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THE CATALOGUE.

IN 1879 I was prompted to begin the preparation of a new catalogue. Our catalogue of 1878 proved entirely inadequate to the needs of the Fraternity, and when the elaborate catalogue of Psi Upsilon came out the catalogue of Phi Delta Theta and those of all other Fraternities suffered heavily in comparison. The Psi Upsilon work is a monument in its way, and caused a revolution in the making of Fraternity catalogues. I was fortunate enough to procure one of the books, and when I saw the completeness and comprehensiveness of its arrangement I felt a burning desire that we should have a work which would reflect on Phi Delta Theta as much credit as that did on Psi Upsilon. I wrote to brother George Banta, submitting my plans to him, and asking his co-operation. He willingly joined me, and we at once began the collection of materials. About that time brother Gwyn Foster visited Nashville, and we worked together for two weeks. We spent several days in the Tennessee State Library, and from the military annals there we procured the war records of most of our soldier members. Brother Foster, though he did not care to become an editor of the catalogue, assumed the preparation of the Ohio Alpha list, which was one of the hardest stumps we had to pull.

The undertaking was enough to stagger the strongest determination. At the Convention of 1880, in Indianapolis, brother Banta and myself were elected editors. He said to the Convention that we intended "to publish a catalogue which we could stick under a Psi U's nose and ask him what he thought of it." I smiled.

hardly believing that we could approach the Psi Upsilon work in completeness, though I thought we could even improve on its admirable arrangement. We had nothing in the world to begin on but a bare list of names and addresses, such as were in the catalogue of 1878. No full names were given. There were many mistakes and repetitions, and a great many addresses were wrong. We started out to give the full name of every member, his chapter, class, baccalaureate degree, honorary degrees, services in the army, literary work, positions held in church and State, and all other distinctions. We had only a skeleton of a catalogue to begin with. We issued three editions of circulars, several thousand at a time, asking for the information we desired. Very few responses at first encouraged us. It seemed hopelessly impossible to trace many of the members; their chapters had completely lost sight of them; but every means was resorted to to learn their whereabouts. Classmates, postmasters, fellow citizens, and relatives of the delinquents were besought for information, at a great outlay of money for postage and of labor. When a trail was struck it was followed from one town to another, across State lines, and over streams and mountains and valleys until some news of the nomad was obtained. In cases of deceased members the difficulty of getting information of course was increased.

The burden proving too heavy for us, we insisted that brother Foster be added to the editorial corps, so he was elected to the position in the fall of 1881 by the General Council. In the spring of 1882 brother Banta, after accomplishing a noble work, was compelled to resign, a pressure of other business demanding his attention. Brother Foster and I divided the territory, he taking the chapters in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan, and I all the chapters in the other States. The compilation of the MS. was begun in the summer of 1882, after a large amount of materials had been collected, and after all the archives which could be procured, and all the publications of the Fraternity, including a complete file of the SCROLL, had been thoroughly explored for items. We attempted to get everything in shape by the meeting of the Convention in Richmond, but were unable to do so. On January 1, 1883, the printers began on

the first of the copy. Even then the labor was enormous. The proof-reading was very painstaking and laborious. Great trouble was taken to procure additional information, so as to bring the record down to the close of the collegiate year 1882-3. Proofs were sent to every chapter, and to many individuals whom it was thought could furnish corrections. The changes which were marked on the returned sheets were very expensive to make, as the type had already been set up in pages, but though the expense of the book was materially increased, the alterations were invariably made. In August the last addition was made, and the last forms went to press.

The book is now before you. We wrote no preface for it; it speaks for itself. This is written to show some of the difficulties which we encountered; if we take too much credit to ourselves we hope it will be pardoned. We are naturally proud of our work, just as parents are of their offspring. There are others, however, who have labored long and assiduously. Every chapter has taken a deep interest in the prosecution of the enterprise, and we have received invaluable assistance. We wish we could record the services of our collaborators, but their names are legion, and it would be hard to enumerate them. In this connection I desire to pay a tribute to the tireless energy, the carefulness, and conscientiousness with which my co-editor, brother Foster, has done his share of the work. He had the oldest chapters, whose lists were the most difficult to prepare. No one could have done what he has done better, and the Fraternity owes him a great debt of gratitude. My attention particularly was directed to the arrangement and details of the book. I had a set of all the Fraternity catalogues, and was resolved that ours should be a model in point of arrangement. Every good feature in the other catalogues has been included in ours, and besides, several new ones have been introduced. At an early day I intend to furnish the SCROLL with a critical review of the excellencies and defects of all the other Fraternity catalogues.

Our labor is done. It has been at times a greater load than we thought we could bear. Had we known in its inception how severe it would be we would hardly have had the courage to begin,

but for the good of the cause we struggled on. And now, though we feel a profound relief that our enormous personal sacrifice is ended, we lay aside the work with some sighs of regret and sadness. It has indeed been a labor of love; our hearts have been warmly attached to it for four years. It represents a vast sum of time, money, energy, unremitting toil, and unflagging perseverance; that it may prove a benefit and a boon to the Fraternity we sincerely trust.

WALTER B. PALMER.

It is finished.

Congratulations are in order.

It is a thesaurus to every Phi.

The consummation devoutly wished for is realized.

The residence directory shows that Phis are living in all the States and Territories in the United States.

The catalogue is not *sub rosa*. It will be gladly sent to any person, whether a Phi or not, on receipt of the price, \$2.25, by mail.

We bow our acknowledgements to the Indianapolis *News* and El Paso *Times* for their very complimentary notices of the catalogue.

If you have not seen the catalogues bound in morocco, with full gilt edges and sides, you would be struck with their elegant appearance.

We would request, or rather suggest, that attendant members get their college papers to publish a description of the catalogue. Such notices will bring the work prominently before the college world.

James Joseph Ross, Alabama Alpha, Class of 1882, by some strange accident, was entirely omitted from the catalogue, much to the regret of its editors. Bro. Ross was initiated February 10, 1880, and is now bookkeeper for Ross & Co., manufacturers of buggies and wagons, Eufaula, Ala.

Every chapter ought to possess a copy of the catalogue, bound

in morocco, to ornament its centre table. It would be well for some liberal member in each chapter to make it such a present. If ordered, the title of the chapter, with the name of the donor, will be gilded on the side of each book.

It was proposed to publish a "suppressed list, giving the names of persons who have resigned from the Fraternity or have been expelled, but the cost of the book was so great that the intention was abandoned. If, however, any chapter notices any seeming omissions, and will inform the editors, they will explain for what reasons certain names were omitted.

We suppose those chapters that seem to have doubted whether the catalogue would ever be published, and that have objected to paying for it in advance, will now be willing to pay their catalogue assessment according to the act of the convention requiring every attendant member to purchase the book. No chapter now can, with good grace, or for any sound reason, object to paying the assessment, for the book is ready for immediate delivery.

Any owner of the catalogue can keep a tolerably complete supplement to it by the aid of the personal items given in the SCROLL. We advise every one to keep a supplemental record, either by interlineations in the book or in the way we have elsewhere spoken of. If this is done the editors of the next edition of the book, by calling upon those who have kept such records, will have but little trouble comparatively in obtaining the data that they will need.

FIFTH EDITION OF THE CATALOGUE OF PHI DELTA THETA.—Royal Octavo, pp. 230. Printed on extra weight, super-calendered, "laid" paper, specially manufactured for this work. The typographical appearance is very attractive, and, in point of size, the book is one of the cheapest ever published. Price, \$2 a copy, bound in blue muslin, with silver side stamp; \$4, in full Turkey morocco; postage 25 cents additional. Remit by money order or New York check to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., and the book will be forwarded by return mail.

It was suggested that some catalogues be printed with blank

leaves between the printed pages for convenience in noting corrections and additions. Such an arrangement would seriously injure the appearance of the book. A much neater and more convenient plan, we think, is to procure a blank record book and make all notes in it. All entries which concern members on a certain page in the catalogue should be made on the corresponding page in the blank book. The blank book should have fifty or one hundred pages more than the catalogue, for some pages may become too full, and have to be carried forward.

Undoubtedly the catalogue is the finest sample of book work that has ever been issued in the South. It was printed at the Southern Methodist Publishing House, one of the largest and most complete printing establishments in this country. As will be noticed, the typographical appearance is uniform and harmonious throughout the whole catalogue. All the type used is of the same series, and is known by printers as "old style." The make up of every page was carefully studied to produce the best effect possible, and, on account of personal considerations for the Nashville editor, every workman employed on the composition and press work took special pains to make the book equal to the best specimens of the "art perspective" produced anywhere.

The catalogue will be invaluable as a spiking implement. And by the way, in spiking we should lay most stress on the importance, extent and strength of our whole Fraternity, rather than on the standing of a single chapter. Impress upon men that you ask them to join not a local club, but a national brotherhood, which wields an influence and has a prominent position in all sections of the United States. With our new catalogue no Phi has any excuse for not thoroughly posting himself about the Fraternity, the location of its chapters, the number of its members, and the names of its celebrities. The advantages which our Fraternity has in magnitude, far-reaching organization, eminence of its members, and its general high character, are immense, and they can be used with powerful effect during rushing season.

For two or three years there has been a constant clamor of "When will the catalogue be out?" The editors have heard it

so much that their naturally soft tempers have been entirely ruined. If there was a sound which grated harshly on their ears it was this continual interrogation. It rasped their souls, and sometimes threw them in paroxysms of rage. They could not go out on the street but that they would meet some one who would say, first, "Hello, how are you?" and in the same breath, "When will the catalogue be out?" Every mail would bring in a few more of the same sort of inquiries. It was like a hash diet: it might be stood for nine or ten months in the year, but when it got to be a continual thing it became monotonous. Rome was not built in a day. It took hundreds on hundreds of days of hard drudgery to bring out the catalogue; still the persecutors never thought to possess their souls in patience. Thank heaven, the torment will now cease.

The residence directory will be found to be exceedingly useful in many ways. It will afford an opportunity of getting reliable correspondents on business or other matters when such are needed in any part of the country. As an aid to chapters in finding out the "pedigree" and standing at home of new men at college, its value is inestimable. When a Phi goes traveling the directory is simply indispensable. By consulting it he will be able to meet wearers of the sword and shield in almost every town. We already know of it having been used in this way, and some Phis, who are on the road most of the time, have written us that they intend to make it their constant companion. We think that its advantages will be appreciated, and that its general use will bring Phis into much oftener contact with each other than heretofore. There will then be a general mixing up, and acquaintances will be formed, and visits exchanged, which will lead to very pleasant and profitable relations and re-unions.

There has been considerable trouble in distributing catalogues to those who have paid for them, as might have been expected, when directions were not followed. Many letters had to be written to obtain the names of the members who had paid, whereas the names should have been forwarded to the T. G. C., when the money was remitted. Lists of names are now awaited from the

following chapters, though the lists of some may be straightened out before this is published: Pennsylvania Delta, 13 copies; Texas Alpha, 12; Michigan Beta, 13; Indiana Beta, 8; Ohio Gamma, 2; Illinois Gamma, 2; South Carolina Alpha, 11. As soon as the lists from the above chapters are received, the books will be sent out to the individual parties. It is necessary, however, to send 25 cents for postage on each book. In all other chapters the members who have paid have been notified to forward 25 cents each for postage. Some have not been heard from. If any of them sees this, he will please remit 25 cents to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., and the book will be sent to him by return mail.

OUR PROMINENT MEN.

FOLLOWING is a list of members who have attained positions of honor and trust, made up from the new catalogue. A summary of military officers has not been attempted. Many Phis, prominent as authors and as church officials, have been omitted. Some additions, too, perhaps might be made under the heads which are given on a more careful review of the book:

President of the United States.

Ky. Alpha, '09.—J. Buchanan.

Vice-President of the United States.

Ky. Alpha, '38.—J. C. Breckinridge.

United States Cabinet Officers.

Ky. Alpha, '07.—J. J. Crittenden, Attorney General.

“ “ '09.—J. Buchanan, Secretary of State.

Pa. Alpha, '38.—A. Ramsey, Secretary of War.

Confederate States' Cabinet Officers.

Ky. Alpha, '38.—J. C. Breckinridge, Secretary of War.

Ga. Alpha, '43.—W. M. Brown, Secretary of State.

United States' Ministers.

Ind. Alpha, '55.—J. W. Foster, Mexico, Russia, and Spain.

Ky. Alpha, '09.—J. Buchanan, Russia, England.

Ky. Alpha, '53.—C. H. Lewis, Portugal.

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United States' Senators.

- Ohio Alpha, '52.—B. Harrison, Indiana.
Ky. Alpha, '07.—J. J. Crittenden, Kentucky.
" " '09.—J. Buchanan, Pennsylvania.
" " '38.—J. C. Breckinridge, Kentucky.
Pa. Alpha, '38.—A. Ramsey, Minnesota.
Miss. Alpha, '44.—J. Z. George, Mississippi.

Members of Congress.

- Ohio Alpha, '53.—J. A. Anderson, Kansas.
" " '55.—T. B. Ward, Indiana.
Ind. Alpha, '31.—G. A. Bicknell, Indiana.
Ky. Alpha, '07.—J. J. Crittenden, Kentucky.
" " '09.—J. Buchanan, Pennsylvania.
" " '22.—C. S. Morehead, Kentucky.
" " '38.—J. C. Breckinridge, Kentucky.
" " '55.—J. F. Philips, Missouri.
" " '57.—J. C. Blackburn, Kentucky.
" " '60.—A. E. Stevenson, Illinois.
Ind. Beta, '55.—A. H. Hamilton, Indiana.
Ind. Delta, '40.—W. S. Holman, Indiana.
Pa. Alpha, '38.—A. Ramsey, Pennsylvania.
Miss. Alpha, '52.—C. Young, Tennessee.
Ill. Zeta, '62.—J. C. Sherwin, Illinois.

Presidential Electors.

- Ohio Alpha, '29.—G. V. Dorsey, Ohio.
Ind. Alpha, '30.—S. E. Perkins, Indiana.
" " '55.—J. W. Foster, Indiana.
" " '72.—S. D. Puett, Indiana.
Ind. Delta, '61.—G. W. Grubbs, Indiana.
Pa. Alpha, '38.—A. Ramsey, Pennsylvania.

Members of Party National Executive Committees.

- Ind. Alpha, '55.—J. W. Foster, Indiana, Republican.
Wis. Alpha, '58.—W. F. Vilas, Wisconsin, Democrat.

Delegates to Party National Conventions.

- Ohio Alpha, '29.—G. V. Dorsey, Ohio, Dem., Rep.

- Ohio Alpha, '55.—E. E. Hutcheson, Ohio, Democrat.
 Ind. Alpha, '55.—J. W. Foster, Indiana, Republican.
 " " '60.—D. E. Beem, Indiana, Republican.
 " " '65.—G. W. Easley, Missouri, Democrat.
 " " '67.—W. C. Ball, Indiana, Republican.
 Ky. Alpha, '55.—J. F. Philips, Missouri, Democrat.
 " " '57.—W. L. Dulaney, Kentucky, Democrat.
 " " '60.—A. E. Stevenson, Illinois, Democrat.
 " " '62.—J. W. Lewis, Kentucky, Republican.
 " " '63.—J. G. Goodloe, Kentucky, Democrat.
 " " '68.—L. McKee, Kentucky, Republican.
 Wis. Alpha, '58.—W. F. Vilas, Wisconsin, Democrat.
 Ill. Beta, '67.—W. Thompson, Kansas, Republican.
 Ga. Alpha, '43.—W. M. Brown, Georgia, Democrat.
 Pa. Alpha, '43.—A. K. McClure, Pennsylvania, Republican.
 Miss. Alpha, '48.—E. C. Walthall, Mississippi, Democrat.

Governors.

- Ky. Alpha, '07.—J. J. Crittenden, Kentucky.
 " " '22.—C. S. Morehead, Kentucky.
 Pa. Alpha, '38.—A. Ramsey, Minnesota.

State Officials.

- Ohio Alpha, '29.—G. V. Dorsey, Ohio, Treasurer.
 Ky. Alpha, '22.—C. S. Morehead, Kentucky, Atty. Gen.
 Ind. Beta, '62.—J. R. Webster, Nebraska, Attorney General.
 Wis. Alpha, '59.—A. R. Dyer, Colorado, Translator.
 Ind. Delta, '74.—G. E. Bailey, Nebraska, Meteorologist; Wyoming, Geologist.
 Ga. Beta, '27.—A. Means, Georgia, Chemist.
 Ill. Zeta, '62.—E. H. Conger, Iowa, Treasurer.

Members of State Constitutional Conventions.

- Ohio Alpha, '29.—G. V. Dorsey, Ohio.
 " " '58.—A. T. McKinney, Texas.
 Ind. Alpha, '24.—D. Reed, Indiana.
 Ky. Alpha, '55.—J. F. Philips, Missouri.
 Ind. Delta, '40.—W. S. Holman, Indiana.

Members of Legislatures.

Ohio	Alpha,	'51.—J. M. Gregory, Kentucky, Senate.
"	"	'55.—E. E. Hutcheson, Ohio.
"	"	'56.—J. M. Miller, Ohio.
"	"	'67.—R. O. Strong, Ohio.
"	"	'73.—H. R. Buckingham, Illinois.
Ind.	Alpha,	'20.—D. McDonald, Indiana, Senate.
"	"	'52.—J. Miller, Kansas, Senate.
"	"	'53.—J. L. Mason, Indiana, House and Senate.
"	"	'56.—W. P. Edson, Indiana, House.
"	"	'64.—A. C. Mellette, Indiana, House.
"	"	'65.—G. W. Easley, Missouri, House.
"	"	'67.—W. W. Barr, Illinois, House.
"	"	'69.—W. H. Moore, Illinois, House.
Ky.	Alpha,	'07.—J. J. Crittenden, Ky., Speaker of House.
"	"	'09.—J. Buchanan, Pennsylvania, House.
"	"	'33.—C. S. Morehead, Kentucky, Speaker of House.
"	"	'38.—J. C. Breckinridge, Kentucky, House.
"	"	'54.—T. H. Ditto, Kentucky, House.
"	"	'55.—J. G. Hall, Tennessee, Senate.
"	"	'57.—J. C. Blackburn, Kentucky.
"	"	'57.—J. H. Bruce, Kentucky, Senate.
"	"	'57.—W. M. Washburn, Louisiana.
"	"	'64.—W. B. Fleming, Kentucky.
Ind.	Beta,	'55.—G. W. Bassett, Iowa, Senate.
"	"	'59.—W. A. Woods, Indiana, House.
"	"	'61.—R. B. Spilman, Kansas.
"	"	'62.—J. R. Webster, Nebraska, House.
"	"	'65.—T. H. Ristine, Indiana, Senate.
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"	"	'63.—J. V. Hadley, Indiana, Senate.
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"	"	'60.—J. G. Schnebly, Kansas, House.
Ind.	Delta,	'40.—W. S. Holman, Indiana, House.
"	"	'61.—G. W. Grubb, Indiana, House and Senate.

- Ill. Beta, '66.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Illinois.
 Ga. Beta, '80.—H. D. Howren, Florida, House.
 Pa. Alpha, '43.—A. K. McClure, Pa., House and Senate.
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 " " '80.—C. H. E. Hardin, Nevada, House.
 Ill. Zeta, '66.—G. R. Shook, Nebraska, House and Senate.
 .. " '69.—M. F. Knappenberger, Kansas, House.

Delegates to State Secession Conventions.

- Ohio Alpha, '56.—W. A. Allen, Texas.
 Ky. Alpha, '55.—J. F. Philips, Missouri.
 Ga. Beta, '27.—A. Means, Georgia.

Judges.

- Ohio Alpha, '52.—B. K. Elliott, Indiana, Superior Court ; Chief Justice Supreme Court.
 " " '55.—T. B. Ward, Indiana Superior Court.
 " " '57.—C. M. Hughes, Ohio Com. Pleas Court.
 Ind. Alpha, '20.—D. McDonald, Ind. Cir. Ct. ; U. S. Dis't Ct.
 " " '30.—S. E. Perkins, Ind. Superior Ct. ; Chief Justice Supreme Court.
 .. " '31.—G. A. Bicknell, Indiana Circuit Court.
 .. " '55.—D. D. Banta, Indiana Circuit Court.
 .. " '56.—W. P. Edson, Indiana Com. Pleas Court.
 " " '61.—J. C. Robinson, Indiana Circuit Court.
 Ky. Alpha, '57.—W. L. Dulaney, Ky. Com. Pleas Court.
 " " '57.—J. D. Hunt, Kentucky Circuit Court.
 " " '66.—A. P. Humphrey, Kentucky Chan. Court.
 " " '66.—T. M. Paschal, Texas District Court.
 Ind. Beta, '59.—W. A. Woods, Ind. Cir. Ct. ; Supreme Ct. ; U. S. District Court.
 Wis. Alpha, '59.—N. Buck, Idaho Supreme Court.
 Ind. Delta, '40.—W. S. Holman, Ind. Com. Pleas Court.
 Miss. Alpha, '44.—J. Z. George, C'f Justice Miss. Supreme Ct.

Mayors.

- Ohio Alpha, '55.—R. Smith, Hamilton, Ohio.

- Ohio Alpha, '55.—T. B. Ward, LaFayette, Indiana.
 " " '68.—B. P. Jones, London, Ohio.
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 " " '61.—R. B. Spilman, Manhattan, Kansas.
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 Iowa Alpha, '77.—E. P. Campbell, Eddyville, Indiana.
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- Ohio Alpha, '27.—N. L. Rice, Princeton Theo. Sem., Centre.
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 " " '56.—A. M. Geiger, Wittenberg.
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 " " '50.—W. G. Craig, Danville Theo. Seminary.
 " " '54.—J. V. Logan, Central University.
 " " '55.—J. F. Philips, Missouri University.
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 " " '65.—J. S. Duncan, Butler.
 " " '63.—W. S. Scott, Franklin.
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And many others.

College Presidents.

- Ohio Alpha, '24.—W. C. Anderson, Miami.
 " " '27.—N. L. Rice, Westminster.
 " " '34.—O. N. Stoddard, Miami, (*pro. tem.*)
 " " '42.—A. P. Stewart, University of Mississippi.
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 Ind. Delta, '61.—W. S. Scott, Franklin.
 Ga. Beta, '27.—A. Means, Emory.
 And many others.

College Professors.

- Ohio Alpha, '24.—W. C. Anderson, Hanover, Miami.
 " " '27.—N. L. Rice, Cincinnati Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary of N. W., Westminster, Danville Theological Seminary.
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 " " '31.—R. H. Bishop, Hanover, Miami.
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- Ohio Alpha, '52.—L. W. Ross, Chancellor Law Department
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- “ “ ‘31.—J. Ammen, Indiana University.
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- “ “ ‘55.—J. C. Miller, N. W. Christian University.
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- “ “ ‘50.—S. deSoto, University of Jena, Centre.
- “ “ ‘54.—J. V. Logan, Central University.
- “ “ ‘57.—E. S. Wilson, Seabury Divinity School.
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- “ “ ‘70.—L. S. McMurty, Louisville Medical College.
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- “ “ ‘69.—W. G. Ballentine, Indiana University, Ripon,
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- “ “ ‘60.—W. F. Yocum, Lawrence.
- “ “ ‘61.—J. E. Davies, University of Wisconsin.
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- Ill. Zeta, '61.—E. L. Conger, Lombard.
- And many others.

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 (Me.) *New Era*.
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 “ “ '76.—S. J. Flicklinger, *Columbus Ohio State Journal*.
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- Ky. Alpha, '36.—S. Robinson, Pan-Presb. Council. Edinburg.
 “ “ '53.—J. W. Lewis, Ecumenical Meth. Conf., London.
 “ “ '55.—S. F. Philips, Pan-Presb. Council, Edinburg.

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- Ohio Alpha, '58.—W. M. Williams, China, Congregationalist.
 “ “ '69.—J. M. Oldfather, Persia, Presbyterian.
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 “ “ '81.—L. W. Squire, Japan, Methodist.
 Ind. Zeta, '82.—S. A. Wilson, India, Methodist.
 Ga. Beta, '81.—O. G. Minglehoff, China, South'n Methodist.
 Ohio Delta, '77.—C. S. McClelland, Siam, Presbyterian.

- Pa. Gamma, '78.—W. C. Gault, West Africa, Presbyterian.
 " " '79.—A. C. Good, India, Presbyterian.
 Tenn. Alpha, '81.—W. H. Park, China, Southern Methodist.
 Ill. Epsilon, '82.—F. F. Roose, Brazil, Methodist.
 Pa. Delta, '79.—W. Bowser, India, Methodist.

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 " " '27.—N. L. Rice.
 " " '28.—E. P. Humphrey.
 " " '32.—J. T. Hendrick.
 " " '39.—T. V. Moore.
 " " '40.—C. Elliott.
 " " '48.—C. S. Doolittle.
 " " '48.—J. M. Worrall.
 " " '50.—C. B. H. Martin.
 " " '56.—G. F. Stelling.
 Ind. Alpha, '30.—T. A. Wylie.
 " " '43.—N. E. Cobleigh.
 Ky. Alpha, '38.—A. Ryors.
 " " '36.—S. Robinson.
 " " '38.—J. H. Rice.
 " " '51.—W. G. Craig.
 " " '53.—J. W. Lewis.
 " " '54.—J. V. Logan.
 " " '60.—E. O. Guerrant.
 Ind. Delta, '61.—T. J. Morgan.
 Ga. Beta, '27.—A. Means.

Doctors of Laws.

- Ohio Alpha, '28.—E. P. Humphrey.
 " " '31.—R. H. Bishop
 " " '34.—O. N. Stoddard.
 " " '52.—B. K. Elliott.
 Ind. Alpha, '20.—D. Read.
 " " '30.—T. A. Wylie.
 " " '31.—G. A. Bicknell.
 " " '43.—N. E. Cobleigh.

- Ky. Alpha, '07.—J. J. Crittenden.
 “ “ '09.—J. Buchanan.
 “ “ '36.—S. Robinson.
 Ky. Alpha, '38.—J. C. Breckinridge.
 Ind. Beta, '59.—W. A. Woods.
 Ind. Delta, '61.—G. W. Grubbs.
 Ga. Beta, '27.—A. Means

Doctors of Philosophy.

- Ohio Alpha, '51.—W. H. Wynn.
 “ “ '52.—W. B. Yonce.
 “ '67.—A. Ellis.
 Ky. Alpha, '50.—S. deSoto.
 Mich. Beta. '59.—W. J. Beal.

INTERNAL HARMONY.

WITH over forty active chapters located in the most prominent institutions of the Southern, Western, and Middle States, we need not look outside of the Fraternity for new fields of action, but rather within it to improve and perfect our government. We have about as well regulated a Fraternity as any of our rivals; still there is room for improvement. Each chapter should realize the importance of being prompt in all their duties; prompt in forwarding SCROLL tax; prompt in their chapter reports, and prompt in giving reply to all the general officers. It can all be made to work like clock work if each chapter will come square up with its duty. “All are but parts of one stupendous whole,” and like a vast piece of machinery, each little joint must keep in good running order; for if one piece of machinery gets clogged in a well regulated manufactory, the whole thing stops. A chapter, of all things, should guard against internal dissensions. No chapter can exist to advantage whose members are not congenial. They must have each the interest of the others at heart. If one member knows another to be guilty of an impropriety he should not whisper it mysteriously into the ear of a third or fourth member, in order to poison their minds, but go privately, and in good faith advise with the offending brother. Gossiper never did a chapter

any good. If the offence is grave enough to warrant a trial for expulsion, then let the charge come fairly and squarely before the chapter. We are not prompted to make these remarks by any examples within our own Fraternity, but act on general principles, and give the warning before the danger approaches. S. P. G.

THIRD ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.

EUFULA, ALA., Sept. 10, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

It is almost time for you to commence your pleasant visitations again to the homes of all true Phis, so I will send in a report of the Third Alabama State Convention of P. D. T., hoping that it will not be too late to find a place in your inestimable columns. The Convention was called to order on the morning of the 29th of June, in the U. S. Court-room at Montgomery. There were twenty-six members present entitled to seats in the Convention. One of this number hails from Virginia Gamma, five from Tennessee Alpha, and the remaining twenty from Alabama Alpha. The first day was occupied in general Fraternity work, and quite an interesting day it was to the loyal sons of the blue and white, and only to be equalled in pleasure by the magnificent hop which was given by them complimentary to the young ladies of Montgomery. The hop was an exceptionally enjoyable occasion, all the beauty and chivalry of Alabama's capital were present, and danced away the hours of night until the first morning rays made their appearance over the horizon. The business of the second day was crowded into one session, in order to give the visiting members an opportunity of visiting the different places of interest in the city, to many of which they had been invited. At night, again, we were assembled together, this time for business of a different nature, and that was to partake of a real, genuine, royal Phi banquet. I can assure you that every member took equally as much interest in the banquet work as he did in the Fraternity work, and why not? for it is right here, with the cares of the world to our backs, with the beaming smiles of our brothers before us, and with a table groaning with all the luxuries of life to greet us, that we spent some of the very happiest moments of our lives. After doing full justice to all the edibles, and listening at length to enthusiastic Fraternity speeches, we adjourned with many hearty hand shakes and words of good cheer, all hoping to meet again at the next Convention, to be held in Auburn, Ala., June 29-31, 1884. I am glad to note the fact that our very effi-

cient Province President, brother S. P. Gilbert was among us, as he always is on such occasions, since he claims to be a member of our body, though living on Georgia soil. It was at his suggestion that a committee was appointed to look after the debt which hangs so heavy over Alabama Alpha, and we hope by the next Convention to have it paid off in full, and to start the chapter on a new era of success. But I am consuming too much of your valuable space, so with the following lists of officers for the ensuing year, I will close :

B. J. Baldwin, President ; M. P. Le Grand, Jr., Vice-President ; Glenn Andrews, Secretary ; W. J. Owen, Treasurer, A. Fitzpatrick, Corresponding Secretary ; B. H. Fitzpatrick, Sergeant-at-Arms. J. W. Tomlinson and D. B. Mangum, orators for the next Convention.

Yours in the Bond,

GLENN ANDREWS.

A NEW MEXICAN CHAPTER.

EL PASO, TEX., Sept. 21, 1883

Editors of the Scroll :

In this neighborhood, which includes New Mexico, Western Texas, and Northern Chihuahua, are a number of enthusiastic Phis, who have organized themselves into an Alumni chapter, and intend to manage our portion of the country. Distances are measured, not by miles, but by days ; so, though some are separated from others 250 miles, we will renew at stated intervals our love for the Fraternity. Our membership is as follows : A. J. Loomis, Deming, New Mexico, merchant ; P. L. Stanton, Deming, New Mexico, Methodist minister ; John Somers, Silver City, New Mexico, attorney-at-law ; Solon E. Rose, Jr., Albuquerque, New Mexico, attorney-at-law ; W. A. Hawkins, El Paso, Texas, City Editor *El Paso Times* ; A. G. Foster, El Paso, Texas, Assistant Manager *El Paso Times*. Frank E. Hunter, of Indiana, will be out in a short time to El Paso to open up a law office. If any Phis are settled in this locality, they should let their presence be known, and associate themselves with us. If any Phis should travel through this country they have only to let it be known to obtain a welcome.

In the Bond,

A. G. FOSTER.

The following notice of brother Hunter's arrival is clipped from the *El Paso Times* of Sept. 27.—Eds.

Mr. Frank E. Hunter, a talented young lawyer of Indiana, arrived in El Paso yesterday. He will locate here and practice his profession. Mr. Hunter comes highly recommended, and is an affable, pleasant gentleman, and to such El Paso extends a hearty welcome.

THE SCROLL.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., OCTOBER, 1883.

CHANGE IN THE SCROLL.

As announced elsewhere, a change has been made in the management of the SCROLL. Brother George B. Thomas, the editor of last year, has sent in his resignation, and the General Council have chosen me as his successor.

It is very much to be regretted that the private affairs of brother Thomas compelled his resignation. Phi Delta Theta has profited much by the work he has done as editor. His management has been particularly successful and brilliant. He has raised the SCROLL to a standard higher than it ever before attained. The Fraternity had abundant cause to be proud of our journal. In enterprise, in the number of its special features, and in the merit of its suggestive and instructive articles, it has held

a place not below any of its esteemed contemporaries in other Fraternities.

As for myself, the position as editor-in-chief was accepted with great reluctance. For many years I have been a regular contributor to the SCROLL, but I shrank from assuming the responsibility of preparing the necessary matter and superintending its publication every month. I decided, however, not to decline the honor tendered me when I found that I could procure associate editors who would co-operate with me, and on whom I could rely for valuable assistance. Two associate editors, and also a business manager and an assistant manager, have been chosen, all of them at present residing in the place of publication. I do not know how the plan of having the associate editors scattered all over the country has worked heretofore, but I think it will be much more convenient and satisfactory to have all members of the staff residents of the same city.

At the outset, I wish to say that too much must not be expected of the SCROLL. The eminent success of brother Thomas makes it very hard for his successor to sustain the reputation of the journal. I have a clearly defined perception of what an ideal Fraternity organ should be, but I have no hope of reaching it. The principal thing which hampers me is the lack of time. I have other duties which, though not so pleasant as Fraternity duties, are much more imperative. I will devote as much time as I can spare to the SCROLL, but its success, if any, in the future must be attributed mainly to the work of the associate editors. I feel sure they will soon be well equipped for conducting the journal. Their time also is limited, however, and we all have so much to do that we do not expect to make the SCROLL very literary in its character. We will try to give some suggestions and comments which will be of value; we will endeavor to make the arrangement and appearance of the journal as convenient and attractive as possible; and we will do everything we can to bring out each issue promptly. For the rest we must look to the membership. The SCROLL, to be the organ of the Fraternity, should be contributed to by the whole Fraternity, and not entirely prepared by a few individuals. We hope that the importance

of this is generally felt, and that contributions in abundance will be furnished us.

The business management of the paper is in good hands, and I am satisfied that no grounds for complaint against it will exist. Hoping that we may all have a pleasant and profitable year, I now make my bow, and, in future, will hide myself behind the editorial *incog*

WALTER B. PALMER.

ONLY twenty-five of the last edition of the Fraternity Song Book remain unsold, and it may be several years until a new edition is issued. The few that are left can be had by addressing W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. Price 60 cents each; postage 6 cents extra.

At the close of this volume of the SCROLL we expect to issue an index for it and a title page. As the form of the SCROLL is now changed, and perhaps this may be the permanent form, it is a good time for those who have not done so to begin saving their numbers for binding.

PLEASE strictly follow the instructions given above for addressing correspondence to the SCROLL. Do not send your communications to any of the staff in person, but address all matter intended for publication to *The Editors of the SCROLL*, Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.; and all other kind of letters to *The Business Managers of the SCROLL*, Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.

IN another place will be found a letter from the far border line of Mexico. The distance the frontier boys are separated from us, it seems, does not lessen their love for old Phi Delta Theta. They number only six, but three of them have purchased morocco catalogues, and have subscribed and paid for the SCROLL. We know most of them personally, and each one is a host in himself. We wish they had the constitutional number required to obtain a charter for an Alumni chapter.

WE request reporters to mail us marked copies of their college

publications. We do not ask them to send us their college papers regularly, for that would involve expense on them, and we would not have time to read all the papers, but whenever they see anything in any paper relating to the Phis, or to our Fraternity, or to any other Fraternity, they will confer a favor on us by marking it and mailing the paper to us. We may thus be enabled to compile some interesting personals, chapter notes, and other Fraternity news.

FROM what was published in the last SCROLL, it is no doubt supposed that all restrictions on Tennessee Alpha have been removed. That is a mistake. The trustees of Vanderbilt did not repeal the anti-Fraternity law, but they made some changes which, it is thought, will lessen the objections to Fraternities which one or two of the Faculty have; and some of the trustees intimated privately that the matter was virtually settled, and that there will be no more trouble. At the opening of the session the Chancellor, as usual, warned the students against joining the "perverted invitations of literary societies," as he is pleased to call the Fraternities, but he has been doing that ever since time out of memory, so it is taken as a harmless joke.

IT will be seen that we give a place in our directory to our Province and State Associations. We think it will be an advantage to them to publish the lists of their officers, and the announcement of their conventions, will no doubt add to the number of Phis who will attend them. In this connection we would ask what have become of the Province Associations which held conventions, one in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1881, the other in Cincinnati in 1882; also of the Georgia State Association, which organized at Athens, Georgia, in 1880, and the Illinois State Association, which had such a big gathering at Galesburg, Ill., in 1881? We hope they will be re-organized, and that Associations may be formed in other Provinces and States.

THE SCROLL has gone back to its original size. Over eight years ago—it will be nine years next January—the SCROLL first

made its appearance in the world. It was issued as a quarterly, with 48 pages in each number. The typographical execution was first-class. We are convinced now the initial number of the SCROLL was a good model, and that the size which it had makes a handsomer magazine than any other we could adopt. The SCROLL will now be much more convenient for binding, and will make a much more dignified looking volume when bound. We hope all our subscribers will take the hint, and preserve all the issues for binding. We haven't got everything to our taste yet, but hope to make the typographical appearance *ne plus ultra* soon.

WE begin the year by striking from our directory two chapters, Virginia Gamma and Texas Alpha. Virginia Gamma has not prospered in a long time, and we think the last attendant member has left college. Why it is that we cannot live at Randolph Macon we do not understand. We firmly believe, though, if a live chapter were once established there, and had a sufficient capital of energy and enthusiasm to start with, that it would live and flourish. Texas Alpha, after making a gallant fight, has at last been conquered by anti-Fraternity restrictions. We have not heard from all the other chapters, but we have good reasons to believe that all of them will begin the year in good condition. The loss of the two chapters above mentioned leaves us with forty-two active college chapters. We hope soon to replace the loss of these two with two new chapters, both established at State Universities.

WE direct special attention to the official communications in this number. All of the matters are very pertinent and very important. The address of the General Council is the first one that has been published since 1880, when the constitution was adopted which requires the General Council to publish an annual address to the Fraternity. We are glad there has been a reform, and that the requirements of the constitution are now observed by our general officers. To members of the General Council, to the Province Presidents, and to the State officers, we wish to say

that the columns of the SCROLL are open to them. We are of opinion that they should not only publish all their official ordinances, decisions, and appointments, but also frequently remind the membership of the general condition of the Fraternity, and inform them about the workings and machinery of the government, and the plans which have been made for improvement and extension.

THERE has been some shifting around among the Province Presidents. Brothers Bassett and Payne have the same addresses they had last year, the former being now a *post* graduate of Lafayette, and the latter a tutor at Buchtel. Brother Gilbert is at Yale Law School, and on account of absence from Gamma Province, he tendered his resignation to the General Council; but it was not occupied, as his valuable services could not well be dispensed with. He will remain at Yale only nine months, and he has his provincial work so well systematized that his absence will not be seriously felt. Brother Shanklin having returned to his home in Kentucky, which is not included in Beta Province, has resigned, and brother Buchanan, of Virginia, has been appointed. Brother Clugston has changed his address from Bloomington to Larville, Indiana. Brother Summers writes, "I have now returned to Chicago to stay, and my permanent address is 823 W Congress street." Brother Sever has not settled down yet, but may be addressed at Cambridge, Illinois.

OPENING SESSION WORK.

THE first of the college year is a very critical year with Fraternities. Their ranks are then generally thin, and need to be recruited. Every good chapter ought to take that opportunity to solicit members. The entire body of new students is generally open to solicitation, and the best men can be picked. A lack of zeal at the proper time often forces a Fraternity to either take bad men or none at all. We would ask to impress on the minds of old members the necessity of working now and working faithfully.

As soon as a new student is discovered to have the elements of a true man about him, and is fit to be one of us, let him receive attention.

But let us say in this connection, that zeal and anxiety for members must not blind us to quality. Discretion must keep pace with enthusiasm. Every man who is solicited to join Phi Delta Theta should already be a Greek in virtue, valor, and intellect. For we are no organization to reform. We are designed to strengthen and encourage those principles of manhood which we see in students whom we solicit. As soon as the initiatory ceremony is performed we want to go to our newly made brothers and say from the heart, "We shall always recognize you with pride."

So we would say to Phis, Work with both zeal and discretion.

TO REPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

FIRST of all, do not write your communications in hieroglyphics. The editors have a great many reports to examine, and if they have to decipher them it requires a great deal of unnecessary time and labor.

The next thing for Reporters and contributors to do is to write regularly. It is the duty of the former so to do, and our earnest request of the latter. Every one who loves Phi Delta Theta should labor for her organ and chief exponent, the SCROLL. Every college where there are old chapters has veteran Phis who, from the depths of their experience in Fraternity matters, can write interesting and instructive articles. We beg these veterans to give us the benefit of their knowledge. Let us have from them suggestions as to the means to be taken for the promotion of Phi interest and the extension of Phi dominion.

Moreover, the ability of the editors to perform work has a limit. They need outside assistance, and every Phi ought to take pleasure in helping to lessen their burdens. We hope and believe many Phis will help to lessen the labors of the editorial staff during this session.

A ROSE BY ANOTHER NAME.

THERE has arisen some dispute with the chapter at Lombard University about its name. It claims to be Illinois Delta instead of Zeta. How such claims can be supported we do not know. The Illinois Delta was established at Knox College in 1871, and in 1878, after Illinois Epsilon had been organized at Illinois Wesleyan University, the chapter at Lombard University was chartered, making it, of course, Illinois Zeta. The chapter says that the charter issued to it by the General Council gave it the title of Illinois Delta. It is known, however, by any one who has read our constitution that the G. C. has no right to arbitrarily assign a title for a chapter. The constitution prescribes that the Greek letters shall be assigned in alphabetical order, as chapters are established in any State, and the G. C. has no right to override it. By what sort of fairness the Lombard chapter can legitimately claim a title which belongs to a chapter established eight years previously, and throw that chapter to the bottom of the list, we cannot see. True, at the time that the Lombard chapter was chartered the Knox chapter was suspended, but that would not give it the right to usurp the latter's title. The constitution makes no such provision. If such a rule obtained, the Ohio Alpha at Miami University would be knocked out of its position at the head of the Ohio chapters and be placed alphabetically below all the other chapters in the State. We are loaded with constitutional arguments to sustain our position, and can express them at length if found necessary.

OUR HONORARY MEMBERS.

ONE word about our honorary members. We have on our list, as all who are acquainted with Phi Delta Theta know, the names of some distinguished men who did not become connected with our Fraternity until after their graduation. We do not conceal the fact. Nearly all Fraternities have such members. Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi,

Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and other Fraternities that we do not now recall, have them. Phi Delta Theta has not more than her rivals. Our honorary members can be easily found in our catalogue. Where a name is entered in a class which dates before the establishment of the chapter, it is a sign that the person is an honorary member. Most Fraternities are fair enough to arrange their catalogues so that any reader can see who are honorary and who are regular members, but we have one Fraternity in mind that has adopted a catalogue arrangement which seems intended to prevent any one from finding out who are its honorary members. There are great objections to the practice of electing honorary members, but as most Fraternities have been addicted to it, none of them can afford to rake up the past. Such elections during the early years of a Fraternity can be condoned, but when it grows old enough for its legitimately and regularly elected members to become distinguished it can find no justification for continuing a practice which not only brings it into contempt with its rivals, but throws discredit on Fraternities in general. Phi Delta Theta settled the question at its Convention in 1880. Since that time no person has been added to our list by post graduate election.

THE COMITY OF FRATERNITIES.

IF there is any error that prevails more than others among Fraternities it is the lack of courtesy and friendship between rival Fraternities. Instead of recognizing men of rival Fraternities as friends, joined together by sacred bonds of secrecy similar to its own, and united for similar purposes of good, it is often the case that a Fraternity hates and reviles its rivals. While one Fraternity should rival another openly and manfully in the good work, it is frequently trying to erect its success on the misfortunes of those who ought to be friends.

While we would not ask for a friendly recognition of Fraternities who have not worthy ends in view, nor are conducted on high principles, nor even of bad chapters of good Fraternities, we would

plead for a friendly intercourse between good Fraternities. And without it how can any Fraternity expect to prosper? If discord prevails between organizations which seemingly to strangers have the same purposes, how can those strangers believe in the good end of the organizations? We must esteem our own work, or work similar to ours, to get other people to esteem it.

Moreover, we believe that the future perpetuity and prosperity of the Greek world depends on co-operation. There is much prejudice and opposition to Secret Societies now. Many believe that behind their curtain of secrecy is nothing but folly, extravagance, and a low order of cliquing and scheming for evil. A co-operative struggle against these incorrect impressions is the thing for Fraternities. Let the world see that every Fraternity consists of a band of noble, congenial fellows, bound together for good purposes by ties too sacred to be looked at, talked about, and roughly handled by unsympathizing outsiders. This done, we will become encouraged and countenanced.

Of course it is right that each Fraternity should try to excel, and we are liberal enough to excuse the vanity that prompts the member of a good Fraternity to say his is the best. We are glad he thinks so, and hope he will try to sustain his claims by improvement. All we ask him is the same liberty we give.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE constitution of Phi Delta Theta requires that the General Council shall publish an address to the Fraternity on its progress, condition, and wants. Below I have considered a few of the leading topics which are engaging the attention of the General Council, and which merit a hearing before the Fraternity at large.

Last year, following the inauguration of the present general officers, chapters were established at University of Kansas, Hillsdale College, University of the South, and (by the constitution) at South Carolina College. A large number of petitioners for charters were either refused or the applicants discouraged. Others are still under consideration. The directions of the Convention of 1882 with reference to the establishment of chapters in important colleges named are not being neglected, and the present number of the SCROLL may chronicle the completion of several important steps in the way of extension. All the new chapters are succeeding, and the work in hand progresses encouragingly.

The General Council held a conference in Cleveland, Ohio, August 20, 1883. It was discovered that the financial condition of the Fraternity was unsatisfactory. This was particularly the case with reference to the SCROLL. It was determined to request the editor to live directly within the instructions of the constitution and the acts of the Richmond Convention, which fix the size of the SCROLL at thirty-two pages, devoted entirely to articles and news concerning the Fraternity. The approximate income for Scroll purposes was estimated, and the maximum cost of each issue of the SCROLL was fixed at between \$60 and \$70. It was urged, also, of imperative importance that the SCROLL should be issued regularly and promptly, on or about the 15th of each month. These conditions were readily agreed to by brother Thomas, and the General Council has been given promise of their observance by the present editor, his successor.

The General Council wishes to suggest to the membership the propriety of reading the constitution frequently, and obeying it always and promptly. This will obviate much special legislation by the conventions, and will certainly expedite the business of the general officers.

The new catalogue, complete in all its departments and unexcelled in arrangement and extent, has been successfully issued. The matter of paying for it now claims our immediate attention. The cost has exceeded the expectation of the National Convention which ordered its preparation, but the method of meeting the expense, whatever it might be, was provided. It was directed by the Convention of 1880 that a per capita tax of \$2 be levied upon all active members for the payment of catalogue expenses. The active membership of that and the following year, for the most part, paid in this tax, and the General Council construes the Convention law to be still in force and operative until the legitimate expenses incurred in the preparation of the catalogue shall be paid. No member will be required to pay twice, or in excess of the cost of one copy of the catalogue, but the treasurer of each chapter is directed to collect the per capita tax from each active member who has not already paid for one copy of the book. Each new member should be called upon promptly for this tax, and will be furnished with a copy of the catalogue as soon as the remittance to the Richmond Convention is made.

The General Council takes no arbitrary position in this matter. The catalogue is the creation of the Fraternity, and as executives of the will of the Convention we are compelled to enforce the collection of the tax. The new catalogue is beyond question the best "spiking" medium ever placed in the Fraternity's hands. It is a wonderful compendium of facts, and a tangible evidence of the Fraternity's marvelous growth and power. The information it contains is indispensable, and its general circulation among the brotherhood will not only relieve the financial stringency, but will add to our credit and standing.

Owing to the resignation of brother George B. Thomas, editor of the SCROLL, the General Council was called upon to exercise its constitutional powers (Art. V., Sec. 2). W. B. Palmer was elected to fill the vacancy September 15. He needs no introduction to the Phi world. Prompt payment of SCROLL dues, and faithful attention to their duties on the part of chapter Reporters is the support he asks in his new duties. The SCROLL will speak for and commend itself under his administration.

President George Shanklin, of Beta Province, having resigned, the General Council has appointed brother B. F. Buchanan, who has already entered upon his work with vigor. Brother Buchanan's address is University of Virginia, Va.

H. U. BROWN, *President*.

By order of the General Council.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 26, 1883.

FROM ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

[THE following is from a personal letter, and was not written for publication.—EDS.]

Eta Province seems to be getting along very well. I have had but little information since the close of last year, but that was encouraging. For a long time I was fearful that Minnesota Alpha would not survive, but some time in June they made a fine effort, and succeeded in gaining considerable strength, and, according to the latest word, they are expecting several old members to return that had been out during the past year, and will begin this fall in good shape. Missouri Alpha, although *sub rosa*, is maintaining its position well. It is a very strong chapter, especially excelling in the energy and determination of its members. It lost several by graduation in June, but it has laid plans well for this fall. Missouri Beta will start out in good condition, and will lead its rivals during the coming year. Iowa Alpha is not large in numbers, but outranks its rival, and has a bright future before it. Kansas Alpha is doing well for a new chapter. It expects some of its former members to return, and will rank well with the old established chapters there. Iowa Beta begins the year with splendid prospects. I am better posted in regard to its affairs than with any other chapter's in the Province. It will have more men to begin with than any of its rivals. It has its eyes on nearly all the men that are needed for the coming year, and has a good chance of securing them. The boys have worked up the men during vacation, and I expect to hear from them soon, as they have their first meeting to-night.

I do not know where I will be during the year, but any letters addressed to this place will reach me.

P. L. SEVER.

CAMBRIDGE, ILL., Sept. 15, 1883.

FROM DELTA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

To the Phis of Delta Province:

The new college year finds the Delta Province enthusiastic, and consequently prosperous. The short notes received from nearly all the chapters are very encouraging in tone, and point to a years work which will do credit not only to the Province, but likewise to the chapters and members who perform it. Fraternity work is not a work of remuneration in a pecuniary sense, and he who

enters upon Fraternity duties with any such end in view, must miserably fail. Fraternity work, as we all know, is a work of love, and such work is in itself an actual pleasure, and its own reward. The fact that the first SCROLL of this year contains a report from the new Ohio Zeta is sufficient proof of the lively outset in the Fraternity work this fall in Delta Province. Yes, the Ohio Zeta has indeed an actual existence. Thanks to the work of Ohio Beta, and especially thanks to brothers John Randall, of Ohio Beta, and F. W. Slade, of Ohio Epsilon.

I have long looked with anxious eyes at Ohio State University as the most desirable place in Ohio to start a chapter in. It is by far the richest College in the State, and I make no hesitation in pronouncing it the *best* in the State.

Brother Randall is an old warrior in Phi Delta Theta work, and his associates are earnest, honest, zealous workers. Let the chapters of Delta Province aim at strengthening their chapters internally.

I have a great scheme on foot in regard to a Delta Province convention, but as it is rather previous to make it known as yet, I will await developments. The new catalogue is indeed a monument to the genius and labor of our worthy brother Palmer. Let every Phi possess himself with one. Let every chapter purchase one for chapter use. Let us have letters in *every* SCROLL from all Delta Province chapters. I do not ask for *long letters*. I have found that the longest SCROLL letters always contain the least *actual matter of interest to Phis*. I would touch up the Alumni chapters a little, not in *my Province* alone, but *everywhere*. I know, *Brother Alumni*, that you are a man of business, but do try to send us a postal card once, at least, between two consecutive National Conventions.

In the Bond,

F. O. PAYNE.

AKRON, OHIO, Oct. 1, 1883.

FROM EPSILON PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

To the Phis of Epsilon Province :

The contest is before us. Our "spiking batteries" are belching forth their loads; and each man has buckled on a Phi catalogue and gone against the barbarians. But work is better than words now, and I will be brief.

