter, to work up the material for such a catalogue as is contemplated and to submit the same to the convention. The convention must decide as to the manner of

publication, price of the work, and so on. Of course Bros. Banta and Palmer can at their own risk and on their own responsibility gather the necessary materials and publish the catalogue if they see fit, without reference either to the executive committee or to the convention. And we are heartily in sympathy with such a plan for we hold, as stated last month, that the fraternity cannot afford to take the risk, in view of past experience, of publishing another catalogue. There will be no particular responsibility, no hope of personal reward, and it will therefore be a failure. As to the call of the authorized editors for cash on subscriptions it is rather premature. Names of subscribers, however, should be sent in as soon as possible and we look for a large number.

A Chapter Expelled.

Last month we intimated that there would be some important news concerning one of our chapters in this issue. We would rather another hand should pen the news we have to give. For the first time since the SCROLL has been in the hands of the present management we must record the expulsion of a chapter. For open violation of our general laws and for conduct unworthy of those who have accepted the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta, the Executive Committee has ordered the withdrawal of the charter and the expulsion of the entire membership of the Illinois Epsilon, Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. The names of the expelled members will be given in our next issue.

It is sad to be compelled to record the above of those who, whatever may now be their faults and wrong actions, were once worthy of being associated with us. Let the mantle of charity cover their mistakes, and while we must say farewell forever to them as Phis we but echo the voice of our holy Bond when we wish for them a noble, exalted manhood. Only let the principles of the Bond be remembered and their lives will abundantly testify that there is a noble, exalted manhood.

Let not the lesson be lost on other chapters. We are solemnly bonded for good and noble ends, and too often neglect our duties as Phis and seem to forget our responsibility. Our aim is to elevate, ennoble, purify; elevate our minds, ennoble our friendships, purify our inner lives. Unless we do this we fall short of our agreement. Just now, in the opening year, is a good time for self-examination, and an examination in the light of the Bond is always right and cannot fail to be beneficial.

Louisville Alumni and Illinois Delta.

It is with much pleasure that we give place to the Kentucky Alpha Alumni, Louisville, Ky. The honor of founding it belongs to Bro. C. L. Godwin, of Indiana Gamma, who canvassed Louisville in person, and the result is an enthusiastic alumni chapter consisting of eleven members as follows: Hon. Thos. W. Bullitt, '58, Hon. J. G. Simrall, '57, Dr. Edward O. Guerrant, '60, Rev. Jno. J.

Cook, D. D., '66, Hon. W. D. Flemming, '65, St. John Boyle, '66, G. H. Mourning, '64, Jno. Cochran, '78, all of Ky. Alpha; Mr. John E. Hays, '78, Indiana Epsilon; Dr. Benjamin J. Baldwin, Va. Gamma, and Mr. W. T. Harris, Va. Delta. The secretary is Dr. B. J. Baldwin, Cor. Walnut and Centre Sts. The eleven names above are signed to the petition for charter. There are several more Phis in Louisville and Bro. Goodwin says that all will most probably unite with this alumni chapter. Most of the charter members are prominent as lawyers, doctors, or divines. This is one fourth alumni chapter and it bids fair to outrival the older ones. Abundant success to it.

A good account of the revival of the Ill. Delta will be found among our reports. Bro. Swigart deserves praise for patient but persistent holding on to the Phi standard, and we trust that it is now firmly planted in Galesburg. Let our other chapters send cheering words and messages to these new fledged Phis, who although born some time ago are just beginning to find out where they are and into what kind of a brotherhood they have been admitted.

Thus the work goes on. From whom and where shall the next good news come?

An Alumni Number.

Without saying much about it we had thought to make this a special alumni number. How well we have succeeded the reader must judge. The poem on the first page is from one of our very best alumni who, while loving a simple, retired and unobtrusive life, says that "my books, studies, my students and teaching, religion and Phi Delta Theta are my delight." We trust and have reason to believe that Prof. De Soto will favor us often with the fruit of his pen. "Our Phi Jap.," by Bro. Plack, is an interesting sketch of a most interesting Phi alumnus. The second page must be interesting to both active members and alumni. On the third page we give some more minutes of an old convention. We made special efforts to secure reports from all our alumni chapters but only one, from Bro. Chalkley, came to hand in time to print. Thus we give nearly all the matter promised in our last except the statement of finances from Bro. Whitehead. For some reason, no doubt a good one, the statement has failed thus far to reach us.

But to return to the subject of alumni. It is our purpose to interest the alumni members and chapters as much as possible in the work and progress of the fraternity. The correspondent of Indiana Beta in his present report points out some things to which it would do well for us to give heed. We should like to have all our alumni take and show by acts and questions a lively concern as to the doings of Phi Delta Theta. This will strengthen and encourage the whole body of the fraternity, and we trust these will not be considered idle words, but that every alumnus who reads them will give earnest heed to more than is said and to all that is meant.

Phi Scraps.

Alabama Beta has recently initiated five men and says as many more may be looked for by next report. The word says "Count on the Beta henceforth."

Georgia Gamma has made some fine acquisitions and is increasing "both in numerical and mental strength." An unusual compliment has been paid Bro. Howren of the Gamma by the publication in pamphlet form of the address at the Few Society and anniversary. The speech had more than the usual merit.

Tennessee Gamma is tugging along at up hill speed but there are strong hopes that the chapter will succeed. It would be a fine thing if it would and every Phi should send them words of encouragement, sympathy and cheer. Our other Tennessee chapter, the Beta, still leads in membership, and the latest from there tells us that they have thirty-four active members and will add three more at their next meeting.

Bro. W. B. Palmer is completing a list of the family relationships of those fathers and sons and brothers as well that are Phis. He will be glad to receive any statistics on this point from any quarter. We have quite a number of Phi sons of Phi fathers in the West, and still more instances of brothers in a double sense of that word. Such a list as is contemplated cannot fail to be of interest to all members of Phi Delta Theta.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Virginia Alpha Alumni.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 29th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

I must apologize for not having sent in a report sooner, but the truth is that we have had nothing to report. Our members are at present scattered. Bro. W. S. Gordon, is at Philadelphia preparing to enter the navy as surgeon. Bro. Clopton is studying for the ministry at Alexandria, and Bro. Carrington has quit the drug business and taken to agriculture. Our membership now consists of only four, but we hope for a reunion soon and expect to add several more to our roll next summer. Although not as prosperous now as we would like to be, we are not at all discouraged for this state of affairs is only temporary. All of us take great pleasure in attending the meetings of the Va. Delta, which by the way, is far ahead of every thing else at Richmond College, both in quantity and quality.

Our present attending members are Brothers C. M. Shields, M. D., physician to city hospital, W. R. Savage in the drug business, C. W. Tanner in the iron business and contemplating matrimony very soon, and myself who hope to graduate in medicine next March.

With much love for the SCROLL and all the Phis I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
CHAS. H. CHALKLEY.

Illinois Delta.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, Galeburg, Ill.
December, 1879.

DEAR BROTHERS IN PHI DELTA:

It is my duty as well as pleasure to report the coming to life again of the Illinois Delta. In order to fully understand the situation of affairs here it will be necessary for me to give

some facts in explanation. I will do this as clearly and concisely as I can.

Illinois Delta was first established in Knox College at this place in 1871, and met with reverses and successes up to two years ago. At that time Phi Delta Theta was nearly dead, the faculty of Knox having a violent feeling of opposition to Greek letter societies. It was then that steps were taken to remove the Delta to our own institution, and the transfer happened in this wise. Here at Lombard we had a society called the Phi Sigma, established in 1857. It never was very widely extended, not exceeding the bounds of the State.

But here at Lombard where it originated there has always been a flourishing chapter, the total of whose membership is over six hundred, some of whom now hold high places in their respective callings.

In the fall of '77 we had seven or eight members. Becoming dissatisfied with a non-extended fraternity we took steps to merge our organization into Phi Delta Theta, being partly induced to do this by Bro. Jas. Wakefield, of Bloomington, a former Phi Sigma, who established Phi Delta Theta at Wesleyan University, Bloomington. After some correspondence with Mr. George Banta the transfer from Knox to Lombard was made. Our chapter here did scarcely anything but organize until this last fall, having little understanding as to general fraternity work, not having been officially recognized and not receiving the SCROLL. We had no regular meeting until this year, when the three members who remained initiated seven new men and began work. We have now ten members.

Lombard, though not well filled with students, graduates a high per centum of those who enter, and her standard of scholarship is second to none in the state. Knox College still flourishes and we are thinking of taking some of its students into Phi Delta Theta here at Lombard.

Our boys are all enthusiastic though their ardor is somewhat cooled by the fact that since life was infused into us we have not yet gotten the run of the business of the fraternity at large. We have now, however, begun to get much needed intelligence. A SCROLL came down upon us the other day and captured us completely; but we turned upon it and eagerly devoured it. Its spicy and intelligent articles and chapter reports are excellent—just the thing to enliven the members of Phi Delta Theta.

Our rivals, the Delta Tau Deltas, are not quite so boisterous now as in the early fall. They will likely remain cool and quiet.

I will just add that we have among our members the different classes well represented as follows: one senior, one junior, three sophomores, and 2 introductory. We should be glad to hear from any of the members of Phi Delta Theta from any quarter. My next will hardly be so long.

Very truly in the Bond,
O. H. SWIGART.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND., Jan. 1st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

On the night of Nov. 6th, 1879, the Ind. Delta initiated three new members into the mystic Bond of Phi Delta Theta, to enter into our brotherhood and to form new links in this chain of fraternal union. With our new members, Milton Hutto, Virgil Harper, and Elda Jones, we feel that we are able to combat against the united efforts of all other fraternities. Who can surpass the greatness of a Milton? Who can hope to approach the grandeur of the classic poet Virgil? Who can deny the universality, popularity and rank of the Jones family? The virtues of

the poet, philosopher, and champion of English liberty; the beauty of the imagination and expression of our old classic writers; the reverence that the Jones tribe receives; all these we trust will be to us and to Phi Delta Theta in general, both an assistance and an honor. Of course we have not the originals except in connection with the Jones family.

Bros. Norris, Sec. of Phi Delta Theta, Black of Butler University, and Chas. Banta of the State University, spent New Year in Franklin, keeping open house with some of the Delta boys. We welcome all Phis here and hope that these same brothers may return, and that others will also be inclined to visit us. Bro. Christian of Ind. Gamma spent one day recently with us. May he also call again and let the Delta know he is still full of zeal for the cause.

Our chapter is in good order to begin the new year. We are sixteen but ere long that number will be changed for a greater.

We wish every Phi a happy new year and extend to them our heartiest greeting. May future years bring you all success, but may they never weaken your zeal for Phi Delta Theta.

In the Bond,
E. E. STEVENSON.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, Jan. 5, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Owing to a lack of news Ind. Beta "laid out" last issue and did not fear you would think us dead would do it again. Our chapter has made no brilliant strides this year, have conquered no new worlds. On the other hand we have let slip, into the Beta fold, a man we desired very much. And by the way the Beta is the only fraternity that we are afraid of, and believe this to be true as a rule where the Phis have any rivals at all. When we get after a man, and the Beta takes a similar liking to him we are not so sure of success. Now we are not writing this for that frat. and you need not tell them but it is best to be candid. We get some of the "disputed" men but not all.

Now wherein does their strength lie and how shall we manage to excel them more than we do? One chief element is the fraternity spirit they manage to infuse into their alumni. It seems to be a fact that they are more noted in this respect than almost any other fraternity. Is it not because they are divided into districts, enabling them to hold conventions oftener and not only oftener but in different sections of the country? Contrast the effect this would probably have upon young men, with dispositions similar to our own, with that of our own biennial convention. It is questionable whether or not it was economy to make the meetings of our convention so far apart. The time from one to the other is so long that few men ever get the direct benefit of more than one convention and to a portion of the fraternity the place of meeting is so distant that a newspaper account is about all the returns that are received.

The next best thing is for states to organize, as the Ind. and possibly the Pa. chapters have done, holding conventions at least once a year. Get the alumni out and infuse new zeal into them and they in turn will help us.

The name of our paper might be changed from SCROLL to *Phi Delta Theta*, and some means taken by which it could be regularly placed in the hands of every man who has been in the fraternity. This could be done in the course of time. Here is a crude plan: establish a permanent SCROLL fund, and let every man who would pay into that fund say ten dollars, be entitled to one copy forever. Subscriptions would of course be arbitrary,

and if each year only produced an average of one man from each chapter the fund would soon be large enough to pay all the expenses of running the organ.

Another feature that is well calculated to add stability to the fraternity is alumni chapters. There is no reason why one might not be established at every college of long standing, and, as at Indianapolis, the proximity to a college is not entirely unnecessary. Our own chapter proposes to try and see what can be done in this line during the coming term. The class of men who go to make up the active membership of a college fraternity must of necessity be rapidly changing and render perfect organization impossible, but by a free interchange of thought in the SCROLL we can improve greatly.

Now from this don't infer that we would take the Beta as a model of perfection for it is not and we despise them as much as it is possible for any one to despise even Beta Theta Pi.

In the Bond,
L. E. OTT.

Texas Beta.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, Tehuacana, Texas.
Dec. 8th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

We Phi boys are still jolly, not having gone quite crazy yet over our Christmas. I spoke of our anticipated supper in my last. It proved to be a grand success. There were ten couples of us and such a jolly time was never spent at Tehuacana. I hope you all had just such a Christmas as we. Our girls were off our badges and still wear them.

The following poem will describe to you our supper and give the name of each Phi girl; the credit of the poem we give our noble Bro. J. W. Pearson.

Come rouse up boys and listen to me
While I sing to you this song.
The Texas Phis are jolly and free,
As they move their boat along.
And while the festal bowl goes round
That brings our Christmas cheer,
The boys are near their partners found
That love the shield we wear.
We sing, we play, the fun goes on,
While supper is prepared.
The table that with viands groans
By every Phi is shared.
Our Annie and our Jennie dear,
That live at "Twilight Vale,"
Will always furnish rousing cheer
To Phis who never fail.
Alice, Georgie and Mattie too
Were ne'er so sweet in life,
And noble Phis were kind and true
In a wish to take a wife.
Pretty Nora and Jennie true
To Phis who never quail;
With lovely cheeks of rosy hue
Were pretty Emma and dearest Dale.
All the girls were looking nice,
And shut our eyes, Oh! never.
To look once you would look twice,
Perhaps would look for "Eva."
Then rouse up boys for time still moves,
And every one must try
Ignorance and folly to improve
And to be a noble Phi.

Bro. W. J. Lackey was with us at Christmas. He is preaching at Rice, Texas. Bro. S. E. Kennon, one of our best boys, arrived just one day too late for our supper. He has turned out his chin whiskers and does not move about so fast. He is also spreading the "joyful news."

Texas Beta sends a happy greeting to all for 1880.

Yours in the Bond,
J. H. GILLESPIE.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
Jan. 1, 1879.

DEAR PHIS:

The work of another term is ended and we have passed out of the old into the New Year. Here at Pennsylvania Beta all Phis have kept their places in their respective classes and a review of the term's various and varying doings and duties is tolerably satisfactory. Phi Delta Theta is represented by officers in the Linnæan Scientific Association, in the Young Men's Christian Association, in the different class organizations, in the college foot-ball association, and is also represented in the list of orators at Phrena Society Biennial to take place February 22d, 1880, not, however, quite to the extent in the latter that Georgia Gamma claims for herself.

At this holiday vacation season all our Phis, from our Prep. Tutor Dysinger and College Proctor Lentz, down to the humble Freshman, with two exceptions, have left the classic halls for other and perhaps more enrapturing halls, or parlors. The exceptions are Brothers William Dosh Earnshaw Scott, whose long name and other tender attachments keep him here at his home, and Albert Bell, who, though having a splendid home in "My Maryland," yet takes such a lively interest in a certain Cash compound here that he is prone to make this his abiding burg even in vacation. It might be well to add that Bro. Bell is a Seminarian. There are strong reasons too why Brother Charles Samuel Trump, another Sem. who now writes his name with Rev. before it, should remain here in vacation; but he has had a call already to serve as preacher for a congregation down in Maryland and he must hie away every other Sunday, his own and some body else's (maybe I had better say his own too) private feelings to the contrary notwithstanding. And our Proctor, another Sem., says his *work* in vacation was like eating soup with a fork, it took a long time to get enough. What was he doing? Surely not a kissin'. Ah, these Seminarian sons of Adam are just as easily caught by the dear daughters of Eve now as when ripe apples first were passed around in the garden of long ago. And yet Seminaricians of all others must, beyond all peradventure, be familiar with that apple story. Was it not Job, that meek monarch and man-monument of patience, who said that he, she, or somebody, taketh the wise in their craftiness?"

The time of new starts and new resolves and new openings is upon us. What shall the year 1880 do among the many Phi Delta Thetas of the land? The year just closed was one of marked advancement. Let us so work and act and live that we can say the same of this year twelve months hence. We are bonded together that we may advance together. To this end let us not say so much but *do*. More anon. Until anon I subscribe myself to all true Phis,

Your brother in the dear old Bond,
MOMUS.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Meadville, Pa.,
Dec. 28th, 1879.

EDITOR SCROLL:

After a very prosperous term as a fraternity we now come to its close and the holiday vacation is at hand. The only shadow that has crossed our pathway is the sickness of one of our boys. Mr. Blair, of Illinois, has been suffering from a severe attack of intermittent fever for about two weeks. He is now slowly recovering. We resolved ourselves into a committee of the whole to look after him and see that he has the best of care. The true fraternity spirit comes to the front when a member is taken sick, and it is shown

by real substantial offices of kindness and aid.

We have good prospects for some new men next session. We believe in putting things where they will do the most good; therefore we put the best men into our fraternity. Merry Christmas to you and all the boys.

Yours in the Bond,
W. G. WARNER.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.,
Jan. 3d, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

I was too late in my last communication and fear that I will be in this. Promptness is a habit that I fully appreciate, but other necessities make me derelict in its practice. The fact is the Phis run Emory College, and of course find enough to do in doing it. While our society is only about equal in number with the others here, we occupy a much more commanding position and really dictate terms to them. Our champion debaters election takes place to-day. We are running two out of the three in each society. We contemplate a sweeping victory in the way of essay medals at next commencement. A strong religious influence has prevailed over the community during the past two weeks, much to the benefit of all, but especially to the Kappa Alphas, for if something of a purifying nature had not come to the rescue, that society would soon have fallen to pieces of its own rottenness. Of course we all appreciate the change for we do not recognize that principle that teaches that "what is one's loss is another's gain."

Yours in the Bond,
H. C. CARNEY.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, Nov. 29, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL:

The worthy editor having made such havoc with our last report, we hardly know how to begin this. However as this is the last one I may ever write to you I will endeavor to make it short and concise.

At our last meeting, officers were elected for the ensuing term, and to my joy a Sophomore was elected to fill my office.

We have at last succeeded in procuring a hall and now I think we are as safe as safe can be.

Our men still seem to cling to "Tom" for President, and I am sure they are right too.

By the way I had forgotten to inform you that at the last annual debate of the Calhoun literary society, one of our men took off the medal. I need not say who.

In my last report I announced two new members. I now add two others: Bros. J. D. Alsbrook, and E. P. Taylor, two thoroughbred Introductories as true as steel. We elected two others at our last meeting and hope to report them as Phis in our next. Each new member is almost sure to say, "I have been born again," as he retires from the hall. God bless our baby Phis is my prayer.

S. C. Alpha is in a flourishing and prosperous condition and we shall certainly be second to none before long. We have recently purchased three new badges and will get two others before June.

With friendly greetings to all Phis, I am,
Yours in the Bond,
FRANK PEGUES.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Va., Dec. 21st, 1879.

The SCROLL like fine old Madeira is improved by "the tooth of time" and each number seems to be better than its predecessor.

Its necessity to the well being of our fraternity is now an established fact and we may well congratulate ourselves on having so talented an editor as Bro. Parrish and such a wide awake, whole souled B. M., as Bro. Troxell.

Since our last report we have initiated one man—G. B. Taylor, Jr. This gentleman is one of the editors of the *Richmond College Messenger* and will take A. B. next session. Our chapter has now eleven members safely nestled in its protecting arms and we feel as though we might well "thank God and take courage." The Betas have now six men here, the Kappa Alphas eight and the Alpha Taus three. Not only are we ahead of the fraternities numerically, but also in every other respect which should be taken into consideration in the choice of a man to enter our ranks. Of the four men we have taken in this session, three were solicited by other fraternities. In every branch of college life at this institution Phi Delta Theta leads. We have the "crack" players in the base-ball and foot-ball teams; in the literary societies, we have the President of one and several smaller offices in both; at the final our boys are certain to obtain the lion's share of the honors and medals; and, in short, towards everything worthy of a Phi endeavor we are "marching conquering and to conquer." Among the girls of Richmond, so famed for its beauty and intellect, we hold a heavy hand. They all declare the shield and dagger the prettiest badge ever made and are firm in their allegiance to the white and blue. Bro. Sands who is our foremost ladies man, has done much towards making our fraternity popular with the fair sex in general and with a certain charming young lady in particular. Richmond is becoming quite a Phi Delta Theta centre now. There are some fifteen or twenty of us living in the city and there are often others passing through. There are several Phi visitors in the city now and as we expect others down in a day or two from the University of Va., we will have a big time some night in this (Christmas) week. To the Vermont Alpha the Va. Delta sends its especial greetings. Though Mason and Dixon's line may separate us, though mountains, rivers and states may be between us, we still feel drawn close to you by the silver cords of fraternal love and greatly rejoice in the valiant start you have made in the good cause.

In the Bond,
JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Vermont Alpha.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, Dec. 10th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL :

For the last month we have been experiencing the vicissitudes of disappointment and success which an infant chapter is heir to. On the whole we can say truthfully that we are gratified with the retrospect.

We have to report no splendid and soul stirring achievements; no conquests gained over some ignorant and superstitious *barbarian*; no new chapters organized, or some dead one revived under our immediate supervision. Our labors are quite silent and unobserved and the good accomplished is more distant in the prospect.

Here and there, among our fitting schools we find a young man possessed of piety and talents. He is sought out by some brother who knows his worth, and encouraged to pledge himself a Phi, and so, although he may not enter college for two years, yet when he does come we shall have a worthy man. I admit that a dark cloud o'er shadows our prospects. However our confidence is unshaken. We aim to be strenuous in fraternal piety and respect, thus daily performing the social duties and to be firmly attached to each other and

our fraternity, so that union and concord may ever, with us, reign supreme.

Yours fraternally,
VT. ALPHA, per H. M. W.

Texas Beta.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, Tehuacana, Texas.
Dec. 8th, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL :

I am sorry that our chapter has been silent so long a time. It seems that we are rather backward in welcoming our sister chapters at the beginning of another year in the great and glorious cause we are advocating. Though we have been silent we have not been idle. After a vacation of three months, seven of us met with mirth and joy to hail the beginning of a new year's work. Several of our members did not return to college this year, but we hear from them often and they seem to be doing well. We lost four of our oldest members by helping them to graduate last June.

There are two other fraternities in college, the Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Gamma. Both are increasing some in membership, but we have taken the lead so far. We have added three noble fellows to our list this year. We are to have a supper on Christmas eve, and anticipate a fine time, as we expect to have our girls along. We would be glad to have some of our brothers from other chapters with us on that occasion, but we are so far off to one side that we never get any visits. Our members are all young boys yet, only one being old enough to be married.

"One of our number has found a wife
And thus has been made happy for life,
But, nevertheless, for good or ill
The most of us are bachelors still."

But how long the boys will stay this way I do not know. We have literary exercises every two weeks and thus find a source of improvement. Would gladly meet with our lady friends oftener, but the rules of school forbid it. Rest assured you will hear from us oftener in the future. We extend a hearty upward and onward to all the chapters.

Yours in the Bond,
J. H. GILLESPIE.

Indiana Gamma.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, Irvington, Nov. 30, 1879.

DEAR SCROLL :

Indiana Gamma was not heard from in Nov. SCROLL, her report being "counted out" on account of its late date. That this may not occur again we will take pains to respond by the 1st of each month.

Fraternity agitation over new men has about ceased, yet indications are that we shall have one or two additions to report before this department of our work is closed.

Having secured what men we want, we shall direct our attention to intellectual, moral and social culture—the grand aims of our order. The suggestions of "W. B. P." on fraternity songs are timely and happy ones. Every chapter should have Bro. Search's song book. We use them at every meeting and the off-shot has been the organization of a Phi Glee Club. As long as Irvington has no police force the club will be safe and the ladies happy. By all means let us have some new songs, but can't we dispense with the G. B.'s feet? As a theme they are becoming so stale that they literally "smell to heaven." The next convention, October, 1880, will be held here, and the Beta Alumni and the Gamma are already canvassing its prospects. Let us begin in time and make it the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held. The SCROLL gives great satisfaction. Reports from new chapters are particularly encouraging. Congratulations all around.

Yours in the Bond,
H. U. BROWN.

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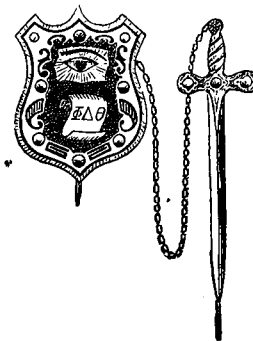
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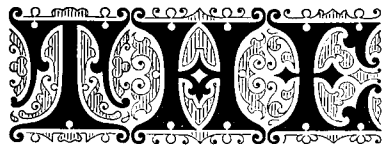
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Sabbath-Morn.

So still and mild the day,
So solemn too;
No leaf on hedge or tree
The zephyrs woo.

The grass' tiniest spears
Are jeweled bright,
Mild kissed by sunnys ears
Rejoice in light.

Woods and fields are lonely,
There sings no bird;
From distant village only
The chimes are heard.

There pious customs seek
To God to pray;
Here Nature, too, so meek
Hallows the day.

Stay, thou wanderer, stay!
'Tis Sabbath-rest;
A prayer, while all doth pray,
Breathe from thy breast.

S. DE SOTO, KY. A.

Col. J. F. Phillips.

Col. J. F. Phillips is a native of Boone Co., Mo., where he was born Dec. 31st, 1834. He entered Mo. University in 1852, where he pursued a regular course until the end of Sophomore, when he left that institution and went to Centre College, Danville, Ky. There he completed his course and in 1855 became a member of Phi Delta Theta.

While in college he held a prominent position in his class and was one of the best students, both mentally and morally, in the institution. He was chosen to represent his literary society at their public exercises held Feb. 22nd, 1854.

After graduation he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1856. By close application and strict attention to business he has gained for himself one of the largest and most lucrative law practices of Missouri, and to-day stands second to no member of the bar in his state. At the beginning of the rebellion he was one of the first to respond to the call of his country and in 1861 was commissioned Colonel of the 7th Mo. Cavalry, and served as such until the close of the war, being yet known by his familiar military title.

In politics he has been for many years one of the most prominent Democratic

leaders, and was elected to represent his district in the forty-fourth Congress, a position which he filled with honor to himself and to his constituents. He has not been a candidate since, until called upon to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of his successor recently. He was elected over his competitor by a majority of three thousand votes, and has now taken his seat in Congress. He bids fair to be the next U. S. Senator from Missouri.

In 1868 he was a delegate from Mo. to the National Democratic Convention held in New York city. Aside from his political life he has always been well known as a Christian gentleman, and was a delegate to the Pan Presbyterian Convention held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1877.

In 1873 Col. Phillips was invited to address the literary societies of William Jewell College and was honored by having his address published, and in 1878 he received a like honor from Mo. University. At the convention of Phi Delta Theta held at Athens, Ohio, in 1873, he was elected orator of the next convention held at Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1874. It being absolutely impossible for him to attend at that time on account of professional duties, he wrote to the president expressing his disappointment at not being able to be there in the following words: "I beg to assure you that it is with the greatest reluctance and sincerest regret that I make this announcement, for I had looked forward to that reunion with an almost boyish impatience and enthusiasm. I bow to my inexorable fate with a keener and deeper sense of disappointment than you and the Brotherhood can feel, for I doubt not that my loss will prove your gain."

Col. Phillips will address the alumni of Centre College in June, and the resident members of his class assure the members of Kentucky Alpha that they will be glad to see the sword and shield gleaming upon his breast at that time. '83.

—The true aim of Phi Delta Theta is to make men worthy of high positions in church and state.

Alumni Chapters.

The most successful Fraternities are those which retain the interest and sympathy of their Alumni members. If the patriotism of the Alumni is kept alive, they will be of manifest assistance to their chapters. It gives great encouragement to the young Phis to see the older members taking an active interest in the Fraternity. Frequently Alumni are able to give more direct assistance to their Fraternity by pledging men to join it.

The most powerful auxiliaries for keeping up a patriotic spirit among the older members have been found to be Alumni or Graduate Chapters. All Fraternities now have such Chapters in cities where sufficient members reside, and Phi Delta Theta rejoices in having four. Members thus associated together can be of mutual assistance to one another in many ways. It is the purpose of the Phi Delta Theta that the friendship of its members shall exist through life. If the men who work and struggle side by side during college days are, after leaving college walls, to be as strangers to one another, the Fraternity is a failure. The obligations of the Bond are binding, not temporarily, but permanently. Each member pledges himself that he will, truly and in good faith, endeavor, each in his own sphere of action, and under the circumstances in which he is placed in life, to attain the highest standard of moral and intellectual character and cultivation. And no less binding for life are the pledges of friendship.

Now let us look at the utility of Alumni chapters, and the proper method of managing them. The constitution of Alumni chapters, furnished by the Alumni National Grand Chapter, at Franklin, Ind., and adopted by the 1878 convention, gives all rules and directions. I am certain the reason the resident Phis of several cities have not organized themselves into Alumni Chapters is that the way of conducting such organizations is not understood. Of course the culti-

vation of the social qualities is the main benefit of Alumni Chapters. Meetings should be held every month. In some places it may be convenient to meet alternately at the residences of the members, and in such cases the ladies can be invited to attend. In other places it may be better to rent a furnished I. O. O. F. or K. P. hall, which, for monthly meetings, costs about \$25. per annum in most cities. The exercises of each meeting should consist of reading, a literary address, and of music, joined in by all, or rendered by an appointed choir. And it would not be in proper at each meeting to collect an assessment to provide for a supper to conclude the next meeting.

To point out more particularly the benefits of Alumni Chapters, I will refer to Atlanta, Georgia. Atlanta is centrally located with reference to the three college chapters in the State. Twenty or more Phis reside in the city, and not a day goes by but that Phis are passing through on the various roads centering there. If an Alumni Chapter were there some transient Phis would be present at every meeting. The Alumni Chapter there ought to prepare each year to hold a Grand Reunion about the commencement season. On such occasions an elegant Banquet should be given at a suitable place, and an oration and poem delivered by some of the prominent young Alumni of the State, elected at the Reunion of the year previous. Old Phis from all portions of the State would attend, and the college chapters would send large delegations. This annual gathering together would awaken the ardor of the older members, and enthuse the younger members, and much better work would follow in the College Chapters. An account of the Reunion and Banquet would be published in the daily press, drawing attention to the Fraternity throughout the state. A pamphlet or small paper, like *The Scroll Jr.* issued by the Indiana Phi Association, should be published, describing the Symposium, giving the oration and poem, and reports from all the Chapters in the state, showing their condition, with items about commencement honors, Phi personals, etc. This paper would be a splendid thing to spike with in the fall campaign. A State Association of the College Chapters might be formed, to meet at the same time as the Reunion. An Alumni Chapter in At-

lanta, conducted in this manner, would be of very great benefit to the College Chapters in Georgia, and there are a number of other cities where such organizations would be equally beneficial to the Fraternity. P.

Catalogues of the Fraternity.

As many members have never seen the earlier editions of the Catalogues of the Phi Delta Theta, and as they show the growth of the Fraternity, the following summary of their contents is given. In some cases the old titles of chapters were different from the present titles, and the latter are given in brackets.

FIRST EDITION, 1830.

The first edition was edited by Robert Morrison, '49, of Ohio Alpha. It contains 14 pages. On the outside are *Phi Delta Theta* in large Greek letters, the shield of the Fraternity, and the letters Alpha Omega Chi. On the title page is "Catalogue of the Phi Delta Theta. Louisville: Hull & Brother, Printers, 1860." A list of abbreviations is in the front. Following are the names of members all thrown in one long alphabetical roll. The number of members catalogued in the fourteen chapters is 292.

The chapter titles are in small Greek type and the years of initiation are given in the common form of Greek notation. The residences and vocations are given, though a good many blanks occur. At the close is a request from Robert Morrison for all members to forward corrections and additions to him at Cedar Creek P. O., Jefferson Co., Ky.

SECOND EDITION, 1870.

This edition contains 24 pages. On the outside is "Catalogue Phi Delta Theta. *Sub Rosa*. 1871," and the Fraternity's arms. On the title page "Catalogue of the Phi Delta Theta. *Sub Rosa*. 1870. Cincinnati: Elm Street Printing Company, 176 and 178 Elm Street, 1870." A short "Introductory" is made by D. E. Platter, '71, B. F. Thomas, '72, and F. K. Raymond, '72, all of Ohio Alpha. The abbreviations made use of are then given. Following are the chapter lists, the members being put under their chapters in alphabetical order. The "Recapitulation" at the end gives thirteen chapters and 555 members.

The residences and vocations are given and the class and year of initiation are

denoted in common figures, but blanks are not uncommon.

THIRD EDITION, 1872.

This edition contains 100 pages. On both outside and title page is "Catalogue of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. *Sub Rosa*. 1872. Cincinnati: Wrighton & Co., 167 Walnut Street, 1872." A table of abbreviations is followed by a short "Introductory" by W. M. Fisher, '72, Jno. A. Rankin, '72, and H. R. Buckingham, '73, all of Ohio Alpha. The titles of the chapters are given together in a list with the places and years of their establishment. The chapter lists are then given in the following order and numbers:

Ohio Alpha.....	187
Ohio Beta (Epsilon).....	39
Ohio Gamma (Delta).....	7
Ohio Delta (Zeta).....	3
Ind. Alpha.....	92
Ind. Beta.....	92
Ind. Gamma.....	80
Ind. Delta.....	21
Ind. Epsilon.....	17
Ind. Zeta (Eta).....	26
Ind. Eta (Zeta).....	16
Ky. Alpha.....	144
Ill. Alpha (Beta).....	38
Ill. Beta (Gamma).....	19
Ill. Gamma (Delta).....	20
Va. Alpha.....	20
Mo. Alpha.....	25
Ga. Alpha.....	13
Ga. Beta.....	17
Ga. Gamma.....	17
Ga. Delta.....	4
Iowa Alpha.....	24
N. Y. Alpha.....	4

Chapters..... 23 Members..... 925

The attendant and correspondent members are separated and given under their chapters alphabetically. The residences and vocations of most members are given. The classes are not indicated, but the years of initiation are denoted by common figures. The deceased members are given again on two pages with black borders. This is followed by an alphabetical "Recapitulation" of all the names in the Catalogue.

FOURTH EDITION, 1878.

This edition contains 188 pages. On the outside is "Catalogue Phi Delta Theta. 1878." On the title page "Catalogue of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Editors, A. Gwyn Foster, George Banta. 1878;" besides the arms and the common Greek numerals for 1848 and 1878. The book was printed by Baker and Randolph,

33 and 35 S. Ill. St., Indianapolis. A table of abbreviations is furnished and also an "Explanation" of a system denoting the year of initiation by large Greek letters and the order of initiation in each year by the smaller letters. A separate list of the titles of the chapters, with the places and years of establishment, is given. The chapter lists are then given as follows:

Ohio Alpha.....	138
Ind. Alpha.....	162
Ky. Alpha.....	169
Ohio Beta.....	13
Ohio Gamma.....	7
Ind. Beta.....	128
Tenn. Alpha.....	1
Tex. Alpha.....	5
Ky. Beta.....	8
Wis. Alpha.....	24
Wis. Beta.....	11
Ind. Gamma.....	118
Ill. Alpha.....	17
Ohio Delta.....	40
Ind. Delta.....	80
Mich. Alpha.....	17
Ill. Beta.....	37
Ind. Epsilon.....	44
Ind. Zeta.....	16
Ind. Eta.....	37
Ohio Epsilon.....	55
Va. Alpha.....	36
Mo. Alpha.....	72
Ill. Gamma.....	32
Ill. Delta.....	43
Iowa Alpha.....	59
Ga. Alpha.....	14
Ga. Beta.....	68
Ga. Gamma.....	53
Ga. Delta.....	40
N. Y. Alpha.....	30
Ohio Zeta.....	47
Cal. Alpha.....	47
Pa. Alpha.....	49
Mich. Beta.....	72
Va. Beta.....	13
Va. Gamma.....	19
Ohio Eta.....	29
Ky. Gamma.....	5
Neb. Alpha.....	5
Pa. Beta.....	13
Tenn. Beta.....	8
Va. Delta.....	25
Pa. Gamma.....	12
Pa. Delta.....	2
Mo. Beta.....	9
Miss. Alpha.....	18
Ala. Alpha.....	9
Va. Epsilon.....	3

Chapters..... 49 Members..... 1929

Thirteen names are also given under the Indiana Alumni Alpha Chapter. The attendant, correspondent and honorary members are separated, and are given alphabetically under the classes of their chapters, the classes being denoted by

the Roman numeration. The residences and vocations, with few exceptions, are given. Brief notes in small type are given under names in a few cases. W.B.P.

Other Fraternities.

—Zeta Psi has entered Columbia.
 —Sigma Chi is striving hard to get into Richmond College, Richmond, Va.
 —Phi Kappa Psi have changed their *Quarterly* to a monthly under the name of the *Shield*.
 —D. G. K. (German letter), with one chapter at Mass. Ag. College, has placed another in Boston University and has added another to the list of Fraternity journals by publishing the *Cycle*.
 —Southern Kappa Alpha is ignored in the engravings of badges contained in "American College Fraternities." For this no doubt Mr. Baird has been duly raked over the coals.
 —At the convention of Zeta Psi held in Philadelphia, January 7th, there was a full representation from the various chapters. E. Coppee Mitchell, LL. D., of the University of Pennsylvania, presided. In the afternoon of the second day's session an election of officers took place. The next annual meeting of the fraternity will be held next January at Toronto.
 —The *Chi Phi Quarterly*, edited by Oscar Meyer, Allentown, Pa., is a handsome magazine of 64 pages. The price of it is \$1.00 per year, and as it is not *sub rosa*, subscriptions are received from any one. It is well edited, and ornamented with various cuts of the Fraternity's emblems. The Jan. issue shows the number of active chapters to be twenty, not including the U. of Cal. and Trinity Coll. (N. C.) chapters, which have been recently killed by adverse legislation. No chapter has less than 8 active members. At the convention of Chi Phi at Cincinnati last July, 17 delegates, representing 12 chapters, and 41 visitors, were present. The most important proceedings were the reorganization of the *Quarterly*, the creation of the new office of Grand Historian, and the regeneration of the chapter at U. of Ga. The next convention will be held at Allentown, Pa., Oct., 1880. The Fraternity has lately issued a song book called "Carmina Fraternitatis Chi Phi," which is fine in printing but poor in matter.
 Chi Phi has long held that it was founded in 1824, and that Rev. Jno. McLean, D. D., ex-president of Princeton, was one of the founders. The Rev. Dr., in a letter published in the *Cornell Era* Nov. 14th, denies the soft impeachment thus: "I never knew of the Chi Phi Fraternity until I became president of the college in 1854, and it is my belief that it had no existence before that date." The "Kiffies" thus being left in the plight of not knowing their origin, the Grand Historian of the Fraternity wrote a letter to the *Era* saying it only was traditionary that Dr. McLean was a founder of the Fraternity, and that its claim to have originated in 1824 is founded on "the positive evidence of three gentlemen, two of them reputable Christian ministers, and the third an officer of the U. S. Army, who state that they saw and held in their hands in 1854, a book containing the constitution, etc., of the Chi Phi Fraternity, bearing the date of 1824. That book and all the early papers of the Fraternity were destroyed by fire in 1858, and thus our claim to 1824 rests solely upon the testimony of these gentlemen." There is so much tradition and romance about all this that we think the Chi Phi's claim to antiquity is very doubtful. It is all a mistake about Chi Phi having a chapter at Edinburgh, Scotland. The more honest "Kiffies" say so and the chapter is not put down in the list with the others.

Personals.

—Bro. Burnes, Va. Epsilon, is in Baltimore.
 —Bro. J. B. Beverly, Va. Epsilon, is at home.
 —Bro. J. L. Gill, Va. Epsilon, is a sub Professor in Va. Mil. Institute.
 —Bro. T. W. Keitt, Va. Epsilon, is no longer a "pedagoguer" and will soon be a full fledged pettifogger, as he is taking the law course in Columbia College, N. Y.
 —Bro. J. P. Ward, Ind. Epsilon, '83, is teaching this year, near Princeton, Ind.
 —Bro. J. E. Taggart, Ind. Epsilon, '79, is in the clerk's office at Jeffersonville, Ind. He will enter the legal profession.
 —Two of the good looking brothers of Ind. Epsilon, H. L. Woodburn, '77, and Coleman Rogers, '78, are in business at Madison, Ind.
 —Bro. N. B. McKee, Ind. Epsilon, '72, is teaching in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Indianapolis, Ind.
 —Bro. W. J. Orum, Ala. B., '78, has a position in Montgomery, Ala.
 —Rev. John V. Smith, Ala. B., '78, is a member of Ala. M. E. Conference.
 —Bro. Jos. L. Armstrong, Va. G., is a Professor at Fort Royal, Va.
 —Bro. James H. Claggett, Ky. A., '79, valedictorian of his class, is teaching near Danville, Ky.
 —Bro. J. C. Finnell, Ky. A. '75, is attending a law school in Cincinnati, Ohio.
 —Bro. J. D. Fleming, Ky. A. '75, is in the red tape business in Denver, Col.
 —Col. J. F. Phillips, Ky. A. '55, is now an M. C., and his son Emmett, Ky. A. '77, is at Columbia Law School, N. Y.
 —Hon. J. F. Phillips' middle name is Finis, because he was born on the last day of the year and the last hour of the day.
 —Bro. Chas. A. Hardin, Ky. A., '56, is a candidate for Judge of Circuit Court for Mercer and surrounding counties in Ky.
 —Bro. R. L. Thornton, Ala. B., '78, is Editor of the *Tuskegee News*, an able weekly journal published in Tuskegee, Ala.
 —Bro. Junius Hobson, Tenn. B., '78, of Somerville, Tenn., has been elected Master in Chancery of his county for six years at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.
 —Bro. H. Marshall Buford, Ky. A., valedictorian of '64, is candidate for successor to Hon. J. D. Hunt, Ky. A., valedictorian '57, who is Circuit Judge of Fayette and surrounding counties in Kentucky. He is the handsomest of Ky. A's alumni and will be elected.
 —Bro. Logan McKee, Ky. A. '68, is Deputy U. S. Collector, Editor, Stock Broker, Correspondent of Cincinnati *Gazette*, Louisville *Commercial*, New York *Tribune*, and is a solid Phi amid it all.
 —Bro. Chas. M. Beckwith, Ga. G., '73, delegate to the '72 and '75, conventions and late principal of Univ. of the South Grammar School, Sawanee, Tenn., is at present studying theology at Middletown, Conn. He was a charter member of the Gamma.
 —Bro. J. B. McCabe, Va. G., has recently been elected by the legislature of Virginia Judge of Loudon County.
 —Bro. W. T. Hutchings, Va. D., is reading law in Danville, Va. He will go to Yale next session.
 —Bro. J. T. E. Thornhill, Va. D., is secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Montgomery, Ala.
 —Bro. R. F. Hoskins, Va. E., is building up a fine reputation as a successful teacher. He passed through Richmond, Va., a few days ago and was warmly welcomed by some of the Delta boys.
 —Rev. David Swing, D. D., L. L. D., Ohio B. '52, is now preaching to immense audiences in Central Music Hall, Chicago. He is one of Chicago's most eminent divines.

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GETTYSBURG, PA., FEBRUARY, 1880.

Our Alumni chapters are giving us a round of good reports. Let the ball roll on.

Indiana Eta and Missouri Beta are dead, but we have more than enough to fill their places.

Bro. Scratchley, Va. Epsilon, promises us the Va. Zeta soon. We will joyfully hail its appearance.

The National Grand has decided to hold the charter of the Tennessee Gamma until it is evident that the chapter will succeed.

From Bro. Sams, Tenn. Beta, we have a very pretty poem entitled "A Poetic Triad," the publication of which is delayed on account of its length. It will appear soon.

The prospectus of the *Auburn Cadet*, an eight page monthly to be issued at the A. & M. College, Auburn, Ala., lies on our table. The Editors are Bros. A. Fitzpatrick and E. A. Price, both of Alabama Beta. We extend our heartiest wishes for success.

The Bond unites the North and South. The following is so terse and well put that we give it entire, calling the attention of Virginia Alpha to the same:

BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 12, '80.

DEAR SCROLL:

Perhaps a correspondence between the "First Families of V." (refer "by permission" to "Orpheus C. Kerr Papers") or, what is the same, the V. Alphas would be interesting as well as beneficial to both chapters. If any member of Va. A. thinks he would like a correspondent in Vt. A., I would be happy to answer.

Yours in the Bond,
H. L. VAN NOSTRAND,
Burlington, Vt.

Several chapter reports that should have appeared in the January SCROLL reached us too late for publication. The following items from them may be of interest.