Last year was a prosperous one for us. At the National Convention every chapter was represented. During the winter term Michigan Gamma was established, and became one of the foremost

chapters. And in the spring we held a grand Province Convention. Financially, we have kept nearly square with the Treasurer, and have paid some debts. We consider this a good record, *considering* that we had Convention, catalogue, and Province Convention taxes to pay.

We begin the year with eight healthy, vigorous chapters. It is too early to report the number of old men returned; but I have directed each chapter to report for first issue of the SCROLL, and have ascertained by correspondence that prospects are very flattering. Indiana Alpha, though the College has suffered greatly by fire recently, opened up yesterday with twelve old men. Michigan Beta has thirteen old men on the role; and the remaining chapters, though they can make no exact report, seem confident of success. We have nothing to do now but to work.

Taxes will be so light this year that there will be no excuse for a chapter to get behind. See to it, that we keep our financial record clean, and begin by paying SCROLL tax immediately.

Until we can maintain a chapter at Ann Arbor, I see no chance for extension within our borders, and I would advise all chapters to use the extra time in strengthening themselves locally. Incorporate your chapter so completely in the institution at which it is situated that it will become a part of the institution, and its future is assured.

Remember, Reporters, I shall expect a report from you this month, stating the number of old men returned, number initiated, and opposing Fraternities. Wishing prosperity to the Phi world,

I am your co-worker in the Bond,

P. H. CLUGSTON.

LARWILL, IND., Sept. 7, 1883.

FROM ZETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

To the Phis of Zeta Province:

Another year has opened; and, so far, everything tends to show it is to be an unusually prosperous one for us. Let us make it so. The main feature of the years work should be to work up the *alumni*, which should be done by the historian of each chapter, assisted by others when necessary. Alumni should be written to in regard to items which are lacking in the catalogue as just issued; in regard to change of address or business; and should be made to feel that they are not forgotten. Special attention should be given to induce them to subscribe for the SCROLL,

and buy the catalogue, for this is the best way to keep their interest. I would suggest that the names of the Alumni be divided among three or four in each chapter, and thus all can be written to without much labor. I think it an excellent idea for each chapter to subscribe in its own name for three or four copies of the SCROLL, which may be used for missionary work by mailing to alumni.

Another thing which I wish to suggest is that the secret work be committed to memory as far as possible. This will be found to be very beneficial, and add much to the impressiveness of ceremonies. In connection with routine work of the chapter, it will also be found an interesting and profitable exercise for the members to go through in concert a sort of catechism on the history of the chapter and the Fraternity. This should be conducted by the historian. Try it, and you will keep it up.

One or two chapters are ill supplied with badges. Let me say that the few dollars spent in getting a nice Fraternity badge is one of the best investments that can be made. I have never known a man to regret buying a badge, and I regard it as a good sign that so few are willing to sell them to other members. Both Newman and Burgess make handsome badges, and I hope the Reporters will canvass those who have no badges, and induce them to send on their orders.

I am corresponding this year with two members of each chapter, and if we all work with a will, we can accomplish much. Correspondents please notice my change of address.

In the Bond,

MILO C. SUMMERS,

823 WEST CONGRESS ST., CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 1, 1883.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Our new mailing books are not yet completed, and of course there will be some irregularity in distributing this issue of the SCROLL. Where chapters have not informed me how many attendant members they have, I will send out what I suppose will be a sufficient number of copies, and where I do not know the names of Reporters, I will send the packages to resident members. Reporters are requested to furnish me their addresses, and to inform me how many copies they require to supply their chapters. They will oblige by attending to this at once, so that next month the list can be perfected.

W. R. MANIER.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 10, 1883.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pa., Sept. 24, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

After a vacancy of eleven weeks fourteen of us have returned ready for work. Two more, brothers Campbell and Ludlow, are coming back sometime this term. Including these two we have sixteen men, divided among the different classes as follows: Six Seniors, six Juniors, three Sophomores, and one Freshman. Our only new man is brother Stewart Niff, of Dover, N. J., class '87. We are "rushing" some men now, and will probably have two or more initiations in the near future.

Last June we graduated three men, brothers Bassett, Harshberger, and Walker, one of whom, Bassett, returned this year as a post graduate. Harshberger intends to read law, and Walker will study theology at Union Seminary, New York City. During Commencement week last June all Phis here had a jolly time. On Monday night of Commencement week all the Fraternities represented here held banquets. We, of course, held ours, and it is considered one of the most pleasant the chapter has ever held. We had four '76 men present. That class was the first in which any Phi graduated from here, and several succeeding classes were represented by one or more. As visitors from other chapters we had brother Nelson, Pennsylvania Delta, '79, and brother Denman, Pennsylvania Gamma, '82. Brother Nute, '82, presided. Toasts were numerous, and all had a "daisy" time.

On Senior Class Day two Phis had orations. Walker was honored with the class oration, and Bassett mounted the rostrum as memorial orator. Both acquitted themselves well, and showed that Phi Delta Theta is as solid as ever.

On Graduating Day brother Bassett delivered the valedictory addresses. Your humble servant did not hear him, but he has heard competent critics say it was one of the best ever delivered here. One thing we do know, Mr. Bassett can do it if he tries.

Washington took a second honor. By this you can see that although we only had three men in '83 they made things lively. All of last year was pleasant and prosperous for Pennsylvania Alpha, and we hope for the same prosperity this year, and think we will have it. Without boasting I can say that we have a strong chapter, and our strength is increasing all the time. Rival frats. are working hard, some successfully and others not so much so. Chi Phi has initiated four or five men, D. K. E. two, Delta Tau Delta one, Phi Kappa Psi one, Sigma Chi two, and the others none as yet. And in closing, Pennsylvania Alpha hopes that all sister chapters in Phi Delta Theta may have the same pleasant prospects for the future that she has.

Yours in the Bond,

W. F. SMALLEY, JR.

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PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, }
Washington, Pa., Oct. 1, 1883. }

Editors of the Scroll:

Pennsylvania Gamma again started her career at the beginning of the term with eleven men. Brothers Kinter and Irvine (J. M.) returned, after having "laid out" one term. The boys were never more enthusiastic, and, if nature takes her course, we will soon present the Phi world with several additions. Already the boys are beginning to "rake in" honors. Brother D. B. Fitzgerald, who is the debater of the Philo and Union literary society in the coming contest, has been elected tutor for junior and middle preparatory classes. Brother Fitzgerald wears this blushing honor with as much grace as that little white mustache he produced during vacation. Brother W. B. Irvine is original orator for Franklin and Washington literary society at their next contest. Brother R. B. Scandrett is the commissary general of a boarding club he devised. It is the largest and most successful institution of the kind in the college. All of the boys who are under "Dick's" care are enthusiastic in his praise. Brother G. W. Fulton is getting to be an accomplished German scholar. He rarely speaks English now. Brother H. H. Miller is a fine singer. He has a place in the Methodist Episcopal choir of this place. Brother Kinter is the leading base ball man in college. He pitches in the college nine, and is captain of the Sophomore nine. Kinter also is the finest orator in his society. He could have secured the position of Select Orator, if he would have accepted it. Brother Lippincott declined both the presidency of his class and

class editor of the *Washington-Jeffersonian*. Brother Montgomery also declined the same positions. Brother Montgomery is the author of a tragic-comedy, which he has christened, "McGinnis' Daughter." Brother Montgomery also holds an important position in the I. O. M. The catalogues have been received; every one is pleased with them. The May-June SCROLL is the most magnificent thing in the way of a Fraternity journal ever gotten up. Long live brother G. B. Thomas. A handsome album was recently presented the chapter by one of the boys. We propose to get the photos of the founders of General Council, Catalogue and SCROLL editors, Province Presidents, and prominent Phis. Any one who finds himself under the above headings will please consider himself respectfully "boned" for his photo. Please send to brother A. J. Montgomery, Jr., Box 602, Washington, Pa.

REPORTER.

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PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Meadville, Pa., Oct. 1, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Having been chosen Reporter for the ensuing year, the pleasant duty now devolves upon me of informing Phidom what Pennsylvania Delta has been doing since the last SCROLL, and what her prospects are for the future. The successful work of last year was terminated with a grand banquet Monday evening, June 26th, at the best hotel in the city. At 10 o'clock about twenty "jolly Phis" sat down to tables, heavily laden with all the delicacies of the season. The enjoyment of the occasion was further heightened by the presence of brothers Warner and Thayer, now of Atlanta, Georgia, and brother Page, of Buchtel College. After the "inner man" was satisfied, and the toasts ably responded to, we adjourned to the parlors for music and a good time in general until the night was far spent.

On Class Day and at the Commencement our three brothers reflected great credit on themselves and on their fraters. While each received many valuable presents, brother Pond was fortunate enough to discover a \$1,000 draft adroitly hidden in a bouquet. He was also appointed to Gen. Beaver's staff with the rank of captain, during the encampment of the 2nd Brigade, N. G. P. Brother Guignon is studying law in this place; brother Vance at East Liverpool, Ohio. Brother Ponce has gone to Ann Arbor to study medicine. We commence the term with twelve active and two resident members, filled with the determination to do solid

work, and in the future we will no doubt chronicle victories. The prospects for bringing forth our William Goat are very bright. Trusting that the Fraternity at large will have a prosperous year,

I am yours, in the Bond,

WALTER W. CASE.

BETA PROVINCE.

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SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

THE following extract from a private letter is all that we have from Beta Province up to the time of going to press. Most colleges in the South open late, which probably accounts for the little news we have received from our Southern chapters.—EDS.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 4, 1883.

Our opening this year is not so promising as I had expected, but we are far from being in a bad condition. We had the misfortune to lose two-thirds of our members, but are fast recruiting with raw material.

ARTHUR G. REMBERT.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

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TENNESSEE ALPHA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 7, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

We once more return to the duties of our Fraternity as well as those to our College, and though it is with pleasure that we once more assemble together, yet there is cast over us deep regret to find so many of our number absent. They are widely scattered and in various pursuits; some in business, others pursuing their education at distant institutions, and all honoring their Fraternity. We will not, however, attempt to give a sketch of Tennessee Alpha of '82-3, for to do this would require a short history in itself.

Of our thirty-nine members of last year, only five have returned to active duty, while there is added to our list the name of brother J. T. Boddie, from K. M. I. Our roll is at present quite short; but, though we cannot reasonably expect to have as large and as good a chapter as that of last year, we certainly do intend to have this one considerably increased in number by the end of the year.

Up to date only three have been so fortunate as to be admitted. These are Messrs. Bradshaw, Crockett, and G. Merriwether. We have our eyes on several more, and feel confident that, before many Saturday nights shall have rolled around, Tennessee Alpha will have enlisted several more under her banner. Hoping success to the "white and blue," for this and all successive years,

I am yours in the Bond,

CLAUDE WALLER.

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TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 7, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Brother W. H. Goodpasture and R. F. Jackson have just returned from a four months foreign tour. Their trip embraced nearly all the countries in Europe, and they enjoyed themselves exceedingly. The Nashville Phis are delighted at their return, and extended them a warm welcome home.

The Tennessee Alpha Alumni has been added to by the location here of brother L. R. Campbell, who has completed a two years law course at Columbia Law School, and has opened up a law office in the new Cole building.

Brother Ed. A. Price has moved his law office to the new *American* block.

We have recently had the pleasure of meeting brothers T. C. Hindman, K. M. I., of Helena, Ark.; C. M. Thurmond, Tennessee Alpha, of Ripley, Miss.; E. T. Merrick, Tennessee Alpha, of New Orleans, La.; R. E. Grubb, Tennessee Beta, of Louisville, Ky., and L. E. Culver, Georgia Beta, of Macon, Ga. We hope they will come again, and that other Phis will visit us.

The Alumni chapter will continue to meet with the Vanderbilt chapter during this year.

In the Bond,

ALUMNUS.

DELTA PROVINCE.

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OHIO BETA.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Ohio Beta begins the year under the brightest of suns and the fairest of stars. We hope to make announcements to the Phi

world soon, which, if they do not startle it from center to circumference, will produce a ripple on its great and mighty bosom. "*The ball is rolling!!*" We congratulate ourselves that our chapter here has passed the last few years so gloriously and successfully, and we look for an unparalleled future. Before long the curtains will be drawn back, and there will enter before us valiant knights that have taken on the sword and shield.

Rush O. Bigley, class of '83, is doing business in De Graff, Ohio; brother James M. Guy is at home, Danville, Ill.; brother George W. Ozias is attending Cincinnati Law School; brother J. E. Randell is taking a course in civil engineering at the Ohio State University; brother Clarence Pelham Bonner, S5, is attending the Ohio State University this year; brother Carl Beckham is doing business at his home, Napoleon, Ohio; brother George Dunham, '84, is secretary of the Tri-State Fair Association, Toledo, Ohio.

Brother Ed. Barknell, of Toledo, recently presented the Fraternity with a fine painting, worth \$50.

We number nine. We have five men in the senior class, and we hope before long to fill up the under classes. The Fraternities here are in good working order, and there is healthy competition. and we have nothing to fear from the non-frats.

Fraternally,
R. H. CALLAHAN.

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OHIO DELTA.

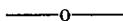
UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 22. 1881.

Editors of the Scroll:

We are glad to inform you that we were never in better condition. Last year we closed with eighteen men. We begin the present year with fifteen of our old numbers. Brother Ben Anderson graduated with honor; this year he attends Union Theological Seminary, New York. Brothers Price, J. T. Morrison, and brother Criswell, whom we expected with us, we are sorry to learn, will not return this term. Fourteen of our number are collegiates. We have more men in this department than any other Fraternity here. Of the laurels won by some of our brothers last commencement you have not heard. In Soph. class brothers Greenlee and Leonard were rewarded respectively the first and second prizes for scholarship. In entering Fresh. class, brother W. Z. Morrison was awarded first prizes for Greek and Mathematics. Our rivals are compelled to acknowledge the intel-

lectual ability of the Phis. Without boasting, we say we fear no rivals here, yet we will not "rest on our oars," but always look out for true men, knowing that to keep in good condition, new additions are required. Wishing the new editors of the SCROLL success, I remain yours in the Bond,

WILL J. BOONE.



OHIO EPSILON.



BUCHTEL COLLEGE, Akron, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll.

We come to you in this, our first communication, with best wishes for the new management, and ever increasing love for the Fraternity at large.

Shortly after the opening of the school year, when our hopes were most buoyant, our desires most ardent, and our expectations to meet our brothers the keenest, we were sorely grieved to hear of the unexpected and sudden death of brother Rolla Loudenback, at his home in Westville, Ohio. Brother Loudenback was universally popular. All who knew him united to do him honor. Notwithstanding his youth, he was chosen Democratic nominee for Surveyor. Eight of the boys from our chapter, into whose care the body was given, attended the funeral. The Rev. Dr. Cone, President of the College, officiated, delivering a very scholarly sermon, and highly eulogizing the departed brother. The floral offerings from the chapter, from his class, and from admiring friends, were very large, some of the pieces being of exquisite design.

Brother Vincent E. Tomlinson, '80, now senior at Tuft's Divinity, spent a few days with friends here, occupying the Universalist pulpit one evening.

Brother DeWitt Wilcox has recently returned from London, and first having yielded to the charms of one "divinely fair," has now located in Akron, to practice his profession.

Brother F. S. Apt is not in College this year, but will return next year. He has accepted a situation in F. Schumacher's office.

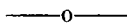
Brother Koenig has seen fit to deny himself the pleasure of college life, and will remain in St. Louis.

Ohio Epsilon has initiated five men this year. The first initiate was Chas. D. Thomas, who came up from the Ohio State University at Columbus to ride the goat. Brother Thomas was one year in Buchtel, and we are well acquainted with him. He is a fine

singer, and was first tenor in our Glee club. The other new members are Oliver M. Pleasants, whose four brothers preceded him in the Phi Delta Theta, Robert Tucker, Herbert H. Henry, and Jas. D. Olin, most noble Greeks, all of whom are hereby introduced to their brother Phis in distant lands. We now number thirteen active, earnest, working members, and the present prospects are for the most prosperous year in the history of the chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

D. R. CRISSINGER.



OHIO ZETA.



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll.

Doubtless the readers of the SCROLL would be pleased to know a little about the birthplace of this new "hopeful," and while I think of it, how does "Ohio Zeta" look to the eyes of the always enthusiastic, pushing Phis? The Ohio State University is but ten years old, full of life and of energetic students. Her growth has been remarkable—rapid, yet steady—and although she is young, yet she has the great State of Ohio to back her, and the congressional grant of 1862, so that she is now on a firmer financial footing than either of her sister colleges in the State. She has a very able Faculty of twenty, with three hundred and fifty students. There is an excellent class of students here, and the following Fraternities have chapters: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi. Chi Phi has five or six men; Beta Theta Pi about the same number, but neither has charters. We feel confident that Phi Delta Theta has a splendid opening. We number at present just six—J. E. Randall, J. C. Munger, C. P. Bonner, C. A. Winter, and H. A. Kahler, from Ohio Beta, and Charles Thomas, from Ohio Epsilon. Brother Daggett, who was with us last year, did not return. He intends to go to Yale soon.

Ohio Zeta has effected an organization, and we certainly have an enthusiastic band. After almost a year of hard working, and despite many adverse circumstances, we feel proud to know that we have accomplished a glorious purpose; proud that we have instilled into others the grandeur and beauty of Phi Delta Theta, and prouder still that we have the power to continue the good work. But since this is our first word to the SCROLL, we shall desist, lest some should think us too presuming. Our best wishes

go to every Phi in the land, and we hope our sister chapters are as happy and free from trouble as we.

Yours in the beloved Bond,

H. A. KAHLER.

This has been received since our editorial pages were typed. We hardly hoped that we would so soon have the pleasure of announcing the chapter at Ohio State University. This makes forty-three active college chapters to begin the year with, instead of forty-two, as stated in the editorial. We extend a most cordial greeting to Ohio Zeta, and congratulate the Fraternity upon so desirable an addition to our chapter roster.—EDS.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Danville, Ky., Oct. 1, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Our boys have returned and gone to work steadily, or rather all have returned except Denby, '86, whose loss we regret very much.

Brother H. E. Wishard, formerly of Indiana Delta, has affiliated with us, and in him we have gained a worthy and enthusiastic member.

We began the year with seven men, one affiliated, and we have initiated two, who will wear the white and blue with credit to the Fraternity. They are Howard Tebbatts, '85, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and J. Ed. Allen, '85, Burkesville, Kentucky. We have two more pledged, and others still in view.

At Commencement our boys received several honors, brother Sandridge, '84, receiving honorable mention in Natural and Political Sciences, and German. Your Reporter received the Kentucky *Advocate* medal for best examination on Shakespeare, and one-third the Sophomore prize, which was awarded to a "barb," a Beta, and a Phi. Hoping the SCROLL will ever prosper, I am

Yours in the Bond,

M. R. HUBBARD.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Ind., Sept. 6, 1883.

Editor of the Scroll:

This is the first day of our collegiate year, and glad we Phis

are to return and associate together again. I believe nowhere else seems so much like home as in our hall and among these boys.

Of our old members these have returned: O. L. Kelso, S. G. Ramsey, T. W. Wilson, O. E. Bradfute, E. E. Griffith, W. H. Dye, John C. Wells, Henry Gant, Harry Orchard, and J. M. Goodwin. A hornet's nest, when the occupants have been disturbed by an unwary boy, would not present a more lively scene to the said boy than our ranks now present to the other Fraternities here. Why, last night we called a meeting, proposed, and voted upon a man, sent out a committee, and had him initiated before half an hour. You may know him by the name of George L. Burson, and he lives at Winamac, Ind. He is a man of one hundred and ninety pounds avoirdupois, and has brains in proportion. We have spiked two other men, and a half dozen others are being guarded until further developments are made. We have lodged four new men in one house, and have quarantined it against the other Fraternities.

The campaign is becoming interesting, and we hope to record some very stirring reminiscences of it. We are not disposed to brag until we land safely on the other side. There is one thing that we will do—we will work. It would be a positive disgrace to let this chapter suffer.

By the way, brother Thomas, this new catalogue is a magnificent piece of Fraternity literature, and if a man couldn't spike with that by him he ought to be ashamed of himself. It is a splendid specimen of patriotism for brothers Palmer and Foster.

In the Bond,

J. M. GOODWIN.

September 28, 1883.

In the course of the summer vacation Indiana University met with a calamity in the destruction, by lightning, of the scientific building, containing the library, museum, chemical laboratory, and apparatus. And though the trustees promise vigorous measures for rebuilding and providing for the immediate wants of the students, the disaster deterred many new students who would have been in attendance this year, had the loss not occurred. For the above reason Fraternity material was not as plentiful as was expected. The position of Indiana Alpha at the beginning of the term was such as to enlist the attention and care of every old member. We were not in the best state of organization. We were fearful of the results of former mistakes. One member, O. L. Kelso, resigned. We were not discouraged, however, and old Indiana Alpha, with the strength and ardor of youth, prepared

for the contest. Firm, but loving, hands guided the old ship clear of the rocks and sands and breakers. We started with eleven old members, and initiated five, viz.: George L. Burson, '88, Winamac, Ind.; Ernest Marsh, '87, Edinburg, Ind.; Mitchell M. Shields, '88, Bloomington, Ind.; Robert Newland, '87, Bedford, Ind.; Wendell Wallheiser, '87, Bedford, Ind. Brother Marsh was valedictorian of his class in the Edinburg High School, brother Newland was salutatorian of the Bedford High School in the class of '82, and brother Wallheiser was valedictorian of the same school in the class of '83.

Our new men are the result of careful selection and are strong-minded, industrious, and jovial. By their union with us, we have given Phi Delta Theta apostles whose influence will be felt in days to come. It cannot be denied by a candid observer that we have taken better men, so far, than any Fraternity here. We expect to make further additions, of which the SCROLL will be informed.

We are glad to welcome again brothers Sam Foster, '88, and A. J. Dillon, '85, who were out last year. We are sorry to part with brothers Wells and Goodwin, two men of whom Indiana Alpha is proud, who will attend Asbury this year. They will be a valuable addition to our sister Zeta.

Our condition here is, on the whole, satisfactory. We hope to improve it. Our boys are harmonious and earnest, and have, one and all, acquitted themselves nobly. By attention to college and Fraternity work, we will avoid those evils that threaten a chapter's existence. In the beginning of this, a new year, our sympathy and love goes out to the brothers everywhere with a common feeling and hope.

In the Bond,

E. E. GRIFFITH.

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INDIANA BETA.

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WABASH COLLEGE, Crawfordsville, Ind., Sept. 20, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

We have nine members, eight of whom were present at our meeting last evening, and the prospects for the coming year are very good. There are four or five new men whom we know would make good Phis. We have as many memers as any one of the other chapters here, so we do not feel at all discouraged.

In the Bond,

E. J. DUKES.

INDIANA DELTA.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, Franklin, Ind., Oct. 8, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll :

Again it has been my good fortune to be chosen Reporter for the SCROLL. The prospects for a successful year for Indiana Delta were never more encouraging. Eight enthusiastic Phis have returned to the sacred retreat of Phi Delta Theta, and we have the pleasure of reporting one initiation, brother M. C. Long, '88. We now have two Seniors, one Junior, two Sophomores, two freshmen, and two Preps. Brother Gant, formerly of Indiana Alpha, is with us this year; and brother Chesley Holmes has returned, after an absence of two years.

Brother E. E. Stevenson, who graduated last year with the honor of his class, is assistant principal of the Franklin High School.

We are all much pleased with the appearance of our new catalogue. It certainly speaks well for the prosperity of the Fraternity.

With many wishes for the success of our new editor in the management of the SCROLL, I am

Yours in the Bond,
J. W. FESLER.

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INDIANA EPSILON.

HANOVER COLLEGE, Hanover, Ind., Sept. 24, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll :

Our chapter has been very active this fall, and already secured two excellent members. Their names are: Charley Shirey, and Harry Byers, both of '87. W. T. Williamson, same class, was initiated at the close of last year. All of the above were spiked by other Fraternities, but failed to be impressed. Two of them were spiked all last year, but they preferred us to any other Fraternity.

Of fourteen members last Commencement, all have returned except our member of the graduating class. Brother Amsden, formerly of '84, returning after a two years absence, makes our number seventeen.

We celebrated the end of last year with a re-union and a banquet. A goodly number of our Alumni were present, and all felt that it was a befitting end to a good years work. Our thanks are

due to brother Shaw and his amiable sister for the exceedingly kind manner in which they entertained us.

We have a chapter picture, taken last June, and are anxious to exchange with some of our sister chapters. Can such an exchange be effected.

Wishing the Fraternity all the success conducive to its welfare,
I remain,

Fraternally yours,
FRANK D. SWOPE.

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MICHIGAN BETA.

STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN, }
Lansing, Mich., Sept. 24, 1883. }

Editors of the Scroll:

Our fall term opened September 4th, and again Phi Delta boys assemble in the chapter hall, after the three weeks vacation.

At the beginning of the term we numbered sixteen men, two less than last term. We have not been asleep, and we now take the pleasure of introducing two new brothers from the Freshman class, C. L. Hinebaugh and E. R. Case, to the Phi world. Again we have triumphed over our Delta Tan rivals, having not lost a man we have asked to join us. At our next meeting we initiate another man, which will make us nineteen, all told. Generally there are a number of the best Freshmen enter at the commencement of the spring term, so we can now afford to "rest on our oars" until that time.

Since our last report we have been fixing up our chapter hall, expending one hundred dollars in painting, oiling, papering, and adding new lamps. We can now boast of having the finest society rooms in college.

During last vacation I had the pleasure of meeting brother Dukes, of Indiana Beta, who was recreating in our State. As a chapter, we cordially invite any of the brothers who may happen to be in the State, to come to the capital city and make Michigan Beta a visit.

Fraternally,
WILL D. WATKINS.

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MICHIGAN GAMMA.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, Hillsdale Mich., Sept. 24, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

As we have resumed active work in college with ardor, so we

resume our active connection with our frat. No anticipated pleasure was dearer to us than to be able to meet one another and extend the brother's hand. Vacation seems to have been pleasantly as well as profitably spent by our boys. Ten of us gathered around our altar the first night of our meeting. Since then two changes in our numbers have in no wise materially changed or weakened our chapter. One was the call of brother Charles Richards to take in charge the Grammar Department of the Jonesville High School, making him an '84. The other was the unexpected return of brother Greenman, who did not present himself the first two weeks.

As a chapter we can congratulate ourselves, for it is conceded that for enthusiastic and jolly fellows, the Phis fly the pennant. Thus far we have initiated no new men, believing that the rushing principle to be bad policy. We have, however, pledged two men who at no future day will do credit to our chapter.

I would like to express our wish of the revival of Michigan Alpha. Nothing gives a chapter situated near Ann Arbor so much prestige as having a chapter there. Weaker frat's than ours are represented there, and upon inquiry we find that with plenty of pushing powers a man of but ordinate influence could bring what boys we have there and a few others under the banner. It is our hope, and the hope of the Fraternity we know, to be there.

In the Bond,

H. FRED SCHUNCK.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

September 9, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

We are not numerically strong just now, as only four of our men have returned to college; a fifth is expected in a few days. The outlook here is promising, as we have one hundred and twenty new students, and there is certainly some good material among so many. Brother Regnier, '83, has commenced the study of law in Monmouth. Brother Glenn, '83, is in business at North Henderson. Brother Harry McClanahan, M. D., of Woodhull, was married September 6th, to Miss Holloway, of Alexis. Thus the good cause of Phi Delta Theta goes on. Hoping to have something to report by another month, I will close for the present.

SUB ROSA,

ILLINOIS EPSILON.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, }
 Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 3, 1883. }

Editors of the Scroll:

Illinois Wesleyan University starts out with the prospect of a very successful year before her; Illinois Epsilon likewise.

Although seven of our best men went out last year, and several others will not be back, we have a good working force of fourteen men, "loyal, bold and true," and another, brother Elliott, we expect with us in a few weeks.

Of our rivals, the Phi Gams number about fourteen, and we understand have made the boast that they are going to throw us completely in the shade this year; but we propose to make them have a lively time in doing it. The Sigma Chis have ten men, three of whom they have taken in this term.

I have to report one resignation, F. D. Ader, who affiliated with us last year from Indiana Zeta. He did not seem to find Illinois Epsilon to be very congenial company, and was taken by the Sigs, for which they have our most sincere thanks, as he was almost an elephant on our hands.

We have removed the scales from the eyes of one barbarian, and admitted him to the light of Grecian culture, and I now have the pleasure of introducing to you brother W. L. Miller, of this city, whom we consider quite a prize, as he was much sought after by the Greeks. We expect to treat several others likewise in a very short time.

Brother T. H. Simmons, '83, made us a very pleasant visit a short time since, as did also brother A. J. Fullinwider, who expects to finish the course in law at Ann Arbor this year. Brother N. K. McCormick has gone to Chicago to take a course in the Chicago Medical College. Brother W. A. Jones has taken charge of a school in shorthand in Chicago.

Yours in the bond,

T. H. KIMBALL.

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ILLINOIS ZETA.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, Galesburg, Ill., Sept 25, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

For the first time it becomes my duty to pen a few lines concerning the Illinois Zeta, which is "up and doing, with a heart for any fate."

We never were in a more prosperous condition. We numbered sixteen when the year opened, now twenty represents the Phi Delta Theta at Lombard. We have initiated Mr. Brigham, son of the Rev. Brigham, of Wisconsin, Mr. Fell, the leader of our choir, Mr. Yergin, a promising theological student, and Mr. Thon (pronounced Tone). It was only with regret that we learned that there had been a change of editors, but it will be all right if the next change causes the same feeling. With every wish for the success of the SCROLL we remain,

Yours in the Bond,

LEE FAIRCHILD.

ETA PROVINCE.

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MISSOURI ALPHA.

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Editors of the Scroll:

Sept. 12, 1883.

Our college has just opened here, and we are not settled down to work yet. We run entirely *sub rosa*. Mu.

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MISSOURI BETA.

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WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, Fulton, Mo., Oct. 3, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Missouri Beta is thriving. Nine of our number returned. We lost two fine fellows last year by graduation—brother J. W. Tinch, who is now a law student, affiliating with Missouri Alpha, and brother Z. Lillard, who is studying medicine in Louisville, Ky. If the Kentucky Alpha Alumni will look him up they will find him to be a fine, whole-souled fellow, well worthy to wear the sword and shield. Brother D. P. Bartley, who so ably conducted this department last year, has ceased his active membership with us, having accepted a position as clerk in a bank. To compensate for these losses brother C. F. Richmond and W. Y. McChesney, who did not attend college last year, have returned to our ranks.

We have made no initiations as yet, but we have several good men in view, and, I doubt not, we will be able to report several new brothers in our next letter.

We have been meeting in a literary society hall, but we are making efforts to get a house of our own. We will not, probably, be able to purchase a hall, but we hope to rent one. Inquiries

are many as to why brother Thomas resigned the editorship of the SCROLL. We hope that it may prosper at least quite as much under the care of brother Palmer.

There is a question which has been agitated among us, which we would be very much obliged if you would answer in the editorial columns. Has the General Council a right to set aside or overrule any action of the National Convention?

[The last clause of Sec. 2, Art. V. of the Constitution answers this question definitely.—EDS.]

Wishing you every success, I am,

Yours in the Bond,

L. J. MITCHELL.

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KANSAS ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 29, 1883.

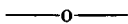
Editors of the Scroll:

This year has opened up in the University of Kansas with a very marked interest in Fraternities. There was a number of good men to choose from, and the Fraternities are taking advantage of the opportunity to fill up their thinned ranks. Kansas Alpha has now ten active members present, and is expecting another back at any time. It is with regret that I announce the absence of brother J. P. Jack, formerly of '84. He had a long sick spell last spring, and is still not able to attend school. This morning he bade us adieu, and started for Canon City, Col., that he might regain his health. The rest of the boys are all in good spirits, and feel very fortunate in getting our four new Phis—J. D. Davis, '86; H. F. Graham, '86; S. M. Cook, '85; and O. C. Lesuer, '86. We wish to express our thanks to Indiana Alpha and to Iowa Alpha. What is their loss is our gain in the persons of J. Haldeman of the former, and of W. E. Vincent of the latter. The Betas and Phi Psis have each taken in two new members this year, and the Phi Gams have pinned six. To our part of the Phi world the future is very bright, and I think we will get in some hard work this winter. The Kappa Alpha Thetas say they will not pin any new members till after holidays, but rumor says they have several subs.

Yours in the Bond,

W. F. FINDLEY.

POSTSCRIPT.



It was intended that this issue of the *SCROLL* should contain forty-four pages (which would about equal thirty-two pages of the old form), but the list of prominent men took more space than was supposed, and a quantity of matter for publication was received at the last moment from the former editor, which necessitated an increase in the size. We have been compelled to curtail many chapter letters, and to omit all the Phi personals and other Fraternity news. Next month we will try to have all departments properly presented.

Since the eighth page was printed, lists of members who have paid for the catalogue have been received from Pennsylvania Delta, Texas Alpha, Michigan Beta, and Indiana Beta. A mistake was made in saying that Ohio Gamma had paid for two copies.

Some typographical errors have been noticed in the first part of this issue. The following are so annoying that we correct them: Page 4, line 11, for "thesaureus" read thesaurus; page 25, line 18, for "invitations" read imitations; page 32, line 9, for "constitution" read Convention.

The following letters were received too late to appear in their proper places under Gamma Province:

GEORGIA ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Athens, Ga., Oct. 8, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Georgia Alpha has made the most triumphant opening in her history. Her success is simply phenomenal. In fact, we have done at least as much as all the other five or six Fraternities together.

When the college opened there were only six Phis in their places. But they were old war horses, every one of them. They were joined almost immediately by Messrs. Pollock, '82; Hinton, '83; and Neil, '85; all from Georgia Gamma. We have initiated the following men: Messrs. DeWolf and Wright, of '85; Messrs. Briggs, Corker, Reynolds, Lane, Gilbert, of '86; Messrs. Clark, Williams, Wynn, Davis, of '87. Add to these eleven men the six old Georgia Alphas, the three Georgia Gammas by affiliation, and you have a chapter of twenty men, with more to hear from.

Brother Brouson has not yet returned, and some good material yet remains among the barbarian ranks.

Before I left Macon, Georgia Gamma had commenced nobly. That catalogue simply and unequivocally takes the handkerchief off the bush.

Yours in the Bond,

E. F. HINTON.

GEORGIA BETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga., Oct. 8, 1883.

Editors of the Scroll:

Georgia Beta has cause for rejoicing. Last commencement the Phis scored another victory by having the greatest number of speakers and winning five of the eleven medals. The following Phis received medals: F. H. Johnson, '87, Declamation; E. C. Mobley, '85, 1st Stewart Declamation; E. P. Allen, '85, Bigham Essay; E. P. Allen, '85, Allen Essay; E. C. Merry, '83, Boynton Essay. These are the most important medals given. The Chi Phis received one and Kappa Alpha three, barbarians winning the other two. Our banquet on Tuesday night of commencement was a success in every way.

This term opened with twenty-two old boys present, who at once began to cast about for new men worthy to wear the sword and shield, and brothers Lee, '86, Trimble, '86, Johnson, '86, and McCrea, '87, stand as the result of our labors. Brother Cutts, of Georgia Gamma, has affiliated with us, making a total membership of twenty-seven.

Most of the boys have received their catalogues, and all are highly pleased with them.

In the Bond,

DANIEL A. GREENE.

We take the greatest pleasure in announcing that Texas Beta has been established at the University of Texas, which opened September 15th with the largest endowment and best selected faculty, probably, of any institution in the South. On October 8th, brothers Drew Pruit and I. H. Bryant, of Tennessee Alpha, organized the chapter in the Supreme Court room of the State Capitol building at Austin, and initiated the following charter members: Quitman Finlay, Wavely Smith, F. H. Raymond, O. P. Hale, Constance Pessels, D. H. Hotchkiss, and Hugh Swain. A cordial welcome to the new Lone Star chapter, and congratulations to the Phis everywhere, especially to brother Pruit, the father of the enterprise. This gives us 44 active college chapters again.

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THE THREE-CENT STAMP.

BY EUGENE FIELD, MISSOURI ALPHA, '72.

GOOD-BYE, old stamp, it's nasty luck
That ends our friendship so.
When others failed, you gamely stuck,
But now you've got to go.
O, here's a flood of honest tears,
And here's an honest sigh—
Good-by, old friend, of many years—
Good by, old stamp, good-by!

Your life has been a varied one,
With curious phases fraught—
Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
Your daily coming brought;
Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
Tears to a mother's eye,
Or joy or pain to every place—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

You bravely toiled, and better men
Will vouch for what I say;
Although you have been licked, 'twas when
Your face turned t'other way.
'Twas often in a box you got
(As you will not deny)—
For going through the mails, I wot—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

Ah, in your last expiring breath!
The tale of years is heard—
The sound of voices hushed in death,
A mother's dying word,
A maiden's answer, soft and sweet,
A wife's regretful sigh,
The patter of a baby's feet—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

What wonder, then, that at this time
When you and I must part,
I should aspire to speak in rhyme
The promptings of my heart.
Go, bide with all these mem'ries dear
That live when others die—
You've nobly served your purpose here—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

ALUMNI LETTERS.

It is with pleasure that we present in this number a melange of letters from correspondent members. The interest of the Alumni of a Fraternity in its welfare is a sure index of its character and merit. To any one who has had a general correspondence with the Phi world, or who can claim a traveled acquaintance with Phis, it is well known that Phi Delta Theta has a remarkably large number of loyal and enthusiastic alumni. A comparison has sometimes been made between the alumni of Phi Delta Theta and the alumni of Beta Theta Pi to the disadvantage of the former. The fact is forgotten that Beta Theta Pi was founded nine years earlier than Phi Delta Theta, and that it has many older chapters than we have, and, therefore, that the body of its alumni is much older. The reputation which Beta Theta Pi has for the loyalty of its alumni is deserved, and it probably mainly arises from the large number of "silver greys," as the Betas call them, who now evince their interest in their Fraternity. An examination of our catalogue will show that we have comparatively few ante-bellum Phis. We had very few chapters before the war, and hardly any at all during the war. Our Fraternity has been built up since the war, and our progress in the last fourteen years is, perhaps, unparalleled. This accounts, however, for the disparity in the number of our older interested alumni. Yet, where could more patriotic alumni be found than Rev. Robert Morrison, the founder of the Fraternity; Judge Banta, of Indiana; Congressmen Hamilton, of Indiana, and Anderson, of Kansas; Hon. John W. Foster, Minister to Spain; Col. T. W. Bullitt, of Louisville; Senator Harrison, of Indiana; Hon. W. F. Vilas, of Wisconsin; and Hon. B. K. Elliott, Chief Justice of Indiana? Others might be mentioned. However, we haven't a very long roll of members who have reached the prime of manhood, but they are generally found to be devoted in their adherence to the principles of Phi Delta Theta. We cannot boast of as many patriotic members of advanced age as Beta Theta Pi, but when it comes to young alumni we yield the palm to no Fraternity. All over the country may be found young graduates who are zealous in their support of the Fraternity, intelligent about its condition,

active in lending assistance to the members in college, and alert to promote any enterprise which will add strength or bring renown to Phi Delta Theta. These are to be found in almost every State and city, and they are one of the strongest, if not the strongest, elements in the Fraternity. With these preliminaries, we first give the floor to C. M. Brandon, Tennessee Alpha, '82, who is pursuing his law studies at Yale College.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Oct. 30, 1883.

The disposition on the part of several Phis, brother Bassett among the first, to plant the standard of Phi Delta Theta in the Eastern universities, should receive the highest praise and great encouragement from all who have the success of our noble Brotherhood at heart. We are now the leading Fraternity of the West and South, but the rich harvest that may be reaped in the East by the combined and earnest efforts of the Fraternity should not "suffer us to sleep." Now we can boast of but one chapter in New England. We have no chapter at Harvard, Yale, or Columbia, or any of the far-famed colleges of this section of America. Yet, if we did have, aside from the satisfaction it would be to all who are now Phis, it would be of incalculable advantage in spiking, and would be beneficial to Phis in many ways, which cannot be easily foreshadowed.

It is difficult in old Eastern colleges for a new Fraternity to enter with much assurance of success, and it should never be attempted, of course, without assurance that the chapter will be permanent, and will be able to meet her rivals in open and honorable combat. But it does seem that with the number of fine men we have in the Eastern and Middle States, and with the force of character and energy that is characteristic of most Phis, coupled with the love every member should feel for his Fraternity, that these difficulties can be overcome. There is certainly great inducement to try. If we could once get a foothold—say, for instance, a good working chapter at Harvard, Yale, or Columbia—half the battle would then be fought, and our way into the other colleges could then be made more easily. And why should we not make the start which would lead us to such desired results? We have several noble Phis at Harvard and Columbia (delicacy forbids us speaking in this connection of Yale), who have made themselves famous for the loyalty and energy they have shown for Phi Delta Theta; why should they not come to the front now? What has been accomplished by other Fraternities should, without doubt, be accomplished by ours. The Phis at these colleges would, by establishing their Fraternity there,

make every Phi inexpressibly grateful, and they would have an immortal claim upon the whole Fraternity for their highly creditable work. The Fraternity may never have the chance she has at present to establish herself in the East. Few Fraternities, and perhaps none, ever marched to the front in all colleges where she has tried to establish herself, as ours. Her efforts in the West, Northwest, and South have been crowned with wonderful success. We yet hope to see our cause triumph, until it rules college America at least; we yet hope to see her complete mistress of the East, as she is now the pride of the West; the queen of the North, as she is the idol of the South. C. M. BRANDON.

These remarks are well timed in view of the interest now felt in Eastern extension. Our policy, therefore, has been to entrench ourselves strongly in the West and South before venturing beyond our own territory. That object has been attained, and the Fraternity is now better prepared for Eastern extension than ever before. The question, however, as to the best methods of procedure, is a very difficult one to solve, and the best places to begin operations are very difficult to determine. Our opinion is that there are but few Eastern colleges which we ought to think about entering. There are no doubt some Eastern colleges where we would meet with success at first, but we must make no mistake. We should never make an attempt without a certainty that we can carry our point. We must not make a sortie in the East, and then fail. We would apply the maxim, "Make haste slowly," but that would be too humorous, seeing that we must necessarily advance slowly anyhow. We do say, though, proceed carefully and cautiously, and never take a position which cannot be maintained. Here, is a letter which also touches on extension, from A. P. Collins, Ohio Beta, '60, the founder of the chapter at Ohio Wesleyan, and at present a member of the Kansas Legislature:

SOLOMON CITY, KAN., Oct. 23, 1883.

Has the new catalogue made its appearance? I am waiting as patiently as an anxious Phi can for an opportunity to peruse its mystic pages.

Are we to have a grand advance of Phi Delta Theta interests this year with enlarged borders? We ought to be more secure in Illinois. University of Nebraska, Northwestern University, and University of Michigan should be entered. While we hold

most of the Methodist schools in the country, we ought to hold Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn. To hold firmly the West and South can be made a stepping-stone to carry New York and New England. There are many young men in Eastern colleges who expect to go West to find locations after leaving college. Of these a certain class would prefer to affiliate with an order strong and long established where they intended to find a home. That class of men are a thinking class. I presume the financial problem involved in an Eastern extension is important. That can be met successfully. Bring the alumni to the front. Most of these are comfortably established in business, and a contribution of from \$5 to \$10 for the purpose of planting firmly our banner in the East, I think, could be had for the asking. I presume that the only question that would be asked, would be, "What are you going to do with it?" This would have to be answered intelligently, and to do so would require a place of operation to be well matured. A more thorough organization of the alumni ought to be had. Every alumnus should belong to some alumni chapter, and be in correspondence with its secretary. Organization is victory—want of organization invites defeat.

A. P. COLLINS.

There is insight in what is said about students in Eastern colleges who intend to live in the West, and would prefer to unite with a Fraternity which has a large membership in that section. We have long held that if Phi Delta Theta can successfully enter any New England colleges, they are those which have a large attendance from the South and West. Below is given a letter from the University of Alabama. Of the six Phis, three subscribe for the SCROLL, though not required to do so.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Oct. 17, 1883.

At a sort of social meeting of the Phis here to-day, we decided that one of our number should write a letter to the SCROLL every month, and as it is my time I hope you will give us space enough to let our brethren know that our Phi Delta Theta spirit still lives. As you know, the old chapter here was broken up by the trustees of the University several years ago, and has not been re-organized. We should be glad if we could re-establish the chapter here. The Alabama corps of cadets is composed of the best material in the State. There are six Phis here now: B. H. Hardaway, '83, post graduate; G. B. Micheal, '84; M. M. Smith, '84; J. F. Gray, '84; Zell Gaston, '84, and J. R. Barnes, '85. I know that it is against the constitution to establish a

chapter *sub rosa*, but don't you think we could get a charter in some way? Although we are in adverse circumstances as to Fraternity matters, Phi Delta Theta love still burns within us as strong as ever, and we are as "loyal, bold, and true" a set as ever wore the white and blue. We look with pride on our chapter at our sister college at Auburn. We have some splendid brothers there, and are expecting great things from them.

ZELL GASTON.

No, brother, there is no way for you to get a charter until the University removes the anti-Fraternity law. We admire your pluck, but our Constitution now positively prohibits the establishment of a chapter where the Faculty is hostile. We think you had better get brother Jackson's now famous petition, so effectively used with the trustees of Vanderbilt, and go to work on the authorities at the University of Alabama. The Alabama State College has just removed the disabilities on Fraternities, and we look for an early breaking down of opposition at all other institutions. The following communication is from C. L. Goodwin, Ind. Alpha, '83, one of the most intelligent and experienced men in Phi Delta Theta about Fraternity affairs:

OTISCO, IND., Oct. 28, 1883.

IN the SCROLL directory I observe an announcement that "the next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., commencing 10 A. M. Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 1884, and closing the following Friday." It is also there announced that Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn is to be orator on that occasion, and that Hon. J. F. Phillips is to be there if Mr. Blackburn should fail to accept.

At that time there will be a presidential and congressional canvass in progress, and I know beforehand, to a certainty, that if I attend the next convention, I shall neither see nor hear Mr. Blackburn nor Mr. Phillips. If I did not know this from simply considering the circumstances alone, I should know it from the Fraternity's past experience. I know that at each of the last two conventions it was found difficult to secure suitable men to deliver the oration. Prominent politicians, as the chosen orators nearly always are, and indeed nearly always must be, invariably decline the offered honor, setting forth that their "work in the political canvass renders it impossible" that they should accept.

There are other objections to this time for holding the convention. It is certain that many members, who would otherwise attend, are engaged by reason of the canvass in such a way that

they cannot do so. It is a week out of the heart of that term of the college year in which the most work is accomplished. Good students cannot afford to lose a week at that time so well as at some others. In addition, there is the trifling consideration that the convention will not attract the attention which would be given it by the general world at a less exciting time. Finally, it was no compliment to the able speakers who were so kind as to pay their own fare to the last two conventions and deliver the addresses, to make them eighth or ninth choice. In the face of these facts, the last three conventions have unmercifully cast their respective successors into the vortex of a political canvass, and have, with silly uniformity, elected prominent politicians to deliver addresses, when a minute's reflection ought to have told them that such men could not take the positions.

Now it is assumed that we want prominent men, not simply able men, but men of notoriety, to address the conventions; that we want the largest possible attendance from alumni; that we desire to interfere as little as possible with college work; that we want the largest possible attendance of active members, and finally, that we want to attract all the attention we may be able, for whatever it may be worth. I believe that the present arrangement is peculiarly unfavorable to the attainment of these objects, and that one could be found that would "reform it altogether."

It may be advanced in opposition to this, that the Indianapolis convention was the largest in our history. In this connection, however, it must be remembered that Indianapolis contains more Phis than any other city in the world, and that Indiana contains six active chapters, five of which are among the oldest in the Fraternity.

There are various times for which the convention might be set, which would, I think, be more favorable than the one that has been selected. All things considered, I believe the first week in January would be the most favorable. Active members in the majority of cases would lose only a day or two of school. Alumni and active members could both make their holiday arrangements to include the convention. Many men would, at this time, be at leisure, who would be busy at all others. A regard for the college calender would bring us the esteem of college faculties. Other advantages in favor of this date will, I think, suggest themselves. Whether or not this date is a good one, I am convinced that the one chosen by the convention is bad, and that almost any change would be for the better, except one which caused the convention to conflict with college examinations.

Cannot the General Council change this, if it sees fit? Or, if

it alone has not the power, cannot the chapters ratify its action, if they see fit, and thus make it good?

I have offered this in the hope of at least hearing the matter discussed. If it has been discussed before, I am not aware of it. I have thought much of it before, but have not had a favorable opportunity to present it. I may say that it represents the opinions of members with whom I have talked, and who would like to see the suggestions acted upon.

Nothing in this communication should be construed as unappreciative of the able gentlemen who addressed the last two conventions. It was a mere piece of good luck which enabled the Fraternity to secure them. One of them has served in this capacity twice, and we could not be so unmerciful as to ask him to do so again. They are not so widely known, however, though doubtless as able as some other members, and it is generally felt that general notoriety in an orator is an advantage to a Fraternity.

C. L. GOODWIN.

This subject has had our consideration before, and we believe was broached at the Richmond convention. It is clearly seen that our bi-ennial conventions, coming in the same years as the presidential and congressional elections, cause great difficulty in making the conventions entirely successful. Some change ought to be made, and we are of opinion that it would be well for the General Council to authorize a postponement of the next convention two weeks, so as to throw it after the election next year. The delegates will then, we are sure, select some more suitable date for the following convention, than has been chosen by the several preceding conventions.

FRATERNITIES AT VANDERBILT.

"Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this summer sun." Below is given the Associated Press dispatch, dated Nashville, October 31, and published the next morning in the principal papers throughout the country.

The Faculty of Vanderbilt University have decided to remove the restrictions heretofore enforced against secret societies, and an announcement to that effect was to-day made by Chancellor Garland.

The following was published in the *Nashville American* of November 1:

The students at Vanderbilt are jubilant over the repeal of the law prohibiting secret fraternities. This law has been standing ever since the organization of the institution. The Faculty have been persistent in their efforts to enforce it, and have made penalties for a violation greater than for the infraction of any other law of the University. The law very early became unpopular, and the dissatisfaction increased as violent means of enforcement were taken. In the fall of 1877, Phi Delta Theta, the leading Southern and Western Fraternity, succeeded in planting a chapter at Vanderbilt, which took for its motto, at the first, "Never Say Die." Anathemas, from the chapel rostrum, were thundered against it, but "the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church," and the membership grew and multiplied. For four years Phi Delta Theta stood the brunt of the battle alone. The members sometimes were in the greatest danger, but they were always fortunate enough to escape.

In 1881, Beta Theta Pi, a large and prominent Fraternity, first made its appearance at Vanderbilt. The members went to Lebanon, and were initiated in the chapter at Cumberland University. Soon after, W. W. W., or Rainbow, a local society from the University of Mississippi, entered Vanderbilt. Last year, Chi Phi, undaunted by the opposition of the Faculty, or the number of rivals already established, also entered the arena, and this year Kappa Alpha, an exclusively Southern society, was bold enough to make the venture. There are, therefore, five fraternities established at Vanderbilt. Of these, Phi Delta Theta, Rainbow, and Kappa Alpha have regularly organized chapters; and Beta Theta Pi and Chi Phi will be fully organized in a few days, the authorities of those fraternities having withheld the charters until the restrictions were removed. The Phis have been most active in bringing about the repeal of the law. They were never suppressed, but stood bravely by their Fraternity during the dark "days that tried men's souls." At the last Commencement Mr. Robert F. Jackson, a young attorney of this city, a graduate of the University, and a Phi, appeared before the Board of Trust, and in an elaborate and exhaustive argument, proved that the fraternities are organizations for the improvement morally, intellectually, and socially of students, and that the opposition to them was unwise and unjust. The members of the Board were convinced by his argument, but not having time to act on it, postponed action until this session. Yesterday morning the Chancellor said from the chapel rostrum that he was glad to announce that he had made his last speech against fraternities. He stated that the Board had concluded that the anti-fraternity rule had

been detrimental to the success of the University, and, therefore, they had entirely removed and repealed it.