The Secretary of Ga. Delta writes: "Since you last heard from the Delta she has initiated two men, sterling fellows, with good positions in their class and in the literary societies. We intend to do our duty and keep a clean record."

A writer from Indiana Alpha wants to see reports from Illinois and Missouri. The former has been heard from. We would like to know ourselves about Missouri. Will somebody tell us? This brother also urges the chapters South to have State Conventions. Why not?

Bro. Fitzpatrick of Ala. Beta writes thus under date Dec. 5th, 1879: "We graduate this session six, all of whom will be recipients of honors, both military and academic. In the military display at the last State Fair in Montgomery, three companies of the corps of Cadets, each commanded by Phi Captains, competed for prizes and bore off three of the four, taking the highest."

In this connection we will state that interesting reports from Vermont A., Kentucky A., Ohio D., Virginia B., Tennessee B., Indiana E., and Georgia G. have been received but crowded out of this issue. The brothers who are secretaries of chapters will please notice that reports to be published must be mailed BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

In Atlanta, Ga., there is a goodly number of Phis, and we desire to call their attention to the article in this number regarding alumni chapters. We have the names and addresses of some of the Atlanta Alumni and to these we send copies of this SCROLL, hoping thus to help them on toward an alumni chapter. Such a chapter could be easily organized and would be a great help to Phi Delta Theta not only in Georgia but throughout the South. From Bro. Chas. B. Gaskill we have in times past received several warm, brotherly letters full of Phi love and devotion, and we look for a strong effort from him in this matter. We hope soon to be able to chronicle the establishment of the Georgia Alpha Alumni.

Grand Banker.

Our Grand Banker, Bro. C. D. Whitehead, has removed from Indianapolis, Ind., to Maryville, Mo. All Phis who have business to transact with him will address accordingly.

All catalogues, song books, minutes, etc., are now in the hands of Bro. J. C. Norris, 231 Peru St., Indianapolis, Ind., who will furnish at same rates as heretofore.

One! Two!! Three!!!

For some time our heart has beat anxiously about Michigan Alpha, and we have not been able to give any cheering or even hopeful news regarding it. But a letter from Bro. Ira W. Christian just received says: "The Michigan Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was reorganized on this the 31st of January, 1880, in the University of Michigan. Please remember that it is STRICTLY SUB ROSA." Mich. University has over a thousand students. We have not space for more than mere mention now but will give particulars in March number. Bro. Christian is Sec'y.

Wisconsin Alpha started in 1856 at Wis. University, Madison, Wis., but died in 1862. This chapter was reorganized on Jan. 24th, 1880, by Bro. Walter B. Palmer, aided by Hon. W. F. Vilas, who was the first man initiated when the Alpha was organized in 1856. Bro. Dan. S. McArthur is Secretary. Wisconsin University has 481 students. Particulars in March.

Our gallant and wide-awake President Reddig adds another chapter, and it is entirely

new-born. It came into existence on Wednesday night, Feb. 4th, at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and will therefore be christened Pennsylvania Zeta. Its father and uncle are our zealous President, Bro. C. J. Reddig, and Bro. W. Newton Mateer, representing the National Grand. The Zeta has six members, one being a Junior, three Sophomores, and two Freshmen. The Secretary is Bro. George E. Kleinhenn, Carlisle, Pa. More in March.

Just to keep things level we will hold one or two other cheering announcements for our next issue. Meanwhile we most heartily welcome these new Phis and shall expect them to become better in every way from this union in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta. We trust that all our chapters will send words of hearty greeting.

Convention Matters.

As the time approaches for our next biennial convention it would be well to canvass the ground, in part at least, over which that body will be expected to pass. While we do not desire to dictate any policy to the Fraternity in regard to any of its important interests, we are anxious that every legislative act should be characterized by wisdom and prudence, and candid discussion of proposed changes through the columns of the SCROLL would certainly insure more intelligent and perhaps more harmonious action in convention. It is impossible in the few short days offered at convention for discussion and examination of newly sprung questions, to determine accurately their merits and demerits, or to see the full extent of their practical workings.

It is certainly the duty of all Phis to exercise thought and care at all times for the good of the Fraternity; and especially at this time when we so soon expect to discuss the merits of our manifold interests should careful and mature deliberation be the every-day business of all interested in her welfare, and not only this but the free exchange of sentiment through the means of the SCROLL, or by private correspondence, or both, should be had in order that no one may be required to vote upon a measure in convention of whose policy he is not entirely certain.

It is patent to every one that our financial interests sadly need doctoring, and as this is one of the most important and vital interests of the order, it should not be meddled with by hasty or imprudent hands. We trust that our juvenile Shermans will submit their ideas upon the best financial policy for the future to the consideration of their fellow members through the SCROLL, and thus secure an interchange of opinion on these important matters. While this is perhaps the most vital issue that will present itself to the convention there are other matters that will demand attention according to their respective merits and should be carefully canvassed previous to the meeting.

We want also to awaken a lively Convention interest, and to make the convention of 1880 the most important and enthusiastic in the Fraternity's history. We want to see

every Chapter represented there by a live, wide-awake man, full of wisdom as well as fire, and the result will be surprising to the most sanguine Phi in the land, and the Barbs and rival Frats will look on in utter bewilderment. This is not fanciful theory; we have the men both in quality and number and let every chapter make calculations to have a man there to represent her interests.

Our printer is receiving orders from Phis for work and is exerting himself to please all. He has now a fine cut of our coat of arms suitable for letter-heads and envelopes. Also prints Phi cards. See advertisement.

—Michigan Beta is preparing to publish a song book for its own use. About twenty songs in addition to those in Bro. Search's book have been obtained, and new songs are solicited from Phis of all chapters. Address: Will R. Hubbert, 559 Second St., Detroit, Mich.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Indiana Alpha Alumni.

Franklin, Ind. Jan 3rd 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Your correspondent finds himself at a loss to "write up" his chapter, yet the imperative command of the Ed. and B. M. of the Scroll must be obeyed. We cannot come before the fraternity flushed with victory, as we have not been initiating anybody, have not had any bums, nor indeed any of those affairs that make up the college chapters.

But as this is to be an alumni number of the SCROLL we will tell you something about our membership. Judge D. D. Banta, patriarch of our flock, an old Ind. A. boy, class '55, is practicing law with his son George for a partner. G. M. Overstreet, ex-Mayor of Franklin, also deals in the red-eyed law and is City Attorney. S. L. Overstreet also practices law. He has just been married to a popular and accomplished young lady of this city. L. U. Downey, a popular young man among the ladies, is quite successful in business, being in partnership with another young man and owning quite an extensive book store. He started here a few years ago as clerk in the store but at last has taken upon himself the responsibility of proprietor. T. C. Donnell, practicing physician and indeed a prominent one, graduated at Indianapolis medical college. He located in this place with his father, who likewise is a physician but has given up most of his practice since Bro. T. C. entered the office. J. C. Smith, a very prominent young man, is book keeper in the Second National Bank of this place. Joe like some of the other Alumni members is not entirely devoted to his business, nor has he entirely forgotten his college days, but frequently is present at the meetings of Ind. Delta. Guy Day for about two years has measured Calicoes, Muslins, etc., behind the counter in his father's store, but at present is in the west seeking his fortune. Calvin McCormick graduated at Franklin college last year and is now wielding the scepter over the heads of timid country youth. Bro. McC. expects to enter Yale College next year to pursue a special course in the sciences. D. A. Owen, a graduate of Franklin college '78, is tutor in said college. He is quite success-

ful and no doubt ere long will be Professor of Natural Sciences.

Horner Hill, a physician of high rank, is located in this place. During a part of last year he attended lectures at Bellevue hospital. Bro. Hall has spared neither money nor labor to acquire his present position which is among the foremost of his profession.

This chapter chartered Ky. Alpha Alumni chapter Dec. 28th 1879 at Louisville, Ky.

RECORDER.

Kentucky Alpha Alumni.

Louisville is the home of many noble and worthy Phis—men of sterling character and high intellectual attainments, occupying the most prominent positions in the Church, at the Bar, and in commercial and social life. As sufficient evidence of this statement I need mention but a few of the most prominent Alumni: Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., the orator-elect of the next Convention, Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D. D., Rev. E. O. Guerrant, D. D., Hon. Thos. W. Bullitt, Hon. W. B. Fleming, Dr. Benj. J. Baldwin, Messrs. Jno. G. Simrall, W. G. Anderson, St. John Boyle, and many others.

Carefully surveying the field and its latent possibilities, our young brother, C. L. Goodwin, determined to establish an Alumni Chapter in this city. And right nobly and successfully has he done his work. Pursuant to his call a meeting was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 13th, in the office of Bro. Thos. W. Bullitt, and the organization of the chapter effected. Many pleasant reminiscences of college days were recalled and much enthusiasm for the success of the chapter enkindled. We all felt as though we were "boys" again, and rededicated our hearts and hands to the noble work of the Phi Delta Theta. To one who has once entered within the building and learned to know that it is the home of his most cherished friendships and hallowed associations, such a meeting could but awaken delightful memories.

Our object in organizing is to develop and sustain social relations among the resident Phis and keep abreast with the work of the Fraternity at large. And in order best to accomplish this our meetings will be held at the residences of the members.

All honor to the energetic, noble-spirited C. L. Goodwin, of Sellersburgh, Indiana. Would that the Fraternity were blessed with a host of such workers. Success to Phi Delta Theta.

Yours in the Bond,
WM. F. HARRIS, Recorder.

National Grand.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa., Jan 29, '80.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The National Grand certainly owes you an apology for being so remiss in its communications, but as it has no excuse to offer, it only remains for it to atone for the past by regularity in the future. The commencement of this college year found us comparatively weak in numbers, as in addition to the loss of five seventy-nine men, Bros. Dewing and Scott of eighty had also left college; the former to take a responsible position in the California Military Academy. As to the reason of Bro. Scott's departure we are rather in the dark; rumor says it was due to financial embarrassments, and probably it was, only we never heard it called by that name before. Subsequent events show that his pecuniary difficulties culminated in matrimony.

The vacant places were however soon filled by some of the best stock from eighty-two and three, and although we are still numerically weaker than in the past, the chapter has never come nearer the true ideal of a fraternity in mutual congeniality. It may seem strange, but in our opinion a large member-

ship is not desirable, except on the purely theoretical supposition that they are all good men. Practically this will seldom be the case, a fact which experience has impressed upon the National Grand by several unpleasant lessons. Let the chapters endeavor to gain as many worthy men as possible for Phi Delta Theta, but remember, it is always better by far to lose a dozen good men than admit one who will in the least degree fall short of the high moral standard of this fraternity.

But enough! We believe with Sam Weller, that the art of letter writing is to be so brief that your reader will wish there was more. Whether this is a possibility in chapter correspondence we will not pretend to say, but we are confident that the length of this letter will destroy all longings for more.

Yours in the Bond,
W. V. OLYPHANT.

Indiana Epsilon.

Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., Jan. 28th, 1880.

DEAR EDITOR:

You surely succeeded in making the last number of the SCROLL interesting to our Alumni. While doing so you made it all the more interesting and inspiring to us.

The catalogue boom struck us suddenly and unexpectedly. It is seasonable. Let the new editors profit by past catalogue experience. Let them give us what they propose and they shall deserve our deepest gratitude.

We have a home now, a "Dear Phi Home." Our chapter has had for several years a regular place for meeting, a room beautifully furnished, but too small, and we have always longed for a hall of suitable dimensions. Our wishes scarcely shaped themselves in words as there was little hope of having them gratified, but fortune favored us and we are happy.

The past term was one of activity with us. We worked, and the fruits of our labor are seen and will continue to develop. Since my last, two brothers have made their appearance in our family circle. We are in love with a certain healthy Freshie, and he with us. His parents want us to postpone the ceremony till next year, but I guess it will not break their hearts if we elope with him a little before that time.

We will be represented upon the public entertainment given here on Feb. 22, also at the annual spring exhibition at the close of this term.

Bro. Coulter will secure the valedictory in this year's graduating class.

Our number now is that which has been usual for this chapter, our men are enthusiastic, we have a good hall and every reason to hope for greater prosperity in the future than in the past. We could secure several more men but do not seek that notoriety which comes from numbers alone, preferring to use our energies now in improving ourselves.

Having done this to the greatest extent we can, the good of our order will be apparent and whenever we solicit a sensible student, our battle will be already half won.

Yours in the Bond,
H. C. MONTGOMERY.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Meadville, Pa.,
Dec. 30th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Our school vacation is past, and with the beginning of the new year the members of our chapter have come in from their homes and have again begun the work of another term. The Brothers all seem to be very much refreshed by the festivities of the holidays, and each one has commenced work with his usual energy. We find our number full now; but we are sorry to say that Bro. Blair, of Illinois, who was for time prostrated with a se-

vere attack of intermittent fever, is about to leave us for his western home. Bro. Blair is one of our best members, and it is with regret that we see him leave us on account of too close application to study, which his Physician regards as the principal cause of his sickness. We feel that we have lost an efficient and consistent member and only hope that his general health will so improve that he can be with us at the beginning of the next collegiate year.

The Alumni of our chapter are prospering. Bro. Nelson is still a student in Theological Seminary in Allegheny City, Pa., and Bro. Bowser has now assumed the responsibilities in his new and far-off field of labor in the Southern Indiana Conference. They have begun a great and noble work, and we have confidence in their ability to succeed in the work in whatever field they may be placed.

It is with pleasure too that I write you in regard to the unity and prosperity of our chapter. Our relations with the other fraternities in the College, against whom of course we must contend more or less, are pleasant. At least by their actions they recognize us as not being inferior either in strength or ability. We number fifteen, all men of ability and perseverance. We united in the Bond three excellent men during the last terms which was our quota, and we have good prospects for our share of such men as we want during this term. In the elections of the different literary societies of the College which took place recently, our chapter is well represented. In truth we can say that although young in age we command our share of honors as a chapter and are fast becoming old in influence and prosperity. We are very much interested in the new catalogue, and are working up our report.

Yours in the Bond,
W. G. WARNER.

Ohio Epsilon.

ATHENS, OHIO, January 11th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL AND BRO. PHIS:

Vacation being over we have once more returned to our duties as students.

Two of our new students are—we think—worthy of our cause, and we have “spiked” them.

Previous to vacation we had only two badges in our chapter, but during vacation six of us procured badges, and now we shine like the noon-day sun. By unanimous consent—among the girls—our badges are considered nicer and much finer than those of the Betas or Deltas.

We think there should be some letter correspondence between chapters. Very seldom do we hear from a chapter except through the SCROLL.

We have not held a meeting since our return, but will in a few days, hence next report will be longer and more interesting.

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK STERNBERGER.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND., Feb. 1st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

At a recent meeting of Indiana Delta the undersigned was elected sub-editor for the remainder of the year, so now we begin our work. Since our last report we have initiated one man, Bro. S. P. Smith. He is a Freshman and a good man. We have yet one more to initiate, perhaps the last one for this year.

Most of our boys are doing good work. We elected all the delegates for the State oratorical contest, three in number.

We do not agree with Bro. Ott in regard to changing name of SCROLL. But we do agree with him in some other matters, for instance changing the permanent fund for SCROLL

would be good. I rather think it would be a good thing to do about as follows: Let us continue the Permanent Fund but let the interest go to increasing the size of SCROLL. Let us still compel all to take SCROLL at one dollar each and we will soon have a paper double its present size. Say the interest of P. F. is \$100 and subscriptions \$250; you see the result at once. Again, I think we ought to have a law compelling chapters to send in all SCROLL moneys before holidays, and if after holidays any are initiated let their subscriptions be sent on date of initiation. In this manner we would save SCROLL Managers a good deal of anxiety. We give these opinions free. Let us hear from others.

Yours in the Bond,
CHAS. BOAZ.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

WASH. AND JEFF. COLLEGE,
Washington, Pa., Jan. 2nd, 1880.

The holidays with us began Dec. 24th and are not over as yet. The grades are out however and in the Sophomore class, where most of our men belong, the Phis hold the fort from 1 to 10 in rank. We have but one Senior, who ranks second, but who possesses the ability to stand head and shoulders above the rest. We have but one Junior who is doubtless ranked with the first. Nine Sophs. and three Freshmen, making in all 14 active members is our force now in college.

Bro. Van Cleve, who was with us at the first of the term, is teaching and of course will make his mark. A few years ago because of some Phi's peculiar religious and benevolent proclivity, I suppose, some fool belonging to one of the other fraternities, either the Betas or Phi Delta Kappas, gave to our chapter the name, — “Sisters of Charity.” I remember that once before a name given in derision at Antioch became honored among the nations of the earth. So the “Sisters of Charity” have in these latter days shown to the Betas and Delta Kaps that they (the Betas and Delta Kaps) are nothing more than a pack of nondescripts, with peculiarly assinine qualities which mark their individuality as a set of quadrupeds.

But I did not mean to be so hard on the “beasts.” I hope we will be forgiven for knowing them, for to know them is to write hard things about them.

The Phis will be represented in the next contest by Bro. John R. Crosser, who will, of course, sustain our high reputation.

The Delta Taus now have the same number of men as ourselves and are quite of the same turn of mind with us. We work together and by united effort can do whatsoever we wish. They once tried the “beasts” and say they cannot be trusted.

With the best wishes for every Phi, and especially for the SCROLL, we are,

Yours in the Bond,
M. A. DENMAN.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky.,
Jan. 5th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

As all our boys have been out of college for two weeks and more we have nothing to say which will interest the boys, but write to let you know that we are still alive.

College opened Friday with a slim attendance, and as but one new student has as yet appeared, our number has not been increased; but should any of the proper kind make their appearance Ky. A. will have her share.

We were pleased with all the chapter reports last month and especially as Va. B. and Miss. A. were heard from for the first time this session.

We would be delighted if Mo. A. and

Texas B. would be kind enough to make their existence known.

Indiana Gamma will please accept our thanks for her hearty congratulations, and we assure her that she need have not the least fear of our dying. We are here, and here we intend to stay until we run against some more difficult stump than Sigma Chi or Beta Theta Pi.

By the way we saw Bro. Poyntz a few days since and he says that decidedly the pick of the University boys are in Va. Beta's ranks.

We have it from a reliable source that the Beta Theta Pis receive the SCROLL as often and regularly as we do and receive more than one copy. The number before the last the Betas have and did not get it here. They are as mad as March hares about our last report and vent their ire on our unoffending correspondent. Our boys will please take notice of this and be more careful of their SCROLLS in the future.

We sympathize with N. C. Alpha in her affliction and can only say “Do not desert the ship.” Could you not do as Alpha Delta Phi once did? Make your men honorary members of the nearest chapter and initiate men, not into the N. C. Alpha, but make them honorary members of S. C. Alpha? Of course the fraternity will understand the matter and you will not be violating the laws of Trinity College.

We received a postal from Bro. Goodwin to-day about his “pet,” the Louisville Alumni chapter, and calling on us for ours. We can not arrange things at present, but before next October we will come forward with a number one chapter, for you may depend upon it that Ky. A. never gives up anything she attempts.

We hope to be able to write something more interesting next month.

Yours in the Bond,
GEO. B. THOMAS.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., Jan. 10th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Since our last report we have pinned the badge of our order upon two more brothers. Bro. Street, one of these, whom we initiated about two weeks ago, is the best man in the Medical Department. Bro. Blakey, the other, is also a good man. It is useless to say this, however, as we never take in any other kind.

I am sorry to report that we have lost our genial friend, Bro. Bristow, from among us. He stood a special examination for his B. L., and, having made it, left for home shortly after Christmas. By the way, Bro. B., in company with Fletcher and Gaitskill, became, as Seneca describes it, *male sobrius* on Christmas night. I wish some of you many Phis had been here. I am satisfied you would have been convinced, had these gentlemen found out your fraternity, that Va. Beta can boast the three most enthusiastic Phis in the world. I had the misfortune to be the only one present, and the amount of hugging I received made me sore for a week.

Bro. Phister, our gymnast, has taken the four medals given in that line here this fall. So you see Phi Delta Theta puts up a “curl” in everything she undertakes.

Success to our chapters everywhere. May they all do as well as Va. Beta.

Yours Fraternally,
JOHN S. MOORING.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Ind.,
Jan. 10th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

The boys are now all back from vacation, and the chapter starts out for another year in excellent condition. Before we separated for the holidays we gave a finishing touch to the old year by initiating Fred. W. Cook, Jr., of

Evansville. On coming back this term we went to work vigorously on two old spikes left over from last year, and in one we were successful. Bro. Cook also brought with him Mr. Chas. E. Johnson who, in company with Mr. — Clugston, took a ride on the Phi Delta Theta goat at the last meeting.

The Phis here are admitted by all, and especially by the ladies, to bear off the palm in music and now have organized a chapter orchestra. There are several pianists, three violinists, three guitar performers, two who perform on the cornet, two on the flute and one on the harmonica. The Betas turned green with envy when our orchestra went out serenading one night last term. With all this musical talent which the Alpha has (we have three musical composers, Bros. Hunter, Cook and Smalley) she can be relied upon to furnish some of the music for that new song book whenever it is to be published.

In the Bond,

CHAS. BANTA.

Georgia Delta.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga.
Jan. 6th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

Your humble servant has just returned from a two weeks' visit to his home and sweet-heart, and you can well imagine that he is now in no humor for beginning work again; but fearing lest he be considered egotistic, he will now try and make out his monthly report from the Georgia Delta.

Our chapter is in a *very* flourishing condition at present, having about thirteen members, all "true and tried" Phis, *solid to the bone*. On last Saturday night we met for the first time this new term, and a very encouraging meeting it was too. Bros. Gross and W. T. Cheney, of Athens, were with us, and by their eloquent addresses, rich in sound Phi-Delta-Thetaism and wholesome advice, completely won the hearts of all the Delta boys. Bros. Carson, Wood and Pollock, of our own chapter, made creditable speeches, while Old Frank Cheney's was just splendid. Bro. D. H. Hill was duly initiated, and doubtless he will some day be among the very brightest of the host of brilliant stars that shed their glory on DEAR OLD PHI DELTA THETA.

On Sunday night last, Bro. W. T. Cheney preached in the First Baptist church in this city. From the beginning of the discourse to the end, the closest attention was manifested, and at times the large congregation was fairly spell-bound by the strings of pearls that flowed from the lips of our young and eloquent preacher.

We are all delighted at the idea of having a new catalogue, and from the hands of Bros. Palmer and Banta we may well expect something superior to the average fraternity catalogue. With love to the Brotherhood, I am,

Fraternally,

J. K. BATTLE.

Indiana Gamma.

361 MASS. AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.,
Dec. 27th. 1879.

DEAR SCROLL :

I think I have an item that will be of interest to the readers of the SCROLL. Bro. J. W. Christian, class '81, leaves Butler after the holidays for Ann Arbor. While the Gamma will lose, yet the fraternity at large will gain. Bro. Christian is devoted heart and soul to Phi Delta and is made of the right material not only to establish a chapter at Ann Arbor but to *maintain* it. He enters the Junior class and will be assisted by the President of the class, and Bro. Spencer, also of the Junior class, Phis who are already at the University. We confidently expect to hear good news from Bro. Christian at an early date.

We have the pleasure of reporting one addition, making our total membership for the year seventeen. Our convert from "barbarism" is Bro. Leland Sulgrove of this city, class '81, and also instructor in chemistry. Thus three of four tutors are Phis. Bro. S. has been besieged by Betas, Sigs, and Delta Taus, but the "shield and the dagger" gave them their quietus.

Bro. Kirkpatrick, Sec'y Ind. Beta Alumni, assures me that their constitution will soon be ready and that then he will publish through the SCROLL what has been done and what will be done by the Alumni for the convention at this place next October. Suffice it now to say that, Minerva-like, all have sprung into action bespeaking a glorious boom in 1880.

Fraternally,

H. U. BROWN.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.
Dec. 25th, 1879.

ED. SCROLL :

The condition of our chapter is steadily improving,—not so rapidly in numbers as we could wish, but in the zeal and energy which each member shows in all matters requiring assistance. Whenever the members of any society are filled with the importance of advancing the interest of that body it is bound to succeed, and the members of the S. C. Alpha love their chapter with the warmest devotion. Considering this we think the time is not far distant in which we will see our chapter take the lead in the race and overcome all opposers.

We are now enjoying the Christmas holidays and hope that all Phis may have as much pleasure as we are having. With many wishes for the future prosperity of all Phis, I remain

Yours in the Bond,

W. D. SIMPSON, JR.

Alabama Beta.

ALABAMA A. AND M. COLLEGE, Dec. 22, 1879.

ED. SCROLL :

The approach of our Christmas respite impels each Phi to beat his retreat homeward, and soon each of us will be enjoying those blessings incident to "Home, Sweet Home."

We look back with pleasant memories upon our associations with our mystic brothers, and rejoice in the hope that we shall soon meet again.

Our chapter is indeed in a flourishing condition, which fact is evinced by the interest each member displays. We have initiated five members recently and all bid fair to prove worthy of their new names.

We have at last procured us a rendezvous and can now convene without dreading the wakeful eye of the barbarous intruder, and can remain unmolested.

Our first meeting was honored by a salute in the shape of a pistol shot by a citizen who occupied an adjoining apartment and who doubtless was disturbed in his nocturnal slumbers by the advent of those who had no right, yet dared such an untimely and unpropitious visit.

However "our brave man" "allured him with 'rocky' persuasions" to desist from his belligerent undertaking, and it is *supposed* the man returned to his couch to dream of "strange dreams and wild visions."

We meet often because we love to drink the pure waters that flow from our mystic fountain. Once we have tasted we are constrained, "like Homer's Giant quaffing at the goblet of Ulysses, forever crying

Give me more."

In the Bond,

ALVA FITZPATRICK.

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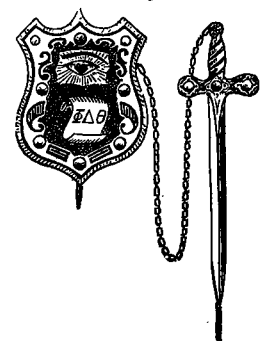
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That Naughty Greek Girl.

BY PROFESSOR J. B. L. SOULE.

MISS ALPHA, though she led the class,
Was yet a most unlovely lass;
She had a little sister θ ,
And she would often bang and β ,
And push and pinch, and pound and pelt her,
And many a heavy blow she δ ;
So that the kitten, e'en, would μ ,
When Theta's sufferings she ν .

This Alpha was so bad to θ ,
That every time she chanced to meet her,
She looked as though she longed to η ;
And oft against the wall she jammed her,
And oft she took a stick and λ ;
And for the pain and tears she brought her
She pitied her not one ι ;
But with a sly and wicked eye
Would only say, "Oh, fiddle ϕ !"

Then θ cried with noisy clamor,
And ran and told her grief to γ ,
And γ , with a pitying ψ ,
Would give the little girl some π ,
And say, "Now, darling mustn't χ ."

Two Irish lads, of ruddy cheek,
Were living just across the creek—
Their names, \omicron and ω ,
The one was small, the other bigger;

For Alpha, so demure and *striking*,
 Ω took an ardent liking;
And Mike, when first he chanced to meet her,
Fell deep in love with little θ ;
And oft at eve the boys would go
And on the pleasant water ρ .

So when the little hapless θ
N Alpha was about to β ,
She down upon the bank would ζ
And cry aloud, and shout like fun—
"Run, Mike! run, Mike! \omicron !"

MORAL.

Have you a sister? Do not treat her
As Alpha did her sister θ .

The Badge and Book.—A Fable.

BY A PHI.

A fraternity pin chanced to be thrown
into a drawer in which was a book containing the Bond, constitution and by-laws of the Phi Delta Theta. The pin soon grew fretful and began to soliloquize thus:

"I can't see why I am made to lie in such a place as this. I'm sure"—

"Indeed?" interrupted the book, "why I am at home under the lock and scarcely ever see the light. Of course, we live in different spheres. I'm so glad we have met. Let us go over some of our 'ups and downs.'"

After musing awhile the book went on:

"How nice it must be to move among the Phi boys, who love, help and encourage one another; never offend, but are always in sympathy with one another. It must be so nice; it must be a heaven on earth. I imagine"—

"Ah yes," said the pin, "you know the letter only, you never see the active part.—What bliss in ignorance! Yet why should I blame you? If you were to know the number of bibles in the land, you would surely suppose everybody a saint."

There was a strange twinkling in the pin's "eye" when it ended this piece of reflection.

"But pray," began the book, whose nature is very *moral* and credulous, "do I not know all the laws, etc., of the order, and did the members not all swear to keep them, in my presence?"

"Well, yes; but still—well, I'm out of sorts to-day. I do think that I might have been loaned to one of the Phis who has no pin. It's a shame to leave me in this gloomy place. How it vexes me! But still, are you not the only book in the Chapter? And how many, do you think, are able to state the gist of what you contain? You blush, and indeed your tender heart would have been broken had you seen what I have. You don't know human nature, that's it."

* * * *

"Well," said the book, "when I think over it, it seems quite true; for there are some who have seldom touched me and, indeed, all they know they must have heard on the evening of initiation. Indeed, and you will not tell any one about these matters, [*in low voice*] the fault lies with the 'boys' when anything occurs that mars the beauty of events. It does not lie with me. The moral young man finds nothing in me that he cannot well put to practice; and how funny it would be if those who profess to live by that Book of books, (over which I hear a big ado), should fail to act according to their vow."

"Men are strange beings," yawned the

pin, and added: "funny that nearly all are so fond of me, and that you are so much overlooked. I often think there is more in the pin than in the Order itself; for take away the pin, and what would hold the Order together?"

"Well," said the book, "I think *you* are funny. I'm surprised, shocked! You're a giddy worldling; I'm done with you, for"—

At this juncture the owner of the badge put it to its usual place, on the lapel of his coat, and there was quiet in the drawer.

Our Dead and Living.

A writer in the November SCROLL brought forward a subject which should sink deep into the heart of every Phi Delta Theta in the land. Look at the long list of dead chapters which the ghoulish hands of opposition are unearthing to aid them in the conflict against us. This is the only hindrance to our progress that is of any importance; the only effective argument against us in the hands of our enemies. Is it not then of the highest importance that we should immediately make the best possible disposition of these dead chapters?

There are nineteen of them upon our list; a bad, bad showing. Of these, four, Ohio Gamma, Tenn. Alpha, Texas Alpha and Ill. Alpha were killed by the war. Four, Ind. Eta, New York Alpha, Penn. Delta and California Alpha have succumbed to that most fatal of all things to a fraternity chapter, internal dissensions. The charters have been withdrawn from Ind. Beta and Ill. Epsilon. Ill. Beta and Nebraska Alpha have died from a lack of energy. Ky. Beta, Wis. Beta, Mo. Beta, Ky. Gamma and Alabama Alpha have been killed by anti-fraternity laws. Ohio Alpha and Ga. Alpha have died with their respective universities. Ohio Beta was nothing more than a part of Ohio Alpha. Of these, Ill. Alpha, Ind. Eta, N. Y. Alpha, Ill. Beta, Nebraska Alpha, and possibly Ohio Gamma and Penn. Delta are the,

only ones which it is possible or desirable to reestablish.

These dead chapters indicate an unpardonable looseness, at some time or other, in our fraternity government. They are the result of zeal and enthusiasm in a perfectly pure and innocent state unadulterated by any of that rare drug, discretion. Where is the logic in founding a chapter which, be it ever so prosperous, is a reproach to the fraternity owing to the low grade of the institution in which it is located? Or what progress is made in establishing a chapter which requires constant "doctoring" in order to maintain a pitiful existence, which, as soon as the outside support is momentarily removed, sinks into its most natural state, a nonentity? And yet this has been the fate of many a chapter founded amid a grand flourish of banners and a blast of trumpets. It is a ruinous policy, and one of our brightest omens of future prosperity is the spirit which our leaders have shown that it shall be a thing of the past. It is well enough to extend where it is wisely and judiciously done, but it is of far more importance to hold what has been gained. Secure the conquests that have been made and then use the surplus power in extension.

There exists the idea that the east is the Utopia of college fraternities; and very profound is the reverence and admiration with which the average western student regards anything in the fraternity world stamped with the magic word "eastern." His toadyism is usually in proportion to his ignorance. Western fraternities seem to think that in order to rank high as a fraternity it is necessary to have chapters in the strong eastern institutions. This idea grew up at a period when the west was in a comparatively undeveloped condition, and while the south and west were suffering from the depression of the war. But this state of affairs is rapidly changing, and the greatest errors which western fraternities are making to-day, are the offspring of this idea. Is it not the height of folly for western fraternities to be drawing away their strength from the west and attacking eastern fraternities in strongholds which the latter have spent years and years of labor and thousands upon thousands of dollars in fortifying?

The gift of prophecy is not necessary to accurately foretell the result. The

universities of Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and Vanderbilt are fast becoming of equal rank with the best institutions of the extreme east. If western fraternities persist in draining their resources in the west and south for the purpose of pursuing their Jack-o'-lantern of eastern acquisitions, whenever eastern fraternities choose to step into the above named institutions they will meet with no opposition of importance, will immediately proceed to fortify themselves there as strongly as in the east, and then where will be the western fraternities?

Not that eastern fraternities are to any extent superior to those of the west. Their points of superiority lie simply in the fact that they are older, consequently wealthier, and have a practical knowledge of what is necessary to firmly establish a chapter; not in brains or scholarship are they at all superior.

In the light of these facts do we hesitate as to our future action? In the states of Penn. Ohio, Ind. and Mo., we have not a superior. But we have two or three dead chapters in these states which should be revived, there are two or three institutions which it would be well to enter, and some of our chapters are not as strong as they should be.

The south, since the abolition of slavery and the consequent development of her resources, is fast rising to a position superior even to her former glory. This land of beauty, chivalry, and intellect, is ours, and it behooves our southern chapters to guard carefully what they have won, and to still more firmly establish themselves by building chapter houses and by every other available means.

The states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, present a field of grand proportions and inexhaustible richness, and before any of us expect it they are going to be the centre of wealth, culture and power in this nation.

Most of our dead chapters which it is desirable to reestablish are in these northwestern states. Towards this field then should our efforts mainly be directed.

Meanwhile every chapter should take every opportunity to plant itself immovably in its respective institution. We will have no more than time to firmly establish ourselves, so that we can successfully resist the onset of eastern fraternities which are even now reaching for

western acquisitions, realizing that the Mississippi valley is fast becoming the centre of wealth and power.

Then let us enter manfully upon this work of refounding and strengthening. It will require work just as do all things whose results are of value. There is nothing like hard work to bring success and renown. It is the best luck in the world. It is necessary to the success of any cause.

Phi Delta Theta is a glorious reality. She is worthy of our noblest efforts. Then let each brother do his duty. Let us carry our grand old fraternity higher than ever before. Let us repair the ravages of time, the scarred and broken places in our column which mar so much its beauty and its symmetry. Let us reclaim for Phi Delta Theta her lost territory, her ancient power and her ancient honor there. C. L. G.

The South and the West.

The Fraternity will more rapidly and systematically be extended if all members know what Institutions are really desirable to enter and what are not worth working at. I have specially informed myself about the Institutions of the West and South, and I will now state what facts I have learned concerning them.

In the first place, we should under no circumstances enter any more anti-fraternity Institutions. It would have been better for us if we had never gone near them. We should try to maintain our present *sub rosa* Chapters, but we have too many dead chapters in our catalogue now, and we should not add to their number by establishing Chapters where they will meet with faculty opposition.

Last year's Register of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, shows 123 students. Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Psi are there now, and the first also has an Alumni Chapter in the city. Most of the students are graduates, they board widely apart, and there are several other difficulties, but Phi Delta Theta must have a chapter there. The Phis in that part of the country must be up and doing.

In W. Va., Bethany is a good college, but is practically almost closed to us, for while it is not very large, it has 3 Fraternities, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi, which were established there before the war.

In Va. we only want a chapter at Washington-Lee University, at Lexington. The Fraternities there are Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha, Kappa Sigma, and Kappa Sigma Kappa. The last 3 are very small affairs, and no doubt one of them could be "lifted." Now is a good time to strike there, for the Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Psi chapters at that place have just given up the ghost. We look to the Va. Epsilon boys. Wm. & Mary has about closed its doors, and all the Fraternities there have withdrawn the charters of their chapters. Hampden-Sidney, a poor little college, is overrun with 5 Fraternities. Emory and Henry is anti-fraternity.

A chapter could be established in 3 months,

with a little energy, at the Univer. of N. C., Chapel Hill. The faculty do not forbid Fraternities, but say none can organize there without their permission. This is certainly reasonable. What is to prevent our going in there? I believe these are the only Southern Institutions, open to Fraternities, which are worthy of Phi Delta Theta. Several men at Davidson Coll. were initiated a year or two ago by the Ind. Delta, but the bans upon Fraternities prevented them from organizing.

The S. C. Univer. at Columbia is filled chiefly with negroes, and Furman is an Institution of low grade.

All Institutions in Ala. are hostile to Fraternities.

The Univer. of La., at Baton Rouge, is a low grade military school, with laws against Fraternities.

Austin Coll., where was our Tex. Alpha, has but 3 professors and is too small to enter again. Baylor and Georgetown are also too small.

Cumberland Univer., (where was our alleged Tenn. Alpha) used to have a fine reputation but it has run down until it has hardly any standing or students. It is now nothing but a diploma mill, and nearly all of its students change every year. Alpha Tau Omega is at Univer. of the South, but the preparatory department of the Institution is much larger than the collegiate department, and Phi Delta Theta would gain nothing by a chapter there.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Chi Phi are at Ky. Mil. Inst., but the Institution has only 85 cadets, including the preparatory, and is below our standard. So we need not try to revive our Ky. B. there. The college where our Ky. Gamma was is too small to support a Fraternity. Phi Gamma Delta has a chapter at Bethel Coll., but no other Fraternity will likely dispute the ground, as the Institution has no reputation. Now let us look at the West.

In Ohio we should by all means re-establish the Gamma at Wittenburg College, Springfield. It had 111 students in the collegiate and 60 in the preparatory department last year. Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi are there now. Rev. A. M. Geiger, '51, and Rev. G. F. Stelling, '53, of Ohio Gamma are Trustees of the college. The Ohio chapters must look to this work. Kenyon and Western Reserve, though small, stand high, but they are packed with Fraternities. Marietta is small and of poor grade. Oberlin and Dennison are anti-fraternity.

The Ind. Phis must re-establish the Eta at Ind. Asbury, Greencastle.

Our Ill. Alpha at Northwestern Univer., Evanston, and Ill. Beta at Chicago Univer., Chicago, must by all means be reorganized. Northwestern last year had 173 students, exclusive of those in the preparatory and professional schools. Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi are there now. Chicago last year had 119 in its college classes, and Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon are there now. Beta Theta Phi once had a chapter there which it expects to revive. There are Phis in Chicago who ought to be roused and made to re-establish these chapters.

It is hard for Western Fraternities at Ann Arbor to compete with those from the East, which have finehouses. Sigma Chi claims a chapter there, but has none. Beta Theta Pi blows about its chapter there, but it lost heavily last year by the resignation of members who wanted to join other Fraternities. Phi Kappa Psi in the same way lost all but 6 men. There is reason to hope, however, that the energetic Phis now at Ann Arbor will succeed in reinstating the Mic. Alpha.

The Univer. of Minn., at Minneapolis, catalogued 386 students last year. Chi Psi is

there now, Delta Kappa Epsilon will probably go in very soon, and Beta Theta Pi just as soon as it can. The Phis in Minneapolis and St. Paul owe it as a duty to the Fraternity to plant a chapter there without delay.

Beloit, Racine and Lawrence (where was our Wis. Beta) are all anti-fraternity.

The Univer. of Iowa and Univer. of Cal. (where was Cal. Alpha) are closed to us for the same reason.

Beta Theta Pi has a chapter at Westminster Coll., Mo., but as it has only 28 collegiate students, we will not intrude.

It is not at present expedient to reorganize our Neb. Alpha, because the college classes at the U. of Neb. are small and the Prep. classes large.

But Kan. Univer. at Lawrence is a desirable place to enter. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi are the only Fraternities there.

The other Southern and Western institutions are too insignificant to consider.

So there are 3 Institutions in the South (Johns Hopkins, Washing-Lee and U. of N. C.) and 7 in the West (Wittenburg, Ind. Asbury, Northwestern, Chicago, U. of Mich., U. of Minn. and U. of Kan.) where we ought to have chapters to make us dominant in those sections of the country. We already lead in those sections, but with these chapters established, we would be in a position where our competitors could only "view with alarm." Chapters could be established at every one of these places by a little hard work. Now let each Phi do his duty. Remember that the Fraternity's success will always be due to personal effort, and unless individuals interest themselves the result will be *nihil*.

Since the above was forwarded news reaches me that has an important bearing on the Western and Southern situation. The anti-fraternity laws at the Univer. of Cal. have been repealed. Nothing can be done there this year, for it closes the first of June, but we must prepare to start there next year, which begins the first of August. Phi Kappa Psi has entered Chicago Univer. with 10 men. While we have slept, others have worked. Beta Theta Pi has sent a man from centre Coll. Ky. to Cumberland Univer. Tenn. who has started a chapter there of 10 men. Last year the Univer. had 16 in the theological school, 37 in the four college classes, and 43 in the law department. Tenn. Beta Phis living in Lebanon say there is not a man in the theological school or college classes who is worth taking in a Fraternity. The law students are some better, but the law school is one of the poorest in the country, for it gives diplomas in 9 months, and without regard to merit. Then there is a new set of students every year, and a chapter cannot be sustained at such a place. Concerning the Institutions in La. Bro. W. H. Magruder, '79, Miss. Alpha, of Baton Rouge, La., writes:

"There are two Institutions in our State which are very frequently confused with each other. The Univer. of La. is at New Orleans, and comprises Law, Medical and Academic departments. The Academic part is only a third rate affair, really preparatory in its character, though it is incorporated, and may give diplomas. Its catalogues about 130 students. The La. State Univer. and Ag'l and Mech'l Coll. is located here and has about the same number of students. It is military in its system, and is without any advanced students. At present I do not think it advisable to introduce into either of them a Fraternity of as high a character and pretensions as the Phi Delta Theta." W. B. P.

Rumor has it that the Southern Kappa Alpha *Quarterly* has suspended publication. It was published in Richmond, Va., but its constituents were too few to support it.

Other Fraternities.

—D. K. E. at its last convention refused charters to two colleges. It is growing conservative.

—Phi Kappa Sigma has lost its chapter at Dickinson, and the Franklin and Marshall chapter has but 3 men.

—Injunction has been granted in California, restraining the faculty of the State University from interfering with students because of connection with Zeta Psi, that being an incorporated society under the State laws; also on the ground of violating the bill of rights of U. S.

—Delta Tau Delta has withdrawn from Western U. of Pa. and entered Rensselaer Polytechnic.

—Alpha Delta Phi's Harvard chapter, now existing as an open literary society, has the names of its members in the last edition of *The Index*.

—Chi Phi and D. K. E. are *mad* over the articles about them in "Am. Coll. Frats."

—Psi U. has absorbed Beta Beta a local society in Trinity Coll., Conn. The chapter will retain its name and peculiar customs.

—Phi Gamma Delta is dead at Washington and Lee. It claims chapters at Yale and Columbia, but there is not a member at either place.

—D. K. E.'s new catalogue shows 63 honorary members. Seven of these certainly belong to other Fraternities, and the same number are non-collegians. They have usually been elected when a chapter wanted to build a house and could not pay for it itself.

—It is rumored that Delta Psi has recently purchased a chapter house in Philadelphia. The chapter at Washington and Lee has died.

—Sigma Alpha, or Blackbadge, has 9 degrees; Phi Gamma Delta 3, and Theta Delta Chi, Zeta Psi and Alpha Tau Omega have each more than one.

—Alpha Delta Phi and D. K. E. have song books with music. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi have song books in preparation.

—Alpha Delta Phi, D. K. E., Sigma Phi, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Psi and Delta Tau Delta are preparing new catalogues. Almost all will take the late Psi U. catalogue as a model.

—A small local society, organized in 1877 at Marietta, named Phi Theta Pi, after petitioning several Fraternities, was captured by Phi Gamma Delta, reviving an old chapter of that Fraternity.

—The Psi U. *Diamond* was published for one year by the Cornell chapter. It was adopted as the organ of the Fraternity by the convention of '78, but no one has seemed willing to publish it since.

Personals.

—P. F. Jacobs, Ohio E. '79, is teaching in Jackson County, Ohio.

—C. W. Metcalfe, Ky. A. '55, is connected with the firm of Bishop Bros., Cincinnati. His son "Cuter," Ky. A. '81, is at present engaged in coloring a meerschaum pipe.

—Abner Rogers, Ky. A. '75, charter member of Ky. G., is Professor of Languages in Daughters Female college, Harrodsburg, Ky. His brother John, Ky. A. '77, is farming near the same place.

—Rev. J. M. Worrall D. D., Ohio A. '53, is pastor of the 8th Presbyterian church of Chicago, Ill., and his son, W. R., Ky. A. '79, is connected with a prominent Railroad Law firm of Chicago. His address is 10 & 12 Ashland Block.

—Emmit Tompkins (Captain Jack), Ohio E., was at last election made prosecuting attorney of his county. He has a large criminal docket to begin with. We wish him his usual success.

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Kentucky Alpha desires to open a correspondence with each chapter in the fraternity. All those desiring to correspond with this chapter will drop a card, giving address, to the secretary. See report.

We call attention to the short but excellent report of Wisconsin Alpha, in another column. This chapter speaks out after a silence of nearly eighteen years. Let all the fraternity rejoice.