The boys are wild with delight, and intend to have a grand jubilee banquet. Vanderbilt is to be congratulated on the removal of the law, for it was one to be "more honored in the breach than in the observance." The University now takes high and liberal ground, and places herself alongside the largest and best institutions in the country in this respect. The opposition of college Faculties to fraternities is now the exception, rather than the rule.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

SUCH a rush of marriages. We never knew of the like before. Most of the parties were personally known and highly esteemed by us. It looks like all our old friends and partners intend to forsake us for the pleasures of married life. First, D. U. Fletcher, Tenn. Alpha, '81, the Prophet-elect of the next National Convention, was happily married June 20th, to Miss Lulu Paine, in St. John's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida. The *Florida Herald* gives a column account of the ceremony and reception, from which we extract the following:

Mr. Fletcher is a young member of the Jacksonville bar, who came to this city from Georgia soon after he had graduated, some two years ago, and has already laid the foundation for an extensive law practice. He is, too, one of those lucky fellows who are not altogether dependent upon their profession, but will, in time, become the possessor of considerable property, his family being wealthy and influential. Possessed of unswerving integrity and simple, unaffected dignity and worth, with all the characteristics which combine to win the respect and esteem of his fellow-men, he might, in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, be nearly likened to that Knight of old, who enjoyed as his just meed the praise, *Sans peur et sans reproche*.

The next was a long way off. The following tells the tale:

On June 21, 1883, on board the U. S. Man-of-War *Quinnebaug*, in Gaboon River, West Africa, by Rev. W. C. Gault, Rev. A. Good and Miss Lydia B. Walker, all of the American Mission, Gaboon, W. Africa.

Brothers Good and Gault are both members of Pennsylvania Gamma, the former, class of '79, the latter, '78.

Then followed our old college chum, J. M. Barrs, Tennessee Alpha, '80, the President of Epsilon Province during 1880-2. We are sorry we cannot give the name of the bride, and the date and place, but we have no newspaper notices, and have mislaid the invitation kindly sent us. Good-bye, Barrs.

Then another Tennessee Alpha man stepped off. The following is clipped from the Nashville *Christian Advocate* :

The talented Californian, Mr. C. H. E. Hardin, a graduate of the law school of Vanderbilt University, who took the Founder's Medal for Oratory in 1881, and who has since taken quite a prominent place as a successful young politician, has at length taken the best thing a man gets on earth—a wife. He was married in San Francisco, August 14th, to Miss Ursula Mason, whom we remember as the pretty little daughter of an old friend of the early California days. We send hearty congratulations across the continent.

The next victim was brother L. C. Hoss, Indiana Gamma, '81. The following account is from the Indianapolis *News* of Oct. 3d :

L. C. Hoss, formerly of this city, proprietor and editor of the Kokomo *Evening Gazette*, was married last night to Miss Estella Bernard, of Kokomo. A half a car load of people went to the wedding from this city, including the Gamma chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity of Butler University, which attended in a body, taking many and valuable presents. Rev. S. M. Houston, of Irvington, performed the ceremony. The evening was certainly a very auspicious opening for the new life of the chief participants. The journalistic and other successes achieved by Mr. Hoss, disprove the assertion of the old rhyme :

“ It is too much, we daily hear,
To wive and thrive all in one year.”

Now, hear is something romantic. It is taken from the Nashville *American* of October 20th, and concerns brother T. A. Embrey, Tennessee Alpha, '83 :

Mr. Thomas A. Embrey, a popular young man of Winchester, Tenn., passed through the city last night with his newly-made bride, formerly Miss Fannie Lindsley, of Texas, *en route* to Louisville. The young lady was attending Mary Sharpe College, at Winchester, and the marriage was a runaway one. Indeed, so hasty was the departure of the happy pair that the bride was still attired in the regulation form of the school.

Lo, our popular and worthy President also catches the contagion. From several newspaper notices we select the following, published in the Indianapolis *Journal* of October 31st:

Mr. Hilton U. Brown, of the *Evening News*, was married last night, at Paris, Illinois, to Miss Jennie Hannah, daughter of Capt. A. A. Hannah, Rev. Mr. Flower performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will go on an extended trip through the South, and upon their return will live in this city. Mr. Brown is a young gentleman of excellent social and professional standing, and his wife is an estimable and intelligent lady. Their acquaintance was formed at Butler University, at which they were students together.

Brother Brown and his charming bride passed through Nashville *en route* to New Orleans and Florida. Their short sojourn in this city was much enjoyed by the resident and college Phis.

Then, who would have thought it? Will Manier, none other than the efficient Business Manager of this journal, went and did likewise. The Nashville *American*, November 2d, published the following:

Mr. W. R. Manier, son of J. W. Manier, of this city, was united in marriage yesterday to Miss Owsley, of Kentucky, at the residence of the bride's father. The father and mother of the groom, Miss Katie Evans, W. W. Scovel, Thos. W. Evans, and J. W. Manier, Jr., went up to attend the wedding. Mr. Manier has for a long time been traveling for the house of Pigue, Manier & Co., and is one of the most promising young business men in the city. He and his lovely bride will take an extended Eastern tour before returning to Nashville.

From about a column account in the Stanford (Ky.) *Journal*, we take the following:

Mr. Manier, the envied groom, is a handsome and stalwart young man of six feet one, and though but twenty-one, he is fast developing into a good business man of steady and irreproachable habits. His father is a wholesale boot and shoe dealer of Nashville, Tenn., and his family ranks with the first of the State. He is indeed to be congratulated on winning the love of so lovable a woman, and we hope for him and his that all their days on earth may be as bright as the one that saw them pronounced man and wife.

We learn that J. M. Zarecor, Tennessee Alpha, '83, is to be married November 18th, to a sister of J. C. McReynolds, now of Virginia Beta.

Brothers, you have our heartiest congratulations, both Philly and personally. We trust that long lives of happiness will be yours, and that good fortune will ever attend you.

EXCHANGES.

THE Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* strikes us an exchange which should be placed somewhere near the head of our list. It is a first-class Fraternity journal in every particular. The appearance is elegant. Nearly every article is written in a simple and forcible style. They are what we call literary. Very few, if any, immature and ill-digested opinions are set forth. 'Tis true that we differ from the *Quarterly* on some subjects; but we grant that its opinions are advanced in a forcible and dignified manner. What approaches an air of self-sufficiency is to be seen projecting out now and then as the only fault of this creditable work. The confidence expressed in the article on the Pan-Hellenic Conference, that Delta Kappa Epsilon is entirely above and free of the danger arising from "mush-room growths," is scarcely consistent with modesty. The idea must rise upon reading the article that the Delta Kappa Epsilon wishes to produce the impression that it is a kind of superior being, standing aside and contemplating quietly an experiment by lesser mortals. But such a fault, if it really exists, can be readily forgiven when it is understood that Delta Kappa Epsilon has grounds for a little vanity.

In regard to the above mentioned article, the *Quarterly* very justly states that owing to the development of fraternities, their kindred interests, and the increase of inter-fraternity amity, a convention is now possible, while several years back it would not have been. We believe the convention practicable, and we think good would result from it.

The *Quarterly*, like the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent*, is entirely impersonal. The first is "edited by the Council," the latter is published by the "Star and Crescent Company." No

names are given. No chapter letters are dated or signed. Not even are directories of officers and chapters furnished, which are conveniences we think they could ill dispense with. There are these differences, however, between the journals of the three leading Eastern fraternities. The Psi Upsilon *Diamond* never mentions its contemporaries or alludes to any rival; the *Star and Crescent* is not quite so much given to ignoring all outside of Alpha Delta Phi, while the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* is big enough, strong enough, and manly enough to recognize all the other Fraternities in the field, and to accord to them the credit which is their due.

Incited by envy and personal malice, the organ of Sigma Chi comes out with a four and a half page article against Phi Delta Theta in general, and brother Thomas in particular. The article is so utterly foolish and inconsistent that it does not require an answer, but we have been requested to do so, and will comply. The editor of *Sigma Chi*, after ransacking the whole file of SCROLLS, lights upon two articles on which he sees fit to vent his spleen. His selection is a bad one. The articles are both quoted, and are as plain as English words can make them, but the editor of said bi-monthly organ proceeds to rave as if he had found some wonderful digression from the principles on which Fraternities are established. The advice, which is so obnoxious to his high standard, he quotes from the SCROLL as follows:

We would advise the chapters to make their membership as large as possible *with due care in selection*. There is an inspiration in numbers that small chapters cannot have. Every project can be carried out with much more vim and greater success. With a chapter of *ten or twelve* good men, the new member, though he be not all they wish for a brother, can be molded to their standard if they are firm. A new member soon discovers he must conform, and becomes a Phi in every sense surprisingly quick. No chapter can be too large, *so long as the proper quality is preserved*.

The reasonable editor of *Sigma Chi* expresses his policy thus:

Set your standard high, and then *strive to secure every man who comes up to these high requirements*.

We ask in all candor, where is the difference between "setting

your standard high," and "using due care in selection?" Where is the difference between securing "every man who comes up to the standard," and "no chapter can be too large, so long as the proper quality is preserved?" No man of an ordinary amount of sense can draw any distinction between the sentiments here expressed, and yet our worthy editor of the *Sigma Chi*, in the same breath, utters one and denounces the other. After the sentence quoted above, "Set your standard high," etc., he proceeds as follows:

Our esteemed contemporary, upon the contrary, seems to be searching everywhere to find reasons for the superiority of members. This is manifest even in the general tenor of the present issue which, *in the effort after size*, contains such articles, etc.

Because the SCROLL for May and June is of large size, it is manifest to the *Sigma Chi* editor that its general tenor is to advocate the superiority of members. What reasoning! Have you a school of logic at Hanover, Mr. Editor? You ought immediately to be appointed instructor in that branch. One sentence of the above quotation from the SCROLL, which is peculiarly obnoxious to *Sigma Chi*, is

With a chapter of ten or twelve good men, the new member, though he be not all they wish for a brother, can be molded to their standard if they are firm.

This sentence, taken in connection of the rest of the piece, can be construed by no sensible man to mean anything else than that ten or twelve good men in a chapter can do more toward attaining the objects for which the Fraternity is established, than a less number. It is our aim, Mr. *Sigma Chi*, to attain as high a standard of moral, literary, and social culture as is possible. It is assumed that in these things no man is perfect. Our object is to progress in them. Hence it is hardly possible that a new member be all we would have him as a brother. If so, what advantage can we promise him in joining us? But *Sigma Chi* only takes those who are "all she could wish as brothers." She sets her standard to suit her men, and as they are *perfect* when obtained, they can reap no advantage from their Brotherhood. The angry editor's own chapter of *Sigma Chi* has fourteen members, yet he is terribly put out because brother Thomas advocates

as many as ten or twelve in a chapter. O, consistency, thou art a jewel!

The other article which our envious editor quotes as a pretext for his disturbed spleen advocates the policy of pledging men before they enter college, provided this can be done in keeping with the principles of our organization; that is, that every man must be thoroughly known to be of the right kind, and that he be well acquainted with the relative merits of the Fraternity he joins. The quotation closes:

A *conditional pledge* to become a member of our chapter in good standing can be obtained from a great many of the young men thus starting out, and it would soon firmly establish our chapters in the colleges where they are situated, and give them a high standing.

Over this sentence and these principles our mad editor fairly fumes. And yet he says:

What we ask is, not that the Fraternity neglect to use every fair argument to influence the man before he enters college, but that the pressure be not so great as to bring him hand and foot before he enters.

Who has said anything about binding a man hand and foot? Of course, every one understands that by "pledging" a man we mean a "conditional pledge," and it is expressed thus in the offending passage. If you should search the world over, you would hardly find a boy so devoid of sense as to swear to join an organization without knowing anything of its nature or its members. Yes, you might find *one*, but he is a Sigma Chi. But the disturbed editor is not like other men. He must think all men but himself to be fit candidates for the insane asylum. The pledge we advocate taking from any one solicited, is simply his promise that he will examine candidly the merits of the several fraternities, and if he finds P. D. T. suits him best, he will join that Fraternity. It is no wonder that Sigma Chi objects so seriously to this plan. To the editor of that organ there are obvious reasons why a man should not examine carefully before joining. The envious Greek says he can cite an instance when several prospective students were pledged in writing to join Phi Delta Theta. We can readily account for this statement. If,

with the words before his eyes, the meaning could be so perverted as has been done with the quotations he raves at, we can readily perceive how the "instance" occurred. It may be that said editor heard a friend say that he heard of a young man who wrote to a friend, saying he had promised to join Phi Delta Theta if he liked that Fraternity better than any other. This could easily contribute the "instance" above cited. As to the other things mentioned about our Fraternity, they are of the same kind—creatures of a mad imagination.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* finds it hard to enlist the support of its active members, which speaks but little for their interest in the Fraternity, but thanks to the editorial staff, the paper is not allowed to suffer. The *Shield* is now a great improvement on the sheet of the same name published several years since in Philadelphia. The editorials are now finished and valuable productions.

Our business manager seeing the first page of the cover of the Chi Phi *Quarterly*, observed that Chi Phi must have originated with the foundation of the world, "for," said he, "here is a rock with their letters on it, rising up out of the sea." The amusing part of it he did not realize, being ignorant of Chi Phi's pretensions to claim to a great antiquity.

The *Asbury Monthly* has a Fraternity department, which is a commendable feature. We clip two items:

Phi Delta Theta has succeeded in entering Vanderbilt University.

That would have been news six years ago.

The Episcopal Bishop of Tennessee has presented the Delta Tau Delta Chapter, at the University of the South, a fine chapter house.

The Sewanee boys will smile at that. "'Tis distance lends enchantment," etc.

The *Beta Theta Pi* has improved its appearance considerably. It is now printed on laid paper, and is sent out uncut, having quite a classical appearance. We don't admire the design of the cover, but it is unique and very characteristic of Beta. It exposes

the inevitable "dorg," the dragon (our business manager called it a winged horse), skull, owl, etc. The usual literary standard of the paper is maintained, which is saying much in its favor.

We acknowledge receipt of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* and the *Phi Gamma Delta*, which have not changed their appearance since last year. The *Golden Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, *Record* of S. A. E., and *Palm* of A. T. O., have not put in their appearance yet.

We are indebted to brother W. W. Case, Pennsylvania Delta, '84, Editor-in-Chief of the *Alleghenian*," for a copy of that excellent illustrated annual, published by the three gentlemen Fraternities at Allegheny College. The work would be a credit to any college. Phi Delta Theta shows up well in its pages. Of the six editors, W. W. Case and E. H. Pond are Phis; and M. C. Blystone, a Phi, is one of the three business managers. The Phis are prominent in the military department, on the college paper, in the literary societies, and on the college nine. We notice also that there is a "Phi Nine," a "Phi Delta Theta Quartette," "The Helmet Orchestra of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," and a "Phi Delta Theta Whist Club." We congratulate Pennsylvania Delta on the good stand it takes at Allegheny

THE PRESIDENT'S BRIDAL TOUR.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Nov. 5, 1883.

If you regard it as appropriate, I wish you would make expression in the SCROLL of "our" (we are two now) thankfulness for the generous attention showered upon us by the Phis of this city. If possible, they have equaled in kindness to us the Tennessee Alpha boys. After showing us the city to-day, they presented us with an elegant silver jewel case, brothers Smith, Fitzpatrick, and LeGrand making the presentation in behalf of themselves and the other members of Alabama Alpha Alumni. As President Grant once said, "I cannot take these honors as due to me. They are testimonials of respect for the high office which I hold." I have learned what a privilege it is to be a Phi since I came South.

H. U. BROWN.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., NOVEMBER, 1883.

WE return thanks to the brothers who kindly sent us copies of the *Auburn Analyzer*, the *Indiana Student*, and the *Asbury Monthly*, but we request again that articles be marked, in order to draw our attention to matters of interest.

WHEN the last SCROLL went to press we wondered where in the world the matter would come from to make up this number, but enough copy to fill four numbers has accumulated. We have had to cut down much that has been sent us, and omit much that we wrote ourselves. The editorial department is necessarily brief, and we are compelled to leave out all other Fraternity news again.

WE have received the second edition of Baird's "American College Fraternities." We regret very much that our lack of

space prevents us from giving a review of the book. We will only say that it is superior to the first edition, and that it should be in the possession of every Phi who desires a knowledge of the standing of the various Fraternities. The price is \$2. Address W. R. Baird, P. O. Box 1848, New York, N. Y. Next month we expect to give a full notice of the work.

THE Tennessee Alpha Phis in the vicinity of New York will hold a re-union banquet on Thanksgiving day in New York City. Jackson and Burnham will go from Harvard, Gilbert and Brandon from Yale, Wakefield and Willis from Poughkeepsie, Atlee and Hagan from Jefferson Medical College, and Walker from Bellevue. It will be a genuine old Tennessee Alpha banquet we are sure, which means that all will have a glorious time.

PHI DELTA THETA can celebrate Thanksgiving this year with good grace. We began our work this year with two new chapters at Ohio State University and the University of Texas. We now learn that Virginia Gamma is about to recover herself, and, besides, we will probably soon hear of other new chapters established at excellent institutions. On top of all this, Vanderbilt University and Alabama State College have removed the restrictions on Fraternities, leaving us only two *sub rosa* chapters. The Phis indeed have cause for rejoicing.

DURING the year before each Convention the SCROLL has generally been devoted to discussions of questions likely to arise before the Convention. We therefore invite discussions of important questions which will probably come before our Convention next year for decision. As our Convention meets only once every two years, and as it has to legislate for a very large Fraternity, it is important that all questions which will arise before it may be well understood beforehand, so that no time may be lost. We will be glad to receive articles which will suggest improvements in our form of government and amendments to our Constitution. Changes in our Ritual cannot be proposed in these pages, but the committee appointed by the last Convention to revise the Consti-

tution and Ritual will be glad to receive any suggestions. Next month we want to present some of our own views about our system of government, and we hope by that time also to hear from our contributors.

If the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference be held on July 4, 1884, as has been suggested by the preliminary meeting, our Convention will not be able to take any action looking to it, but we are assured that our General Council will take the proper steps to have Phi Delta Theta represented. The opposition which our last Convention evinced toward the project arose from the understanding that a Pan-Hellenic Council was intended, which implied binding legislative powers. Phi Delta Theta would not enter any combination which would restrain or hinder her independent action, or go into any coalition which would disturb her system or interfere with her policy. But a Pan-Hellenic Conference, such as is now proposed, is a different thing, and we are sure that it meets the endorsement of Phi Delta Theta generally. We will not submit to dictation, but are more than willing to profit by the experience of the assembled wisdom of all the Fraternities. We are not certain that any thing practical would be accomplished by the Conference, but some important results would probably ensue. The best Fraternity workers and thinkers in the United States will be in attendance, and a unanimous decision of the Conference, though it could not be forced on any Fraternity, would carry great weight and influence, and would probably be accepted and respected by all the Fraternities of respectable standing.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

MADISON, WIS., Nov. 12, 1883.

Each chapter is in receipt of a letter from me this term, concerning catalogue tax. I now want to bring the matter before the Fraternity in general, that it may be thoroughly understood, as from some of the responses elicited by my letters I see there is still some misunderstanding.

The catalogue tax was levied at the Convention of 1880, and it was provided that all members and all persons who should join the fraternity should be required to meet the tax up to such a time as was deemed by the General Council and Editorial Corps sufficient means should have been raised for the liquidation of all debts contracted in its publication. The time to which this tax should be levied has not been fully decided upon, but in all probability will extend to the end of the present collegiate year.

Accordingly, all attendant members of every chapter, who have not paid their tax, and all persons who may be initiated, will be required to meet the same.

The tax amounts to \$2 per capita. The catalogue is well worth the price, and should be owned by every Phi.

The cost of its publication has of course been no small amount, and unless the tax is met by every one, the funds for its publication will run short, in which case another tax will have to be levied, thus making many who have paid for their book pay again, which would be manifestly unjust, and it is to the interest of all who have paid to see that the others do so, thereby preventing any such difficulty.

Heretofore there has been some objection to paying the tax because the book was not published, but now that it is ready for delivery, and has proved to be far superior to any thing that was expected, there can no longer be any consistent delay upon the part of any one. So, please send in your subscriptions as soon as possible, as it is time the affair was settled up.

There is also another matter of importance to which attention should be called. This is the unpaid dues of several of the chapters. Following is a list of the delinquent chapters, with the amounts of their indebtedness. It is very important that they

be settled immediately. Statements have been sent to each of them, giving full particulars: Virginia Alpha, \$24; Virginia Epsilon, \$32; Pennsylvania Gamma, \$5; Ohio Gamma, \$20.75; Ohio Delta, \$14; Indiana Beta, \$18; Indiana Epsilon, \$34; Georgia Alpha (secured by a personal note), \$90; Alabama Alpha, \$78.

Some of the above chapter debts are "legacies" left to them by former members, none of whom are in college at this writing. so it is not entirely blamable upon them. However, I have no authority to excuse any of them, and there is consequently no alternative but to pay them. It will prove to them the folly of allowing members to leave unpaid debts behind them, and will also be a warning to the rest of the chapters throughout the Fraternity to "pay as they go." This is mentioned here, not because of a chance to moralize, but because it may prove beneficial to all the chapters in general and some few in particular.

CHAS. A. FOSTER.

When the catalogue tax is sent to the T. G. C. the books, if directed to go by express, will be shipped at the expense of the consignee; if it is desired that they be sent by mail, twenty-five cents for postage on each book should be remitted to W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.—Eds.

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Oct. 26, 1883.

To Gamma Province.

The members of my Province no doubt are somewhat surprised to find me no longer in the bounds of my provincial territory. I therefore must rise for a brief explanation. My position is this: When I came to Yale, despite my own desires, I sent in my resignation to the General Council, in order to give them an opportunity to get rid of me. I assure you it was not because I wanted to give up the office, but because I felt that some might expect it of me on account of my absence. I am too proud of Gamma Province to give it up willingly. I think, however, since all the work is to be by correspondence, that I can manage the affairs just as well from New Haven. Since they have refused to accept my resignation, we will begin our year's work in earnest. I propose to make the best show at the Convention in 1884. My Province must not be equaled by any other Province in progress, financially or any other way. I therefore throw down the gauntlet to my brother Province Presidents for a friendly contest, and I do it with full confidence that I will be backed, not only by

every chapter, but by every man in Gamma Province. Now, in order to compete with success, every body must be prompt.

I must get prompt replies when I write to Reporters. And I beseech you not to become indebted. Spend your last cent, brook the anger of your paternal ancestors on account of extravagance, but, come what will, don't owe your chapter anything, nor let your chapter owe anybody. I cannot impress this on you too strongly.

Another thing let me ask of each chapter. I want to say that in each SCROLL should be seen a letter from every chapter in Gamma Province. Can't it be done? I shall expect it, for no chapter can have any excuse to deny so small a thing as one letter to the SCROLL per month.

Different men are suited to fill different offices. For Reporter, be sure to elect a man who is ready and willing to write promptly. If your Reporter fails to send his report to the SCROLL, then elect one who will. All this is said in the kindest spirit, and for our mutual good. I have no fault to find with officers in the past. I desire every man in my Province to read the address of brother M. C. Summers in the last SCROLL, and profit by his wise counsel and ripe Fraternity experience. I earnestly endorse every word in his address, and in recommending it to you, let me add emphasis to each suggestion. To begin the good work, let us have a report from every chapter in the December SCROLL. Give the number and names of all members returned and new ones initiated. All this will be of interest to Alumni. Tell us about the other Fraternities, so far as of interest. I shall ask for a report from the T. G. C. soon, to ascertain your financial standing. I trust you each one will enjoy a happy and successful year.

S. P. GILBERT.

WE issue nine hundred copies of this number of the SCROLL.

TO REPORTERS: Write on one side of the paper; begin and close your letters as they are in this number; spell out your Greek letters; send personal items separately from Chapter letters; send in your letters sooner, for the SCROLL will hereafter be published earlier in the month.

WE have wondered why it is that we have so little space for editorials, while other fraternity organs have a great deal, and we find the explanation in the fact that the SCROLL publishes about three times as many Chapter letters as any other paper, and they necessarily crowd the other departments.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 29, 1883.

SINCE our last report we have initiated one new member, R. Walter Head, of Conshohocken, Pa. We have now eighteen members, including two Freshmen.

The two principal honors conferred so far this year have fallen on Phis. Bird, '84, is Editor-in-Chief of the *Lafayette College Journal*, and Trembath, '85, is Editor-in-Chief of the "Melange" an annual publication by the Junior class.

On "Founder's Day" the Athletic Association of the College held its fall meeting. Handsome gold medals were the prizes. We were represented by Hogg, '84, who took the mile run, and by Ludlow, '85, who took the 220 yards dash.

We are very much pleased with the catalogue. The editors deserve great praise for succeeding so well. I have compared it with the catalogues of three other Fraternities of high standing, and find it vastly superior to all of them.

W. F. SMALLEY, JR.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 1, 1883.

THE opening of the new college year found our chapter with an active membership of fifteen.

We lost four of our members by graduation. Mr. M. C. Remsburg is reading law at Frederick, Md. Mr. H. L. Yarger is professor of Latin in Missionary Institute, Selin's Grove, Pa. Mr. J. W. Shadle intends studying medicine at Philadelphia. And Mr. J. E. Musselman is undecided as to what he shall pursue. The bars this year are singularly refractory, and we have been vigorously opposed by rival Fraternities. Notwithstanding these facts, allow me to introduce to the Phi world brothers Martin Remsburg, John Hill, Frederick Metzger, and Charles Aikens. In the initiation of the last named gentleman, we won a great victory over the Phi Gamma Deltas, who brought all their batteries to bear upon him. We are also working several other gentlemen

whom we have every reason to believe will soon enter into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta.

In the recent election of the Phrenakosmian Society for speakers to represent her in her biennial exercises, the following is the result: Phi Delta Theta, three; Phi Gamma Delta, one; Phi Kappa Psi, one; Alpha Tau Omega, one. The Phis are brothers Bergstresser, Reinewald, and your humble servant. Brother Faber also received honorable mention for the Hasler Latin Prize.

A short time ago we had the pleasure of meeting the ex-Editor of the SCROLL at Watkins Glen, New York. We enjoyed a pleasant chat with him upon Fraternity matters in general, and found him an agreeable and entertaining companion. Brother Thomas certainly has our best wishes. We hardly think that his action in resigning the editorship of the SCROLL was warranted, but of course he is the best judge of the matter. We were very much pleased with the last issue, in form, subject matter, and in typographical execution. We believe the SCROLL will best fulfill its mission under its present form and method of arrangement.

OSCAR H. MARSH.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Meadville, Pa., Nov. 3, 1883.

With fourteen loyal Phis to defend it, this part of the line is safe.

At the recent election in the Senior Class, brother E. S. Blair was chosen valedictorian for Class Day. Another Phi is President, and will deliver the salutatory on Class Day. Brother Frank Wells is President of the Sophomore Class. In the military department brothers Blair and Case are captains; Dice and Wells, sergeants; Proctor and Long, corporals. Brother Proctor is a literary editor on the college paper.

With great pleasure we introduce the new Phis, brothers Harvey Getz, of Akron, Ohio, and R. T. McCready, of Sewickley, Pa. They are valuable additions to our circle, and are in every respect worthy of wearing the white and the blue. Through mistake, we neglected to state that brother Frank Kerr was initiated the latter part of June.

We have changed our place of meeting, and now hold forth in one of the best halls of the city. Saturday night is always looked forward to as the time when we spend the most profitable and the pleasantest evening of the week.

The catalogue is simply immense, and we will vote to forgive its editors if they do feel proud over their success.

W. W. CASE.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

124 McKean Hall, Easton, Pa., Nov. 4, 1883.

To-day brought me Pennsylvania Zeta's application for a charter. The end has finally come. Way back as far as the Richmond Convention, the University of Pennsylvania was intrusted to my care. I meant to succeed from the first, but the work progressed slowly. I very thankfully acknowledge the labors of brothers M. G. Tull, Pennsylvania Alpha, '80, and Frank Fithian, Kentucky Alpha, '80, without whose aid I should have been powerless. Ten as fine men as could well be found together anywhere have signed for a charter—only two are old Phis. A few weeks ago I met several of the members, and I can attest the good judgment of brothers Tull and Fithian.

Of the East, distinctively, I don't wish to say any thing at present, lest in my joy I should overstep the bounds of probability. But, I trust, I have not yet finished our work of extension.

The catalogue is certainly a monument to which you can look with pride.

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT.

Last month we announced new chapters at Ohio State University and the University of Texas, and now we have another victory to proclaim. This is extension at a rapid rate, but the high standard of the Fraternity is being maintained, and only the largest and best institutions are fortunate enough to secure our charters. It is gratifying, too, that while we are extending our bodies, our old chapters remain as strong as ever. The Fraternity shows no signs of weakness in any quarter, and, as a whole, it is in magnificent working condition. We now present a solid front of forty-five active college chapters, leading every Fraternity in America. The President of Alpha Province has exhibited great skill in carrying this project to a successful issue. Brothers Tull and Fithian are entitled to much credit for their industry and perseverance. We congratulate the members of Pennsylvania Zeta, and heartily welcome them into Phi Delta Theta.—EDS.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

University of Virginia, Va., Oct. 29, 1883.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition. We initiated a few weeks ago brothers L. A. Autrin and K. L. Powers. of Richmond,

Va. Brother Autrin has already taken the lead in intermediate and senior mathematics, and will no doubt make his M.A. in three years, as he proposes. Brother Powers is also well prepared, having received the fullest advantages which one of the best University schools of Virginia could afford. He is a brother of Geo. Powers, who has been a member of the Fraternity for several years. We look forward with great pride to the success awaiting our new brothers. A law student informed me a few days ago that brother J. C. McReynolds had become the admiration of the class. Thanks to Tennessee Alpha for so liberal a contribution. Brother Mabrey, of session before last, returns this year to study law. You may look out for four B.L.'s from here this session. Brother Buchanan is the editor of the *Virginia University Magazine*. Brother Patterson is Vice-President of Jefferson Society. We have, as you see, plenty of good men, and need not be too hasty in selecting new men.

E. P. VALENTINE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA—RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

We have more hopeful reports from Virginia Gamma, which we had given up as dead. We learn that brothers Moss and Nadenbausch returned this year. The Phis in Virginia Delta and Virginia Alpha Alumni are lending all the encouragement and assistance they can, and brother Buchanan, the Province President, is working hard to revive the chapter. One new member has been initiated this term, and we understand they have good prospects of getting several more. Brother Buchanan writes, Nov. 12: "I think it almost safe to predict that Virginia Gamma will reclaim her position in the list of active Chapters." We would be rejoiced to see Virginia Gamma take her place in line again.—EDS.

VIRGINIA DELTA—RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Richmond, Va., October 15, 1883.

We opened this session with the following active members: Frank Puryear, Wm. H. Lyons, Wm. B. Thornhill, Thos. J. Shipman, Wm. J. Morton, and myself. With unprecedented success we have added five to our numbers as a *start* for this session. Allow me to introduce to the Phi world brothers Stewart Barney, W. Carey Sheppard, Henry McD. Burwell, and M. E. Parish, all of Richmond, Va., who, I am sure, will prove themselves worthy Phis; also, with becoming modesty and gratefulness, my brother, Romer C. Stearnes, of Pulaski county, Va.

An interesting feature of the beginning of our session's work was a royal banquet, at which some of the newly initiated were not so much interested observers as delighted partakers.

A new chapter hall is in prospect, and steps are being taken to furnish and beautify it.

ORREN L. STEARNES.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA—WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 6, 1883.

We closed in June with eleven loyal Phis, but began with only three, viz., brothers Remert, Craton, and myself. A few days later brother Jackson put in his appearance. Although we were few, we determined to work the harder, and endeavor to supply by vigorous efforts what we lacked in number. We have added to our number three, brothers G. W. Hodges, H. L. Garque, and W. M. Brown, as true Phis as ever wore the "white and blue."

Last Commencement was quite an era in the life of South Carolina Alpha. Brother Rembert, as usual, reaped quite a large share of the honor of the occasion. He was one of four of the annual debaters of the Preston Society, and he bore off the Chemistry and David Duncan Greek Medals. He was chosen to deliver the Anniversary Address of the Preston Society, which he will do next week; and the Trustees have elected him Assistant Professor of French and Greek, on account of his proficiency in the languages.

We were happy to welcome among us at our banquet several of our older brothers.

M. PEGUES.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA—SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Columbia, S. C., October 30, 1883.

I am glad to say, notwithstanding the many difficulties we have had to contend with during the present year, that we are prospering and having good success in our work. We now have six members—five last year's men, the sixth, brother W. W. Ball, of Laurens, S. C., we initiated last Thursday night.

JULIUS T. DUDLEY.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Athens, Ga., Nov. 4, 1883.

It becomes my pleasant duty to report progress from Georgia Alpha since her last report, for she has taken in three men worthy to wear the sword and shield, and has one man on the tapis. The men who we initiated are as follows: McIntyre, '81; Power, '87;

and Fletcher, '86. We have the largest chapter here except the S. A. E's, who have but two or three more than we; but what we do not make up in numbers, we make up in quality. I think we will run all the politics here this year except the anniversary orators of the literary societies, and would have run them, but somehow the others were working politics while we were looking after the barbs.

H. F. DUNWODY.

GEORGIA BETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

Oxford, Ga., Nov. 2, 1883.

Georgia Beta has initiated seven men this year. Since my last report the following have been initiated: W. P. Thomas, '86, Sparta, Ga.; J. W. Speight, '86, Cuthbert, Ga., and W. H. Thomas, '87, Gold Hill, Ala. This makes a total of twenty-eight men. Brothers Brown, Ethridge, and Sales will be in soon, and we have our eyes on two more men.

Last term our boys were among the first in every class; in the Junior we took the second; in the Sophomore, brothers Allen and J. Hollingsworth took the first, brother Burns the second, and brother Mobley the third; in the Freshman, brother Dean took the second.

In the literary societies Phis take the lead always. There was a joint debate between Few and Phi Gamma Societies on last Saturday, and it was a noticeable fact that Phis in both societies not only led in the debate, but almost carried it on.

We do not make a special point of being ladies' men, but I would only say, by way of parenthesis, that there are only three young ladies in town who are not Phis.

The anniversary of the Few Society occurred last Monday, and brother F. A. Quillian, as anniversarian, fully sustained the reputation of Phi Delta Theta.

There is a great deal of prejudice and envy against us on the part of some of the Fraternities here, and we have some difficulty in combating it. Last year at the election for editors of our college paper, a combination was made with the avowed intention of beating any men we might put forward. Seeing the character of the combination, and the efforts made to defeat us, we declined to enter the contest; and after they had gotten their men on, they came to us and asked that two of our men go on, saying the same number of theirs would resign. Of course we declined. It is only necessary to say that the paper is now in danger of suspension. The combination is still fighting us with all its power, but we "take it easy," and do not disgrace ourselves if we do not get our deserts.

D. A. GREENE.

GEORGIA GAMMA—MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 6, 1882.

It is rather late, yet our first opportunity, to tell what we did last Commencement. Out of fourteen members, we have twelve on the roll of honor; and out of possible ten we received nine speaker's places, brother Cutts being at home at the time the places were awarded. We also got Senior medal for composition by brother Hinton, who also took the Junior composition medal; and we received the Sophomore medal for declamation, which makes the sixth year in succession we have borne it off. Brother Pickard received honorable mention for Junior medal, and brother Northern second honor.

FRANK A. HOOPER.

October 29, 1883.

Mercer opened with a very large number of new boys, and out of these an unusually large amount of Fraternity material. We have taken in eight, the very pick of the whole college. Below we give their names and class: Messrs. Wm. T. McKee, '85; Wm. Preer, B. D. Ragsdale, and S. A. Rhodes, '86; E. C. Hood, W. J. Willingham, C. T. Wooten, and A. J. Battle, Jr., '87. The last mentioned gentleman is a son of our President, Rev. A. J. Battle, D.D., LL.D.

Our prospects are more flattering than ever. Since our establishment in 1872 we have stood at the top of the ladder, and there are now fourteen enthusiastic Phis at Mercer who are determined to keep it there. We have secured a room in the college building, and are now going to bend every energy to the work of fitting up a hall of which every Phi will be proud. On the whole, we can say that we are on a regular boom.

FRANK A. HOOPER.

ALABAMA ALPHA—STATE A. & M. COLLEGE, OF ALABAMA.

Auburn, Ala., Oct. 30, 1883.

Never before has Alabama Alpha begun its year of cheerful labor under more favorable auspices. The anti-Fraternity laws in our college have been wisely repealed.

We now have a hall, and it is just the cutest and prettiest little place in the burg. The room has only one window, and we have fixed it up with shades, lace and lambrequins until it is perfectly lovely. The floor is covered with a fine carpet, of a dark, rich color, and corresponds with the shades, etc., in the room. Fine chairs, tables, and pictures also add to the beauty of the hall. Right here let us render unto Cæsar those things which are Cæsar's, by asking all the Phis to remember those charming young

ladies, who so generously assisted us in adorning and furnishing it. Their names are Miss Maud Broun, Miss Fannie Wallace Drake, Miss Allie Glenn, Miss Carrie Lee Ross, and Miss Minnie Ross.

Our roll of members are as follows :

Capt., J. B. Robinson, Jr.; Lieut., D. D. McLeod; Sgts., R. E. L. Collier, Thos. Trammell, W. T. Penn, E. S. McIntyre, R. H. Thach, D. B. Williams, D. S. Weaver, C. L. Newman, T. L. Scott, Tracy Hollingsworth.

The last four have been added to our roll this session, and all are worthy of the badge in every respect.

Our old brother, Lieut. J. D. Trammell, who, for the past two years, has been sojourning in Mexico, is now with us again.

D. D. McLEOD.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Oxford, Miss., Oct. 19, 1883.

We opened this year with eight regular members—S. F. Hampton, '82, now Senior Law; W. J. Mayo, and J. R. Dominick, '84; L. N. Dantzler, Jr., '86; B. Carter, C. F. Smith, and T. W. Yates, '87 and E. P. Avent, '88. Since the opening of the term, we have gathered to us two good men, who we predict will do honor to the cause—Mr. Randolph Hampton, '86, and W. W. Norman, '88. Other work in the line of "setting" is being done. The chapter never was in better working order than it is now.

S. F. HAMPTON.

TEXAS BETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 9, 1883.

Being prompted by a laudable desire to promote the Phi Delta Theta cause in general, and having been solicited to undertake the establishment of a chapter at the University of Texas by many of the most prominent members of the Order, I began the somewhat laborious, but nevertheless pleasant task some time since, and last night accomplished that undertaking. Brother I. C. H. Bryant, of Tennessee Alpha, being located at Austin, and holding the position of principal of the High School in this city, rendered most valuable assistance in the enterprise. We had to labor under many adverse circumstances, he being an entire stranger to Texas, and myself being located at Ft. Worth, several hundred miles distant from Austin.

Doubtless all the readers of the SCROLL have heard much of the Texas University which was duly opened on the 15th of Sep-

tember last, with about two hundred matriculates, and now takes rank with the first institutions of learning of the country, being located at Austin, the capital of the State. The pioneers of our State, many years since, conceived the idea of establishing a university that would cope with any in the United States, and our Legislature has, from time to time, made such liberal donations in the way of land grants that no similar institution in the South can boast of such a large endowment. The faculty chosen by the board of regents gives full assurance that Texas will keep *pasi passu* with the rest of the world in the way of being fully prepared to attain grand achievements in the sciences and learning at home.

Much has it been talked of in times past, and many of the Greek Fraternities have been casting prospective eyes toward the West, and looking forward to its opening with more than ordinary anxiety. The Phis, ever on the *qui vive*, have been the first Greeks to organize in this institution. Last night brother Bryant and myself succeeded in getting together seven students, who were chosen on account of their rare qualities of mind and heart, and through the courtesy of our Supreme Court, procured a magnificent hall in the third story of the capitol, and there proceeded to organize. The following were duly dubbed Phis: Quitman Finlay, Wavely Smith, Frank H. Raymond, Owen P. Hale, Constance Pessils, D. H. Hotchkiss, and Hugh Swain. After initiation, all the officers were elected and installed, with brother Finlay as President and brother Smith as Reporter.

Brother Bryant will meet with the chapter, and at their next meeting they will initiate several more. DREW PRUIT.

TENNESSEE ALPHA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1883.

The events in connection with Tennessee Alpha since our last report, are of a nature especially gratifying to the Chapter. She has gone forward, not gradually but almost without a single leap from the small sum of six to the number of twenty-one, having more than trebled her role since September 1. There have been added to our lists brothers Kimbrough and Ramsey from the Medical Departmen, both of whom will make excellent Phiss. Then came brothers Ellett, Jack, and Kellar, all from Memphis, Tennessee. Bro. Bowling from Virginia Alpha, now in the Pharmacy Department affiliated with us

Our roll would, perhaps, have ended here, and we would have *spiked and spiked* the rest of the year without any valuable additions to our ranks, had not the Board of Trust abolished the

law against secret Fraternities. And we can truthfully affirm that this action of the Board was more beneficial to Phi Delta Theta than to any other, for on the night following said announcement there were enlisted under her banner six of the best men that Vanderbilt could afford, men who could not conscientiously join us under the prohibitory law. The initiates were, brother Carter, of Louisville, Ky.; brothers Stokes and Thomson, of Tennessee; brothers Sims and Cotton, of the Theological Department, and another brether from the Medical Department. Brother Sims is also assistant in Latin. Another, C. T. Cole, of Nashville, has since been added. We feel very proud of all our new brothers.

CLAUDE WALLER.

TENNESSEE BETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Sewanee, Tenn., Oct. 11, 1883.

The University opened this term with quite a large number of new students, but I am sorry to say that only a few of them were men worthy of our noble Fraternity. We are progressing slowly but surely. At a recent meeting we initiated four new members—brothers Hagan, Cunningham, H., and Cunningham, P., of Nashville, and Smith, D. B., of Atlanta. In my next report, I hope I may have the pleasure of giving the name of another member. We now number eleven.

J. F. BAILEY.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1883.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world, brother Will O'Kane, class of '87, son of T. C. O'Kane, of musical fame. He is a good student, popular, a Fraternity man all over, and fully worthy of the confidence of Phi Delta Theta.

We had the pleasure, not long since, of a visit from brother Thomas, ex-editor of the SCROLL. He gave us a new inspiration and devotion to our cause. The boys were delighted with his visit, and hope he will come agin.

R. H. CALLAHAN.

OHIO GAMMA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Athens, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1883.

Since our last report, the Grecian light has been shed upon two benighted barbs. On the accession of these worthy and energetic members—T. W. Dick and Wm. H. Morgan, Ohio Gamma congratulates herself. We have now six active Phis, Beta

Theta Phi has only two men this term. Delta Tau Delta has taken in one man, and now has four members. We have a greater number than either of the other Fraternities, not because we use less care in the selection of our men, but because the established reputation of our chapter, as well as that of the Fraternity, draws into our ranks whomsoever we will. REPORTER.

OHIO DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Wooster, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1883.

Since our last report two strangers from wanderings abroad have been ushered into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. It is with pleasure we introduce to the Phi world brothers E. R. Strain, '85, and F. A. Rice, '87. The Phis still lead in numbers and scholarship, yet all other Fraternities here are in good condition in spite of the new anti-Frat. society. The Presbyterian Synod of Ohio met recently at this place, and some four or five Phis were among the divines. The oldest, and yet the most enthusiastic of these was brother N. K. Crowe, Indiana Alpha, '51. He made us a rousing speech, and related many historical instances connected with the first chapters. Our boys were not only much pleased, but much benefited by his meeting with us.

W. J. BOONE.

OHIO ZETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1883.

In our last report we stated that Ohio Zeta had an organization, but we were not formally instituted here until October 7th. On that day, brother F. O. Payne, President of Delta Province, in company with brother Schumaker, came from Akron with our charter, and in the evening, at the parlors of the Park Hotel, we were legally authorized for the first time to speak of ourselves as members of Ohio Zeta. The resident members of the city were also present, and we, of course, had one barbarian ready and anxious to be made a Greek. We now introduce brother E. G. Stone to the Phi world. After all ceremonies were over we were glad to gather around the festal board.

On November 3d, Robert Elkhardt, a young man of merit, and an accomplished musician, was made a Phi. He was much sought after, and we regard his accession to our Fraternity quite a victory. Brothers Brown and O'Kane, of Ohio Beta, were here to visit us.

All the Fraternities have been quite active this term. Thus far twelve barbs have been initiated, and we have had our share

Phi Kappa Psi lifted a Delta Tau Delta, about two weeks ago. The Delta Taus have no chapter at this University, but they have had a man here for two or three years, who, it is said, was trying to organize a chapter, but becoming discouraged, he gave himself up to the Phi Psi.

H. A. KAHLER.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 2, 1883.

Since our last report we have initiated one man, whom we desire to introduce to the Phi world as Walter S. Bradford, '88. We have one or two men yet, whom we hope to secure before long.

We recently had a very enjoyable visit from brothers M. W. Hutto, of Kokomo, and P. H. Clugston, of Larwill, and the boys gave a pleasant social in their honor.

The chapter celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary on the 11th of last month.

The most interesting college election of the year, is the election of the officers of the University Oratorical Association, and of delegates to the State Oratorical Association. This election was held last month, and we are glad to report success in this. Brother E. E. Griffith was elected one of the delegates, and brother W. D. Howe, secretary.

The boys are well pleased with the latest appearance of the SCROLL.

O. E. BRADFUTE.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Irvington, Ind., Nov. 9, 1883.

Fraternity spirit has displayed unusual activity here this term. The barbs have an organized association, and it is rather mirth-provoking to hear the wail go up from their midst, as one by one their ranks are thinned. The Sigs have charged upon them promiscuously, capturing eight men—seven of whom are Preps. The Delta Taus have taken but two, owing to their anti-prep rule, which deprives them of the material upon which they chiefly rely for new members. We have initiated five men—have lost none—and it is, perhaps, some credit to us that four of these men were earnestly solicited by our rival Fraternities. We now number fifteen. Have no regular meetings, but convene whenever the spirit moves us,

Our last initiation was dignified by the presence of brothers H. U. Brown and W. D. Campbell. The latter will be remembered by many as a frequent and sprightly contributor to the SCROLL under the editorship of the worthy Troxell. During the past two years he has been traveling for health in the West, and entertained us a good part of the evening with reminiscences of his life while there. He leaves Indianapolis next week for Florida, to take charge of an orange farm. Southern Phis will find in him a jovial companion, should they make his acquaintance. President Brown has always attended our meetings when convenient. He desired to witness a genuine initiation before embarking upon "a sea of matrimony." We favored him with a triple one, while his "wit, wisdom and allegory" flowed freely, to the exhilaration of all present. A few days later, the chapter was honored with an invitation to his wedding, which some of us were happy to accept.

While in matrimony, I might mention that two others of our Alumni have embraced the opportunity since the beginning of the college year: brother Ira W. Christian, of Noblesville, and brother L. C. Hoss, editor of the *Kokomo Gazette*. Marriages have become an epidemic here. As brother Burguss remarked, one is no longer accosted with, "How are you?" but with, "When is it to happen?" To Burguss this interrogation is, doubtless, somewhat embarrassing.

We are sorry to announce the death of one of our resident Alumni, Rev. R. A. Blount, an enthusiastic Phi in the days of the Perry *regime*. Brother Blount died from consumption after a withering away of many months. He was a big-hearted man, and had friends wherever he was known. On the mantel in his parlor was engraved in large letters Phi Delta Theta, and around that hearth the boys were frequently invited to partake of his hospitality, and enjoy his jovial nature. As a tribute of respect, the chapter placed on his coffin a floral offering in the form of a shield. The pall-bearers were members of the chapter.

The only Alumni located here now are Prof. D. C. Brown, of the Greek chair, and Prof. T. M. Iden, principal of the Irvington public schools. Brother Iden is seldom absent from our meetings, and takes an active part in our work.

Excuse me if I have occupied too much of your space in mention of our Alumni, but we take so much pride in their loyalty, that we consider them as part of us. In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you upon the modern appearance and strictly Phi contents of the first number of the SCROLL. J. B. KUHN.

INDIANA DELTA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Franklin, Ind., Nov. 9, 1883.

Since our last report we have ushered into our midst from the darkness of barbarism, brother G. R. Norman, '87, and brothers C. S. Keith, J. L. McCormick, and E. Fisher, class '88—all leading men in the class-room, and prominent members of our literary society.

Our men are all doing good work. We are well represented in the literary society, and on the college paper.

J. W. FESLER.

INDIANA ZETA—INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.

Greencastle, Ind., Nov. 5, 1883.

We began the year with eighteen men. Brother C. W. Frink, of Michigan Gamma, officiated with us at the beginning of the year. Brothers John Goodwin, and John Wells, of Indiana Alpha, have since joined us. We have the pleasure of introducing two men, brothers C. H. Rice and A. C. Roberts, making twenty-three members. We are sorry to have to report the loss of F. R. George, by expulsion.

Our opposition is strong. Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Chi have each about twenty men, Beta Theta Pi, and Delta Tau Delta, each about fifteen.

We are proud of our splendid catalogue, and we think the Fraternity at large should be under great obligations to the brothers who so nobly did the work.

J. B. BRIDGES.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

November 5, 1883.

Illinois Gamma still has but five members, but we have one man pledged, and ere this reaches the Phi world he will be a Phi.

We still sit under the frowns of a very indignant college Faculty. Even there we have a friend, but that makes it only the harder to evade the other professors. Our President is an excellent man, and were it not for the anti-Fraternity Senate that makes laws, and for the members of the Faculty who grow jealous of the boys supporting the President, we would be happy.

It is my sad duty to report at this time the sad death of brother T. B. Patten, a member of Gamma, one who passed through the scenes of the Fraternity war of '79 and 80. He did not graduate, and left college to enter a banking house in Chicago,

where he soon rose to a place of trust and honor. But death came, and on the 15th ult. his heart ceased, and a true Phi was forever at rest.

I attended Illinois Inter-College contest at Rockford, the 6th ult., and there met brother Parr, of Illinois Epsilon. While there I had a great many scales pulled from my eyes, and I now feel that it is a better thing to be a Phi than I used to think it was, and I always thought it good. Brother Gillespie, who was with us last year, is now at Ann Arbor, Mich., and he tells me he has met quite a number of Phis there.

We were all well pleased with the SCROLL.

For the benefit of any who may wish to address me, I will say that my name and address may be found in full on page 83, of the SCROLL for December, 1882.

REPORTER.

Later advices say that another brother has returned to college, one has been initiated, and a barb has been pledged, which will give the chapter eight members.—EDS.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 5. 1883.

Our latest acquisitions are brothers Andrew Jackson Barr, of Atlanta, Ill., and Herbert Eugene Griffith, of Moline, Ill. We now number sixteen members, every one of whom we can rely upon. We had quite a time getting brother Griffith, and at one time had almost given him up.

We are already beginning to make preparations for our open session, which we are looking forward to with great expectations.

We had a very pleasant visit from brother George Benta, a short time since. He seems as full of Phi Delta Theta as ever, and he will always be welcome.

We are much pleased with the new catalogue.

T. M. KIMBALL.

ILLINOIS ZETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Galesburg, Ill., Nov. 5, 1883.

Since my last report two—Leibert and Ratican—have found their way, through the shades of barbarism, into the light of Grecian culture. So now we number twenty-two, and are almost invincible.

Last Saturday evening we celebrated the first anniversary of our chapter. We had one of the old-time banquets. We are indebted to brother Ayers for the bounteous repast. Besides those

of our own household, there were present several prodigals—brothers Swart, Miles, Claycomb, Brewington, Sly, and Snyder.

We are well pleased with the SCROLL. LEE FAIRCHILD

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 5, 1883.

We numbered fourteen at the beginning of the term, and our ranks have since been swelled. With six new initiates, we can now boast of twenty true and worthy Phis. Fortune favored us in securing members; not having lost one man, we have secured some that were very much desired by the other Fraternities. The names of our new members are: M. Updegraf, '84; C. L. Allen and J. C. Gaveny, '85; F. C. Rogers, '86, and C. Alderman and W. O'Neil, '87.

Financially, we are well situated; having been established but three years and a half, we now have property to the amount of almost \$1,000. The Phis are represented on the college papers, in the literary societies, and in college athletics. The Junior Class of our college will publish during this college year an illustrated annual. The editors have been elected—four from the Fraternities and four from the neutrals—and all arrangements have been made for a successful issue. We expect to exchange with the chapters whose colleges publish similar works.

We have had with us for several days an old and well-known Phi, brother Geo. Banta, of Indiana, a '76. He made us a very pleasant visit, and his return will always be sincerely welcomed.

A. J. HILBERT.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

November 12, 1883.

We have taken in five men this year, two of whom are Seniors, two Juniors, and one Sophomore. Their names are Geo. Coffman, C. F. Krone, A. Acuff, W. W. Mitchell, and M. W. Yeater. We now number twelve men.

I am sorry to inform you that W. J. Alexander was accused of acting as did not become a man and brother. He became incensed, and handed in his resignation, which was accepted.

Brother J. W. Tincher, affiliated from Missouri Beta, is studying law here. Mu.

MISSOURI BETA—WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Fulton, Mo., Oct. 30, 1883.

Since we wrote last, we have found a hall in connection with an

office, which we can use as an ante-room. We will commence to furnish it immediately, and though it will not be such a handsome room as some of our Eastern brethren report, it will be, for us at least, our loved Phi home.

About three weeks ago we had a visit from seven of our brothers from Missouri Alpha. They said that they are prospering very well, and we can testify that they are, at any rate, fine-looking fellows.

For the first few weeks of this term our rivals, the Betas, were rather inclined to think that they were ahead of us, but last night we came to the front once more, and to-day even they are forced to admit that we are ahead. Let me introduce to the Phis all over the world brothers Joseph William Charles, and John Ernest Crawford. Last night we met for the first time in our new quarters, and celebrated the event by initiating into our Order these two fine fellows. The causes of our triumph are as follows: brother Charles is in every respect worthy of Phidom. His brother is a member of the chapter of Betas here, in Westminster, and his father, who was a class-mate of brother John F. Phillips, at Danville, Ky, is also a Beta. For these reasons, our rivals thought they had a lien on him, and were considerably surprised and dejected at his becoming a Phi. Bro. Crawford leads all his classes, and we expect, through him, to rake in the mathematics prize again this year. By the way, this has always been a Phi prize until last year, when a barb took it. One of the barbs remarked to a Phi to-day that when we got Crawford we took the smartest man in college, and this seems to be the general opinion. Altogether, our rivals look sick to-day, and if they knew of another man whom we have pledged, they would be sicker than ever.

After performing the mystic rites, and dubbing these two new Phis, we adjourned to the oyster saloon, and ate what our Beta friends would call a "dorg."

And now, just a few words on a sad subject. We received intelligence some three or four weeks since of the death, in the city of St. Louis, of brother H. W. Davis, one of the charter members of our chapter, who affiliated with Virginia Beta. I believe there are only two or three active members of our chapter who knew him personally, but his death came like a shock upon all of us, he being the first of our number to pass "o'er the blue and surging river"; and when last I saw him, he was in all the glow of sturdy health. Our chapter wore the badge of mourning in memory of our brother.

L. J. MITCHELL.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 3, 1883.

Kansas Alpha is in a flourishing condition, and has the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world a young man of whom we are all proud, A. L. Burney, of Harrisonville, Mo. W. T. FINDLEY.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 29, 1883.

The Fraternities opened quite brilliantly in the University this fall. The Chi Psis had a big blow-out at the opening of their new chapter house. The Delta Tau Deltas have chartered a chapter here, with three members at present; and the Beta Theta Pis have organized an Alumni chapter in this city.

Brothers Vander Hore and Gould will attend medical school at Philadelphia this year, and we commend them to the care and attention of any other Phis present.

The Wallace brothers, from Pennsylvania Gamma, are here in the city, at 712 First Avenue, S. Will Wallace is teaching the Officers' School at Fort Luelling this winter.

Brothers Crews and Edwards are also here, brother Crews in the American Express Office, and brother Edwards in business at 301 Hennepin Avenue.

H. S. ABBOTT.

October 13, 1883.

Last night being our second anniversary, we celebrated the joyful occasion by a banquet at May's Parlors in the city. With the assistance of our particular friends, the Delta Gammas, we assembled a company of thirty, and at 10 o'clock P.M., sat down to a sumptuous feast. After disposing of the edibles, the toasts were passed around, beginning with an eloquent welcome by the President, D. R. Davidson. J. E. Crews, of Indiana Zeta, responded nobly to the toast, "Our Fraternity." The reporter responded to "The Ladies." In the absence of our Wisconsin guests, brother A. M. Shuey, Ohio Alpha, spoke to the sentiment of "Our Sister Chapter. Miss Jefferson responded for the girls to the toast "The Phis." The programme was further enlivened by music from the company. The boys, under the lead of brother Prosser, '82, sang the Fraternal version of the "Little Brown Jug" with tremendous effect. Our banquet was the most elaborate affair ever attempted by a society at this University, and was pronounced a grand success by all who attended.

What is better than the banquet is that we captured a wild "barb" from '84, last Tuesday. W. R. Hoag is our man, and he

is considered a great accession to our working force, not only because of his social and scholarly qualities, but because he once belonged to the local Fraternity here, and left them because they were too "local" for his taste.

JAMES GRAY.

October 30, 1883.

I can merely supplement my last report by saying that there are nine of us, and we are happy. We have two men spiked who will be happy before this reaches you. McKinney, '86, and Hoag, '84, are our new men. We have two Seniors, three Juniors, one Sophomore, three Freshmen, and two Freshmen spiked. The other societies are about numerically equal to us, but I can say impartially that the men we have taken in are superior to those of our rivals.

JAMES GRAY.

ERRATA.

Page 4, line 13, for "therefore" read heretofore; page 27, line 24, for "bodies" read borders.

FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

IN the SCROLL for February, 1883, we gave a directory of Fraternity chapters, such as is given below. It was a feature which originated with the SCROLL. A month or two afterward the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* adopted the same feature, without saying any thing about where it borrowed the idea, and what was quite diverting, it copied our form exactly, although the arrangement, as usual with first attempts, was very poor. We reconstructed the list, and made it as perfect as we could after considerable correspondence to accumulate the facts. We now present the list again, and we have been able to make it still nearer perfect by the new edition of the "American College Fraternities."—EDS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which have chapters at the colleges where Phi Delta Theta has chapters, with the year when the colleges were founded and the chapters were organized. Two colleges which have laws prohibiting Fraternities are not included in this list. Reporters, we hope, will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur:

University of Vermont, 1791: Phi Beta Kappa (honorary); Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local), 1836; Sigma Phi, 1845; Delta Psi (local—not connected with chartered Fraternity of same name), 1850; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

Lafayette College, 1826: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1855; Zeta Psi, 1857;

Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Pennsylvania College, 1832: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1858; Sigma Chi, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

Washington and Jefferson College, 1802: Phi Beta Kappa; Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Gamma Delta, 1848; Phi Kappa Psi, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1853; Delta Tau Delta, 1861; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882.

Allegheny College, 1817: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1850; Delta Tau Delta, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Dickinson College, 1783: Phi Kappa Psi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Theta Delta Chi, 1861; Chi Phi, 1869; Beta Theta Pi, 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Pennsylvania, 1748: Zeta Psi, 1850; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1850; Delta Phi, 1850; Delta Psi, 1854; Phi Kappa Psi, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1880; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Phi Gamma Delta, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Roanoke College, 1853: Phi Gamma Delta, 1857; Phi Delta Theta, 1869; Alpha Tau Omega, 1869; Sigma Chi, 1872.

University of Virginia, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1850; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1852; Phi Kappa Psi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1859; Chi Phi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Delta Psi, 1860; Mystic Seven (local), 1867; Kappa Sigma, 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1868; Alpha Tau Omega, 1868; Sigma Nu, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1878.

Randolph Macon College, 1832: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1874; Sigma Chi, 1874.

Richmond College, 1844: Beta Theta Pi, 1870; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1875.

Virginia Military Institute: Alpha Tau Omega, 1865; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1869; Sigma Nu, 1869; Kappa Sigma, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

Wofford College, 1851: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Chi Psi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

South Carolina College, 1801: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Alpha Tau Omega, 1883.

University of Georgia, 1785: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1866; Chi Phi, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1872; Alpha Tau Omega, 1878; Delta Tau Delta, 1882; Phi Kappa Psi, 1883.

Emory College, 1836: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Chi Phi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Mercer University, 1857: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879.

State College of Alabama, 1872: Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879.

University of Mississippi, 1844: Rainbow, 1848; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1851; Delta Psi, 1855; Sigma Chi, 1857; Phi Kappa Psi, 1857; Chi Psi, 1858; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1865; Phi Delta Theta, 1877; Be-

ta Theta Pi, 1879; Alpha Beta Tau (ladies), 1882; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

University of Texas, 1883: Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

Vanderbilt University, 1873: Phi Delta Theta, 1876; Rainbow, 1882; Kappa Alpha, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883; Beta Theta Pi (not yet chartered). University of the South, 1868: Alpha Tau Omega, 1877; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1881; Kappa Sigma, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1842: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Sigma Chi, 1855; Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Phi Kappa Psi, 1861; Delta Tau Delta, 1868; Phi Gamma Delta, 1869; Chi Phi, 1873.

Ohio University, 1804: Beta Theta Pi, 1841; Delta Tau Delta, 1862; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1876.

University of Wooster, 1860: Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Sigma Chi, 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

Buchtel College, 1871: Delta Tau Delta, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1877; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Ohio State University, 1868: Phi Gamma Delta, 1878; Phi Kappa Psi, 1880; Sigma Chi, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

Indiana University, 1828: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1849; Sigma Chi, 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Gamma Delta, 1870; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873.

Wabash College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1852; Phi Gamma Delta, 1866; Phi Kappa Psi, 1870; Sigma Chi, 1880.

Butler University, 1854: Phi Delta Theta, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1878.

Franklin College: Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1878; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Hanover College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1864; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Sigma Chi, 1871; Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Indiana Asbury University, 1837: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Gamma Delta, 1856; Sigma Chi, 1850; Phi Kappa Psi, 1865; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1866; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Delta Tau Delta, 1871; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875.

State Agricultural College of Michigan, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Phi Delta Theta, 1873.

Hillsdale College, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Illinois Wesleyan University, 1850: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Phi Delta Theta, 1878; Phi Delta Phi (law), 1878; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Lombard University: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

University of Wisconsin, 1848: Phi Delta Theta, 1857; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Chi Psi, 1878; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881.

Westminster College, 1853: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Kansas, 1864: Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1876; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

Iowa Wesleyan University, 1855: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1871.

State University of Iowa, 1857: Beta Theta Pi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1882; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1882.

University of Minnesota, 1868: Chi Psi, 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1881; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

WE desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by the chartered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with the information needed to make the list of announcements complete:

Zeta Psi—New York, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1884.

Pan-Hellenic Conference—New York, N. Y., July 4, 1884.

Delta Tau Delta—Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1884.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Canton, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1884.

Sigma Chi—Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 39, 1884.

Phi Delta Theta—Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 29, 1884.

Phi Kappa Psi—Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1885.

FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

BELOW is given a directory of Fraternity journals—the first ever published. We would be glad to receive notice of any errors. The *Diamond*, *K. A. Journal*, and *Delta* do not exchange with us. The *Ancora* and the *Purple and Gold* have not been published, but are to appear. The *Crescent*, *Record*, *Palm*, *Golden Key* and *D. K. E. Quarterly* will receive subscriptions from non-members at the regular rates.

Beta Theta Pi—Established 1872; monthly; pp. 48; size 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$2; 5 W. Third street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chi Phi Quarterly—Established 1874; pp. 60; size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Lock Box 372, Scranton, Pa.

SCROLL, of Phi Delta Theta—Established 1875; monthly; pp. 48; size 6x8 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.

Crescent, of Delta Tau Delta—Established 1877; monthly; pp. 32; size 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Box 144, Meadville, Pa.

Diamond, of Psi Upsilon—Established 1878; Schenectady, N. Y.

Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Springfield, Ohio.

Phi Gamma Delta—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 16; size 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x10 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Kappa Alpha Journal, of Southern Kappa Alpha—Established 1879.
Star and Crescent, of Alpha Delta Phi—Established 1880; quarterly;
 pp. 50; size 6x9 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; 53 Fulton street, New York, N. Y.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 68;
 size 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9; price \$1; Farmdale, Ky.

Alpha Tau Omega Palm—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 84; size
 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9 $\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1; University of Virginia, Va.

Sigma Chi—Established 1881; bi-monthly; pp. 64; size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{3}{4}$;
 price \$1; P. O. Box 11, Hanover, Ind.

Golden Key, of Kappa Kappa Gamma—Established 1882; quarterly;
 pp. 40; size 7x9 $\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Zeta Psi Monthly—Established 1882; pp. 16; size 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x10; price \$1;
 782 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly—Established 1883; tri-yearly; pp.
 94; size 6x9 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; 52 William street, New York, N. Y.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly—Established 1883; pp. 14; size 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x10 $\frac{3}{4}$; price
 50 cents; Box 611, Amherst, Mass.

Delta, of Sigma Nu—Established 1883; Dahlonga, Ga.

Purple and Gold, of Chi Psi.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

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 William Raimond Baird. Second Revised Edition. New York: Frank Williams, 64 Duane Street. 1883. 18 mo., pp. 265.

Only a few years ago the means of information about college Fraternities were very limited. The writer, after several years of correspondence, was possessed of only a partial knowledge of the standing of the various societies and the location of their chapters. At that time, which might appropriately be called the closing era of the "dark ages" in the history of the Fraternity World, but one or two Fraternity journals were published, and they gave very meagre intelligence about other societies than their own.

Early in 1879, Mr. Jacobs prepared a small book* relating to Fraternities, which was the first of the kind ever published. The accounts of the different societies, however, were very brief, being little more than lists of chapters and prominent members.

In the fall of 1879, Mr. Baird's book appeared, and it was hailed with delight by Fraternity men. It at once established the extent and size of the various societies. It was a wonderful piece of compilation. How so many important facts were collected from so many sources is a mystery. Nothing but the most indomitable painstaking and perseverance could have accomplished such a result; for the difficulties which stood in the way were appalling. Very few Fraternities had complete records, and several were unwilling to contribute any information. Yet Mr.

*THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES: By Albert P. Jacobs, Psi Upsilon. Detroit: Gulley Printing House, 12, 14, 16 Larned Street, East. March, 1879. 16mo., pp. 51.

Baird achieved a great success. True, there were some mistakes of fact, some erroneous estimates, and, perhaps, some biased opinions; but, on the whole, considering that it was a first attempt, Mr. Baird had reason to congratulate himself on succeeding so well, and all Fraternity men to thank him for furnishing them with so much valuable information.

The consequence of the publication of the book was a great activity in society circles. Previously, the Greeks had been working in the dark, so to speak, but this thesaurus of Fraternity tables and statistics showed where all the chapters were located and what colleges were occupied. The book presented a map of the Fraternity field, and each society could see in what places it needed to strengthen itself. A very rapid organization of new chapters followed, and there was much competition between many of the Fraternities in obtaining possession first of choice territory, which had not before been invaded or fully developed. The last four years have been a period of unparalleled Fraternity advancement. Mr. Baird is certainly due the credit of giving a great impetus to Fraternity enterprise. Not only has progress been made in the way of extension, but also in the matter of internal improvement. Better modes of government have been adopted, Fraternity journalism has expanded and increased until it has assumed importance and dignity; biographical catalogues of members, marvels of completeness and accuracy, have appeared, and there is a great rivalry between the different societies to excel each other in all the projects which engage their attention. More than this, there has been much change in the attitude of college authorities toward the societies. In a number of institutions anti-Fraternity laws have been repealed; in others, prejudice has broke down, while in many instances the faculties have decided to encourage and foster the society system as a means of improving the *esprit du corps* of the students. Besides, the Fraternities have attracted increased attention from the general public, and they have acquired such strength and influence that they are now in a position to review the conflicts of the past, assured of their present impregnable position and of their future success,

These changes in the fortunes of the Greeks of modern time made it necessary for their historian to revise his work, so that it would properly represent the condition and standing of the societies now. Mr. Baird has responded to the demand, and has presented us with almost an entirely new book. Instead of the 12mo. of 212 pages, which was the size of the first edition, we have an 18mo. of 265 pages. We do not see the advantage of the smaller size, but that is a matter of small moment. In press work and binding we think this edition is hardly equal to the last, which was published by the Lippincotts. Opening the book, we find that the type is smaller than that which was used for the first edition. We also notice that Greek letters are used generally instead of the English spelling of them, while a Greek alphabet is furnished, as has been facetiously suggested by the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, for the benefit of the barbs. The general order of arrangement of the first edition has been retained, and, indeed, it could not well be improved upon. There are many improvements in details, however. Instead of the frontispiece displaying the badges of all the Fraternities on one page, we now have twenty-nine steel-plate illustrations. The badge or emblems of each of the principal Fraternities is shown on a separate page, which adds very much to the attractiveness of the book. Another noticeable improvement is the appendage of the number of members in each chapter. A very great amendment is the expurgation of honorary members from the lists of prominent men. At least, the author says that this was his aim. We believe that he has been misled by some Fraternities, though we would have to grant him omniscience to expect him to succeed entirely in this respect.

Referring to the greater enlightenment on the condition and affairs of Greekdom, the author in the new preface to the last edition, says :

When the work was first planned, the author could count readily upon the fingers of one hand the number of college men who knew anything of the organization of other Fraternities than their own, or could intelligently and impartially discuss their Fraternity relations. Now, he would think it strange if any graduate of three or four years standing did not possess this knowledge, and could not assume this position.

On close examination we find that the book is blemished by a number of typographical errors. Some examples of these will be found in the article on Phi Delta Theta, reproduced elsewhere with foot-notes correcting the mistakes. In some parts the literary style is not of as high a standard as could be desired, the writing probably having been done too hastily. In other places, however, we are struck with the excellence of the composition and the felicity of treatment. For example, no better instance of keen insight or sharp analysis has ever appeared in the pages of Fraternity literature than the following:

The Eastern and Western Fraternities differ, too, in the point of view from which the student regards his career in each. In the East the literary element is prominent, and the Fraternity chapters have almost completely displaced the older literary societies as a means of forensic and literary culture.

In the West, on the other hand, the old literary societies are active and flourishing, and the chapters present their social side to the student, affording him few facilities for literary work except friendly criticism.

In the East the colleges are old, rich, and important, so that a student is apt to regard his chapter as quite a subordinate part of his college life. In the West, in the smaller colleges, the student must feel at times that his Fraternity is a much more powerful institution than his college, and regard it accordingly. The Eastern Fraternities have been slow to grow or extend their boundaries, while those of the West have usually been very active in this direction, many of them having regularly organized "Extension Committees" for this purpose. To a Western man his Fraternity, as a whole, is a much more important thing than the chapter of which he is a member, while to the Eastern man his own individual chapter is often everything; the rest of his Fraternity little or nothing.

From these observations we reach the conclusion that a member of a Western Fraternity is apt to be more active, more enthusiastic, and better informed about such matters than his Eastern brother. He will understand the policy of his own and other societies, and read his own pet journal with great interest as it appears monthly. The Eastern man, on the contrary, will regard his Fraternity life as but an episode in his college career, will take an intelligent but somewhat languid interest in the work of his Fraternity outside of his own chapter, and will be apt to read the stately quarterly journal of his order from a contemplative and philosophical point of view.

We are satisfied that Mr. Baird has intended to be entirely impartial, and are gratified to note that he has succeeded. The first edition of the book did not do some of the Fraternities justice, while it overrated others. We think Mr. Baird is now broader in his views, and more liberal in measuring the merits of other Fraternities than his own, than he was in 1879. Be that as it may, we find no room for any Fraternity to attribute to him prejudice or unfairness in this edition. If in his accounts of the various societies he has been partial towards any, he certainly cannot be accused of favoritism toward his own Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, where, in the weakness of human nature, we would expect to find it, if anywhere. Apparently, there has been a studied effort to avoid on the one hand fulsome flattery, and on the other unjust discrimination. The following example will show the moderated tone of the book in some places. We quote from the first edition :

Some Fraternities belong more or less to all sections, but we have yet to see a National Fraternity in the best colleges and universities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lakes to the Gulf. Beta Theta Pi is the nearest approach to such a Fraternity as yet.

In the new edition the last sentence is omitted, although Beta Theta Pi can truly be called a National Fraternity. Another instance is in point. In the first edition the membership of Beta Theta Pi is placed at 5,000. Now, after four years growth, it amounts to 4,879 (*sic*).

The introductory portion of the book has been rearranged, and much new matter added. It is divided according to subjects, and the headings facilitate reference. In speaking of the different systems of chapter nomenclature, no mention is made of the system which Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta have of titling chapters by the names of States and the Greek letters in the order of their establishment in the States. The author remarks that

The State Universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Georgia, are fast becoming of equal grade with the best New England colleges.

We had supposed that it was admitted that the University of

Michigan already ranked as equal to New England colleges. No reference is made to the University of Virginia. Where does it rank? In our opinion there are many colleges in the West and South which deserve a higher place than the average of Eastern institutions. The author makes a slip when he asserts the following:

In some of the larger Western and Southern colleges, such as Indiana Asbury, Emory College, Ohio Wesleyan, etc., the preparatory schools being intimately connected with the colleges, "preps" are not only pledged, but initiated, before they enter the college proper, though the best Fraternities are making an effort to exclude this class of students.

The statement is true as to Indiana Asbury and Emory, but the fact that the Ohio Wesleyan authorities have prohibited the initiation of preps was overlooked. Both of the last two quotations are relics of the first edition, and, perhaps, escaped the author's particular notice in the revision. The following reflection on the methods of Fraternities in certain places we have not sufficient facts to controvert, but we would be glad to hear from our Indiana Epsilon on the subject:

The constant rivalry between chapters, and the multiplication of societies, has in it the germ of the downfall of the entire system, unless the Fraternities perceive the danger and make a united effort to avert it. Experience has shown that unless at least 40 per cent. of the students in any college do not belong to the Fraternities, Fraternity life at that college is apt to be dull and the chapters weak. At Rochester, Wesleyan, Bowdoin, Hanover and Trinity, for instance, there are, practically, no neutrals, and, in consequence, an election to a Fraternity is taken as a matter of course and a little-prized honor.

The following strikes us as being very peculiar:

Membership in two Fraternities has been a source of trouble and vexation to many of the Fraternities. It is forbidden by most of the constitutions; though the large Eastern Fraternities usually permit it in the case of their own members. When it occurs between two chapters of different Fraternities located at the same college, and a student leaves one and joins the other, it is termed "lifting," and such disloyalty is usually followed by expulsion. There are many cases, however, where a student going

to another college, where his Fraternity is not represented, has joined a different organization, without any sentiment or intention of disloyalty. A few of the Fraternities forbid even this.

We never knew before that a man could belong to two "large Eastern Fraternities" at the same time. We thought that every Fraternity prohibits a man from joining another Fraternity when he goes to a college where there is no chapter of his Fraternity. Such conduct, we think, is detestable in a person, and demoralizing to the society system. However, under the heading of Delta Tau Delta, we read :

Several of the founders, in the reaction following the immediate accomplishment of the purpose for which they had organized, connected themselves with a newly formed chapter of another Fraternity (Beta Theta Pi), affording an example of legitimate membership in two rival chapters situated in the same college, unparalleled in college annals.

And, referring to the Yale chapter, in the article on Psi Upsilon :

As at first there was no rivalry between Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, some of the members belonged to both chapters—a state of thing which did not last, however.

Following the introduction, which has a history of Fraternity journals and catalogues not included in the previous edition, come the accounts of the various chaptered Fraternities in alphabetical order as before. We here notice that Alpha Gamma, Alpha Kappa Phi, Alpha Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Alpha, Phi Sigma, and Sigma Alpha are absent, having "turned up their toes to the daisies" since 1879. Alpha Delta Gamma, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Beta Phi, D. G. K., Mystic Seven, Sigma Delta Phi, and Zeta Phi, are preparing for the same fate, and, having been reduced to one chapter each, are classed as local. To offset all this good fortune, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta, before included among the locals, now have a place among the chaptered Fraternities, while Phi Alpha (is not this an error for Phi Alpha Theta?), before unannounced, now enters the lists with four chapters. We regret to see new Fraternities being started—there are certainly enough already.

In the first edition the following remark was made :

Alpha Delta Phi is addicted to the practice of electing honorary members, but its rolls contain the names of many eminent men.

The same is omitted in the last edition. It is stated that the Miami chapter suspended with the University in 1876. Is this not a mistake for 1873? Under Alpha Tau Omega is the following :

During the session of the congress (Alpha Tau for convention), besides the regular business of the Fraternity, there is a public meeting, at which the delegates and others listen to the address of some chosen orator.

And under Theta Delta Chi :

At these assemblies (conventions) an essay on the society's history is generally presented; biographical sketches of recently deceased members are read; the condition of the charges (chapters) is considered; a supper follows, and usually there is an oration and a poem.

These statements are silly, because they are put as if such exercises at Fraternity conventions are unusual except with Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Delta Chi, yet where is the college man who does not know the contrary? Under Chi Phi is the following :

This Fraternity claims to have been founded in 1824, and, in support of this, sets forth that in 1854 John Maclean, Jr., of Princeton College, discovered, among some old papers in the house of his uncle, who was at that time President of the college, the constitution and records of a Chi Phi Fraternity, which had existed in Princeton thirty years before.

In the general article on the origin of the different societies, no mention is made of Chi Phi. Evidently, the author does not take much stock in Chi Phi's claim to a hoary old age. Under Chi Psi the following is narrated :

One of the original members of the Fraternity was Philip Spencer, the son of a Cabinet officer, and belonging to a family of high social position. Later, while serving as midshipman on the brig-of-war Somers, he was seized for alleged mutiny and exe-

cuted. Senator Benton, in his "Thirty Years View," having gone over the case step by step and shown the charge and arrest unwarrantable, is unsparing in his condemnation of the seizure and execution. J. Fenimore Cooper, in his "Review of the Mackenzie Case," is even more emphatic in denunciation of the steps which led to Spencer's death. Such an event in the early history of the society would naturally arouse the strongest feelings in behalf of the member believed to be wronged. There may be, then, some ground for the claim made by Chi Psi that much of the ardent attachment felt for the Fraternity comes from the interest inspired by the story of Philip Spencer. As one of its members has said, "Whatever pride there is in other names, whatever stimulus to high personal character and worthy lives connected with Chi Psi, its fraternal spirit finds no truer expression than in the regard for the memory of the young midshipman of the Somers."

Under Sigma Chi the following :

A unique feature in the history of Sigma Chi, and one which has no parallel in the records of other Fraternities, was the existence, during the war, of a chapter in a brigade of the Confederate Army. It was called the "Constantine" chapter, and was organized for the purpose of keeping alive the Fraternity in the South during the most intense period of that struggle. It was never officially recognized by the society, and, having no further purpose to serve, it was disbanded in 1865.

Concerning Delta Kappa Epsilon the following was published in the first edition :

Until of late its extension has been very rapid, and not always characterized by wisdom in choice of localities. Some ten years ago current rumor at Yale had it that the present chapter used to grant charters in consideration of \$50 each, but it was probably a calumny. As a general Fraternity, D. K. E. does not hold the place it would seem to be entitled to from the colleges in which it has chapters and from the number of its members. The laxity of its administration for a long time is largely to blame for its lack of reputation. The prevalent practices of delegating electioneering powers to committees also operates against securing chapters harmonious and united in their sentiments.

This naturally offended the Dekes, and has been omitted from the new edition. Their feelings have been assuaged by the state-

ment that their Yale chapter now stands on an equal footing with Psi U. The assertion in the first edition that Delta Psi has the reputation of being the most secret of all Fraternities is dropped. This is told of Kappa Sigma :

The order grew out of the association of three of the founders as members of a secret university association in Europe, called the "Kairgaith Sepher," which appertained particularly to the University of Bologna, but which had branch chapters or lodges elsewhere on the continent of Europe. The name at the University of Virginia was changed to Kappa Sigma, and the organization remodelled as a college Fraternity.

We notice that any three members of Kappa Sigma can organize a chapter ; also that Alumni chapters have the right of making initiations. The latter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, also allow two. On page 95 it is said that Phi Mu Omricon once had a chapter at Emory, which we are sure is a mistake. We may mention here, too, that to our positive knowledge there was a chapter of Mystic Seven at Emory before the war, which the book does not state. Of Phi Delta Phi, a law society, it is said :

It is nominally, though not in reality, a secret organization. Membership in other Fraternities is no obstacle to joining this one.

In the first edition it is said :

The Psi Upsilon Fraternity is preëminent among the Greek-letter societies for the high standing of its members, active and graduate, and its conservative spirit.

This is changed to the following :

It has been very conservative in granting charters and has confined itself exclusively to the Northern and Eastern States. It is one of the first in standing among the college Fraternities, and many of its members have attained eminence in after life.

Under Zeta Psi is said :

The chapter at Toronto was the first Greek-letter chapter established in Canada, and has been very successful. Its prosperity led to the establishment of one at McGill University, Montreal.

The following quotations will show peculiarities in some of the Fraternities. Under Alpha Tau Omega :

In addition to these collegiate chapters, there were "Community Chapters," which were not attached to any educational institution, at Harrisonburg, Va.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Weston, W. Va.; Memphis, Tenn., and Rome, Ga. These have long since been discontinued.

Under Delta Tau Delta :

Owing to the loose administration of the affairs of the Fraternity before the establishment of the Alpha chapter in its present position, and to a lack of care, chapters were placed at many colleges of low grade. Such were Jamestown (N. Y.) Collegiate Institute, Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Institute, Franklin (Ind.) College, Lake Shore Seminary, Indiana Normal School, Oskaloosa (Ia.) College, and one at Andover, Mass., which was soon suppressed. The Fraternity has shown much sagacity in the steady discouragement and withdrawal of such chapters. Several times during the lax administration of the third Alpha, chapters were established illegally. They were, however, speedily suppressed.

Under Southern Kappa Alpha :

From 1874 until 1880 the administration of the Fraternity's affairs was somewhat lax, and chapters were placed at the Bethel Academy, Va., Virginia State College, Philadelphia Dental College, and Gordon Institute, which have since been withdrawn and repudiated by the Fraternity.

After the general Fraternities come accounts of defunct Fraternities, local Fraternities, local defunct Fraternities, ladies' societies, and class societies. Then is given the directory of chapters. Here the author tries to use the proper official names of all the colleges, an improvement on the old edition. However, the following mistakes are noticable: "Nashville University" should be University of Nashville; "South Carolina University," South Carolina College; "Southern College," Southern University; "University of Missouri," Missouri University, and "Wooster University," University of Wooster. Oglethorpe University should be located at Atlanta, Ga.; Trinity College at Trinity College P. O., N. C.; University of the Pacific at San Jose, Cal., and Union University at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Under Cincinnati University we find "See University of Cincinnati," but we search for it in vain. Under Ohio State University, Sigma

Chi appears as "Sigma Psi," and under Wabash College, as "Sigma Kappa"; under Trinity College, Phi Delta Theta as "Psi Delta Theta"; and under University of Minnesota, Delta Gamma as Alpha Gamma. The date of the establishment of Lombard University is given as 1869, though Delta Tau Delta placed a chapter there in 1867. The date of Phi Delta Theta's chapter at Mercer University should be 1872, instead of 1871; and of its chapter at Washington and Jefferson, 1875, instead of 1876. Kappa Sigma is credited with a live chapter at Vanderhilt University, though it has not had one there in four years; Delta Upsilon's chapter at Miami is recorded as still active, though the University was closed long ago; and the Phi Delta Theta College chapter at Pennsylvania is entered as established in 1875 and deceased in 1878, though we never heard of the latter incident.

After the directory follow a list of literary societies bearing Greek names (we know of some which are omitted), a list of Fraternity colors, a list of college colors, a list of college annuals (the annual at the University of Kansas is called the "Cyclone" instead of "Kikabe"), and a statistical table. In the latter we notice that the following precede Phi Delta Theta in age: Chi Phi, 1824, (disputed); Northern Kappa Alpha, 1825; Delta Phi and Sigma Phi, 1827; Alpha Delta Phi, 1832; Psi Upsilon, 1833; Delta Upsilon, 1834; Beta Theta Pi, 1839; Chi Psi, 1841; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1844; Zeta Psi, 1846 (its organization was dated 1847 in the last edition); and Theta Delta Chi and Delta Psi, 1847. In number of members the following lead Phi Delta Theta: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 8,316; Alpha Delta Phi, 5,781; Psi Upsilon, 5,757; Beta Theta Pi, 4,874; Phi Kappa Psi, 3,819; and Delta Upsilon, 3,432. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta have the largest chapter lists, each being credited with 44 active chapters. New chapters since established by the latter place it ahead in this respect. We learn from this table that there are 32 general Fraternities, with 505 chapters active, 255 dead, 67,941 members, and 30 chapter houses; there are 16 local Fraternities, with 17 chapters dead, 4,077 members, and 3 chapter houses; there are 7 ladies' societies, 46 chapters active, 11 dead, and 1,033 (misprinted 2,038) members; total, 55 orders, 567 chapters active, 283 dead

73,051 (misprinted 74,051) members, and 33 chapter houses. The defense of the society system has been rewritten. The three anti-Fraternity books which have been published* are reviewed, and the argument has been greatly strengthened. We quote a paragraph:

Within the past five years such educational institutions as the Universities of California, Georgia, Iowa, Harvard, and Vanderbilt have either repealed their anti-Fraternity laws or allowed them to drop into disuse. While anti-Fraternity laws have been recently passed by Monmouth College (Ill.), Trinity College (N. C.), Trinity University (Tex.), and Purdue University (Ind.), yet the Universities of Missouri, Alabama and North Carolina, are now the only *prominent* colleges, except Princeton, which exclude these organizations.

A valuable paper on the legal status of Fraternities and a bibliography, both new features, conclude the book. The former refers to the Zeta Psi victory at University of California, and gives extracts from the decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana on the Purdue case, in which Sigma Chi was interested.

Last of all, we would notice Mr. Baird's article on Phi Delta Theta. Ten pages are devoted to it—slightly more than is given to any other Fraternity. We can find no room for complaint, except that he mentions all of our dead chapters, while Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, and other Fraternities do not show on their chapter rolls all the dead chapters with which they should be debited. In describing the several Fraternity journals, he says that the SCROLL was established in 1876, instead of 1875. But he is entitled to the thanks of all Phis for his fair treatment of the Fraternity. The following mention is made of our catalogue:

Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Tau Delta have followed the lead of Psi Upsilon, and pro-

* COLLEGE SECRET SOCIETIES. By H. L. Kellogg. Chicago: Ezra Cook. 1874. 12mo, paper.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY FOR THE COLLEGE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1881. By E. E. White. Indianapolis: Wm. Buford, State Printer. 8vo, paper.

THE SECRET SOCIETY SYSTEM. By E. E. Aiken. New Haven: G. H. Briggs. 1882. 16mo, paper.

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duced catalogues which are monuments of painstaking research and intellectual labor.

The minor mistakes which we have noticed are small matters, and detract very little from the merit and excellence of the work. Mr. Baird has made his name immortal among society men and in Fraternity annals. We bespeak for the book an extensive sale. The price is \$2.00. Address W. R. Baird, P. O. Box 1848, New York, N. Y.

PHI DELTA THETA.*

THIS Fraternity was founded Dec. 26, 1848, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, by Robert Morrison, '49; John McMillan Willson, '49; Robert Thompson Drake, '50; John Wolfe Lindley, '50; Ardivan Walker Rogers, '51; and Andrew Watts Rogers, '51. Robert Morrison was the real originator and the author of the "Bond of Phi Delta Theta," which is the organic law of the Fraternity. At the date of the organization, Alpha Delta Phi and Beta Theta Pi had chapters at Miami. A spirit of extension seemed to inspire the new Fraternity from the outset. Several of the early members immediately separated to other institutions, and, before its first anniversary had occurred, the Fraternity had established itself at Indiana University, and, before the second year had expired, at Centre College. Until the beginning of the war the Fraternity operated mainly in the West, where it acquired importance and influence. The war was disastrous to the chapters, and at its close only four, namely, those at Indiana University, Wabash, Butler and Centre, were active. About 1878† the Fraternity recovered itself, and for the next few years the rate of extension was rapid. In a‡ number of chapters the Fraternity has grown to be very large. The list is as follows:

- 1848. Ohio Alpha, Miami University (1873).
- 1849. Indiana Alpha, Indiana University.
- 1850. Kentucky Alpha, Centre College.
- 1852. Ohio —, Miami University (1854).
- 1852. Ohio —, Wittenberg College (1854).
- 1852. Indiana Beta, Wabash College.

* From "American College Fraternities," by permission of W. R. Baird.

† A serious error for 1870.

‡ This "a" is superfluous,

- 1854. Texas —, Austin College (1858).
- 1854. Kentucky —, Kentucky Military Institute (1856).
- 1857. Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin.
- 1859. Illinois Alpha, Northwestern University (1861).
- 1859. Wisconsin —, Lawrence University (1860).
- 1859. Indiana Gamma, Butler University.
- 1860. Ohio Beta, Ohio Wesleyan University.
- 1860. Indiana Delta, Franklin College.
- 1864. Michigan Alpha, University of Michigan (1869).
- 1865. Illinois Beta, University of Chicago (1868).
- 1868. Ohio Gamma, Ohio University.
- 1868. Indiana Epsilon, Hanover College.
- 1868. Indiana —, Indiana State Normal College (1872).
- 1868. Indiana Zeta, Indiana Asbury University.
- 1869. Virginia Alpha, Roanoke College.
- 1870. Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri.
- 1871. Illinois Gamma, Monmouth College
- 1871. Illinois Delta, Knox College (1882).
- 1871. Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University.
- 1871. Georgia —, Oglethorpe University (1873).
- 1871. Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia.
- 1871. Georgia Beta, Emory College.
- 1872. Georgia Gamma, Mercer University.
- 1872. New York Alpha, Cornell University (1876).
- 1872. Ohio Delta, Wooster University.
- 1873. Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College.
- 1873. California Alpha, University of California (1877).
- 1873. Michigan Beta, Michigan State College.
- 1873. Virginia Beta, University of Virginia.
- 1874. Virginia Gamma, Randolph Macon College.
- 1875. Ohio Epsilon, Buchtel College.
- 1875. Kentucky —, Georgetown College (1876).
- 1875. Nebraska —, University of Nebraska (1876).*
- 1875. Virginia Delta, Richmond College.
- 1875. Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania College.
- 1875. Pennsylvania Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College.
- 1876. Tennessee Alpha, Vanderbilt University.
- 1876. Missouri —, Central College (1877).
- 1877. Mississippi Alpha, University of Mississippi.
- 1877. Alabama Alpha —, University of Alabama (1877).
- 1878. Virginia Epsilon, Virginia Military Institute.
- 1878. Texas Alpha, Trinity University (1883).
- 1878. North Carolina Alpha, Trinity College (1879).
- 1878. Illinois Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University.
- 1878. Illinois Zeta, Lombard University.

* Revvied, 1883.

- 1879. Alabama Alpha, Alabama State College.
- 1879. South Carolina Alpha, Wofford College.
- 1879. Pennsylvania Delta, Allegheny College.
- 1879. Vermont Alpha, University of Vermont.
- 1880. Pennsylvania Epsilon, Dickinson College.
- 1880. Missouri Beta, Westminster College.
- 1881. Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota.
- 1882. Iowa Beta, University of Iowa.
- 1882. South Carolina Beta, South Carolina University.
- 1882. Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas.
- 1882. Michigan Gamma, Hillsdale College.
- 1883. Tennessee Beta, University of the South.*

Active chapters, 44; inactive, 19; membership: Miami, 12; Wittenberg, 7; K. M. I., 8; Lawrence, 11; Indiana Normal, 14; Oglethorpe, 9; Georgetown, 10; Nebraska, 4; Central, 9; Alabama, 6; Ohio Alpha, 129; Indiana Alpha, 185; Kentucky Alpha, 231; Indiana Beta, 157; Wisconsin Alpha, 58; Illinois Alpha, 16; Indiana Gamma, 137; Ohio Beta, 63; Indiana Delta, 110; Michigan Alpha, 22; Illinois Beta, 32; Ohio Gamma, 73; Indiana Epsilon, 77; Indiana Zeta, 74; Virginia Alpha, 60; Missouri Alpha, 99; Illinois Gamma, 61; Illinois Delta, 54; Iowa Alpha, 70; Georgia Alpha, 130; Georgia Beta, 108; Georgia Gamma, 76; New York Alpha, 24; Ohio Delta, 83; Pennsylvania Alpha, 81; California Alpha, 45; Michigan Beta, 85; Virginia Beta, 66; Virginia Gamma, 22; Ohio Epsilon, 55; Virginia Delta, 42; Pennsylvania Beta, 48; Pennsylvania Gamma, 49; Tennessee Alpha, 130; Mississippi Alpha, 67; Virginia Epsilon, 24; Texas Alpha, 41; North Carolina Alpha, 24; Illinois Epsilon, 54; Illinois Zeta, 99; Alabama Alpha, 63; South Carolina Alpha, 25; Pennsylvania Delta, 39; Vermont Alpha, 36; Pennsylvania Epsilon, 23; Missouri Beta, 26; Minnesota Alpha, 15; Iowa Beta, 26; South Carolina Beta, 12; Kansas Alpha, 10; Michigan Gamma, 17; Tennessee Beta, 14; total, 3,367.

The chapters which have no titles were very short lived, and, as the Fraternity does not wish to reestablish them, have lost their places in the roll.

The Ohio Alpha became so large that it divided itself, and

* To these may now be added:

- 1883. Texas Beta, University of Texas.
- 1883. Ohio Zeta, Ohio State University.
- 1883. Pennsylvania Zeta, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1883. New York Beta, Union College.

from 1852 to 1854 there were two chapters at Miami. Being reunited, it continued until 1858, when it became dormant and remained in that state until 1865. It was then resuscitated, but the suspension of Miami caused its dissolution in 1873. Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha have had long and flourishing careers, and have furnished the Fraternity with many distinguished members. They were alike in both remaining *sub rosa* until 1854. Indiana Alpha was temporarily suspended in 1872. All the attendant members in Kentucky Alpha graduated in 1879, but their places were immediately filled by the absorption of the Centre Chapter of Delta Kappa, which was the last active chapter of that Fraternity. Attempts were made to organize at Wittenberg, Lawrence, and Kentucky Military Institute, but Faculty opposition could not be overcome. Indiana Beta was compelled to keep its existence unknown to the college authorities until 1856, and to resort to the expedient of initiating men at graduation who had been previously pledged. The chapter at Austin College was so remote from the Fraternity field that it languished and died. Wisconsin Alpha was the first Fraternity chapter established in Wisconsin. It made a brilliant record until it was broken up by its members enlisting in the army. Illinois Alpha and Indiana Delta were dissolved in the same way. Indiana Delta was reestablished in 1869, and Wisconsin Alpha in 1880. Indiana Gamma has enjoyed a continuous and prosperous existence. Ohio Beta suspended the same year of its establishment. It was revived in 1871 and continued until 1877. Two years later it was again reorganized, and it seems to be on a firm basis. Michigan Alpha, Illinois Beta, New York Alpha, and California Alpha died from internal dissensions. The character and standing of the latter especially was excellent, and it went down when seemingly in a very flourishing condition. Ohio Gamma and Indiana Epsilon, established almost simultaneously, have always been small but successful chapters. The charter of the Indiana State Normal College chapter was withdrawn, the institution not being adapted to the Fraternity system. Indiana Zeta, established in 1868, suspended in 1873, revived in 1875, suspended again in 1877, and revived the second time in 1880, now has a large membership. Virginia Alpha was inactive from 1879 to 1881, Iowa Alpha from 1879 to 1881, and Ohio Delta from 1880 to 1881. Illinois Gamma and Illinois Delta both succumbed to anti-Fraternity laws in 1877. The former rose again in 1880, and has continued its existence in spite of a frowning faculty. The latter was revived in 1881, the restrictions at Knox having been removed, but there was not enough

Fraternity spirit in college to sustain it. In 1871 the Fraternity entered Georgia, which was one of the most important moves it ever made, as it has acquired prominence in the State; and to the Georgia members is due the credit of establishing the Fraternity so strongly in the South. The chapter at Oglethorpe died in 1873, when the university suspended. The other three chapters in the State have ranked high in scholarship. Pennsylvania Alpha has always sought and obtained good men, and is regarded by the Fraternity as one of its best chapters. Virginia Beta stands well among rivals, whose names are legion. Virginia Gamma has always had a small membership, and is not in a prosperous condition at present. The chapters at Georgetown, Central, Trinity, N. C., and University of Alabama were killed by anti-Fraternity laws. The chapter at the University of Nebraska, having no rival, died from inanition. Tennessee Alpha has probably been more successful than any other Fraternity chapter which has encountered Faculty opposition. It was not fairly organized until 1877, but since then has enrolled a large number of members and won many university honors. Illinois Beta* was formed by the initiation of the active members of the Phi Sigma League. Quite a number of the Phi Sigma Alumni have affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta. In the establishment of Vermont Alpha a long stride eastward was made, and the success of the chapter is encouraging to the Fraternity. Anti-Fraternity laws were enacted by Missouri University in 1879, by the State College of Alabama in 1880, and by Trinity University, Texas, in 1881; but Missouri Alpha and Alabama Alpha seem determined to live, even at the risk of incurring Faculty displeasure. Texas Alpha surrendered its charter in 1883. The other chapters do not require special mention. They are all of good standing and have fair prospects for the future.

The original plan of government provided for a National Grand Chapter, which had the right to issue the charter to the first chapter establishment in any State. Such chapter became the State Grand Chapter, and could charter other chapters in the State. In 1876 the powers of the State Grand Chapters were revoked, and authority to grant charters vested in the National Grand Chapter and an Executive Committee of four members. Ohio Alpha, Indiana Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Ohio Beta†, Ohio Delta, and Pennsylvania Alpha were successively National Grand Chapters. In 1880 the entire system was changed. The National Grand Chapter was abolished, the Fraternity was divided into

* Error for Illinois Zeta.

† Error for Ohio Alpha.

provinces, each with a president, and a General Council, consisting of a president, secretary, treasurer, and historian, was empowered with legislative and executive functions. The Council, during the recess of the National Convention, has entire control over the general interests of the Fraternity; but in granting charters the approval of the province presidents must be obtained. This system, since it has been in operation, has given much satisfaction. The Alumni now exercise a controlling influence in the management of the Fraternity and in the direction of its policy.

The first general convention of which any records exist met in 1856 at Cincinnati. Conventions were held every year or two thereafter until the beginning of the war, and after the war every year until 1876. Since then the conventions have been biennial. It is known, however, that there was a meeting in 1851 at Cincinnati, to form an Alumni branch, but the project did not succeed.

In 1876 an effort to organize an Alumni chapter succeeded at Franklin, Ind., and other Alumni chapters have been established as follows: 1878, Richmond, Va.; 1879, Indianapolis, Ind.; 1880, Louisville, Ky., Baltimore, Md., and Montgomery, Ala.; 1881, Chicago, Ill., Nashville, Tenn., Galesburg, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio. These chapters have the privilege of sending delegates to conventions, but not of making initiations.

Phi Delta Theta was the first among the Fraternities to organize a State Association, the Indiana* being organized in 1878. Other State Associations have been formed as follows; 1880, Alabama; 1881, Georgia and Illinois; 1882, Texas. These Associations hold annual conventions with public exercises, etc. It is also customary in several of the provinces to hold provincial conventions biennially, alternating with the National Conventions, and they are well attended.

In 1881 the Fraternity was incorporated under the State laws of Ohio.

Five editions of the catalogue have been published. The last, which is just from the press, is one of the handsomest works of the kind that has yet appeared. Its biographical information is very complete, and in design and arrangement it is both unique and convenient. The song book has reached a second edition. In the way of instrumental music a waltz and four marches, bearing the Fraternity's name, have been published.

The Fraternity's journal is called the SCROLL, and was first issued in January, 1875. During 1875 and 1876 it was a

*The word "Association" should be added here.

quarterly. During 1876 and 1878 it was suspended. Since 1878 it has been a monthly. One of the prominent features is the large number of chapter letters which each issue contains.

The badge consists of a shield with an eye in the upper part of the field, and a scroll bearing the letters "Phi Delta Theta" in the lower part. From the nœud point, attached by a chain, is a sword. The sword was not a part of the badge until 1865. The colors are white and blue.

The following are some of the more prominent members, all of whom received regular initiation and, not honorary election: Hon. J. W. Foster, ex-U. S. Minister to Mexico and Russia, and now Minister to Spain; U. S. Senator Harrison, of Indiana; U. S. District Judge W. A. Woods; Hon. B. K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana; Hon. Norman Buck, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho; Congressmen Ward, of Ohio; Blackburn, of Kentucky; Hamilton, of Indiana; Stevenson and Sherwin, of Illinois; Phillips, of Missouri; and Anderson, of Kansas; L. W. Ross, Chancellor of Law Department of State University of Iowa; Hon. E. H. Conger, of Iowa*; President Stott and Professors Hall, Moncrief and Owen, of Franklin College; Professors Yonce, of Roanoke; Cody, of Southwestern University; De Soto, of Centre; Vilas and Davies, of University of Missouri†; McFarland, of Iowa Wesleyan; Wynn, of Iowa Agricultural College; Gailliard, of North Georgia Agricultural College; Brown, of Butler University; Thompson, of Wabash; and Monroe, of Chicago Theological Seminary; W. O. Bates, of the Cincinnati *News Journal*, and Eugene Field, Chief Editor, of Denver *Tribune*.

EXCHANGES.

The October *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* reaches us a little late, but full of interesting miscellany. We have not space‡ to quote or criticise, but call attention to two mistakes. It is stated that Alpha Tau Omega was the first Fraternity to organize Alumni Associations. It remains a fact, however, that Phi Delta Theta was ahead of Alpha Tau and other Fraternities several years in this matter, our Indiana State Association having been organized in 1878. With perfect *sang froid* the *Palm* copies an article

* Should be State Treasurer of Iowa.

† Error for University of Wisconsin.

‡ This was typed to appear last month, but was crowded out.

from the SCROLL and says, "We take the following from the *Virginia University Magazine*." Now, that piece was written by ourselves, and we gave the *V. U. M.* credit for all the facts we obtained from it, but the compilation was entirely our own. However, we are inclined to overlook this, as the *Palm* speaks so highly of the SCROLL under brother Thomas's administration.

In an article on the Pan-Hellenic Council, the *Shield* for October has some flings at Phi Delta Theta which are unkind, and are unwarranted by anything we have said of Phi Kappa Psi. The following is a sample :

Upon the understanding that the various Fraternity journals voice the sentiments of those whom they represent, Psi Upsilon will be compelled to descend from her chimborazeau heights of supremacy, and acknowledge the existence of others beside herself and Alpha Delta Phi; Delta Kappa Epsilon will need to enlarge the scope of her observation so as to take in more than two rivals; Beta Theta Pi will surely abate some of her loud and frequent vociferations about the only national Fraternity, and Phi Delta Theta no longer rest her claims to recognition upon a multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions.