Our space will not permit us to give the extended reports of the founding of Mich. Alpha and Penn. Zeta, as contemplated. We hope to have reports from secretaries of both chapters for our next issue.

Rev. Bro. David Bittle Floyd sends his subscription and writes thus: "I'm glad to see the stir about the publication of a new catalogue, in various sections of the Fraternity. I'm ready and willing at any time to lend a helping hand in anyway the editors may see proper to use me, for the compilation of a good, accurate catalogue. * * I can give information about the Indiana Eta and Virginia Alpha perhaps that cannot be gotten elsewhere, having been connected with those two chapters from the beginning. I know mistakes concerning both these in the last catalogue."

These words have the true helpful ring and should characterize the whole fraternity. Bro. F's address is Uniontown, Carroll co., Md.

Ind. Gamma places three men on the Pythian Spring Exhibition, while the Betas have one and the Barbs one. The Phis always lead. This same chapter has been instrumental through its individual members in doing some solid work for the Frat. See its report.

Why not have a Cincinnati Alumni. There are a number of noble Phis there to our personal knowledge, and they ought to have an organization. Will not Bro. Baker or Bro. Goodwin work the matter up?

Will not the correspondents take a little more interest in our Personal column?

We notice that new interest is springing up in our fraternity music. Our song book is no doubt a good one, but we should have new songs distributed through the Order occasionally. They have a decided tendency

to unite and enthuse the members. The rendition of a few songs at each meeting tends to make the occasion more pleasant and attractive than it otherwise would be, and if there is more pleasure and profit to be derived from a Phi meeting than elsewhere, the members will be pretty certain to be there; if not, the meetings will lack life and interest, and the attendance will not be good. If a chapter poet produces a song, even though it may be of a local nature, it should be communicated to the other chapters, either by private correspondence or through the SCROLL, so that all may have the benefit of it.

Private intelligence of the life and prosperity of Mo. Alpha is supplemented by a live and vigorous report from the secretary of that chapter, which will be found in the proper place. This will allay all apprehensions in regard to her welfare, and give us reason to expect at no far distant day one of the strongest and most active chapters in the order at Columbia. The U. of Mo. stands at the head of the educational institutions of that State, and we want to see Phi Delta Theta represented there in a manner becoming the dignity not only of the institution, but of herself as a powerful and growing college order. This can be done, and judging from the tone of our Brother's letter, which, by the way, has the genuine progressive ring, it *will be done*.

Illinois Gamma.

Some correspondence has resulted in the placing of the Illinois Gamma in the directory. Thus we add another to our swelling list and yet look for more. Monmouth college has some objections to fraternities, so that the chapter there is *sub rosa* as yet. There are, however, two ladies fraternities there, viz., the I. C., and the K. K. G. If they can exist there quietly, certainly Phis should do so.

The Gamma has had some trouble, but has held its charter through all, and is the only fraternity at Monmouth that has done so. Bro. J. Mac. Glenn is the secretary, and we look for a report for our next issue. Our President, Bro. Reddig, is doing much to build up the fraternity, and every Phi should do what he can in this work. *But let us shape every chapter by the rules of the Bond.*

—There are several articles of interest that have been crowded out of this issue. We thank our Brothers for the interest manifested in the work of the fraternity, and especially in the SCROLL. Regarding the latter there will likely be some changes necessarily made as to form and management at the next convention. We will advance some opinions in an article to appear in our next issue and trust that the matter will be considered calmly and wisely before the convention meets for action. Other articles of interest and importance will appear in due time.

Phi Scraps.

—At the celebration of the Ratio Genic Literary Society of Trinity University, Te-

huacana, Texas, recently, seven Phis took part in the exercises.

—Hon. John W. Foster, Ind. A., '55, has been recalled from Mexico and will be sent to the court of the Czar of Russia, at St. Petersburg. The Mexicans are sorry to lose him. He was quite prominent in the cordialities bestowed upon Gen. Grant recently in the Aztec region. We hope Bro. F. will keep shy of Russian explosives.

—We acknowledge invitation from Richmond Medical College to attend commencement, and would like to be there. Because Bro. Chas. H. Chalkley, Va. D., '79, is valedictorian. Phis have been doing this for a year or two down there, taking the *val*. Bro. C. is also on committee of invitation as chairman.

—A programme of the public debate of the Websterian Literary Society of A. and M. College, Auburn, Ala., has been received. Thanks. There are ten Phis on the programme. We call that a sort of Phi sweep.

—Numbers 1 and 2 of the first volume of *The Auburn Cadet* have reached us. Bros. A. Fitzpatrick and E. A. Price are the editors. The *Cadet* is an eight page monthly, and is filled with a charming variety of short articles on almost every subject. We trust that the Phis will so drill it as to make of it a veteran soldier.

—Ohio Zeta records two deaths: Bro. Montgomery, '75, a minister, and Bro. Senior, '78, a theological student. Mississippi Alpha is in excellent condition, with nineteen men, eleven being initiated this term. Virginia Beta has initiated a good man since last report. Georgia Gamma expects to have the finest hall in the state by commencement. Pennsylvania Zeta is doing finely for so young an infant. Tennessee Beta still continues as the largest chapter, and has taken in several more men.

—Bro. W. B. Palmer wants immediately the minutes of the Chicago Convention of 1869, and of the Indianapolis Convention of 1871, to condense for publication in our columns. Will Ohio Zeta and older chapters search their archives for them? Bro. P. would also like to get vols. I and II of SCROLL. Anyone having any or all of the numbers and who is willing to dispose of the same is requested to write, stating price, to Bro. P., Nashville, Tenn.

—The following is from the Louisville *Courier Journal* of a recent date: "At a reunion of the resident members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity last night, at the office of Bullitt & Harris, the following officers were elected: Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt, President; Rev. Wm. F. Harris, Secretary; Wilkins G. Anderson, Treasurer; Dr. Benj. J. Baldwin, Committee on Rules. Among the members of this chapter are Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Rev. E. O. Guerrant, Rev. E. P. Humphreys, D. D., John G. Simrall, St. John Boyle, Hon. W. B. Fleming, and many other prominent citizens. The meeting was quite enthusiastic, and many interesting recollections of college life were recalled."

—The author of "American College Fraternities" devotes six pages and an addendum to Phi Delta Theta, rather more space than is given to any other fraternity in the book. The statements concerning us are in the main fair and just. We are credited with 35 living chapters, 20 dead, and .3 alumni chapters, with 26 hundred members, and with two chapter houses. The total number of fraternities given is 64, having 487 living, 293 dead, and 76 alumni chapters, and 35 chapter houses. The total membership is given as 65,256. The work itself as a whole shows considerable care in its preparation and is not likely to get the circulation it deserves for the labor expended upon it.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Wisconsin Alpha.

MADISON, Wisconsin, Feb. 28th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

After a silence of nearly eighteen years, Wisconsin Alpha again lets its voice be heard in the Phi Delta Theta world.

We are getting along as well as could be expected, starting at this season of the year, and although we have not as many men as another Fraternity that is trying to establish itself here, we flatter ourselves that we have better men, both morally and mentally.

At present we number but six, viz: two Juniors one Sophomore, two Freshmen and one Sub-freshman, but we have spotted two good men whom we think we will be able to run in about next month. The Fraternities that we have to contend with are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Chi Psi. There are two ladies' fraternities here, viz., K. K. G. and Delta Chi (local).

Will write more next time.

Yours in the Bond,

DAN. S. McARTHUR.

Missouri Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.
Columbia, Mo., Feb. 24th, 1880.

DEAR EDITOR SCROLL:

For quite a long time our chapter has been asleep, so to speak, but I am indeed happy to say, and I suppose the Order will be glad to hear, that we are again on "good footing." We have a few new members this year, and are "on the lookout" for a few more good members who will be an honor to the Fraternity, and take some pride and interest in the Society.

We have been doing very little for a year, owing to various circumstances which we were, in part, unable to control. But from present indications, the Mo. Alpha will hereafter stand not as a Society in a dormant state, but as one of the principal chapters of the Phi Delta Theta.

The Zeta Phis have about twenty members, and the consequence is that a feeling of opposition is noticed, for they are striving hard, indeed, to keep in the lead. They have had but little trouble in so doing for some time, but now since we have begun to "show our colors" they are greatly alarmed, and well they may be, for the Phi Deltas are determined to take precedence over all opposing forces.

Our members, though few, are among the most prominent in the University. We have learned that it is better to have a small membership and those the select, than to have a larger membership, including some we can not affiliate with so well.

We intend to have a reunion the latter part of May, and we anticipate a general good time. We expect quite a number of our old members, all of whom, we believe, are "battling with the storms of life" successfully, to be with us on that occasion. Hoping to be able to make you a better report next month, and with best wishes for the future prosperity of the fraternity, also for the SCROLL, I am,

Yours in the Bond,

SAMUEL H. KELLEY.

Georgia Gamma.

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

DEAR SCROLL:

In my present communication, dispensing

with local matter, I wish to call attention to one thought connected with the character of our fraternity that is most pleasing, and has impressed me as being worthy of the highest consideration. Since the rise of modern civilization, society has assumed a variety of features. At one time she appears under the guise of a peculiar kind of chivalry, at another in the robe of priesthood; again, she puts on the dress of antiquity, and admits none to her majestic presence except such as are able to establish their lineage to an issue from royalty. But in modern times she becomes more coquettish, and having established the "fashions," lays down as the basis of her policy-wealth. And speaking generally, any one who possesses the dimes, is always a welcome visitor. He is admitted to her presence without a question. His homage is even sought by this despotic queen. And such is the audacity that her condescension awakens that he even dares to propose a flirtation, and he succeeds. Any man of sound sense knows that the present basis of what is generally called first-class society, is as faulty as was that of the dark ages. And pure minds are giving evidences of an approaching revolution in society. The only true basis of a first class, the only true grounds of an aristocracy in the social world, are virtue and intelligence. Until these principles are thoroughly disseminated, and duly established from the lowest to the highest circles in society, true merit need not look for its just reward without such principles as recognized conditions and the only conditions to admission into the highest circles of society, aristocracy is a contemptible farce, a bloated humbug. Now it is to me a most pleasing observation that our noble fraternity rests upon these eternal principles. They are the *sine qua non* to admission into our society. We recognize them as the only principles of society that can stand the test of just criticism. It is gratifying to contemplate the prominent part that Phi Delta Thetaism will play in the impending revolution in society, which shall fix its principles as the principles of all first class society. We are prosecuting a greater work than perhaps even some of us are aware of. It would be well to impress the fact upon all of our members, that our sphere is not limited to college circles, but has for its mission the elevation of aristocracy, throughout the broad domain of society, to principles that govern even the court of Heaven itself.

Yours in the Bond,

H. C. CARNEY.

Indiana Gamma.

361 MASS. AVE., Indianapolis, Feb. 22, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

The SCROLL has become an absolute necessity to the happiness of the Gamma. It has enlarged, united, solidified our Order already, and its good effects are just beginning to be felt. One object of the next convention will be to see that the SCROLL is kept on a solid financial basis. Ind. Delta suggests that the interest on permanent fund be applied to this end. That is very good, but I think that the P. F., or part of it, can be put to no better purpose than the extinction of the old catalogue debt. Let us wipe this debt out and stand square before the world. There will be something left, and it will really be our "fund," as then we shall owe nothing, and own something.

Indiana colleges, and especially Ind. fraternities, are "torn up" over the inter-collegiate oratorical contest next April. It is too early even to guess at the result, but Hoosier Phi Orators have heretofore taken no mean position in these contests.

Ind. Gamma feels proud of her work this year, not only at home but elsewhere. See the list:

Bro. Marshall re-established Ohio Delta, Bro. Kirkpatrick established Indianapolis Gamma, Bro. Christian re-established Michigan Alpha, Bro. Goodwin established Louisville Alumni. But the honor of these noble Phis belongs rather to the whole fraternity, than to any one chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

H. U. BROWN.

Michigan Beta.

AGR'L COLLEGE, Lansing, March 2d. 1880.

WORTHY BROTHERS:

Michigan B. has not been heard from through the SCROLL for some time, as our long vacation occurs during the winter. Now that the college, as well as the chapter, is actively at work, we hasten to report our well-being.

At our opening meeting last Saturday evening, twelve responded to the roll call, and after our regular exercises, twelve jolly brothers gathered around the wedding cakes—not that any of the dozen "have come to the end of life's troubles," but some one's sister has. It remains one of our failings to enjoy a quiet (?) little supper after our meetings, and it appears to be growing on us. Each member returned with new life, and new love for the order, and with a purpose each in his own sphere to promote the welfare of all and to act his part as a man, student and brother.

We have received a letter from Mich. Alpha, which again revives our hopes; but talking and writing will not resurrect the dead. It will take active and hard work, and that from every chapter. Only by keeping our position in such institutions can we lay claim to "the foremost fraternity of the West."

Why is not Phi Delta Theta there? Express your answer not in words, but in active work towards reviving it as soon as possible.

HALO.

Georgia Delta.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga., Feb. 25th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Nothing of peculiar interest has befallen our chapter since I wrote last. Our meetings are all well attended, and it is useless for me to say that all of us enjoy them, for the Ga. Delta is made up of true Phis.

During a recent visit to Columbus, Ga., your humble servant had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Cantey, of the Alabama Beta; was disappointed at not seeing more of him. The Alabama Beta has some *stunning* men, as we all know. I would like to be informed as to the whereabouts of the Georgia Alpha; I have never heard of it since I have been a Phi. I hope to have a more interesting report, *next time*.

Fraternally,

J. K. BATTLE.

Pennsylvania Beta.

GETTYSBURG, PA., March 3rd, 1880.

DEAR BROS. IN THE BOND:

We take our quill to make the monthly report. We missed last month, because we had nothing important to report.

Beta sends greetings to all the chapters. She wishes that prosperity may attend all, and that the true interests of Phi Delta Theta may be dear to every Phi.

We had a visit lately from Bro. Cleason Musselman. Glad to see you. We are always glad to have those old familiar faces and forms, like the dreams of our childhood, come back to us, and remind us of pleasant, by-gone days. Next!

Ye Phis witness what we now record.

At our last meeting we rescued from the ranks of the "heathen" a fine, and we believe, a noble fellow, such as Phis always are; and now Bro. Fred. G. Strock wears the shield and dagger. May he, and every other Phi, ever keep bright as the badge he wears, the

honor and name of our beloved Phi Delta Theta.

We are also glad to report that we have obtained a fine room. Ever since Beta was born, she has been as a stranger in a strange land. She could enter no place and say this is home. She was at first called hard names, and her existence thought to be of short duration. But she has shown to outsiders that her life depended not on what they might say, but on what she would do. Today, Penna. Beta stands higher in the estimation of the general body of students than any of her rivals. We make no show, nor boast of what we are, but we act rightly and in a quiet way, and others do the praising.

More "good news comes o'er the sea." Bro. Troxell was awarded the Graeff Prize, which is thirty dollars, for the best essay on a literary subject assigned to each Senior class, by the English Professor. The subject assigned this year's class was Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." The essay will be read in College Church on the 22nd of March. Bro. Troxell was also one of the speakers who represented the Phrenakosmian Society of College at the Biennial on the 23d of Feb.

At the last election of the Phrenakosmian Society all the officers elected except two, Vice President and one Critic, were Phis. This shows that the Phis are respected and honored.

That prosperity and progress may attend all chapters everywhere, and honor and manliness characterize every Phi, is the wish of

Your Bro. in the Bond,
W. D. E. SCOTT.

Alabama Beta.

AUBURN, ALA., Feb. 21st, 1880.

DEAR BRO. :

We are yet pursuing "the smooth and even tenor of our way," and rejoice in the prospect of a brilliant and promising future. Never was the Beta in a more prosperous condition, and never has she had so just a cause to rejoice. The chapter numbers thirteen, each imbued with that spirit peculiar to our order. Notwithstanding the fact of the Faculty's stern opposition to secret organizations of any kind or nature, there are three Frats. in existence here, due I suppose to the "rising tendency" of the College. Alpha Tau Omega is the latest instituted, and it is justly credited for some good material. The Websterian Literary Society gives a Public Debate on 12 prox., and out of the eight speakers six are Phis. We congratulate the Tenn. Beta upon its prosperous condition, and as a sister in our common family are proud of her. We can especially sympathize and rejoice with her when we realize that her motto, like ours, is Sub Rosa.

In the Bond,
A. FITZPATRICK.

Texas Beta.

TERUACANA, Feb. 3rd, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

As the tide moves along it occasionally throws out on the shoals a prize to be gathered into the safe retreat of the "Phi Delta home." At our last meeting, we received in the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta, Bro. M. M. Vaughn, a true Phi from the word go. Thus we move our boat along gathering in the jewels of the sweeping current, and thus we propose to ever move onward.

I have been trying to arouse our members more in regard to members of different chapters corresponding with each other. It will not only be a benefit in a literary point of view, but will tend to strengthen the ties of brotherly love, and create a more congenial spirit in the one great cause we are all advocating. Then let us cheer up on this subject. Since I wrote last I hear that another one of our noble boys, Bro. J. T. Walker, has taken

to himself a better-half; the second one of us that has broken the ranks of single blessedness, but I hope we will have several more of our Texas girls names to appear in our next catalogue as the wives of Phis.

Our number in regular attendance is nine, but we hope to increase to fifteen anyway, before close of session. At the last intermediate celebration of the Ratio Genic Literary Society of Trinity University, the Phis were well represented upon the stage, as three out of the four debaters were Phis. Your humble servant had the honor of being president of the occasion. Phis will appear on every corner. We were glad to see our dear Bro. H. H. Wright, who is now paying us a visit. We think he is fixing to record another name in the catalogue. Are we mistaken Harvie?

Bro. Frank Drane, one of our whole-souled boys, who has been confined to his room for some time, we are glad to say is improving very fast. We hope soon to hear his merry voice among us again. Our love to all the Phis, and to all the Phi girls.

Yours in the Bond,
J. H. GILLESPIE.

Vermont Alpha.

BURLINGTON, VT., Jan. 30th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

Away up here in Vt., where, as Henry Ward Beecher says, everybody is virtuous, we are enamoured of our Executive Committee, who have lately shown so much sagacity in executing the requirements of our beloved Order. We refer to the expulsion of one of the chapters. The question was discussed among us, whether such a course was justifiable or not.

Our decision is, that the Executive Committee would not have taken such a step without it were absolutely necessary, in which case it was their duty, and that they, in so doing, render the fraternity a great favor.

We have been waiting long to hear from Missouri Alpha, as well as Michigan Alpha. These chapters are in large Colleges and we ought to have thriving chapters at both.

Does any one know the condition of Iowa Alpha? With much love to all, we are fraternally,

THE VT. A.

Kentucky Alpha.

HALL OF THE KENTUCKY ALPHA,
Feb. 1st, 1880.

The Kentucky Alpha, although not heard from last month, on account of her report not coming to hand until after going to press, still prospers, and has had some lively times lately.

Our position toward our old enemies, the Betas, is at present rather peculiar, and the state of affairs is one which does not often exist between Phis and Betas. In fact we are on rather friendly terms, and have for some time been working together like the best of friends.

In justice to our boys, we will say that it was not of our seeking, but on the contrary, they came to us. As it was to our advantage to do so, we united with them for mutual support.

The Sigma Chis and non-frats, having cliqued in one of the Societies for the purpose of ruling out Phis and Betas, naturally brought us together. By the way, the last man taken into the Sigma Chis was a defeated candidate for membership in Phi Delta Theta.

Our faction proposed a man for membership last Friday night, who was promptly black-balled by the opposition party, whereupon all the Phis, all the Betas and several non-frats immediately handed in their resignation, and formed a new Society, of which a Phi is president and first speaker for the

celebration of 22nd of February, and another is master of ceremonies on that occasion. The first and second speakers for the other Society are also Phis and we will be well represented on commencement day, both in the new Society and one of the old ones.

At the close of each of our last two meetings we have had quite a nice little festive season; one, an elegant oyster supper, through the kindness of Bro. Dick King, who is here on a visit, the other, a repast of fruit; cake, lemonade, &c, which was a general "set up," or Pittsburg treat.

We have just received a letter from Mich. Alpha asking us to send them a good looking man with his head well stored with brains, but hardly think we can furnish them with any as we need them all ourselves. We are very anxious to see them succeed, and think it would be a disgrace to the fraternity to let the chapter die, when we have three such energetic workers on the ground, who would do anything for the common good, if they only receive the assistance of the frat. at large; so we hope that some of the members of chapters nearer Ann Arbor will be induced to give the boys a lift on account of the superior advantages offered by them and for the advancement of our Order.

We have been thinking for some time that there was not enough correspondence between the members of different chapters, and after discussing the matter with one of our sister chapters, we have determined to make each of our members a corresponding secretary, and thus carry on a correspondence with ALL the chapters, well knowing that we will derive much pleasure and advantage from such a correspondence.

We would be pleased if the members of all the chapters would notice our advertisement for correspondents, and answer at once. We also hope that more of our chapters will follow our example in this respect.

Those who complied with our request in Dec. SCROLL will please accept our thanks for their kindness, and we would like others to comply with it also.

In the Bond,
GEO. B. THOMAS.

Ohio Delta.

O. W. U., DELAWARE, O., Feb. 2, 1880.

ED. SCROLL :

We are glad to be able to report Ohio Delta starting her bark before prosperous breezes for the New-Year. The more we meet and act upon the noble principles of our Bond, the more we feel imbued with our ideal of the true fraternity spirit and honor Phi Delta Theta.

At our first meeting this term we were placed under "peculiar" obligations to Bro. Randall for a "set-up," without a moments warning, consisting of nuts, cake, cider, etc., which, of course, was assaulted in the true Phi spirit and rapidly vanished.

We can also report another accession to our ranks—Frank R. Williams, who entered college this term, in the preparatory department. Bro. Doc. Smith did not return with us this term, but will be back in the spring.

The winter term is the season of elections at the O. W. U., and in these we have received our full share of honors, in fact more than we expected, there being so many rivals to us.

Our first was in securing two places on the programme of the Sophomore Banquet, given at the principal hotel, in the city, near the close of the term. Our only two members of the class in school, Rosemond and Bonham, were placed on responses to toasts.

Next came the Society elections for "Spring Publics," literary entertainments given during Commencement week by the three literary societies. From the Athenæum society where the Phi Gams have six men, all of literary

ability, and we have five, we got two on the programme, and the Phi Gams got none. The two lucky ones were Woodmansee, on debate, and Rosemond, on declamation. In this Society there were only four fraternity men elected, the two others being members of different fraternities. These honors are usually given to members of the Senior class as far as possible, but we have none in the Senior class and so feel the more honored.

Last Saturday occurred the election to positions on the *Transcript*, the college paper in the hands of the Senior class, by the Juniors. Again Phi Delta came to the front, and of the four fraternity men elected, two are Phi Deltas. Of the others, one is a Phi Gam, the other a Phi Kap. We might also add that having Juniors in but one of the Societies, we obtained two of the three men elected there. Bro. L. W. Squier was elected literary editor, and Bro. D. D. Woodmansee, business manager. And so Ohio Delta has been receiving congratulations.

We have recently added that solemn apurtenance to every well furnished Phi Delta hall, and it is no thirty-six-inch one either. The night Bro. Williams was initiated, Bro. O. J. Richards, an old Phi, now Principal of the High School, Marysville, O., was with us and gave us a speech full of encouragement.

But our letter is already too long, and in deference to the manipulator of the boiling down process we will subside.

Yours in the Bond,
SCOTT BONHAM.

Virginia Epsilon.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY,
Lexington, Va., Jan. 13th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The Va. Epsilon is still alive, but we have not many members. I have received from the Ga. Gamma an address delivered by Bro. Howren, of the Gamma. Bro. Dickinson, of Va. Delta, wrote to me concerning a State Convention of the Va. chapters. The Va. Epsilon is heart and soul for the idea. There could not be a more profitable thing thought of for the good of the Phi Delta Theta. One has only to turn to the Indiana chapters to see how much good has been derived from a State Convention.

What is meant by "Classes" in the SCROLL for January?

We will soon initiate a new man, who is worthy to wear the shield and dagger, and who does well in his class.

Soon there will a new "Babe" be born unto our Alma Mater, the Phi Delta Theta. At the commencement of next session, or may be before then, the Va. Zeta will appear.

Yours in the Bond,
H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Richmond, Va.
Feb. 1st, 1880.

"There was a sound of revelry by night"—and the Phis were there of course in all their glory. The occasion referred to was a sumptuous banquet tendered our chapter, a week or so ago, by Bro. Chas. W. Tanner, of the Va. Alpha Alumni. Everything that could delight the palate and gratify the inner-man—both solid and liquid—was served up in handsome style. A glorious time was had by all, and after leaving, with stentorian voices we gave three cheers and one cheer more "for Phi Delta Theta and Bro. C. W. Tanner." Bro. Tanner is one of the most loyal of the Phis, and this is only one of the many substantial proofs he has given of his love and devotion to Phi Delta Theta.

At the last regular election in the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society of our college, Bro. J. H. Nelms was elected Final Orator of the Society. This is one of the highest honors

given by the Society, and we feel very jubilant over Bro. Nelms' success. We had quite an exciting time over his election, the Betas and Kappa Alphas combining against us. The vote was a tie, but, the writer of this being President, the result was not long in *dubius*. We have recently heard from all the chapters in the state, on the subject of a Va. State Convention of Phi Delta Theta. While they all heartily commend the project and think that it could not do otherwise than further the best interests of our fraternity, still the general impression seems to be that the initial meeting had better be put off till next session.

The Sigma Chis are making a desperate effort to get a foothold here. They have two members here now, and a charter has been granted them to organize a chapter. All the fraternity material here has been well worked over, and they will find their task almost an impossible one. Meanwhile Phi Delta Theta is gaining fresh laurels daily, and our boys are revered by the barbarians, dreaded by the other fraternities, and wondered at by all.

In the Bond,
JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., Jan. 20th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

This term finds all the Phi boys back except Bro. W. H. Jones, who was tutoring here last session; although he has left college his interest is with us, and he will ever be found an ardent Phi. As no new men have as yet been initiated, we number thirteen.

The weather for the week preceding Jan. 6th, the date of Mrs. Livermore's lecture, given under the auspices of the chapter, was wet, and the evening of the lecture was decidedly so; nevertheless the attendance was quite good, and a small amount of lucre was added to the treasury. It is needless to say the lecture was fine, and enjoyed by all.

Of the six contestants at the home oratorical contest, to be held Jan. 30th, four are Phis, one is a lady, and only one a Delta Tau, which does not speak well for that fraternity as their chapter here is numerically as large as our own.

Ohio Eta is heartily in favor of a convention of the Ohio chapters of Phi Delta Theta, at some central location, and if practicable, during the month of February. We would send a delegation to such a meeting, and are sure good would result, and our fraternal bonds be made still stronger.

Our members are unanimous in their opposition to the permanent fund, as it now stands, and with Michigan Beta attacking the centre, we will endeavor to make a flank movement, and we hope the combined action will cause all the other chapters to see its evils, and vote for its abolishment; or at least its revision, at the next convention. Would we were so inspired that we might conclude this epistle with a poetic effusion on *our girls a la Texas Beta*, but as we are not gifted in that direction we close with best wishes to every loyal wearer of the shield and dagger.

In the Bond,
V. E. TOMLINSON.

LATER.—The first honors at the oratorical contest were won by the lady. One of the Phi boys, Bro. Irving C. Tomlinson, came in for the second place, but as the fair contestant has worn the shield and dagger since the occasion we do not feel as bad as we might. The "state oratorical contest" is to be held in this city during the latter part of March, and if any Phis should be in attendance we would give them a hearty welcome. Bro. Stearns, class of '79, added cheer to our last meeting by his presence. In the Bond,

V. E. T.

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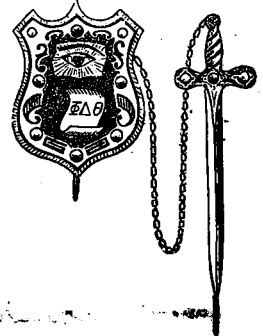
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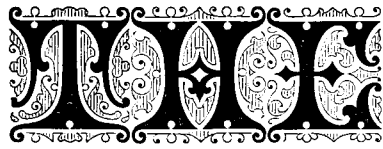
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Du bist wie eine Blume.

Blushing fair as a flower,
So pure and sweet thou art;
I gaze on thee, and sadness
Steals soft into my heart.

Upon thy head I feel as if
My hands I should lay there
Praying, that God would keep thee
So pure, so sweet, so fair.

S. DE SOTO.

Convention of 1868.

Abstract of the Minutes of the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Session of 1868.

SENATE CHAMBER, Indianapolis, Ind.
June 10th, 1868.

The National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity assembled according to appointment. At 10 a. m. the meeting was called to order by Orlan F. Baker, Ind. A. '63, of Vincennes, Ind., who moved that Henry C. Guffin, Ind. G. '63, of Indianapolis, be elected temporary chairman. The motion prevailed, and Bro. Guffin assumed the chair with a brief happy speech of welcome to the Fraternity. W. J. Elstun, Mich. A. '67, of Indianapolis was chosen temporary secretary. On motion, the chair appointed a committee on permanent organization and one on credentials. After a temporary suspension of business, the committee on credentials reported the following delegates and members present. Resident and other correspondent members are credited to the chapter to which they belong.

B. P. Jones, '68, Ohio Alpha; Elam Fisher, '70, Ohio Alpha; F. A. Smith, '66, Ill. Beta; E. F. Stearnes, '69, Ill. Beta; C. O. Perry, '69, Ind. Eta; Geo. Wright, Ind. Eta; L. W. Flora, '67, Ind. Gamma; A. C. Ayres, '68, Ind. Gamma; D. B. Williams, '70, Ind. Gamma; Lee Roy Pattison, Ind. Gamma; S. T. Quick, '70, Ind. Gamma; W. P. Stanley, '68, Ind. Gamma; H. C. Guffin, '63, Ind. Gamma; E. L. Brevoort, '63, Ind. Gamma; Jonas Stewart, '68, Ind. Gamma; Riley C. Story, '68, Mich. Alpha; W. J. Elstun, '67, Mich. Alpha; George Moore, Ind. Alpha; S. E. Mahan, '71, Ind. Al-

pha; G. M. Overstreet, '69, Ind. Alpha; O. F. Baker, '63, Ind. Alpha; Chas. Groyendyke, '69, Ind. Beta; B. Marshall Mills, '68, Ind. Beta; Matthew Whiteford, '67, Ind. Beta.

The committee on permanent organization reported the following nominations all of whom were unanimously elected: President, O. F. Baker; Vice Presidents, B. P. Jones, Elam Fisher, S. E. Mahan, L. W. Flora, R. C. Story, J. C. Mgaill, E. F. Stearnes, and F. A. Smith; Secretary, W. J. Elstun; Assistant Secretaries, C. O. Perry and B. M. Mills; Marshal, Lee Roy Pattison.

Bro. Baker was conducted to the Presidential chair by a committee of two appointed by the temporary chairman. On assuming the office, the President briefly thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him, and referred very pertinently to the duties of the convention, recommending that it proceed immediately to business. Committees on incorporation, catalogue, and general state of the Fraternity were appointed. On motion, it was ordered that in voting on important questions, the vote be called by chapters, allowing one vote to each chapter. The convention then adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

The convention reassembled at the appointed hour. The committee on incorporation of the Fraternity reported the plan impracticable. The report was unanimously adopted. The committee on catalogue reported, recommending that the Grand Alpha collect data, and publish a catalogue as soon as possible, and that the aforesaid chapter shall issue a catalogue every three years. Report adopted. The committee on the general state of the Fraternity made the following report, which was adopted by sections.

Resolved, 1. That the Grand Alpha be changed from the Ky. Alpha to the Ill. Beta.

2. That Art. IV of the Articles of Union, referring to correspondence, be strictly enforced; and that the President

of each chapter shall appoint members to correspond regularly with each of the other chapters.

3. That a National Convention of the Society be held annually. That the next Convention be held in Chicago, commencing on the second Wednesday of June 1869. That the President of the Convention appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of two members from the chapter located at the place of holding the convention and one member from each State represented by the Order. This committee shall elect its own officers (a President and Secretary) and make arrangements for the meeting of the convention. Of this committee, each member shall have a general supervision of the chapters of his State.

4. That copies of the oration and poem, sufficient for the use of the Order, be published in pamphlet form, at the general expense of the Society.

A committee on permanent rules for the government of the National Convention was appointed. On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet at 8.30 p. m., to hear the oration and poem, and at 9 a. m. for business.

The convention assembled at 8. p. m. The oration of the occasion was delivered by Henry C. Guffin; subject, "What the American Scholar owes the Age." The poem was delivered by Charles P. Jacobs of Indianapolis; subject, "Greeting to the Phi Delta Theta."

JUNE 11th, 9 a. m.

Convention called to order by the President. Committee on permanent rules of the National convention reported the following, which were adopted.

Rule 1. The officers of all national conventions shall consist of a President, and one Vice President from each State represented, a Secretary, with an Assistant Secretary for each State represented, and one Marshal.

Rule 2. The officers of all conventions shall continue to discharge their duties until their successors are elected and installed.

Rule 3. Upon being called to order the convention shall first appoint a committee on credentials and one on nomination of officers.

Rule 4. On all questions of order "Cushing's Manual" shall be authority.

Rule 5. Every convention shall elect an orator and poet, and their alternates, for the succeeding convention.

Rule 6. The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of every convention shall furnish a true copy of all its proceedings to the Alpha chapter of each State.

Rule 7. The vote upon all except preliminary questions shall be taken by the chapters, each chapter being entitled to one vote.

The thanks of the convention were tendered through the Secretary to the Rev. B. F. Foster, State Librarian, for having procured the Senate chamber for the use of the convention. The thanks of the convention were also tendered the orator and poet. It was provided that the President and Secretary of the Executive committee should fill vacancies occurring in the committee. It was resolved that each delegate charge himself with making the convention at Chicago a success and worthy of our cause and order. The following was then adopted.

Resolved: That it shall be the duty of the Ex. Com. to draw up and transmit to the various chapters a schedule of the expenses of each convention, together with an apportionment in proportion to membership, recommending a tax or subscription according to that basis for the purpose of defraying such expenses; that the President and Secretary of this convention are hereby authorized to apportion and levy a tax on the various chapters, and collect the same, to defray the expenses of this convention.

It was resolved that the catalogue when published should be furnished by the Grand Alpha to the various chapters, and by them to their respective members. The President reported the Executive committee as follows: R. A. D. Wilbanks and F. A. Smith, Ill. Beta; Chas. Groyndyke, Ind. Beta; R. P. Jones, Ohio Alpha; D. C. Bennington, Mich. Alpha; Robt. Morrison, Ky. Alpha; and W. M. Thurslow, Va. —.

A motion to publish the minutes of this convention was laid on the table. A letter was read by the President, and ordered spread on the minutes, from Jas.

F. Goodkins of Chicago, who had for the second time been chosen "Reunion Singer," to A. C. Ayres of Indianapolis, explaining that previous engagements of the writer would prevent his attendance, and expressing his deep interest in the advancement of the Fraternity.

The following nominations for orator of the next convention were made. R. A. D. Wilbanks, '67, of Ill. Beta, Orlan F. Baker and J. C. Magill. Eighteen votes were cast, Bro. Baker receiving ten, Bro. Wilbanks six, and Bro. Magill two. Accordingly, Bro. Baker was declared orator and Bro. Wilbanks alternate. The following nominations for poet were made. Col. W. P. Black, Jno. W. Elstun, and J. F. Goodkins. Nineteen votes were cast, Col. Black receiving eight, Bro. Goodkins eight, and Bro. Elstun three. On motion Col. Black was declared poet, and Bro. Goodkins alternate. In order to defray the expenses in part of the publication of the oration and poem of the present convention, the President and Secretary asked a tax of one dollar from each delegate. Members of the Ind. Gamma stated that the Gamma would defray all expenses of furnishing a hall for the present convention. The thanks of the convention were returned. The convention then adjourned.

ORLAN F. BAKER, *President.*

W. J. ELSTUN, *Secretary.*

A Card from the Catalogue Editors.

EDITOR SCROLL: We were authorized some time since by the executive committee to gather material for a new catalogue of the Fraternity, and we are now prosecuting the work. We intended from the first to leave it to the convention to devise a plan for raising necessary funds, but as you have advanced in the December and January SCROLL a plan for publishing the catalogue, which you say is the only plan by which it can be published with honor to the Fraternity, and without loss, you will please permit us to say a few words in regard thereto.

In the first place, let it be understood that we have no idea of publishing the catalogue at our own expense. If anyone else wishes to publish it in that way, we will cheerfully resign to him. But we are confident that there is not a man in the Fraternity, nor any two, five or ten men, who will assume the cost of publishing a catalogue. We do not be-

lieve the catalogue of any Fraternity was ever issued as a private speculation. The known fact that Bro. Search lost heavily on the song book he issued on his own account would debar any one from embarking in similar ventures. The catalogue will be a much more expensive publication than was the song book. There is no more reason that the catalogue should be published as a private enterprise than that the SCROLL should.

You say that the Fraternity must not be involved in issuing the catalogue, and that if one cannot be issued without incurring debt, we are not ready for a new catalogue, and had better drop the subject. Now we do not know what action the convention will take, but we will submit to it this plan. Each active member in the Fraternity at the time of the convention shall be required to subscribe for a copy of the catalogue, and also each member initiated thereafter until the requisite amount is obtained. If this plan is adopted, the catalogue will not be issued until a sufficient amount is accumulated to meet the cost of publication, however long that may be. This will be precisely like the present plan for supporting the SCROLL, and as the SCROLL and the catalogue are both Fraternity publications, we see no good reason why they should not be published in the same way. Phi Delta Theta's plan of *pro rata* assessments is the most perfect one that can be adopted to raise the money to conduct a Fraternity.

Again you say that if the catalogue is not issued by private means, there will be no hope of pecuniary reward, and hence it will be a failure. We do not see the force of that argument. You might as well argue that the duties of our executive officers or of the managers of the SCROLL will not be well performed because they are not paid a salary. Certainly no one is going to be found who would publish the catalogue expecting to make a profit. If there could be, the chances are ten to one that he would not get back anything like the amount of his outlay, much less anything additional. No matter how the catalogue is issued, the editors will not be repaid for their labor. We do not expect to be rewarded, but we will incur no personal liability. As to our call for cash subscriptions, while it brings in the names of many who promise to take the book, it brings

in no money. It must occur to you, however, that we are incurring considerable expense in the way of stationery, postage, etc. We will submit a detailed report of our work to the convention, and if it sees fit to confirm us as editors, we will do our work faithfully, and make the publication all that we have promised it shall be.

Fraternally,

GEORGE BANTA,
W. B. PALMER.

March 15th.

From the Grand Banker.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Many have asked of me information in regard to the Permanent Fund. I beg leave to answer all through the SCROLL.

This fund was worked up by Bro. C. O. Perry in '72 and '73. He procured subscriptions and got notes bearing 10 per cent. interest, payable to this fund. At convention of '73, met at Athens, O., he made report, as Treasurer, which all can find on page 10 of minutes of '73. This report showed \$355.00 cash paid in, \$292.00 subscribed but unpaid. The same convention established the office of Grand Banker, (see page 9, min. '73,) and gave him a general management of this fund together with the other monies of the fraternity. The resolution reads thus:

"It shall be the duty of the Grand Banker to manage the permanent fund of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity in such a manner as will in his judgment produce the largest possible income consistent with safety. He shall pass to the credit of the general fund all the earnings of the Permanent Fund, and at no time and under no circumstances shall he use it or any part of it, more than the earnings of the same, in payment of claims against, or of expenses incurred by the fraternity."

The fund up to this time only consisted of subscriptions and subscription notes which Bro. Perry counted in his report as so much cash. But the convention of '74 met at Crawfordsville, Ind., (see page 35, min. '74,) adopted a resolution like this:

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

Sec. 2. Provides for an agent to solicit contributions in each chapter for P. F.

Sec. 3. Reads as follows: "That the interest, and the interest only of said money, excepting by unanimous consent of all the active chapters, shall be expended in such a way as the convention may authorize."

Sec. 4. Provides as penalty, forfeiture of charters, for violation of the above sections.

At this convention C. O. Perry, G. B., reported on Permanent Fund:

Cash on hand	\$179.50
Invested at 10 per cent.	210.00
Subscriptions unpaid	164.00

Total

The report of 1875, shows the Permanent Fund to contain the following:

Subscription notes at 10 per cent.	\$260.00
Invested	179.50
Unpaid subscriptions	139.00
Collected from initiation fees	74.00

Total

Due the fund.. ..

I have not the report of '76 before me, but the report of '78, the next convention, which met at Wooster, O., shows the P. Fund to consist of the following:

Subscription notes	\$460.00
Unpaid subscriptions	139.00
On account past initiation fees	186.00
Cash received on note, (C. O. Perry, Ex. G. B.)	140.00
Balance on same.. ..	14.50
First installment on note, E. M. Wilson	5.00
On account initiation fees since last report.. ..	60.90

Total

Since last report I had received up to Jan. 1st, 1880, for this fund:

Cash	\$ 161.00
Which added to amount in report....	1,005.40

Makes a total.....

This will yield quite a revenue to help to bear the current expenses of the order. In my opinion it ought not to be used only as an endowment fund as it is. The object of having such a fund is or ought to be very obvious to all.

1st. It creates a financial interest. "Where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also," is as true now as when uttered by the Saviour from the Mount. Any one knows that we are liable to meet with disaster, growing out of great difference of opinions, and if we have no financial Fund to bind us, we may go to pieces as many other Societies have. When if we have this substantial tie we will be most likely to harmonize and heal these differences.

2nd. It is no more than justice to those who have established the order, and wish to see it flourish, that those who come into it now should give the small sum of *one dollar* to this fund which in time will be enough to build a hall in some city which will yield a fine income by rents. The idea that it ought not to be fostered for fear some rascal will some day default and carry off the money is born of idle caution. Such a thing may occur, but I don't think it will. I don't think any members of our order will for the small sum which we may collect, brand himself a thief and ostracise himself in all business society. I think our men are made of better stuff. I am willing to risk my investment in the order, which will average with any in the hands of any one our convention commits it to. This is the only objection I have heard argued to the P. Fund. I'd like to hear a full discussion of this matter.

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

Other Fraternities.

—Phi Kappa Sigma has several degrees.

—Sigma Chi has revived at Denison University.

—Alpha Tau Omega has entered Ala. A. and M. College, Auburn, Ala., *sub rosa*.

—Phi Kappa Psi is dead at Missouri Univ., and their former hall is now used by a *colored lodge*.

—A printed copy of the "Legend of Wooglin," bearing the "compliments of Butler University," is floating around the country.

—Zeta Psi is said to have been founded by men who were Masons, and its internal machinery is said to be a modified form of Masonry.

—The Boston University, Stevens Institute and Rutgers chapters of Beta Theta Pi are now working hard to put chapters in Princeton and Brown.

—The first fraternity paper ever issued was the *Shield* by Theta Delta Chi. It was born and died in 1868. The fraternity afterwards issued the *Star*, now also deceased.

Personals.

—Bro. W. Kuhns Hill, Penna. B., '79, has a Prof's. position in Dayton, (Pa.) Academy.

—Bro. John R. Foulks, Iowa A., '79, is Principal of Public Schools, Bloomfield, Iowa.

—Bro. D. B. Kelley, Mo. A., is farming near Marysville, Mo.

—Bro. S. C. Rogers, Mo. A., '73, is county commissioner of Caldwell co., Mo.

—Bro. T. C. Earley, Mo. A., valedictorian of '75, is meeting with success in the practice of law in Sedalia, Mo.

—Bro. Fred. H. Austin, Mo. A., graduated in the Law Dept of Mo. State University, Mar. 25th, and will practice in Hamilton, Mo. His own vote beat him for class valedictorian.

—Bro. Victor B. Bell, Mo. A., is a prominent young capitalist of Kansas City, and is cashier in a bank. He is also the happy possessor of a Kansas City belle, and says he wouldn't be a bachelor for anything.

—Bro. Emmet E. Phillips, Ky. A., '77, is in New York city, 200 W. 23rd street.

—Bro. Paul Jones, Tenn. B., '79, now Ass't Financial cl'k of U. S. Senate, will be glad to greet any Phi passing through Washington.

—Bro. Wm. Lowndes Calhoun, Ga. B., '74, att'y at law in Atlanta, Ga., is a grandson of the great South Carolina states' rights exponent.

—Phi Delta Theta representatives in congress at present are: Hon. Jno. A. Anderson, Ohio B., '53, from Kansas; Hon. Jno. F. Phillips, Ky. A., '55, from Mo.; Hon. J. S. C. Blackburn, Ky. A., '57, from Ky.; Hon. A. E. Stevenson, Ky. A., '60, from Ill.; and Hon. Geo. A. Bicknell, Ind. A., (hon. mem.) from Indiana.

—Bro. D. G. Wilcox, Ohio B., has graduated from the Cleveland Med. College, ranking 3rd in a class of 58. He has since entered into partnership with one of the leading Doctors of Akron, and bears the title of M. D.

—Bro. H. A. Kelley, Ohio E., who has served during the past year as the efficient secretary of the Ohio Collegiate Association, has been chosen one of the delegates to the Inter-State Collegiate Association which holds a meeting at Oberlin the first Wednesday in May.

—A recent issue of Harpers Weekly contained an excellent likeness of our brother, Hon. J. W. Foster, U. S. Minister to Russia and ex-Minister to Mexico. We feel sure that even the climate of Russia will not cool his affections for the order which is honored with him in his political successes.