To those who know that Phi Delta Theta counts forty-seven active college chapters to the thirty-two of Phi Kappa Psi, this looks much like the dart of the *Shield* had been tinged with jealousy. Our Fraternity was so guarded in establishing chapters that last year it refused a strong petition for a charter from Wittenberg college. The institution was objected to on account of its low grade by all our Ohio chapters, and yet Wittenberg is the headquarters of the *Shield*. We will not mention other Phi Kappa Psi colleges unless further provoked. Below is another bit of malice :

It will help Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon to meet and measure themselves with their hitherto despised brethren; Beta Theta Pi will be largely benefited by contemplating the men of a few colleges to which she has not yet aspired, or, having aspired, has not yet entered; and Phi Delta Theta will derive great and lasting benefit by perceiving, through the eyes of her delegates, that she still lacks somewhat of rivaling Psi Upsilon.

This is an utter absurdity, and a mean misrepresentation. We defy the *Shield* or anyone else to prove that Phi Delta Theta has ever pretended to be a rival of Psi U. The two Fraternities work in different fields, and meet in the same college only in one case. However, here is a specimen of Phi Kappa Psi egotism. The correspondent from the University of Michigan to the same number of the *Shield* writes: "Psi Upsilon is the only Fraternity here that now compares with us." Of course, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, and the other old and strong Fraternities at Ann Arbor do not compare with Phi Kappa Psi at all. Well, possibly not, but it does not follow that they are any the worse off. Dear *Shield*, you have a sweet, amiable, lovable disposition; call again.

The *Star and Crescent* comes out in a new dress. The form and general make-up is neat and attractive. There is also an internal improvement. The present managers recognize the existence of other Fraternity journals, and show a very liberal and commendable spirit in their comments.

A painful prominence, however, is given by the editor to Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Psi Upsilon. It seems that he has in mind that these three constitute a kind of invincible triumvirate. The *Star and Crescent* is evidently laboring under the delusion that the triumvirate are the only Fraternities worthy of serious notice. While it may delight Alpha Delta Phi ever so much to couple its name with the other two members, and keep it at a sacred distance from the remaining names, it must sooner or later recognize, to a greater degree, that some of the rest of us are breathing, moving, sentient beings.

The last number of the *Beta Theta Pi* is a very interesting one. Both the exchange and editorial departments are well written. In the former a spirit of liberality, especially to be commended, is manifested. The Beta organ is willing to accord praise to whom it is due, notwithstanding its firm and inflexible belief in Beta Theta Pi's superiority. The exchange man deprecates the exaggerated and abusive character of a large per centum of chapter reports,

A remarkable divergence, however, from the general respectful bearing of this journal toward others is made in the case of its comment on the alleged Phi badge worn by a negro in Gainsville, Ga. Such a statement, heretofore, if it had received any notice by Phi Delta Theta, would only have been noticed as being an ungentlemanly slander. But the *Beta Theta Pi* wishes to grow funny over this, what we can not call other than a lie, and by so doing adds insult to injury. It should have left the repetition of this slander to the *Sigma Chi*. We could understand how, with the latter journal's remarkable appetite for spleen, it could do such injustice to a neighbor; but we think it entirely foreign to the character of the *Beta Theta Pi*. The humor, granting it is good, is altogether out of place. Last year a similar report concerning the Betas originated at Vanderbilt University. We had good enough opinion of our rival, and friendship enough to stamp it with falsity when we heard it. Friend, please *witticise* next time so that you will amuse Phi Delta Theta more and the honest black less; address your jokes to a higher level.

The editorial department is devoted chiefly to showing that a poor chapter, rather a chapter at a poor school, should be withdrawn. In this respect we accord entirely with the *Beta Theta Pi*. We believe in the Bible doctrine of plucking out the eye that offends.

About the literary part of this issue we can not say much. Glancing over it, we came to an article headed "The First Latin Renaissance." The title rather stunned us, but before passing judgment we counted the pages, and twelve developed before our astonished eyes. Upon further search it was discovered that Latin and Greek were quoted extensively, without any subjoined "trans." Anyway, with an iron resolution, the article was begun, but upon encountering, in the first two sentences, such words as "revulsion," "all-absorbing," "eccentricities," and "ecclesiasticism," followed by others still more formidable, we confess we relaxed our hold on the giant and fell his victim,

The price of the *Beta Theta Pi* has been raised to \$2.00 a

year. The business managers announce that they have a subscription list of 1,500.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The chapters of Phi Gamma Delta at Bethel College, Ky., and Marietta, Ohio, are dead.

Psi Upsilon will shortly publish an historical account of the Fraternity called the "Epitome."

A history of Phi Kappa Psi has been prepared, and is awaiting enough subscriptions to warrant its publication.

Phi Kappa Sigma, the first Fraternity established at Lafayette, is now dead there. It is trying to revive at Lehigh.

Two years ago Alpha Tau Omega was offered assistance in entering Vanderbilt, but refused it; recently they tried to enter, but failed.

Delta Upsilon has refounded its chapter at Williams—the one on which President Garfield belonged. The Delta U's have an annual summer camp at Bolton, Lake George.

Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Zeta Psi, Alpha Tau Omega, and several other Fraternities are endeavoring to issue song books.

Eleven men at Wittenberg have been initiated into Alpha Tau Omega. The same opportunity was presented to Phi Delta Theta last year, but the standing of the institution did not suit.

The *Beta Theta Pi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* have taken the pains to publish that our chapter at Randolph Macon is dead. We call their attention to the letter from Virginia Gamma in this issue, and suggest that they revise their statements.

Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Gamma Delta have adopted Phi Delta Theta's policy of requiring active members to subscribe for their respective organs. They will no doubt be pleased with the plan, as it has worked successfully with the SCROLL for five years.

The last convention of Delta Tau Delta instructed its executive council to select three delegates to represent the Fraternity in the Pan-Hellenic Conference next year. The initiatory service has been changed. A new catalogue of the Fraternity is in press.

Zeta Psi has gone back a year, and now claims to have been founded in 1846, instead of 1847. It has just issued a new catalogue showing 2,391 living members, and 333 deceased; total, 2,724. A committee is now at work on a revision of the constitution. The Historian of the Fraternity is publishing a succinct account of its origin and growth in the *Zeta Psi Monthly*.

The following is from the University of Michigan correspondent of the *D. K. E. Quarterly*:

Among the events of the Commencement week, a not unpleasant feature was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Alpha Delta Phi chapter house. The exercises were held at midnight, and consisted of an address by one of the Senior Class presenting the corner-stone, a short presentation address by Judge T. M. Cooley, an honorary member of the Peninsular chapter, and a prayer by Bishop Harris, a member of a Southern chapter. The hour, the flashing torches, and the darkness of the night gave quite a weird effect to what would otherwise have been rather a tame proceeding. The house is to be of stone, three stories in height, and will be quite an ornament to the town as well as an honor to the chapter.

Beta Theta Pi has appointed Messrs. Robb, Baird, and Williams to represent its interests in the Pan-Hellenic. Mr. C. J. Seaman, the editor of the Beta catalogue, is very enthusiastic over a scheme he has to build a Fraternity house at Chautauqua, and, it is said, that he has \$1,200 subscribed toward it. The *Beta Theta Pi* says it is amused at the statement that Beta Theta Pi has been refused admission to Emory College by the trustees, and it "rather thinks" that the shoe was on the other foot, and that Emory was refused admission into Beta Theta Pi. Indeed! Then it says, "By the way, where is it?" If the editor will turn to the introduction of Baird's "American College Fraternities" (Mr. Baird is a Beta), he will see that Emory is classed with Indiana Asbury and Ohio Wesleyan as one "of the larger Western

and Southern colleges. We do not think the editor knows what he is talking about; for we are informed by the best authority that the board of trustees at the last Commencement refused to admit both Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi, not because it objected to them, but because it did not wish to have more than six Fraternities in the college. A local society at Amherst, called the "Torch and Crown," has recently been chartered as a Beta chapter. In the last three years four Beta chapters have been withdrawn, but the *Beta Theta Pi* says that in each case the Fraternity had almost no alternative. We are indebted to the *B. T. P.* for the following paragraphs:

Phi Gamma Delta does not seem to have had a very successful convention. The chapter at the University of California is in a precarious position.

Delta Phi has recently issued a new and tasty catalogue, although it is on the old plan and does not contain full statistics or biographical notes. Their chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, which was revived upon the ruins of Delta Beta Phi chapter as a basis, is doing very well.

Sigma Chi, in its October issue, becomes highly excited over the practice of "lifting," which it strongly condemns, and very justly, too. The latest instance that gave rise to the present outburst recently occurred at Delaware, where the Chi Phis "lifted" a Sigma man with very little ceremony.

The outcome of the Purdue controversy between the Sigma Chi Fraternity and President White is peculiar. It certainly appears to have been a complete victory for the former. The new president, Prof. Smart, is a member of Sigma Chi, and so is the new principal of the preparatory department, Mr. Craig. The new administration will be carefully followed by the authorities of the State; but, so far as the relations of the Faculty and the Sigma Chi are concerned, they are said to be now harmonious. The disastrous influences of the Fraternity system upon Purdue will be awaited with great interest. If an earthquake or a cyclone should at any time destroy that great institution, of course Sigma Chi will be to blame.

THE SCROLL.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., DECEMBER, 1883.

THE supply of song books is exhausted.

WE now have forty-eight active college chapters, and are not done yet.

WE are gradually approaching our ideal of typographical appearance.

WE extend the congratulations of the season to the Phi World. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

THE business manager objects to the personal allusions to him in the exchange department of the last issue, and says that if the SCROLL is obliged to have a "devil" he will hire a small boy for the purpose.

IT is with great pleasure that we present in this issue of the SCROLL a letter from each of the five new chapters which have been established this fall at the Universities of Texas, Pennsylvania and Nebraska, Ohio State University and Union College.

THE General Council have decided to postpone the National Convention two weeks, as suggested in the last SCROLL. The convention will, therefore, meet one week after the presidential election, and we now know of nothing to prevent its complete success.

IN the hands of the printers the familiar quotation from Rich-

ard III., prefacing the article on Vanderbilt in the last issue, was twisted until Shakespeare himself would hardly have recognized it. We hope we note the mistake before any of our cap-tious critics have time to point it out to us.

WE acknowledge receipt of the *Virginia University Magazine* and the *University Cynic*. Brother B. F. Buchanan, president of Beta Province, is editor-in-chief of the former, and on the staff of the latter are brothers C. E. M. Morse and W. M. Stiles, of Vermont Alpha. We return thanks to the authors for the fol-lowing: "Ædipus Tyrannus," translated by G. Volney Dorsey (Ohio Alpha, '29), Piqua, Ohio, 1880, octavo, pp. 59; "The Nose, with Illustrations from the Poets," etc., by A. H. Hamil- ton (Indiana Beta, '55), Fort Wayne, Ind., 1877, octavo, pp. 12; also congressional speeches by the latter.

ESTABLISHMENT AND DISESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS.

AT this time, when every Fraternity is striving after dominion and extension, it seems to us that a few remarks on the proper conditions for the establishment of a chapter, and for the annull- ing of a charter, will not be out of place.

It is the avowed purpose of every Fraternity that deserves such a name to enlist men who will lend lustre and honor to the Fraternity, and not such as will derive their lustre from the Fra- ternity. Such men as will be heard from after they leave college are wanted. Scholarship and good mental training are the surest pledges we can have that a man will succeed and take a high and honorable stand. Of course it is not, by any means, infallible; but no one will dispute that it is the best indication within our reach.

Therefore, since a Fraternity takes scholarship as its prime basis of action, and lays its claim to importance through its intel- lectual strength, the condition for the attaining of men of high intellectual development should always be observed in the estab- lishment of a chapter. The first questions to be asked are, What kind of an institution is this at which somebody has pe-

tioned to found a chapter? Does it give its men thorough instruction? Has it prestige and reputation? Has it ever graduated any great men? And last, but by no means least, will it live long and flourish, or will it probably deteriorate and decline?

It seems almost unnecessary to mention why a good Fraternity should never go outside of permanent and high-standing colleges to establish chapters. The lack of material at second-class colleges is a sufficient reason to withhold charters from them. Men may conscientiously believe they are doing extra work at such institutions, because they have no high standard by which to judge, while their work is in reality miserable. And while we would not advocate the continuance of bad chapters at poor colleges just for the sake of its numerical value, or to keep from recording it as defunct, yet it never does a Fraternity any good to have a dead chapter recorded on its lists. This result, however, must come if charters are granted to chapters at small colleges.

The next point, after the character of the institution, to be observed in granting charters is the character of the founders. Discretion and caution, above all qualities, should appertain to them. A man may have a fine mind, a splendid heart, and be an excellent gentleman in every respect, but totally unfit for this particular kind of work. A good impetus is more essential to the success of a chapter than anything we can conceive of. The charter members leave an impress on their chapter which, nine cases out of ten, is co-existent with it. Good men will seek and attract good associates. New men always examine first the character of individual chapters, then that of the Fraternity. Be the latter ever so good, it is powerless unless the former is respectable. And it is just as difficult to evolve this element of respectability and reputation out of a scrubby beginning as it is to develop a clod-hopper into a refined gentleman. The former is as much an individual in its growth as the latter. Hence the prime necessity of caution at first.

Another question arises while we are on this subject. The *Beta Theta Pi* says its Fraternity was once taunted, because of the great number of its dead chapters. Instead of thinking it a cause for regret, that Fraternity boasted of the fact, and added

that it wished to add a few more dead chapters to the present number. The Beta organ is just about right, too. It grants that a mistake was made in ever granting charters to inferior colleges; but a still greater mistake would be made by allowing those chapters to continue. It would be well for other Fraternities to profit more by this view of the matter.

After the above precautions have been taken to keep a Fraternity clear of bad chapters, it seems to us proper to make every effort toward extension. There is no doubt that the number of chapters a Fraternity has carries its weight and influence. Any society has to be progressive and aggressive to keep in a healthy condition. The experience of all organizations attests this fact. A state of rest is equivalent to a beginning of decay. It is true internal improvements will keep a society in a healthy state, yet this kind of progress must be supplemented by outside growth. The latter has a thrilling and life-giving effect about it that nothing else has.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS.

PHI DELTA THETA continues her onward march. This month we send greetings to the New York Beta and Nebraska Alpha. We greatly rejoice at this advancement of the Fraternity. As is well known, Union is the home of the Eastern Fraternities; indeed it is the birth-place of most of them. The activity in the way of extension in the East which has developed so strongly this year, and which we think has not yet culminated, increases the strength and widens the dominion of Phi Delta Theta. The chapter at the University of Nebraska, which was established in 1875, and lived but a short time, has been revived under conditions more favorable than before, as the institution is now much larger and more prosperous. Elsewhere will be found a record of how these latest successes have been achieved. To the brothers who contributed to bring about these desirable results we extend, in the name of the Fraternity, our warmest thanks, and to the members of the new chapters we offer our heartiest congratulations and our kindest welcome.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 9, 1883.

Owing to the proximity of the presidential election to the date selected for holding the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, and the consequent interference likely to ensue, by general consent it is deemed advisable to change the date of the next convention.

Therefore, by the authority of the General Council of the Phi Delta Theta, it is hereby directed that the National Convention, heretofore appointed for Oct. 29, 1884, shall assemble in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, at 10 A.M., to continue in session on the 12th, 13th, and 14th.

H. U. BROWN, President G. C.

FROM ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

124 MCKEAN HALL, EASTON, PA., Dec. 5, 1883.

Phi Delta Theta is advancing. Alpha Province, within the last month, has added two strong chapters to its list. Every chapter is in a flourishing condition. We are in a good condition for active work, and I shall expect proportionate results.

The internal workings of our Fraternity are good, but they can be bettered. Some revisions made apparent by actual working, may be needed in our constitution; yet there are points of vital importance unfulfilled. The interest taken by Alumni members in the workings of a Fraternity has long been looked upon as a high-pressure gauge, measuring its success. The publishing of our catalogue so recently has necessitated a thorough search for correspondent members. This step, however, will be numbered among the few desultory efforts produced by necessity, unless each chapter makes it its business, pleasure, and pride to know the position and circumstances of every correspondent member. (See Sections 2 and 3, Art. IX.) Then follows the duty of the Reporters to forward on the first day of April, in a prepared form, a report of the members of his chapter. The Historians' duties are as explicit. We want a full sketch of each chapter and a biographical sketch of each member. These must be compiled and go on record with the H. G. C.

I regret to say that last spring I urged on each chapter the necessity of these details in several instances to no purpose. I now give you a fair and timely warning. These reports accumulated in one or two instances since last year, must come in next

April, or I shall appear at each deficient chapter and compile them from available facts.

I am at present so situated as to be able to devote considerable time to Eastern extension were it not for two drawbacks. Both are in the power of the Fraternity to remove. One of these I shall give you at a later date. The other is my lack of substance on which to work. To correct the latter, I ask of all the brothers that they inform me concerning any men (worthy of becoming Phis, in the larger Eastern colleges), *with whom they have influence*. Don't write to the men, but write to me. There must be a lens to concentrate the rays—I'll try to be the medium. The advantages, yes, even the necessity, of such a course is evident, in order to obtain a harmonious chapter. To this last subject I ask your immediate attention. May a prosperous year dawn on us.

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT.

FROM BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Nov. 28, 1883.

For the first time I greet the chapters of my province through the medium of the SCROLL. I somehow felt a diffidence in coming thus publicly before you in a position heretofore occupied by such well known and popular Phis as Lyman Chalkley and George Shanklin—men who are the peers of all Phidom, and whose writings were always scanned with lively interest by the Fraternity. Still I do not feel as a stranger introducing himself to those whom he never knew; for I have, by letter, entered the hall of every chapter and tried to make out what you were doing. I have written to some of the Reporters and members so often that no doubt I have been considered importunate, but, with one single exception, I have received prompt responses, and with a spirit that shows Phi zeal to be by no means on the wane. I give my Reporters fair warning to prepare themselves to answer any number of interrogatories, for I do not propose to be at all lenient in this regard. I want a share for Beta Province in that success which is now attending Phi Delta Theta all over the East, West, and South, and am sufficiently ambitious to believe that in no particular we will be left in the rear.

From the report of the Treasurer of the G. C., in the November SCROLL, I see that two of our chapters are slightly in arrears. I hope the proper parties will attend to this important matter at once. Nothing will dampen your ardor so much as the consciousness of an overhanging debt. No chapter should allow the year to close with dues; it is wrong to make a debt and bequeath it to an incoming chapter to pay; there is no justice, equity or

right in it, and it can only be excused, if excused at all, on the grounds of negligence and thoughtlessness. Let the Treasurers see that all dues are collected and paid over. It is a small matter at first, but soon grows to considerable significance, especially when it compels those to pay debts who did not contract them.

There is another matter which I have urged on all of you in my private letters, but which I consider of such importance that it cannot be too stringently observed. I mean the exercising of due diligence in selecting material from barbarian ranks. Admit no one for whom you cannot vouch as to individual and family standing. Do not permit your zeal for a show of numbers to rob you of that discretion so important to be observed. It is an honor to be admitted to the Phi roll; let it not be too easily gained. There is nothing that will injure us so materially as the reception of those whom we cannot, in every sense, admit to our warmest and most intimate friendship; whom we cannot, without the least reserve, treat as brothers or introduce into our social circle without a tinge of embarrassment. That, in our Fraternity, due regard has almost universally been paid to this matter I am happy to say, but it cannot be urged too often or too strongly.

One word more to Reporters: See to it that a full report is sent to the SCROLL in due time every month. Give us all the news of your respective chapters, so that we may each know what the others are doing.

With hearty wishes for the happiness of you all, and that the coming holidays will bring a general round of pleasure, I leave you for this time.

B. F. BUCHANAN.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

80 Colchester Av., Burlington, Vt., Nov. 13, 1883.

The class of '83 has left us, taking from us brothers Bailey, Hayden, Sawyer, and Turk. To fill their chairs we have initiated from the class of '87 brothers A. A. Brooks, Jr., E. C. Morgan, and C. W. Safford, and from the class of '85 brother George R. Huse. Brother Kelley, Ohio Epsilon, was with us at the initiation ceremony, and brother Stearns, the H. G. C., has since visited us. May they both visit us often. We now number twenty-two active members, and meet regularly every Saturday night for literary and social communion.

We are now conducting our literary work under the following plan: Two leaders choose their support from the several members of the chapter, and each of the companies thus chosen prepares literary work for every alternate week. These exercises are marked by the president, and at the end of the term the company that comes out behind pays for a supper for the chapter.

W. M. STILES.

NEW YORK BETA—UNION COLLEGE.

The following is extracted from a private letter.—EDS.

124 McKean Hall, Easton, Pa., Dec. 5, 1883.

Brother Perkinpine, Pennsylvania Epsilon, should be acknowledged in connection with Union, although the work was rather providential. They got eight or nine men picked out, held a meeting, discussed Fraternities, merits, etc., then wrote Brown, Perkinpine, and myself, and we induced them to forward an application. On Dec. 3 I initiated New York Beta. Union is of old and acknowledged ability, and it was an important step. Zeta Psi was also just coming out there. After initiating the chapter I sat among them as they elected their officers and discussed financial problems. The ideas, comments, and general tone developed well-nigh persuaded me that I was in the midst of old Phis, so admirably did they exhibit the real Phi spirit. As I shook them by the hand I heartily said in each case, "I rejoice to recognize you as a brother." Eleven men, of whom Phi Delta Theta may justly be proud, now support her banner at old Union. They have had a remarkable experience. So sure were they of the kind of men they wanted that in no case did the men asked refuse; and they have very high graders—the leader of one class, class historian, treasurer, and secretary, college ball director, etc. All are popular fellows. New York Beta starts under the most favorable circumstances.

C. P. BASSETT.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1883.

It is my pleasant duty to send the first report of the Phis of New York Beta to the SCROLL. Thanks are due to brother Perkinpine, of Pennsylvania Epsilon, and brother Bassett, of Pennsylvania Alpha, through whom we obtained our charter. A charter was issued to us on Nov. 27, 1883, and on Dec. 3 brother Bassett came from Lafayette and initiated the following charter members: Dwight L. Parsons, '84; Wm. H. Vaughn, '85; Hewey D. Griswold, '85; T. Warren Allen, '86; Levi C. Felthousen, '86; Frank F. Blessing, '86; Edwin S. C. Harris, '86; William T. Brown, '87; Charles A. Marvin, '87; Vernon E. Weston, '87; J.

Edward Swanker, '87. Although the fellows do not wear pins, it is generally known that the chapter exists. The first announcement caused a great deal of surprise; nevertheless other Fraternities received us in a friendly manner, and notwithstanding that it was quite late, have allowed us to choose an editor for the "Garnet," the Fraternity annual of this college. We have obtained very pleasant quarters in the city, and will have them ready for occupancy in a few days. Every thing runs smoothly, and all are encouraged. We have two '86 men under observation who, if we get them, will make probably the only increase we will have this year.

E. S. C. HARRIS

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 5, 1883.

The closing year will leave our chapter in an excellent condition. We have not contented ourselves with acting on the defensive, but have been aggressive in our operations. Since our last report we have initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta two gentlemen, William K. Diehl and Luther S. Black, both worthy of wearing the sword and shield. We have now a total membership of twenty-two, and have a gentleman pledged whom we expect to initiate before the old year expires. Success has attended all our efforts to the great discomfiture of our rivals, who have worked earnestly. Our chapter possesses an enviable reputation, both morally and intellectually.

We greet with joy our new chapters. Far distant Texas Beta may be assured of our friendship and interest in her welfare. Let the work of extension be carried on vigorously. Several letters in the last number of the SCROLL expressed our sentiments exactly on that subject. We need to be more widely established in the East—a want which we here feel more deeply every year. Let the new year begin with earnest work in this direction, and our Fraternity will stand without a peer in America.

OSCAR H. MARSH.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 3, 1883.

Since moving into our new hall we have initiated O. J. Mason, of Fredonia, N. Y. Brother Mason is a Freshman, and will make a good Phi.

Why cannot Alpha and Delta Provinces hold a reunion in Cleveland or Akron the first of the year? There are many Phis who are unable to go to our National Conventions, and who would

enjoy meeting Phis from other chapters. We would like to hear the opinions of other chapters on the subject. [We trust the chapters will act on the suggestion.—Eds]

Brother Murray will soon be the happy possessor of a beautiful new badge, and after the holidays there will be several new badges added to our chapter.

WALTER W. CASE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON
COLLEGE.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 5, 1883.

Since our last report we have initiated into the mystic fold Mr. Charles A. Larimer. Brother Larimer is president of '87. He was for three successive terms honor man of prepdom, and at present seems likely to wear the laurels of '87. He is in every respect qualified to become an earnest Fraternity worker and a Phi. During the term the resignations of O. M. Campbell, J. G. Anderson, and W. J. Fredericks, were thankfully received. We have still eleven men, with prospects of more. Our chapter is at present in the best possible condition. An ardent enthusiasm pervades the entire ranks. Our meetings are made interesting by discussions on college and Fraternity questions, orations, declamations, renditions of Shakespeare, and like interesting and instructive entertainment.

We are opposed by several determined Fraternities, so that we are kept wide awake. Sigma Chi endeavored to establish a chapter here lately. Several very good men were secured, but owing to some delay in granting a charter, they have all been lifted except one.

REPORTER.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 29, 1883.

We are now fifteen in number. We lost four men last year, brothers A. W. Wever and Henry Cheesman having received their diplomas. Brother Wever is teaching in Pennington Seminary, New Jersey; brother Cheesman is preaching somewhere in New Jersey. Brother S. J. Carpenter, '85, could not return this year on account of ill health. Brother M. N. Frantz, '86, is at Syracuse University, New York. But we have also received reinforcements to the number of four. Brother M. B. Stephens, who led the class of '85 in his freshman year, is with us once again as a member of '86. We have initiated three new men this year, and would now introduce them to the Phi Delta Theta world, viz.: J. M. Correll, W. E. Yeager, and N. E. Cleaver. They are fine

young men and good students, and all good This should be proud to give them a hearty welcome. Brother George E. Kleinhenn, '82, who is now preaching at Cresona, Pa., called upon us a short time ago, Brother J. Marvin Colaw, '82, is studying law at the University of Virginia. Our chapter is in good working order, and we are living together as brothers in peace and harmony.

E. J. LINDSEY.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

3625 Walnut St., West Philadelphia, Pa. Nov. 29, 1883.

Last spring the subject of organizing a chapter here was introduced, but owing to circumstances over which we had no control, the plans then made were not carried into execution. Now we have sprung up anew with fresh vigor, as did the Phoenix of old from its ashes. Owing to the untiring efforts of brothers Frank Fithian, Kentucky Alpha, '80, and M. G. Tull, Pennsylvania Alpha, '80, the long-talked-of time has at length arrived. The Pennsylvania Zeta was organized last Thursday evening, and I think the 22d of November will ever be regarded as a red letter day by the gentlemen then present. The meeting opened with ten charter members: Harvey F. Day, Harry C. Deaver, Albert E. Geissel, Gregorio M. Guiteras, Charles S. Potts, Frederick M. Strouse, M. G. Tull, Frank Fithian, W. P. Orr, and myself. Ferdinand E. Riva was initiated during the evening. Brother Bassett, President of the Province, was unable to be with us at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived in time for the initiation ceremony. It only remains to be said that we have a strong foothold here, and we intend to keep it.

MARTIN W. BARR.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA—ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Salem, Va., Nov. 17, 1883.

Virginia Alpha began this year with nine members, and has since initiated five, making a total of fourteen. The new initiates are brothers Flickinger and Reifsnnyder, of Pennsylvania, and brothers Brand, Shuler, and Ripley, of Virginia. We are spoken of by all as being, in every point of view, the strongest chapter at our college. At our last Commencement in June brother Snyder delivered the German oration by appointment, as being the fourth man in his class; and brother Yonce was awarded the medal in Greek on a grade of 99.79, this medal being taken over a Sigma Chi. The Sigma Chi comes next to us in numbers, having now eleven or twelve members. We are doing

as well as we could reasonably hope to do; in fact, better than we expected. We regret to say that some of the non-Fraternity men bear ill-will against the Fraternities; but this could only be expected. There is the greatest friendliness between the different Fraternities. We send our greeting to all the Phi world, and hope that all the chapters will have abundant success.

REPORTER.

VIRGINIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

University of Virginia, Va., Dec. 4, 1883.

Before making a report I beg leave to mention that the K in brother Powers' name stands for Robert, and that the name of the other brother introduced was Antrim, and not Autrim. I have the pleasure of announcing to the Phi world the name of brother B. R. Guest, of Civil Engineering Class of '84, who became a member at our last meeting. His blushing modesty causes a forbearance in the mention of the many fine qualities of which he is possessed.

I neglected to mention in my last report that Professor R. D. Bohanan, of Virginia Beta, '76, formerly professor at Emory and Henry College, was elected last April to the Chair of Mathematics at the University, during the sojourn of professor Venable in Europe.

Virginia Beta sends hearty congratulations to our worthy President on his recent marriage.

E. P. VALENTINE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA—RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

Ashland, Va., Dec. 1, 1883.

Once more we fall into the ranks of the Phis. As stated in the SCROLL, brother Moss and your humble servant were the only members who returned this session. We started in with the full determination to redeem our chapter, and, as a result of our labor, we take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brother T. J. Barham. We are under many obligations to Virginia Delta for initiating this brother for us, and for interest in the prosperity of our chapter. We have some prospect of one or two more whom we are spiking.

Before closing, let me thank the Phis in general for their encouragement. We feel now that we have a work to do, and we are going to do it.

A. C. NADENBOUSCH.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA—SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Columbia, S. C. Dec. 4, 1883.

Brother L. M. Gasque, from South Carolina Alpha, has joined

us, which has increased our number to seven. Though small to what we were last year, we are not retrograding. Brothers Simpson and Iredell are in the city, and will attend when they can. We are very particular, which explains why we have not increased faster.

REPORTER.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

Oxford, Ga., Dec. 6, 1883.

We come with greetings from Emory Phis. We are rejoiced to learn through the SCROLL of our success throughout Phidom. Here in Oxford we labor with untiring energy. One success but serves as a stepping-stone to others. Our ideal is the ripe scholar and high-toned knightly gentleman. As fresh tokens of our undisputed relative merit, at a recent election in the Phi Gamma Literary Society, brother W. A. Huckabee was unanimously elected for anniversarian, and of the twelve places on the annual impromptu debate seven are filled by Phis. Remember, too, that we have five other Fraternities here.

J. HOLLINGSWORTH.

GEORGIA GAMMA—MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 2, 1883.

Georgia Gamma now rejoices over the greatest victory of the day. Brother Pickard was elected anniversarian and brother Bassett debater, over a combination of every other Fraternity in college.

But that is not our only victory. Mr. Ross White, Macon, Ga., entered college and there was a general rush for him. He is consequently a Phi Delta Theta.

We are on the lookout for new boys after Christmas.

F. A. HOOPER.

ALABAMA ALPHA—STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

Auburn, Ala., Dec. 4, 1883.

Permit us to introduce to the Fraternity our new Phis, brothers E. K. Gordon and A. F. Whitfield. Brother Gordon is very popular, both in college and society. Brother Whitfield has led his class, of about forty men, since he entered college. We think we ought to congratulate ourselves on securing both of them. We opened with eight men, and we now number fourteen, all be-

ing enthusiastic workers; will soon have one of the prettiest little halls imaginable. We have two other Fraternities here now, and they are doing something toward getting their halls in order. The Alpha Tau Omegas have been here for a number of years, and the Kappa Alphas have just organized a chapter, beginning with five or six members. A Mr. Candler, of Georgia, who came over to establish the chapter, told us when he left we must nurse his foundling, and not let it hurt itself, to which we assented, of course. Fraternity interest here has increased a great deal since the restrictions have been removed. D. D. McLEOD.

TEXAS BETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 25, 1883.

The members of our chapter are as follows: Owen P. Hale, Paris, Texas; John Hedrick, Sherman, Texas; Moran Scott, Sherman, Texas; Waverley Smith, Frank H. Raymond, Constance Pessels, D. H. Hotchkiss, Hugh Swain, all of Austin, Texas. Professor Bryant, of the Austin High School, is a member of our Fraternity, and takes a lively interest in our chapter. There is another Fraternity established here (Southern Kappa Alpha), and an effort has been made to start a third (Phi Gamma Delta). Before it was known that I was a member of the Phi Delta Theta, I was invited to join both of the others. We have gone to work to make our chapter a credit to the Fraternity, and it shall be not on account of our flagging zeal if we do not succeed. QUITMAN FINLEY.

November 28, 1883.

The Texas Beta is now on the road to prosperity. We have added one new brother, Hedrick, and have elected two others, who will be received and initiated at our meeting to-morrow. This gives us a membership of ten good men. We learn that the Kappa Alphas are not making much progress.

WAVERLEY SMITH.

TENNESSEE ALPHA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 9, 1883.

Since our last report J. D. Clary and W. W. Nicholson have been initiated. Larkin Smith, of Tennessee Beta, will take a course at Vanderbilt during the vacation of the University of the South. This makes the active membership twenty-four. The members now have badges valued at upwards of \$250. The following communication appeared in the Nashville *American* of the

8th instant, and will be of interest to Vanderbilt Phis, and probably to others.

REPORTER.

"The Chi Phi, while the oldest Fraternity in the United States, is quite young at Vanderbilt. Last year its members took off a majority of honors at Commencement, and will doubtless continue to do so. While not so large as other Fraternities at the University, it always holds its own in intellect."

The above piece appeared in the last issue of the *Vanderbilt Observer*. We deem this an unjust use of power by the editor-in-chief of the *Observer*, as the statement is incorrect, as will be seen from the list of honors below. We ask that the following list of honors be published in the *American*, so as to place the other Fraternities in a true light before the public.

The following honors were taken by members of the Phi Delta Theta Pi Fraternity: Two men took the degree of B. A., six took B. S., and two B. L.; also the scholarships in physics, moral philosophy, and chemistry; the Founder's department medals in the Pharmaceutical and Academic departments; the fellowships in mathematics, English, and Latin; one moot court speaker; class and faculty representatives in the Academic department; the valedictory in the Medical department, and the declaimer's medal in the Dialectic Literary Society,

The following honors were taken by members of the Beta Theta Fraternity: One member took the degree of B. A., one took C. E., two took B. E., and three took B. L.; also the scholarships in Greek, Latin, and engineering; the Founder's department medal in the Law department; the fellowship in engineering, and one moot court speaker.

The members of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity took one degree in law, and the scholarship in modern languages.

The Rainbow Fraternity took three degrees in law, the declaimer's medal in the Philosophic Literary Society, and one moot court speaker.

The Chi Phis, who claim to have received "the majority of honors at Commencement," only received the following: One degree of B. A., two degrees in law, the Founders' medal for oratory, the fellowship in Greek, and one moot court speaker. The above are the honors taken by secret Fraternities. There are other honors in the University, but these were taken by non-Fraternity men.

The statement in the *Observer* is merely an assertion, without any proof whatever, whereas the statistics given above are taken direct from the last annual register of the University, thus giving each Fraternity the honors it did without partiality or favor.

M. M.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 9, 1883.

The current of Fraternity affairs is running here with scarcely a perceptible ripple. The good material brought in by the new year is about exhausted; indeed, it was not so plentiful as we had hoped. We came in for only three men—our third, brother Clayton, having been initiated since last report. We now number eleven men. "Quality before quantity" is the motto we received from our predecessors. Our boys stand well, both in their classes and in the literary societies, and hope to win a fair share of honors this year. We are highly pleased with the catalogue.

S. F. HAMPTON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1883.

We introduce brother S. B. Graves, '88, to the Phi world as the jolliest Phi on record. At the annual contest between Athenean and Irving Literary Societies, brother Greenlee was elected to represent the former in debate. We rejoice in Pennsylvania and Ohio Zetas, especially the former, for eight of us are Keystone men. We would rejoice even more to see our chapters revived at Cornell, University of Michigan, and University of California. Surely Phi Delta Theta can stand in these institutions with her Western rivals.

W. J. BOONE.

OHIO EPSILON—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1883.

Brother W. J. McCreary first put on the badge of Phi Delta Theta on Thanksgiving, and we commend him to the Phi world.

Brother O. M. Pleasants has received a new badge set with turquoise. Brother Emery is the possessor of a neat and artistic monogram, which was made by J. F. Newman. It is set with fourteen diamonds, twenty-eight pearls, eighteen turquoise, and two garnets, making the handsomest pin in the college. We can heartily endorse the work of Mr. Newman, and especially in the line of monograms.

There is rumor that our rival, Delta Tau Delta, Eta chapter, applied to Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, for a charter. Whether this is more than rumor we cannot say.

REPORTER.

OHIO ZETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Xenia, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1883.

At Ohio State University Phi Delta Theta still prospers, and much of her progress is due to the resident members of the city. We have two excellent new men. William F. Hunt, who is a jolly good fellow and a fine student, stands high in all his classes. William McPherson is the other fortunate man, and is a thorough student. Both do honor to our noble Fraternity, and increase our ranks to ten members, most of whom are away from the city to assist in the general turkey distribution—some at home, others visiting. "Yours truly" is found at the home of brother Munger, Xenia, Ohio, passing a very pleasant 29th, thanks to the great hospitality of his family.

The SCROLL is better than ever. Certainly no Phi will object to \$1.50 or \$2 per year for such a good magazine, and with that additional income it could be enlarged.

Chi Phi established herself here two weeks ago, starting with eight men. We are all much pleased to have a sister Zeta at University of Pennsylvania.

H. A. KAHLER.

KENTUCKY ALPHA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 1, 1883.

Since our last report we have had the pleasure of initiating Harry Weisman (whose brother is also a Phi), Francis M. Wilson, and of course his inseparable friend, Sam Hill, and Edward Nelson, son of one of our professors. With these our initiations will probably cease.

Our heart-felt thanks are due to Miss Tebbits, sister of our esteemed brother, Howard Tebbits, for her beautiful present to Kentucky Alpha, a banner of white satin, upon which are the initials of our Fraternity, most exquisitely ornamented. We not only feel encouraged, but very grateful for such expressions of good will and kind interest.

H. E. WISHARD.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 3, 1883.

We have not taken in any new men since the report of last month, but remain a strong sixteen. We will have one speaker at the annual Junior Class exercises Dec. 4, E. E. Griffith being the fortunate one.

Brother Will Dye has gone with Prof. Jordan to Key West, Florida, where he will act as a taxidermist for the professor, who is collecting birds and fishes for the college museum.

Brother George Banta makes us frequent visits, and always has a kind word as well as financial aid whenever we need it.

Brother Will Halderman spent Thanksgiving with us.

Many of us are sorry that we purchased our catalogues before we had a chance to see one bound in morocco, as that binding so much increases the general appearance of the work.

O. E. BRADFUTE.

INDIANA BETA—WABASH COLLEGE.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 5, 1883.

Since our last report we have added four to the list of Phis, and have at least that many more spiked. The new men are, two Cooter brothers and W. E. Morris, Freshman, and Robinson—all good men, we think, in every respect. The boys all feel that the chapter has been much improved by this term's work.

We enjoy the SCROLL, and wish to congratulate the editors on its much-improved appearance.

E. J. DUKES.

INDIANA EPSILON—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Hanover, Ind., Dec. 6, 1883.

We have made one more acquisition, and our chapter roll now contains the name of W. T. Morrison, '86. Brother Morrison was spiked by other Fraternities, but most notably by Delta Tau Delta. It is only necessary in recommending him to the Phi world to say that he is a nephew of Robert Morrison and a cousin to John Lindley, both of whom are so dear to Phi hearts. He has already taken a leading position in his classes, and promises to prove entirely worthy of the noble name which he bears.

The correspondent from this chapter of Sigma Chi made some statements in his letter to the first number of their journal which, in the most forcible language, we wish to say are entirely false. We did not intend to pay any attention to these statements until inquiries from some of the members of our sister chapters awakened us to the sense that our chapter was not the only one that might see them. Speaking of men initiated last commencement, he says: "Each one of these represented a victory for Chi, as *all* of our rival Fraternities strove hard to obtain them." Whether through carelessness or not, we are unable to say, but as far as Phi Delta Theta is concerned, we are compelled to declare that this is a falsehood. In another part of the report, in reference to

men initiated this year, he says: "Although Phi Delta Theta initiated several new men, and Beta Theta Pi has taken one, it was a noticeable fact that none of the other Fraternities envied them enough to give their men a solicitation." Again we say that the above is false. The whole report from Chi chapter of Sigma Chi is so full of inaccuracies and misstatements that we wonder that the *Sigma Chi* could have the impudence to print it. We refer the gentleman to the last number of the SCROLL for our editor's views on certain subjects, and especially that "in numbers there is strength." We do not wish to enter into a discussion with the gentleman through our respective journals, but as the statements were furnished through the *Sigma Chi*, we take this means of vindicating ourselves.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

INDIANA ZETA—INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.

Greencastle, Ind., Dec 1, 1883.

Since my last report one more barbarian has been received by our chapter. His name is Hopkins, and he is from the far East.

Perhaps it would not be uninteresting to speak something as to how Indiana Zeta stands here in the military department. At present over 160 belong to the department. Over all is a commandant from West Point; under him are company officers. We stand as follows: One Captain, four First Lieutenants, several Sergeants and Corporals, having the largest number of officers of any Fraternity.

A certain Fraternity here has been monopolizing the company of one of the ladies' Fraternities, but about twelve of the prominent young ladies (mostly Kappa Kappa Gammas), invited the Phis *only* to a magnificent Thanksgiving supper and social. A splendid time was had, of course.

Brother William Morris, of Indiana Beta, has been paying us a visit.

At a recent public performance given by the Literary Societies of the college, brother C. H. McAnney was one of the orators, and brother C. O. Thomas one of the debaters. We are pleased with the SCROLL.

J. B. BRIDGES.

MICHIGAN GAMMA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 10, 1883.

Although our chapter this term numbers but seven, yet we congratulate ourselves upon the fact that numbers are not the criterion by which to judge of the merit of Michigan Gamma, and

also that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming next term six or seven who are unable to be with us this winter. And here we must give vent to our grief that we are bereft of brother Schunck, to whose persistent efforts the existence of Michigan Gamma is in a great measure due. He goes to Ann Arbor at the opening of the next session, where he will graduate in '85.

We think we have sufficient cause for pride over our success in the annual oratorical prize contest of the Alpha Kappa Phi Literary Society. We had three speakers, and they were awarded the first, second and third places, brother Allen being the successful competitor for the prize. We regard this as a significant fact, for the reason that Delta Tau Delta, which has had an existence here for nearly twenty years, were represented by two of their best men, Sigma Chi by two, and the barbs by one. Is not this a sufficient proof of my first statement, viz: That Michigan Gamma must be estimated not by its numbers, but by the ability of its individual members?

EHNER W. HART.

ZETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

December 8, 1883.

We can report but eight men as yet, but I think more will come inside our sanctum before long.

Just at present clouds of wrath are rising in our horizon, which promise, judging from the slow formation, to give us nothing short of a cyclone. But we are rigging our bark for a gale, and are getting everything as trim as circumstances will allow.

The last SCROLL containtd some very interesting suggestions concerning the Eastward march of Phi Delta Theta, and I feel like adding mine. Why can't we establish a fund for the purpose of aiding in such extension? this fund to be raised by subscription. It will take money and perseverance for us to enter Eastern institutions.

SUB ROSA.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 3, 1883.

I 'have the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world brother W. F. Scott, of Lexington, Ill. We now number seventeen attendant members, the Phi Gamma Deltas fourteen and the Sigma Chis about eleven. We had a very pleasant call from brother C. W. Hickman, '83, a short time since. He is principal of the school at Auburn, Ill.

T. M. KIMBALL.

ILLINOIS ZETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 4, 1883.

We held our last meeting during the holiday vacation. Several of the boys were away, but we always have enough left to "hold the fort."

Brother Curtis, of Indiana Zeta, called on us in September last. Brother George Banta passed through our city on a business trip West the other day. But few of the Phis saw him; the rest were disappointed. We would say to any brother passing through here that he will find us glad to show him he is welcome, if he will but call.

Rev. brother Conger is still financial agent of Lombard, and is meeting with marked success in that capacity.

As I see our editors are not skilled in interpreting hieroglyphics [by no means.—EDS.], I shall refrain from using them any more, if possible, and beg leave to make a few corrections: We celebrated our fifth anniversary this year, not our first. Seibert and Ratekin, not Leibert and Ratican. Brother Ratekin is an acquisition of which we all are proud.

LEE FAIRCHILD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

314 Langdon Street, Madison, Wis., Dec. 4, 1883.

Our term party occurred on the evening before Thanksgiving. Preliminaries for the "Inter-Fraternity Reception," arranged by a joint committee from the Fraternities, are likewise under way. This party is "the affair" of the year, and takes place about Feb. 22.

A. J. HILBERT.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

December 9, 1883.

Since our last report three benighted barbarians have been admitted by us into our chapter—brother W. J. Spillman, '85. and brother E. E. Smith and brother Hughes, who graduate this session in engineering. They are all splendid men, and worthy in every respect to wear the sword and shield. We have obtained the Knights of Pythias hall and meet regularly now. We are all very much pleased with the new appearance of the SCROLL.

Mr.

MISSOURI BETA—WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Fulton, Mo., Nov. 30, 1883.

On the evening of Nov. 5th we led another barbarian over the threshold and armed him with our golden weapons. Brother Ed-

ward Hays Lyle is our youngest member, but, for many reasons, some of which can be thoroughly understood only by a student of Westminster, he is our greatest victory for many a day. He is the son of John N. Lyle, Ph.D., our professor of Natural and Physical Science. In all respects he is a noble Phi

We have again changed our literary exercises. If any one will take the trouble to look over the reports from Missouri Beta, he will find that this is a frequent announcement. The truth is we have been seeking for something good and different from the literary societies; we have tried several experiments, but we believe that we have at last found what we sought. We have a committee of three who determine at each meeting what the exercises shall be at the next. This relieves monotony and gives greater interest to the meetings.

L. J. MITCHELL.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 5, 1883.

Kansas Alpha has no special news to offer this month. We have not taken in any new men, but are on the lookout for a few more boys who may make good Phis. Sigma Chi is reported to have a chapter in embryo here. Merry Christmas to all the Phis.

W. T. FINDLEY.

NEBRASKA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The applicants from the University of Nebraska are Arthur E. Anderson, Indiana Gamma, '87, Genon, Neb.; George B. Frankfotter, Roca, Neb.; Edmond J. Churchill, Lincoln, Neb.; James R. Force, Palmyra, Mo.; Conway G. McMillan, Lincoln, Neb.; Ray G. Coddington, York, Neb.; Elton Fulmer, Gibbon, Neb., and Caleb Canaday, Fall City, Neb. The following is taken from a personal letter.—EDS.

1423 Second Street, Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6, 1883.

We have a splendid University considering the length of time since it was established. I will send you a catalogue as you request, and you will see it speaks for itself. There are even more students this year than there were last. The institution is growing rapidly; in fact, keeping pace with the State.

You misunderstood me in regard to the Faculty. I never heard any of them speak about Fraternities, but only heard the acting Chancellor say he was not in favor of any secret societies.

I don't think they oppose Sigma Chi here at all, and so I am sure they cannot oppose us, as we have the better class of students.

We consist of eight members—two Juniors, two Sophomores, and four Freshmen. I mailed our petition to the G. C. this morning through brother Sever.

I before said that the Sigs seem to be doing very little. I suppose it is on account of no opposition. I think we will "wake them up" about the first of the new year.

Our prospects for the future as a university are as good as could be asked. You will see by the catalogue what an immense tract of land belongs to the University, which is rapidly increasing in value. The advantages we have here in establishing a chapter are many. One is, we have the pick of the institution, as there were only five men belonging to a Fraternity when we commenced, so we have no trouble in getting our men.

A. E. ANDERSON.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Dec. 11, 1883.

The future of Iowa Alpha looks brighter than ever before. Our men are all earnest workers, and are the best students in the University. Four are classical Freshmen, and will be here with the chapter for the next three years. We are in strong hopes of adding another to our band in a short time.

We held a social entertainment in company with our lady friends, the I. C. girls, at the principal hotel in the city Monday evening, December 3. It was a success in every sense of the word.

The Fraternity will hear more and oftener from us in the future.

J. W. DAVENPORT.

IOWA BETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1883.

Iowa Beta, somewhat young and inexperienced, began this year with fourteen active members and, indeed, they may appropriately be called active members; for they have done splendid work. We have had the pleasure of meeting three new men this term—brothers Connelly, Burgett, and Beecher, all of '87. We are quite proud of our new members, for we feel confident that we have the pick of the Freshman class. The chapter has been granted the use of a piano gratis for several years.

Brother W. L. Park, our unique spiker, is a swift man in more ways than one. He has just lately had a magnificent gold shield-

shaped medal presented to him by his admiring friends. The medal dubs him "Champion runner of the S. U. I."

Many soul-inspiring and sleep-destroying banquets has Iowa Beta had this term. We have two pins in our chapter which far surpass any thing in the S. U. I. We only hope we can always be as prosperous as we have been this term.

ROBT. A. GREENE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 29, 1883.

Since my last report Frank A. Johnson, '85, and George Bunnell, '87, have been initiated. Mr. Johnson is a former student, and a young man of high character. He holds the position of private secretary to our "Prex," and is considered a great catch for any society, so, of course, Phi Delta Theta had to capture him. Mr. Bunnell is a Freshman just from the High School. The Delta Gamma ladies had a party two weeks ago, at which we were represented by brothers Haag, Holt, and McKinney. The Junior Class is preparing to publish an annual. Brother H. S. Abbott is one of the editors. We have had several pleasant calls from our Province President, brother P. L. Sever. Brother Simmons, Illinois Epsilon, called on us this morning. The rival Fraternities are in fair trim. The locals have about a half dozen men *sub rosa*. Chi Psi has eight men, and Delta Tau Delta six.

JAMES GRAY.

DEATHS.

In Ellis, Kansas, of consumption, on Friday, August 3d, James R. Pharr, youngest son of Dr. C. W. Pharr, of Clarksville, Mo., aged about 22 years. The following preamble and resolutions were passed and adopted by Missouri Alpha:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Missouri Alpha chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, have just received the sad intelligence of the death of one of our members, James R. Pharr, and,

WHEREAS, While we bow humbly to the will of the Supreme Being, who has seen fit to cut off in the dawn of a promising manhood one of our number, we deem it befitting to express our deep regret; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the loss of James R. Pharr, our Fraternity is deprived of one of its brightest members, and one whose youth gave promise of a noble and brilliant manhood; and

Resolved, That we always found our deceased brother true to his principles, unswerving in his devotion to honor, and firm in the keeping of his obligations.

Resolved, That it is with feelings of the most sincere grief that we learn of his untimely death; and further,

Resolved, That we tender our earnest sympathies to his bereaved parents in this affliction which an all-wise Providence has visited upon them.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and to the SCROLL for publication.

(Signed.)

L. D. EVANS, President.

IN Silver City, New Mexico, of small pox, Dec. 5, 1883, John Somers, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, '81. Suitable resolutions of respect were passed by his chapter. The following tribute to his memory was published in the *Nashville World* of the 7th instant:

A telegram was received in this city last night from Chancellor John Somers, at Dresden, announcing the death of his son John, at Silver City, New Mexico, Sunday evening, of small pox. The message that brought this announcement from the far West to that brilliant young man's old home, filled many hearts with sadness and cast a gloom over the entire community. No young man had more friends, or was more worthy of them than John Somers, Jr. Brilliant in intellect, social in his intercourse, and kind hearted, brave, and generous, he won hosts of warm, true friends wherever he went, and achieved eminence in his chosen profession, the law, for one so young. He graduated with distinction in both the Literary and Law departments of the Vanderbilt University; located shortly thereafter in Nashville, and here won an enviable reputation at the bar, who recognized in him a young man of rare ability. He had a bright future before him here, but was induced to go out to Silver City, New Mexico, where he at once occupied a high rank in the legal profession, at the time of his death commanding a large and lucrative practice. He was cut down by that terrible scourge, small pox, in the very flush of young, vigorous manhood, just as the vista of a brilliant and successful career had been fully opened up before him. His sad death will prove a severe shock to his devoted father, who took great pride and interest in his noble and worthy son's most promising future. His death will cause deep regret among his many Nashville friends, who became greatly attached to him during his residence here. The light of a noble life has gone out, but it will not be hid forever; it will be rekindled in the land beyond the "Sunset's radiant glow."

THE following resolutions of respect to the memory of Rolla Loudenback, were passed by Ohio Epsilon :

WHEREAS, By the death of our esteemed friend and brother, Rolla Loudenback, who in the day of life passed away just when the misty dawn of youth had given place to manhood's hopeful morning, our Fraternity has lost an enthusiastic worker and warm supporter; and

WHEREAS, We recognize in him a fellow student, whose manly bearing, good manners, and generous impulses, endeared him to the hearts of those around him; a friend affectionate and true, and a brother loyal to the practice of his Fraternal principles; be it

Resolved, That the members of Ohio Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, tender to the bereaved family their expressions of heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence, and, at this time, when the light of a future hope only can gild the darkness of the present hour, present this token of our kindly remembrance; also be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, and to the *Beacon* and Phi Delta Theta SCROLL for publication.

E. C. PAGE, }
A SCHUMACHER, } Committe.

ERRATA.

IN the SCROLL for November the folios should be numbered consecutively from 57 to 104.

In this issue the following corrections should be made: Page 114, line 14, for "allow two" read allows too; page 118, line 13, for "Ardivan Walker Rogers" read Ardivan Walker Rodgers; page 119, footnote, for "Revvied" read Revived; page 120, correct folio; page 128, line 16, for "o" read to; page 132, line 10, for "Œdipus Tyrannus" read Œdipus Tyrannus; page 135, line 15, for "McKean Hall" read McKeen Hall.

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M. Tuesday, November 11, 1884, and closing the following Friday:

Orator—Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Versailles, Ky.

Alternate Orator—Hon. J. F. Philips, Kansas City, Mo.

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Alternate Poet—Prof. C. H. Hall, Franklin, Ind.

Historian—A. A. Stearns, 236 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Prophet—D. U. Fletcher, Jacksonville, Fla.

Alternate Prophet—George Bryan, Richmond, Va.

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Epsilon Province—P. H. Clugston, Larwill, Ind.

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CHAPTER REPORTERS.

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Pennsylvania Delta—Allegheny College—W. W. Case, Box 701, Meadville, Pa.

Pennsylvania Epsilon—Dickinson College—E. J. Lindsey, Carlisle, Pa.

Pennsylvania Zeta—University of Pennsylvania—Martin W. Barr, 3625 Walnut St., West Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA PROVINCE.

Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College—C. N. A. Yonce, Box 120, Salem, Va.

Virginia Beta—University of Virginia—E. P. Valentine, University of Virginia, Va.

Virginia Gamma—Randolph Macon College—A. C. Nadenbousch, Ashland, Va.

Virginia Delta—Richmond College—Orren L. Stearnes, Richmond, Va.

Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute—B. B. Semmes, Lexington, Va.

South Carolina Alpha—Wofford College—M. Pegues, Spartanburg, S. C.

South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College—Julius T. Dudley, Columbia, S. C.

Virginia Alpha Alumni—Richmond—Dr. C. M. Shields, 119 N. Fifth St., Richmond, Va.

Maryland Alpha Alumni—Baltimore—W. H. H. Raleigh, 23 Hanover St., Baltimore, Md.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia—H. F. Dunwody, Athens, Ga.

Georgia Beta—Emory College—J. Hollingsworth, Oxford, Ga.

Georgia Gamma—Mercer University—Frank A. Hooper, Macon, Ga.

Alabama Alpha—State College of Alabama—D. D. McLeod, Auburn, Ala.

Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi—S. F. Hampton, Oxford, Miss.

Texas Beta—University of Texas—Waverley Smith, Austin, Tex.

Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University—Claude Waller, Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee Beta—University of the South—J. H. P. Hodgson, Sewanee, Tenn.

Alabama Alpha Alumni—Montgomery—Alva Fitzpatrick, Montgomery, Ala.

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Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University—R. H. Callahan, Lock Box 1258 Delaware, Ohio.

Ohio Gamma—Ohio University—S. P. Armstrong, Athens, Ohio.

Ohio Delta—University of Wooster—W. J. Boone, Wooster, Ohio.

Ohio Epsilon—Butchel College—D. K. Crissinger, Akron, Ohio.

Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University—H. A. Kahler, 31 W. Ninth Av., Columbus, Ohio.

Kentucky Alpha—Centre College—H. E. Wishard, Danville, Ky.

Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati—W. H. Hawley, 34 Laurel St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av., Louisville, Ky.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana Alpha—Indiana University—O. E. Bradfute, Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana Beta—Wabash College—E. J. Dukes, Crafordsville, Ind.

Indiana Gamma—Butler University—J. B. Kuhns, Irvington, Ind.

Indiana Delta—Franklin College—J. W. Fesler, Franklin, Ind.

Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—F. D. Swope, Hanover, Ind.

Indiana Zeta—Indiana Asbury University—J. B. Bridges, Greencastle, Ind.

Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—W. D. Watkins, Union City, Mich.

Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—Ehuer W. Hart, Hillsdale, Mich.

Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.

Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—J. C. Norris, 231 Peru St., Indianapolis, Ind.

ZETA PROVINCE.

Illinois Gamma—Address may be obtained from the Province President.

Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—T. M. Kimball, Normal, Ill.

Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Lee Fairchild, 611 Brook St., Galesburg, Ill.

Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—A. J. Hilbert, 314 Langdon St., Madison, Wis.

Illinois Alpha Alumni—Chicago—M. M. Boddie, Room 55, 125 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg—Rev. E. L. Conger, Galesburg, Ill.

ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha—Address may be obtained from the Province President.

Missouri Beta—Westminster College—L. J. Mitchell, Box 138, Fulton, Mo.

Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—W. T. Findley, Box 122, Lawrence, Kan.

Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—A. E. Anderson, 1423 Q. St., Lincoln, Neb.

Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. W. Davenport, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—R. A. Greene, Iowa City, Iowa.

Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—James Gray, Minneapolis, Minn.

PROVINCE ASSOCIATION.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

President—L. D. Guffin, New Salem, Ind.

Secretary—J. M. Goodwin, Greencastle, Ind.

The next Convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., April 15, 1884.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

INDIANA.

The officers of the Indiana State Association are the same as the officers of Epsilon Province. The Seventh Annual Convention will be held jointly with the next Convention of Epsilon Province.

ALABAMA.

President—B. J. Baldwin, Montgomery, Ala.

Vice-President—M. P. LeGrand, Jr., Montgomery, Ala.

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Executive Committee—J. B. Robinson, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; B. F. Elmore, Butler, Ala.; and H. L. Williams, Wetumpka, Ala.

The Fourth Annual Convention will be held at Auburn, Ala., and Montgomery, Ala., June 27 and 28, 1884.

Orator—J. W. Tomlinson, Tate Springs, Tenn.

Prophet—D. B. Mangum, Troy, Ala.

FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which have chapters at the colleges where Phi Delta Theta has chapters, with the years when the colleges were founded and the chapters were organized. Two colleges which have laws prohibiting Fraternities are not included in this list. Reporters, we hope, will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

University of Vermont, 1791: Phi Beta Kappa (honorary); Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local), 1836; Sigma Phi, 1845; Delta Psi (local—not connected with chaptered Fraternity of same name), 1850; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

Union College, 1795: Kappa Alpha (Northern), 1825; Sigma Phi 1827; Delta Phi, 1827; Psi Upsilon, 1833; Delta Upsilon, 1838; Alpha Delta Phi, 1859; Theta Nu Epsilon (Sophomore), 1874; Beta Theta Pi, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

Lafayette College, 1826: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1855; Zeta Psi, 1857; Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Pennsylvania College, 1832: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1858; Sigma Chi, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

Washington and Jefferson College, 1802: Phi Beta Kappa; Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Gamma Delta, 1848; Phi Kappa Psi, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1853; Delta Tau Delta, 1861; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882.

Allegheny College, 1817: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1860; Delta Tau Delta, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Dickinson College, 1783: Phi Kappa Psi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Theta Delta Chi, 1861; Chi Phi, 1869; Beta Theta Pi, 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Pennsylvania, 1748: Zeta Psi, 1850; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1850; Delta Phi, 1850; Delta Psi, 1854; Phi Kappa Psi, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1880; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Phi Gamma Delta, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Roanoke College, 1853: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1869; Alpha Tau Omega, 1869; Sigma Chi, 1872.

University of Virginia, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1850; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1852; Phi Kappa Psi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1859; Chi Phi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Delta Psi, 1860; Mystic Seven (local), 1867; Kappa Sigma, 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha,

1868; Alpha Tau Omega, 1868; Sigma Nu, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1878.

Randolph Macon College, 1832: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1874; Sigma Chi, 1874.

Richmond College, 1844: Beta Theta Pi, 1870; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1875.

Virginia Military Institute: Alpha Tau Omega, 1865; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1869; Sigma Nu, 1869; Kappa Sigma, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

Wofford College, 1851: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Chi Psi, 1869; Chi Phi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

South Carolina College, 1801: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Alpha Tau Omega, 1883.

University of Georgia, 1785: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1866; Chi Phi, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1872; Alpha Tau Omega, 1878; Delta Tau Delta, 1882; Phi Kappa Psi, 1883.

Emory College, 1836: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Chi Phi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Mercer University, 1857: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879.

State College of Alabama, 1872: Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883.

University of Mississippi, 1844: Rainbow, 1848; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1851; Delta Psi, 1855; Sigma Chi, 1857; Phi Kappa Psi, 1857; Chi Psi, 1858; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1865; Phi Delta Theta, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1879; Alpha Beta Tau (ladies), 1882; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

University of Texas, 1883: Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883.

Vanderbilt University, 1873: Phi Delta Theta, 1876; Rainbow, 1882; Kappa Alpha, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883; Beta Theta Pi (not yet chartered); Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

University of the South, 1868: Alpha Tau Omega, 1877; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1881; Kappa Sigma, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1842: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Sigma Chi, 1855; Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Phi Kappa Psi, 1861; Delta Tau Delta, 1868; Phi Gamma Delta, 1869; Chi Phi, 1873.

Ohio University, 1804: Beta Theta Pi, 1841; Delta Tau Delta, 1862; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1876.

University of Wooster, 1860: Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Sigma Chi, 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

Buchtel College, 1871: Delta Tau Delta, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1877; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Ohio State University, 1868: Phi Gamma Delta, 1878; Phi Kappa Psi, 1880; Sigma Chi, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

Centre College, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Delta Theta, 1850; Sigma Chi, 1876; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

Indiana University. 1828: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta,

1849: Sigma Chi, 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Gamma Delta, 1870; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873.

Wabash College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1852; Phi Gamma Delta, 1866; Phi Kappa Psi, 1870; Sigma Chi, 1880.

Butler University, 1854: Phi Delta Theta, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1878.

Franklin College: Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1878; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Hanover College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1864; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Sigma Chi, 1871; Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Indiana Asbury University, 1837: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Gamma Delta, 1856; Sigma Chi, 1859; Phi Kappa Psi, 1865; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1866; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Delta Tau Delta, 1871; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875.

State College of Michigan, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Phi Delta Theta, 1873.

Hillsdale College, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Illinois Wesleyan University, 1850: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Phi Delta Theta, 1878; Phi Delta Phi (law), 1878; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Lombard University: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

University of Wisconsin, 1848: Phi Delta Theta, 1857; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Chi Psi, 1878; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881.

Westminster College, 1853: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Kansas, 1864: Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1876; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

University of Nebraska, 1869: Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Sigma Chi, 1882.

Iowa Wesleyan University, 1855: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1871.

State University of Iowa, 1857: Beta Theta Pi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1882; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1882.

University of Minnesota, 1868: Chi Psi, 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1881; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

WE desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by the chartered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with the information needed to make the list of announcements complete.

Zeta Psi—New York, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1884.

Sigma Phi—Schenectady, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1884.

Pan-Hellenic Conference—New York, N. Y., July 4, 1884.
 Delta Tau Delta—Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1884.
 Phi Gamma Delta—Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26, 1884.
 Beta Theta Pi—Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma—Canton, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1884.
 Sigma Chi—Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.
 Chi Phi—Washington, D. C., Oct. 8, 1884.
 Delta Kappa Epsilon—Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1884.
 Phi Delta Theta—Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1884.
 Alpha Tau Omega—Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27, 1884.
 Phi Kappa Psi—Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1885.

FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

BELOW is a directory of Fraternity journals. The *Diamond* and *Delta* do not exchange with us. The *Ancora* and the *Purple and Gold* have not been published, but are to appear soon. The *Crescent*, *Record*, *Palm*, *Golden Key* and *D. K. E Quarterly* will receive subscriptions from non-members at the regular rates.

Beta Theta Pi—Established 1872; monthly; pp. 48; size 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$2; 11 Apollo Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chi Phi Quarterly—Established 1874; pp. 60; size 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Allentown, Pa.

SCROLL, of Phi Delta Theta—Established 1875; monthly; pp. 60; size 6x8 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.

Crescent, of Delta Tau Delta—Established 1877; monthly; pp. 24; size 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Box 144, Meadville, Pa.

Diamond, of Psi Upsilon—Established 1878; Schenectady, N. Y.

Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Springfield, Ohio.

Phi Gamma Delta—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Star and Crescent, of Alpha Delta Phi—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 50; size 6x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; 53 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 68; size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9; price \$1; Farmdale, Ky.

Alpha Tau Omega Palm—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 84; size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; University of Virginia, Va.

Sigma Chi—Established 1881; bi-monthly; pp. 64; size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; P. O. Box 11, Hanover, Ind.

Golden Key, of Kappa Kappa Gamma—Established 1882; quarterly; pp. 40; size 7x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Zeta Psi Monthly—Established 1882; pp. 16; size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x10; price \$1; 782 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly—Established 1883; tri-yearly; pp. 94; size 6x9 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; 52 William St., New York, N. Y.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly—Established 1883; pp. 14; size 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x10 $\frac{1}{2}$; price 50 cents; 842 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Delta, of Sigma Nu—Established 1883; Dahlgonega, Ga.

Kappa Alpha Magazine, of Southern Kappa Alpha—Established 1883; quarterly; pp. 32; size 6 x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; Charleston, S. C.

Purple and Gold, of Chi Psi.

Ancora, of Delta Gamma.

TO ALUMNI ESPECIALLY.

No one will dispute that it is necessary to the preservation, growth, and extension of Phi Delta Theta that it have a Fraternity journal—an organ of communication between its' members—and it is equally as manifest that in order to sustain the same on a scale that will comport with the prominence and respectability of the Order it represents, money is required. We need not remind the alumni, to whom this communication is specially addressed, that the SCROLL is not owned and operated by a stock company or moneyed corporation, but is dependent for the payment of the current expenses of its publication alone upon the subscriptions to the same by the active and alumni members. The revenue from the present number of subscribers is not more than enough to defray the cost of issuance of the SCROLL in its present size, leaving no surplus funds to meet the urgent demands for an enlarged edition called for by reason of the increased number of new chapters which have been recently established.

It is true your active membership ceased with graduation, but the benefits you derived before that time continue with you now. The Fraternity never ceases to watch with interest your career, and is ever ready to rejoice over the victories that you win in the battle of life. It would seem that the recollection alone of the happy hours that you have spent in social converse and intellectual pleasures around the altars of our mystic Brotherhood, would lead each and all of you to respond cheerfully and immediately to this appeal.

Phi Delta Theta is not a temporary organization, but a permanent institution with a glorious history to preserve and a noble work to accomplish. Let every clumnus contribute to this worthy end by sending in at once his subscription to the SCROLL. It will afford food for reflection to many who are in the evening of life, the time they delight to linger over the past; and among the younger alumni it will serve to revive the fading recollections of college days that are gone, and keep alive the spirit of Phi Delta Theta which is so necessary to the full accomplishment of its noble aims and purposes.

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HURRAH FOR THE PHIS!

AIR—"TOMBIGBEE RIVER."

OVER mountain and valley and river and plain,
'Mid the city's mad throng, on the wide stormy main,
In the North, in the South, and in whatever clime,
Still the tones of true Phis in this chorus will chime.

CHORUS.—Shout hurrah; yes, hurrah!

In our hearts we are one;
For Phi Delta unites us
Wherever we roam.

Alma Mater, within thy time-honored old walls,
In the friendly retreat of thy loved classic halls,
Noble Greeks lift their banner aloft to the skies,
And we'll join in their song, "Hurrah for the Phis!"

CHORUS.—

In the busiest haunts of the spirit of trade,
Where fortunes are lost, and where fortunes are made,
Men who wear the bright weapons e'en there win the prize,
And we sing once again, "Hurrah for the Phis!"

CHORUS.—

In its grandeur, forever Phi Delta will stand,
Each brother upheld by a dear brother's hand;
And throughout the dim future this chorus will rise,
Pealing louder each year, "Hurrah for the Phis!"

CHORUS.—

L. J. MITCHELL, MISSOURI BETA, '85.

FRATERNITY COMBINATIONS.

WITHIN the last few years, the development of what is known as "college politics," or "Fraternity combinations," has been rapid. There is a pseudo-political bearing about it which does not fail to attract the student. Its spirit has become deeply imbedded in the minds of many of our best chapters. While there are no signs or hopes of an immediate change in this matter, yet it never hurts to look at the cold facts in the case. And what are the facts?

Previous to a college or oratorical association election of officers, certain Fraternities combine to vote together to get the offices. A written agreement is drawn up and signed by a representative of each Fraternity thus entering. Upon this paper these men each pledge that his Fraternity or chapter, as the case may be, will stand by the agreement. But what does this paper amount to? Upon what basis does the pledge rest? Suppose a representative of a Fraternity in the combination sees that on election day it could get more offices by withdrawing from the alliance and combining with other Fraternities. For argument sake, say that it does so. What then can the others do? How is redress for the grievance to be obtained? The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has been betrayed in this manner in the most important election in Indiana more than once. The pledge of the combination rests solely upon the honor of the Fraternities entering it; and it cannot be denied that the honor of some Fraternities (fortunately there are very few of this kind) is very much like the quick-sands of Scotland—very good to survey at a distance, but not safe to stand upon.

It is not our business to consider the contempt that any Fraternity incurs by such a pitiable action, but how are we going to deal with such a one? If we stay upon the plane of fair and square dealing in these matters, do we not do ourselves an injustice in trying to cope with those who are unprincipled? We cannot afford to do anything but that which is scrupulously just and honest; and it is a strange matter that we should wish to place our Fraternity in a situation to be betrayed; to be allied with those who have neither honor nor good name at stake.

College Fraternity combinations are governed by the theory of numbers. Fitness of the candidates for the positions does not enter into the previous calculations. There may be excellent men on the other side; men who deserve recognition; men whose services for the college have been long and arduous; men whose qualifications and integrity are unquestioned. The officers are distributed among the combination candidates. You vote for them because they vote for you. They may be good men for the positions, and they may not. Often they are not. What is the result of this transaction? You make enemies of those good men who deserved recognition, men with whom enmity is not desirable; you have traded your vote or the Fraternity's vote for another, and declare that the office belongs to the party who has the most brute force, the most men; intellect is ignored; the offices are made cheap, and the honor in holding them becomes extremely doubtful.

But what effect do college combinations have upon our own Fraternity? If the object of Phi Delta Theta is not primarily, mainly, and distinctively the cultivation of the minds of its members, it certainly has no very well defined one. The member who fritters away his college years in scheming and wire-pulling, comes out with a vast amount of experience, but with little benefit or credit, and the Fraternity to which such a man belongs is in no immediate danger of elevation on his account.

It is plain that the Fraternity is simply what the individual members make it, and, if they turn their talents to a bad and frivolous use, the Fraternity will come to be of little importance. The effect follows the cause naturally and irresistibly. College politics is a bad field in which to spend one's time, because it detracts from the true interests of the members, and consequently the Fraternity; because it tries to make honor where there is none, and because it cripples the training of the intellect. Besides, it creates a bad impression upon new members. We take a college annual, and show a man whom we are spiking the various offices which we controlled the previous year, and impress him that that is a sign of influence and talent. Perhaps that showing turns the tide in our favor against a rival Fraternity which cannot

show any such list. Then, upon the night of the initiation, we are apt to reveal the true inwardness of the thing ; college combinations and their workings are explained, and it dawns upon him how those offices were obtained. If he is thoughtful, he is apt to see that he has been deceived ; and if a little tinge of contempt does not possess him, he will not be likely to overflow with enthusiasm the first evening.

This is far from the worst. Those young members who do not take it seriously are almost certain to form a false conception of the Fraternity, whenever prominence is given to this matter of combinations in the Fraternity hall or by the Fraternity chapter. When a member is taken in by a chapter the work with him is just begun. If there is anything more important than having him see clearly what he is there for, I cannot tell what it is. It seems to be of the utmost value to enthuse the mind of the new man with the purest, truest doctrine which we may advance and keep it clearly before him. Nothing should stand in the way of this. He must believe that there is a responsibility upon his shoulders ; that the chapter's and Fraternity's very existence depends directly upon him ; that the way to fulfill that obligation is by intellectual application ; and that he is to work and to make a man of himself. To these ends college politics is an enemy. It creates a taste for empty honors ; it opens a near way to apparent honor and tends to develop a dislike for that solid, splendid work which must lead to true distinction ; it places us in the hands of the unscrupulous ; it fosters prejudice ; it makes enemies of good men ; it degrades offices which otherwise might possibly be worth having ; it takes the time of our members ; it makes false and injurious impressions upon our young members ; it cuts off our literary work, ambition, and enthusiasm, and it degrades one of the grandest of Fraternities to a very unworthy affair.

It is not wise to shovel dirt with a golden spade. If we would declare that Phi Delta Theta is no longer in the political market, we would reduce the hostility of the college faculties to us to a wonderful degree, where any yet exists ; we would create a feeling of good will among our rivals toward us ; we would set an example which some other will set if we do not ; we would break

down some of the long-standing prejudice which exists between all Fraternities; we would help to open up a field of liberal Fraternity thought, and we would make sure that we are not in danger of being led away from our fundamental principles which we have pledged ourselves to uphold. J. M. GOODWIN.

FRATERNITIES IN LITERARY SOCIETIES.

THERE is more of opposition to the Greek letter Fraternities that has its origin in a supposed attempt on their part to control the literary societies in the various colleges of the country than from all other causes combined; and this objection is a real, and not an imaginary, one. For a chapter to attempt the control of a literary society, and to elect men for the various prizes and oratorical contests from their own members, without regard to qualifications, works such a gross injustice to those who are not members of it that, sooner or later, they will reap a deadly harvest from such iniquitous seed. To elevate incompetency, and to disregard merit, is a wrong, and organizations are hardly less able to survive its commission than individuals. Besides, a contest for honors by a Fraternity, and as a Fraternity, turns their attention from their legitimate field of labor, and, in consequence, they lose sight of all the high objects and aims for which they were established.

A chapter never makes friends by collectively taking a position in a literary society. A quiet and unassuming dignity of the individual member, and a recognition of merit wherever found, will gain for a chapter a much more lasting and powerful influence than by any other course that could be pursued.

The aims and the objects of the Greek Fraternities are higher and nobler than a control of the literary societies. The elections in these societies partake of all the fascinations which politics seem to possess later in life. But if associations must be formed to control college elections, and if cliques must be formed to raise men to positions whose merits will not place them there, then let it be an outside organization, brought into being for that purpose. Do not bring into contempt so honorable organizations as

the Greek-letter Fraternities; and let the Phis, in particular, see to it that not a chapter be diverted from its true aims and purposes.

W. H. GOODPASTURE.

EXTENSION PLANS.

823 W. CONGRESS ST., CHICAGO, ILL., Dec 11, 1883.

With both pleasure and interest I see in the November SCROLL two communications with regard to extension of our Fraternity, especially into eastern colleges. I endorse the sentiments therein expressed, and would like to suggest that we start an "extension fund." I know of at least one of our prosperous rivals which taxes all attendant members a dollar a year for its extension fund, and the money thus raised is used to good advantage. I do not wish to see our chapters taxed for this purpose, but I think a large fund could be raised by voluntary subscription. If every chapter would canvass its alumni it could, by stating the purposes for which money is wanted, obtain, without trouble, gifts of from \$5 to \$100; and I think that by energetic work several thousand dollars might be raised in this way. Can not this be done? If so, I would gladly give my mite among the first. I think the General Council would not be exceeding its authority if it should authorize such a movement, and I am sure most of the chapters would coöperate willingly. Now is the time to push into the east, and if we resolve to do it we will succeed.

MILO C. SUMMERS.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 1, 1884.

I beg leave to submit a scheme, though I fear a little late, for raiding and locating in other eastern institutions. I notice with pleasure the capture of a footing at Union, and I hope the day is not far distant when Yale, Harvard, Columbia, etc., will be each graced by a band of loyal, bold, and true Phis.

Each year there are at least fifty academic graduate Phis from various institutions who take a professional course, either at the institution from which they graduate or some other. Now, as a matter of fact, laying all prejudice aside, these first-class institu-

tions afford equal advantages; and if we can convince one dozen or two of such members as I mentioned of this fact, and get them positively determined to act in unison, why can not, say a committee of three, with vouchers for a certain amount from each of those agreeing, go ahead of the rest and make provisions for a chapter house, and thus alight in our full uniform among the old-timers?

From Missouri Alpha I am under the impression that two or three will attend Columbia College. I have not laid my scheme before the other two yet, but I think they might agree with me. Ann Arbor might also be carried in this way, and, though we would be compelled to rent for awhile, such a plan, I am confident, would soon enlist support and financial assistance sufficiently to secure permanent quarters.

THOMAS S. RIDGE.

EASTON, PA., Jan. 8, 1884.

I should not have disturbed the harmony of your columns so soon again were it not that I wish to speak of a matter which I deem of personal interest and vital importance to every member of the Fraternity. I refer to the matter broached by a *sub rosa* brother from Illinois Gamma, "Why can't we establish a fund for eastern extension?" Perhaps, for any extension; but I think I can give good reasons why it should be for eastern extension in particular. One strong reason is that the whole Fraternity seems interested in the step. I should like to see the matter fully discussed, and, more to the point, I want to see it pushed to a successful issue.

Within the last four months I have worked with slight success in some of our largest colleges in the East. I have met with difficulties, and studied them, sometimes being conquered by and sometimes conquering them. To one conclusion I have finally come: There are some—perhaps the best—eastern colleges which cannot be successfully entered without a backing of capital. If we attack a college already fully supplied with the oldest Fraternities, and attempt to organize a chapter without financial aid, we are confronted by vital difficulties. Many of these difficulties have not been met with in most of the colleges which we have en-

tered, and hence have not been fully appreciated. For instance, chapter-houses are not very common in the newer colleges of the West and South.

I think it can be laid down as an acknowledged fact that the best, soundest, truest men in college life are not those who handle money most freely. In this state of affairs, when we call upon a man to cast in his lot with us and help to organize a chapter, he most naturally looks about him, and, if his eye chances to light on the walls of some neighboring chapter-house belonging to a rival Fraternity, he strikes what seems to him to be an almost insurmountable barrier. Now, I don't believe that a chapter-house is necessary for organization—although some Fraternities have, I believe, a method of advancing money for this purpose—but poor men cannot afford to pay general Fraternity taxes, buy badges, fit up rooms (and rooms, too, which must have some claim on respectability, unless they are to be ridiculed by rival Fraternities), and pay numerous other incidentals connected with organization; and if they can't afford it we may rest assured that the arguments necessary to move them must be powerful indeed. Then, too, it is not fair that the charter members pay all the expenses incident upon a start, and have their successors reap the benefit of their efforts.

For these reasons, and many others, I call upon the Fraternity to establish the proposed fund at once. There should be, and I believe are, men in the Fraternity sufficiently interested in this eastward movement to come forward with considerable contributions. As to the method of disbursement, I may propose plans at some future time, or the General Council may empower some committee; that, however, is a minor consideration. Let such a power as our Fraternity represents once feel the need and we can rest assured of the result.

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT.

DELTA OR ZETA?

IN the October SCROLL appears a short article headed, "A Rose by Another Name," which I cannot let pass unanswered. As one of the charter members of the Lombard chapter, I claim the right to state over my signature the following facts:

The chapter was not established by the General Council. This body, known as the G. C., came into existence in the latter part of October, 1880; while the chapter was established in 1878 by the Grand Chapter, whose authority is indisputable. No new charter was issued at that time, however. The Delta charter from Knox was deposited at Lombard, and came into our possession as early as 1877, I believe; but as the secret work was not all received until the fall of 1878, we have dated the Lombard chapter's existence from Nov. 4, 1878. It was considered as the *same* chapter which had worked at Knox, and we were given permission to initiate men at both Lombard and Knox, though we never availed ourselves of this privilege. In December, 1880, under authority of the General Council (George Banta, President), I initiated twelve men at Knox, and a new charter was issued to them, named Illinois Zeta. This is the story. I think that the Lombard chapter *ought to be* Zeta, but it *is* Delta, as far as I am any judge.

I will add, in self-defense, on behalf of the chapter, that after receiving catalogue proof sheets headed "Illinois Zeta," I wrote no less than three times to brother Palmer, asking an explanation, and protesting against such naming until the matter could be settled by the Council. To these letters I never received one word in reply. We are willing to be called Illinois Zeta, but want the truth only in the SCROLL. I should never have written the above except under provocation by such a sally as the article in the October issue.

MILO C. SUMMERS.

EXCHANGES.

Our splenetic contemporary, the *Sigma Chi*, comes out with its usual amount of howling and raving at things in general, and Phi Delta Theta in particular. In our November issue we condescended to notice a long article in the *Sigma Chi*, wherein the editor proceeded to quote largely from back numbers of the SCROLL, and to draw inferences not only unwarrantable, but absolutely contrary to the language quoted. We were charitable enough to assume that the editor was looking through the green spectacles of envy, or was inspired by some personal malice to-

ward brother Thomas, the former editor of the SCROLL, who, last year, called some prominent members of Sigma Chi to account for ungentlemanly conduct. We did not wish to be forced to the conclusion that the *Sigma Chi's* aspersions were as void of motive as they certainly were of reason. We wish to make no insinuations, but words which are without either motive or reason are said to be sure indications of lunacy. Another indication might be found in the long laughing spell said Sigma Chi editor had when we replied to him, there being positively nothing "ludicrous" in sight. He seems to assume that he is the Grand Umpire of all Fraternities, and that he has some special guardianship over the interests of Phi Delta Theta. If such a hallucination really possesses him, we commend to his consideration the advice of Carlyle: "Arrest *thyself* out of the number of fools and dastards; then there will be at least *one* less."

We extend our hearty welcome to a new comer, the *Kappa Alpha Magazine*. We learn from it that the *Kappa Alpha Journal* was published during 1879, and then failed. It has now been determined to issue a quarterly, which will reflect credit upon the Fraternity, and, judging from the first number, the attempt will be entirely successful. We congratulate Southern Kappa Alpha upon producing a journal so handsome in appearance and so entertaining in its contents.

The *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta has not undergone much change since last year, except that its size has been increased to thirty-two pages. Its make-up is attractive, and it preserves its reputation for publishing interesting news

The *Phi Gamma Delta* is now published at Greencastle, Ind., instead of Delaware, Ohio. The make-up of the journal remains about the same. The miscellaneous articles are very dry and tedious, but there is a marked improvement in the editorial and exchange departments. Evidently men of considerable Fraternity experience and literary talent now have the management. We suggest that it would look better to have a greater uniformity in the headings to the chapter letters. E. G.: One is headed

"Kappa," another "Hall of Zeta," another "Hall Phi Gamma Delta," another "Alpha Deuteron Chapter," etc.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* for October and November is issued as a double number. It is very neat in appearance. The most interesting article is an editorial advocating an open constitution. The grounds taken are that none of the secrets of the Fraternity are embodied in the constitution, and that, as each chapter is now allowed but one copy, many members are ignorant of much that it contains. We think that the argument is good. The rituals of most Fraternities, we suppose, are separate from their constitutions, and the signs, pass words, etc., are never committed to paper. It, therefore, seems that it would be a great advantage to publish the constitution, and allow each chapter as many copies as are needed to give every member an opportunity of examining it. If we are not mistaken, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Delta Tau Delta have adopted this policy.

The December *Beta Theta Pi* contains an account of the Fraternity from 1839 to 1872, by Mr. W. R. Baird. As it has been copyrighted, and is to be continued, we presume it will be published in book form; but we think that it is hardly full enough to serve as a complete history of the Fraternity, though it is certainly a very valuable record, and has been compiled at a cost of much labor. Mr. Jno. I. Covington, who was for a number of years the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, takes issue with the present editor on the proposition to withdraw the charters from chapters at small colleges. He holds that the most active and enthusiastic Betas have come from small colleges; and that Beta Theta Pi has never ignored small colleges in the past, and cannot afford to do so in the future. We quote the concluding paragraph:

Were I to assume to be prophetic, I would say that if the line of policy governing each college Fraternity is to continue for two decades as it is now, Beta Theta Pi's rivals will have changed their places materially. Phi Delta Theta will surpass Alpha Delta Phi; the democratic spirit of Delta Kappa Epsilon will alone keep it alongside of Delta Tau Delta, and that Beta Theta Pi will be seeking out and caring for the smaller colleges, when our blood-thirsty Herod shall have reformed, or become, with Psi Upsilon, a forgotten suggestion of a sunflower age.

The editorials are good as usual. One of them on the "Lies and Evasions of Fraternity Journals," we especially like, and commend it to the careful perusal of a certain editor whose Fraternity is composed of "rising young men," and was "terribly misrepresented" by Mr. Baird in "American College Fraternities." The *Beta Theta Pi* seems to be on the lookout for matter to fill its classical pages. We find inserted a sizable Roman History, and also an abridgment of the Harvard catalogue. Won't you please, Mr. Editor, print Calderwood's Moral Philosophy in your next? The managers of the paper have decided to place the subscription price back at \$1.00 a year.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu, hailing from Dahlonga, Ga., has at last reached our table, and we offer it a cordial greeting. We do not understand though why, with its limited space, it should copy from the *Beta Theta Pi* a long article so entirely self-praising and so distinctly assumptive. We take the liberty of clipping the following:

It is the desire of Sigma Nu to enter only the best institutions in the South. The most desirable are: Georgia, South Carolina, Johns Hopkins, Southwestern Presbyterian, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, West Virginia, Texas, Mercer, North Carolina, Columbian, Baylor and Southwestern Universities; Bethel, Emory and Henry, Erskine, Oregon State, Roanoke, Southern, Wake Forest, Wofford and Centre Colleges; also Kentucky Military Institute. It is better to have few chapters in the best institutions, than a great many chapters in institutions of low grade, which tend to injure a Fraternity.

We entirely agree with the *Delta* in the last proposition, though we think that the above list includes a number of institutions of inferior standing, our opinion being based on wide observation and careful investigation of the whole field.

The *Occident*, an anti-Fraternity journal, published at the University of California, continues to find its way into our sanctum, and, on this account, some of our exchanges presume to say we are about to be converted, or rather *perverted*, to the *Occident's* way of thinking. No, no! But come along, *Occident*, an open enemy is far preferable to a doubtful friend.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Chi Phi has entered Ohio State University.

Sigma Chi is very anxious for a new catalogue.

Alpha Tau Omega is preparing a catalogue and song book.

Phi Gamma Delta has chosen delegates to the Pan-Hellenic.

Sigma Chi is confined to the law school at the University of Michigan.

Kappa Alpha Theta will soon have a journal. It is to be issued by the Indiana Asbury chapter.

Phi Kappa Psi is dead at Bethany College, West Virginia, and Sigma Nu has entered to fill its place.

Dec. 1, 1883, at University of Texas, Phi Gamma Delta, of a chapter; weight, ten members; congratulations.

The Chicago alumni of Delta Tau Delta have purchased a house for the chapter at the University of Michigan.

Theta Delta Chi has revived at Rensselaer Polytechnic. It is reported that the Tufts chapter will soon establish a Fraternity journal.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has placed chapters this year at Syracuse, Cornell, and Kansas State. It now has twenty chapters, all in fine condition.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has adopted a new ritual. The University of the South chapter has been made the Grand Chapter instead of the one at K. M. I.

A graduate club of Phi Kappa Psi, in Philadelphia, occupies rooms jointly with the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, and, it is said, pays all expenses.

Sigma Chi was founded at Miami by six Delta Kappa Epsilons who refused to enter a caucus on a society election. The six founders are still claimed as members of D. K. E., however.

The last convention of Southern Kappa Alpha divided the Fraternity into four districts, and appointed an executive officer for each. A catalogue of the Fraternity is now in preparation.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* thinks Phi Delta Theta will enter Hampden-Sidney; the *Kappa Alpha Journal* thinks we are trying to get in Kentucky Military Institute, and *Sigma Chi* thinks we are longing for a chapter at Denison. We are taking things very easy, however, as far as those institutions are concerned.

The institutions in South Carolina at which Fraternities are established are: Wofford College, Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta; Furman University, Chi Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha; South Carolina College, Chi Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta; Erskine College, Kappa Alpha.

The following is quoted from the *Beta Theta Pi*:

A. G. Brooks is the single representative of Mu at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., but he remains faithful in his solitary flocking all by himself in his corner. No chapter jealousies there!

We thought that the Betas made a mistake three years since when they revived their chapter at Cumberland. The institution is not what it was before the war. The *B. T. P.* states that the Rutgers chapter has but three men.

Zeta Psi succeeds in running a chapter at Princeton. The faculty prohibition is evaded by initiating the men at Rutgers. The Fraternity is considering the revival of its chapters at Brown, Union, and University of North Carolina. It has been proposed that in future the conventions alternate between New York, Philadelphia, and Boston; also, that Zeta Psi clubs be established in those cities. The *Zeta Psi Monthly* suggests that a residence directory of the members be published annually—a good idea.

Phi Kappa Psi has been counting chickens before they were hatched. They got Mr. Baird to give them a chapter at the University of Georgia, in "American College Fraternities," and the *Shield* placed the University of Georgia in one of its directories of chapters, but it has never published a letter, or any other communication from there. The chapter failed to materialize, either because the barbs changed their minds, or because the faculty re-

fused to let it be established. It behooves Phi Kappa Psi to keep quiet. She does not want "a multiplicity of chapters." If she gets ambitious, and tries to go outside of her limited sphere, she may make a blunder, and get in some "obscure institution"—like the University of Georgia, for instance! The South is almost a "Dark Continent" to her, so she needs to be very careful. Dear *Shield*, please "Waltz us again."

Phi Gamma Delta publishes the following three items. From the Indiana University correspondent:

The oldest Fraternity here is Phi Delta Theta, established in 1845. This is the Alpha chapter, and is the oldest in the Fraternity. It is considered a strong chapter. They attempt to make social cultivation a special feature. In numbers they are first.

Beta Theta Pi was established at Indiana University in 1845, and Phi Delta Theta in 1849, but at the time of the organization of the latter the former was defunct. The following is from the Indiana Asbury correspondent:

Phi Delta Theta, since her reorganization here, has shown a great deal of Fraternity spirit, and a determination to found a good chapter; and while we cannot say she is yet one of the best, yet it will only be a matter of time till she will hold a position of honorable rivalry with the rest of us.

From the Pennsylvania College correspondent:

Phi Kappa Psi are occupying their "new house," as they call it. They have a chapter hall little larger than a play-house. Phi Gamma Delta will make no attempt to leave her commodious hall for a chapter-house until she can build a *house*.

We are indebted for the following paragraphs to the *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta:

The chapter at Stephens, which was chartered at the Albany Convention of Chi Phi, has not been organized. It will, however, come out in the near future.

Six men last year, at Lafayette, left Phi Kappa Psi to join Chi Phi. As a return, perhaps, Phi Kappa Psi relieved Delta Tau Delta of one man at Asbury, and Phi Gamma Delta of three at Wabash.

At the last convention of Phi Gamma Delta only sixteen out of twenty-six chapters were represented. The fact that eleven of her chapters are of recent formation, may be a sufficient reason for so many absentees.

Phi Gamma Delta seems to be experiencing considerable difficulty in enforcing the compulsory subscription to her journal, which was adopted at her last convention. Several chapters openly express their dissatisfaction.

The chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at Washington and Jefferson, is represented by only one active member. At the beginning of the year there were four. Three subsequently resigned, one of them entering Phi Gamma Delta.

The *Beta Theta Pi*, *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, *Crescent of Delta Tau Delta*, *Golden Key of Kappa Gamma Kappa*, *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, and perhaps others also, receive subscriptions from non-members. We trust that our next convention will entirely remove the *quasi sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.

Strangely enough, all the institutions in North Carolina have anti-Fraternity laws, but it seems they have not succeeded in keeping the Fraternities out. At the University of North Carolina, which, in *ante bellum* days, was one of the finest institutions in the country, and which is regaining its prominence, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, and Southern Kappa Alpha now exist in defiance of the rules. Trinity College enacted laws which suppressed the Fraternities there several years since. We learn from the *K. A. Magazine* that at Davidson College the bans have been partially removed, and that Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are there, and Mystic Seven and Alpha Tau Omega are preparing to enter. The *Magazine* also says that at Wake Forest College the chapter of Kappa Alpha, which is the only one there, meets strong opposition from the faculty. Until recently Alabama has been an anti-Fraternity State also. The State A. & M. College removed the restrictions last fall. Southern University and the University of Alabama still strongly oppose Fraternities. At Howard College Sigma Chi is running in spite of the faculty's protest. Other Southern institutions which still interdict Fraternities are Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and the University of Tennessee, in both of which Kappa Sigma is nevertheless established; Central University, Kentucky, where Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are established; and Southwestern University, Texas, where Kappa Alpha has a chapter. We think it is

only a question of time until all these institutions will change their absurd policy. The Fraternities are constantly gaining influence, and when they become a little stronger they will almost be able to compel the college authorities to admit them.

The Southern Fraternities, or more properly those which had their origin in the South, are Alpha Gamma, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Rainbow. Some of them have never been smiled upon by fortune, but several have shown considerable activity of late. Alpha Gamma is now numbered among the things that were, its last two chapters at Washington and Jefferson College and Southwestern Presbyterian University having been absorbed by Alpha Tau Omega. Until 1881 Alpha Tau Omega was confined to the South. A large number of chapters have been established since then, and there are now eleven northern chapters established in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Ohio, and Oregon. The chapters at Stevens, Lehigh, and Columbia are reported not to be in a flourishing condition, but by its northern extension Alpha Tau Omega has raised its position among Fraternities. From 1873 to 1880 Kappa Alpha did not make any advancement; indeed, it greatly retrograded when it established chapters at several academies and high schools; but these chapters have been repudiated, and the Fraternity, though still confined to the South, now seems to be on the road to prosperity. Since 1880 new chapters have been established at Davidson College, N. C.; South Carolina College; Wake Forest College, N. C.; University of North Carolina; Southern University, Ala.; University of Louisiana (now deceased); Vanderbilt University; Centre College, Ky.; University of Mississippi, and University of Texas. We see from the *K. A. Magazine* that the Fraternity wishes to enter Johns Hopkins, University of the South, University of Alabama, and University of Missouri. Kappa Sigma has about eight chapters located in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Kappa Sigma Kappa has no chapters outside of Virginia, and Pi Kappa Alpha has only one chapter in Virginia and one in Tennessee. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had many vicissitudes, but is now probably

stronger than ever. It has recently placed its first northern chapter at Pennsylvania College, but we learn that it contains but three men. Sigma Nu is a small Fraternity, with chapters in Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Rainbow, which calls itself a "Roman-letter Fraternity," is established only at University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The March number of the SCROLL will be published on the fifteenth of the month. It is necessary for all articles to be forwarded to us promptly by the first, or we may not be able to arrange for them to appear.

After several hundred of the catalogues had been bound, it was found that the silver leaf used for the side stamp would easily tarnish. Gold leaf has been substituted for the silver leaf on a new lot of books just bound in both cloth and morocco, and the outside appearance is much handsomer than before.

We advise all Phis to subscribe for as many other Fraternity journals as they are able. Most of them are open to receive subscription from any source, and much information and instruction can be derived from them. Each chapter, at least, ought to subscribe for several, in order to keep more thoroughly posted on matters of general Fraternity interest.

The successful manner in which the business department of the SCROLL is conducted is owing, in a considerable degree, to the efficient aid rendered to the business manager by his better half; indeed, so valuable have been her services that probably she has as much right to be called the business manager as he has. Before her marriage she was connected to the Phis by several ties of consanguinity, and now she is more loyal to the white and blue than ever.

We are glad to publish in this number a song which will rank among the best in Phi Delta Theta's collection. We congratulate Missouri Beta upon having such a song writer. As the supply of song books is now exhausted, a new edition will soon have

to be prepared. We urge every Phi who has any of the "fine frenzy rolling" to direct his poetic talent to furnishing the Fraternity with new songs. The SCROLL will be glad to publish such contributions, and the new and old songs may soon be collected in book form.

It is, perhaps, not inappropriate that we caution the chapters against falling behind in paying their dues. In nearly all cases where a chapter is in arrears it is owing entirely to carelessness, yet it is much harder to get out of debt than it is to become indebted, and disastrous results are likely to ensue when a large debt has accumulated. We know that a number of chapters have not yet paid their quotas for the catalogue and this year's SCROLL. Treasurers should bestir themselves at once. Many of this year's attendant members will not return to college next year, but all of them are liable for catalogue and SCROLL dues. Collect for these dues now, before commencement expenses come, and the convention tax is levied. At the convention the T. G. C. will hold each chapter to account for all this year's members, and delegates will not be allowed to represent their chapters until all dues are paid in full.

COLLEGE POLITICS.

THE articles on Fraternities attempting to control college elections, which are published elsewhere, deserve serious attention. We admit that the practice has many evil tendencies. In southern colleges there is considerable cliquing and maneuvering among the Fraternities to secure the prized positions; while in the West college politics are almost entirely controlled by Fraternity combinations. But how is the practice to be broken up? is the question. Can one Fraternity afford to take a stand against all combinations and see its rivals divide up all the spoils among themselves? That would require heroic virtue and courage. In a college where there are only one or two Fraternities it is easy for a chapter to take high moral ground, because no combinations exist there; one side is against the other. But in a college crowded with Fraternities, and where one chapter, perhaps, is strong in in-

tellect, but numerically weak, it is very hard for it to refrain from trying to secure a fair share of the honors by means of negotiation with other Fraternities. There are always customs and circumstances which shape our ends, "rough hew them how we will." It is impossible for one Fraternity chapter, where there are many others in a college, to change all the rest. The results of the spoils policy is deplorable, and as long as Phi Delta Theta takes a part in it she is as much to blame as any other Fraternity, but the system has obtained such power and prevalence that nothing short of a revolution in the college world would destroy it. We advise our chapters to throw all the weight of their influence against election combinations, and to hold themselves aloof from such practices as far as they are able. The problem will be a topic for the Pan-Hellenic to consider; but, looking at it practically, we do not think that the evil will be removed entirely until the dawning of the millennium.

PROPAGANDISM.

WITH somewhat striking concurrence we have received three communications from three of the most active and widely known members of the Fraternity, all bearing on the same subject. In view, however, of the flattering success that we have met this year in the establishment of new chapters, it is not so surprising that the subject of extension is now uppermost in the minds of our working members. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune," and it is much the same way with Fraternities. We were never as now in such a powerful condition, or so well prepared to carry out our plans for the Fraternity's advancement. We should make the most of our present opportunities.

We deem it inadvisable to establish, as some Fraternities have, a general extension committee, for the reason that such a committee might, in the excess of their zeal, go too far, and get the Fraternity into some complication, by working on an institution before our executive officers had endorsed it. We now need to exercise the greatest caution in issuing charters. One mistake in granting a charter to an inferior institution would be pointed to

by our rivals as a sign that our standard is being lowered. A mistake of this sort would be a crime, or what Talleyrand called worse than a crime, a blunder. As a matter of fact, there are now no institutions in the South at which it would do us any good to organize chapters (not alluding to those which prohibit Fraternities); there are very few in the West which we care to enter, and at present very few in the East we *can* enter. We have established ourselves in the South as strongly as possible until further repeal of anti-Fraternity laws; in the West there are a few (a few only) institutions which we must carry, and we are now perfectly able to carry by concentrating our forces; in the East we will have to watch our chances, and never let an opportunity pass without improving it.

To several members who are enthused about extension, and who expect next year to go to institutions which are important objective points, we have suggested a method of preliminary work. We do not approve of a general extension committee, but are strongly in favor of a special committee being appointed to superintend the plan of attack on each institution where the executive officers decide that a chapter is required. This committee, which should have at its head some member who will attend the institution himself, should issue a circular-letter to all the chapters asking them to send as many men next year to that institution as possible, and to furnish the committee with their addresses, so that they may be corresponded with beforehand. The strength which can be relied on may thus be previously known, and definite arrangements made for united work. The means of raising the money necessary we will not discuss, but refer the matter to the General Council and Province Presidents.

COTEMPORARY STATISTICS.

WE are not disposed to praise the SCROLL on account of its editorial department. We have only "one talent" where many editors have "ten talents," and, besides, our time is so closely occupied by duties outside of the Fraternity, that we cannot do the work of the SCROLL with much satisfaction to ourselves. But there is one department of our journal which does reflect much

credit on Phi Delta Theta ; we refer to the chapter correspondence. The SCROLL has long been noted for this excellent feature. Other Fraternity journals have frequently expressed surprise at the number of chapter letters which it has published in each monthly issue. Last year the SCROLL published a letter from every active chapter in one issue, and the feat was repeated later. This was not very hard to do in Phi Delta Theta, but perhaps could not have been accomplished by any other monthly Fraternity journal. The other editors were very much astonished. Mainly to amuse ourselves, and to see how far the facts substantiate this distinction of the SCROLL, we have compiled a comparative table showing the number of chapter letters published by each of the Fraternity journals during the fall term of 1883-4. The list includes all of the monthlies, bi-monthlies, and quarterlies, except the *Diamond*, of Psi Upsilon, which does not exchange with us, the *Golden Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which represents a ladies' Fraternity, and the December number of the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent*, which, if it has been published, has not yet reached us. The table is given below, the journals being mentioned in order of seniority.