—Rev. W. F. Harris, Va. Delta, is a Master of Arts of Richmond College, and will soon be a full graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Notwithstanding all that, he still finds time to be an active "Phi" and to act well his part as Sec'y of the Ky. A. Alumni.

—Elder J. A. Roberts, Ind. G., '71, has removed from Irvington to Dublin, Ind. He has charge of the Christian Churches at Dublin, Milton, Harrisburg and Bentonville.

—Elder R. S. Blount, Ind. G., '76, has recently moved into his new residence in Irvington. It is said that he has carved on his mantel-piece two beautiful Phi Delta Theta badges. A long life to Bro. Bob, and may his tribe increase—for all the Blounts are Phis.

—Bro. J. T. Barton, Ind. G., '77, is principal of the Irvington School, and Superintendent of the Sunday School. The Phis will lead.

—Bros. S. H. Reynolds and A. B. Kirkpatrick, Ind. G., '77 and '78, respectively are at Indianapolis, preparing themselves for positions on the Supreme bench of the U. S. May success attend them.



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WANTED—A copy of the 1860 catalogue of the Fraternity. Also information as to the records of the Ohio Alpha.

W. B. PALMER, *Nashville, Tenn.*

The Phis in Congress are mostly Democrats.

How would Gen. Ben. Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52, do for Vice President?

The Illinois Gamma is in good living trim with 9 members. Report next month.

We give the first report from Penna. Zeta this month. We look for good work from this chapter.

The Virginia Beta has been doing things up fine in the banquet line. We suppose their new addition from Ky. Alpha will hardly retard the movement. See reports from these chapters.

Here's a secret. Our wide-awake President is going to take a trip west in May or June, and will visit chapters along the route to Chicago. A Chicago Alumni may result. The President will attend the Republican Convention and cast his vote for Blaine and HARRISON. There are Republican Phis and Democratic Phis. This is from a private letter, but, then, you know, there should be no secrets among Phis.

Each chapter in the Fraternity should have a large photograph album to hold the pictures of all its members. There should also belong to each chapter a good sized autograph album to keep the signature of members, their classes, addresses, date and places of birth, and like facts.

The three cardinal duties upon the performance of which hinges every Phi's loyalty to the fraternity are his promptness in response to all assessments, his unfailing attendance upon the biennial convention, and his perpetual subscription to the SCROLL.

Bro. Ed. S. Palmer, '79, Mich. Alpha, writes that it is not at all advisable to start the Neb. Alpha again. He says:

"The objections to it are many. 1st—Faculty down on 'em. 2d—The college classes are small and the prep. classes large. 3rd—Almost an entirely new set of students come in at the first of every term. 4th—The only real smart chap in the college classes was expelled a short time ago. The lack of respectable material and the constant going out and coming in of students are the two chief objections. I broached the subject to a bigoted

and egotistical Junior, a man who is President of his class, and said to be quite sharp. He took up with it at once under the impression it was an organization for *hazing*, and after that was knocked out of him, he said he belonged to the Sons of Temperance, and one secret society was as much as he could stand. I did not kill him, but permitted him to live in order that he might some day learn a little something." Rather a bad lay out.

There has been much misunderstanding about the Permanent Fund. We call attention to the article concerning it from the G. B. on our third page. All Phis should read the article deliberately and without prejudice. It is a matter that demands calm and deep consideration. It will likely come before the convention for change, and the best and wisest views should be made to control in the management of the fund. We may have more to say on this subject before the convention assemblies.

The call of the Grand Banker to chapter treasurers appears on the fifth page. It comes early enough to have the collections made and forwarded this year. Let there be responses from each chapter. Then each chapter can have no hesitancy in sending a delegate to the convention, as each chapter is entitled to one delegate with expenses paid provided the chapter has squared with the Grand Banker.

A Few Suggestions.

Without presuming to dictate the future policy of the Fraternity, we venture a few suggestions which seem, in the light of our experience, to be practical and sensible. We think, in the first place, that the present provision for SCROLL management is a mistake. One man, both Editor and B. M., or, if two, both situated in the same town, would have much better facilities for performing the work, and the whole machinery would doubtless run smoother. The present method is necessarily heavy and conduces to delay, as all matter must be sent to the Ed. and then to the B. M. Many secretaries, however, habitually, and others in their haste at the last moment, send reports directly to the B. M. (although distinctly requested to send them to the Ed.) and thus deprive the Ed. of the very matter he needs in preparing his editorial page. Only the *actual expenses* of management should be paid. The G. B. should have exclusive control of all moneys and of all collections, not only of general taxes but of all SCROLL funds including ads. and alumni subscriptions. He should pay monthly, upon the certification of the Editor, the expense of publishing one issue of the SCROLL including postage and all necessary expenses. We have been strengthened in our opinion on this matter by similar suggestions from our worthy President, to whom is due, also, in great measure, the following:

1. The Permanent Fund should be transferred to the General Fund.
2. Every member should pay upon his ini-

tiation into the Fraternity, one dollar to the General Fund and should receive the SCROLL for one year, after which he should be taxed one dollar per annum for SCROLL purposes.

3. A new catalogue should not be issued until enough subscriptions have been received to clear the enterprise of all indebtedness.

We have only to add that the men chosen for these honorable and responsible positions should be the best and most competent that the Fraternity can boast. The Editor should be centrally located. He should be a wide-awake, thorough-going newspaper man, one who has had experience with the quill and who appreciates the wants of the Fraternity, and withal a man of nerve and independence to stand by the right and fight against the wrong, and to pursue the even tenor of his way regardless of the many whimpering objections and impractical suggestions which will constantly come to his ears. He should at the same time be a mild and patient man whose influence would tend to heal all wounds, cement all fractures, harmonize all discordant elements, and unify and strengthen the whole Fraternity. The Grand Banker should be a thorough business man, a competent book-keeper, scrupulously honest, yet knowing how to put money at "usury" and make the most of it for the Fraternity. He must be willing to subordinate his own interests to the interests of the order at large. He must be able to obtain and hold the confidence of the Fraternity, otherwise our finances will fail. These two positions, barring that of President, are the most important and responsible in the gift of the Fraternity, and should be very carefully bestowed. Other suggestions and criticisms will be gladly received and published next month.

It is not too much we hope to ask for short and pointed reports of the work and condition of chapters for our May issue. We should be glad to hear from *every chapter* before the close of another college year. The chapter Editors will please notice, and then cheerfully respond.

By the Way.

—Where will the next chapter be?

—The SCROLL would like to know who furnishes copies of our new constitution. Can Bro. Norris inform us?

—The National Grand and the Ohio Eta have been getting some fine plates of our coat of arms for publications to be issued at their respective institutions.

—Bro. Jno. E. Hays, Ind. E., '78, and Ky. A. Alumni, has taken the gold medal for best examination at Louisville Med. College, and gets an appointment to the hospital which is also one of the honors.

—Thanks to Bro. Fitzpatrick for the neat and tasty programme of the joint celebration of the literary Societies, April 9th, at Ala. A. and M. College. We note as Phis two of the three officers of the occasion, a leader in debate, the chairman and a member of the committee of arrangements. Ala. Beta shows a noble standing.

—A voice comes from the Lone Star state and says that Bro. Geo. Win. Cone, Va. D., '78, had a double promotion on March 1st, in

the official business of his railroad. The same voice says that Bro. Cone is going to visit some of our Texas Phis. We congratulate the Phis.

—Dreka, of Philadelphia, is preparing fine steel plates for printing paper and all kinds of stationery for the principal fraternities of the country. This is a new move made by a house that is well established and which executes very fine work. We hope the venture may be successful and see no reason why it should not pay.

—Indiana Delta is making arrangements for another grand banquet and anniversary on May 28th. ...Penna. Beta is about entering a new hall. ...Tennessee Beta comes out this month with two reports. Still ahead. ...Iowa Alpha is going ahead now and there is hopes of strong work next year. ...Penna. Beta has just badged three fine fellows who were wanted *muchly* by other frats. ...Bro. Plack of the National Grand is working up an alumni in a large and well-known city.

Notice.

To Treasurers of all Chapters of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Greeting:

You will hereby take notice that, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the National convention of our order to assemble in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. — 1880, and for other expenses of the order, your chapters are assessed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per capita upon each attendant member. This amount you will collect from each member and forward to me either by N. Y. exchange or P. O. Money order, before the end of your college year. Respectfully,

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

Maryville, Mo., April 1st, 1880.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

National Grand.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa., Mar. 20th, 1880.

DEAR BROS:

It is a bright spot in the life of a corresponding secretary when he can truthfully make a good report, and this time the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places. We have made real progress since we last wrote, and feel correspondingly elated. The first cause for rejoicing was the resignation of Chas. N. Williams, whose questionable character had long been a heavy load to carry. Fortunately, however, he identified himself with us so seldom, that comparatively few knew of his membership. On his retirement from Phi Delta Theta, he was received into the ranks of Phi Kappa Sigma, and has there obtained that congenial companionship of kindred spirits, which we need not say he failed to find with us. Soon after this we had the pleasure of adding to our number C. S. Melvin, of eighty-two, and though it would be interesting to all, we will not embarrass the new Brother by telling how much we think the chapter has gained.

The other reasons for feeling hopeful are the prospects for the future; these at present

seem very bright, and the air is full of prizes and honors which are to be taken by our boys. It will not be advisable to say more of these till our expectations are realized, but we are confident that our hopes are well grounded, and that our victories will make a good subject for some future report.

Yours in the Bond,
W. V. OLYPHANT.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, April 5th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

At Brother Mooring request I will try to give the fraternity as large an account of the greatest success in fraternity circles that has been achieved by the Phi Delta Theta or any other club for this many a day.

About eight o'clock last Friday evening a careful observer might have seen our boys—who, by the way, are noted as a rule for their violet-like modesty—walking across the lawn, with that air of conscious dignity which belongs only to the truly great, and arrayed in all the pomp of Eastern splendor. If the observer had remarked on this unwonted display and had followed the Phis, he would have seen them take possession of the four best hacks in Charlottesville and disappear in the darkness of the night. In the morning he might have heard some vague rumors of the Phi Delta Theta Banquet.

And, Brothers of the Phi Delta Theta, this supper was an occasion to which an abler pen than mine might do scant justice. Our committee of arrangements had secured for the night the parlors and dining rooms of the best hotel in the town, and had spared neither time, trouble, nor expense, in their efforts to provide the best table that has been in Charlottesville since that lovely village graced the face of Albemarle county.

It would have made Chesterfield turn green with envy if he could have seen the courtly grace with which the whiskered Blackstone and his able associates received the ladies at the door of the larger dining room. The beauty of the ladies and the pride and exultation of the happy Phis who acted as their escorts are things which, like the fellow in the poem, "I can ne'er express but can not all conceal."

After the evening had partly commenced it would have done your hearts good to have seen how under the genial influence of the "calico" the medical brow of Street was unbent and the legal lore of Gaitskill was forgot, and how we host of vulgar "accadems," casting aside all thoughts of "moral" latin and other horrors of college just gave ourselves up to the pleasure of the moment. All were in the seventh heaven of happiness save poor Tom Phister.

The estimable and Apollo-like gymnast was sitting in a corner of the room, with his heart like the clouds on the mountain, "dark and dreary and gray," brooding over his sad fate in being unable to take his "heart's anointed" to the supper table. Suddenly a flood of light broke over him. He would inveigle the lady's escort into sitting near him.

He succeeded but too well, and the consequence was, the poor deluded and unhappy escort, a good natured but green young man, unnoticed and uncared for, ate his supper in silence and neglect, whilst Tom, the sly, enjoyed a pleasant little chat with the coveted lady.

At eleven o'clock supper was announced, and again I feel the helplessness of my limited vocabulary.

There was every imaginable good thing which could cheer the heart or tempt the palate—from duck to salad, from champagne to chocolate. I can not describe the halo of glory that was shed over the scene by our

coal black waiters in their white gloves and swallow tailed coats, nor the recherche air that was lent to the table by the bouquets of full blown roses. I can not tell of the courtly toasts that were sung, nor the sweet soft things that were said. To appreciate them it would have been necessary to have seen them, and if, like the Phis of Beta chapter, you have toiled since last October

"'Twere worth ten years of *studious* life
One glance at that array."

Having finished supper the company once again entered the drawing rooms, and after an hour or so of pleasant conversation our chaperone in the name of the ladies thanked us for the pleasant evening, and we knew that the Phi Delta Theta Banquet was a thing of the past. Our advice to our sister chapters is, do likewise.

In the Bond with best wishes to all our Brothers,
Yours,
JUDEX.

Pennsylvania Beta.

GETTYSBURG, PA., April 1st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

The opening term finds all the Phis back at college and work except Bro. Fred. Strock, who will not return to college this term.

We set sail for a prosperous voyage, and if we may judge the end from the beginning, it will be equal to our hopes and desires.

Last night we initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta three new men, Chas. Reinewald, John M. Schwalm, and Ed. Hill, all first-class fellows.

These men were "run" hard by all the other fraternities, and we have won a complete victory over them. Some will feel pretty "sore," and others ought to feel ashamed of their contemptible actions in trying to persuade pledged men to break their word.

We are increasing in numbers, and in character and talent not less. As numbers are not what we want so much as men and character, we always choose our men, and in consequence are brothers in the best and highest sense.

We will hold our first regular meeting for this term in our new hall, next Saturday evening.

Our hall is on the third floor, and it is the finest location in town. We are in the same building and on the same floor with the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. We will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Beta chapter on the coming fifth of May. With the most hearty wishes for the prosperity of all Phis, I am yours,

In the Bond,
W. D. E. SCOTT.

Georgia Gamma.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga., April 1st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

I am just from a visit to the oracle of Georgia Gamma, Phi Delta Theta, and am happy to say that I am the bearer of good news to all your readers. We have just initiated into our mystic order—as an honorary member—Prof. R. McIntosh, the celebrated Southern vocalist. I say Southern, simply because his career has been in the South. But his reputation is rapidly widening, and promises to place him at the very head of his profession in America. He is not only a distinguished man, but really one of the most genial souls that ever graced the social world. He possesses all the elements of an ideal Phi, is virtuous, amiable and learned. We must congratulate the Phi Delta Theta Society, North, South, East and West upon the accession of this distinguished man to its ranks. And, Brothers, whenever you make the acquaintance of Prof. McIntosh—if such should ever be your good fortune—if he fails to win

your very best graces, we must say that you are certainly a cross-grain in human kind and an anomaly in nature.

Our chapter is in a most flourishing condition. We are doing our best to give a yet greater elevation to the reputation of our fraternity, at the approaching commencement.

Your last issue was read with unusual interest. Brother Palmer's investigations are certainly very suggestive to every enterprising, wide-awake Phi. We are pleased to see that a chapter has been established at Ann Arbor. May success, thus, ever crown the efforts of our noble brothers.

This communication may reach you too late for publication, but we know that you will be rejoiced to hear the news contained in its opening.

Yours in the Bond,
H. C. CARNEY.

Missouri Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
Columbia, Mo., March 27th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

My last report seemed to be received with so much satisfaction by the other chapters, that I am almost afraid to venture on another for fear that they will think we are not continuing to "boom," if I may be allowed to use the word, inasmuch as my report will be "on the decline." But attribute the dullness of the report to the individual, not to the chapter here.

Our chapter still continues to prosper, and next year will find us in a neat and nicely furnished hall, and able to stand alone. We thought it best not to rent and furnish a hall for the few months remaining in this scholastic year, because it would incur too great an expense upon the members, and we want to get started on a good financial basis. It is sometimes the case that a chapter can go in debt for furniture and other necessities, and pay it off without any trouble. This thing has been discussed by us, and we have come to the conclusion that it is far better to "live within your means," and "pay as you go."

The Phi Kappa Psi undertook to run a chapter house here, and for want of means the chapter is now *defunct*. You will find that when you press too heavily on the boys pocket-books, especially on starting out, they object. Now we have an exceedingly liberal chapter; that is, each member is willing to devote his time and money for the good of the chapter. And we could, if necessary, furnish a hall, but we think it far better to wait until next year.

I read with some interest the report from Georgia Gamma, in March SCROLL, in which the writer omits the usual local news and discusses a subject that is a benefit to the Fraternity. I would like to see this carried farther. Let the members discuss each and every thing that is of interest and a benefit to the Fraternity.

The March SCROLL contained two well written articles, viz.: "Our Dead and Living" and "The South and the West," which were unusually interesting, and should receive the attention of every Phi.

Wishing the Fraternity general prosperity, and with kind regards to all Phis, I remain

Yours in the Bond,
SAM. H. KELLEY.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Lansing, Mich.
March 26th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Another month has rolled around bringing with it one more number of the SCROLL to gladden the heart of every member of Mich. Beta. The condition of our chapter is steadily improving. Since our last report we have pinned the badge of our order upon one more

brother, and think we will be able to report others by next month.

We are pleased to see Ohio Eta declare her opposition to the permanent fund, and hope other chapters will follow her example, and let their views be known to the fraternity at large.

Hoping to send a more interesting report next time, and wishing success to every Phi, we remain

Yours in the Bond,
O. S. BRISTOL.

Tennessee Beta.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 29th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Our active membership now is 41. No rival has as yet shown its head. This year's valedictorian and all the officers of the Alumni Association are Phis. We may have a row with the faculty about commencement, but if we pass this year without any active demonstrations on their part we apprehend no trouble hereafter. We intend to aid in reviving two chapters. We have decided to send Bro. J. M. Barrs, '80, to Knoxville, about the last of May, to stir up the Tenn. Gamma. The trouble I think with the Phis there initiated last fall is that they are all freshmen, and could not get a stand in the higher classes. Bro. Barrs is the best hand in the South for spiking men, he has friends in K. who will recommend him what students to select, he will remain long enough to initiate a number of men, and will no doubt succeed. Bro. C. H. E. Hardin, '80, of Santa Rosa, Cal., will undertake to reorganize the Cal. Alpha next year. Bro. D. A. Walker, '78, of Ga. Gamma, will leave in May for San Francisco to practice law. Bro. F. Lee Cook, '78, of this chapter, is a lawyer there. W. C. Jones, '75, J. N. E. Wilson, '76, G. E. De Golia, '77, of Cal. Alpha, and a score of other solid Phis will assist. Besides, Leonard S. Clark, '59, of Wis. Alpha, the original founder of Cal. Alpha, is still there. Bro. Hardin will summon by notices in the papers and through the mails a conference of all the Phis in the vicinity of San Francisco to determine on plans, and will if necessary himself attend the University long enough to build up the chapter. This is an opportune time to strike there, for the Fraternities are weak, but will no doubt improve. Bro. Hardin was a Harvard man last year. He is just the man for the work. Phi Delta Theta may well be proud of him if he succeeds, and succeed I think he will.

P.

Pennsylvania Zeta.

CARLISLE, Pa., March 29th, 1880.

DEAR BROS. IN THE BOND:

Our zealous President, Bro. Reddig, with a soul alive for the best interests of the Phi Delta Theta crossing the threshold of Dickinson College in the midst of four other fraternities, rescued from the shoals of non-fraternityism and ushered into the mysteries of the Phi Delta Theta, six young men.

Though up to the present our voice has not been heard in the SCROLL, yet we have not been asleep; we are at work, and our prospects are encouraging.

While in appearance we are as a David contending with Goliath, we mean to surprise our opponents by the reality of our work. The aim of the Penn. Zeta is to bring honor to Phi Delta Theta. Yours in the Bond,

GEO. E. KLEINHENN.

LATER.—The Zeta boys were exceedingly delighted yesterday (March 30th) by a visit from Bros. Herman and Johnson, of Penn. Beta. These are the first Phis that we have met, since our organization by Bros. Reddig and Mateer, and already do we taste the sweets of our fraternity.

We were only too sorry that the Brothers could not make their visit more protracted. We hope to meet them soon again, and gladly will we meet all other Phis. G. E. K.

Kentucky Alpha.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky., Mar. 30th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

The time comes when the best of friends must part. Never was more sincere regret felt than at the parting which took place last night. Bro. G. B. Thomas leaves us to-day for his home at Maysville, Ky., and thence to Va. Beta. In him, Ky. Alpha loses her brightest star, and most cherished son. It was through his instrumentality that Ky. Alpha was re-established, and mainly through his efforts that she is the best fraternity in Centre College. We extend our congratulations to Va. Beta, on receiving such a valuable addition to her ranks.

Last night we met in our hall with Bro. Thomas, perhaps for the last time. After expressing our regrets at his leaving and singing a parting song we adjourned to partake of a "bounteous repast" given in his honor. After this we went serenading and disturbed the peaceful slumbers of the Phi ladies.

On the evening of March 6th, much to the chagrin of the Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi, a *Knight* was rescued from the darkness of Barbarism and initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. W. E. Knight is the new man and a good one too he is.

We are sorry to say that our advertisement in March SCROLL for correspondents, brought in only two responses. We would be glad if all the chapters would answer, as we are prepared to correspond with any number.

In the Bond,
FRANK FITHIAN.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., Mar. 20th, 1880

BROTHER PHIS:

Another pleasant event has passed and only its memories remain with us. We refer to our meeting the Ohio Zeta boys and the little spread that followed the Oratorical contest on the evening of Mar. 17th. But the following article, which appeared the following day in the *Akron Daily Beacon*, will explain things as well perhaps as we:

PHI DELTA THETA FUN.

A *Jolly "Spread" at the Empire House Last Night.*—The festive board of mine-hosts Phillips & Ailes, of the Empire House, was graced last midnight by one of the most thoroughly congenial companies that has partaken of Akron hospitality in many a day. A long-standing invitation from the Ohio Eta chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, located at Buchtel College, to their brethren of the Ohio Zeta, at Wooster University, had brought together this "jolly company."

The Akron and Wooster chapters and a delegation from Pennsylvania Epsilon at Meadville, who had been invited to meet with them, filled 30 places in the spacious dining hall of the Empire, and for full two hours, amid feasting and toasting and song, enjoyed themselves as only a rollicking crowd of spirited collegians can. The *menu*, comprising all that the most fastidious could desire, was served in a manner which reflects the highest credit on the gentlemanly proprietors.

Supper over, toasts were announced and happily responded to, as follows, H. A. Kelley, of Buchtel, officiating as toast master: "Welcome," C. B. Wright, Ohio Eta; "Phi Delta Theta," H. W. Luccock, Ohio Zeta; "the Shield and Dagger," Geo. Carpenter, Ohio Zeta; "Ohio Zeta," Charles M. Pepper,

Ohio Zeta; "Pennsylvania Epsilon," A. D. Collins, Pa. Epsilon.

Not content with the toasts assigned, the feasters proposed impromptu sentiments, which were responded to by D. G. Wilcox, M. D., of this city, H. A. Kelley, of Buchtel, A. I. Findley, of Wooster University, and others. Before adjournment, steps were taken looking to the holding of a State Convention of the Ohio chapters of Phi Delta Theta, which will probably meet at Delaware before the close of the present college year, on invitation of the Ohio Delta chapter, located at the Ohio Wesleyan University."

It might also be stated that action was taken toward drafting a constitution for a permanent organization of the Ohio chapters. Bro. Crofoot has left college with the intention of entering business, and Bro. Sam. Thompson is home for the remainder of the term.

We will close this already long report with a word regarding our last "scoop" on the Delta Taus. He was a noble freshman and they endeavored to take him in. They hung about him in small squads, they mustered their whole chapter around him, they directed him to consult a member of the faculty, who by the way was one of their alumni members. They had a special programme prepared for the evening of his initiation. But it was all of no account, for Bro. Frank. O. Payne now wears the shield and dagger.

In the Bond,
V. E. TOMLINSON.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, Mar. 9th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

We have not much to note from the Ind. Delta this time. Since last letter we have initiated one man, Bro. Sweet. We think he is a good man. Before my next, we will know of the success or defeat of our genial Phi orator, Ed. Stevenson. He will have to contend in the primary against an anti-greek, but we have good reason to believe, if justice is done him by judges, that he will be among the contestants at Indianapolis. Bro. J. R. Edwards will lecture for us at our coming anniversary. Bro. C. McCormick is now connected with a daily paper of this city. Our spring vacation commences Mar. 17th, and lasts one week. Some of the boys will not be in next term. Greetings of Ind. Delta to all sister chapters.

Yours in the Bond,
CHAS. BOAZ.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIV., Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 29, 1880.

Last month we forwarded to the SCROLL a report detailing our plan of evading the anti-fraternity laws here, but it was forwarded too late for publication. When the Beta, who went from Centre College, Ky., to Lebanon, Tenn., to start a Beta Theta Pi chapter there, passed through here, he visited Vanderbilt, and we have just heard that a petition for charter with 12 names was sent from here to Beta Theta Pi as a result of his visit. The nearest chapters of Beta Theta Pi would not endorse the petition, and it was turned over to Phi Kappa Psi, which wishes to revive its Tenn. Gamma. For fear that the SCROLL may fall in some alien enemy's hands we have decided not to publish our *modus operandi*. It is sufficient to state that we initiate men *sub modo* only. We will keep a sharp lookout for snakes, and be still more industrious to obtain good men. We now have an active membership of 39, and a total membership of 68, of whom all but five have been initiated since Oct. 1877, which we think is good work. From the State Normal Coll., in another part of the city, we get the very best of men.

From the law, academic and pharmacy departments of Vanderbilt we have no trouble in getting any student. We do not solicit students from the theological department, for they have strong objections to breaking the Univer.'s rules. Next year we hope to get a stand in the medical and dental departments, though they are not situated near the rest of the Univer. In one of the Literary societies the Phis elected all four of the commencement orators without outside opposition. The other society is run by the theologues, who elected all of their men. A Phi represented one of the societies on Washington's birthday. A theologian represented the other. The Alumni orator who is to speak at Commencement is a Phi. Leaving out one literary society, it might be said that the Phis control this institution. We meet every other week in the finest furnished hall in the city. Our boys attend well. Nothing but a star actor being in the city on the night we meet keeps them away. Our meetings are very social. A Quartette has been elected whose duty it is to furnish new music at every meeting. One of them performs on the piano, another on the violin, and another on the guitar. We have a copy of "Carmina Collegensia" and 10 of the Fraternity's song books. One of our men will unite with the Va. Beta next year. P.

Indiana Alpha.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Feb. 28, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Our worthy corresponding secretary, Chas. Banta, more familiarly known as "Brick Top," asked me to write the report for Ind. Alpha, this month.

Ind. Alpha is now flourishing, but she has gone through some misfortunes since our last report. We were obliged to expel Bro. Johnson for misconduct. He immediately joined the Betas. We are praised for expelling him, and the Betas are condemned for taking him in, although he suits them. He is about to be expelled from the University.

Bro. Cook presented his resignation, and before the time came for taking action on it, we were fully convinced that he was not the man to be a Phi, so we just let him slide. I suppose he will be another *honorable* acquisition to the Beta Fraternity; for surely he was no honor to the Phis.

Our men are all solid now, 18 in number, and everything works smoothly. In numbers we are equal to any frat. here. The Betas have been our worst enemies, but they are so rotten that they are playing out.

Several of the members of the Beta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities have been before the Grand Jury and also the College Faculty this term. Our boys all escaped without being suspicioned.

We have spiked a cousin of one of our Profs., a Second Prep, and he has pledged himself to go in with us soon. He said he had been talking with his cousin, the Prof., who is a Psi Upsilon, about frats, before we had spiked him, and the Prof. told him he was not very strongly in favor of fraternities, but if he were going to go in any, he would join the Phi Delta Theta.

Bro. A. L. Roache, Jr., became ill about a month ago, and returned to his home in Indianapolis, where he has been quite sick since. We are glad to hear his health is improving. He was one of our most active members.

Our chapter has lacked for badges, not in quality but number. We have some very fine badges, and I am gratified to know that four or five of our boys are going to send for pins next week.

"Brick Top" and I are working up our chapter for the "new catalogue."

Yours in the Bond,
JNO. C. SHIRK.

Phi Delta Theta Directory.

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Blue Eyes.

Dost know how restless 'neath a mountain crag,
Grass-banked and fringed with branch-dipped
shading trees,

A blue eyed laughing lake, whose waters pure,
Refreshing, show a bottom pebbled white,
And gleam and lull with changing sky and breeze?

I know just two such eyes: the surface gleam
Of a deep and flowing sea below—the soul.

They are blue because the heavens are, with
truth;

And clear and pure, drawn from a healthy source,
They hide no murky slime of thoughts diseased;
And honest as all Nature's works, and scorn
The trickeries of her lesser sister, Art.

Quick to flash forth, they are quick to lull again,
The wide world sought through has no match,
I ken.

GESHOO.

A Phi Among the Aztecs.

DEAR SCROLL:

In a former number you asked of me information concerning the Phis who tread the halls of the Montezumas, and in compliance with your request I have collected the following data. But know, O Scroll! that that balmy clime of perpetual spring is not the native soil of Phidom, and our gallant knights being but transient dwellers there may be likened to angels' visits, a power for good, but few and far between. Listen then to the echoes which murmur through the labyrinths and sweep boldly down the corridors of the palaces of the Aztec Kings.

Manuel Maria Corella hails from Magdalena, State of Sonora, and is the only Phi born on Mexican soil. The echoes were never tired of singing his praises. He is the wealthiest, most intelligent and influential man in the State of Sonora—has held high positions of State, and has represented his state in the Mexican Congress. He was also Secretary of the Mexican Commission at the Centennial. He has a large and sympathetic heart, and while at college in California was captured by the beauty and bewitching ways of the fairest daughter of Los Angeles. At present they are residing in Tucson, Arizona, where his talents are recognized in the court rooms and through the columns of *The Mexican*, of which he is editor and proprietor.

Amos William Butler came to the

Capitol in November last, bringing a letter from the Smithsonian Institute, and spent the two following months collecting the winter birds of the Valley of Mexico. From time to time letters from him appeared in the Naturalists papers on the subject of Mexican Ornithology. Since his return home report has it that the Smithsonian wishes him to engage in explorations for Aztec remains, but report also says that he is too much *engaged* otherwise.

I have but one other Phi to mention and that is the late Minister, Hon. John W. Foster. My most extravagant praise would be but tame compared to the opinions of the Mexican people and the foreign colonies. They not only loved and esteemed him, but they worshiped him. During his stay he made a thorough study of the people and their institutions, traveling in all parts of the country to acquaint himself personally, and now he is recognized as being the best versed man on Mexican affairs outside the country. The English, French, and some of the other governments are not represented there, and our legation attends to their business complimentary; and on his departure, to show their admiration and regard, they presented him with an original painting from the Academy of Fine Arts, where form and color are as truly mastered as in its rival, Italy. During his stay in our Sister Republic he was Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, although the youngest of his colleagues.

His promotion to the post of Minister Plenipotentiary at the Russian seat of Government makes him a peer of the princely diplomats, and his long service makes him the senior but one in our own Government's foreign bureau.

Very Truly,

A. GWYN FOSTER.

That Permanent Fund.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Please allow me some of your valuable space to make a few observations on that vexing question, the P. F., which must

be settled finally by the next Convention. Our plan of requiring each initiate to give one dollar towards the endowment of the Fraternity is, in my judgment, showing too much solicitude for our successors at the expense of our present active membership. The plan I think is wrong in principle. It would have been folly in our Revolutionary forefathers to have accumulated an endowment fund for our benefit. Posterity will take care of itself. If our successors do not maintain and advance the Fraternity, they will be unworthy of their noble heritage and undeserving of our aid. The active Phis 20 years hence will surely be as well off financially as we; but the present P. F. plan is based on the assumption that they will be poorer as well as more incompetent than we are.

When a nation goes into war, the generation of the time furnishes the soldiers, and generally a national debt is incurred to meet the expenses of warfare, which debt is thrown on the succeeding generation to cancel, as that generation reaps the main benefits of the contest. Our P. F. plan is diametrically the opposite of this. We are in fact laying up for our successors, although the present are our fighting days. Now we need to revive and extend our Fraternity, and all our energies and resources are needed to keep abreast with our active rivals.

Besides the P. F. being wrong in principle, it will take forever to collect enough to yield anything. Since the Convention of 1874, when the plan was adopted, the G. B.—according to his report in the April SCROLL—has received in the P. F. from initiation fees but \$407.90, or about \$80 a year. At this rate, it takes 12 years to accumulate \$1,000, which, invested in 4 *per cent* Government bonds, yields only \$40 yearly. Would it not be much better to make the P. F. dependent on contributions, and use this money from initiation fees for the general expenses of the Fraternity, such as procuring a steel charter plate, reducing convention assessments, etc.?

When a new College is organized, it does not cripple itself by laying aside part of its receipts for an endowment, but it uses all of its revenue for its immediate necessities, and depends for an endowment on the liberality of its friends. In my opinion, it would be wisdom in Phi Delta Theta to adopt the same policy.

The dues from initiations, however, should be direct from the assessments for the SCROLL. The paper should not be furnished free the first year to new members. It is certainly worth a dollar to any man to become a member of the Fraternity, and the SCROLL is worth its price to members, new and old. It is absolutely essential for the Fraternity to have some working capital. We could make some important extension now if we had a little money to judiciously use in that way.

I wish further to make a suggestion about the time of collecting dues. It is now required that each chapter shall *monthly* send to the G. B. a report with \$1. for each new member. This is most too frequent to be observed, and often the money is never sent. It is also required that on the 10th of Sept. of each year each chapter shall forward \$1. for each active member as a subscription to the SCROLL. The result, in many cases is, that men initiated and coming in after that date pay nothing for the paper. Much trouble would be obviated by requiring that both amounts be sent on together, and they should be sent about twice a year, and at times when all members are in college. When the remittances to the G. B. do not occur as frequently, the times when they are to be made will be remembered, and the chapters will respond promptly, instead of falling behind. The amendments I propose to our financial policy then are these:

1. Continue the P. F., but make it dependent on contributions.
2. Require each chapter, on the 1st of April and the 1st of Nov. of each year, to forward to the G. B. 50 cts. *per capita* for SCROLL purposes, and \$1. towards the general fund from each member initiated subsequent to the previous report.

P.

Our National Convention.

It has been very properly suggested that there be a full and free discussion through the SCROLL of the questions which will come

before our next national convention, it being added that there will be little time for such consideration as many of them deserve, when it assembles.

There is no doubt that our next convention will be one of unusual interest and importance. Though the cry of "reform" nowadays suggests nothing very definite, yet we believe *reform* should be the watchword of our next national convention. All true and loyal Phis believe that Phi Delta Theta stands on an equal footing with any other western fraternity; still, he is the truest and most loyal Phi who is ever on the alert to the fraternity's interests, not only ready to praise it for the history of its past, but to criticise it wherein it has made mistakes and where there are elements which will retard its progress, and ready to suggest, devise and do whatever will improve the fraternity and place it upon a higher plane.

The publication of our new catalogue is probably the most important thing for the convention to act upon. We need a new catalogue, one that is complete and that we will not be ashamed to show to any other college man in the United States. Why should Psi U. have any better catalogue in any respect whatever, than Phi Delta Theta? Let it be the sentiment of the convention to have only a first-class catalogue which shall reflect credit upon our fraternity, if they decide to publish at once, or else postpone its publication until they can do so. Have we not the "ay" of every Phi who reads the SCROLL?

Another subject to be wrestled with by the convention will be the disposition of the "Permanent Fund." What shall we do with it? There is a rapidly growing feeling of dissatisfaction among Phis against piling up their dollars in some Grand Banker's coffers simply for the pleasure of thrusting their hands unconcernedly in their pantaloons pockets and of jostling elbows with other fraternity men with the delivery of this bit of information to them that we have three thousand dollars at home locked up in a trunk and we can not get our hands upon it. Surely it is far more practical and sensible to put this money where the chapters can derive some individual benefit, for, after all, the chapters make the fraternity.

But we want to suggest another change. It is in regard to our initiation ceremony. We do not want to change what we have, but there is not enough of it. Make it twice as long. Let us have something added of a purely lively character which shall have the real college ring and not seem to have the ear-marks of some faculty. Such addition in contrast to what we now have, would only make the entire ceremony so much the more interesting.

O. W. U.

March 26, 1880.

"Mr. President!"

All classes of organizations have certain traditional marks and peculiarities which distinguish them from other associations; and these peculiarities are nowhere more noticeable than in the type of names and symbols adopted in their organization.

College Fraternities are usually distinguished by names taken from the Greek Alphabet, by coats of arms copied from ancient patterns and designs, and by many other emblems which render them peculiar in their symbolisms. But in the midst of all this collection of the unique and antique of our nomenclature, sitting in our chapter meetings surrounded by mystic symbols, we gravely rise and, with no appreciation of eternal fitness whatever, address the dignitary who occupies the chair as "Mr. President!" or perhaps as "Bro. President!"

Now it always appears to me that there is something ludicrously incongruous in the terms *Phi Delta Theta Chapter*, *SCROLL Grand Banker*, &c. on the one hand, and *Mr. President*, *Secretary*, *Treasurer*, &c. on the other. I do not know the general custom of fraternities in this regard, but it seems to me it is in far better keeping with the spirit of any secret organization, and especially a "Greek Society," to adopt a set of terms peculiar to itself and appropriate to its nature. I do not wish to be understood as advocating the adoption of a set of bombastic titles, such as, "Most Mighty and Worshipful Sachem," but would urge that such changes be made as will render our chapter officers distinguishable from those of mere open literary societies; such as will let a candidate more easily back into the world than is done by dropping him from the clutches of supernatural denizens of other climes into a commonplace scene in which a *president* and a *secretary* are the only "powers that be." It's like eating unromantic chips for dessert, after a meal of roast turkey.

The Masons, and that class of societies, as well as many College Fraternities, conform to the rule which simple uniformity of surroundings demands. Let us distinguish ourselves from literary societies. Let the first duty of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution at the next convention be that of changing the names of our officers.

YELLEK.

Convention of '80.

DEAR EDITOR OF SCROLL:

Your well-timed article on "Convention Matters" in the last SCROLL is deserving of much attention. The work of the next convention will be binding upon us for two years. What we do ought to be well done. The better a thing is understood before acted upon, the more nearly perfect will be the legislation on that point.

We can apply this statement particularly to our finance department which you especially request to be discussed; for, I think, there is more ignorance among the members in general on this point than any other which is of vital interest to the fraternity. Therefore, I should like to see in THE SCROLL a full explanation of our finance system—especially of the P. F.*—and a statement as to the present condition of our *exchequer*.

Another point to be thought of before the convention is the lack of uniformity in our badges. At present, they are not alike in shape, size, or material. Cook's "New Style" was quickly "squelched" by a little effort; and it seems to me it would be well to send several of the others on the same road. We ought to be able to recognize our badge before getting close enough to read on it, "Phi Delta Theta." Of course there must be some variation according to the price of the badge; but surely the cheapest and the most expensive could be made so nearly alike that even a *barb*, "though a fool, need not err" in reference to them. At least, this is the case in the greater number of western fraternities. My own preference is for the Burgess' double shield. I should like to hear from others on this point.

The third and last point to which I wish to call attention in this article is the fact that the signs of recognition, &c., authorized by the last convention never reached us. Of course this matter cannot be discussed through THE SCROLL; but I should like to suggest that every chapter discuss it in its meetings and give some instruction to its delegate, in order that it may be attended to and reported on before the convention adjourns.

L. C. H.

*See April number for such statement.—ED.

Second Annual Convention of the Indiana Chapters of Phi Delta Theta.

GRAND HOTEL, Indianapolis, Ind., April 17, '80.

Convention called to order 10.30 P. M. by Pres. L. E. Ott of Ind. Beta. Prayer by Bro. Boaz of Ind. Delta. The Sec. not being present, Bro. Hawley, of Alpha, was appointed Secretary pro tem., as was Bro. Black of Gamma as Warden. Report of committee on the revival of Ind. Eta at Asbury University; remarks concerning which were made by Bros. Shirk, Weatherby, Black and others. Moved by Bro. Black "that the work of reviving the chapter be under the direction of Bro. Weatherby of Alpha, and that he have power to call on rest of chapters for necessary aid." Suggestions were made as to the mode of working for the desired end.

Moved by Bro. Day of Delta, "that each chapter be assessed to pay the expenses of such work." Remarks by Bro. Floyd of Gamma concerning the controlling of the High Schools of the State. Remarks also by Bros. Banta, Boaz, Brown and others. Appointing of working committee for the benefit of the fraternity at large. Chair appointed Bros. Shirk of Alpha, Hood of Beta, Hoss of Gamma, E. Stevenson of Delta, Lee of Epsilon. Remarks by Bro. Black concerning the general crookedness of some of the other fraternities among which the Sigma Chi stood prominent. His remarks were sanctioned by the Convention. Election of officers being next in order, Bro. Banta of Alpha was elected President, the Secretary being instructed to cast the vote. Bro. Dickey of Beta elected in same manner as Vice Pres.; also Bro. W. Floyd of Gamma as Secretary; Bro. E. L. Stevenson of Delta as Treasurer; Bro. S. B. Smith of Delta as Chaplain; Bro. C. Blith of Epsilon as Warden. Moved by Bro. G. Banta that the proceedings of the Convention be published in the SCROLL. Bro. Mark Brown being present made a spicy and useful speech before the Convention. Bro. Black made remarks concerning the building of a chapter house for the Ind. Gamma, and stated that the work would commence in the next college year. Motion by Bro. Weatherby that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in this city in the year of 1881, on the morning following the contest, at 8 A. M. Bro. G. Banta, in behalf of Delta, extended an invitation to the Phis to their anniversary and annual banquet May 28, 1880, and the convention to hold an adjourned meeting. Bro. Day moved that we adjourn to meet for an adjourned session in Franklin, May 28th, 1880.

Convention adjourned 2 A. M.

L. E. OTT, Pres.

W. H. HAWLEY, Sec'y.

In Memoriam.

J. N. CHAPMAN,

Texas Beta, died at the residence of his father at Ovilla, Ellis Co., Texas, Feb. 26th, 1880. He was born at same place Sept. 16th, 1857.

He was one of the charter members of Texas Beta of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and one of the truest gems that sparkled in that mystic crown. He entered college as a Junior, but at the time of his death he had not been connected with college for the past year, intending to enter again in the near future and complete his course.

His standing in the class room was exceeded by none. His aspirations were high and noble, possessing the qualities that go to make up a true man.

He was the first to depart from our little band, and although this flower has passed from earth away, still it blooms in our memory never to fade.

"The south wind will search for the flower,
Whose fragrance late he bore,
But will sigh to find this one, in the wood
And by the stream, no more."

J. H. GILLESPIE.

JAMES WATSON DODDS,

Vermont Alpha, died at Burlington, Vt., April, 1880. In regard to his death the members of the Alpha passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our beloved brother, James Watson Dodds, and

Whereas, We, the members of the Vermont Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, feel that in his death we have suffered an irreparable loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That we take this opportunity to express our profound sorrow at the death of one who has endeared himself to us by his warm, generous heart and pure life, and to whom in a great measure our chapter owes its existence.

Resolved, That we do sympathize most deeply with the sorrowing family of our deceased Brother in this great bereavement, and can only commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best.

Resolved, That we, as a mark of respect, wear a badge of mourning for a period of thirty days, and that we, also, in order to give further expression of our regard for him and our appreciation of his services, set apart one regular meeting to be devoted especially to eulogies upon him.

Resolved, That a copy of this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the family of our departed Brother, that it be entered upon our records, and sent to the SCROLL for publication.

GEO. E. BERTRAND,
E. A. ENRIGHT,
C. H. BAILEY,
Committee.

Other Fraternities.

—Delta Phi, at its recent convention, decided to establish 3 additional chapters.

—Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, lately so conspicuous in the Maine trouble, has been chosen President of the New England Association of Alpha Delta Phi.

—Phi Kappa Psi held its last convention in Washington, Feb. 18-20. The next will be at Pittsburg.

—Psi Upsilon's chapter house at Ann Arbor is nearly completed. It faces the campus, has an average length of 65 feet, and width of 40 feet, a tower of 80 feet, and is built of brick, with foundations of blue stone, trimmings of terra cotta, bands of black brick, and a roof of slate. The interior is finished in hard woods. A long dining hall, a kitchen, furnace room, and janitor's room are in the basement. On the first floor are the reception room, library, and several smaller rooms. On the second floor are 7 rooms for students, and on the third floor are 3 more besides the chapter lodge room.

—In the roster of chapters of Phi Gamma Delta in "Am. Coll. Frats.," 3 chapters are blank, as the fraternity was unwilling for their locations to be given. Gamma was at U. of Nashville in 1850, and enrolled but 10 men. Zeta was at Washington Coll., Tenn., in 1852, and had but 7 men. Iota was at Centre Coll. in 1856, and had but 5 men. The fraternity is arranging to hold State conventions in Ind. and Penn. The U. of Va. chapter is on the decline. There is a prevalent dissatisfaction throughout the fraternity with the grand chapter, composed of the N. Y. city alumni. The member who advanced the money to publish the catalogue

has not been remunerated. Debate and criticism generally constitute the fraternity's literary exercises.

—Delta Psi, said to be the most secret of all fraternities, has a chapter house at Trinity College (Conn.) which cost \$40,000, and is the finest fraternity building in the country. The Columbia chapter has completed a three storied brick hall, built in the French Renaissance style, on 28th street, N. Y. city.

—The Wash. and Lee chapter of Chi Phi (now defunct) was chiefly instrumental in the union of the two northern and southern orders of the same name. The U. of Va. chapter has now a dog cart and *tandem* team, with "Chi Phi" on the panels, and rosettes of the fraternity's colors on the horses, in which the "Kiffies" and their ladies are driven; the Brown chapter has theatricals, with an orchestra, on a stage in its outer lodge room; the Ohio Wesleyan chapter has dancing, with no ladies, in its hall; and the Cornell chapter indulges in the manly art of boxing.

—The men who formed the Alpha Sigma Chi chapter at Me. Ag'l Coll. petitioned Phi Delta Theta for a charter in April, 1875, and were refused. St. Lawrence U., where another chapter was formed, has only 56 students, 24 of whom are girls. The 3 other Alpha Sigma Chi chapters, at Rutgers, Cornell and Stevens Institutes, which were scooped by Beta Theta Pi, though in good Institutions, stand poorly compared with their rivals.

—Phi Kappa Psi initiated 2 men from Beloit at Wis. U. recently for the purpose of starting a chapter at the former college, which is anti-fraternity.

—Phi Kappa Sigma and Zeta Psi are still at Princeton and a number of former Alpha Sigma Chis are there who will doubtless start a chapter of Beta Theta Pi soon.

—The best catalogue as to chapter cuts is that of Theta Delta Chi. The new D. K. E. catalogue has no cuts.

—Alpha Delta Phi has decided to enter the Univers. of Pa. and Va. as soon as it can.

—The 3 remaining Phi Kappa Sigmas at Franklin and Marshall have returned their charter.

—The Psi Upsilon fraternity grew out of an association formed for electioneering purposes, and almost accidentally. The letters were first chosen and a suitable motto was subsequently framed for them.

—Chi Phi once had a chapter of 12 members, mostly from the southern States, at the Univer. of Edinburgh, Scotland. Though it has been dead 10 years, "Kiffies" still claim it is active. The impression thus made is unfavorable.

—Last year Zeta Psi established, through the chapter at Ann Arbor, a chapter at University of Toronto, Canada, and since then several fraternities have received petitions from Dalhousie, Queens', Fredericton, and other Dominion Colleges.

—The D. K. E.s of Toledo, Ohio, have organized an alumni chapter.

—Recently two Ann Arbor Delta Upsilon's initiated 15 men at Northwestern, most of them theologues and "rejected candidates." A Freshman society called Kappa Nu has just originated there also.

—On March 26th the Brown chapter of Beta Theta Pi, established in 1847, and suspended in 1851, was reorganized with 36 members, absorbing Phi Kappa Alpha, a local society founded in 1871, and getting a furnished hall. In the same month the chapter at Iowa Univer., an anti-frat. institution, was revived. In the West and South the Betas have mapped out to enter Minn. Univ., Ill. Wesleyan, Lawrence Univ., Mo. Univ., Ohio State, Western Reserve, Marietta, Ky. Wesleyan, Ga. Univ., Emory and Wofford.

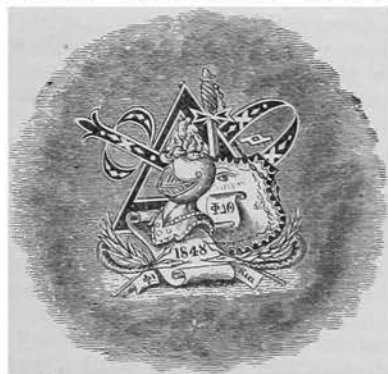
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Let every Phi in the class of 1880, before leaving College, subscribe for the SCROLL for next year. The proceedings of the Convention will be fully discussed next year in our columns.

The editors of the Catalogue desire all delinquent chapters, before the close of the year, to forward to them full reports of members, according to directions in the January SCROLL. This must be done in order that they may report to the Convention as great an advancement of the work as possible.

An entertaining kind of literary exercises is to have the members of the chapter, selected in turn, to edit, and read at each meeting a written paper, divided into various departments such as editorial, contributed, poetic, literary, answers to correspondents, puzzles, advertisements, etc. Each number should contain the gossip of the chapter, items about the rival frats., and spicy articles by all the members. This plan makes good writers of the members, and their work is preserved in a file of the papers.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the 21st anniversary of the Phi Sigma Society (literary) of the University of Miss., and take occasion to notice that the Phi Deltas figure very conspicuously on that occasion, as they are wont to do under all similar circumstances.

We place at the head of this column an imprint of our coat of arms, and are glad to announce that they can be furnished at such rates that every chapter can well afford to own a plate. Electrotype plates of the above, such as any letter press printer can use, will be sent postage paid at \$1.50 each. Thus chapters can do their own printing, at very small cost. Send all orders to the Business Manager of the SCROLL, or to J. E. Wible, Gettysburg, Pa.

The White and the Blue.

Not long since a young man who opposes fraternities—to all appearances at least—espied an envelope stamped with the Phi Delta Theta coat of arms. Examining it closely he said to a Phi, standing near: "I suppose all that means something." "Yes," answered the Phi, "it means more than you think."

It is one of the glories of Phi Delta Theta that *it all means something*. This was illustrated again at a meeting recently, when a Phi, in an oration, said that our characters are temples; each one is mutilating or adorning the walls of his temple; over the portal of each Phi's temple are circled those grand mystic words of which our Greek letters Φ. Δ. Θ. are the symbols. Those words—our motto—mean something. Our letters, our organization, our mystic signs, our words, our sword and shield, our Bond, our symbols in our coat of arms, all mean something. So with our colors. What more happy, more expressive blending could we have? The White and the Blue! Symbolic, are they not, of the pure and the true? The White is the robe of faultless innocence—the Blue the dress of confiding trust. As we wear and use our mystic symbols let us not forget their meaning. They are not empty nothings—a thousand times no. The help we get through them, the ties of friendship we form by means of them, the character developed with them, should cause us to place them high on the walls of the temple each one is building, in ever living light.

The Indiana chapters have just held their second State Convention of which we present a condensed report. These State organizations we believe to be good for the individual chapters and for the Fraternity at large. We hope to see other States follow Indiana's successful lead in this direction, and that next year will see conventions held in every State where Phi Delta is represented; or if too weak for a convention in one State, two or three might combine. The benefits are too patent to need argument. The report of the Indiana convention will speak for itself, and we bid them God speed in the good work they have taken upon themselves to do.

The Missouri Gamma has just been established at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., with Bro. W. B. C. Brown, Secretary. Bros. Kelley and Rathbun of Mo. Alpha did the work. The new chapter sends for six copies of the SCROLL—an indication of wisdom and energy. Thus the work goes on, every month witnessing some new victory. Let our brothers send their congratulations and encouragements to the new chapter.

Those are noble sentiments expressed by the Virginia Delta's correspondent in his final report as the S. E. of his chapter. We pay Bro. Dickinson a high compliment when we say that we have never had an inferior report from him, and we but echo the desire of Phi Delta Theta when we express the hope that his life-work may be crowned with lofty

success. Meanwhile we trust that our columns will be at times enriched with the products of Bro. D.'s pen.

June Number.

We shall issue a number in June. Although there has been much space given for several months to articles on convention matters, there is still much to be said. As there was no September issue we feel justified in this, particularly as there are some important articles in our hands that ought to be brought before the fraternity anterior to the Convention. We want to issue by June 10th, and would ask the chapter secretaries to inform us at once of any change in address at that time. *Unless we have word to the contrary, the June number will be mailed according to present mail list.*

Once more we ask for short reports from all chapters for June issue. We place here a word of thanks to all for so well responding this month, but quill-drivers are never satisfied perfectly, and so we ask just one more slight effort in this collegiate year. And now we have a suggestion. Suppose each S. E. sends as a report, or includes in his report, the names and home addresses of all brothers now in his chapter. This would doubtless be useful for our brothers who may be visiting this summer. Would it not be a good thing to try? If so, let the brothers write out the lists and send them in at once.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Indiana Alpha.

I. S. U. Bloomington Ind., April 30, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Nothing has occurred to change the ordinary chapter life since our last report except the initiation of two noble youths into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. Both of these young gentlemen were ardently solicited by other fraternities but in vain, for their hearts were set upon Phi Delta Theta. Their names are H. F. Solliday and Wm. H. Holland. When Bro. Solliday appeared as a Phi, the rage of the Phi Gams knew no bounds, and certain of their members exhibited an idiotic desire to pick a quarrel with Phi Delta Theta in general and with Bro. Solliday in particular. But we took no notice of their babyism and they have again sunk into their former state of insignificance.

Seven from the Alpha chapter attended the State Convention at Indianapolis, and took part in its deliberations. Each convention renders the state organization more complete, and the chapters of this State now know more of what the other chapters are doing than they ever did before. Other fraternities are beginning to follow our example in this regard. The Sigs held a pretty good convention at the same time we held ours, and the Phi Gams made an attempt—but it was only an attempt. No other fraternities can come near Phi Delta Theta in this State.

In the Bond,

CHAS. BANTA.

Wisconsin Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, May 1st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Our Secretary being sick last month, we failed in sending a report.

We made a raid last month and now "the glittering gem of our order" may be seen on the persons of Will M. Merriam, '81, and N. G. Durfee, Preparatory, who join heartily with us in advancing the interests of the chapter and the fraternity.

We regret to say that Bro. H. H. Beazer is compelled to be absent from us this term; but next fall he will come to the front again.

Our Junior Ex. came off last night and we were represented by Bro. C. A. Foster, whose production was acknowledged by all to be the best, both in composition and delivery. The Chi Psis had one man on but the Phi Kaps and the Betas had no representative.

We fully agree with the Mo. Alpha in regard to getting a hall before we can support it *well*, and consequently will wait until next fall before we do so. By the way, we don't care to be called the Wis. Beta in the Directory any more than we can help.

Yours in the Bond,
DAN. S. MCARTHUR.

Virginia Delta.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, Va., May 3rd, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Since our last report we have taken in one new man—Bro. G. G. Valentine. This gentleman is a young man of first-rate abilities, lives in the city and is certain to do us credit. On the night of his initiation we had quite a handsome little banquet in our hall. Ice-cream, cake, confectioneries, *et id omne genus* combined to tickle our palates and renew our love for Phi Delta Theta.

Looking over the history of our chapter for this session we can but feel happy in regard to her prosperous condition. We have initiated five good men, making our number twelve in all. Of those taken in this session, the majority were solicited by other fraternities. Every man in our ranks is an enthusiastic worker in the good cause, and our meetings are always punctually held and attended. Next session we will have even a better start than we had this, as some nine or ten Phis will return to college. I suppose of course our chapter will have a delegate at the National Convention in Indianapolis, but the boys are grumbling powerfully over the assessment which is fifty cents more than it has ever been before.

With this report the Corresponding Secretary of the Va. Delta would bid an affectionate farewell to the Phi brotherhood. This is his last year at college and he feels that with this, which is perhaps the last number of the SCROLL for session 1879 80, he would fain pronounce a blessing on Phi Delta Theta.

Brothers, let me beg you to remain ever true to her interests and to prove yourselves no unworthy standard bearers of such a noble fraternity. I think that there are few things in life so necessary to our happiness and welfare as true friends—those to whom we can look in times of sorrow and trouble. That most fascinating of English writers, the author of "Vanity Fair," well put it when he said: "I want a sofa, as I want a friend, upon which I can repose familiarly. If you can't have intimate terms and freedom with one and the other, they are of no good." Now there is no other instrumentality so conducive to pure and unalloyed friendships as a college fraternity. And there is no college fraternity so admirable in its foundation and whole scheme of action, and so wise in its precepts and laws, as Phi Delta Theta. So let us rejoice that we are among that "happy

few" who wear the shield and dagger, let us cherish her interests with a sacred fidelity; and let us strain every nerve and stiffen every sinew in the great battle of life in order that we may attain to some laudable end and thus reflect honor on our fraternity. As for me, in whatever station in life I may be placed it matters not where I am or what fortune betides me—my continual prayer will be for the beloved order which has done so much for me and which has cemented with fraternal vows friendships which, I hope will last during all my life; and now I feel that I can but re-echo Byron's toast to Tom Moore as most expressive of my sentiments towards Phi Delta Theta.

"Wer't the last drop in the well,
As I gasp'd upon the brink,
Ere my fainting spirit fell,
'Tis to thee that I would drink."

In the Bond,

JAS. T. DICKINSON.

Virginia Epsilon.WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIV., Lexington, Va.,
April 23rd, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

I have not been able to write my report to the SCROLL before on account of sickness and excitement caused by, first, the meeting of the third class of the Va. Mil. Inst. on the 26th of Feb'y last, which very nearly caused the extinction of the Va. E. Half of our members were in it, but luckily for them and for us, they were reinstated on account of their previous good behavior. Secondly, the nearness of the elections of the medalists of our societies here, which takes place next Saturday night. We have not initiated any men lately because the meeting caused seventeen men to leave, and leaves very few men at the Institute. We have a man in hand at W. and L. U., whom, if he proves to be what we think he is, we will take in as soon as possible. Bro. J. L. Gill has resigned his position as sub-professor of the V. M. I. and returned home, where he is now.

W. and L. Univ. expect to play a match game of base ball with the Univ. of Va. We expect to see some of the Va. Beta boys then. The game of ball is to be played on or about the 20th of May next.

Wouldn't it be a very good plan for each historian to write a history of his chapter and a short biography of each member to be published in the SCROLL? If it did not suit to do that, why can't the short biography of the distinguished members of the Phi Delta Theta be written? Some enterprising Phi, like Bro. Palmer, could do it in little or no time and with very little trouble.

Fraternity matters are at a stand still here. Nothing new, the same old state of affairs. Bro. Palmer wrote to me to say that W. R. Baird had told him "that the Phi Kappa Psi will hold out and so will Beta Theta Pi. Beta Theta Pi has the strongest chapter at V. M. I. and several University officers and town residents. The Delta Kappa Epsilon's will go back I guess but I don't think Phi Gamma Delta can." It remains for me to answer this. Phi Kappa Psi at the beginning of this year had only one man at college; about Christmas another man was initiated and that is all. They have a Professor in college, and one or two residents in town. The Beta Theta Pi have one man in college here and an officer of the Univ., but no residents of the town that I know of. Their chapter at V. M. I. is not the strongest there; it has only seven members, while the Alpha Tau Omega's have a good many more, so have the Kappa Sigma Kappas. I don't think that the Delta Kappa Epsilons will return because there is not one here either at college or in town, and it is more likely that

the Phi Gamma Deltas will return because they have a sub-professor at college; but neither are likely to return.

Yours in the Bond,

H. P. SCRATCHLEY.

Pennsylvania Beta.PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.,
May 12th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Perhaps this may be called "The Golden Age" in the history of Pennsylvania Beta. That we are making some grand advances, and achieving silently but surely new victories every day, no one at Gettysburg will attempt to deny. We need only adduce two facts to prove this.

1. *Our new hall.* This possesses certainly the best location in town. Neatly but not extravagantly furnished, we dare say, that within and without, it will compare favorably indeed *surpass* any other hall at G.

2. *Our Fifth Anniversary.* This transpired on Wednesday evening, May 5th, the chapter's natal day. Every Phi Delta soul in G. was present, 17 (save one, whom, no doubt, a *pressure* of duties or *something else* kept away). While a *few* things may have been better, it was altogether a splendid affair. The narrow compass of a chapter report will but detract from the interest of the occasion and do it in justice. Nevertheless we venture a brief account of the events of the evening.

Bro. Palmer's "United in the Bond" was sung by the whole chapter as the opening exercise. Bro. W. D. E. Scott prayed. Bro. Holmes Dysinger delivered the "Salutatory" in an earnest, thoughtful, well-prepared address. The speaker mentioned the position and influence which "our boys" occupied and exerted, "socially, mentally and morally," upon each other and all their fellows and associates outside of the Fraternity. Bro. D. is a good writer, and an orator; and we know every Phi present found an echo in his heart to his cheering, welcoming words. Bro. M. F. Troxell's "History" was full, clear, new and entertaining. His lucid arrangement of occurrences, novelty of facts, and comments, showed that he was the very man for the position, and that his knowledge of the chapter's history from its babyhood to the present events is complete. The "oration" was delivered in the unusually rippling, musical words of our "Proctor," Bro. H. Max. Lentz. He was perhaps unusually happy this evening in his oratorical "flights," if they may be called that. They were lofty, melodious and instructive. The "Poem" followed, which will appear in the SCROLL. A "Duett" was here admirably rendered by Bros. J. B. Johnson and M. C. Rensberg. The sentiment, "We should love each other more," was in sympathy with the occasion, while at the same time the fact was evident that Beta boys have *musical* as well as other talents. Bro. C. M. Eyster gave us a spicy, and perhaps *sure* "Prophecy" of the future of Phi Beta boys. His frequent allusions to "mustaches" showed, however, that he had consulted "the oracle" more earnestly as to the individual "upper lips," than to the average Phi's higher mental and moral nature. The "Valedictorian" was Bro. Chas. S. Trump. The speaker, very properly in accordance with his title *Rev.*, gave a devoted, earnest, christian, closing oration. And, with pleasure, we record the fact, just here, that a spirit of manliness, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm, free from all puerility or youthful notions, prevailed during the entire evening, displaying an individual sense of refinement, and of mental culture.

At supper, the following toasts were responded to: "Penna. Beta," J. F. Herman; "Phi Girls," H. D. Withers; "Our Future Prospects," H. H. Weber; "Our Chapter's

Social Life," C. Reinwald; "THE SCROLL," Geo. W. McSherry; "Anti-Frats," J. B. Johnson; "Our Sister Frats," J. M. Schwalm; "The Goat we ride," J. Elmer Musselman; "Good Boarding," M. C. Reinsberg; "The Phis of Armstrong Co.," Ed. Hill; "The Professors of Pennsylvania College," W. D. E. Scott.

Everything that occurred at the table added to the enjoyment of all there. But nothing was so much enjoyed as young Bro. Schwalm's "Jew Story" and "I'm foolish," and we are sure none caused such convulsive laughter.

Yours in the Bond,
JUNIOUS B. FOX.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

MEADVILLE Pa., May 1st, 1880.

DEAR BROS. IN PHI DELTA THETA:

Through a mistake our last month's report was not forwarded to THE SCROLL; but although silent in its pages we have not been inactive in our *Anna Mater*. We are taking a firm position as one of the leading fraternities here. By bold and courageous action we carried the recent elections in both our literary societies, and also paved the way for future success. Our chapter was well represented in the comic declamation contest for the championship of the college for '80, and when the judges came to render their decision it was declared that Bro. C. W. Miner—a Phi—was the funniest man in Allegheny; then he was called to the stage and the champion belt was presented, and fastened 'round his delicate waist amid the cheers of the audience.

We received an invitation from Rev. Bro. A. Z. McGogney, of Cochranston, to gather 'round his festal board and spend an evening with him and his genial lady, whom we have visited before, and are only waiting for a convenient time when we will all accept. We were cheered by the genial countenance of a Brother from Ohio Eta, who made us a short visit, and we cheered him and ourselves with an impromptu convivium. The fact is we have a weakness for "Spreads" which is quite remarkable.

The boys felt somewhat collapsed when they read the G. B's gentle invitation to "come down," which was in the last number of the SCROLL; but they have recovered and the chapter treasurer is busily engaged in calling in the assessments which we hope soon to have ready to forward. There is great enthusiasm manifested here in compiling an inter-fraternity catalogue. The Phi Gamma Deltas sat down on it, but we concluded that we could well spare them, so the work has gone on finely. The Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and our own chapter are represented. We are getting up a fine coat of arms, and expect to take a position in the catalogue second to none.

Our chapter orchestra is quite a success. It consists of first and second violin, flute, guitar, harmonica, and piano accompaniment. We also have a quartette to lead the chapter singing.

We send "our best" to all who wear the dagger and the shield.

Yours in the Bond,
W. G. WARNER.

South Carolina Alpha.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C.,
April 22nd, 1880

DEAR EDITOR:

I take great pleasure in informing you that the affairs of the South Carolina Alpha are in a flourishing condition. Each member does his duty like all Phis should do, and all are intensely interested in every thing that pertains to the society. Our chapter is the only one of our brotherhood in South Carolina,

but we confidently look forward to a time when the Phi Delta Theta society will be the predominant one, not only in South Carolina, but throughout the South. When our chapter was organized we had three societies to contend with, but nevertheless our number is good for the time we have been organized and the number of students in this college. Not only are we prospering in the number of our men, but they are all men of high moral character and good ability. Most of us are young fellows, having only one senior, but he ranks among the best men of his class in every department of college duty. In truth he ranks above the rest in elocution, having received the medal last year at the annual debate, and has also been appointed valedictorian by the literary society to which he belongs.

We had quite a stirring time over our last initiated member, Bro. Eleby. So eager were the other societies to get him that they sent a committee to wait on him at a station fifteen or twenty miles from here, and the rest were stationed ready to receive him at the depot. We waited until he was established in his room, and there one of our number went to him, and he was ours thenceforth. We immediately called a meeting and initiated him. Next morning he appeared with the Phi badge on, to the surprise and chagrin of the other societies.

Hoping that I have laid before you the condition of our chapter, which is the object of these reports, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
W. D. SIMPSON, JR.

Indiana Gamma.

361 MASS. AVE., Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 27th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

March SCROLL came full of cheer and good advice. It found the Gamma united and flourishing, devoted to the glorious Phi Delta Theta that makes brothers of us all. The Ind. State Association of Phis will be held in this city, April 15th, it being also the occasion of the State oratorical contest. We take this opportunity of extending an invitation to all Phis to attend. Suitable headquarters will be provided, and we hope to see a large gathering of the bone and sinew of Ind. colleges.

In the Spring Exhibitions of this University will be two Betas, three Sigs, and six Phis. Always ahead! Even in the foot and base ball associations we keep the lead. Fraternity rivalry is very high here. It exhibits itself everywhere; in the class room, in the Society hall, on the ball ground, and in the "hash-houses." The most exciting election of the year was in the selection of base-ball officials for the ensuing season. The other frats. combined against us; but the staid preachers, the gay and festive tutor, the staunch, stalwart friends of Phi Delta Theta from every department of the University came to the rescue, and Bros. McElroy and Kuhns, the best men for the places, were triumphantly elected. I was shown the last number of the Delta Tau *Crescent*. Most of its space, it seemed to me, was filled with articles on Phi Delta Theta. Better devote its feeble efforts to reviving the sickly and emaciated chapters it represents instead of kicking its life out against the solid bulwarks of Phi Delta Theta. Yours in the Bond,

H. U. BROWN.

Vermont Alpha.

BURLINGTON, Vermont, April 26th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Until now no mournful pen has chronicled the progress of the Vermont Alpha. But stern reality, over-riding our hopes and expectations, at length necessitates its use.

Bro. Dodds, of the class of '82, is dead. He was sick about four weeks and as we supposed was getting better, when the Messenger of death appeared and our brother passed away. As a scholar he was brilliant and thorough, as a man upright and noble, and as a Phi ardent and hopeful. Few more worthy wear the shield and dagger.

At our last meeting suitable resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Yours in the Bond,
ED. A. ENRIGHT.

Ohio Delta.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware Ohio.
April 26th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Owing to the absence of Bro. Bonham, which we hope is only temporary, the undersigned was appointed Cor. Sec'y. The Bro. has fallen a victim to one of those ills that infancy is generally heir to, but which he has hitherto escaped, viz., the measles.

Brother Frank Williams did not return this term on account of poor health but, as he is improving rapidly, will probably be able to be in college next year. Bros. Fulton, McConica and Smith, who were out last term, are back again, so we are in quite good condition.

The Phi Gams, who are our greatest rivals, and who have hitherto been taking the lead here, are now greatly weakened by internal dissensions. Two of their number have already left them, one of them joining the Phi Kappa Psi and another is said to be on the ragged edge.

The Betas have only four men, and the Sigma Chis have only one man, in the college classes. The latter is a Junior and the Grand Mogul of the fraternity, this being their Grand Chapter.

Last Saturday night was made illustrious in the annals of the frat. by two note-worthy events; the initiation of Bro. Rush Bigley, and the banquet that followed which was due to the generosity of Bro. Davis, the genial proprietor of the Central House. Bro. Bigley is a freshman of rare talent and fine social qualities. He had been repeatedly invited by the Betas, and it was to their great chagrin that they saw him wearing the sword and shield yesterday morning.

After the initiation which took place in our hall we proceeded to the Central House, where we were cordially received and feasted in a royal manner. After the banquet several extempore toasts were given, overflowing with wit and wisdom. We then reassembled in the parlors, installed our officers, and transacted general business.

Bro. Davis, though not in college, is one of our most active members and takes great interest in the fraternity as is shown by the above.

Will the editor please inform us where our chapter houses are?

Yours in the Bond,
A. H. SMITH.

Ohio Epsilon.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, May 3rd, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

It is said that hope is as essential to anything as present success or gratification, providing, of course, that that be not the only food, but that it be seasoned a little with expectation. Although we have had no living issue lately, we are not barren; and albeit we have grown a little ravenous, we expect soon to have a high feast and "Hobgoblin's Banquet," furnished with a modern Colossus for the first course and a pigmy for dessert.

Ohio Eta sent an expediency detective down to our University lately. Bro. Smith is a fine fellow and a worthy Phi. Send down some more boys. There seems to be a want

of Phi pins among the boys, which, however, is not their fault so much as it is of the fair sex, who seem to have a partiality for the shield and dagger. The Permanent Fund question has not been agitated much in our chapter, but the drift of opinion is slightly against it. "We are seven" still, a number characteristic in biblical and profane history; always lucky except in the seven-eight commission.

But we are afraid that this is the last time we shall have occasion to use the expression, "We are Seven."

In the Bond,

TOM A. JONES.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, O., May 27th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Bro. Harn having more work than he could attend to, asked me to remind the SCROLL that we still live. We, as a body, are like Sammy J. Tilden, a mighty live corpse, and are always turning up at some point least expected by our opponents. The last time we surprised the Sigs and took from them a much coveted prize. In other words Joe W. Grizill (our Grizzly) was lifted from the darkness of Barbarism into the good, the true, the beautiful light of Fraternity. If all reports are true he will soon have a "bid" from the Phi Kaps.

Bro. Geo. H. Carpenter, '82, was called home on account of the death of his Sister. He will not be with us again this year; but when the college opens next fall, we expect to find him here fighting, as he always has done, for the advancement of those interests he holds so dear, the interests of Phi Delta Theta.

Perhaps this will be the last time this year that we will report an addition, but in reviewing the work of the past year we find that five men have found shelter under the wing of Phi Delta.

Though may be not as many have joined us this year as formerly, yet we can truly say ours has been a year of success, for we have men in every sense of the word. We hereby warn our worthy President that if he comes West without giving us a call that there will be blood on the moon the next time we meet.

Yours in the Bond,

LOU H. McLAIN.

Ohio Eta.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, O., May 2nd, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

You ask for "short and pointed reports" for this month's "SCROLL." Ours will be "short" if not necessarily "pointed". Ohio Eta is, as it has always been, an united and prosperous chapter, whose highest interest is Phi Delta Theta's highest good. Although five of the boys graduate this year, the ones remaining are of the energetic kind to whose hands the chapter can be safely trusted. Bro. Joe Hidy, class '76, was with us last week. Joe is one of the rising lawyers of Washington C. H., Ohio, and still remains a loyal Phi.

In the Bond,

SEC'Y PRO TEM.

P. S.—Pres. Reddig must not forget Ohio Eta on his Western trip. The boys all want to see him.

Indiana Beta.

WABASH COLLEGE, Crawfordsville, April 10th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER PHIS:

Although the Beta Theta has not been heard from for some time she has not been declining in excellence.

Since our former report we have taken in Bro. McKnight, and before reporting again we hope to add another "Knight" to our number. At the close of last term we had

quite a pleasant visit from neighboring chapters, including Bros. Brown, Hoss, Kuhns and Ford from Gamma, Bros. Stevenson Day and Brown from Delta, and Chas. Banta of the Ind. Alpha Alumni, our former Grand Sec., and a Phi whose fidelity cannot be questioned. His reply to Mich. Alpha was a twenty five dollar subscription.

Our visiting brethren made an impression long to be remembered, not only by Ind. Beta but the college. We say, come again.

Bro. Magill has been announced as one of the Baldwin prize men and we are hopeful of success on the 6th of May.

In the Bond,

L. E. OTT.

Texas Beta.

TEHUACANA, Texas, April 9th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

The Phis of Texas Beta are still alive, and cannot restrain from having a jolly time occasionally, as this report will show. On Mar. 24th, with the permission of Dr. Beeson, our President, each Phi boy with his lovely choice repaired to the residence of our noble Bro. J. H. Gillespie, who, in celebration of his twenty first anniversary, gave a sociable and fine supper to his brother Phis. Many who are strangers to our Bond thought that preparations were being made for the wedding of Jimmie and his dulciness, so the expectations of the poor fellows whose curiosity had borne so high in the hope of beholding the scene they had so vividly pictured was brought to naught. But who knows but that their expectations may be realized ere long. I can tell you it was a jolly time anyway, and the supper was excellent. Some persons thought that your humble correspondent had not eaten anything for a week. And it was all because he put a little cake in his pocket for somebody else. He will not take cake home in his pocket anymore.

Bro. J. W. Johnson, who is in the hard-ware business in Corsicana, Texas, was with us and escorted his "Love" to the sociable. He is a noble old Bro. in the Bond and we would be more than glad to have him with us oftener. The following poem by our loved Bro. Jno. W. Pearson, (whose pen productions were seen in the January number of the SCROLL) will give an idea or two of the occasion, and will give the names of the Phi Sisters present:

TO J. H. GILLESPIE.

They say, my boy, you are twenty one,

To night that you are free,

Through all the years that you have run

The worst are left for thee.

Could we but know that those to come

Would be as those now past,

Our troubles now would be as none,

And joy would always last.

But see, there's Jennie's pretty face,

It some times grows too sad,

And Annie with her brilliant grace

Loses the joy she had.

There's "darling" with her piercing eye,

Some times she gets so mad

That she makes me feel like Cupid, shy,

And treats me rather bad.

What joy, what cheer, with such Phi girls,

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And Nora cannot fail.

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And Alice as our "Belle,"

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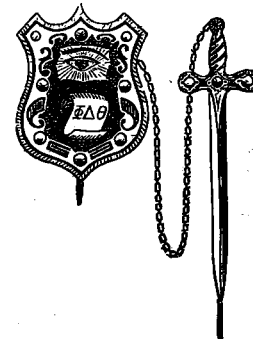
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The Scroll.

We've chanted the praises
Of loved white and blue,
Of dear shield and dagger,
Of Phis, brave and true,
The Bond and our sweethearts:
But never a soul
Was inspired by the Muses
To sing of THE SCROLL!

And so please allow me,
A singer uncouth,
To sing of our organ,
The organ of Truth,
That, Samaritan-like,
Lives to cheer, to console
The knights of Phi Delta,
Our own cherished SCROLL.

The life of our order,
Its counsel and guide,
Its kind elder brother,
A friend true and tried!
Mind its precepts, my brother,
It points to the goal
Where are love, joy and peace!
Let us prize, then, THE SCROLL.

It will build up and strengthen,
And spread far the name,
And give to our order
A national fame!
'Twill remain staunch and steadfast
While years o'er us roll:
Then support and sustain it,
Our treasure, THE SCROLL.

ORLANDO.

A Poem,

Read at the Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the Penn. Beta, Phi Delta Theta, May 5th, 1880,

BY JUNIUS B. FOX, '80.

Inspiring memories of another day,
When gallant hearts with new-born hopes were fired,
And young love in each vein first traced its way,
Now fill our souls. And as imagination, tired,
Paints its pictures and glowing charms imparts,
Memory, on the altars of our hearts,
Places her new garlands, this joyous hour,
And binds again my Beta's bond with power.

And, as the huntsman, weary in the chase,
Turns to some gushing stream t' allay his thirst,
So now we quaff the crystal, golden flood
That, springing whence no other's footsteps trod,
Flows sweetly, calmly, through the vale of years

Singing its songs, and telling of the tears
Whence it came; of the prayers that were prayed,
Of heroic deeds and victories made.

The murm'ring stream moves on; the whisp'ring breeze

And vocal nature, with her living trees,
Join in one symphonious melody
That echoes and reëchoes still to-day;
But more eventful, more glorious far
Were the songs of angels and "morning stars
That sang together" one sweet Fifth of May,
My Pennsylvania Beta's natal day.

Happy are our hearts; but happier far the throng

That heard, with blissful joy, the sweet angelic song,
While joyful tidings, by heaven proclaimed,
Spake peace to their hearts, and strength was regained.

In wonder they watched the bright Eastern Star—

Pennsylvania Beta's bright harbinger—
While fol'wing the heaven-directed way,
That joyous, brightest, sweetest Fifth of May.

'Tis ours to bring our offerings now of praise,
Emblems of honor for the tasks of other days;
To raise, with brave hearts, the banners we love,
As worthy conquerors ourselves to prove.
And when Earth's ages have passed away,
And all are rolled in Eternal Day,
And the Angel proclaims that "Time is now o'er,"

We'll swell the glad chorus of VICTORY EVER-MORE!

Breadth and Strength.

The uneasy desire to extend our borders, to increase our number of chapters and men, is fraught with evil to our best interests, and calls for the voice of warning and counsel. Such indiscriminate zeal for the enlargement of our boundaries, as appears at present in many localities, can attain its end only at the expense of other and more important considerations. Such a tendency involves consequences that are not only antagonistic to the objects to be attained by our order, but also subversive of the fundamental principles on which it is based. Therefore, attention is called to the necessity of strength as well as breadth in our fraternity, and their mutual relation and interdependence.

Breadth is often regarded as synonymous with strength. Nothing is more specious. It is often one of the most fruitful sources of weakness. A fraternity with a chapter in every college in the land may be among the weakest of such organizations. However great the numbers, unless the members possess character worthy of confidence, with attainments and means that will command the respect of friends and foes; unless the chapters be organized so as to unify and consolidate the different, and often conflicting, elements, breadth can only weaken. Let us particularize.

1. When an anxious and indiscriminate zeal for a rapid and extensive increase of

chapters and men manifests itself, one great and essential principle of our order is necessarily ignored, viz.: *Acquaintance with the men to be admitted as brothers.* Haste, which, preëminently in the admission of members should be made slowly, can produce only pernicious results. An element is thus introduced, not only detrimental to success and progress, but which becomes a canker preying upon the vitals till death ensues.

2. *Zeal for breadth often occasions the neglect of chapters already established.*

Even the oldest and most firmly established need careful attention to keep them thrifty and vigorous; but how much more necessary is this for newly organized chapters! They require the careful supervision of experienced guardians; otherwise they are often short-lived. In their inexperience the slightest shock may produce prostration from which recovery is impossible. Accordingly, the wisest plan often is to put the chapters already in existence on a firmer and more secure basis. Our own history will furnish sufficient examples of the danger of neglecting these considerations. Where is the New York Alpha? the Penna. Delta? and the many others that have sunk—some from internal decay, occasioned by the admission of a foreign element; others, because they never were strong, and, being neglected have fallen before the resistless influence of a better-appointed and better organized opposition?

That breadth is very important and should be earnestly striven for is not disputed. On the contrary, effort in this direction is the legitimate outgrowth of internal activity, when carried on within proper limits. While a failure to make additions to the number of chapters is not necessarily an evidence of weakness and decline, prolonged inactivity in regard to extension would be dangerous, and in the end might prove fatal. College fraternities are nothing if not aggressively active. Their activity, objec-

tive and subjective, is their vitality. Inactivity produces stagnation, inefficiency, and in the end impotency. It weakens the pulse, dries up the blood, and ultimately destroys the life. Active, energetic, persevering effort is, therefore, a necessity.

But this energy need not necessarily be spent on an outside element. It is often wisely consumed in developing inward strength and efficiency. Breadth is desirable; yea, earnestly urged. Let the Phi Delta Theta be organized in every college from Maine to California, exerting her benign influence in every institution in the land, urging men to cherish unfeigned friendship, to strive for the attainment of a high degree of scholarship, and to combine and sanctify both by an upright life. But this breadth must never be sought at the expense of strength.

So important is this last consideration to the interests of our fraternity, that it dare not be passed by unnoticed; and, in the short space yet left to which this paper is limited, attention is earnestly solicited to a few of the characteristics of our fraternity which preëminently constitute our strength.

1. *The character of our members.* It has been our pride and our boast that our members as a class are not only without reproach, but even above suspicion. This fact receives additional force and significance, when acknowledged by our rivals and antagonists. This is our strength, our impregnable fortress. As long as we do not voluntarily surrender our stronghold by admitting enemies within, all attempts to assault or injure must fail. That such a character is and should be required of every Phi needs neither argument nor defense. Only such are the "true blue."

2. *The scholarship of our members.* This is another important element of strength. Scholarship carries with it respect and influence. To hold a high position in a class is always a credit to the student as well as the fraternity to which he belongs. For the attainment of this end our fraternity has ever striven, and has mostly won "the lion's share" of the spoils. When the true Phi spirit manifests itself this object is still kept in view; and as a consequence our men are not only found at the head of their classes in college, triumphantly bearing

away the prizes and honors from their rivals, but afterwards in active life are found in the front rank of their profession, models worthy of being imitated by their less fortunate associates.

3. *The resources of our members* is another source of strength. By this is not meant merely those who have plenty of the "ready cash." This is important and necessary for meeting the expenses of the organization. But this does not include all. Every Phi should be gentle, modest, obliging, affable, sociable, frank, and should possess business tact, an honest purpose in life, and in short, such qualities as will develop in himself a full and rounded character, and will contribute to the social enjoyment, intellectual attainments, and moral influence of his associates.

The character, scholarship and resources of our members are a few of the pillars on which the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity rests. Tamper with them, the building will totter; remove them, it will fall. The conclusion, therefore, is forced upon us, that the admission of such men, and the organization of such chapters only as possess the above qualifications, can either be a source of strength or of value to the fraternity at large. Otherwise, widening can only be the synonym of weakening.

HOLMES DYSINGER.

GETTYSBURG, PA., May 28, 1880.

"Sub Rosa."

Do not some of the fraternity journals in finding fault with the SCROLL for speaking in detrimental terms of the action of some rival, compromise their honor a trifle? They must forget that the SCROLL is published by Phi Delta Theta for Phi Delta Theta, and *Sub Rosa*, a warning that in the days of chivalry would have kept the pages of our organ unsullied by the touch of profane hands, is prominently displayed on every issue. Alas that those days are folded with the past!

The SCROLL is as sacred as a personal letter. In such a letter would not the rival who especially delights in saying unkind things of the SCROLL on this score, state its opinion candidly of some move or project of a rival? Most certainly! They surely discuss fraternity matters among themselves, and just so surely they have the prerogative to do

so and the right to their opinions. Have they not the charity to give the same liberty and freedom of thought to Phi Delta Theta? We do not publish our opinions to the world any more than they, and if, by unfair means, they learn our opinions, to discuss them openly requires, to say the least, an inordinate amount of pure cheek.

This is written in the most charitable spirit. Phi Delta Theta has malice for none, and, personally, I have many noble friends who are members of rival fraternities of whom I would not speak unkindly. If our paper were published to the world perhaps other fraternities would have a right to complain if we express our opinions too freely, but the SCROLL is simply a means of communication between the members of our order. The seal of *Sub Rosa* is placed upon it, and a true standard of honor will allow no outside hand to break it. When, however, it is broken, the act applauded, and the contents of the SCROLL discussed openly, then honor has sunk so low that we dislike to notice the matter even as briefly as we have. Soon we shall have a cover with seals, a personal letter, and write thereon in plainest characters *Procul o, procul este, profani*. G.

Reconstruction and Extension.

In the March number of the SCROLL I discussed the desirability of our entering the various southern and western institutions, and recommended that chapters be established at Johns Hopkins, Washington and Lee, Univ. of N. C., Wittenberg, Ind. Asbury, Northwestern, Chicago, Univ. of Mich., Univ. of Minn., Univ. of Kan., and Univ. of Cal. This has been gloriously carried out at Northwestern and Ind. Asbury; other fraternities have meantime made moves on the chess board; I have endeavored to get still more accurate information concerning the institutions of the West and South; and therefore I will make some observations supplemental to those before expressed.

I am now very doubtful about the expediency of opening a chapter at Johns Hopkins. Of the 123 "Fellows" there last year, almost every one is a graduate. In fact, Johns Hopkins is a post-graduate Univ. Men go there to take very advanced courses. In my opinion such men

are so great book-worms and "grinds" they would not make good fraternity workers. Each "Fellow" pursues separate studies, they do not meet in classes, they have no celebrations bringing them together, and they board widely apart all over the city. The Univ. is modeled after the German Univs., and it is generally agreed that secret fraternities would not thrive in them. The Beta Theta Pi chapter there has no vitality. The Phi Kappa Psi chapter has but 6 men and is weak from lack of interest. A chapter of our fraternity there would be but an experiment, and Phi Delta Theta cannot afford to start any more experimental chapters. Under the circumstances would it not be well to leave the field to the Betas and Phi Psis?

With regard to W. & L., it seems one charter ought to do for both it and V. M. I. While men should be initiated from both, it might be well to have the location of the chapter changed from V. M. I. to W. and L.

The Pres. of the Univ. of N. C. writes, "The Univ. of N. C. is closed forever to fraternities." So good-bye to that place.

S. A. E. has retired from the Univ. of Tenn., and we have little encouragement to start a chapter there. The petition for a charter from there has been held in abeyance by our fraternity authorities. In view of the failure of the attempt to put a chapter in the institution, I suppose a refusal to grant the charter will now be forwarded to the petitioners.

Now let us turn to the West.

At Wittenberg, where was our O. Gamma, the students have issued this year an illustrated annual of 60 pages, called the *Aloha*, which reflects credit on the College. The number of students catalogued is, theologians 16, Seniors 20, Juniors 17, Sophomores 15, Freshmen 23, Select 20, Preparatory 60, total 171. Phi Kappa Psi has 15 active members, and Beta Theta Pi 8. I still think that we should organize at Wittenberg if good material can be found.

My opinion of Marietta has changed. The college resembles eastern institutions, and is rapidly improving in numbers and wealth. Its being a Phi Beta Kappa college is proof of its high standard. It issues a splendid illustrated annual of 66 pages called the *Mariettian*. The fraternities there are Alpha Digamma (local), Alpha Sigma Phi (local), Del-

ta Upsilon (anti-secret) and Phi Gamma Delta. Our Ohio chapters desire a chapter there. Beta Theta Pi wants to get in.

Chicago Univ. has been searched by Bro. W. R. Worrall, '79, Ky. Alpha. He wrote in April as follows: "I have talked with the Pres. of Chicago Univ., and he is very much discouraged in regard to the future of the institution—says, 'Something must happen within the next two or three months; either the institution will die altogether, or she will rise. Just at present we have no prospects.' The denomination that controls the Univ. is not at all strong in this city and are divided among themselves. There is not an endowed professorship, and the only sources of revenue are from tuition and charity." This confirms reports of other western Phis. Beta Theta Pi some time since was talking of reviving its chapter at Chicago, but the nearest chapter, which is at Northwestern, opposed it, and the subject was dropped. So there is no use to bother ourselves about Chicago for the present.

The Phis now at Ann Arbor are resolved upon the noble work of reestablishing our Mich. Alpha if they receive the support and assistance of the fraternity. It is absolutely necessary that they open a Phi boarding and club house, as the other fraternities there have either rented houses or buildings of their own. The expense of fitting up such a house will be considerable, and pecuniary aid should be given these brothers who are trying to establish Phi Delta Theta in the greatest Univ. of the West. All Phis who have not determined what college to attend next year, should if possible decide to go to Ann Arbor, for good, enthusiastic and hard-working Phis will be greatly needed there next fall.

With regard to Minn., Kan. and Cal. Univ., I will only say it is important that we enter them as soon as possible. There is going to be a grand fraternity revival at the latter place next year.

Beta Theta Pi has lately revived at Iowa Univ., but as the institution has heretofore been hostile to fraternities, we can well afford to wait and see if the hostility does not continue.

There are a number of insignificant southern and western institutions which I have not noticed, as I do not suppose that any one wishes us to charter inferior institutions. Our fraternity now has so

many chapters that it should raise instead of lowering its standard. Phi Delta Theta is not like the Grangers or blue ribbon movement that it should plant chapters all over creation. We ought not to think of starting chapters at places where they will probably exist only a few years. Let us leave these uncertain "chances," "openings" and "opportunities" to the small calibre frats. Phi Delta Theta has made wonderful progress during the past year, both in building up and extension, and should now take great care that no mistakes are made.

To recapitulate: In the South we are so nearly dominant that we only need to get a stand in W. and L. In the West we should establish chapters at Wittenberg, Marietta, Mich. U., Kan. U., and Cal. U. We can carry every one of these places next year if we all will put our shoulders to the wheel and push as we have in the year past. W. B. P.

A Catalogue Plan.

Two controversial subjects have arisen in the fraternity within the same number of years: finance and catalogue. The opposition to the present system seems confined to the *per capita* tax for the catalogue fund. It has been urged that unless the catalogue bears its face value to each member, he should not be compelled to purchase. That may be a correct view, but it is not business. If the fraternity thinks best to make its publications commercial transactions, I propose that enough enterprising Phis take hold and make them successful.

Suppose a stock company of 50 shares of twenty-five dollars each be organized. This gives a capital of \$1250, which would be abundant for publishing a catalogue equal to that of the Psi Upsilon. Each subscription could be subdivided into fifths payable monthly. The catalogues would be sold for cost and the money returned to the capital, which with its annual interest would keep it abreast of the growth of the fraternity. A copy is due each subscriber; and the increasing capital, being transferable, gives good interest on the investment.