Journals.	Number of Chapter Letters Published.				No. Chapters in Fraternity.	No. Chapters Heard From.	No. Chapters not Heard From.
	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.		
<i>Beta Theta Pi</i>	4	9	10	23	44	21	23
<i>Chi Phi Quarterly</i>	19			19	22	19	3
SCROLL, of Phi Delta Theta	25	35	39	99	48	48	0
<i>Crescent</i> , of Delta Tau Delta	20	23		43	33	27	6
<i>Shield</i> , of Phi Kappa Psi	4	14	11	14	43	32	9
<i>Phi Gamma Delta</i>		9	9	10	28	19	8
<i>Star and Crescent</i> , of Alpha Delta Phi			10		10	10	7
<i>Alpha Tau Omega Palm</i>	0			0	30	0	30
<i>Sigma Chi</i>	23		21	44	34	26	8
<i>Zeta Psi Monthly</i>		13	16	29	19	16	3
<i>Delta Upsilon Quarterly</i>	2			2	17	2	15
<i>Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly</i>	28			28	29	28	1
<i>Delta</i> , of Sigma Nu	4			4	6	4	2
<i>Kappa Alpha Magazine</i>		0		0	20	0	20

This exhibit is very gratifying to us, and we feel proud of our chapter Reporters. It will be seen that during the four months the SCROLL published considerably over twice as many letters as any two other journals; also that during that time every chapter in Phi Delta Theta was heard from, which was not the case in any other Fraternity. This result was brought about not by any special exertion on our part. Other journals, it seems, find it very difficult to get communications. The *Beta Theta Pi* has made several requests of its chapters, naming some in particular, which it desired letters from, and has expressed disappointment at not receiving responses. The *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, has been calling loudly for contributions, and complaining that the editor has to do all the writing. This sounds very strange to the editor of the SCROLL, who has a portfolio overflowing with contributions he cannot publish, and who has to cut down every chapter letter to the shortest limit in order to publish the gist of all he receives. Our chapter letters are of great value to the body of the Fraternity in furnishing accurate and frequent reports of the condition of every chapter. The system of semi-annual reports which are exchanged between all the chapters of Beta Theta Pi may be a good thing, but the publication of a letter from every chapter, once every three months, in the Fraternity organ is, to our minds, a great deal better. This comparative showing, we think, is conclusive in proving the statement we have before ventured to make, that in intelligence of its actual condition, and in activity and enthusiasm of its chapters, Phi Delta Theta stands above all of its rivals.

LOMBARD CHAPTER'S TITLE.

As will be seen elsewhere, brother Summers joins issue with us about the title of the Lombard chapter. As he says, it "*ought to be Zeta but is Delta*," his communication is more of an explanation of how the claim originated than a challenge of our position. Brother Summers is right in the statement that the General Council was not organized until 1880, but before it came into existence, and at the time the Lombard chapter was chartered, the administration of the Fraternity was in the hands of an Ex-

ecutive Committee and a National Grand chapter. Their powers corresponded with those of our present General Council, and they never had the right to override the constitution in arbitrarily or irregularly entitling the chapters. Such action, of course, was null and void, for the constitution always provided that chapters should be entitled alphabetically according to the priority of their establishment in the States. Is that plain to the Lombard Phis? If not, although our space is limited, we believe we can put it more strongly. When the catalogue was be printed the editors did not have time to argue the question. We are glad to note that the Lombard chapter "is willing to be called Illinois Zeta," for, even though the Knox chapter is dead, it would not look well for another chapter to try to usurp its place.

LITERARY EXERCISES IN CHAPTERS.

ONE of the first objects of our Fraternity is the mental improvement of its members. As operations are usually carried on at places of education, much can be done toward furthering this aim by the individual aid and encouragement of members among each other. But much more can be done by literary exercises in chapters. A college education is, at best, faulty. He who has graduated may be filled with sciences and classics without knowing anything about history or literature; he may be well versed in history and literature and yet not know how to converse about either; he may be a walking encyclopædia of the past, but totally ignorant of current events. When one joins a Fraternity, he expects to reap some real advantage. He is told that its objects are mutual improvement and benefit. Is this mutual improvement to be merely in name, or are we to look to our pleasant banquets, suppers, and society intercourse for the promised improvement? It appears to us that we need something of more substantial value, something that, though not of the greatest temporal pleasure, will certainly be of sterling worth.

So far as we can learn, the chapters in very many Fraternities hold their regular meetings throughout the scholastic year without so much as undertaking any such thing as literary exercises, giving as their excuse that they have enough of that in school.

The consequence is, that when no initiation ceremony takes place, the meeting is without object and without interest. All Fraternity spirit dies when real life begins, and the alumnus looks back on his membership in the Fraternity as one among the many useless though pleasant follies attendant upon college life. Hence is explained that lack of interest of alumni, of which so many Fraternities complain. These several evils can, to a great extent, be remedied by having some improving and appropriate literary exercises at each chapter meeting. It will bring into view the latent talents of those who are too diffident to partake of public exercises elsewhere. It will give something of real value that may be remembered, that may be thought of, in connection with the Fraternity, and will, undoubtedly, add much to the interest of the alumni. They, of course, should always be invited to assist in these exercises.

A very appropriate form for the exercises is to select some author or historic character. Then appoint one member to write an essay on the character selected and his deeds or works, another to write his biography, another to read selections from his writings or history. The other members should each read something with reference to the character under discussion, so as to be interested, and after the regular exercises there should be a general conversation about that character. It is wonderful how much can be gained in the little time required for this programme. Besides the actual improvement, a literary taste is acquired which is invaluable.

The plan is not new. It is in operation in some chapters and works charmingly. To give variety, a country may be selected for discussion instead of a person. No doubt many points could be brought out about the geography, customs, and characters of our best known lands which would interest and improve the average college student or alumnus. It might be novel also on alternate meetings to discuss the current events of the present as obtained from newspapers. Appoint some one as the leader, and let all learn what they can from interrogatories and informal conversation. If the Fraternity will give attention to the suggestions here offered, we are sure that the reward reaped will more than repay for the trouble.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT,

COLUMBUS, GA., Jan. 1, 1884.

I was gratified to see the prompt fulfillment of my request as to chapter correspondence. In the December SCROLL every chapter in Gamma Province had a report save one. Let us continue to be prompt in these matters. I am gratified, also, at the enthusiasm displayed, the work accomplished, and the consequent success that necessarily followed. Most of the chapters have exhausted all of the desirable material, according to their reports. To the chapters who have no further work in that direction, and, indeed, to them all, I would suggest that they lie not idle; for "rust is more fatal than wear." Turn your attention to the internal improvement of your chapter. Get your finances on a firm foundation. Pay your SCROLL tax (for it is due), or any other debts you may owe. If you owe nothing, then see that your treasury is filled with all that belongs to it, ready to meet future demands. See that your young members are encouraged in doing their duty as members of our Brotherhood. There are many temptations in college life, "of strong prevailment in unhardened youth." See that they are shielded by your sympathy and affection.

There is, at present, little else for me to say—so watchful have you been of the interests of Phi Delta Theta. My protracted illness made it necessary for me to come home, and since I shall not return to Yale for some months, you will please address me at Columbus, Ga.

S P. GILBERT.

FROM DELTA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

AKRON, OHIO, Jan. 12, 1884.

If nothing interferes we shall hold Delta Province Convention at Columbus, Ohio, in May next, under the auspices of Ohio Zeta

The union of Alpha and Delta Provinces in a convention, as proposed by Pennsylvania Delta, would be highly enjoyable; but the range of territory from Vermont to Kentucky is rather too extensive to warrant a full attendance from both Provinces.

F. O. PAYNE.

FROM ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, ILL., DEC. 31, 1883.

Eta Province is in good condition. Every chapter has done

good work during the past term, and the prospects of all are bright. The December SCROLL contained a report from every chapter in the Province; let this be true of every number.

Nebraska Alpha starts out under very favorable auspices. The Delta Theta is firmly planting her standard in the State universities of the West. I call the special attention of Reporters and Historians to the fact that April 1st is the date for their annual reports. I hope that each report will be made out according to form and promptly forwarded.

Now, a word to old Phis who reside in this section: Most of you were members of chapters in other States, and, as a consequence, are but slightly acquainted with the active members of the Province in which you reside. Your active work for the Fraternity has ceased; but often you could be of great assistance to the chapters near you by making suggestions, or calling attention to students whom you believe would make good Phis. This would only require an occasional letter to the Province President, or to the Reporter of some chapter, and would be greatly appreciated. During the last few months I have received a number of such favors, which convinces me that many of the alumni, though not in active service, are still zealous in the cause.

P. L. SEVER.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 20, 1884.

It is impossible now for us to supply back numbers to new subscribers. We are short on the October, November, and December numbers. We would be glad for any member who has these numbers, and does not wish to keep them filed, to return them to us; we can put them where they will do good. Send along your back numbers, whether of this or previous volumes. If you will correspond with us we may be able to exchange copies with you, so you can complete your sets.

We are using every means we can devise to extend the circulation of the SCROLL among the alumni. Seven hundred copies of the December issue were mailed as specimens to alumni, who were carefully selected from those known to be most warmly attached to the Fraternity. We wish to send out more specimens of the March number, and, therefore, ask our readers to send us the addresses of correspondent members who will probably subscribe. Send the lists *at once*, so that we may know before the printers begin work how many extra copies to order.

W. R. MANIER.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

BURLINGTON, VT., Jan. 6, 1884.

Many things have happened since our last report to make Vermont Alpha rejoice. In the first place, we do not feel nearly as lonesome as we did, thanks to New York Beta. It has long been our heart's desire to see a new chapter placed in some healthy eastern college; and although we have been particularly favored by visits from other chapters we now take a new lease of life from the birth of our sister chapter at Union, and flatter ourselves that when the next season for spiking comes round we shall not fear the heretofore chief argument of our opponents, viz., "their brothers in other chapters are so far away they might as well be in the next world."

At home, too, last term was a very satisfactory one to us; at almost every meeting of the chapter there might have been counted twenty or more Phis, all working together with the harmony and good will which makes a chapter prosperous and useful. Our literary work was never done better; our social communion was never more jovial and hearty than at present.

The annual oratorical contest, held at the close of last term, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Phis. Brother T. L. Jeffords, '86, carried off the first, and brother E. M. Wilbur the third; the second was divided between a Sigma Phi and a Delta Psi. The number of contestants was ten, of whom three only were Phis. Brothers Jeffords and Wilbur deserve, and receive, the hearty congratulations of their many friends; and, as for the rest of us, we are first at last, if we have always been behind on prize-speaking before.

At our last meeting we had the encouragement of the presence of brother A. H. Wheeler, who has, for the last year, been doing a very successful agency business in the South. Brother Wheeler was one of our charter members, and brings us good cheer from sister chapters which he has met in his wanderings. Brother Sawyer, '83, was also with us, and, as he is now located in the city, we often have the pleasure of his presence and assistance at our meetings. Brother Bell, formerly of '84, has returned to swell the ranks of '86, and we welcome him as an active member once again.

W. M. STILES.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Jan. 12, 1884.

It falls on me to send you the second report from New York

Beta. We are now fairly started, and we hope that we are commencing a prosperous career. We have lost one of our attendant members, Vernon Weston, '87, who has been in poor health a long time, and has finally been compelled to give in. He is going to teach school in Lewis county, where the surroundings are more congenial to him. He is a splendid fellow, and it was hard to part with him. We have pledged another man in the sophomore class, who will join us if he remains in college.

E. S. C. HARRIS.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

EASTON, PA., Jan. 4, 1884.

With one or two exceptions our boys all left town for the holidays; with the same number of exceptions all have returned. We have had no initiations since the first of last term, but from present appearances we will probably have one or more this term. Everything jogs along evenly just now; this term is generally very quiet. We enter on the new year in a prosperous condition. We are able to snap our fingers at our foes, and bid our friends God-speed.

Pennsylvania Alpha is very much pleased with Phi Delta Theta's Christmas gifts—the new chapters—and wishes to congratulate them for ending the year so well. W. F. SMALLEY, JR.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, PA., Jan. 5, 1884.

A new year has opened with flattering prospects for Phi Delta Theta. We rejoice to receive New York Beta and Nebraska Alpha into our noble Fraternity, and wish them abundant success in their fields of action. This is the work which must assure every Phi that progress is being made, not only in the East, but also in the West. Why not establish a chapter at Lehigh University? It is an institution of ample endowment, prestige, and reputation; one which will not decline, but is advancing to a high standard of intellectual development. We hope that the matter will be considered by the brothers.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition, and our work upon the barbs is fast approaching completion. Allow me to present our brother Milton Orwig, a noble and valiant Phi. In him we have secured a worthy addition, both with regard to class standing and character, and gained a great victory over the Phi Gamma Deltas. Other chapters here are making a few desultory efforts, but their success has not been measured by the pressure they

brought to bear on individuals. We now number twenty-three, and have a worthy gentleman under observation whom we believe will soon enter the mystic fold. Then we will rest on our oars, with the satisfaction that we rank with the best in numbers and ability.

OSCAR H. MARSH.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

MEADVILLE, PA., Jan. 5, 1884.

In the additional promotions of the military department last term, brother Wells was made first seargent, brother Proctor sergeant, and brother Kerr corporal.

Our challenge not having been accepted last term, we claim to have the champion Fraternity base-ball nine of the college.

While visiting the pleasant home of brother Long (Brookville, Pa.), during the holidays, we had the pleasure of meeting brothers B. M. Marlin, Ohio Delta, '84, and J. S. Morrison, Ohio Delta, '86. Brother Marlin is cashier of the First National Bank of Brookville.

W. W. CASE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

CARLISLE, PA., Jan. 5, 1884.

Since our last report we have received J. B. Stine, of Mifflintown, Pa., class of '87, into the mysteries of the Phi Delta Theta, making our number sixteen. Our prospects for the future are encouraging for one or two additions this year.

We have rented the hall formerly occupied by I. O. G. T. for this year, which is pleasantly situated on the Main street of the town, large and well furnished; and our curtains in the windows give notice to all passers-by where we meet.

We cheerfully acknowledge the congratulations of the SCROLL in regard to the establishment of the New York Beta at Union College, through the labor and influence of J. Wesley Perkinpine, '84, of our chapter. We join our sister chapters in giving her a hearty welcome, extend to her the right hand of fellowship, and wish for her a long, happy, and prosperous future.

E. J. LINDSEY.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Jan. 5, 1884.

Brother Lyman Chalkley, on his return to Columbia College paid us a short visit a few days ago. He is taking law there and

doing quite well. I am sorry to say that brother Huffaker can be with us but little this session, as he is assisting Prof. Stone in his astronomical work, which requires much of his time, the remainder being devoted to the study of practical astronomy.

E. P. VALENTINE.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 15, 1884.

First, let me say, that the full and correct names of the four brethren recently initiated from Richmond are, J. Stuart Barney, W. Cary Sheppard, Henry De B. Burwell, and W. H. Parrish, Jr. We have had no initiations since our last report.

I am happy to say that we are on good terms with all the Fraternities here, which I think some of the Fraternities cannot say, and, if report be true, we stand well in their estimation.

Fraternity men have been very much exercised of late at the entrance of two new Fraternities at Richmond College. The chapter at Randolph Macon College of the Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity initiated a man here last session, but as he worked hard for some colleagues and was unsuccessful, we supposed that would be the last of it. But he succeeded in capturing two "rats" this session, and who, I must say, are very clever men. The other Fraternity is called the Phi Alpha Chi (which is so youthful or insignificant, I don't know which, that it is not in Baird's "American College Fraternities"), was founded here by a man from the State Agricultural College, who is making a tour of the State for this purpose. So far, they have seven members who are good men, and have one thing to recommend them, if that be a recommendation—six of them are ministerials.

We are glad see that brothers Abbitt and Jones are doing so well at the seminary at Louisville, and from the flattering calls they have received, and fine reports of their success, we judge they are sustaining the good reputation they enjoyed at Richmond College.

ORREN L. STEARNES.

VIRGINIA EPSILON, VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

LEXINGTON, VA., Jan. 4, 1884.

We now number seven members, namely: Gibbs, '84; Maddox, '84; Whitehead, '84; Semmes, '84; Miller, '85; Mansfield, '86, and brother Armentroute, at Washington and Lee, who was formerly in Virginia Alpha. We have been unable to secure any new members this year, owing to the extreme poor quality of the new cadets, and we prefer allowing the chapter to go down in

numbers, rather than initiate poor men. The members of our chapter are all of the best standing, both in their classes and among the cadets, and though small in numbers, we rank higher than any other Fraternity in the school. B. B. SEMMES.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 9, 1884.

We began the new year with only four of our old comrades. Among those who did not return is our esteemed brother J. T. Dudley, who was our Reporter. We have affiliated brother L. R. Brown, of Georgia Beta. There still remains plenty of work to perform, and we are going to accomplish as much as possible.

REPORTER.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

ATHENS, GA., Jan. 5, 1884.

Since our last letter, we have made no very great stride in the advancement of numbers, but we are about to make one in our financial affairs, for we have levied, or in other words ordered, the members present to pay the debt of this chapter by February, which is about \$90.

I believe all the Phis have returned, and are now hard at work to secure the laurels for our loved and deserving Fraternity at next commencement. I regret to say that no new material has arrived as yet to work on. We are not very anxious to obtain any more, but no one will pass unnoticed who will make a true and valiant Phi. Under "Fraternity chapters" in the SCROLL Phi Kappa Psi is given a chapter at the University of Georgia, which is wrong, for if it has one they have never shown themselves, nor does any one here know of it. A few barbs late in the term last year tried to get a charter, and they either failed or the faculty refused to admit the chapter.

H. M. DUNWODY.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

OXFORD, GA., Jan. 7, 1884.

At our last meeting brother Joshua Hollinsworth, owing to the press of other business, saw fit to resign his position as Reporter and his mantle fell upon myself. Since our last re-

port we have initiated brothers Erskine McRee and J. E. Mickler, two young men in every way worthy of the honor. We now number about twenty-nine or thirty men. Mercer University challenged our college for a debate which was accepted by our two literary societies in joint session, and out of the three elected we got two, brothers Mobley and F. Quillian, each being the eagle orator of his society. Last Saturday the Few Society elected their inter-society debaters, and out of those three we also received two, brothers F. and J. Quillian. By this you will see our standing in the literary societies; and, by the way, there is another county to be heard from yet, for next Saturday the Phi Gamma Society elect their inter-society delegates, and we know not who nor how many will go on it. Our fall term reports were read out this morning. Brother F. Quillian led the senior class, closely followed by brother D. Greene. Brother Allen led the junior class, and brother Hollinsworth took the second mark, brothers Hansen and Mobley tying on the third mark. Brother Dean led the sophomore class, and brother Erskine McRee the sub-freshman. Our chapter was never in a more prosperous condition than at present.

J. ROBERT HODGES.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

MACON, GA., Jan. 2, 1884.

The quarterly reports have just come out, and they show the Phis still in the first of all classes. The interior of our hall is nicely finished, and we are now going to furnish it.

Several of the boys have ordered new badges. Some tried our new jeweler, and are well pleased with his work.

FRANK A. HOOPER.

ALABAMA ALPHA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

AUBURN, ALA., Jan. 4, 1884.

We are the same in number as when we reported last, but there are several new men in our contemplation.

D. D. McLEOD.

From the Auburn *Analyzer*, of which brother J. B. Robinson, Jr., is one of the editors, we clip the following.—Eds.

The Alabama Alpha, chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity will celebrate, with literary exercises, its fifth anniversary on Wednesday night, January 30th. Only invited guests will attend. Those who will take part in the exercises are: Orator, D. D. McLeod; Poet, J. B. Robinson, Jr.; Historian, R. H. Thach; Prophet, D. B. Williams.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

OXFORD, MISS., Dec. 31, 1883.

I have nothing of interest to report this month. The boys have nearly all gone home to spend the holidays. But as three of our boys live in Oxford, and as two others stayed over for the holidays, we have been very well represented in the Christmas festivities here. We expect all the Phis back after the holidays, and hope some new students will come who are worthy to be enlisted under the banner of Phi Delta Theta.

S. F. HAMPTON.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 5, 1884.

We are still progressing finely. Have initiated three new men in the mystic shades of the Phi Delta Theta, brothers J. R. Carpenter, J. H. Caldwell, and P. A. Hawthorne. The University has been removed to the new building on University Hill, which is a large forty-acre eminence commanding a fine view of Austin and vicinity. Only the left wing of the building has been finished, but a large appropriation is expected from the Legislature, which convenes soon, and the work will then be pushed on to completion. When finished, it will be one of the largest university buildings in the South.

WAVERLEY SMITH.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 20, 1884.

Very little worthy of mention has taken place in connection with this chapter since our last report. No one has been initiated, and, indeed, our campaign work is probably ended unless we find among the new students now coming in, some one worthy to wear the white and blue.

Brother Greer was called home some week since, but we are glad to announce that he has again returned to the University. Brothers Carter, Clary, Deering, Ellett, Merriwether, Simms, Stokes, and Thompson, spent their Christmas holidays either at home or visiting friends away from the city.

In addition to brother Smith, there are with us now from Tennessee Beta, brothers Cunningham and Hagan, who are spending their vacation in Nashville. Brother Willis, medalist of pharmacy department in 1883, who has been pursuing a business course at Poughkeepsie, New York, is now in the city. Brother T. H. Simmons, Illinois Epsilon, '83, visited the city a few days since.

The boys are jubilant over having finished the intermediate examinations, and intend having a banquet soon, more of which, however, some other time. The Chi Phis had an elegant banquet last night, and three of our members are under obligations to them for invitations.

CLAUDE WALLER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

ATHENS, OHIO, Jan. 14, 1884.

After a very pleasant vacation, the Phis of Ohio Gamma once more resume the duties incident to college life.

Brother Griffith, on his return to college, stopped a few hours at the Ohio State University. He was much pleased with the friendly and whole-souled Phis that he met, and says that Ohio Zeta is an excellent chapter, and an honor to our Fraternity.

Ohio Gamma still prospers, though quietly, as is generally the condition at this time of the college year. The new year did not bring as much good material as we had hoped, but we content ourselves with improving our chapter, that we may be ready for the contest when the prize appears.

S. P. ARMSTRONG.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

AKRON, OHIO, Jan. 9, 1884.

"Santa Claus" did not forget Ohio Epsilon this year. A beautiful plush mantel scarf, bearing the monogram of Phi Delta Theta, from Miss Belle Slade, of Columbus, a sister of one of our members, and a devout Phi; a beautiful painted plaque from the cousin of brother Schumacher, and several tidies from other lady friends helped to fill up the list. There have been this term no initiations as yet, but we have hopes of one soon which shall "astonish the natives."

Brothers Dice and Getz, of Pennsylvania Delta, called on us and attended an impromptu meeting during vacation. Brothers Kelley, '79, and Stearns, '79, are both located in Cleveland. Brother J. H. Aydelott, our recent Professor of Mathematics, is a resident of Akron. Prospects point to an Ohio Beta Alumni chapter here soon. All eyes are looking toward a Province Convention in May, and Ohio Epsilon hopes to furnish a goodly delegation for Nashville. The representation of Ohio Epsilon on Founder's Day, Jan. 18th, is all that could be expected. Brother E. C. Page is the orator, and brother Carey Jones the declaimer.

Two exercises out of the five which fill up the programme, excepting music, is a fair show for our chapter when there are four other Fraternities.

D. R. CRISSINGER.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 3, 1884.

This is the opening day of the term, and but few of the boys have as yet shown themselves. All will return, however, except brother Bonner, whom we shall greatly miss, not only because he is an old Fraternity man—his experience being of great service to us—but because he was so much liked by us all.

At our closing meeting last term, a communication from brother Payne, our worthy Province President, was read, in which he remarked that Columbus would be an excellent place in which to hold the next Province Convention, and he asked our opinion regarding the subject. Ohio Zeta, being so young, had not the presumption to think of being thus honored, but since it seems to be possible, we are truly anxious that President Payne's suggestion be acted upon. We shall welcome the Phi of Delta Province most cordially. The most of us are young in the cause, and intercourse with members of other chapters will do us unlimited good. It would extend our knowledge of Phi Delta Theta, and we would certainly gain many valuable "pointers," which, of necessity, would ground this chapter more firmly. The railroad facilities of this city are too well known to need special mention, and should the convention assemble here, all the aid that we can give toward making it a success will be willingly granted.

Hearty congratulations to the Union and Nebraska Phis.

H. A. KAHLER.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

DANVILLE, KY., Jan. 9, 1884.

Since my last report our number has had no increase. We now have thirteen men, an unlucky number it is true, but they are all good workers; the majority of them are good students, and stand high socially. We are divided as follows: Three seniors, five juniors, four freshmen, and one senior prep. Brother Wilson, who was taken in at a recent meeting, has already demonstrated his regard for the order by purchasing of Newman an elegant diamond-emerald badge, which is a marvel of workmanship and beauty. We would like to hear from our Delta Province brothers concerning Province Convention. Kentucky Alpha is in a prosperous condition, and exceeds her rivals both in numbers

and scholarship. There is a chapter of Kappa Alpha here which is intended to be *sub rosa*. They have a number of good students, and, taken as a body, are a good set of fellows.

H. E. WISHARD.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

FRANKLIN, IND., Jan. 9, 1884.

We begin the new year with most flattering prospects. Since our last report we have initiated brother C. S. McCoy, '88. Brother Grafton Johnson, who was compelled to leave college last year on account of sickness, has returned this term, and brother M. C. Long has entered college at Lincoln, Ill.

The grades for the past term were, in the main, recorded in our favor; and in the elections we secured the most important offices, despite the efforts of one of the strongest bar organizations in the State.

J. W. FESLER.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

HANOVER, IND., Jan. 4, 1884.

College closed on Dec. 17th and 18th, in the usual manner, with the sophomore and junior exhibitions. Three positions on the former and one on the latter were held by Phis. College has not as yet opened for the new year. We expect a full return of members.

We recently had the pleasure of meeting brother McAnney, of Indiana Zeta.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

INDIANA ZETA, INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Jan. 3, 1884.

But few new students entered college this term, consequently but little spiking is being done by any of the Fraternities. We number now twenty-one, with one prep.

We are surprised. One of the Indiana Zeta boys went home sick a few weeks ago. His name is Lincoln Hestler. He now has something he calls his own, and he has named her Hestler. Brother Hestler was of class '87, and an excellent Phi. We wish him all the success possible.

We are pleased to see the Fraternity opening up more in the eastern colleges.

Every one here is excited over the almost certain coming of DePaw University here.

J. B. BRIDGES.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

HILLSDALE, MICH., Jan. 7, 1884.

Since our last report we have initiated O. G. Rogers, '87, and H. A. Sanford, '86. Christmas Eve we celebrated the first anniversary of Michigan Gamma. Besides our number now in college, we had with us brothers H. F. Schunck, J. H. McGill, E. D. Conger, E. E. Woodman, and N. C. Richards. We also had with us the members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma, who added much to the enjoyment of the occasion by their smiling countenances, pleasing conversation, and their charming voices in song, which did much to relieve the usual monotony of many bass voices; and we have their word for it, that the Phi bass was no detriment to the unparalleled Kappa songs. From eleven until two the walls of the elegant dining-hall echoed and reëchoed to the voices of mirth and eulogy. We then adjourned to the parlors, and there passed the time, as is usual on such occasions, until the "rosy-fingered Aurora," etc.

Our chapter was quite agreeably surprised soon after the opening of this term by the return of brother Heckman, who has been absent nearly a year in Dakota.

Allow me to correct a mistake made in my last report—brother Schunck is attending Wisconsin State University, instead of the Michigan University, as I said before. ELMER W. HART.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS GAMMA, MONMOUTH COLLEGE.

GALESBURG, ILL., Jan. 14, 1884.

On the morning of the 15th ult., the cyclone spoken of in the last report of Illinois Gamma, struck us in the shape of a summons for W. M. McKinney, D. M. Mickey, C. C. McClaughry, J. C. Mitchell, and myself. We were slightly amazed, and held a short consultation of war, and then prepared to meet the Great I Am of the college, on the 18th ult.

The morning came, and so did we. The faculty confronted us with a copy of our catalogue and read our names therefrom. After discussing the matter with them, and endeavoring to prove that we were inactive, we were dismissed from that august court. The next day, the decree of indefinite suspension was read to us, and we were no longer members of Monmouth College.

As all the brothers know, Illinois Gamma has been running *sub rosa* since 1877. As to the future, we can only hope. The faculty said that it was a Phi Delta Theta alumnus who furnished

the catalogue. Another man said it was an alumnus of Phi Kappa Psi. This man should know, and I hope he told the truth, for I do not want to think that any Phi would do such a deed.

Brothers Mitchell and McKinney are at present at their homes. Brothers McClaughry, Mickey, and myself are at Knox College. We find four Phis here in the senior class, and hope that before next June that the chapter here may be once again within the influence of Grecian culture.

Saturday, the 12th inst., brother Mickey and myself visited Illinois Zeta chapter at Lombard, where we found twenty loyal Phis, and we felt how good it was to meet with brothers, even though we had never seen them before. They are good men, and are an ornament to Phi Delta Theta.

CHARLES S. MCKELVEY.

MONMOUTH, ILL., Jan. 15, 1884.

Monmouth has already been the scene of a pitched battle between Phi Delta Theta and the faculty of Monmouth College, and even now the sulphurous smoke from the rusty and moldering guns of ancient bigotry envelops the ranks of the "T. C." sisters.

Monmouth College is a United Presbyterian institution, and, in accordance with the horror of that sect of anything of the nature of a secret society, is supposed to be managed on anti-Fraternity principles. Members of its august faculty lie awake of nights to devise ways and means to discover and cut off those of the students who are connected with anything of the kind. Their principles will not allow them rest: they get salaries for their principles. Now, if the United Presbyterian Church is so strongly opposed to college Fraternities, why does she place in her highest positions so many men who belong, or have belonged, to these same Fraternities? Or, again, how does it happen, if the Fraternities are so pernicious, that so many *good* and *upright* men—to say nothing of intelligence and learning—can be found who are, and who have been, Fraternity men? If that Church, or any other Church, can show that great evils exist in the Fraternity system, why does she annihilate all her own arguments by filling positions of trust and honor with the class of men who enter college Fraternities.

Five members of Phi Delta Theta have been lately suspended from Monmouth College for being members of that Fraternity. The following article from the *Monmouth Gazette*, of December 28, 1883, shows the kind of men who are employed to weed out Fraternities:

To the Editor of the Evening Gazette :

The following communication is dedicated to those having under care the government of Monmouth College :

In the catalogue recently published of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, the names of the following officers and professors of Monmouth College appear as members : D. M. Ure, E. F. Reid, Edgar McDill, and T. H. Rogers. J. H. Wilson's name appears in a former catalogue, and we are creditably informed that J. C. Hutchinson is a member of Delta Tau Delta. Might it not be well to have this matter looked into slightly, as the gentlemen now form the faculty so conscientiously engaged in exterminating the societies who have disregarded the college law ? As it has not yet been ascertained whether or not the names of the other members of the faculty appear in any Fraternity catalogue, the probability is, that they were "back-balled."

"If this matter is passed over without decided action, Monmouth College might as well abandon her position on the question."

OBSERVER.

"Observer" might have added that of the two remaining members of the faculty, the one who took upon himself the duty of working up the case without consulting his colleagues (most of them, at least), was also a Fraternity man in his college days.

McKelvey, Mickey, and myself, are attending Knox College at present, and expect to finish our courses here. Brother McKinney remains at home, in Aledo, this term, but we expect to welcome him to Knox next spring. Brother Mitchell is also at his home, in Oneida. We do not know what his plans for the future are yet. We can all breathe freely now, and are well pleased with the change. As I have decided to reside with my family at Monmouth, coming to Galesburg in the morning, and returning home at night, please address all future correspondence to me at the former place.

We expect to see some Phi Kappa Psis "executed" before long. Misery loves company.

C. C. McClaughry.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WRSLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Jan. 3, 1884.

Our winter term has just begun. About all the boys are back again, determined to work harder and make things hum for our rivals. Those who have not returned, we expect in a few days.

Our next anniversary will be celebrated the 19th of this month, and we extend a hearty invitation to all Phis to come and help us celebrate. Our private exercises will be held in our hall at 10 A. M. The public programme will be given at the University in the evening. [Later advices state that the anniversary was postponed a week. --EDS.]

Hurrah for our new chapters ! Let the good work go on, and while the Phi domain is being extended, why cannot Michi-

gan Alpha be revived? I understand that there are half a dozen or more Phis at Ann Arbor now, and certainly all will acknowledge that it would be a fine thing for us to have a good chapter there.

T. M. KIMBALL.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

GALESBURG, ILL., Dec. 29, 1883.

At the end of this term we rejoice in the feeling that we have done well. Two of the brothers—Tucker and Lawrence—had to leave college on account of ill health. We hope to see them back next term.

LEE FAIRCHILD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

MADISON, WIS., Jan. 5, 1884.

The beginning of the new year finds us at our posts, ready to take up our college and Fraternity work with renewed interest. We have the pleasure of announcing an addition to our ranks—brother Schunck, from Michigan Gamma. He intends to finish his college course at this University, and cast his lot with the twenty-one Phis of Wisconsin Alpha.

A. J. HILBERT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

Jan. 8, 1884.

All the boys have returned from their holiday visits, except brother Krone, who is studying law in St. Louis. We have no hall at present, but are going to make arrangements to secure the Knights of Pythias' hall one night in each week. We will then resume our literary exercises. Brother Williams, who has been attending Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, spent his Christmas holidays with us.

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The following is from a personal letter :—EDS.

Jan. 10, 1884.

Though, nearly all the advantages and pleasures contemplated by our organization are deprived us, we *will* live, enjoying the prospects of some day seeing the cause which we so willingly defend liberated from the galling yoke of ignorance, and shining forth with all the splendor of her principles. Your suggestion with regard to enlisting company in our misery is a good one, and I have more than once thought of proposing it to the chapter, which I shall do at our next meeting. But, then, again, consider will there be less likelihood of their finding fault, or will

the increase only give them more material with which to take exceptions. One of our men last year told our President that the eight having the highest grades on the programme were secret society members, and he hooted at the idea, and said that though they were, it spoke nothing for the Fraternity cause. I had thought of the chapters attaining individually and collectively to that point to which the faculty could take no exceptions, and then of appealing to them with all arguments in favor of our cause, something as brother Jackson did at Vanderbilt. When I shall have received my diploma at the end of this year, if the chapter sanctions such, I shall, with the assistance of the other senior Phis, and without implicating any one else, request of the faculty a hearing. Then, with all the arguments *pro* and *con* we shall assail them. Should our efforts in this direction prove unsuccessful (though there was a definite agreement entered into between the President and the board of curators that there should be no appeal from the faculty to the curators), we will ask a hearing of the curators separately and collectively. There still remains one alternative. Should the curators (of whom by the way, Hon. John F. Philips, of Kentucky Alpha, is one, and to whom I think some such member as brother Morrison should write on the subject) refuse our petition, some one can refuse to sign the obligation next year and repeat the Perdue case. And as this is also a State institution, the decision would certainly be in our favor. But I hope it will be unnecessary to resort to law, because of the great expense, which no one individual or chapter can well stand. Though we are aggravated considerably by these perplexing questions, should no definite conclusions be reached, we *will* live and continue to live in order, if for nothing else, to bother them. Don't for once think that we are weak, or in any way likely to throw up the sponge on account of faculty opposition.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

1908 DRIPPE ST., KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31, 1883.

Kansas Alpha is in a prosperous condition. So far as quality is concerned, our men initiated are superior to those by Beta Phi Pisor Phi Gams. A Beta in the senior class told that for the first time since their chapter was established in 1872, a barb had been taken whom they wanted. They are the oldest Fraternity in the university, and of course think a great deal of themselves. After the Phi spoken of was initiated, they rushed in some whom we had rejected, and whom we are positive they had refused to admit last year. We have five new members this session, every one of whom will be an honor to the Fraternity. The Phi Psis and Phi

Gams have increased their numbers quite rapidly this year. They rushed in several that are below our ideal Phis, and we are quite sure that they now think that it is not best to be too fast with new students. One student, an old one, was met at the depot by the Phi Psis, and taken to their hall and initiated before the rest of the world were allowed to speak to him. I was at Lawrence yesterday, and last night the remaining Phis had a grand time.

I am very glad to see in the SCROLL that our numbers are increasing by chapters being established in State universities and first-class colleges.

B. T. CHACE.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

1503 H ST., LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 6, 1884.

The good work entered upon two months ago by brother A. E. Anderson, of Indiana Gamma, namely, the re-establishing of Nebraska Alpha, was happily completed last night at the home of the Reporter. Seven students, all members of college classes, took the necessary vows, and were duly installed as active members of Phi Delta Theta. The initiatory rites were performed by brother Anderson, assisted by Mr. Fulmer, in an impressive manner, and the whole ceremony passed off without a break to mar the solemnity of the occasion. After this business was finished, we resolved ourselves into a committee of the whole for the purpose of electing officers and completing the organization of our chapter. A committee of three was appointed by the chairman to draft by-laws for the chapter. We all felt, and feel still, that our good fortune in obtaining a charter so soon was due to the energy of brother Anderson, and, as a slight testimonial of our gratitude, we unanimously elected him President for the present year. We then entered upon a long discussion relative to the purchase of badges. We have up to this time moved very quietly, and there is no suspicion as to our organization, either among the Sigma Chis or the barbs; but, of course, it will all come out before long; so we are anxious to procure badges just as soon as possible, and we will probably send in our order to-morrow.

I wish to make a few corrections; the names of some of our members were wrongly spelled in the December SCROLL. Please change George B. Frankfotter to George B. Frankforter; James R. Force to James R. Foree, and Ray G. Codding to Roy G. Codding.

We are all greatly pleased with our Fraternity magazine—the SCROLL—and hope to build up Nebraska Alpha until it can be

called second to none of the many whose reports we see in the ably edited organ of Phi Delta Theta.

CONWAY G. McMILLAN.

IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, Jan. 7, 1884.

Iowa Beta starts out upon the new year with bright prospects for a happy future. All of our men are back, after having spent a delightful Christmas at home.

ROBERT A. GREENE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 30, 1883.

The university has taken a recess until Jan. 8th, hence little or no news respecting the chapter can be forwarded this time. The rapid and ready extension of our Fraternity gives pleasure to all this in this part of the world. Eastern extension, especially, is of great importance. The attack on Union was a fine movement, and we all sincerely wish the new chapter, and the old chapters, and the Fraternity in general, a happy new year.

JAMES GRAY.

RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PROPER ARRANGEMENT.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

MACON, GA., Jan. 21, 1884.

Score two more victories for Georgia Gamma. The first is, we put brother Pickard (who, by the way, is considered the best orator and debater in college) on the intercollegiate debate between Mercer and the University of Georgia. Our second victory consists in our power to introduce to the Phi world brother W. H. Hardman, '86. The fact that we only secured him after a hard fight only makes his accession to our ranks the more gratifying.

We will meet in the new hall next Saturday night for the first time. The expense has been great, but we are not in debt. Thanks to brother Northen, second honor man of '83, for a post-order to help us out. He always was a true Phi. We are out of debt, got a nice hall of our own, and sixteen members. Georgia Gamma continues to order badges; let the good work go on; nothing helps a Chapter more than for all its members to have badges. We hear good reports from Georgia Alpha and Beta.

Permit us to take this occasion to return thanks to brother Quillian, Georgia Beta, for that letter in our behalf. All the boys are complimenting the SCROLL.

F. A. HOOPER.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The following appeared in the *Nashville American* of Jan. 27, 1884.—EDS.

The members of Phi Delta Theta had their semi-annual banquet last night at Mooney's restaurant. It was participated in both by the Phis in Vanderbilt University and the alumni Phis of the city. Several from a distance also attended. The Tennessee Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was established in 1875 at Vanderbilt, and the names of its honor men make a long roll. Since the removal of the restrictions on Fraternities at the University, the chapter has begun an even more prosperous career. The Tennessee Alpha Alumni was established in 1881, and there are now connected with it about 30 graduate Phis who live in Nashville. The Alumni Chapter has been a powerful support to the University Chapter. Both of them will have the responsibility and pleasure of entertaining the National Convention of the Fraternity, which meets in this city next November. Two hundred delegates, representing 48 colleges and 24 States, are expected. Local committees of arrangements will soon be appointed, and arrangements will begin to make the Convention a complete success.

The banquet last night was no less enjoyable than the many which the Phis have previously held. The menu was perfect, enthusiasm was at its highest pitch, and the best of spirits and good humor prevailed among all. In accordance with an established custom only members of the fraternity participated in the banquet. The list of toasts was as follows:

Toast Master, H. M. Meriwether. "Tennessee Alpha, the Pioneer Chapter at Vanderbilt," W. B. Palmer. "The City Girls," Waller Deering. "Emancipation of the Greeks at Vanderbilt," W. H. Goodpasture. "The Graduating Class," original poem, W. R. Sims. "Our Nashville Alumni," R. F. Jackson. "Our Sewanee Chapter," Larkin Smith. "Fraternities and Literary Societies," G. C. Greer. "On the Hudson," Morris Willis. "Liberty Hall," J. D. Clary. "Woman's Rights," F. L. Thompson. "Too Full for Utterance," Walter Stokes.

The *American* of the 28th published brother Deering's very witty response in full, nearly a column in length.—EDS.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

DELAWARE, OHIO, Jan. 21, 1884.

It is a pleasant task to report our latest successes. On the night of Jan. 12 was received into our Brotherhood R. L. Seeds,

86, Delaware, Ohio. On the night of the 17th Mr. A. B. Murphy, 85, also became one of our number. They are both of that material which makes good, true Phis. Brother Murphy is one of the finest orators in college. He was on the last contest, and has been elected editor for the *Transcript* during the coming year.

But this is not all. In the election for honors on the programme of the Athenian Society Annual, the Phis were by no means forgotten. Brother Callahan was elected to first honor; brother Rhodes, second; and brother Steele was elected president of the evening. The Betas have the declaimer and one debater on the programme. The rest are non-Fraternities. The appreciation of brother Callahan's oratorical ability was shown again by his election to deliver the February-22d oration from the class of '84. He will do it in the way that will reflect honor upon the class and himself.

The inter-Fraternity banquet was held at the Crescent Parlors night before last. It was the first assembly of the kind ever held in the O. W. U. But from the spirit manifested it will not be the last. It was three hours of friendly concourse among the seven tribes of Greeks in the O. W. U. Seven toasts were offered, one from each Fraternity. Brother Callahan did the honors for Phi Delta Theta. The spirit of the meeting was one which corresponds to the idea of the coming Pan-Hellenic Conference. It was a meeting which will tend to remove a great many of the objections now offered against Fraternities, for it marks the period when all *senseless* rivalry and enmity between the chapters ceased. Rivalry there will always be, but of that healthy and honest kind which promotes earnest endeavor and encourages good-will.

J. ED. BROWN.

PERSONALS.

It must not be supposed that the personal department of the SCROLL has been discontinued. The absence of it in previous numbers of this volume has been owing to the crowded state of our pages. We give in this issue a few items, and hope in the future to make this department full and interesting. Our readers will put us under obligations to them by forwarding to us personals of Phis for publication.—Eds.

The following, concerning brother Paul Jones, Tennessee Alpha, '79, was published in the Nashville *World*:

Paul Jones, a son of Gen. Ira P. Jones, of the *Banner*, has been

admitted to the practice of the United States Supreme Court at Washington. He was chaperoned by Senator Garland. For some time Paul has been the Financial Clerk of the Senate, and was placed in the position by the late Col. Burch. He has made friends of all the Senators on both sides of the chamber by his strict attention to business and his genial manners. He has been a hard student, and is thoroughly equipped to win honor in his profession. We wish him great success.

Brother Jones subscribes for the SCROLL, and is a zealous Phi. He has begun to practice law at Room 62, 20 Nassau street, New York, N. Y.

The following mention of brother W. A. Hawkins, a member in whom Tennessee Alpha takes great pride, was made in the editorial columns of the El Paso (Texas) *Times* of Nov. 4 :

Our efficient and thorough local editor leaves to-day to enter the tangled field of the legal profession. Every profession in our much free country is overburdened with adherents of neither capacity nor education, and a young man whose diligent study and zealous application have befitted him for some high calling finds this additional obstacle to overcome. But true worth and ability will always rise to the top, and we predict a brilliant future for our once valuable assistant and associate editor, Mr. W. A. Hawkins.

Brother Hawkins has begun the practice of law at Silver City, New Mexico. Though far away from the Phi world, he is as loyal as ever.

THREE members of Phi Delta Theta are claimed by Alpha Delta Phi, viz : R. H. Bishop, Ohio Alpha, '31 ; O. N. Stoddard, Ohio Alpha, '34. and Charles Elliott, Ohio Alpha, '40. Psi Upsilon claims T. J. Morgan, Indiana Delta, '61, and Delta Kappa Epsilon A. P. Humphrey, Kentucky Alpha, '66.

THE following mention of Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52, is from the Nashville *American* :

Senator Harrison, of Indiana, is not only a grandson of a President of the United States, but his ancestor seven generations back was Maj. Gen. Harrison, one of Cromwell's Generals, and one of the regicides who pronounced sentence of death on Charles I. He was one of the regicides who was executed.

THE following personal item about Eugene Field, Missouri Alpha, '72, is from the Nashville *Banner* :

Eugene Field, whose humorous productions have made his name familiar to the reading public, has resigned the managing editorship of the Denver *Tribune*, and accepted an editorial position on the Chicago *News*, which is to be congratulated upon securing his services. Mr. Field is the son of Judge Field, of Missouri, and first attracted attention by his work on the St. Louis *Times* ten years ago. He left that journal to labor on the Kansas City *Times*, and after a residence of two or three years in Kansas City went to Denver, and by his articles in the *Tribune* acquired a national reputation. He is a humorist of the higher order, and Chicago will prove his best sphere.

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS.

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The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M. Tuesday, November 11, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

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DELTA PROVINCE.

The next Convention will be held at Columbus, Ohio, May 9 and 10, 1884.

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Prophet—D. B. Mangum, Troy, Ala.

FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the Fraternities which have chapters at the colleges where Phi Delta Theta has chapters, with the years when the colleges were founded and the chapters were organized. One college which has laws prohibiting Fraternities is not included in this list. Reporters, we hope, will promptly notify us of any changes which may occur.

University of Vermont, 1791: Phi Beta Kappa (honorary); Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local), 1836; Sigma Phi, 1845; Delta Psi (local—not connected with chaptered Fraternity of same name), 1850; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

Union College, 1795: Kappa Alpha (Northern), 1825; Sigma Phi, 1827; Delta Phi, 1827; Psi Upsilon, 1833; Delta Upsilon, 1838; Alpha

Delta Phi, 1859; Theta Nu Epsilon (Sophomore), 1874; Beta Theta Pi, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

Lafayette College, 1826: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1855; Zeta Psi, 1857; Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Pennsylvania College, 1832: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1858; Sigma Chi, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

Washington and Jefferson College, 1802: Phi Beta Kappa; Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Gamma Delta, 1848; Phi Kappa Psi, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1853; Delta Tau Delta, 1861; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882.

Allegheny College, 1817: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1860; Delta Tau Delta, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Dickinson College, 1783: Phi Kappa Psi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Theta Delta Chi, 1861; Chi Phi, 1869; Beta Theta Pi, 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Pennsylvania, 1748: Zeta Psi, 1850; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1850; Delta Phi, 1850; Delta Psi, 1854; Phi Kappa Psi, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1880; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Roanoke College, 1853: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1869; Alpha Tau Omega, 1869; Sigma Chi, 1872.

University of Virginia, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1850; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1852; Phi Kappa Psi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1859; Chi Phi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Delta Psi, 1860; Mystic Seven (local), 1867; Kappa Sigma, 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1868; Alpha Tau Omega, 1868; Sigma Nu, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1878.

Randolph Macon College, 1832: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1874; Sigma Chi, 1874.

Richmond College, 1844: Beta Theta Pi, 1870; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1893; Phi Alpha Chi (local), 1883.

Virginia Military Institute: Alpha Tau Omega, 1865; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1869; Sigma Nu, 1869; Kappa Sigma, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

Wofford College, 1851: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Chi Psi, 1869; Chi Phi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

South Carolina College, 1801: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Alpha Tau Omega, 1883.

University of Georgia, 1785: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1866; Chi Phi, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1872; Alpha Tau Omega, 1878; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Emory College, 1836: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Chi Phi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Mercer University, 1857: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879.

State College of Alabama, 1872: Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883.

University of Mississippi, 1844: Rainbow, 1848; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1851; Delta Psi, 1855; Sigma Chi, 1857; Phi Kappa Psi, 1857; Chi Psi, 1858; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1865; Phi Delta Theta, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1879; Alpha Beta Tau (ladies), 1882; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

University of Texas, 1883: Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Vanderbilt University, 1873: Phi Delta Theta, 1876; Rainbow, 1882; Kappa Alpha, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883; Beta Theta Pi (not yet chartered); Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

University of the South, 1868: Alpha Tau Omega, 1877; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1881; Kappa Sigma, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1842: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Sigma Chi, 1855; Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Phi Kappa Psi, 1861; Delta Tau Delta, 1868; Phi Gamma Delta, 1869; Chi Phi, 1873.

Ohio University, 1804: Beta Theta Pi, 1841; Delta Tau Delta, 1862; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1876.

University of Wooster, 1860: Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Sigma Chi, 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

Buchtel College, 1871: Delta Tau Delta, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1877; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Ohio State University, 1868: Phi Gamma Delta, 1878; Phi Kappa Psi, 1880; Sigma Chi, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Centre College, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Delta Theta, 1850; Sigma Chi, 1876; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

Indiana University, 1828: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1849; Sigma Chi, 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Gamma Delta, 1870; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873.

Wabash College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1852; Phi Gamma Delta, 1866; Phi Kappa Psi, 1870; Sigma Chi, 1880.

Butler University, 1854: Phi Delta Theta, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1878.

Franklin College: Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1878; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Hanover College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1864; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Sigma Chi, 1871; Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Indiana Asbury University, 1837: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Gamma Delta, 1856; Sigma Chi, 1859; Phi Kappa Psi, 1865; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1866; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Delta Tau Delta, 1871; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875.

State College of Michigan, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Phi Delta Theta, 1873.

Hillsdale College, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Illinois Wesleyan University, 1850: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Phi Delta Theta, 1878; Phi Delta Phi (law), 1878; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Lombard University : Delta Tau Delta, 1867 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.
University of Wisconsin, 1848 : Phi Delta Theta, 1857 ; Beta Theta Pi, 1872 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 1875 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875 ; Chi Psi, 1878 ; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881.

Westminster College, 1853 : Beta Theta Pi, 1868 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Kansas, 1864 : Beta Theta Pi, 1872 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 1876 ; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1881 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1882 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1883.

University of Nebraska, 1869 : Phi Delta Theta, 1875 ; Sigma Chi, 1882.

Iowa Wesleyan University, 1855 : Beta Theta Pi, 1868 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1871.

State University of Iowa, 1857 : Beta Theta Pi, 1866 ; Delta Tau Delta, 1880 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1882 ; Sigma Chi, 1882 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1882.

University of Minnesota, 1868 : Chi Psi, 1874 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880 ; Phi Delta Theta, 1881 ; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1882 ; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

WE desire to announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by the chartered Fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with the information needed to make the list of announcements complete.

Sigma Phi—Schenectady, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1884.

Pan-Hellenic Conference—New York, N. Y., July 4, 1884.

Delta Tau Delta—Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1884.

Phi Gamma Delta—Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26, 1884.

Beta Theta Pi—Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Canton, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1884.

Sigma Chi—Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.

Delta Upsilon—New York, N. Y., Oct., 1884.

Chi Phi—Washington, D. C., Oct. 8, 1884.

Delta Kappa Epsilon—Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1884.

Phi Delta Theta—Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1884.

Alpha Tau Omega—Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27, 1884.

Phi Kappa Psi—Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1885.

FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

BELOW is a directory of Fraternity journals. The *Beta Theta Pi*, *Crescent*, *Record*, *Palm*, *Golden Key*, and *D. K. E Quarterly* will receive subscriptions from non-members at the regular rates.

Beta Theta Pi—Established 1872 ; monthly ; pp. 48 ; size 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ x9 $\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1 ; 11 Apollo Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chi Phi Quarterly—Established 1874 ; pp. 60 ; size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1 ; Allentown, Pa.

SCROLL, of Phi Delta Theta—Established 1875 ; monthly ; pp. 56 ; size 6x8 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1 ; Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.

Crescent, of Delta Tau Delta—Established 1877 ; monthly ; pp. 24 ; size 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1 ; Box 144, Meadville, Pa.