Is such a scheme practicable? Unless I greatly mistrust Phi spirit, assuredly it is. I know Indiana can furnish ten subscribers, and believe the other States can bear this proportion: Penn., Ohio and Georgia each 6, Virginia 5, Tennessee 4,

Illinois 2, Kentucky 2, leaving but nine to be filled elsewhere.

Great credit is due to Bros. Banta and Palmer for the excellent style in which they are arranging the facts for the next catalogue; they deserve all the aid liberally extended them and more. But what is the value of their laborious undertaking, if, after the facts are collected, the fraternity refuses to recognize their work by not publishing it? It would be a shame! If the time is ripe for this undertaking, I suggest Bros. Banta and Palmer as a committee on subscriptions, and they are at liberty to open the list with my name.

Allow me two after-thoughts. By the time the facts can be collected and arranged a new catalogue will be a necessity. How shall it be published, cheaply, or in good style; by a tax, or by subscription? It is well to look at these matters in time, and avoid the troubles and dissatisfactions of the preceding editions. Again, if a stock company for publishing the catalogue prove successful, it could extend its labors over the SCROLL and other publications.

A. GWYN FOSTER.

April 24th, 1880.

Fluctus.

*O virgo amabilis!
Humilem me crede.
Cano si mirabilis
Indigno cantabilis.
Amam te cretante.*

*Virtus deserit pulcrum
Labor ejus vide:
Quum ne fragissem hostam,
Vice verbum et versam,
Audax naturante.* GESHO.

Phi Delta Theta Needs.

Without professing to be one of "Our Juvenile Shermans," we venture to suggest a policy which, if not the best, may serve as material for a sound financial structure.

That organization desirous of unity and brotherhood, which hopes to perpetuate itself and would accomplish the greatest benefit to all concerned, should not be content with simply asserting its existence to those most intimately connected; rather it should proclaim its distinctive character, and merit recognition by becoming a body corporate.

We believe the Phi Delta Theta fraternity possesses the quality of continued existence, seeks unity and advancement, and deserves for these, if for no other

reasons, to be incorporated. Were such the case the fraternity would be associated in partnership with all chapters and in case of the disintegration of any chapter, as Cornell, could claim and obtain all property of said chapter. It furnishes additional safeguards of security, insures a stable government, and offers an inducement for voluntary subscriptions to increase the Permanent Fund. That measure will strengthen us. It will furnish an adamant foundation for future greatness, and hasten the day of Phi Delta Theta supremacy.

Let us not delay this step; no more favorable circumstances will present themselves. Let those in authority urge forward the movement and bring about this important measure.

That our worthy G. B. has done his duty no one questions. But do we not need a business manager empowered with greater responsibilities? Should we not have a financial head who can devote his time to Phi Delta Theta first, last, and foremost? That such a policy would be successful, a glance at the thorough work of our efficient president fully testifies.

In order to provide for convention and incidental expenses, let the interest on permanent fund and the tax on initiations be tributary to the general fund. This will with a moderate permanent fund and the increasing number of initiations greatly lighten and finally obliterate the dreaded convention tax.

According to resolutions adopted at the last convention, subscriptions for THE SCROLL are due the 10th of September, and it has been assumed that those initiated after the 10th, receive the SCROLL free. We believe that every man should pay full value for what he receives whether that be Government Bonds or THE SCROLL.

Therefore to recapitulate:

1. Incorporate the fraternity.
2. Let the G. B. be as heretofore a responsible person, who shall control the finances, solicit subscriptions to the permanent fund, and who, holding the interests of Phi Delta Theta nearest his heart, will have the time to correspond whenever and for whatever purposes fraternity interests demand.
3. Strengthen and increase the permanent fund by *voluntary* subscriptions.
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5. Let every SCROLL sent from the publisher be paid for. I. C. T.

Permanent Fund.

At the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, held at Danville, Ky., in 1872, a resolution was passed authorizing the raising, by individual donation, of a permanent fund. The interest upon this fund was to be used to defray the general Fraternity expenses; but at no time, or under any considerations, should any part of the principal be used. A committee was appointed to solicit donations. The donations were generally in the form of notes payable within ten years, interest at ten per cent. payable annually. At the time of the Convention of 1873 the total amount of subscriptions was \$547.00, which, minus the subscriptions not paid and the expenses from purchase of stationery, stamps, etc., left the total amount of cash in the fund \$324.84. This Convention also instituted the office of Grand Banker, Bro. C. O. Perry being chosen to fill the position for two years.

Accessions to the permanent fund were at this time wholly voluntary. To increase the fund more rapidly the Convention of 1874 proposed the present plan of initiation tax. What the present law is in regard to this tax it is impossible to decide from the minutes of the Convention, as, of the two recommendations made, neither is recorded as adopted. We are left in the dark, as, indeed, we often are in the minutes of the Conventions, as to exactly what action was taken. But be that as it may, the fact remains that for every initiation one dollar is due the permanent fund.

The Grand Banker's report at the Convention of 1874 gave the cash assets of the fund as \$389.50, with \$139.00 unpaid subscriptions. Of the amount at his command the Grand Banker invested \$210.00, at ten per cent. interest.

At the Convention of 1875 a sort of a report of the permanent fund was made, but the report is too ambiguous to enable one to get an intelligent idea of the condition of our finances. The aggregate footing is probably all right; I believe it is; but whether the \$210.00 invested in '74 is included in the \$260.00 of "subscription notes at 10 percent.," as it probably is not, leaving an increase of \$50.00 to be accounted for in some other way, or whether the investment is not included at all, we cannot tell. At any rate \$652.50 is given as the total amount of assets, of which \$139.00 is still unpaid, leaving \$513.50 cash (?) in the treasury.

The report at the Convention of 1876 shows an aggregate of \$830.00 then in the fund, of which \$130.00 is unpaid. The same ambiguity arises from this report as from the previous one.

At the Convention of 1878 the total assets of the permanent fund were given by the Grand Banker as \$1,005.40, with \$139.00 unpaid. The items of this report fail to explain themselves, and we are unable to decide from the report itself what is the amount of cash on hand.

Such is a rough sketch of our permanent fund. What is its application? The fund is to be invested at the largest rate of interest possible, and the earnings taken to defray general expenses. In 1874 \$210.00 was invested; in 1875 \$179.50 was invested; in 1876 only \$88.00; and in 1878 nothing was invested. The subscription notes, however, bring ten per cent. interest. These notes in 1875 amounted to \$260.00; in 1876, to \$365;

in 1878, to \$460.00. Now, in 1878, \$1,005.40 was the value of the permanent fund; \$459 of this draws interest; nothing was invested; what disposal is made of the remainder? Again, \$139 of this \$1,005.40 is not available means, for this same amount has been carried over as "unpaid subscriptions" since 1874. Hence we have no assurance of more than \$460 being at present on interest.

Now let us reflect. The convention of 1878 cost over \$500. The cost of publishing catalogue once in two years is \$400. Add to these a multitude of smaller expenses, and we will call the biennial expenses \$1,000, or \$500 a year. \$460 at 10 per cent. earns \$46 annually. Apply this amount to the payment of \$500! But it is not expected that the permanent fund will cover our expenses at present. At the present rate of increase it will be very many years before our fortunate successors will be materially benefited, a fact the more true from the growing tendency to make our conventions more expensive.

Why should we tax our Order in its youth for the benefit of future Phis who will in all probability be better able to bear their own burdens than we are to bear the burdens for them?

Also, Phi Delta Theta has no legal existence. We are not chartered, hence not capable of suing or of being sued. How unsafe then is a permanent fund? Discreet business men will invariably denounce it from this cause alone.

Again, such institutions have caused like Fraternities to come to grief, as, for instance, the Alpha Delta Phis, and Psi Upsilon.

Again, our Order is at present in debt \$140 for catalogue. How shall we meet the obligation? Let us hope not by individual taxation.

In short, to say nothing about its effects upon our future brains, the permanent fund is not called for, under its present regulations, by our Order; it is of no present use; it is not safe; it is an unsound business transaction.

How shall we change the permanent fund? The money *donated* with the wish that it should form a part of such a fund, can be put to no other purpose by us; it must remain as it is. But the portion raised by taxation is at our command. Of this amount, let us appropriate enough to cancel the catalogue debt, and apply the remainder to convention purposes. This done, do away with all direct and indirect taxation for the support of the fund. Put the portion donated in *good shape*, and let all those who wish to do so still continue to contribute, voluntarily, to a less obnoxious permanent fund.

L. H. BAILEY, JR.

Mich. B.

Other Fraternities.

—Beta Theta Pi entered University of Pa. in May.

—S. A. E. has withdrawn from Tenn. University and revived at Furman.

—Delta Tau Delta has revived at Mich. University and withdrawn from Simpson Centenary, Iowa Wesleyan, Ill. Wesleyan, and Indiana Asbury.

—The 47th convention of Psi Upsilon was held in Ann Arbor, Mich., May 26th. At the public exercises the oration was delivered by Clarkson Nott Potter, and an essay was read by Chas. Dudley Warner.

—Beta Theta Pi has lost its chapter at William and Mary, and Washington (St. Louis).

—Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta are making desperate efforts toward publishing song books.

—Zeta Psi at the University of Cal. will publish this year's *Blue and Gold*, heretofore published by the Juniors.

—Phi Kappa Psi has *sub rosa* chapters at Monmouth, Racine, and Iowa University; Delta Tau Delta at Mt. Union; and Beta Theta Pi at Beloit, Denison and Harvard.

—Monmouth College was given \$25,000 on condition that Fraternities be excluded. Several of them continue nevertheless. Some weeks ago the faculty obtained a Phi Kappa Psi catalogue and from it learned that a chapter of that fraternity existed there. Three members were dismissed from college and ten signed an agreement to disband. Three of the latter afterwards revived a defunct chapter at Chicago University.

—Beta Theta Pi has been incorporated in Ohio and has its head-quarters in Cincinnati. Of the nine members of its Board of Directors six are required to live there. The convention is required to meet there every three years.

—Delta Tau Delta has appointed an Extension committee. Lookout!

—All Betas have to order their badges through their general treasurer and the fraternity obtains a revenue on them.

—At its last convention Beta Theta Pi adopted a new Constitution and Ritual. The former will be printed but not published to the world. The famous "Legend of Wooglin" is still worshiped.

—Chi Phi is breaking ground for a hall at Amherst.

—Beta Theta Pi, which entered Kenyon only last year, is getting ready to build there, and would build at Ann Arbor if it had the money.

—"Carmina Fraternitatis Chi Phi," size 6x8, with 110 pages, bound in cloth, cost \$525. for an edition of 500 copies.

—Zeta Psi has transferred its Phi chapter from N. Y. U. to Columbia.

—It is reported that Kappa Sigma has granted a charter to U. of Cal., *vice* Alpha Tau Omega, backed out.

—The use of caps as a Fraternity badge has been advocated. Psi Upsilon proposed it last year, and Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta have taken up the idea, which is derived from the practice of the German student corps.

—Beta Theta Pi's chapter at Washington-Lee is composed of one solitary student. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta also have about one man each there.

—Beta Theta Pi is working to enter Mo. U.

—The N. Y. City Coll. chapter of Alpha Delta Phi owns an island of 10 acres, in the form of the Fraternity's crescent, situated in Lake George. This island is christened "Camp Manhattan," and every summer the alumni picnic there for two weeks. The campers have their tents, boats, etc., and keep a record of everything done, which is sealed in a bottle, and, on the night before breaking up, buried, with solemn ceremonies, in a place that can only be found again by a mathematical formula, as were buried the treasures of Camp Kidd. The members of Delta Kappa Epsilon in the three alumni chapters of northern Ohio—Norwalk, Toledo and Cleveland—and in the adjacent cities have on foot the purchase of Sugar Island in Lake Erie, containing about twenty acres, for the purpose of fitting it up as a permanent summer resort. The resident members of Toledo met lately with a special committee from the Fraternity to negotiate about the matter. Contributions are being made by members in that part of the state. How would the Western Phis like to plant a Phi Delta Theta banner on some small island in the lakes and play Robinson Crusoe every summer?

—Delta Tau Delta will hold its next convention in Chicago next October; Beta Theta Pi in Baltimore, August 1880.

Personals.

—Harry M. Woods, Vt. A., is station agent and telegraph operator at Essex Centre, Vt.

—Charlton Du Pont, Ga. B., is practicing law at 135 Bay St., Savannah, Ga.

—F. H. Terrell, M. D., U. S. Navy, Va. A., '71, is Physician to the Naval Hospital on Mare Island, San Francisco, Cal.

—M. M. Hargrove, Va. A., '72, is Professor of Modern Languages in the Military Academy at Charlotte, N. C.

—Wm. McK. Murrell, Va. A., '74, is elected Commonwealth's attorney for Campbell Co., Va.

—Frank E. Hunter, Esq., the pride of Zephyr Hill, is at Indianapolis this week, making a "mash" on some of the Capital city daisies.—*Bloomington, Ind., Journal*. What does that mean, Bro. H.?

—A. Gwyn Foster, Ind. A., '78, having returned from Mexico, is now at his home in Henderson, East Carroll Parish, La., where he will remain until summer. In the fall he will begin a two years' course in mining engineering in the east at Lehigh, or Columbia. We look for good Phi work wherever Bro. Gwyn goes.

—Chas. R. Pence, Ohio Eta, formerly of '79, left in Sophomore, went to Yale, graduated there in '79, and is now at Mich. University Law School.

—Douglass Glessner, Ohio Eta, '78, is editor of the *Hancock Courier*, published at Findley, O.

—Wm. H. Jones, Ohio Eta, '79, is studying law at his home in Jeffersonville, O.

—Lee S. McCallister, Ohio Eta, formerly of '80, is now a Junior at Tuft's College.

—Cleason M. Musselman, Pa. B., formerly of '83, is located in Abilene, Kansas.

—Harry B. Walter, Pa. B., formerly '82, is practicing as an M. D. in Harrisburg, Pa., 1105 N. Third St. Every inch of Harry's six feet two frame is full of Phi blood.

—Geo. B. Thomas, Ky. A., formerly '82, has a position in First Nat. Bank at his home Marysville, Ky. He recently paid a visit to our Virginia chapters, and will go to University of Va. in the fall.

—H. Max. Lentz, Pa. B., '78, will preach this summer for the Lutheran congregation in Freeport, Pa.

—C. W. Daniel, Texas B., is doing good work in the gospel ministry in the vicinity of Jewett Texas.

—President Reddig was made Secretary, for the fourth time, of the S. S. Assembly of Cumb'd Co., Pa., at its last session May 27th and 28th. He was also honored by being unanimously chosen delegate to the World's S. S. Assembly which meets in London this summer. We should like to see him go, but are far better contented to know that he will remain on this side the water until after our Convention.

—Will A. Black and H. U. Brown, Ind. Gamma, will both graduate this year with honors from Butler University.

—Gen. Ben. Harrison, Ohio A., is being pushed by his party in Indiana for the second place on the Republican presidential ticket.

—John B. Elam, Ohio A., has become one of the leading lawyers of Indianapolis. He has been prosecutor of Marion county for two years, and is considered the most forcible speaker in that court. John will be heard from in Congress inside of ten years. Mark the prediction.

—H. J. Landers, Ind. Gamma, is connected with the largest pork-packing firm in Indianapolis. Jack has the making of a fine business man in him.

—Hon. John C. Robinson has received unanimous re-nomination as Judge in his district. He has been on the bench for past 6 years.

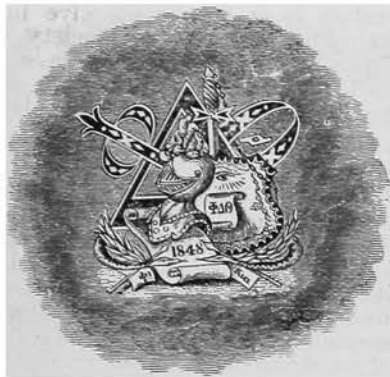
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Notice.

To Treasurers of all Chapters of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Greeting:

You will hereby take notice that, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the National convention of our order to assemble in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. — 1880, and for other expenses of the order, your chapters are assessed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per capita upon each attendant member. This amount you will collect from each member and forward to me either by N. Y. exchange or P. O. Money order, before the end of your college year. Respectfully,

C. D. WHITEHEAD.

MARYVILLE, MO., April 1st, 1880.

Every chapter should sit for a group picture before the collegiate year closes.

I. C. T. presents some good points in "Phi Delta Theta Needs."

The article in this number on our vexing P. F. suits us exactly. It is a cool business-like review of the whole thing from its beginning. We claim for it the attention of the whole Phi world, especially the leaders in Convention matters. The P. F. is a question that requires not theoretical castle-building, but business tact and business treatment.

We earnestly commend "Breadth and Strength," on our first page, to all Phis to be read slowly and carefully. The article merits thoughtful study.

Our call for liberal and free discussion on topics likely to demand the attention of our approaching Convention has been responded to so freely that we have more than we can possibly publish, although we have added four extra pages. We make this extra size

in view of convention matters and without extra cost to the chapters. We want to give all views a fair hearing and are glad to see the interest manifested.

We desire to make the first issue in the fall the Convention number, and must have it out by October 1st. Let all those who want space have their articles in so as to reach the B. M. not later than Sept. 15th. Chapter correspondents are earnestly requested to report number of members, name of S. E., and condition of chapter by the same time. Let us have a sparkling number for the Convention floor.

Ind. Eta swings forth her banner once more with twelve men to start on and six initiated since. Long may she wave. Bros. Weatherly of the Ind. Alpha and Ford of the Ind. Gamma are the parties to whom honor is due on this occasion.

Ill. Alpha was resurrected since our last issue with five members. Bro. Ed. S. Shippen is their standard bearer. Give honor for the work to Bros. C. L. Goodwin and W. R. Worrall. So the good cause moves on.

In order that there may be no delay next year in beginning the publication of the SCROLL, let every chapter send promptly its quota of the tax recently levied by the G. B. The call is timely and if the payment is postponed until next year, it will be forgotten or neglected until another call is necessary. One of the works of a good Phi is readiness and willingness to meet the reasonable demands of the Fraternity upon him and his pocket. Let there be an unprecedented promptness in the discharge of this matter.

The B. M. returns thanks to Will. Fremont Harn, Ohio Z., for a copy of *The Index*, a joint publication of the fraternities of Wooster University. It is a work of 104 pages, finely printed on tinted paper, and is worthy of merit. Bro. L. H. McClain represents Phi Delta Theta on the corps editorial.

The "Phi Editors" of the *Argo*, Buchtel College, will also accept our thanks for a copy of their work. The *Argo* contains 112 pages, and is issued by the class of '80. Of the seven editors, five are Phis, including the chief and B. M. This work cannot be praised too highly as to its contents, and might serve as a good model for similar publications. It is fresh and sparkling with wit. It is a fine evidence of what Phis can do.

Since THE SCROLL refused (and very properly, being *sub rosa*) to exchange with the Delta Tau Delta organ, said organ has been out of tune toward us, so to speak. It somehow (dishonestly of course, as we are *sub rosa*) obtained a copy, or at least an item, from THE SCROLL touching the bad conduct of a chapter of a sister frat. Using this item the *Crescent* tried to make it appear in a recent number that we were overstepping the bounds of the Greek fraternity limits in

noticing the action mentioned; but the *Crescent* thinks it right and proper to use much harsher language toward us than we used concerning a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. We fear the green-eyed monster is troubling its delicate vision. Or perhaps it feels badly at seeing its diminishing chapter list, as we see in its issue for May (lying before us) the notice of withdrawal of charters from two chapters.

Our compliments also to the *Phi Gamma Delta*, which organ we notice kindly copied the friendly (?) advice given us by the *Δ.Τ.Δ.* organ.

A private letter from President Reddig gives us an invitation so warm-hearted that we want all Phis to know of his brotherly nature. He says: "If any Phi Delta Theta comes within fifty miles of my home let him remember that the President of *Φ. Δ. Θ.* is waiting to clasp hands with him, and that I will treat him as only a Phi knows how, with a royal welcome in my home." We return a hearty *thank you* in behalf of our readers.

We are glad to give place to the names and residences of so many Phis sent by our correspondents, and also gladly note the kindly spirit of hospitality shown in the invitations therein. These are evidence of fraternal love, and are but part of the result of the teachings of the Bond. As fruit of this effort on our part we trust that many fraternal visits may be made, and that faces may be familiar as names now are. Vacation is a time of visitation, and this may be the means of cementing friendships by personal communion.

Bro. H. U. Brown, of Ind. Gamma, speaking of the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent's* chronic tirades against our Fraternity, says a good thing thus:

"Better devote its feeble efforts to reviving the sickly and emaciated chapters it represents instead of kicking its life out against the solid bulwarks of Phi Delta Theta." We have only to say that we cannot afford to devote the columns of the SCROLL to answering the puerile twaddle of this insignificant rival. We have more important work to do. Our policy is to fight others' interests only so far as is absolutely necessary to foster our own.

Work for Vacation.

We publish in this issue the names and home addresses of a large number of active Phis, and our object is to encourage and assist correspondence between the members in vacation. The advantages in this are too numerous to be all recorded here, but we would observe they are two-fold: first, to the individual members, information may be gained on many important points; convention matters should be discussed, and the many views as far as possible harmonized. Second, to the Fraternity at large; next year ought to open up, after a summer of careful and intelligent general correspondence, much more enthusiastically, much more prosperously

than ever before. Work would be planned for the year and there would be no hesitation, no delay in taking hold of it. The influence on our convention would be most salutary. There is much work to be done on that occasion and it is the earnest desire of every true Phi that it be of a character so well adapted to our circumstances and requirements that it will not need revision until those circumstances are entirely changed, which will be many years. This is no mere school-boys' work. It is a work invested with the dearest interests of hundreds of the most intelligent and enterprising men of our land. The responsibilities of that body can only be faithfully discharged by careful, studious and well advised action. Good progress has been made in the past few months in this matter but still much remains to be done. The SCROLL is small and while it can accomplish a great deal it must not be relied on entirely. Now, brothers, keep the ball rolling in vacation; don't let the enthusiasm flag for a moment; and next fall open up the matter through the SCROLL again, and it will require no prophets eye to discern in the near future for us not only the largest and most important Convention ever held by our Fraternity, but a prosperity and growth next year without a parallel in our history.

Indianapolis—October, 1880.

The preparations for our next convention are rapidly pushing forward. A letter just received from Bro. J. C. Norris, Secretary Phi Delta Theta, writes very cheerfully of the prospects. Among other things he says: "Indiana Phis, especially Ind. Gamma and Indianapolis Alumni chapters, say that the convention shall be a success, and they propose to give every Phi that comes a hearty welcome. More than that they want to help to make this convention far excel any other in usefulness to the fraternity, and in enjoyment to those who participate. We have a splendid hotel here for holding the sessions of the convention and for giving the banquet and hop, and a very grand Hall for the public performances. We have the plan of the convention mapped out nicely, and we propose with the help of the G. B. and the Ex. Com. to carry it out."

The programme is nearly complete, and we have thought best to keep back parts that we might have given to Phis until we publish the whole in our first issue next year. This should labor earnestly to make the convention all that it now promises. To this end early attention should be given to the G. B.'s call at the head of sixth page. Another good point will be made if all chapters have reports in the first number next term.

Over our Shoulder.

A brief glance over the college year just closing is gratifying. We began the year in fear, lest the SCROLL must be rolled up and placed among the things of the past. The trials were overcome, the difficulties surmounted, and in this last number of the year

'79-'80 we congratulate Phi Delta Theta as having a high position among fraternities and as having passed through one of the most prosperous years of her history. We say this not boastingly. Our success has been *won*, not laid at our feet by others. It has been a year of work and persistent effort. It is on this account that we speak without glorifying ourselves when we congratulate the fraternity.

Our relations with our correspondents have been exceeding pleasant. Reports have been numerous and regular. We feel proud of our Chapter Editors in remembering that we have had reports from *every chapter* in our Directory. Let this spirit continue and no one can doubt our success.

To our contributors we return thanks for their work with the pen and brain, and trust that they will not suffer their quills to grow pointless. We hope for a continuance of all present subscriptions and new ones besides.

We have formed strong attachments through these columns, and should be glad to continue forever and aye these fraternal bonds that hold us together. To all the dear Brothers who bear the symbols of Φ . Δ . Θ . without and within we wish a prosperous future, while we now say our farewell for a brief season in behalf of THE SCROLL.

Good-Bye!

AIR:—"AULD LANG SYNE."

Good-bye! but we will ne'er forget
The merry, merry times,
When oft we've met, and lingered yet,
Beyond the midnight chimes.
Has sweetest memory then no soil
Within the kindly heart,
But that her fibres 'round us coil
To wither when we part?
Can scenes like these be e'er forgot?
Can friendship burn away?
Can love-flowers, cluster'd 'round this spot,
Like earthly plants decay?
We'll never meet again as now,
All reunited here;—
Death stamps his signet on the brow
Of those we hold most dear!

The grave shall claim her lawful prize;
The earth, her kindred clay;
And many a form, before our eyes,
Like star-beams melt away!
The warmest love can never hope
To shield the vernal flower;
Ere scarce to heaven its petals ope,
The ruthless frosts devour!

Yet oft, as future years roll by,
Some few of this gay band
May meet; and then th' moistened eye,
The grasp of friendship's hand,
Shall tell that in our memories yet
Linger the scenes of yore;
That *friends* shall never *friends* forget,
Nor joys that are no more!

M. S. SAMS, *Tenn. Beta*.

Feb. 16th, 1880.

Notes.

In the oratorical contest held in Bloomington, Ill., May 20th, Bro. J. A. Fullinwider, Illinois Epsilon, carried off the second prize.

The Indiana Gamma will give a grand reception and hop at the residence of Bro. Jack Landers, in Indianapolis, June 11th. It will be a brilliant affair.

Pennsylvania Zeta is doing well according to private advices. Bro. Spangler won the second place in the Sophomoric contest held in Carlisle, May 28th.

Indiana Delta celebrated their anniversary May 28th by a grand banquet, literary exercises, and a hop. See report of same. The Phis at Franklin carry the town.

Tennessee Beta has eclipsed even herself this year in carrying off prizes and honors. Their report tells about it. That banquet must have been a veritable "banquet of the gods." We believe there is much in what the report does not say.

The members of our N. C. Alpha stand well. Both Bro. Bodie and Bro. Holland are class orators from their respective literary societies. Phis also control society offices generally. Though the faculty have taken away visible fraternity symbols they cannot take away invisible Phi zeal and devotion.

Thanks for invitation to Richmond College societies' anniversary. Three Phis on programme. . . . Thanks for invitation to Trinity College, N. C., commencement. Five Phis hold the five best positions. . . . Penn'a Beta Freshmen stand well. At Livy cremation exercises commencement week two Phis hold best positions, viz., Priest and Valedictorian.

Chapter Correspondence.

[Our purpose is to issue each number by the 10th of the month. Chapter Editors will please mail reports accordingly without further notice BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. Each Chapter is required to report monthly. Promptness in this matter is desirable.—B. M.]

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, IND. June 4th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

It becomes my duty to announce the expulsion from Ind. Gamma of Phi Delta Theta B. F. McElroy, of Howard, Ohio. Serious charges were preferred and sustained, and the chapter could maintain its honor only by the action it took. Hoping this will reach the publishers in time for publication, as it may avoid mistake,

Yours,
H. U. BROWN, S. E.

Pennsylvania Beta.

GETTYSBURG, PA., June 10, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Few changes have occurred since our last report for Penna. Beta. One or two may be mentioned. Bro. H. Max Lentz left Gettysburg a few days since for Freeport, Pa., where he will spend his vacation preaching. We wish him a happy and successful stay, and a pleasant time with the Phis of old Armstrong Co. Bro. M. F. Troxell was elected to the position of "Proctor" in Penn'a College, vacated by Bro. Lentz leaving. Two Phis filling that position in succession is so far a fulfilment of the prophecy made by a certain outsider that "it seems that the 'Thates' mean to run the Proctorship."

Two of our number have been given important positions in Phren'a Society at the annual election recently held. Bro. H. H. Weber, '82, was made Librarian, and Bro. H. D. Withers, '81, was elected Business Editor of the *Penn'a College Monthly*. There was lively competition in the election, but the result is on the side of real merit.

The chapter is working on quietly and successfully every day. The interest taken in the regular meetings is commendable. Every Phi seems to love and to be proud of the "Mater" that gave him birth into the Phi Delta Theta world. The hour for parting

in a few weeks is looked for with regret, and by none with as much as your correspondent. A melancholy feeling of sadness steals over him as he lays his pen down for the last time. It is a pleasant task to tell the "boys" of our Beta's progress and success. And were we not conscious that a more entertaining and instructive pen will record for your columns the achievements and victories which she will make in coming days, this last sentence would leave a greater "aching void" in our heart. We bespeak for the Fraternity at large great success in our land, and only hope that the banner under which we conquer may float more and more proudly in the North, East, West and South.

Ever yours in the Bond,
JUNIUS B. FOX.

Indiana Eta.

GREENCASTLE, IND., May 22d, 1880.

EDITOR OF THE SCROLL:

Indiana Eta is no longer a dead chapter, but resurrected into purest white and truest blue.

About the first of this term Brother Weatherly of Ind. Alpha and Bro. Ford of Ind. Gamma, came to Asbury and began the work of reviving our chapter. Two or three of the "non frats" liked the idea and went quietly to work and, having completed the arrangements, twelve men were duly initiated into the mysteries of the "Mystic Bond" on the evening of May 10th. On Tuesday morning we all came out wearing the shield and dagger. Of course the other "frats" opened their eyes, but, when they found we had picked our men and had the very ones whom they had spiked in vain, and some even in whose ears the sound was still ringing, they were still more surprised and chagrined. But we had gained such a foothold that they were compelled to acknowledge us.

We have since taken in six preparatory students, namely, M. S. Miller, W. M. Randel, Jas. L. Randel, E. McClean, J. B. Curtis, and W. H. Jordan.

We expect our chapter to stand now, if earnest work will have anything to do with our success. Our only draw-back is the want of a hall. There are five other fraternities here, each having a good hall, and we must stand equal to them in this. Our aim is to have a hall all furnished by the opening of next year, if we can raise the means.

We want to hear from our brothers all over the country. We need an abundance of advice. We have already received many encouraging letters, and seven of the Ind. Gammas were over and spent a day with us. We already realize how good it is to be a Phi.

Yours in the Bond,
A. STEPHENSON.

Georgia Delta.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA., May 28th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

You have not heard from the Georgia Delta for some time, simply because there has been nothing of much importance, for its S. E. to write up. However, since you have heard from us, our Faculty have selected speakers from the Junior and Sophomore classes. We are well represented in either class, having as many speakers as any other fraternity. We think it not creditable to the judgment of our "noble Faculty" that two of our boys in the Soph. class, were knocked out of speakers' places, for both were considered, by the boys generally, to be among the very finest speakers in college. Taking it all in all, we are considerably ahead of any of our rival fraternities, in as much as we are even with them in the Soph. and Junior classes, and as we are confident of getting both of the honors in the graduat-

ing class. For two weeks past the Juniors have been taking a hasty review of Chemistry, French, and Geology, preparatory to their final examinations, which come off next week, and if we do get both of the honors, won't there be some *tall yelling* in this "land of cotton?" Phi Delta Theta at Mercer, is still on friendly terms with her rivals; in fact I think she has never been otherwise. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a very good chapter at Mercer; so have the Kappa Alpha, but we are absolutely independent of both, and could hold our head above water with the *greatest ease* even if we had half dozen such opponents to fight. The Chi Phis had a chapter here, but its charter seems to have been withdrawn, as they never met now, and have not taken in a new man in a year, although they have some very good men.

I suppose it is a very wrong feeling, but I cannot suppress a slight feeling of satisfaction when I hear that any of our rival chapters have fallen through, leaving Phi Delta Theta unscathed.

Our boys are busying themselves with getting up our annual banquet, which will come off in about three weeks; we expect to have a grand time, and would be only too glad to welcome any Phi, who may happen along about that time. Bidding the SCROLL a long farewell as a contributor to its columns, I ask God to abide with it and our much loved and noble fraternity. Brothers North, brothers East, brothers West, may you return the sincere love which the Georgia Delta bears you. Farewell!

J. K. BATTLE.

Indiana Epsilon.

HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND.,
May 25, '80.

DEAR SCROLL:

The close of the college year finds us in very good condition. Our year's work is, on the whole, quite satisfactory to those of us who have labored earnestly and anxiously for our chapter.

Besides getting several new members, we have secured a hall which the ladies tell us is the best in this place, and it has been acknowledged to be so by members of one of our rival fraternities.

We have met regularly every week for business, and several times to pay our respects to the refreshments which our kind friends furnished.

As being especially generous in ministering to our appetites I must mention Misses Kate and Annie Blythe, whom I hope every Phi who comes to Hanover will meet.

To return the favor of our lady friends, we have invited them to a banquet which we are to hold before commencement.

Bro. James B. Swing, Batavia, Ohio, '76, surprised and delighted his many friends here, a short time since, by a call, in company with his newly won bride. Bro. Swing received the high compliment from ex-president Heckman, as being the ablest man the college turned out during his administration.

Our chapter has been encouraged and strengthened lately by a visit from Bros. J. E. Blythe, '77, and J. E. Taggart, '79. They attended one of our meetings and helped us initiate Walter N. Millican, a bright little star of the preparatory department.

With the best wishes for every Phi I hereby bid you adieu, remaining ever faithful in the Bond.

H. C. MONTGOMERY.

Missouri Alpha.

MO. STATE UNIVERSITY,
Columbia, May 29, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Since you desire short reports from each chapter, I will act upon that suggestion.

Our reunion and reception given at the Power's House last night was indeed a success in every particular. Missouri Alpha spared no pains to make it a success. All seemed to enjoy the occasion splendidly. Four members of the Mo. Gamma were present. Toasts were responded to as follows: Mo. Alpha, Jas. R. Pharr, Pres.; Shield and Sword, C. B. Sebastine; Phi Delta Girls, Ed. Russell; Mo. Gamma, Geo. S. Rathbun; Mo. Gamma Phi Deltas, W. B. C. Brown of that chapter.

Several members of the chapter were present from abroad, and the occasion served to bring back to their minds the pleasantries of their college days.

Our boys are preparing to leave for the summer vacation. The University closes June 3d. Most of us, it is to be hoped, will meet again next September, and will endeavor to use our influence to still further the interests of the Fraternity.

To all Phis I wish a happy vacation, and hope that they will ever hold dear the shield and sword. With best wishes for all, I bid them good bye. As ever,

Yours, in the dear old Bond,
SAM. H. KELLEY.

Indiana Alpha.

I. S. U. BLOOMINGTON, IND., May 29, 1880.

DEAR PHIS:

For the last time in the year Indiana Alpha comes forward to report through the SCROLL her progress during the past month. The year has been one of great prosperity to the chapter. Although there have been some discouragements, yet, if in the coming years as much advancement is made, as much solid work done, as during the past year, the chapter will be so far ahead of anything here that nothing can compare with it.

No startling deeds have been performed during the past month, but the regular chapter work has gone steadily and quietly on. Since our last report was written, however, we have had the pleasure of initiating twelve men at Asbury University under the old charter of Ind. Eta. As their Cor. Sec. has already written a report, a brief account of the proceedings will be all that is necessary from us. The revival of the Ind. Eta has long been the dream of the Alpha, but it was not until this year that we felt strong enough to undertake any very well concerted measures towards reviving the chapter. We are now strong, however, and we could no longer endure the repeated attacks of Bro. W. B. Palmer on the Indiana chapters on account of the Ind. Eta. Bro. Weatherly (not Weatherby as his name has been hitherto printed in the SCROLL) of this chapter made a short visit to Greencastle at the beginning of this term and came to the conclusion that there was an excellent time to attempt our pet scheme, and the necessary funds were quickly raised and on April 10th Bro. Weatherly landed at Greencastle determined to re-establish the chapter. On the 14th Bro. Shirk joined him, and, together they besieged some of the best barbarians and a Delta Tau Delta. It took some of them an apparently long time to make up their minds for they were not initiated until May 10th, but now that they have made up their minds they are the kind of men who will not be dismayed at difficulties. But let them tell the rest.

Bro. Butler, of this chapter, has resolved that on and after the 2nd of next month he will lead a bachelor's life no longer. Bro. Butler thinks he is keeping this a big secret, but of course he couldn't hold such a thing from an army of inquisitive Phis, and now we propose to surprise him by sending him a handsome silver water set.

The editor asked for the names of each

chapter's members. We give ours and as Commencement here is on the 9th of June our papers will have to be sent to our respective addresses. They are:

Franklin Gillmore Arnott, Bloomington, Ind.; Charles Banta, Franklin, Ind.; Oscar Edwin Bradfute, Xenia, Ohio; Samuel Walter Bradfute, Bloomington, Ind.; Philemon Harry Clugston, Larwill, Whitley Co., Ind.; John Thomas Foster, White Hall, Owen Co., Ind.; Jacob Halderman, Larwill, Whitley Co., Ind.; William Henry Harrison Hawley, College Corner, Ohio; William Horatio Holland, Leesville, Lawrence Co., Ind.; Frank Louis Mulky, Bloomington, Ind.; Frederick Henry Ogle, Prurierton, Vigo Co., Ind.; Wallace Cromwell Palmer, Elkhart, Ind.; Charles Francis Randall, Aurora, Ind.; Addison Loche Roache, jr., 593 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind.; John Clarkson Shirk, Brookville, Ind.; John Goudie Smalley, Springfield, Franklin Co., Ind.; Horace Foster Solliday, 491 N. E. Street, Indianapolis, Ind.; Benjamin Franklin Thompson, Larwill, Whitley Co., Ind.; Albert Weatherly, Spencer, Ind.; Lemuel Burton White, 110 Auburn Ave., Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati; Thomas William Wilson, New Harmony, Posey Co., Ind.

In the Bond,
CHAS. BANTA.

Indiana Gamma.

361 MASS. AVE., INDIANAPOLIS,
May 25, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Indiana Gamma makes the following final report for the year '79-'80: We began the year with ten men; have increased in fraternal love and diligence; have contributed time, energy, and money (and have plenty in reserve) to maintain our position at the lead; and have guarded sacredly the rights, privileges and immunities of Phi Delta.

Since my last report we have initiated two, W. R. Blair, of Fredericktown, Ohio; and Bro. Conklin, Kenton, Ohio. Following the suggestion in last SCROLL, I will give the addresses of some of our members: O. P. Hubbard, Dublin, Ind.; J. B. Kuhns, Greensburg, Pa.; J. M. Goodwin, Bowling Green, Ky.; M. A. Morrison, Frankfort, Ind.; W. M. Floyd, St. Paul, Ind., etc., etc.

In and about this city is an innumerable host of Phis, all ready and anxious to show themselves and their hospitality at the convention in October.

We hear with pleasure of the re-establishment of Ind. Eta, Greencastle. Every first-class college in Ind. now has a chapter of Phi Delta Theta—six in all. Bro. C. L. Goodwin has re-established Ill. Alpha, N. W. University, Evanston, Ill. Another feather. This last chapter is, as yet, *sub rosa*.

This closes my correspondence with the SCROLL, as an active member, but my heart will ever be with you, and my subscription always ready. At the above address Phis will meet a hearty welcome from one who now, as chapter editor, takes "an affectionate farewell."

H. U. BROWN.

Illinois Alpha.

NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston Ill.

TO EDITOR SCROLL:

By request of the Ill. Alpha Chapter I make this their first report to the SCROLL, and send greeting to all Phi Chapters.

Sometime ago it was thought advisable to re-organize this chapter. Accordingly a correspondence was begun by Bro. C. L. Goodwin, Ind. Gamma, with Mr. E. S. Shippen, of the class of '83, this University, which resulted in the selection of Messrs. Shippen, Rice, Webster, Wood, and one or two others as candidates for Phi honors.

They signified their willingness to become members of so honorable a body, and one afternoon they made a flying visit to Chicago, and through the humble instrumentality of Bro. Boddie, Tenn. Beta, '79, and myself, were initiated into the mysteries which form such a beautiful halo around our shining light, the Bond.

The before-named gentlemen are very enthusiastic, and have gone to work in earnest. They have elected Bro. Wood, class '80, as President, and Bro. E. S. Shippen, Secretary. Their finances are to be well attended to, and in all respects Ill. Alpha is flourishing.

It has been deemed prudent to remain *sub rosa* till fall when they will give a grand banquet after a formal initiation—this to keep down the rivalry of the other frats who are strong and closely united. The Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Psi have expressed their determination to keep out any other fraternities, and besides them we have the "Mushroom" Betas to contend against.

The chapter shall be very happy to hear from all sister chapters, especially in regard to their methods of carrying on their work. Brothers write to them, and you will receive such answers as will do your hearts good, and give you renewed vigor and enthusiasm in your several departments. Remember though that they will be for a while *sub rosa*. By the time the next SCROLL comes out you may expect a fuller account from the "editor" elect of the chapter.

Allow me to say, before closing, that Phi Delta Theta may well be proud of the members of Illinois Alpha. They are as true, good and useful a set of young men as it has been my fortune to see so pleasantly united.

All letters should be directed to E. S. Shippen, N. W. University, Evanston, Ill. All formalities for making this a working chapter will have been gone through ere this reaches you. Once more I ask that a hearty, cheering welcome be given them by each chapter, and by individuals also. All honor is due Bro. Goodwin for his work.

Very respectfully,

W. R. WORRALL,
Ky. Alpha, '79.

Texas Beta.

TEHUACANA, May 25, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

As this is the last report for the collegiate year we will make it brief. At our last meeting we elected another man and anticipate giving our goat some exercise once more before we place him to spend the summer months in his couchant and dormant state.

I like some suggestions in last number of SCROLL on subjects to be agitated at convention, such as adding more to our initiatory ceremony; and also like P.'s suggestions in regard to P. F., and am very much in favor of more uniformity in our badges.

At the election of honor men of the Rati Genic Literary Society for final celebration in June, five out of the six are Phis, the other being a Beta. According to request I will give the summer address of our boys:

F. H. Drane, Corsicana, Tex.; T. F. Hefner, Weimar, Tex.; L. P. Sears, White Wright, Tex.; J. M. McCarty, Rice, Tex.; U. J. Lackey, Waco, Tex.; B. E. Bowmer, Burnett, Tex.; J. W. Pearson, Georgetown, Tex.; U. A. Patterson, Mansfield, Tex.; J. R. Bell, Tehuacana, Tex.; J. W. Gillespie, Tehuacana, Tex.; M. M. Vaughn, Weatherford, Tex.; J. B. Nicholson, Greenville, Tex.

We hope we will be paid in sending these addresses by having the honor of a summer visit from some of our distant Brothers. We each one extend a cordial invitation to all who may feel inclined to accept.

I hope that all, after the summer rest, will return with renewed vigor, determined to

make the cause of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity a grander success during the next year than ever before.

I am, yours in the Bond,
J. W. GILLESPIE.

Ohio Delta.

O. W. U. DELAWARE, O., May 23, 1880.

ED. SCROLL:

By action of our chapter at its last meeting Robt. H. Mefford, Chas. S. Barnes, Chase Stewart and Joe K. Owen were expelled from the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. These gentlemen were members of Ohio Delta when its charter was returned in 1877, but have since joined other fraternities, the two former the Chi Phis, the two latter, the Phi Kaps. Though they ceased long since to have any connection with Phi Delta Theta, we felt ourselves required by our constitution, even at this late date, to take the action we have.

When this issue of the SCROLL shall reach the many Phis to whom it will be directed, most of them will be in the midst of the hubbub of commencement. Literary spreads, class-day nonsense, re-unions, etc., making preparations for the summer vacation, dreaming of long visits, multitudinous mashes, glorious ease and freedom from college routine. To each we heartily wish the most pleasant realization of his most pleasant dream.

When this term closes we will be a college year old. Since our re-organization, the 7th of last October, we have increased our number from the three adventurers of that not altogether most auspicious occasion to twelve brothers in the Bond, only two of whom are not with us now. Bro. Fred. L. Rosemond, one of our earliest acquisitions, accepted a lucrative position last February on the editorial staff of the Hamilton Daily News and Telegraph, and has bid farewell to college life. Bro. Frank R. Williams was compelled to leave college on account of failing health, and is now traveling in Colorado with hope of improvement.

We have been rather nomadic, now occupying the third hall we have rented this year, and are not yet satisfied. We have resolved to return next year with the determination of furnishing well a hall that will suit us, to have a real fraternity home. All the boys who are with us now will return next year, so that we shall be in a fair way to make a good start.

Making a hasty review of the past year, we feel no little degree of satisfaction in the work we have done by the sword of Phi Delta Theta, united by her golden chain, and defended by her broad shield.

Agreeable to your request I will give the names and addresses of our boys:

T. H. McConica, Marengo, O.; W. P. Fulton, Dinsmore, Pa.; D. DeMott Woodmansee, Carthage, Mo.; A. H. Smith, Reynoldsburgh, O.; L. U. Squier, Delaware, O.; F. L. Rosemond, Hamilton, O.; Scott Bonham, Medway, O.; F. L. Davis, Delaware, O.; J. E. Randall, Troy, O.; R. B. Carter, Wellington, O.; Rush Bigley, Bryan, O.; Frank R. Williams, Colorado Springs, Col.

A another inkslinger will, perhaps, be chosen next year to flourish the quill and keep the Phis informed of our existence, I humbly beg leave to give the farewell shake to my fellow sufferers in the bonds of scribbledom, and make my modest bow—down and out.

Fraternally,
SCOTT BONHAM.

Georgia Gamma.

OXFORD, GA., May 24, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

My last communication was so unfortunate as to miss your columns. I was rather disap-

pointed, as I wished to give prominence to the last, and one of the most valuable acquisitions that we have made to our number during the present college year. This was Edgar P. Allen, son of Rev. Young J. Allen of China. He is the most promising youth of his age that I have ever met, and has been a bone of sharp contention between the several frats here ever since he first entered College.

I like your suggestion and will add, just here, the names and addresses of our present members:

Seniors: Henry D. Howren, Nennasville, Fla.; Ralph B. Fullwood, Tallehasse, Fla.; I. W. Hill, Auburn, Ala.; W. A. Pitts, Sherman, Texas; W. F. Smith, Kirkwood, Ga.; J. R. Smith, Oxford, Ga.; E. M. North, Sharpsburg, Ga.; J. G. Lee, Crowfish Spring, Ga.; W. H. Park, Lafayette, Ga.

Juniors: O. G. Minglehoff, Springfield, Ga.; J. Byron Wight, Cairo, Ga.; Morgan Calaway, Oxford, Ga.

Sophomores: Richard Harwell, Oxford, Ga.; G. E. T. Hardeman, Oxford, Ga.; W. S. McLarin, Fairburn, Ga.; L. A. Gibson, Thomson, Ga.; H. C. Carney, Tampa, Fla.

Freshmen: L. P. Herrington, Waynesboro', Ga.; E. C. Merry, Birzelia, Ga.; B. S. Wiltingham, Thomson, Ga.; T. B. Harwell, Turin, Ga.

Sub. Freshmen: Robert Batley, Rome, Ga.; Edgar P. Allen, Oxford, Ga.

Honorary: Prof. R. M. McIntosh, Oxford, Ga.

We close with a cordial invitation to our brothers of other chapters to attend our annual banquet on Thursday night of Commencement.

Yours in the Bond,
H. C. CARNEY.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, Ind., May 31st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

On the 28th of May occurred the 20th anniversary of the Indiana Delta. It was celebrated by a lecture and banquet. The lecture was delivered by Rev. J. R. Edwards, who graduated here in '77, and at Chicago Theo. Sem. a few weeks ago. The lecture, "The meaning of the word Ought," was a grand one. The church was nicely decorated.

After the lecture we went to the banquet. The tables were spread in Hulsman Hall, a very large room. About 50 couples were present. The supper was fine, toasts were given by all the colleges represented. Bloomington led the procession by sending us five, Crawfordsville sent us two, Butler four, and Greencastle (the new chapter now a few weeks old, two). Toasts were also given by Judge Banta, Rev. Edwards, Dr. Stott and Prof. Chaffer. Their remarks were of a very encouraging nature, and must infuse new life into the boys. I would like to send you a copy of each of their talks, but 'twould take up too much room. After supper the party returned to Odd Fellows Hall, a beautiful large room. Here the social was prolonged until 2 o'clock. A piano had been placed in the hall and the ladies furnished us good music. We had a grand time.

Saturday the convention met and transacted some important business, the most important being with reference to the Greencastle chapter. Measures were taken to put it upon a solid foundation financially.

The Ind. Delta has been doing some good work, but we hope to do better next year and use more discretion in some matters than we have this. Recently the chapter had their pictures taken in a group of 20.

As an active member we write our last letter to the SCROLL. We have been a member for 5 years and the ties for our beloved fra-

ternity are strong. We shall not forget it, but while Phi Delta Theta lives, she will have an ardent supporter in your brother in the Bond.

I send you a list of our boys' names with post office address. They each ask that brothers everywhere correspond with them.

R. A. Brown, Franklin, Ind.; E. L. Stevenson, Franklin, Ind.; F. B. Day, Franklin, Ind.; E. H. Sweet, Franklin, Ind.; S. H. Thomson, Franklin, Ind.; John Mugg, Centre, Ind.; Rob't Sellers, Franklin, Ind.; S. W. P. Smith, New Market, Ind.; E. E. Stevenson, Kirkwood, Ill.; J. W. Daugherty, Walesboro, Ind.; Eugene Hall, Peru, Ind.; Chesley Holmes, Letts Corner, Ind.; W. W. Smith, Sardinia, Ind.; E. F. Jones, Hope, Ind.; Virgil Harper, Franklin, Ind.; M. W. Hutto, Oakford, Ind.; J. B. Thomas, Sardinia, Ind.; R. M. Thomas, Sardinia, Ind.; Chas. Boaz, Bunker Hill, Ind.

Long live the Phi Delta Theta and the SCROLL.
CHAS. BOAZ.

Ohio Zeta.

WOOSTER, May 31st, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Our chapter has been heard from but very few times this year. Nevertheless we have made real progress. Our number has been small, less than half as many as any one of the other fraternities here. We have been rather unfortunate in losing a great many men before they finished their course. At present we have seven men. Two of these are seniors, and both are on class-day entertainment. Bro. Harn graduates this year and will study law in Wooster. The chapter will have the benefit of his advice next year. We have also two juniors, two sophs, and one freshman.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have been few in number, we have never lost our standing and influence in college politics. The other fraternities here are all in a very flourishing condition. But they will all lose this year by so many of their men dropping out. Several of our old men, who have been out of college for this year, will be back next, and we will start with at least ten solid men. We will take the Philosophical honor this year, and other fraternity men concede to us one of the Junior prize honors. We have initiated this year three solid men, two juniors and one freshman, and no fraternity has been more fortunate in their choice of men or more successful in getting them. Pleased with the past record of our chapter we are satisfied that our future will be fully as bright.

In the Bond,
H. W. LUCCOCK.

Ohio Eta.

AKRON, Ohio, May 31st, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Ohio Eta stands one degree above the superlative in every thing that pertains to her internal economy. It seems fore-ordained, fore-stalled, and *totally clinched*, that Ohio Eta shall be the perpetual heir of every concomitant of success. I would like to subside my enthusiasm with a long article in which I might talk at length of the glorious past, present, and prospective, of our chapter.

Your humble servant is an "old veteran" in the ranks of Ohio Eta, having enlisted soon after she was organized, and no one would enjoy more than he, a general mention of all that pertains to the life of the chapter. The tardiness of this report however, and the SCROLL's request for short reports, argue that I forego this pleasure and look to a hasty *finis*.

I will close, therefore, after a brief mention of the principal event that has transpired within our realm since our last. I am going

to give it to you in *inklings*. Just about time for the postman, and he must have this, if possible. Here we go. Brother Phis, "fill in!" I know you can do it.

May 20, 8 P. M., 10 Delta Gamma girls, 10 Phi boys, Phi rooms at Empire House, 8½, grand 'Howd' do?' 8½, seat your partners and stay with 'em awhile, chin music and reciprocal grins, games, waltzes, song by the girls, encore, song by Phis, encore, Bro. Wright steps in, had been unexpectedly called away during the day, adieu to Empire, in grand phalanx to ice cream &c. parlors, fine spread, (Brothers, don't forget to "fill in" here), waiters bring on strawberries and cream, waiters encored, eat, welcome, your hearty, toasts by boys and girls, 11 P. M., grand *au revoir*, 11 P. M. to 2¼ A. M., longest way around, shortest way home.

Hoping these few lines may find you enjoying the same great blessing,

I am, fraternally,
J. H. AYDELOTT.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIV., Nashville, Tenn.,
May 29th, 1880.

The Tenn. Beta has been victorious in everything at the commencement just concluded. At the Normal college our boys won the highest honors. At the Vanderbilt the boys were apprehensive that the faculty would make things disagreeable for them, but the chancellor announced that the Board of Trust had decided that he had no right to administer an obligation to the boys that they were not connected with any secret Fraternity, as he had announced he would do, for there was no law requiring a man to criminate himself. In fact "Old Grey," as we call him, overlooked his hand, and to his great mortification, and our satisfaction, he had to back down as gracefully as he could. Next year then there will not be near as much danger in running the chapter as there has been this, still the boys will have to be cautious, and probably cannot send reports to the SCROLL, for some of the papers are liable to fall in the faculty's hands, as one did this year which almost had the effects of a bombshell in our camp. But the boys can run a fine chapter here by keeping its existence unknown.

Our boys were working for prizes this year, and won all but a few unimportant ones not competed for. Bro. J. H. Bryant won the "Owen Prize" (\$30.) for the best class standing, the "Founders Prize" (\$50.) for the highest standing in the University, and a "Fellowship" worth (\$500.) a year; Bro. M. R. Patterson won the "Young Prize" (\$30.) for oratory, and Bro. C. H. E. Hardin the "Founders Prize" (\$50.) for the same. These are the medals over which are the greatest contests. Our boys did magnificently. The students, the audiences, the judges and the city papers were unanimous in the opinion that our boys had a clean walk over, and we were proud of them I can tell you.

Although the pleasures of the week, with the complimentary party to the *campus* girls, the alumni dinner etc., were extraordinary, the grand *finale* to the commencement was our Re-union and Banquet yesterday afternoon. The exercises at the Univ. closed at 1 o'clock. Medals, prizes and diplomas were secured, and we were then perfectly reckless about discovery. At 3 we had a final meeting in our hall, and initiated two men we had been trying all the year to get. At 4 precisely we repaired to the ladies private dining room of the Maxwell House, the finest hotel in the South. It would take a more eloquent pen than mine to adequately describe that occasion. Seven of our returned *alumni* were with us, and when 32 Phis took seats at the festive board cries of, "How's

this for a *sub rosa* chapter?" "Oh, we're not running here this year!" "Send for 'Old Grey,'" etc., were heard above the general clatter and confusion. The table was the best the Maxwell House could get up; alumni dinner was nothing to it. The enthusiasm increased with each sentiment toasted. Such cheers and hurrahs were never before heard in any house in Nashville, and collected wondering crowds on the streets below. Our printed programme of toasts was as follows:

"Master of Ceremonies," Lytton Taylor, Tenn.; "The Mystic Bond," J. H. Dortch, Tenn.; "Tennessee Beta," G. C. Jones, Tenn.; "Our Normal College Brothers," J. R. Dean, Tex.; "The Goat we ride," T. A. Atchison, Tenn.; "The Barbs," M. R. Patterson, Tenn.; "Our Beloved (?) Chancellor," W. H. Goodpasture, Tenn.; "Our Friends (?) the Theologs," J. M. Barrs, Fla.; "Our Liberal Minded Board of Trust," W. B. Palmer, Tenn.; "Our Phi Sisters," D. U. Fletcher, Ga.; "The Victorious Philosophic," E. R. Lyons, La.; "Our Limbs of the Law," R. F. Jackson, Tenn.; "The Campus Girls," E. D. Steger, Tenn.; "Love," J. Hobson, Tenn.; "Our Progeny who will be Phis," C. H. E. Hardin, Cal.; "Phi Delta Theta," R. H. Hamilton, Tenn.

All of the responses were splendidly delivered. When Bro. Hardin mounted a chair, and, supported by two Brothers, made his side splitting response, the whole table rose to their feet, throwing up their napkins, clapping their hands, cheering at the top of their voices, and almost going wild. Bros. Dortch and Hamilton, in speaking of our great and noble Fraternity, stirred the patriotism of all the boys so profoundly that round after round of applause arose on the air. A motion to make an annual banquet on Friday afternoon of commencement week an established custom was unanimously carried with applause, and every graduate swore he would be here next year. Three last cheers and a tiger were then given to our chapter, and thus gloriously ended the brightest, happiest and most triumphant day in the history of the Tenn. Beta.

W. B. PALMER.

Missouri Alpha.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbia.
April 30th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

As you desire a brief report from the chapters for this number, I will not take up much room in your columns. We are getting along as usual, though a few of our members have left the University for their homes. One good result of our active work is that Bro. Rathbun and myself went to Westminster College, Fulton, and established the Mo. Gamma. W. B. C. Brown is Secretary, I think. We have every assurance to believe that the Mo. Gamma will live long and succeed. We are determined to do all in our power to keep that chapter running until it can stand alone.

Would it not be well to continue the SCROLL throughout the summer vacation?

With best wishes to all members of the Fraternity, I am,
Yours in the Bond,
SAM. H. KELLEY.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

DEAR SCROLL:

Since our last report several things of interest have transpired. We commenced this term, April 8th, with our usual number, Bro. Van Cleve having returned, and Bro. Barton being in the Academy.

At the annual contest between the Philo & Union, and Franklin & Washington literary societies, Bro. Crosser, Soph., received

the honor over J. B. Clark, Phi Delta Psi, and a Senior.

Bro. W. C. McClelland has been selected by the F. & W. to represent them as Essayist at next contest.

After consulting our worthy President Reddig, a committee of three made a visit to Trinity Hall for the purpose of consulting the excellent and genial Principal, Dr. Earp, as to the chances of establishing ourselves among them in some way. The Doctor requested time to think of the matter, but spoke most encouragingly. This is one of the best preparatory schools in the State, and is situated a short distance out of town, so why not have a separate Chapter there?

Also, what do you say to a Chapter at Waynesburg College, the only College under control of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this part of the country. The field is white to the harvest, good men are there and no Fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

M. A. DENMAN.

Pennsylvania Zeta.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Carlisle, May, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The victor's crown is ours. Since last I wrote we have brought under the protection of the Shield and Dagger a gem of great value, J. Malvern Colaw of Virginia; a noble young man, an excellent student, and a true Phi. By our success the Beta Theta Pi were defeated, much to their regret.

We are gradually entwining a wreath of love around the heads of several Preps; from present appearances we almost have them encircled. The Zeta boys are doing very well; we hold some of the most prominent positions in the Literary Societies, and last week Bro. Weaver was elected to the principal office in the Order of Good Temp-lars, there being six candidates.

We have secured a room in which to meet, and though not entirely our own we feel much more settled. On the whole everything is passing on smoothly and pleasantly.

Yours in the Bond,

GEO. E. KLEINHENN.

Alabama Beta.

ALA. A. AND M. COLLEGE, April 29th, 1880.

ED. SCROLL:

Your failure to hear from Alabama Beta through the last SCROLL is by no means an indication of her indifference to our noble order, for if ever her members were engrossed with love for Phi Delta Theta it is most assuredly now. Those of our many brothers who can appreciate the trials and inconveniences incident to our *sub rosa* existence will rejoice in our favorable prospect of having our "disabilities removed," as the indications of being recognized by the Trustees of the college at their next annual meeting transcends probability itself. This is indeed *news*, and fully appreciated by those who for two years have braved opposition and defied the authority of our august Faculty.

There are now twenty members within the mystic fold, constituting the most prominent men in college, (if you will pardon this degree of egotism). The Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau are each figuring extensively and not without results, therefore both have good chapters, with some prospects. The two "Sister Belles" of the Loveliest Village are both earnest and enthusiastic Phis, and their station in the circles of society (for they are both stars that brightly shine) renders our rivals sick of their choice. When such as these own our colors, and bear our name, "it makes us justly proud."

In the Bond,

A. FITZPATRICK.

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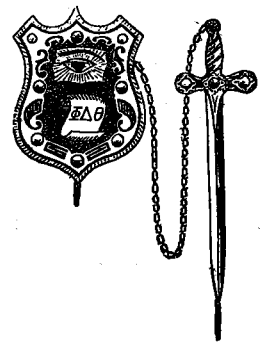
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NUMBER 1.

A Poetic Triad.

TO ADDIE.

I loved thee *first*, when first I met thee ;
And can I for one hour forget thee ?
An endless future can't efface
The impression of thy smiling face.
No ! age may quench my mem'ry's power,
But ne'er obscure the blissful hour
When first my young heart knew to love,
And you, its sweet enchantment wove !

TO "MANNIE,"

ON PRESENTING TO HER A BASKET OF FLOWERS.

Accept these flowers, my budding fair,
Thyself a flower without compeer,
From him, whose holiest, happiest call
Would be, a suppliant at thy feet,
To lay his heart, in bondage sweet,
An offering there.

In every bud and bloom I see
Some trait, that speaks to my heart of thee.
In the lily's form, thy grace is shown ;
The rose's tints are all thine own ;
The violet's modesty is thine ;
Thine is the beauty, half-divine,
Of that bright flower, which op'd to the skies
In the mellow noon of Paradise,—

Now only known
In those soft vales
Where all is mute
But the lover's tales,
And the lover's lute.

Thou art *fair* as the roseate tint of dawn ;
Gay as the laughter of gladness born ;
Fresh as a hairbell steeped in dew ;
Bright as the golden sunset's hue ;
And *sweet* as the perfume of subtlest power,
Which steals from the down of the orange
flower.

Say, "Mannie," say, when these are gone,
For the loveliest things are soonest flown,
Will a few bright flowers, retained by thee,
Give life to some thought, some dream, of *me* ?
Will verdant memory find repose
Amid the ashes of the rose,

And spring around *my* name ?
And will some amorous tendril twine,
And bind thy heart in coil with mine,
Till both shall grow the same ?

Happy such destiny would be ;
But oh ! too high, too bright for me.
Yet think of me, my precious one ;
Yet think of me, when I am gone.

Think of *him*, who set apart
His all-devoted heart
To worship thee alone.

By day and night, I'll dream of thee ;
Thy witching face in dreams I'll see ;
And meet the sparkle of thine eye,
And feel thy joyous presence nigh ;
And catch thy footfalls on my ear,
When I gaze on this lock of soft brown hair.

Yet a token more dear than a wavy strand
Of hair, enclasped in a silken band,
Is mine to guard with jealous care ;
'Tis as precious and bright as an angel's tear.
In the innermost depths of my being consigned
Where the vestal Love, that never sleeps,
Unceasingly o'er it her vigil keeps ;
In my heart is thy image enshrined !

TO KATIE.

Bloom like the roses, my sweet,
Blushing in beauty to-day ;
Scattering fragrance as they.
Fading, when hope is complete ;
Dying, when fond trust is given ;—
Living, as spirits, that play,
Entranced, in the raptures of Heaven !
STANNY SAMS, *Teen. B.*
"Violet Cottage," Aug. 15th 1879.

Chapter Correspondence.

This subject has been briefly alluded to in several late numbers of the SCROLL, and one needs only to consider it to see its vast importance to the prosperity of Phi Delta Theta. Let the thoughtful mind turn his attention to the condition of the chapters throughout the land and behold the list of those inactive and dead, and the examination will always be followed by the thought, "These are the effects of ignorance both in chapters and individual members." And such will be the state of affairs till all the chapters and members of chapters stir up and begin to feel interested in the work and prosperity of the fraternity.

It is scarcely necessary to say that ignorance in the fraternity is the principal cause of the dissolution of chapters, and this ignorance and lack of energy, and their causes and effects, are the points which I shall attempt to present.

The old and profoundly true proverb that "Ignorance is a curse," is appropriate anywhere, but especially so here. Ignorance of the condition of the fraternity at large in any chapter is the surest seed of death that could be sown, and always proves destruction to the chapter in such a condition.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity system is one of a noble and elevating character, and looks forward and gives the true Phi a happy and instructive road to travel, laying for him the foundation of fame if he will but use those opportunities which the fraternity so liberally offers. Of course to gain the desired benefit from the fraternity one must take an interest in its work and welfare, and keep himself posted both concerning the present and past conditions of the fraternity ; and must

work to try to make her excel in the future and even surpass her former prosperity.

It is natural for man to take no interest in that of which he knows nothing, and hence ignorance is followed by inaction, a most loathsome disease. How then can it be expected of a chapter to prosper when it is ignorant not only of the condition of other chapters, but of the government and nature of the fraternity of which it is a part. When I speak of a chapter I mean each member of the chapter. The first step then for a chapter to take, is to become thoroughly acquainted with the government and objects of the fraternity and to know for what purpose they are in the fraternity. And second to keep well posted about the condition of other chapters. This is done by correspondence, and correspondence might justly be called the joining link of the chapters. What is more encouraging to a weak chapter than to receive encouraging communications from stronger sister chapters far and near ? What could check the decay of a chapter quicker and strengthen the courage of the members more than a continued and instructive correspondence coming from chapters throughout the whole fraternity. It shows them, by a fair knowledge of the fraternity's condition, where they might stand if they would continue to push on, it makes weak chapters feel of more importance, brightens their prospects, and makes their members feel that they are yet a part of the glorious old Phi Delta Theta and that they are yet members of a great and grand institution.

It is true that the SCROLL gives much information to the different chapters of the condition of others, and we should feel proud of it ; but we need something to draw the chapters more closely together and address each other more directly and intimately and give the conditions and workings more minutely. This can be done only by correspondence, and this should greatly increase.

A chapter or a member can do no

good in approaching a man for fraternity unless he is pretty well posted as to its condition. Then chapter correspondence, inasmuch as it is the only true way of getting direct information and giving the condition of affairs minutely, is necessary both for the maintenance of old as well as the establishment of new chapters.

Let us congratulate and imitate Ky. A. upon her energy and enthusiasm in this important feature of fraternity life. She is seeing the importance of a good knowledge of the vast brotherhood.

Correspondence gives the fraternity a sweet savor, and gives the members a higher idea of the order, inasmuch as Phi Delta Theta is of a higher character than one ignorant would expect. Chapter Correspondence gives the members a zeal to excel that otherwise they would not exercise, teaches them how to work, and above all joins them more closely together in the glorious Bond of Phi Delta Theta.

Let every chapter consider this carefully, and begin a more extensive correspondence with other chapters.

Let each of us feel that the fraternity will richly repay us for our work if rightly executed. Let the old members of the chapters teach and train the young members how to work as they are taken in, and let the less experienced lend their energy also to the fraternity and make themselves useful to the cause, knowing that they shall be benefited. Let us feel and be well assured that we are laboring for a cause entirely deserving of our most valiant efforts. Let the chapters be more closely consolidated into one common body. Let us do cheerfully whatever we can to advance the cause of Phi Delta Theta, redeem her lost ground and connect her Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern chapters by a cord of harmony and brotherhood which shall cause to vibrate in sweeter harmony than the music of any harp the melodious accents of Phi Delta Theta love.

J. M. G.

Our Dead Chapters.

During 1879-80 Phi Delta Theta made more advancement, in the way of establishing new, and reviving dead, chapters, than during any other year in its history. Probably as much good work of the same kind will be done during the coming year. But without noticing now our prospects

for entering Institutions where we have never been before, let us turn to our dead chapters.

There is probably no Phi who does not regret that we have so many dead chapters, and does not realize that they are a great hindrance to our progress. The regret is more serious when we consider that a majority of those chapters we will not wish to revive, because they were located at Institutions which have suspended, adopted anti-fraternity laws, or deteriorated below our standard, and that, therefore, they must remain to mar the symmetry of our fair chapter roll for all time to come. Such a number of dead chapters impresses the mind with the idea of a want of care in granting charters, and a looseness on the part of our administrative authorities, and hence, is a great drawback to the Fraternity.

We are now resolved to reinstate our N. Y. Alpha at Cornell, Mich. Alpha at Mich. Univ., Ill. Alpha at Northwestern, and Cal. Alpha at Cal. Univ., as early as we can, and the Neb. Alpha as soon as the number of students at Neb. Univ. becomes larger. But there remain Ohio Beta and Gamma, Ky. Beta and Gamma, Ind. Zeta, Pa. Delta, Tenn. Alpha, Ga. Alpha, Tex. Alpha, Mo. Beta and Wis. Beta, which for special reasons, such as mentioned, we will not wish to revive. Now, as each of these chapters had very few members, and none of them existed as long as a year, and as several of them were only experimental chapters, and probably were never chartered, I propose that they be stricken out of our catalogue, and their members be given to the other chapters to which they would most appropriately belong. Cultivation does not alone consist in nourishing and grafting, for there is such a thing as pruning, and judicious pruning is well calculated to assist a healthy growth. There is no sense in our remaining handi-capped forevermore by these dead chapters.

At Miami Univ., in 1852, the Ohio Alpha became so large that it divided into two chapters. The second chapter was known as the Beta, but it continued a separate existence only a short time. Its 13 members should be placed under Ohio Alpha. The present active Ohio chapters oppose the reorganization of the Ohio Gamma, because of the poor standing of Wittenberg Coll., and because there is strong prejudice against Fraternities

there. Our catalogue shows 7 members of that chapter. One of the names is a misprint, and I have a denial from 2 of the men that they were members. The other 4 should be put in the Ohio Alpha list. The Tex. Alpha sprang from Ohio Alpha, and Austin Coll., where it was located, is now a very inferior Institution, with only 3 professors. It is not a fit place for Phi Delta Theta, and the 5 members of the chapter should be combined with the Ohio Alpha. It is a mistake about our having had a chapter at Cumberland Univ. Among the archives of one of our oldest chapters I found that it was only proposed to establish a chapter there. I wrote to the gentleman whose name is the only one that appears under the Tenn. Alpha, and he denies ever having belonged to our Fraternity. That chapter should, therefore, be expunged entirely. Ky. Beta was at Ky. Mil. Inst., which is now conducted by an individual as a private enterprise, and is below our standard. Ky. Gamma was at Georgetown Coll., a small anti-fraternity Institution. Each of them numbered about 8 members, and they should be united with Ky. Alpha. The Ga. Alpha, formerly at Oglethorpe Univ., shows but 14 members in the catalogue, and 5 of those went to Ga. Beta after Oglethorpe died, and are, by rights, members of that chapter. The others, therefore, might properly be placed in that chapter's list. The Ala. Alpha was established at Ala. Univ. just a few weeks before anti-fraternity laws were enacted. It consisted of 9 members, and 5 of them became connected with other chapters. The remaining 4 should be incorporated with Ala. Beta, organized shortly after, and which is now flourishing. Under Wis. Beta, which was at Lawrence Univ., 11 names appear. One is a misprint and the other 10 should be placed in the Wis. Alpha list, as the Institution is hostile to Fraternities. For the same reason Mo. Beta, which numbered 8 members at Central Coll., should be put with Mo. Alpha. The charter of Ind. Zeta, at the State Normal School, was withdrawn by the Convention of 1875, and the Executive Committee in 1878 refused to re-charter it. Its members ought to be put with Ind. Alpha, for it is not very creditable to have had a chapter at such an Institution. The Pa. Delta was founded by Pa. Alpha at Lehigh, which is very

near Lafayette, and should be combined with that chapter's list, for it is simply preposterous to have a chapter of only 2 members in our catalogue.

By these changes the odium of 11 defunct chapters would be removed at one stroke. Of course it should be denoted in the catalogue at what Institutions transferred members were initiated, and this can be done conveniently by notes, as the new catalogue will have a great many notes. The transposition would make no difference to the members, and the Fraternity ought not to be retarded longer by its load of dead chapters.

The titles of the chapters in some States would be changed by this arrangement. Thus the Ohio Delta, Epsilon, Zeta and Eta would become the Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon, respectively; the Ga. Beta, Gamma and Delta, the Alpha, Beta and Gamma, respectively; the Pa. Epsilon and Zeta, the Delta and Epsilon, respectively; the Ind. Eta, the Zeta; the Tenn. Beta, the Alpha; the Ala. Beta, the Alpha; and the Tex. Beta, the Alpha. Altogether, the titles of 13 chapters would be changed. But some one may object to changing the titles because Phis are now accustomed to them, but the benefits more than outweigh the objections, and, moreover, the titles of many chapters have been changed once or twice before without any injury. In both the 1870 and 1872 catalogues the members of all dead chapters were included under Ohio Alpha. The Ohio Epsilon was known as the Beta, the Delta as the Gamma, the Zeta as the Delta; the Ind. Zeta as the Eta, the Eta as the Zeta; the Ill. Beta as the Alpha, the Gamma as the Beta, and the Delta as the Gamma. In fact, the chapters were known by the latter names for a period of over 10 years, from the time of the war until 1875, when the roll of chapters was revised. This can also be seen in the minutes of the Conventions during those years.

Beta Theta Pi, which has a long list of dead chapters, will expurgate nearly all of them, and revise its chapter roster, in its forthcoming catalogue. Delta Kappa Epsilon drops all its dead chapters, except what were at Miami and Harvard, and all the members belonging to them. Let the members of Phi Delta Theta consider whether it would not be well for our Convention to make the changes I have indicated.

W. B. P.

In Memoriam.

[The following is taken from the Commencement number of the *Lafayette College Journal*. It is a just tribute to departed worth. Bro. O. was held in high regard by the SCROLL management, and we can assure those most bereaved that a large brotherhood of hearts

mourn with them—a brotherhood united in the same Bond to which our Brother subscribed.—B. M.]

Class of 1880—William Vernon Olyphant, immediately after passing the final examination went to his home in New York. Though naturally strong and active he had for a few weeks been feeling unwell. He died quietly on the morning of June 12. His friends saw no cause for alarm until a day preceding his death. His last act was to select the subject of his honorary oration for Commencement. His rare mental endowments and pure, manly character won the esteem of his teachers and college mates and promised a very successful life. His sudden and untimely death has been frequently referred to in the Commencement exercises. We append the testimonials which, with floral tributes, were sent with the college friends who attended his funeral.

EASTON, PA., June 13, 1880.

Bereaved Friends:

Our class, at a meeting this afternoon, directed us to send a testimonial of the sudden and deep sorrow that has come upon us all in learning of the death of your son and brother, our dear classmate. William V. Olyphant held no ordinary position among us. His invariable good nature, honorable and gentlemanly bearing and his uniform Christian deportment won our warmest esteem. We were proud of him as a scholar. Throughout his course he was recognized as a man of remarkable ability and commendable faithfulness. Our esteem for him, as our sorrow at his loss, is fully shared by our teachers. The high graduation honors which were awarded him we gladly acknowledged and his absence from our Commencement will cast a sadness over all we do. We shall, during what remains of our course, wear a badge of mourning. We had high hopes of our classmate's future. No one seemed of brighter promise. Our disappointment is sincere and our sympathy with his sorrowing relatives is more than we can express. May God, whose doings are wise and merciful, as they are inscrutable, bless those whom He has afflicted.

Most sincerely,

A. M. LUPFER,
W. W. SMITH,
W. S. YOUNG.

To Mrs. G. T. Olyphant and daughter,
New York City.

PHI DELTA THETA HALL, }
Lafayette College. }

WHEREAS, It hath pleased God in his wisdom to remove from us our friend and brother, William V. Olyphant, therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a fraternity, while submitting to the inscrutable will of God, do deeply mourn the loss of our brother, whose genial, manly, Christian character had endeared him to us in the strongest ties of friendship, and

Resolved, That we do sympathize most deeply with the sorrowing family of our brother in their great bereavement, and commend them for consolation to Him that doeth all things well, and

Resolved, That as a token of respect we drape our hall, and wear badges in mourning for a period of thirty days, and

Resolved, That a copy of this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be sent to the family of our departed brother, and copies be sent to the fraternity monthly and the LAFAYETTE COLLEGE JOURNAL.

JOHN T. MORRISON,
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Other Fraternities.

—Sigma Chi has entered Southern University, Ala., *sub rosa*.

—Alpha Tau Omega at Johns Hopkins died in 1878, after less than a year's existence.

—Kappa Kappa Gamma has entered Univ. of California, and is the first ladies' fraternity there.

—Beta Theta Pi's chapter at Beloit College came out from under the rose at commencement. The faculty will probably allow them to continue.

—A chapter of Delta Gamma (ladies) was organized at the Univ. of Wisconsin last spring with eight charter members, but the charter was handed in because of disagreement with the Alpha chapter.

—Beta Theta Pi has a new song book, catalogue, and history ready for the press. So they say.

—The house building scheme of the Chi Phis at Amherst has collapsed. It was, in other words, "a castle in the air."

—The sixteenth convention of Phi Gamma Delta was held in Baltimore, Sept. 8-10. About thirty delegates were present, half of that number being from four chapters. The oration was delivered by a member of the Baltimore bar, the poem was read by a New York Phi Gam. The frat. territory was divided into four districts, following the policy somewhat of Beta Theta Pi. Steps were taken toward extension. The next convention will be held in 1881 at Chautauqua, N. Y.

—It is notable that the convention of Alpha Delta Phi at Rochester, last May, sent a congratulatory telegram to the Psi Upsilon convention, assembled at the same time at Ann Arbor.

—Greek letter fraternities have never flourished at Harvard, because of the opposition of the faculty and of the prominence and influence of the class societies. A chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was started there in 1836, and died in 1865. It was revived in 1879, and appeared in last years *Index*, the students annual, as an open literary society, with 26 members. In 1848, six Beta Theta Pis tried to start a chapter there, but it died still born. Several Betas who were there last year organized a chapter in May, under the direction of W. R. Baird, and it began with 9 members, all but one being in '82, but they expect to get members from all the classes. A chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was organized there in 1852, and nominally killed by the faculty in 1857, but it flourished *sub rosa* until about 1870. No men initiated since then are included in the fraternity's catalogue, and the chapter has since existed as a mere sophomore organization called the "Dickey club," which numbered last year 26 men. All the Harvard Alpha Delta Phis are also "Dickies." A regular chapter of D. K. E. will probably be formed this year. The other fraternities that have existed there are, Delta Phi, 1845-51; Psi Upsilon, 1851-8 and 1871-4; Zeta Psi, 1852-7 and 1865-70; and Phi Kappa Sigma 1865-5. The "Hasty Pudding" (which all readers of "Hammersmith, His Harvard Days" will remember) annually chooses 72 men from the junior class, usually taking moneyed chaps, for it is a very expensive club. "O. K." selects the literary element. These organizations are gregarious, instead of fraternal, and there ought not to be any conflict between them and the general fraternities, for there could be no objection to a fraternity man belonging to as many class societies as he pleases. The fraternities are determined to go in, and it will probably not be long before they outrank in popularity, if they do not break down, the class societies at "Fair Harvard."



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WANTED—To find the address of William Page, Esq., Illinois Alpha, '61. Send information to H. H. WEBER, Penna. B. Gettysburg, Pa.

This number is issued later than usual because of the convention taking place so late in the month.

We received much Phi mail this vacation past, all of which gave proof of deep interest in fraternity affairs and especially in the coming convention.

We have the pleasure of announcing convention speakers as follows: Historian, Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. Alpha, '55; Poet, A. Gwyn Foster, Ind. Alpha, '78; Necrologist, Major Geo. W. Grubbs, Ind. Delta, '61; Orator, Hon. Alston Ellis, Ohio Alpha, '67. The names of other officers may be seen in the Directory.

The call of the National Secretary for the Convention will be found in the Convention Supplement which accompanies this number. In the Supplement will be found also the Directory, revised as fully as possible at this date, articles on living topics, alumni chapter reports, notes, etc. We are doing our utmost to give room to all important matter and ask the indulgence of those whom we may seem to slight. The strain on our space is great.

We trust the Supplement will prove valuable to all, especially to delegates at Indianapolis.

Some good work has been done during the summer among our alumni. Bro. Alva Fitzpatrick, Ala. B., '80, went to work with a will on his return to Montgomery after graduating, and the result is the Ala. Alpha alumni. An active member of Penna. Beta who resides in Baltimore made a strong effort to found an alumni chapter in that city also. An account of his effort is given in the Supplement. Both these chapters have been chartered, and we trust that they will grow strong in numbers and influence in their respective cities. All honor to those who were the means of starting them.

The subject of a new song book has been worked up in a business way that ought to succeed. It is in the hands of pronounced energetic Phis who will make it prosper if such a thing can be done. The book contemplated is a fine volume of songs from

electrotype plates and with notes. It will be a most welcome addition to Phi publications as well as to the spirit of song that ought to be cherished among us. Lyrical Phis in particular ought to exert themselves to see that all the shares of stock are subscribed for quickly. But this publication should not hinder the work on the catalogue.

The Spirit of Change.

A great deal has been said through our columns about existing rules, ordinances, and statutes. There seems to be considerable dissatisfaction with some of our institutions in the Phi Delta Theta government, and almost every writer wants a change made in this or that at the Convention.

A free expression of opinion ought to be given, and the best measures and views ought to be adopted. But nothing should be done hastily. There seems to be a spirit of *change* agitating our whole fraternal body, and it is to offer a word of caution that we pen these lines. Long established rules, statutes that have been framed by those as wise, perhaps wiser than ourselves, ought not to be ruthlessly laid aside, repealed, or amended. There should be coolness of judgment exercised, and all things should be done in wisdom. Among the multitude of opinions and views, only the best should prevail. Changes should come slowly and surely.

The New Year—Its Prospects and Possibilities.

To all Phis, whether numbered among the forty chapters of active workers or scattered in every department of life, through the business circles of our vast country, we send greeting. We can hail you all with joy at this opening of the year's work, because from every quarter have come the most encouraging and enthusiastic reports. The unprecedented success of last year so inspired the entire Fraternity that it requires no effort whatever to start the ball rolling; in fact we think that it has not been permitted to stop:—the boys have done some of that vacation work that we suggested in our last issue, and the result is apparent now. The rank and file of this great fraternity are beginning more than ever to appreciate the fact that healthy, permanent growth can only be attained by unabated activity on the part of every individual. There is nothing so fatal as apathy, nothing so life-giving as honest, earnest labor.

Last year was a year of extension and resurrection. This year, we think, should be a year of internal growth, solidifying, fortifying and making permanent the results of previous labor. There ought, perhaps, to be a few new chapters established, but we think the Fraternity has now reached that numerical magnitude, both in men and chapters, where it ought to go very slow and be very careful in extension—where, indeed, extending should be made secondary to strengthening. Neither ought we to be blind to the future condition of this country, in establishing chapters. While it is desirable to have

our order represented in the old bed rock institutions of the east, still we know that it is very difficult in the first place to get a hold there, and it will not probably be more difficult ten or fifteen years hence. But in the west it is quite different. The inexhaustible natural resources of that region, consisting of many millions of acres of land unsurpassed for agricultural purposes; iron, coal and many other valuable minerals in quantities exceeded by no region on the globe; gold and silver in aggregations attracting thither the wealth and influence of the world; all these things, we say, will ultimately make that country a region of wealth, education and civilization. This can be as certainly predicted as any future event, and, accepting this, would it not be the part of wisdom and prudent foresight to expend whatever energies we may have to spare, in establishing ourselves firmly in the present and prospectively powerful institutions of the west? Power in the west will not prejudice our cause in the east because we have already sufficiently established ourselves there to give us prestige. On the other hand that would give us great advantage there, as it is well known that many western students take post-graduate courses in the eastern colleges, and if we have a great many members in the west we will be more likely to find them congregating in the east, and there, at the proper time, chapters could be formed.

These thoughts we offer, leaving the active workers to judge of their soundness and propriety. If they are good and the Fraternity decide to adopt some such line of action we sincerely trust that the same energy and enthusiasm will be manifested that characterized the last year, and whatever plan be adopted "let not a stone be left unturned" to make it a perfect success.

About Taxes.

There may be danger just now of some chapters faltering and stumbling under the two taxes due at the beginning of this year. Having this in mind the G. B. issued the call for Convention tax last April, thus giving all chapters ample time to prepare to meet it. We trust that most of the chapters have forwarded the amount of their assessment long before this is read. To those who have not we urge the utmost speed in the matter. The time is at hand when it is needed, and the satisfaction of doing our duty and of getting all the benefits that will accrue from the Convention will more than repay present sacrifices that may have to be made. The delegate going from a chapter is usually willing to pay at least half of all the tax due from his chapter, and this lessens the burden, for those who must remain at home, considerably.

As to the SCROLL tax we do not think it necessary to urge payment—we believe the active members of Phi Delta Theta who get the SCROLL regularly are imbued with too much love for the matter it contains and have too much honor to feel that they ought to receive it gratis. In dollars and cents the

SCROLL is worth what is paid for it by those who read it each month of the college year.

These taxes do not come often, and both ought to be paid without a sigh for the money invested. Let there be no faltering, then, in meeting the requirements of the fraternity. The address of the Grand Banker is well known.

Chapter Correspondence

National Grand.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa., Sept. 18th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER PHIS:

It is always with feelings of regret that the new S. E. assumes the duties of his predecessor who has gone to return no more as an active member of his chapter. But regret becomes extreme grief when he realizes that the hand that penned the last communication is now still in death. Such at least is my experience as I tell you of the sudden death of our dear brother, William Vernon Olyphant, which occurred on June 12th last, at his home in New York City. It is not my intention to dwell upon the particulars of his sickness and death. His sickness was short, and caused but little pain. He fell into peaceful sleep to awake in "That Sweet By and By," of which he sang but a few minutes before. The grief and pain are ours; the joy and triumph his. We have realized the stern truth of one of his sweetest songs, "We have met, and we have missed him." We miss him everywhere. But especially in our meetings, where he was always the centre of life and cheerfulness. But he is gone. We will hear his voice no more among us here. We bow humbly to the infinite wisdom that has thus bereaved us. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

We received our share of honors on commencement day. Our banquet was a very pleasant affair, but of necessity quiet. We all unconsciously fell into a solemn, rather than gay and lively mood, on account of the recent death of our brother. We had with us brothers Angle, '76, Alex. Speel, our "senator," '78, Bixby, '76, Moore, '77, and Scott, '80. The occasion was one long to be remembered.

We are all back this term, with the exception of Bro. Ludington, who, we are sorry to say, has been quite sick, but is recovering now. We have gathered one excellent young man from "wanderings from afar," into the sheltering fold of the Phis. We initiated Brother Capwell last Saturday night. We expect at least two more of the choice ones of '84 to cast their lots with us before the close of this week. We do not hurry in taking in new men. We are a perfect unit in our old men. There could not be greater harmony in a family than there has been in our chapter during the past year. We are exceedingly careful whom we take into the sacred bonds of our brotherhood. I think the National Grand—as I trust all sister chapters do, realizes in the true sense the nature of the Bond. I think one of the objects of our organization is social improvement, and, without boasting, I feel that this end is attained in a marked degree by the Penna. Alpha. If any one doubts just let him show himself about Lafayette.

We have been honored here, and the Fraternity at large as well, by Berlin, of '76, being chosen to fill the vacancy in the Faculty caused by the resignation of Prof. Baker from the chair of Civil Engineering. It shows where they have to go for good men. He is quite popular among the boys already, and is

considered a very efficient instructor. He is also an enthusiastic Phi as far as his position will permit.

I noticed some time ago something was said in the SCROLL in reference to having the Fraternity incorporated. I think this is a matter of great importance. With our increasing strength and influence, we should have a more permanent organization. Let each chapter discuss this subject and instruct its delegate to the convention.

We send as our delegate Bro. A. C. McCauley, whom you will find a fair representative of the National Grand. I hope the brothers will guard him from the bewitching influences of the ladies, as he is "awfully" bashful, and "hardly ever" goes into their society.

I believe I have made a sufficiently long bow to the SCROLL and its readers. I will close with the best wishes of the National Grand for the abundant success of the Phi Delta Theta wherever the Shield and Dagger may be found.

Yours fraternally,

A. N. HAGERTY.

Pennsylvania Zeta.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Carlisle, Sept. 27th, 1880.

DEAR EDITOR:

After a pleasant vacation of ten weeks, all the members of young Penna. Zeta returned to college with renewed zeal to work for the interests of the Phi Delta. Though our chapter has been but recently established in this part of the State, yet through the ardor of our boys we had the pleasure of initiating on 24th inst., Messrs. A. Atwood Thompson and J. Wesley Perkinpine. Both are members of the Freshman class. They are good students and we feel that they will reflect honor upon our ranks.

The addition of these two young men swells our number to nine solid Phis. Several of the other fraternities in the college are as yet above us in point of numbers, but of course it is at once understood that they are superior to us in no other respect.

We have secured a hall, and consider our chapter as permanently established in Dickinson.

Our prospects are good for several more members. With these few particulars I am,

Yours in the Bond,

FRANK A. BERGSTRESSER.

Indiana Eta.

ASBURY UNIVERSITY, Greencastle, Ind.,
Sept. 14th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

College opens to-morrow. Fifteen of the boys are back ready for business. Material is plenty and good. Our aim is to get some good men from the lower classes. We are already well represented in all classes. The vacation has dealt fairly with the boys. We have met many Phis. We have our hall nicely fitted up, but are not much in debt, owing to the earnest work of our Treasurer, Bro. Elrod. We very gratefully acknowledge fifteen dollars from Bro. Floyd, of Indiana Gamma, as a personal gift.

We are now in correspondence with several chapters, but I want a letter from every chapter, for we believe that Phi Delta Theta needs our chapter and we want to be helped by encouraging letters from more experienced men. We hope to report new accessions next month.

Yours in the Bond,

J. S. WHITE.

Indiana Gamma.

IRVINGTON, IND., Sept. 16th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

The college year at Butler University opened on the 15th inst. Nine of Ind. Gamma's members have returned, viz.: Seniors,

W. M. Floyd, L. C. Hoss; Sophs, L. D. Guffin, J. B. Landers, M. R. Morrison, C. L. Goodwin; Freshmen, O. P. M. Hubbard, J. B. Kulins, W. R. Blaird.

The Sigma Chis start this year with 3 men, the Delta Taus with 2, and the Beta Theta Pis with 5, the latter mostly composed of "Preps."

The campaign has scarcely opened, but we have obtained the consent of a man whom we "spiked" last year, and will initiate him to-morrow night. Our prospects are very bright. We will do all in our power to make the convention a success, and trust that a large delegation from each chapter in the fraternity will be present. Hoping that the outlook of each chapter is as bright as that of Ind. Gamma, we remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. L. GOODWIN.

Wisconsin Alpha.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, Sept. 18, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

Once again Wis. Alpha sends a greeting to the "boys." We commenced the year with six members and have just initiated one more this evening.

We think that we will be able to double our number this year, tho' the number of new students is not as large as usual, owing to the abolishment of the Preparatory department of the University. It is not probable that we will send more than one man to the Convention.

A vote taken on the subject of the P. F., showed that the Chapter is unanimously *opposed* to it.

We moved into a new hall to-day. It is in the same building as the Beta Hall, but not on the same floor. The Betas have about nine men to begin with, the Phi Psis about 18, and the Chi Psis about 14.

Yours in the Bond,

DAN S. MCARTHUR.

Michigan Beta.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
Lansing, Mich., Sept. 20, '80.

ED. SCROLL:

In reply to your circular we make the following report:

1. We have twelve men.
2. We expect to initiate four or five this term.
3. One frat. opposes us, the Delta Tau Delta.
4. They have twenty-two men. They are "rancid." All the literary institutions of the college work against them and say to the Freshmen, "if you join a fraternity go to the Phis."
5. We will send one delegate and perhaps two other members to the convention.
6. We are unanimously opposed to the permanent fund.

We are alive and awake to the work of keeping our chapter the best literary institution in the college, and of advancing the highest interests of our loved fraternity. We have interesting and profitable meetings, and look forward to the convention as a means of great improvement to us all.

Yours in the Bond,

J. M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Vermont Alpha.

UNIV. OF VERMONT AND STATE AGR'L COLL.,
Burlington, Vt., Sept. 14, '80.

DEAR SCROLL:

Vermont Alpha's prospects are good. We have just had a room "made to order" and it will soon be ready for us. Those Brothers who, thro' the misfortune of graduation, &c., are not with us in the flesh, manifest the true Phi spirit. They have given us promise

of material aid, and this promise lends additional strength to our own zeal.

The Freshman class has some fine young men. We hope for more than a fair share. Indeed, present prospects lead us to expect a fair share in number with a large preponderance of the brains of the class.

We have nine of our old members here with a possibility of one more in the winter.

We thus need only a few to give us about the right number.

Bro. Owen, '81, suffered a stroke of matrimony Aug. 18. If he recovers sufficiently he will be back to graduate. His wife is a graduate of Vermont Univ., and is an intelligent, estimable lady of recognized artistic powers. The ceremony was quite a college affair—Prof. Petty, our oldest and "most beloved," performing the knotty work, while '81 boys stood around to see fair play. Prosperity!

Vt. A. is quite satisfied with her members. At the election of officers, Sept. 11, three were re-elected. That certainly shows a degree of satisfaction that will tell in a speedy, complete organization of working methods. Everything betokens renewed and increased zeal, while the desire to live up to the Bond and constitution seems to be the ruling passion of each.

To the other chapters Vt. A. sends the greeting of the New Year. Like her own, she hopes their prospects are better than ever.

We excite, it seems, the ire of the Locals. But we return thanks to Chi Phi for more than one favor—among the latest for a beautiful catalogue of their Fraternity.

With, then, the pledge of Vt. Alpha's Phi Delity, believe me,

Yours Fraternally,

H. L. VAN NOSTRAND.

Virginia Delta.

STAUNTON, VA., Sept. 10, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

According to your request in the June number, I write a few lines from Va. Delta. It is by no means a pleasant task however, as I have painful news to communicate. About ten days before the end of last session some students gave positive proof to the chairman of the faculty that James T. Dickinson, who was one of the applicants for the degree of A. B., had used unfair means to pass on one of his examinations. Upon being summoned, he confessed his guilt. This gentleman having held a prominent and respected position among his fellow students, the news of his fall spread rapidly through college, nor did it stop within the bounds of the campus. The sadness felt by us, his brothers in the sacred Bond of Phi Delta Theta, was very profound, still we realized that some action must be taken. After calm deliberation and thought, the chapter requested him to offer his resignation. He did so and it was accepted. This course was adopted with the firm belief of all the brothers that this was only one false step in the life of one who, in future years, will make his name to be known and honored, and with the expectation of re-electing him at no distant day. At the same meeting, the undersigned was elected Corresponding Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by J. T. Dickinson's resignation. I feel my unfitness for the position but promise to do my best. "Angels could do no more."

Of course we may be somewhat injured next session by this sad occurrence, as it will be used against us by the other fraternities; nevertheless I think our prospects very good. Eight of our last year's men are certain to return and perhaps nine. We also expect that three will return to take Law, who were at College several years ago.

We send Bro. George Bryan as our delegate to the convention. I hope that this will

be the grandest and most valuable convention our noble Brotherhood has ever had, and that its beneficent results may be felt in every chapter from Vermont to Texas.

Truly, in the Bond,

GEORGE B. TAYLOR, JR.

Ohio Delta.

O. W. U., DELAWARE, O., Sept. 19, '80.

ED. SCROLL:

In reply to the requests in your late congratulatory letter we shall be brief, as another has already written something from Ohio Delta.

We shall start with eight active members. We have not yet done much work on men as the fitting up and furnishing our new hall has taken almost all our leisure time. We have, however, spotted a few good men—as not a large amount of good material has come in this fall—and expect to increase our numbers soon. Six frats oppose us, of which the Phi Gams are the strongest. The Betas return with four men, although they have been promising to a "spiked" man during the summer to return with ten. He says Beta taffy and rock-candy don't go down.

The article which appeared in the June number of the Beta Theta Pi paper has been circulated among the other frats here; it has raised the ire of most of them, so that Theta chapter of Betas will have a hard current to stem, with a \$300 debt in addition, during the coming year.

Most of the frats return considerably decimated, especially the Delta Taus.

We will send one man to the National Convention. Bro. Scott Bonham was elected as our delegate at the first meeting this term. Our vote on the permanent fund stands three for it as it is, and five against. The democratic five want a "change."

Our boys have returned determined to work with a vim, and with our new and elegantly fitted hall we shall feel able to cope in "rushing" with any frat. in the O. W. U.

Fraternally,

T. H. McCONICA.

Tennessee Beta.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

This chapter has opened well, 15 members having returned. It will continue *sub rosa*, but will not have as much difficulty in running as last year. The chancellor last year announced that those students who could not affirm at commencement that they had not belonged to secret fraternities while here should be deprived of diplomas and honors. But the trustees, while they did not repeal the laws against fraternities, decided that the chancellor had overstepped his authority, and could not make students criminate themselves. So the Phis this year have no dread of a sword hanging over their heads ready to fall at commencement, and they can conduct the chapter with almost absolute safety. It is only necessary for them to refrain from wearing badges, and to be careful. They also cannot mention the names of any attendant members in reports to the SCROLL, for a copy of it might accidentally fall into the hands of the faculty.

Edwin A. Price, one of the staunch members of Ala. Beta, has removed to Nashville, and has been chosen S. E. for this year. He is reading law privately this year, and next year will attend the Vanderbilt Law School. The Phis have lost no time in getting to work, and are determined to make as good a record as they did last year. The first meeting has been held, at which much enthusiasm was manifest. The glorification we had on the occasion of our banquet last commence-

ment seems to have doubled the ardor and energy of every member. New men have been elected, and before long the initiatory paraphernalia will be needed. The prospects are fine for scoring a large membership this year. More students have entered the University than during any previous year. The chapter will be vigilant, but, as it has no rivals, it can afford to be deliberate in selection of men. However, there are representatives of almost all fraternities in the south here, and the S. A. E.'s have eight or ten men here, and, owing to the modification of the laws against fraternities, may conclude to start up a chapter. But the Phis will have no difficulty in keeping ahead. So far Phi Delta Theta is the only fraternity that has been able to sustain a chapter at Vanderbilt.

Two, and perhaps three, members will go to the Convention from here. The chapter has decided to have a special meeting on Saturday night, Oct. 23, in honor of the delegates who will pass through here, and for the purpose of discussing the prospects of the Convention over oysters and accompaniments. All delegates from the south of us are hereby invited to be with us on that occasion. We expect one from Tex., one from Miss., two from Ala., three from Ga., and one from S. C. to meet at this point and to go on from here in a party.

This chapter is against the permanent fund "by a large majority."

In the Bonds of

PHI DELITY.

Our Mother Chapter.

The following highly interesting letter gives an important chapter in the history of the Ohio Alpha, and shows that our *alumni* do not lose their ardor for Phi Delta Theta. The writer is one of the Trustees of Ohio State University, and one of the three members of the Executive Committee of the institution, and is the most prominent man connected with public education in the State. The Ohio Alpha, after ten years of great prosperity, suspended in 1858, owing to the failure of most of its members to return, and it remained inactive until revived as described below. Our Chapters now should strive to attain the high standard which the Ohio Alpha so long held. In this connection, it may be stated that the finances of Miami University are so rapidly improving that the Trustees hope, in a few years, to reopen its doors. Our Mother Chapter will then be restored, and again placed on the high plane it formerly occupied. We give the letter entire:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 1st, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR: Yours of the 26th ult. reached me in due season. I have been trying to refresh my memory, since my last, as to persons and things and I find that I am possessed of more information regarding the Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta than I at first supposed. A brief search through some old papers brought to light a Phi Delta Theta catalogue of 1871, when the Ohio Alpha was the Grand Alpha. I mail you the catalogue, as there is a possibility that you may not have it. In case you have a copy, please to return the one sent you to-day.

A glance at the names in the catalogue brings vividly to mind the history of the Ohio Alpha since its revival in 1865. I know nothing about the chapter as established at Miami University, Oxford, O., in 1848. An inquiry addressed to Dr. G. Volney Dorsey, Piqua, Miami Co., O., might bring out some

facts in relation to the early history of the chapter.

When my college life at Miami University began, September 1864, there was no chapter of Phi Delta Theta in the institution. The leading college societies were the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Beta Theta Pi. I have no recollection of any other college society at Miami. The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity was the most powerful, both as to numbers and the ability of its members. The Alpha Delta Phi came next in importance and power. These two societies virtually controlled what is known as "college politics," taking to themselves all the college and hall honors that were obtained by vote of college students or members of the Erodolphian and Miami Union Literary Societies. All college and society exhibitions were controlled by one or the other of these college fraternities. The members of Beta Theta Pi, being few in numbers and weak in power, would attach themselves to one or the other of these two fraternities as policy dictated, and by so doing were sometimes allowed to carry off a few minor and unimportant honors.

At the time when I was a student at Miami University it was customary to hold numerous exhibitions during the college year. The "Junior Exhibition," i. e., that of the Junior class, was usually held in October or November. The annual exhibitions of the Erodolphian and Miami Union Literary Societies were held at the close of the first term of the University, in December. Then came the college celebration of Washington's birthday. Class speakers for this occasion were chosen from the different college classes by class vote. The valedictorian and the presiding officer were elected by the college at large. The sessional exhibitions of the Literary Societies were held in the spring, usually in March or April. In addition to all these exhibitions, public debates were established by the literary societies before mentioned, and the best members of each society eagerly sought positions on the programme. These facts are mentioned to show how natural it was that college politics should be an exciting affair.

Among the "Independents," as they were called, were a number of able men who were unwilling to join any of the existing societies and who found themselves unable, without organization and co-operation, to secure any honor not conferred by the Faculty as a reward for scholarship. In September 1865, James Z. Moore, of Owensboro, Kentucky, who had previously attended Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, entered the Junior class of Miami University. While at Centre College, he had been a member of the Kentucky Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. The need of a new organization was recognized by the leading independents of Miami and there was no great difficulty in re-organizing the Ohio Alpha. The leaders in this movement were James Z. Moore, of Owensboro, Ky., Alston Ellis, of Covington, Ky., and Robert A. Strong, of Cincinnati, O. Others did equally efficient work after the re-establishment was effected.

The reorganization of the chapter was sanctioned by the Grand Alpha, and the work of getting the best men of the independents into the new society was successfully accomplished. The work of the originators of the movement was really done during the last four months of 1865, but a permanent organization was not effected until the beginning of 1866. The catalogue of 1870-'71 shows that in the first year of its new existence the Ohio Alpha had thirty-two members. These members were judiciously selected, and generally represented the best element of the different college classes.

There were suspicions in the minds of the members of the other fraternities of the existence of a new and powerful rival in their midst, but these suspicions were not fully confirmed until about eighteen students, supposed hitherto to be independents, filed into the college chapel one morning, each wearing the familiar and loved badge of Phi Delta Theta on the lapel of his coat. The members of the older fraternities called the new society the "*swords*," and tauntingly said that they who took up the sword should perish by the sword.

From the beginning of 1866 to the suspension of Miami University, some eight years later, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was the most powerful secret organization connected with the college. The men put forward by this society as its candidates for elective honors were almost always successful. This success was secured in part by the number and ability of the fraternity members and partly by the general support given by college students not connected with any secret society. The other societies could not conceal their alarm at the displayed power of the new organization, and soon united to oppose what they regarded as a common foe. The first conflict came on in the Erodolphian Literary Society in April 1866, the occasion being the election of a President and Secretary who in due course of time would be required to sign the diplomas of the graduating members of the society. James Z. Moore was elected President, and Alston Ellis, Secretary, by a decisive vote, the first victory of the new fraternity over leagued opposition.

At the beginning of the college year 1866-'67, there was unusual activity manifested by all the secret societies; the object of the old fraternities being to regain lost prestige and that of the new chapter being to retain the field so gloriously won. The contest became so bitter that much bad blood was engendered. The main fight was carried on in the Erodolphian Hall. At one time the strife became so violent that an adjournment was had to the college campus in order to settle by physical force what could not apparently be adjusted by debate and ballot. Happily no battle took place. At another time, during the pendency of an important election in the Erodolphian Hall, a number of Delta Kappa Epsilon's members of the Miami Union Hall forced their way into the room, presumably to render assistance to their brethren in case of defeat. The defeat was so overwhelming, and the bearing of the Phi Delta Thetas so cool and courageous, that the parties bent on war soon deemed discretion the better part of valor.

The elections for speakers at the annual exhibitions of the Erodolphian and Miami Union Literary Societies, December, 1866, were carried by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. The first college contest, i. e., where the whole body of students voted, between the new fraternity and its rivals came off in December 1866, the occasion being the election of a college speaker and presiding officer for the following celebration of Washington's birthday. In this contest all the other societies combined to defeat the Phi Delta Theta candidates. The Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi fraternities claimed the honors and sought to secure them by a compact whereby a member of the former society was to be Valedictorian and one of the latter President. The result was the election of Alston Ellis, of Covington, Ky., College Speaker, and J. Elwood Morey, of Oxford, O., President.

The First Annual Exhibition of the Erodolphian Literary Society was held in the College Campus, May 24th, 1867. All the speakers were members of Phi Delta Theta, viz.: R. O. Strong, Cincinnati, O.; C. B.

Fitzpatrick, Midway, Ky.; and Alston Ellis, Covington, Ky. The celebration of February 22, 1867, above referred to, was remarkable in that the college speaker, the presiding officer, and the nine class speakers were members of Phi Delta Theta. The society turned out its representative men on that occasion.

Ten new members were added in 1867, and eight in 1868. (I don't know the exact time the Ohio Alpha became the Grand Alpha of the United States.) The prestige thus gained by the Miami chapter was maintained until the suspension of the University in June, 1873.

It was customary for the Literary Societies, before mentioned, to meet in joint convention to elect a former graduate to deliver an address and present the society diplomas to the members of the graduating class. This honor, from the reorganization of the Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, to the suspension of Miami was, with possibly one exception, conferred upon a former Phi Delta Theta graduate, thus showing that the power of the fraternity was supreme in college affairs as long as the doors of the institution were open to receive students.

A prominent characteristic of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity of Miami University was the high moral character and scholastic attainments of its members. They were *gentlemen* and made it a point at all times to deport themselves as such. Their association with one another was frank and brotherly. Each member felt a personal interest in the success of his fellow members and manifested that interest by words of cheer and prompt assistance when occasion demanded. The most fluent speakers, the deepest thinkers, and the ablest writers of the University students were members of the Phi Delta Theta organization. When the *Miami Student* was issued in 1867, the society was well represented in the editorial corps.

Some now successfully threading the avenues of a chosen field of duty can look back with gratitude to the associations formed and facilities enjoyed when they were active, zealous members of the Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. The personal history of some who have achieved honor and distinction in the various walks of professional life would be of deep, encouraging interest to many younger members of our fraternity. The names of eminent lawyers, skilled physicians, learned educators, able ministers, successful business men, and others possessing no less ability and industry can be found on the Ohio Alpha's roll of members. When Miami re-opens her doors, let us hope that the old chapter will be re-established and made to do more effective service than it did in the well-loved, well-remembered days of yore.

In what has preceded, I have not attempted to write a history, but to jot down a few points which, put with other points elsewhere obtained, will enable some one to write an intelligible history of the Ohio Alpha as it existed at Miami University. If you have not already gained the information you desire from the chapters at Wooster University, Wooster, O., and Ohio University, Athens, O., I will take great pleasure in having some one send it to you at once. I am personally acquainted with the faculty of both institutions and can easily get whatever information you wish concerning chapters therein. The Wooster chapter is in good condition. Please to express your wishes fully and clearly. It will afford me real pleasure to be of service to you. Address Prof. R. H. Bishop, Oxford, O., for Miami University catalogues. He has been Secretary of the Board of Trustees for many years.

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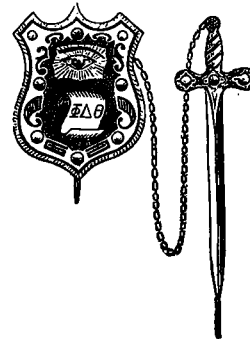
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CONVENTION SUPPLEMENT.

October, 1880.

A Convention Leaflet.

Full many a time we've met in thought—
We meet now face to face.
Fair Fancy's wings now soar for nought:
Our Brothers' forms we trace.

And as we grasp each Brother's hand
Let clasp be firmly met:
Resolved, that nought in Phidom's land
Shall ever cause regret.

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

October, 1880.

PA. B.

An Annual Convention.

Our National Convention will occur soon and we are expecting to derive great benefits from it for the fraternity. We will not have another for two years. What is left undone at this one, or is just commenced, will probably have to remain *in statu quo* for two years. By that time, almost an entirely new set of college men will constitute our active membership. What we mean to say is, can our fraternity be benefited as it should be from our national conventions when they meet only every two years? We think it can not. Phi Delta Theta with all the interests of forty chapters to promote, will be compelled, as we think, to hold annual conventions from this time. The expense of holding a convention may be urged as an objection, though not a valid one. Phi Gamma Delta holds annual conventions, and this has been one great factor in the work she has been recently accomplishing. Should the money annually invested in the Permanent Fund be devoted to this purpose it would be far better in its results.

By all means let us do away with the biennial and have an annual convention.

SIGMA BETA.

The Scroll.

We often see in the reports to THE SCROLL such as the following: "THE SCROLL has become a necessity," "We are unable to do without THE SCROLL," &c., &c. It is a fact that THE SCROLL has become a very important factor in our organization, so much so, that, undoubtedly, without it, the order would languish as "*the sick man*" in Europe. But these needless repetitions as to its value do not increase its worth or aid any in its development, or in the advance of the order.

Prompt payment of the SCROLL tax by every chapter is the first requisite to the success and prosperity of the paper. More than this, every chapter should make the *publisher feel perfectly easy about funds*, in case the regular tax should be insufficient.

This point well settled, it will be well to look after a second, of secondary importance only because THE SCROLL cannot exist unless the first is attended to. It is the duty of every member to take a personal interest in THE SCROLL. Do not hold back because you have not been elected correspondent of your chapter. Every member should be allowed a voice in THE SCROLL, if his ability with the pen justifies him in writing articles for it.

THE SCROLL is not designed to be oligarchical. It is so, to a certain extent, but only because the members do not send in their

articles. By a general correspondence and not a limited one, a wider range of ideas will be gathered into its columns and a more rapid advancement will be the natural result.

Such correspondence will, of course, flood the editor and he would be unable to find room for all of the good material. This is just the result I should like to see. THE SCROLL can be increased in size—not in number of pages—without injury to its neat appearance. But this is the change of less importance. I desire a still greater one; viz: *let THE SCROLL be published semi-monthly*. Arguments for this change are abundant. According to the present method, the majority of the chapter reports are very stale before they are read by the members. Reports are frequently crowded out. Members do not write up matters of importance that they would, if they had the assurance of publication that they would have under the proposed reform. Many items of importance would be inserted, if there were any hopes of their publication soon enough after the event to be regarded as news. The main point is, a quicker circulation of news is necessary. There is nothing like brisk exercises to make a man feel vigorous, energetic, enthusiastic; so the brisk movement of news among all the chapters, through the medium of a *semi-monthly SCROLL*, would have an influence for good more than doubly equal to the extra expense and trouble it would bring, invigorating, energizing, enthusing alumni and active members alike wherever it should go. L. C. H.

Permanent Fund.

The writer is no stickler for this fund, but would like to see it treated fairly. In June SCROLL an article under this head seems to be incited by prejudice and based upon gross error.

The "*sort of report*" made in 1875 of this fund was complete and full in every detail, and audited by a committee appointed by the convention; but the report was cut down by the Secretary who prepared the minutes for publication, on account of its being so voluminous, and only the general statements were published. No one is to blame for their present condition except the secretary, and perhaps he is not, because he did the best he could with the limited funds at his command with which to publish the minutes. We have not time nor complete data with which to analyze the article in June SCROLL further than to say that the reports of the Grand Banker made to the subsequent conventions were all clipped of their details in the same manner as was the report of 1875. If any one fails to see the condition of affairs don't charge it to "ambiguity," but to scissors and pencil scratches made necessary by a depleted treasury. Conventions meet and order the grand banker to pay this and that as though they had the treasury of the United States to draw on; and then complain because things are not done in the most elaborate style.

The Permanent Fund consists of the items mentioned on page 14, min. '78, as follows:

1. *Subscription notes* \$460. These are notes at 10 per cent. interest on which very little interest has been paid in the last four years. Most of them, given by minors, are worthless contracts except as the parties are disposed to affirm them after coming of age. They have not yielded an income of 2 per cent. of their face per annum.

2. *Unpaid Subscriptions* \$130. We have frequently attempted to collect these, or get a note for them, but could not. Many of these are made by minors, hence are not enforceable as contract obligations. They are worthless.

3. *On account past initiation fees*, \$186.00

4. *Cash on note (C. O. Perry, Ex. G. B.)* 140.00

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6. *First installment on note E. M. Willson*, 5.00

7. *On acc't initiation fees since last report*, 60.90

\$406.40

These last items are what the report indicates to a fair mind, CASH in our possession, and on which the fraternity realized over nine-tenths of the receipts of interest noted on page 15, min. '78, viz. \$54.62.

If Bro. Bailey had enjoyed our experience with voluntary subscriptions made by irresponsible boys who, in a gush of loyalty, would deed the fraternity their fathers' estates, but who, in the pressure of hard times, pay no attention to polite invitations to pay interest on notes, &c., he would appreciate our feelings of the necessity of a direct tax to build up this fund. If it ever is maintained it must be by fees of some kind. It may be that it ought to be abolished altogether. We are glad of any discussion of the subject that will lead to permanent good for our beloved order. But while the statutes are as at present, requiring such fees to be paid, they will have to be paid, and delinquent chapters to this fund must prepare themselves to pay what the law now calls for to this fund, or lose their vote in the next convention, and possibly their charters. It is not fair to take the initiation fees of chapters in Mo. and Georgia and Miss., and other states and apply it to this fund and excuse the chapters in Mich. and Pa. or in any other state. We must deal fairly with all. Then when all are square and come into convention and calmly and deliberately discuss the question, we shall be prepared to abide the result, and shall always be found complying with the orders of the fraternity; which is more than our Bro. Bailey can say for his chapter. Stand by the law, Bro. Bailey, and pay your back initiation fees and have Mich. Beta come up like men and abide the rules until they can have them changed. Until you do that, other chapters who have paid this tax will not be enthusiastic champions of your cause to break down the Permanent Fund. C. D. WHITEHEAD.

Catalogue and Song Book.

The new catalogue is a frequent subject of conversation and it is earnestly desired that the convention will form some plan for its publication. An article in the last SCROLL arguing for a Stock Company is at this time deemed inadvisable, as the sum necessary for its printing is larger than individuals are willing to experiment on. The way to print the catalogue is *to print it*. A work as at present needed by the fraternity will cost upwards of \$1000, but the catalogue editors think that by an assessment of only \$2 *per capita*, they can print one equal to that of Psi Upsilon. Both our editors are practical printers, and they will do the work economically and well.

During the summer the experiment of a

Stock Company for publishing a Song Book was planned and it is hoped the boys will take hold of the matter and complete the work. The idea is to print a song book with music in the highest typographic style, and to furnish the book to the fraternity at the minimum price that will save their investments. The Company is to have a capital of \$500 divided into 20 shares of \$25 each. To refund the money, the estimated number of books to be subscribed for is to equal the cost, so that when the money is collected the shares will be recalled and the company dissolved, or it will continue in other fields as the shareholders think proper. Abundant inducements are offered to those subscribing for shares or in clubs for books. Subscriptions fall due on formation of Company, and though \$150 are already thus conditionally subscribed the Company will not be effected unless the whole subscription is taken. It is designed that shareholders form the Company during the Convention. If further information is desired, it can be obtained from Walter B. Palmer, George Banta, or A. Gwyn Foster, 343 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Phi Straws.

—The Convention will meet for organization Tuesday evening, 26th inst., and will close with public exercises and banquet Friday evening 29th.

—All chapters and individual members having Phi Delta Theta banners should send them to the convention, in charge of delegates. They will do us good service.

—"After fifteen years." In 1865, Friday evening, June 30th, a reunion of the Phi Delta Theta was held at Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., with following order of exercises: Music, Invocation, Music, Poem by J. F. Goodkins, Chicago, Music, Oration by Jacob S. Broadwell, Bloomington, Ind., Music, Benediction, Music.

—Concerning a chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., Bro. Rob't Morrison, Ohio Alpha, '49, one of our founders, says: "The chapter here should by all means be chartered. It is a field of good promise, perhaps better than any in the state—not in the number at present attending the college, but in the high character of the institution, and its prospects of permanence." Bro. Morrison now resides in Fulton, Mo. He will be at the Convention, and we feel sure that he will be warmly welcomed. For a decade and a half after graduation he did as much work for the fraternity as any active member. "Once a Phi, always a Phi."

—Driblets from our mail-bag: "Indiana Alpha is a booming. Send us 21 SCROLLS." ... "Our chapter (Penn. Zeta) is unanimously in favor of the Permanent Fund, 9 votes." ... "Illinois Delta reports itself in good working order, and will be represented at Convention." ... "Please send 15 SCROLLS for Ind. Eta boys. We are opening up finely." ... "We (Texas Beta) had Bro. Geo. Wm. Cone, of Galveston, with us, and it did us a great deal of good. He is all Phi." ... "There are four Phis in Harvard law school this year, all of Ohio Eta, '79. We wish to know about SCROLL and will send subscriptions as soon as information is received." ... "The Delta Gammas are known as our sisters, and as a frat. we (Texas B.) are their choice by far." ... "The Phis lead in Indiana Colleges. We have a list of 125 men we expect to be at Convention."

—The trustees of Ala. State Coll., at Auburn, at the last commencement, enacted a statute recognizing three Fraternities, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega, but declaring that no others should be allowed to organize there. This is

a very good law for these three Fraternities, but very bad for others that want to start chapters there. At Emory Coll., Ga., a similar law exists, recognizing Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha and no others. Our chapter at Auburn was the first one there, and has always kept the lead. It was established in 1878 by that gallant Phi, T. M. Hobbs, of Athens, Ala. The institution has a large number of students, and a high curriculum. This favorable action of the trustees leaves Tenn. Beta our only *sub rosa* chapter.

—The Ga. Gamma boys have a way of keeping ahead at Emory. Bro. M. J. Callaway, '81, received last term the second highest mark in a class of 24, Bro. W. S. McLarin, '82, the highest in a class of '43, Bro. E. C. Merry, '83, the highest in a class of 40, and Bro. E. P. Allen, '84, the highest in a class of 30. Bros. H. D. Howren, J. G. Lee and J. R. Smith, all of '80, were among the six speakers on the "Commencement Champion Debate." Bro. H. C. Carney, '82, received the medal for the best sophomore declaimer, Bro. E. C. Merry, '83, the medal for best essay by member of freshman class, and Bro. E. P. Allen, '84, the medal for best reader in sub-freshman class.

—Our N. G. took a lion's share of honors at commencement. Bro. John T. Morrison, ex-member of the Executive Committee, received the Astronomical Prize, which is the highest given to the Seniors at Lafayette. Bro. Wm. V. Olyphant, the last S. E. of the chapter, and Bro. Morrison, were appointed to deliver Honorary Orations, only 5 in a class of 50 receiving the same high distinction. Bro. Olyphant, however, died just 8 days before the time he would have graduated. We mourn with our N. G. in his untimely death. In another column are given the memorial notices published in the commencement number of the *Lafayette College Journal*.

From the N. S.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 30th, 1880.

DEAR PHIS:

As your Secretary it becomes my duty to give you some information as to the preparations and prospects for the coming convention. As to the preparations:

The headquarters of the fraternity during the sessions of the convention will be at the Grand Hotel, one of the first-class houses of Indianapolis. The visiting brethren and delegates will be met at the depot and escorted to their headquarters. The sessions of the convention will be held in the parlors of the same hotel and on the evening of the last day the banquet will be served.

The prospects are that in size it will be one of the grandest of our conventions. It will be a very important one in the character of the work it will have to do. We have grown in the last two years, and many new things will be up for consideration. Let every chapter see to it that it is represented by at least one delegate—let no excuse stand in the way. Let every brother who can, whether in or out of college, lend us his presence and help us to enjoy our convention.

In the Bond,

JAS. C. NORRIS, N. S.

The College Chronicle column of the New York *World* has passed its two hundredth number, and is a deservedly popular feature of each Monday's issue.

The Greek World.

—Seventeen frats. at Univ. of Va.

—It is said that a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma is to be started by some fair ones at Lutherville (Md.) Female Seminary.

—Several frats. are making desperate efforts to get into Johns Hopkins, notably Chi Phi and Sigma Chi. They have little hope of success, although the former has a man there. The couple of frats. there now have little or no vitality, and keep a sort of organization mainly by men from other chapters.

—During vacation a party of Phi Gamma Deltas tramped across Pennsylvania. They were hospitably entertained at the homes of the members of the fraternity along the way.

—Just at the end of 1879-80 Sigma Chi absorbed "Athenæum" at Wabash.

—Sigma Alpha Epsilon claims 1,000 members. It has 8 active chapters located at K. M. I., Ga. U., Mercer U., W. & L. U., Furman U., N. Ga. Ag. C., Ala. Ag. C. and Southern U. The first is the Grand chapter. The latter four have been established in the last two years. Alumni chapters exist at Atlanta and Augusta, and one is forming at Mobile. These chapters are empowered to initiate now—collegiates! A medal valued at \$10., called a "Founders Medal," is awarded by the Grand chapter to any member who establishes a chapter of 5 men and maintains it one year! The fraternity proposes to issue a catalogue every 6 years, beginning in 1881, and an annual supplement during the intervals. The last convention was held in Nashville, Dec. 1879. There were present 10 delegates, representing 6 chapters, and 14 visitors, representing 7 chapters. It was resolved not to unite with any other fraternity North or South. The publication of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* was begun in March last. It is a quarterly of 40 pages, price \$1. per annum, and as it is not *sub rosa*, subscriptions are received from anyone. It is edited and published by Maj. R. H. Wildberger, one of the professors of K. M. I., Farmdale, Ky. In both press work and matter it is a credit to the fraternity, and it will certainly raise S. A. E. in importance. Besides giving fraternity news, it will be devoted in part to education and literature, and will even occasionally discuss politics!

—The publication of the organ of Phi Kappa Psi has been somewhat intermittent. The *Phi Kappa Psi Monthly* was issued in 1875. The *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly* commenced in 1877, but it also died. In 1879 some of the members of the Pa. U. chapter started a monthly called the *Shield*, and it was adopted as the organ of the fraternity by the convention last Feb. It is an 8 paged pamphlet, poorly arranged, and with no editorial department. It will not be sent to those who are not happy enough to be Phi Kaps.

—Gen. Garfield, candidate for Pres., is a member of the Williams chapter of Delta Upsilon (anti-secret.) and is the only Presidential nominee that has been a regular member of a Greek letter society. Gen. Arthur, candidate for V. P., is a Psi Upsilon, Union chapter, class of '48.

—The forty-first annual convention of Beta Theta Pi met in Baltimore, August 24-26. About 50 delegates and visitors were there. A large banner brought from the west was hung across the street where the convention was quartered. The city press noticed it—the banner—saying that many people took it as a Ku Klux arrangement. The orator and poet were not on hand, though there was an oration delivered. The poet was re-elected for the convention next year in Chicago, and a committee was authorized to select the orator within 3 months.

THE SCROLL.

A Monthly Paper Devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

GETTYSBURG, PA., OCTOBER, 1880.

This Supplement.

The October number comes to all Phis accompanied by this supplement which we have named in honor of the Convention. It comes without extra cost to the chapters or subscribers, and we feel that it will be appreciated. To all the brothers who must remain at home during the Convention it may give some idea of the work that is to be done there. To delegates it may give some direction and intelligence on questions to come before us.

Should our effort to satisfy and enlighten our brothers be appreciated, place it to our credit and discharge the debt in return efforts toward securing subscribers among our alumni, and toward the improvement of our columns. It is our desire to improve and improve until we may become a truly model fraternity organ. A fraternity journal is a thing peculiarly *sui generis*, and is a thing to be carefully watched over by its patrons and managers lest it overstep its properly prescribed limits.

No doubt there will be some changes made in things pertaining to the SCROLL at the Convention; but let whatever change be made that shall be made we want to see the SCROLL become more than ever a live, dignified, just and strongly rooted exponent of all that clusters about our Bond. Let this be the aim of all the action that shall be taken concerning the SCROLL and we do not fear for its future management.

Shall we be Incorporated.

The subject of incorporation will doubtless be up for discussion at the Convention. It has been considered at previous conventions and some action has been taken at different times in the past toward this desirable end, but the decisive progress made has amounted to nothing. We want to see the fraternity incorporated by act of Congress. The only argument against the step is the expense that it will entail, with perhaps a shadow of an argument about the publicity connected with it that might be made capital of by some.

Incorporation will give strength and stability to our government, which has been too lax, perhaps, in the past. From a letter written by a former active member of the fraternity, but who is now away down in Florida, we quote these words: "Our government has been entirely too loose, and I think one of the important questions to be considered is as to just how strong a government we are to have. I think that it should be a stronger government than we now have, but think that there is also great danger of going too far that way."

It will not be going too far to have our organization on the solid, lawful footing that incorporation would give us. As an incorporated body we will gain greater power, have a higher regard for ourselves if that is needed by any, be able to push claims which

are now collected by the G. B. only as our sense of honor and zeal for our cause helps him to collect them, and will also be able to hold our property and maintain our rights regardless of hostile sentiments or unfriendly faculties.

As to how this act of incorporation shall be brought about we leave for the convention to determine. A suitable committee and some funds could readily bring the matter to pass, through the aid of our members of Congress. We hope the convention will not neglect this important matter.

Chapter Correspondence.

Indiana Beta Alumni.

343 N. DELAWARE ST., Indianapolis, Ind.,
Sept. 28th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

A charter, granted during Sept. 1879, to Gen. Ben. Harrison, Sen. A. C. Harris, Judge B. K. Elliott, Hon. Cass. Byfield, Hon. J. B. Elam, Hon. W. H. Ripley, and Judge C. D. Whitehead, all of whom are leading lawyers at the city bar, was never used in effecting a chapter until the present month. These gentlemen with ten others are now organized and have held several enthusiastic meetings. Some fifty Phis are residents of the city, and as soon as the campaign is over, all will join and you may look to us as the liveliest chapter in the order. We want to see an initiation again and some of these nights we are going out to Irvington in a body and help the Butler boys manage the goat. Our plan of operation is to have a meeting once a month in the parlors of the respective members of the chapter, to which of course our lady friends will be invited; and as a reminder of collegiate days, some 40 minutes will be devoted to literary exercises of some character, and the remainder of the evening to cultivating the acquaintance of some one else's girl. The chapter stands sponsor to our approaching convention, and invites you all to be present; and those who come may expect a royal time.

Let me add a word about correspondents. A general awakening is taking place through the different chapters and the different classes. Our fraternity has long suffered from the need of an active Alumni, and the hastening of such an event is greatly to be wished. A very good way to vivify these fossils is for every active member always to greet them as Phis, and find occasion to tell them of the spread of the cause. They want to hear of such things and are glad to be accosted as Phis. It is no uncommon thing—be it much to our shame—to hear an old Phi remark that he has not heard of the fraternity for years. Rake up the embers in the ashes of memory, breathe a little freshness of your vigor upon them, add the rich fuel of facts, and the dormant fire slumbering on the filial altar in the heart of many a true Phi, will glow again and shoot anew its heaven aspiring flames.

A. GWYN FOSTER.

Maryland Alpha Alumni.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept., 1880.

DEAR SCROLL:

"Still the ball rolls on." These were the words used by our worthy President, as he announced to us that Bro. Alva Fitzpatrick was organizing an alumni chapter at Montgomery, Ala. But its course was not impeded at Montgomery; the ball rolled on until it reached the shores of our noble city, Baltimore.

On the evening of the 21st of July, five Phis met at the private residence of Bro. Thomas, and after a jolly conversation about college days, we proceeded to organize ourselves as

an alumni chapter and applied for a charter. Several of our members are out of the city for the time being, and therefore we have not been able to have a regular meeting since we have received our charter. But we expect to have a grand one soon.

We will give you a list of our members: W. H. H. Raleigh, who graduated at the N. W. University in 1860, was a member of our original Ill. Alpha, and although away from Phidom for twenty years, he is yet as enthusiastic as ever. He is with Hodges Bros., the largest Notion and Dress Goods House in Baltimore, and in the words of another "is virtually at the head of that firm." J. L. Armstrong, Va. Gamma, is for the present Principal of the High School at Rockville, Md. W. J. Thomas, who was initiated some three years ago by Bro. Palmer, is also teaching. Wilbur F. Smith, one of the charter members of the Va. Delta, is Vice-Principal of one of our largest Public Schools. Frank Burns, (Va. Epsilon), has received an appointment from the B. & O. R. R. Company, as Civil Engineer. He writes us that he will soon be in Baltimore and take an active part in the chapter. He also gave us the names of two other Balto. Phis, who, no doubt, will also join our ranks. W. S. Bryan, Jr., a member of the Va. Beta last year, will also join us. Although we are small in members, we are rich in zeal and love for our fraternity, and we see before us a prosperous future. Address all communications to W. H. H. Raleigh, care of Hodges Bros., Baltimore, Md.

Yours in the Bond,

HARRY H. WEBER.

Penna. Beta.

Alabama Alpha Alumni.

MONTGOMERY ALA., Sept. 16th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

As regards "an account of our new born chapter" I would say that we sally forth under propitious and encouraging circumstances, in that we are imbued with that love for Phi Delta Theta that is a characteristic of every good Phi. I shall not enter fully into detail here, I shall leave that for our S. E. in November SCROLL, and will only give names and a brief line of each brother.

Bro. J. J. Mickle, Ala. A., '76, is a Salesman in one of the largest business houses in the city—a mammoth establishment, and Bro. M. is one of the men in it. Bro. J. T. E. Thornhill, Va. Delta, '76, was Gen'l Sec. Y. M. C. A. here, but we hear will go to Louisville, Ky., to serve in same work. Bro. W. J. Orum is a Clerk in one of the finest warehouses in the State, located here. Bro. Gus. Orum, Ala. Beta, '80, is also Clerk in a business house here. Bro. Sam. Callaway, Ala. Beta, has a fine position, with large salary at mills near the city. Your humble undersigned is interpreting Blackstone in the office of his guardian, H. C. Tompkins, Att'y Gen'l of Alabama. We will constantly be getting additions to our ranks from the institutions of this State and Georgia, and you may hear of some good work being done under our influence in this part of the Phi world. We will be glad to hear from active and other alumni chapters.

In the Bond,

ALVA FITZPATRICK.

Alabama Beta.

A. & M. COLLEGE, Auburn, Ala., Oct. 10th, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL:

Our chapter promises to be as good this year as last. Then we had twenty-one members, six graduating. We opened this year with ten. Last night we initiated into the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta, three noble youths, Messrs. Harpe, McCary and Redd. We anticipate for these brothers a glorious

future, believing that their conduct will ever shed glory on us and bring them to honored places in life. There are three or four other boys who have almost decided to unite themselves with us.

We have two flourishing fraternities here to compete with, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega. Hoping by next month to report four or five accessions, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,
JOS. CALLAWAY.

Virginia Beta.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Oct. 6th, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

As we are just entering upon another college year, which we intend to do all in our power to make fruitful in new victories for, and plenteous in advancements of the interests of our beloved order, we have cause to be exceedingly encouraged at our prospects.

The university opened Oct. 1st, with good attendance, and at our first meeting thirteen royal Phis were present, Ky. and Ind. contributing to swell our ranks. Thus starting with a good membership which is greater than any of our rivals and with fine prospects of additions from the barbarian world we are very much flattered at the outlook. We have about seventeen frats. to contend with, very few of which however aspire to the honor of being our rivals. Probably the strongest are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi and Beta Theta Pi.

We are very anxious to send a representative to Indianapolis, and although all would be pleased to attend we fear that none of us can spare the time, as all our "shining lights" are trying for their B. L., and the "Academics" have a horror of failing on their finals. We will try to be represented however, and hope the convention will be a success in every particular.

In the Bond,
GEO. B. THOMAS.

Indiana Delta.

FRANKLIN, IND., Oct. 1st, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

Indiana Delta starts out with fourteen men; good and true, and plenty of good material to work on. Certainly we have our eyes open and will "take the best and leave the rest." Bro. Thompson, our married man, swings the gavel with parental dignity. Most of our boys expect to shake the hands of Phi Delta Theta at the convention this month at our capital city. We also expect visits from Phi Delta Theta's President and other distinguished Phis before and about convention time. We shall consider all that come distinguished, and so all who desire so to be considered had better accept our invitation.

Fraternally,
J. B. THOMAS.

Pennsylvania Beta.

PENNA. COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 2nd, 1880.

DEAR SCROLL :

Our hall to-night held a score of Phis all in the best of humor and highly gratified at the present condition of Penna. Beta. College opened on the 2nd ult., and the Theo. Seminary two days ago. Nine of our active members returned to college, beside two correspondent members officially connected with the Institution. Four old members came back to the Seminary this week, and there were five new-born Phis to welcome them—five whom they had never grasped by the hand with the Phi grip. Counting all these together you have an even twenty, and we thought it in order to have a welcome meeting and social reunion to-night.

After a hearty greeting all around we had some five-minute speeches on "Vacation Experiences." There were all sorts and sizes,

especially sizes, and what Bro. Bell didn't say kept the chapter in a roar.

Our new Phis are as follows: H. L. Yarger, Pa., '83; M. L. Holloway, Pa., and J. N. Lentz, Pa., '84; Thad. B. Seigel, N. C., '85; J. P. Biehl, Pa., special in Chemistry. Some of these new Phis were eagerly sought by our rival frats., hence ours is the greater gain in securing them. All of them can do us honor in one way and another, and we do not doubt their willingness to do all they can for their own good and our common cause.

Penna. Beta's representatives at the convention will be Bro. Holmes Dysinger and the SCROLL B. M. As to the P. F., the voice of the convention will be the *Shibboleth* of Penna. B. When we have an explicit law no chapter has a right to do exactly the opposite of the law. Law must be abided by until repealed, else there could be no law. When the question of change comes up then Penna. B.'s voice will be heard. So also with some other things not to be discussed in this space.

Another year is upon us with its opportunities and responsibilities. Let us, as Phis, nobly take advantage of the former and earnestly discharge the latter.

In the Bond,
M. F. T.

Ohio Epsilon.

ATHENS, O., Sept. 22nd, 1880.

EDITOR SCROLL :

As this is our first report of this year we will make it brief.

At our last meeting we elected one man. This makes two we have elected, and the name of another has been proposed. We hope to be able to "take 'em in," as they seem to possess the qualities requisite for Phis.

1. We have five men to start with.
2. "Our prospects of increase" are good.
3. There are two "frats" that oppose us.
4. One of them is strong in numbers but weak in more than one other respect.
5. We will send two or three men to the convention.

6. Without stating our reasons why, we are unanimously against the Permanent Fund.

We have not much of interest at present to communicate, but hope to have by next time.

Yours in the Bond,
C. A. WRIGHT.

Indiana Alpha.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Sept. 16th, 1880.

Our new corresponding secretary is a little bashful and so requests me to send in the chapter's first report. He is a first-rate boy, though, and will write some number one letters when his timidity wears off a little; so substitute the name of Bro. Wallace C. Palmer in place of the old S. E. The latter feels somewhat sorry to have his name come down from opposite "Indiana Alpha" where it has stood for two years, but he must make way for the new boys.

College opened here on the 2nd, and Phi Delta Theta was promptly on hand. Twelve of last year's men came back, besides Bro. Gibson who was out last year, and Bros. Williams and Hutto who came from the Ind. Delta to this chapter.

Every effort we have made so far has been crowned with success. These efforts have resulted in the initiation into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta of Messrs. Herman H. Finley, Lewis H. Clevenger, James H. Shirk, A. J. Dillon, who came here holding erroneous views concerning the Sigs. but soon discovered his error, and A. V. Spivey, who came with a Sig., but was brought into the fold of Phi Delta Theta notwithstanding.

In the Bond,
CHAS. BANTA.

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