- Diamond*, of Psi Upsilon—Established 1878; Schenectady, N. Y.
- Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size $6\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; Springfield, Ohio.
- Phi Gamma Delta*—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.
- Star and Crescent*, of Alpha Delta Phi—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 50; size $6 \times 9\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; 53 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 92; size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 9$; price \$1; Sewanee, Tenn.
- Alpha Tau Omega Palm*—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 84; size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$; price \$1; University of Virginia, Va.
- Sigma Chi*—Established 1881; bi-monthly; pp. 64; size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{5}{8}$; price \$1; P. O. Box 11, Hanover, Ind.
- Golden Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma—Established 1882; quarterly; pp. 40; size $7 \times 9\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.
- Zeta Psi Monthly*—Established 1882; pp. 16; size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 10$; price \$1; 782 Broad St., Newark, N. J.
- Delta Upsilon Quarterly*—Established 1882; pp. 14; size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{5}{8}$; price \$1; 842 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
- Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*—Established 1883; tri-yearly; pp. 94; size $6 \times 9\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; 52 William St., New York, N. Y.
- Delta*, of Sigma Nu—Established 1883; quarterly; pp. 24; size 6×9 ; price \$1; Dahlonga, Ga.
- Kappa Alpha Magazine*, of Southern Kappa Alpha—Established 1883; quarterly; pp. 32; size $6 \times 9\frac{3}{4}$; price \$1; Charleston, S. C.

PHI MUSIC.

- “ONONDAGA WALTZ”; dedicated to Phi Delta Theta; by P. W. SEARCH, Ohio Delta, '76; price 40 cents; 2,500 copies sold; published by P. W. Search, Sidney, Ohio.
- “GRAND MARCH OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS”; dedicated to Phi Delta Theta; by P. W. Search, Ohio Delta, '76; price 50 cents; sales, 1,000 copies a year; published by P. W. Search, Sidney, Ohio.
- “PHI DELTA THETA MARCH”; dedicated to Indiana Epsilon; by Mrs. Wells; price 30 cents, originally 40 cents; published by John Church & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- “PHI DELTA THETA MARCH”; by A. M. Shuey, Ohio Alpha, '66; lithograph of arms on cover; price 20 cents, originally 40 cents; published by A. M. Shney, Minneapolis, Minn.
- “PHI DELTA THETA MARCH”; by J. N. E. Wilson, California Alpha, '76; price 75 cents; published by M. Gray, Music Dealer, San Francisco, Cal.

CATALOGUE OF PHI DELTA THETA.

Fifth Edition. Royal Octavo, pp. 230.

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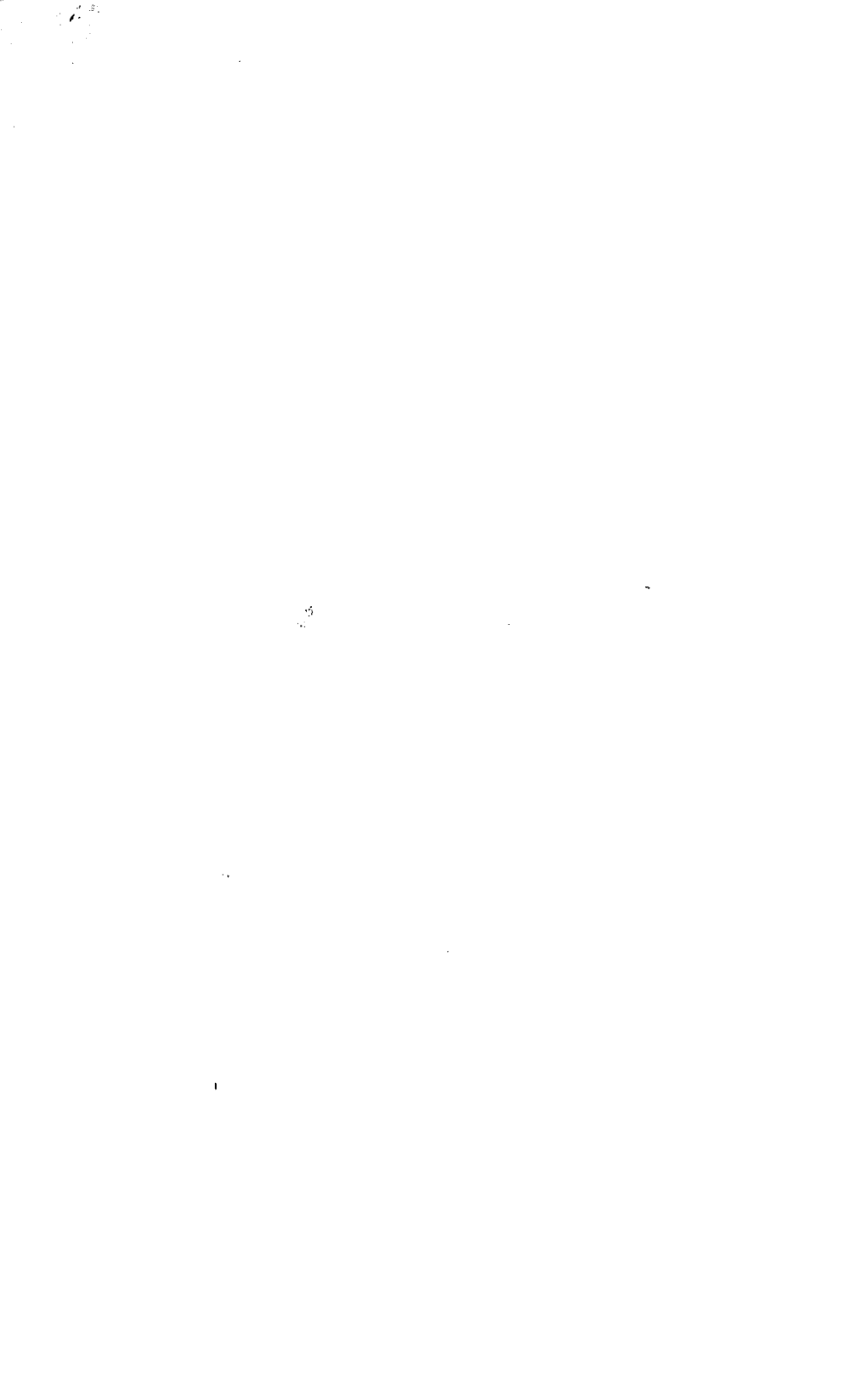
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PHI DELT'S CHIVALRY.

O, STEAL a moment, muse of song,
As gaily thou dost trip along,
And light upon Phi Delta's crest,
A noble place for thee to rest.

On other shores, in ancient days,
You sang the hero worthy praise,
And to the eyes of Homer blind,
Revealed the spirit of humankind.

To sons of Rome you gave the might,
To sing the glory of the fight,
As well, when weary of the strife,
To sing content in peaceful life.

All down the ages thou hast been
A voice to raise the world from sin—
To cry the freedom of the earth,
Or stir the soul with gentle mirth.

And we would have thee stay to-night
To sing a song of bloodless fight;
For now our hearts are full of cheer,
Nor know we any cause for fear.

Then join we all in honest glee,
To sing the Phi Delt's chivalry;
And let us ever, as we sing,
To her a worthy tribute bring.

So may we here renew our vow,
And place upon Phi Delta's brow,
The blooming laurel she has won,
And laud her praises to the sun.

That we may keep the Bond aright,
We pledge our courage with our might—
And where we go, where'er we meet her,
We bid "God-speed Phi Delta Theta."

T. S. Anderson, Ohio Delta, '86.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

"WHAT is your notion, Joe, now, five years after we have graduated, about the fraternity feeling we used to hold so strongly?" said I to my old friend, Joe D——, one evening when we were seated by a smouldering fire in my room.

Joe had been the most intimate friend of my college days, although we attended different institutions, and were never members of the same chapter. Our colleges were not far apart, however, and our meetings had been frequent after the beginning of our acquaintance, which was sometime in the freshman year. We were drawn together, perhaps, by what one of the boys used to call "affinity of spirit."

We were contemporary in tastes and feelings. In our sophomore year we both imitated Macaulay, and in our senior year, Carlyle. We graduated at the same time. Both had been enthusiastic fraternity workers. Joe, however, had been a member of a chapter that was very unfortunate at times, while mine was always in an excellent condition. Joe's enthusiasm had been characterized by an accompaniment of works to a much greater extent than mine. Many a time had we met in the old days, I to recount some complete rout of our foes, he to tell how his band had held out, brave-hearted, against defeat. In our last year, our enthusiasm, as is usual, had seemed to decline, and after leaving college we had fallen entirely out of the way, as it appeared, of fraternity work and feeling. Joe went to his home, in Ohio, and I to mine in the West. Our correspondence died a natural death, after a few months. The old ties of fraternity feeling became gradually less binding. I felt that this was natural. I fell into thinking what I had heard the alumni of other fraternities express: "It may all be very well for a boy in college, but a man grows out of that sort of thing."

One Christmas eve, "the date at which my narrative begins," to use the happy expression of story writers, I met old Joe on an evening train as I was returning home and made him stop over night with me. And by the evening firelight while the snow was softly falling outside,

“ We spoke of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what had been, and might have been,
And who was changed, and who was dead.”

We had talked of some ideas which I had stumbled upon, and which I fancied were new. We had compared our readings, our ambitions, and our shortcomings at the end of this long, yet short, five years. We had laughed at the ideas we used to have in regard to a settled “system” of philosophy. We had agreed that things which seemed very certain to us long ago, were by no means so certain now. We had been the rounds, both of us, and had come back to our quiet, old homes, with their old-fashioned ideas, for sympathy.

And when I put the question that I have written at the beginning, it was in the half jocular manner of one who laughs at some old folly which he for the moment has raked up out of one of memory’s dusty cells. But Joe did not smile as I expected, but looked dreamily into the fire, and one experienced in such things would probably have said that his heart had gone far away into the past, in search of something.

“ I don’t know what my opinion would be,” he finally said, “but I do know that I am not now in a position to give an opinion on the question. It has been years since I talked to you about it. When I was in college I was able to talk of its benefits, socially and intellectually, in a very glib way. Somehow or other, I could not do that now, if I were called on. I have taken the fraternity question out of any nearness to debatable ground—I believe I think too much of it to leave it there.”

“ Why, I thought you had lost all interest,” said I.

“ Interest? Well, perhaps so,” he said, looking into the fire-light again, and pausing.

“ I have lost what we used to call interest, I suppose. The boys in the chapter now at C——, know me only as a correspondent member, whom they look up in the catalogue occasionally, in order to ask a contribution. You know I used to work hard. Now I am virtually dead to the active membership. If I were to go back to the old hall I should feel like begging pardon for the

intrusion. But, old fellow," and here he leaned toward me, and by the struggling firelight I saw the old boyish look of enthusiasm, bringing with it a thousand recollections, "do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year. My fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. And my little allegiance, George, at a time when there was a crisis in our chapter, has become a matter of pride to me. Ah, how noble those comrades of mine, who stood up so bravely amid the discouragements which hung over our little world, now seem to me. What heroes are some of these boys to me now, and not unworthily. Cannot I now trust him to the uttermost who was faithful there? For have I not tried him, and do I not know that in him there is a rock which the storm cannot shake? There were some too, as you know, who in the hour of the old chapter's misfortune sold their birthright of honor for the pottage mess of social advancement. I never see one of these to the present day that he does not seem, to me, a man unfit to trust."

He paused, but I knew he had not finished, and partly through surprise, and partly through a desire to hear him out, I remained silent. He seemed to be seeing the days long gone by, in the flickering flames of the dying fire.

"Do you know," he continued, "that I consider the fraternity experience as indicating the future career of the man? Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great hearted man is surely your true fraternity man. And fraternity training, I sometimes think, is, in a sense, superior to college training. It cultivates the heart, while the other often cultivates only the mind. I am often inclined to think, with De Quincey, that our understanding is the meanest faculty we have. I can reason it all out that the time I spent in fraternity work was time almost fooled away. But I cannot reason the old order out of my affections, George, and I think there are some things with which our understanding, or that which we call understanding, should have nothing to do.

" You know, George, for you have been there, what a rare old place that is, of ours, up there among those Ohio hills—the queer old house almost hid back in the grove, and beyond the fields and the creek, a great wood of walnuts and maples. Well, many a calm night, while I sat out in the grove beneath the canopy of stars, have the voices of the boys come to me as if borne, on the soft breezes which gently stirred among the trees, and at times I could almost have sworn that I heard that old song, the best of all of them, with Bill Walker's bass coming grandly in on the final strain, just as we sang it at the last meeting before our graduation. And some of the younger boys didn't understand the feelings of us seniors, as they joined in those lines—I hear them yet :

' Though our circle may be broken,
And its members sundered far,
Yet without the outward token,
All our hearts in union are.'

" Well, I live over those scenes, and they become like the best poetry, more and more beautiful. Perhaps I have carried some of the boys into the region of the ideal. They have doubtless, some of them, in reality, lost the charm of their youthful nobility, may have become sordid and conforming. But what matter? Their memory is yet beautiful.

" And this is the old fraternity, George, of which, after these years, you ask my opinion. I might give an opinion as to my college course, or even my kind old professors, but as to my fraternity, I believe I am not competent."

And so the question remained unanswered.

G.

ALUMNI SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FOR years I have watched with pleasure the growth of the SCROLL, and have been ever gratified at its steady improvement as a fraternity journal. From the standpoint of an observer who has watched closely its effects on the fraternity at large, I feel that I can say without fear of contradiction that the SCROLL has had an influence on our growth and prosperity which it would be difficult to over-estimate. I am satisfied, however, it can never

fill more than one-half its sphere of usefulness until it circulates as freely among the alumni as it does among the attendant members.

It is now, I believe, universally acknowledged that an active and enthusiastic alumni membership is absolutely necessary to a maintenance of our proper position in the Greek world. How best to awaken and keep alive in the breasts of our alumni that active and enthusiastic interest in the fraternity so much desired is now recognized by all well informed Greeks to be one of the most vital questions of the hour, and is worthy the best attention of the fraternity at the present time. I have for years been most thoroughly convinced that no other one instrument could be used to this end with an effect equal to that of the SCROLL, when circulated, as it should be, among all of our members, attendant and alumni alike; and no one, I suppose, now doubts that the most practicable plan of awakening and keeping up an interest in the fraternity among those of our alumni who are now apparently forgetful of her claims upon them, will be to have the SCROLL as extensively as possible circulated among them. It is seldom that we meet with a brother who does not read the SCROLL that is at all well posted as to Phi Delta Theta of to-day, however enthusiastic he may have been in his college days, while on the other hand it would be difficult, if possible, to find one who is a regular reader of the SCROLL, but forgetful of his brothers in the Bond. Recognizing then the value of our organ in this respect, it is our evident duty to put it into the hands of every alumnus if possible, and at the earliest possible date.

How we are to best go about getting up this desired circulation is a question which should be fully and freely discussed before next November. In fact, all matters of interest expected to come up before the convention should be as fully discussed as possible through the SCROLL before that time. This would be of benefit to us in at least two ways: It would awaken greater interest in the convention, and thereby secure a larger attendance, and also give us warning of what matters will be up for consideration, and allow us an opportunity to prepare for the discussion of them the more intelligently there. I think that our exigencies demand the

most thorough exchange of ideas concerning the best method of placing the SCROLL in the hands of all Phis, and the adoption by the convention of that plan which shall appear most practicable for that purpose.

Two methods, either of them good enough if carried out, present themselves to me as worthy of our careful consideration, and I desire to call the attention of the fraternity to them, not because I deem them the only ones practicable, but rather as a means of starting the discussion.

The first I shall mention has been, I believe, tried with considerable success by one or more of our cotemporaries, and is based on the idea that each chapter shall subscribe for enough numbers to supply all of its members, both active and alumni, and undertaking to pay for all of them, relying on the alumni members to reimburse the chapter for the money paid out on their account. This may seem on first thought to be a very large undertaking for some of our older chapters which have long lists of alumni and comparatively few active members, but I scarcely think that there is a single chapter which has a good, strong, active membership but could easily stand up to the undertaking if gone about with energy and a determination to succeed. All chapters have some alumni who would assist further than the simple donation of one dollar, and I suppose that there is not a live chapter which could not easily get the subscription price of one dollar from three-fourths of its alumni members, if work were done properly looking to that end. Then I am told by the present manager that the SCROLL, as at present managed, costs about seven hundred dollars for the first seven hundred subscribers (or about our present active membership subscription list), but that additional copies will cost from the printer only about thirty cents per annum each. Considering the advantages to accrue to the fraternity from the increased circulation of the SCROLL among our alumni, we could well afford to let the chapters have the additional numbers, where they take them for all of their alumni, at fifty cents a year for each copy. At this rate it would be necessary for each chapter to collect one dollar each from only one-half of those supplied by them, and in case they should succeed

in collecting more than this number they could then give in the additional sum to be used in the enlargement and improvement of the magazine. This scheme appears to me to be quite feasible, and I should think that no chapter could fail to collect half as many dollars for this purpose as it has alumni members.

The other plan I desire to submit will allow any alumnus who desires to do so, to pay down, say five dollars, and receive therefor the SCROLL for a term of years, say for ten years, or even for life. This will doubtless meet with opposition from some sources on account of the fact that under this plan would be created something like the old permanent fund which caused us so much trouble and was abolished, but I do not think that this objection should be held a valid one in this case. Considering that the actual cost of the additional copies required for the alumni members will be less than fifty cents each, it will be readily seen that, not counting any possible interest, the five dollars would pay for the SCROLL for ten years, and I know that if properly handled here would be something of an interest account. There would be no trouble about arranging so that the money could be put into the hands of some member who would give a good and sufficient bond to protect the fraternity, and who would so handle the fund as to derive from six to twelve per cent. interest on the principal.

Possibly it might be a good idea to unite the two plans, allowing those who preferred, to pay down the necessary amount, and then requiring the chapters to look out for them no longer. If this shall serve to draw out others on the subject, I shall be glad to see the discussion carried on.

J. M. Barrs, Tennessee Alpha, '80.

DECREASE OF ANTI-FRATERNITY SPIRIT.

It is no doubt a matter of serious inquiry to many, why fraternities in some quarters meet with faculty opposition; why colleges pass such stringent laws against them, and why a fraternity man, no matter how apparently upright, is viewed by them with suspicion.

We look at fraternities as they are to-day in the many colleges of the land, examine the system in all its workings, and are at a

loss to account for it. True, there may be certain diseased districts in this system, but taking a candid survey of the whole, we are forced to see that it exerts a mighty influence for good. Then where did it originate? A little examination into the facts will help us to solve the question.

Fraternities originated in the East. The colleges there were all well established. The fraternity idea developed at the beginning of the second quarter of this century, and soon quite a number had sprung into existence. Later on colleges began to grow in the Western States, and consequently in the forties and fifties our typical western fraternities made their appearance. Now the wave swept South, and the death of the war was the birth of several southern organizations.

The eastern fraternities, for the most part, met with decided opposition at first, which has long since died out. The western were as bitterly opposed, but have now almost entirely overcome it. In the South there are many worthy institutions still closed to fraternities. Princeton, Monmouth, University of Missouri, University of North Carolina, Trinity (N. C.) College, University of Alabama, and University of Tennessee are good examples of anti-fraternity schools. You can see that opposition is strongest in the South, and gradually dies out in the East; that is, the stronger and better established the fraternities, the less the opposition. And this is not surprising. Many of our fraternities are the offspring of quarrels in college politics. The stamp of maternity could not at once be obliterated, and, consequently, for awhile they were but a faction, struggling for supremacy in politics. In the weakness of infancy, each boasted of what the others lacked, rather than of what good it itself had.

But that day has now passed, and fraternities are a part of our educational system—each one reliant on its own strength, and not holding up the defects of its neighbor for ridicule. Fraternity journalism has played the important part in this work, and I do not doubt that ere another score of years, there will not be an anti-fraternity college of any standing in the whole land. Those fraternity men now in professional chairs will soon realize that the system is something greater and better than it used to

be ; forth from the rostrum will come smiles, rather than frowns upon the Greek badge.

Let us, as members of Phi Delta Theta, strive to better our part of the system. Don't put a single word of your petty local squabbles, if you are so unfortunate as to have them, in chapter letters. Elevate the tone of the paper. Make your heart echo to your lips, "Once a Phi, always a Phi."

J. E. Brown, Ohio Beta, '84.

COMMENTS ON THE CATALOGUE.

WE have received several hundred letters of congratulation on our new catalogue from persons outside, as well as within, Phi Delta Theta, and all of a complimentary character. It has been our intention to publish extracts from some of these, but the pressure upon our pages has prevented. The catalogue has been noticed by several general newspapers, by a number of college papers, and, we believe, by all of the fraternity journals. We give below the notices of the *Beta Theta Pi* and the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. We think that they are the only two fraternity journals whose editors have personally inspected the catalogue ; the others appear to have written their notices from descriptions in the SCROLL. The following is from *Beta Theta Pi* for October :

The announcement of the publication of the Phi Delta Theta catalogue affords another interesting instance of the labor that is being expended upon general fraternity enterprises. It a repetition of the struggles and perseverance of the determined catalogue editor, so remarkably illustrated in the labors of our brothers Seaman, Baird, and Terrell. The delays, the annoyances, the continued and fatiguing and oftentimes fruitless, pursuit of obscure or badly responsive brothers, who see no use in fraternity catalogues, or being dead, are necessarily silent to the continued appeals for statistics, all are narrated in the account which the editors of this new publication have sent to their fraternity brethren in bringing the work to their notice. . The catalogue epidemic—if a fever so desirable to have may be called an epidemic—is prevailing strongly at this time. The standard publications of Alpha Delta Phi and Beta Theta Pi have furnished the inspiration to other fraternities, and there is an intelligent interest in the subject and a desire to improve upon the former methods that is exceedingly gratifying. Phi Delta Theta, while her work is not nearly so extensive nor so costly as those mentioned, has carefully examined and compared these leading publications, and in some matters of detail has doubtless improved upon

other catalogues. Her statistics, while marred by too many abbreviations, are very full, and will doubtless be of interest to her members. The "Table of Consanguinity" shows a related membership of 481, of whom there are 197 pairs of brothers. Brothers are almost uniformly of the same chapter, and as a rule are initiated within two or three years of each other, or generally within the limits of the same college course. We published last year specimen pages of this catalogue in advance.

The following careful criticism is from the January *D. K. E. Quarterly* :

In this volume, published at the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, August, 1883, we have the latest example of a "Greek" catalogue in its best form. The type used is clear and compact, the paper firm, extra weight, and well calendered, the press work well done, and it is stoutly bound in blue, Phi Delta Theta's principal fraternity color. In arrangement it has adopted every modern improvement, and as to scope has all the statistical features of late first-class catalogues, except tabulated war record and fraternity and chapter detailed histories. It has added one novel feature in the shape of college and fraternity notes, which, placed at the end of the membership list of each chapter, are devoted, respectively, to memoranda of college honors won, and important fraternity services rendered, by its members. Fifty-one chapters are reported, of which seven are suspended—twelve weak sisters, whom Baird notes, having dropped from the memory of the fraternity—and a membership of 3,460, of whom but 227 are deceased. Taken in order, the departments of this catalogue are college chapters, giving site, date of establishment, and number of members living and deceased of each chapter; chapter lists, the membership of each chapter, arranged in order of classes, with a condensed biography appended to each name so far as practicable; alumni chapters, table of consanguinity, residence directory, alphabetical arrangement, and corrections and additions. The whole volume has a business-like look. Double columns are adopted to economize space. Not an illustration, head piece, or tail piece breaks its severe make up, and the only space devoted to editorial expression of any kind is given to a few lines of explanation of the arrangement. In completeness of detail it ranks close to the similar publications of Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Beta Theta Pi, and in this regard is a marvel when the circumstances of Phi Delta Theta are taken into account—wide extension in the West and South before the war, almost complete annihilation at its close, and nineteen inactive chapters. So, while Psi Upsilon has the credit of being the first to plan a comprehensive Greek catalogue, in the volume now being reviewed, its editors have completed a work demanding patience and perplexing labor to an extent hitherto unequalled. And, though our opportunities for estimating its accuracy are few, the use of them has given us a favorable impression in such regard. We note particulars, however, which are fair objects of criticism. To put the imprint of its publishers on the last instead of the title page, seems to us needlessly to violate established usage; the insertion of six or seven pages of additions and corrections blemishes the book more than it adds to its practical value; the catalogue of honorary members, with details of

their biography, in chapter lists, without distinction from once undergraduate members gives a tinge of sham to what is otherwise a solid and straightforward book; and, while the omission of editorial preface and chapter histories is not inconsistent with the general character of the work, the lack of a tabulated war record seems to us a defect on any theory. But as to each of these points Phi Delta Theta is in good company. On the whole, she has abundant cause for gratitude to those of her sons to whom she owes her thoroughly creditable catalogue, and for pride that her late want in such regard has been so well filled.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a new constitution and ritual.

Delta Tau Delta has a new constitution, and we understand it is no longer considered *sub rosa*.

Our Ohio Beta correspondent reports the suppression of the Sigma Chi chapter at Ohio Wesleyan by the faculty.

In the last year Chi Phi has lost its chapter at K. M. I., and has established chapters at Ohio State, Stevens, and Vanderbilt.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* will have it that Phi Delta Theta looks longingly toward Hampden-Sidney, but we deny the soft impeachment.

Kappa Sigma is initiating men at Vanderbilt with a view to re-organizing next year its chapter there, which has been extinct for several years.

Sigma Kappa announces a new chapter of five men at Mercer University, and another at University of Alabama will probably be announced soon.

Mr. W. R. Baird recommends that the managing editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* now be given a salary, as the duties of the position have become so heavy.

The following is from the *Crescent*:

It is now over two years since a committee was appointed by the convention to compile and publish a Delta Tau Delta song book, yet the successful completion of this undertaking seems as far off as ever.

It is now in order for some of our esteemed cotemporaries to rise to remark that *the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Senator elect*

from Kentucky, is an honorary member of Phi Delta Theta. We take pleasure in stating that he is not.

Chi Phi in convention assembled has solemnly declared against having anything to do with the Pan Hellenic Council. It is difficult to to understand why Chi Phi should take such a position. Certainly it cannot imagine that the Pan Hellenic could abridge any of its rights or freedom.

The chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Vanderbilt has at last received its charter. It has been running without a charter for two years, and it had to wait four months after the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws at Vanderbilt before it received the document. It looks like the Betas have too much red tape.

Chi Psi has revived its parent chapter at Union College. In regard to the insinuation in the *Beta Theta Pi* that the chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Union had applied to Chi Phi for a charter and been refused, we refer that journal to the letter from New York Beta in this number of the SCROLL.

It has been reported in the fraternity press that Mr. W. R. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," and a prominent member of Beta Theta Pi, also holds membership in Zeta Psi, or Phi Kappa Sigma, we do not remember which. However, we have examined the catalogue of Zeta Psi without finding his name.

The *D. K. E. Quarterly* says:

The coördinating functions of our Central Council are daily becoming more important, and the facilities at its command more inadequate. If the Council is to remain equal to its duties it must soon be so endowed that, in addition to permanent offices for the transaction of its business, and the safe keeping of Delta Kappa Epsilon and general Greek collections, it may retain the exclusive services of at least one trained clerk.

Beta Theta Pi wants a new system of chapter nomenclature. The system which it has now has become confused by giving the titles of dead chapters to new chapters. A committee is expected to report to the next convention a system which will correct these deficiencies, and which will indicate by the titles of the chapters the colleges at which they are located.

The following items are from the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* :

California Alpha, of Phi Kappa Psi, situated at the University of the Pacific, has never been blessed with a rival.

Beta Kappa, at Athens, Ohio, has two men left, and no promising material for new members.—*Beta Theta Pi*. This would indicate a speedy withdrawal; a plan of action warmly advocated by that journal.

The constitution of Zeta Psi requires that all the chapter officers shall procure the fraternity regalia, which shall be worn by them at any time when acting officially.

The following is from the University of Michigan letter in the January *D. K. E. Quarterly* :

We have a pleasant and convenient chapter hall, which we own, while Psi Upsilon has a \$15,000 chapter house, which is owned by a stock corporation, the stockholders not being all Psi Upsilons. Alpha Delta Phi is building a handsome chapter house at a cost of about \$17,000, of which about \$4,700 in cash and \$1,500 in notes have been collected. In order to raise the requisite funds, they have issued six per cent. bonds to the amount of \$10,000, these bonds being secured by a mortgage on the property.

For graphic simile and lurid rhetoric we have never, in the whole course of our reading, met anything which equals the following from the Wooster correspondent of the *Phi Gamma Delta* :

Smoothly enough runs the fraternity machinery at Wooster, and the great engine of "brotherhood," freighted with its golden links, its grappling hooks of steel, and its treasures of friendship, sends a bright gleam of light heavenward, as from time to time its furnaces are thrown open to be fed with raw material.

Heavens, what a frightful monster! How dreadful to meet such a thing in a lonely road on a dark night.

The Michigan University correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* says:

The Alpha Delta Phis will probably occupy their \$15,000 cut-stone chapter house next year. The Delta Tau Deltas have just closed a bargain for a roomy, well-situated frame house on North State street. Rumor has it that it was presented by their Chicago alumni. Would that our Detroit or Chicago alumni would do likewise.

The University of Kansas correspondent says:

Our rivals are Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and, possibly, Sigma Chi. Applications have been made for a charter of the latter fraternity, but we have not heard with what success.

The following items are clipped from the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent* :

At Psi Upsilon conventions each group of fifteen graduates present may vote as a chapter.

Beta Theta Pi has one imperative law that all fraternities would find it greatly to their advantage to adopt; namely, that every chapter must send a circular letter to every one of its graduates at fixed dates, twice a year, giving them information as to the chapter's welfare, and as to the date of the general convention and other fraternity concerns. Copies of these circulars are also filed in the general fraternity archives and sent to each chapter, being entirely independent of the chapter letters in their monthly journal.

The following excerpts from the *Phi Gamma Delta* we commend to the consideration of our dear, delightful cotemporary, the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, which is so *au fait* about Phi Delta Theta having a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions":

The fraternity which has the chapters at the larger colleges is stronger than the fraternity which only has chapters at the smaller colleges. But when you hear a Greek talking about the "Grammar School Universities" at which a rival fraternity is represented, you will generally be right when you ascribe his sarcasm to a spirit of envy. There are fraternities whose number of chapters has almost reached to half a hundred. Do not assure yourself that their advantage is only apparent. Your sarcastic remarks about high schools and grammar schools are harmless. The advantage which they have is real. One Western fraternity has designed an attack on the Eastern colleges, and has suggested that a large subscription be raised by the active and alumni members to make the success of the effort more probable.

Before the union of Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Sigma Chi, in 1879, the former had but one eastern chapter, that at Boston University established in 1876. Alpha Sigma Chi added five chapters at Cornell, Stevens, Rutgers, St. Lawrence, and Maine State. The last two institutions are of inferior rank, but, on the whole, the fraternity was much benefited. The chapters which were added gave it a good basis for eastern extension, and it has prosecuted the work with vigor and discretion. In 1880 chapters at University of Pennsylvania and Madison University were established, and dormant chapters at Harvard and Brown were reorganized. In 1881 Union and Columbia were entered, and in 1883 Amherst. The fraternity now has good reason to be proud of its chapters in the East.

From a valuable table published in the *Star and Crescent* for February, giving the membership of each of the fraternities at the colleges where Alpha Delta Phi has chapters we take the following summary, showing the total number of students in each

college, and the number of fraternity men respectively: Hamilton, 205, 73; Columbia, 546, 380; Amherst, 321, 99; Bowdoin, 108, 6; Dartmouth, 233, 32; Michigan, 527, 406; Rochester, 131, 44; Williams, 273, 148; College of City of New York, 324, 288; Wesleyan, 189, 23; Kenyon, 54, 10; Union, 164, 74; Cornell, 425, 321; Trinity, 66, 8. From this list, which includes all prominent Eastern colleges, except Harvard, Yale, Brown, Colby, and Syracuse, it will be seen that there is not much room for a new fraternity, except at Columbia, Cornell, and Williams.

A correspondent to the January *Phi Gamma Delta*, in a letter dated Austin, Texas, January 21, 1884, says:

Something over two weeks ago, Tau Deuteron chapter, of Phi Gamma Delta, was successfully inaugurated in the University of Texas, located here, with eight men.

Later he says:

Almost simultaneously with ourselves, Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta have organized chapters here.

We beg to state that the chapter of Phi Delta Theta, at the University of Texas, was chartered September 15, 1883, (the same day, by the way, the University opened), and that the seven charter members were formally initiated October 8, 1883. Phi Gamma Delta's chapter was, therefore, not organized "almost simultaneously," but some three months subsequently.

The following concerning its Iowa Wesleyan chapter is from the February *Beta Theta Pi*:

Alpha Epsilon has but five men, none in '87, and few good barbs to choose from. One weak rival picks up the leavings.

Our Iowa Wesleyan correspondent does full justice to this reflection on Phi Delta Theta, the only other fraternity with a chapter in the institution. The following, from the same paper, is a good rebuttal, however, and shows what a fine chapter Beta Theta Pi has to boast of:

Alpha Epsilon is quite a stranger to the *Beta Theta Pi*. The last letter from that chapter was published in April, 1882, and several fruitless calls have been made on the cor. sec. this year. Alpha Epsilon has not had a representative at a convention of the fraternity for ten years. We hope there is no lack of enthusiasm out there, although it looks that way.

The organ of Beta Theta Pi is greatly agitated about the subject of withdrawing the charters of chapters at small colleges. It says:

It will not hurt us to decrease our roll by the formal extinction of a few chapters whose existence has only been in name for some years back.

And adds:

We present in this issue a trio of letters from notoriously weak chapters, whose representatives make interesting excuses and pleas. It is, naturally enough, somewhat embarrassing to a chapter to have its death-warrant signed in its presence, and the desire to escape warrants some protest on its part.

This probably refers to the chapters at Ohio University, Cumberland, and Rutgers, and if so, it looks like the fraternity might save itself the trouble of resorting to extreme measures, as all three chapters are in a very precarious condition, and bid fair to die natural deaths very soon.

We are indebted to the *Phi Gamma Delta* for the following:

Kappa Alpha Theta has just published a song-book.

Work on the new Phi Gamma Delta catalogue is progressing finely.

Phi Gamma Delta has sixty-six honorary members out of a total of over three thousand.

It is reported that Chi Phi has received an application for a charter from the "Organized Barb Association" at DePauw University.

The Zeta Psi chapter at Williams, which was founded by lifting the Phi Gamma Delta chapter, is building a fine chapter house.—*Lariat*. May it continue to prosper.

We hope the matter will be given a start so that our next convention may provide for the publication of a song-book, and the matter may not drag along for years without coming nearer to our purpose than we are now.

Phi Delta Theta has now a larger number of chapters than any fraternity in the country, and yet she does not intend to rest. Her activity is praiseworthy, and must be crowned with success. We suggest to our brothers that we have been sleeping long enough, and must awake to action, or we shall soon find ourselves behind the other fraternities in strength and influence.

Southern Kappa Alpha is remarkable for its large number of *sub rosa* chapters. It has chapters operating, apparently successfully, in University of North Carolina; Davidson College, N. C.; Wake Forest College, N. C.; University of Tennessee; Southern University, Ala.; and Southwestern University, Tex., all of which are anti-fraternity institutions. A reckless indifference to consequences is shown by publishing in the *K. A. Magazine* letters

from these chapters, with no attempt to conceal either the names of the members or the colleges at which they are located. There is one chapter, however, about which more caution is taken, and it remains *incog*. We wish the fraternity success in its wholesale warfare against faculty oppression and intolerance. We notice that the Kappa Alphas expect to establish a chapter at the University of the South, but they will find that they will first have to obtain the consent of the trustees.

We had marked for notice the following extracts from the January *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi before we saw that they were quoted by the *Phi Gamma Delta* and criticised so severely and so justly. As choice specimens of vituperation we have never seen anything to approach them in the fraternity press:

The only men who failed to pass and were conditioned last term were Delta Kappa Epsilon men. We know from personal observation that there was some underhand work done in examination by representative Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon men, but are sure that Phi Kappa Psi did her work honestly.—*Chicago University correspondent*.

Brother ——— remarked when he was here, "Who are those little boys running around with Phi Gamm pins on?" This question covers the point exactly. The Phi Gamm chapter here is composed of a set of runts, and literally speaking, it would take just about two of our picked men to exterminate the whole crowd.—*University of Kansas Correspondent*.

While we loathe to answer an article written by a literary thief and endorsed by men of such small calibre as constitute the Sigma Chi of Wabash College, yet the fact that a conclusion based on false premises conveys a perverted truth, demands that it should not pass unnoticed. . . . A more plebeian herd never greeted mortal eyes than the gang of Sigmas which infests this institution.—*Wabash correspondent*.

The following extracts from "Fraternity Studies" by W. R. Baird, published in the December *Beta Theta Pi* tells the fate of several Beta chapters:

In the spring of 1851, while things were apparently going to pieces, the two chapters at Brown and Williams entered into a conspiracy to desert the fraternity. They were far separated from the remaining chapters and despondent at the turn affairs had taken. They listened to propositions from the Alpha Delta Phi, and, finally, became chapters of that society. The work was chiefly effected by Melancthon Storrs, of Brown, who had joined Alpha Delta Phi at Yale. The alumni protested and remonstrated in vain. The active members claimed it was an act of necessity. They certainly acted in as honorable a manner as the circumstances would allow, carefully destroy-

ing all the Beta documents in their possession. Many of them express a warm regard for Beta Theta Pi to this day. . . . Lambda had gone too far with Psi Upsilon to retreat, and had given them to understand that the whole fraternity favored the union. Consequently, when the Psi Upsilon commissioners arrived at Ann Arbor in January, 1865, and found no one to meet them but members of Lambda chapter, the latter accepted the proposition alone, and treacherously became a chapter of Psi Upsilon, notwithstanding the remonstrances of several active members and many of the alumni. . . . It will be remembered that in the convention of 1864, Beta at Hudson had worked with Lambda, of Michigan, to effect a union with Psi Upsilon. Since that period Beta had been dissatisfied. In organization one of the finest of the chapters in the fraternity, it had become, through the intrigues and plottings of one member, little more than a political machine. It had found trouble in coping with the Eastern fraternities at Hudson, more from lack of self-assertion than anything else, and finally in the spring of 1869 the chapter yielded to the solicitations of this prominent member and accepted a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon. The alumni protested in vain. The traitors were not even as honorable as those who deserted the Beta standard at Ann Arbor, for they would not give up the chapter records, and we think they are yet held by the Dekes at Hudson.

The following items of interest are from the *Beta Theta Pi*:

The chapter of Kappa Alpha at Hobart, which was revived in 1879 by "lifting" a chapter of Chi Phi, is now reduced to two men, and the withdrawal of its charter is contemplated.

Delta Upsilon has a fine catalogue in preparation. Delta Kappa Epsilon is about to go to press, and Delta Tau Delta has hers nearly ready for the binder. The next form of literary enterprise in the Greek world will probably be that of fraternity histories. Psi Upsilon and Phi Kappa Psi each have one in preparation.

Theta Delta Chi seems to be in a very bad condition, with the exception of the chapters at Dartmouth and Hamilton. The chapter at Lafayette is slowly dying, the one at C. C. N. Y., is following suit, and the one at Columbia was still-born. This is a fine fraternity, and its condition is solely due to want of a proper form of government.

Stevens Institute is now pretty well filled with fraternity chapters. Besides the three old and firmly-established chapters of Theta Xi, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega placed a chapter there in 1879, which was badly managed, and is now in poor condition. This was followed by Chi Psi last year, and now Sigma Chi and Chi Phi have chartered chapters, while Phi Kappa Psi has a crowd who are *sub rosa* as yet, and the Delta Psis at Columbia occasionally initiate a man or two. There is much fine material at Stevens, but there are about enough fraternities there now to utilize it all.

The policy of Delta Kappa Epsilon in the management of its *Quarterly* is this: The fraternity journal should be in the hands of the alumni, if for no other reason than for the reason that the interests of the active membership demand it. Each chapter accordingly subscribes for a large number of copies, which it pays for and circulates among its graduate members. If these members will become subscribers for the journal, their subscription is paid to the chapter, and

serves to replace the money which it has already invested. If the alumnus does not subscribe, the interests of the chapter demand that he should be kept informed upon fraternity matters, that his interest may be revived and his allegiance renewed, and he receives the journal as a gift from the chapter, to be repaid whenever he is impressed with the conviction of its value and importance.

State Alumni Associations of Alpha Tau Omega have lately been formed in Kentucky and North Carolina, and a permit has been asked for to organize one in Florida. An editorial in the last *A. T. O. Palm* says :

The old chapters, as a rule, are doing remarkably well. Several of our Northern chapters have had a hard fight, but we are authoritatively informed that the outlook for these struggling ones was never so good. We fear our Arkansas chapter (Arkansas Industrial University) is dead, and the Virginia Alpha (Virginia Military Institute) has not rallied, as we hoped, whilst Oregon (State Agricultural College) suffers for want of proper material. With these exceptions, every chapter is doing as well as could be expected. It is no disparagement to say that Virginia Delta's (University of Virginia) prosperity is unprecedented, and that the honors heaped upon Pennsylvania Tau (University of Pennsylvania) are most flattering. If we chose to boast a little, we could give the names of other chapters, than which no other chapters in any fraternity North, South, East, or West could show a better record. When we think of the high position some of our chapters, other than those mentioned, occupy, we grow enthusiastic. Suffice it to say, Alpha Tau Omega never had cause to be prouder of her chapters than at present, and upon the whole the fraternity was never more firmly established and really prosperous than now.

Alluding to an article published in the *Beta Theta Pi*, the editor says :

In the article "Average Size of Chapters," we are sure Mr. Warmbaugh does not wish to do us an injustice. He will, therefore, doubtless thank us for putting him right in regard to Alpha Tau Omega. He states of us, "That where we meet this fraternity it seems, on the average, to have no firm footing." What are the facts in the case? We meet Beta Theta Pi at Columbia, St. Lawrence University, Stevens Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Wittenberg College, University of Virginia, and Washington and Jefferson College. At Columbia, Stevens, Washington, and Jefferson, we are not near as strong as Beta Theta Pi, although our condition is improving daily in each of these institutions. At St. Lawrence University and Wittenberg, we are as strong; at the University of Pennsylvania we are stronger in influence, possibly in numbers; at the University of Virginia the Betas number, probably, seven, with but little influence, whilst we number twenty-four, forming one of the most powerful chapters at any university in the land.

At Harvard and Yale the society system is different from that at any other institution in the United States. The class and lo-

cal societies overshadow the fraternity chapters, making it very difficult, and almost impossible, for the latter to thrive. Recently the New York *Nation* published a number of letters severely condemning the senior societies at Yale. We take the following account of the organization of a new senior society from the *Chi Phi Quarterly* :

The members of the new secret society which has been formed in the senior class in Yale, have purchased a lot, and their hall is now in process of construction. This society was incorporated last June under the name of the Third Senior Society, but this will not be its title when it comes into prominence. The new society met with no opposition from the faculty when they asked permission to organize and erect their building. The members of the two older senior societies, "Skull and Bones" and "Scroll and Keys," seem to look on the new scheme with indifference. Yet the new Society have wealth, and there is no reason but that it will become in a few years as settled as the older societies. It is composed of fifteen men of the present senior class, who are very popular men, and they are working very energetically for the success of their scheme.

The following from a correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* at Harvard shows under what disadvantages the fraternities are placed there :

You may wonder at our slowness in selecting new Betas from a class of two hundred and sixty-five members ; but it will be less surprising to you when you take into account the almost entire lack of contact between the freshman and the upper classes. Besides, in so large a college it is not only impossible to know all the men, as one can in a small college, but, also, it is rare that one knows all his classmates. Therefore, to be sure that we are taking in good men, we must make long and patient inquiries. Another matter that hinders us in our work is the great number and importance of the local societies. Almost immediately after entering, the freshman turns an eager eye toward the sophomore societies. The sophomore anxiously seeks admission into the junior societies. But few men care to devote time to an inter-collegiate society ; and when, as often happens, a man belongs to five or six local societies, you cannot blame him if he does not wish to enter any more college societies. The Greek letter societies are thus thrown in the shade. Except among their own members, they are seldom spoken of here. This has another bad effect, in that it does not excite rivalry, which, in a moderate amount, is a great stimulus to activity.

The Chi Phis still publish on every opportunity that theirs is "the oldest fraternity in the United States," notwithstanding that their claim rests upon but the shade of a shadow. They say that in 1854 a book was found at Princeton which contained the constitution, etc., of a Chi Phi society, and bore the date 1824. The

discoverers conceived the brilliant idea of organizing a second Chi Phi, and dating it back to 1824, which would give them the prestige in age over every other college fraternity. To add greater uncertainty to this tradition it was alleged that *non de plumes* were used in the book instead of names, so that none of the members could be looked up. Finally it was given out that this important book was destroyed by a fire at Princeton in 1858. How very unfortunate! The following, from the last number of the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent*, is pertinent :

The *Chi Phi Quarterly*, having remarked that Chi Phi is the legitimate offspring of a rational, sensible, healthy mother, one of our exchanges (the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*) congratulates the *Quarterly* upon the discovery, and suggests that it should now direct its researches to the other side of the house—that Chi Phi may no longer be a “Japhet in search of a father,” which is rather pointed, since not so much as even the name of either founder or member of Chi Phi is known for the first thirty years of her alleged existence.

The following skeptical item is from the last number of the *Kappa Alpha Magazine*:

Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Psi Upsilon do not seem inclined to admit that venerable fraternity, Chi Phi, to an equal position with themselves in their “charmed circles.” They consider that age is not the “one thing yet lacking” in Chi Phi. As that fraternity has, so far, failed to convince the fraternity world of the antiquity of its origin, it is now perfectly in order that it do an act of simple justice by recognizing the existence of other fraternities than the three above mentioned. Chi Phi’s pose as one of the “strong old fraternities” has lost the charm of novelty, and the amusement it at first provoked has been replaced by ridicule of the absurdity of such a claim as that advanced by this fraternity.

We wish to bring to the notice of the fraternity world another link of evidence. The following is an exact reproduction of page 149 of the Chi Phi catalogue published in 1882:

THE SIGMA CHAPTER.

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, PRINCETON, N. J.

1824.

George M. Maclean, M.D., Ph.D.,

*Robert W. Halstead,

*Joseph M. Higbee,

Princeton, N. J.

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1824.

*Abraham R. Brown, A. M.,

*Charles W. Johnson, M. D.,

Records lost until 1854.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Philadelphia, Pa.

It will be noticed that two of these names are about the common-

est names which could be found. Two of the men have no addresses given, two are located in very large cities, and all four are noted as dead, so there is no possible chance of them ever being traced. But it may be judged whether the above is *bona fide* or not by the following comment in the *Chi Phi Quarterly* of October, 1882:

One grave mistake, however, was made by the committee in the "get up" of page 149. In this they laid themselves open to serious charges, but happily the convention had an opportunity of rectifying the matter before its evil effects could recoil upon the fraternity. It is unnecessary to say more about this in the present connection.

We do not know what the convention did, but it certainly would have done itself credit by entirely renouncing the absurd claim that Chi Phi was established in 1824.

Phi Kappa Psi cherishes the hope of reviving its chapter at Randolph Macon. The nihilistic faculty at Monmouth have not yet fired the mine under the chapter there, but they are probably laying their wires carefully, and we may await a grand ascension when they touch it off. In our last number we published an account of the complete collapse of a chapter (Georgia Alpha) at the University of Georgia just after being chartered, and now, through the *Beta Theta Pi*, we hear of another fiasco at Carlton College, Northfield, Minn., where a chapter (Minnesota Alpha) has died before it doffed its swaddling clothes. Phi Kappa Psi is awfully particular, we suppose, not to have "a multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions," but nevertheless it tries, and even fails, to enter a college in Minnesota which, if it has any prominence, must have acquired it very suddenly, as did Duluth after Proctor Knott's speech. The grand chapter has been changed from Columbian University to Pennsylvania College. It is surprising that a fraternity with such lofty standards should still cling to the old presiding chapter system, and allow all its general executive affairs to be managed during the long term between its triennial (perhaps now biennial) conventions by a chapter of undergraduates. The following from the *Shield* shows how badly Phi Kappa Psi needs a change of government:

And this leads us to the next topic, upon which we desire to speak with judgment and wisdom, but with which it may perhaps be difficult to succeed, since we think our own method of government one not best adapted to the wants of a growing fraternity. In brief, we

think Phi Kappa Psi is too conservative in clinging to government by a grand chapter chosen at regular recurring intervals from the ranks of the sub-chapters, and we wish to offer several reasons for the position taken.

The present method is too tedious, especially as regards the granting of charters and considering of petitions for the same. Except in the instance of the present G. C., the government rests in the hands of undergraduates, the nature of whose college duties almost precludes the possibility of time sufficient to investigate matters entrusted to them for consideration, and whose judgments are often unduly influenced by motives which to older men would appear trivial.

We know of instances wherein excellent opportunities for extension have been lost by the negligence of prompt action both by the sub-chapters and grand chapter, and surely it will pass without question that nearly two years is too long a time to keep a body of petitioners waiting—a fact known to have occurred once with us.

A board consisting largely if not entirely of alumni, it would appear, is best able to attend to the wants of the fraternity and guard her interests, since the matured judgment of men of the world is safer to be trusted, and because local prejudices are not likely ever to arise and obscure the paramount advantage.

We have but to look around us to see the direction in which the current of thought is going. There are to-day only Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Zeta Psi, and Phi Kappa Psi still adhering to the old form of grand chapter government, and of these some are about to change. Phi Kappa Psi is alone, however, in vesting the supreme executive authority in the hands of a grand chapter without some representation of alumni, and the question not unnaturally arises, Are we not falling behind?

It would exceed the limits of this article and not be to our purpose to detail the character of the government of other fraternities than those named above, but in general the supreme power is vested in a representative body of undergraduate and alumni, who meet in convention usually once a year, and in the interval between these conventions power is vested in a body variously styled lodge, council, executive committee, or directory, composed in whole or in part of alumni.

We wish Phi Psis whose interests are alive to the welfare of their fraternity to institute a mental comparison with the long list of powerful rivals who are not using the older form of government and those with whom Phi Kappa Psi is named, though even of these none are without the assistance and guidance of graduate members.

We might speak somewhat of the division into districts of several of our more powerful and aggressive rivals and the district officers and their duties, but this matter was recently discussed before the fraternity in council assembled, and we have no intention of attempting a subversion of the decision arrived at then.

The Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* for January–February contains a most scurrilous attack upon F. O. Payne, President of Delta Province of Phi Delta Theta, based upon the following portion of a letter which he, as general news correspondent from Buchtel

College, wrote to the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, and which was printed in that paper November 19, 1883 :

There are well grounded rumors that the Eta chapter of Delta Tau Delta, located here, under one Hyre, a member, have been endeavoring to secure a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon, but failing in this, they applied to Alpha Delta Phi. It is needless to say that they failed in both directions, and neither "Dekes" nor "Alpha Delts" have seen fit to locate here, at least under the circumstances.

We do not intend to try to match the billingsgate of the *Crescent*, for our education in that direction has been limited, and we have too high a regard for our journal to defile its pages with such vile stuff. As to the reflections on brother Payne's character, it is only necessary to call attention to the fact that he has been tutor in the Buchtel faculty for four years, and assistant in the chemical laboratory for two years, and that he still occupies those positions. As to whether he had sufficient authority for publishing as a well grounded rumor that the Delta Tau Deltas had endeavored to secure a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, the following affidavits, which he has furnished us at our request, are conclusive, and leave nothing else to be said :

THE STATE OF OHIO,	}	Irving C. Tomlinson being first duly sworn, according to law, deposes and saith that on or about the 4th day of July, 1883, he was in the city of Akron, Ohio, and while there he had a conversation with Arthur Walker, in which conversation Walker said to affiant, "Have you heard that the Buchtel Delta Taus had applied to our fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, for a charter?" "No," I replied, "are you positive of this?" He said "Yes, I have it on good authority that A. E. Hyre has been endeavoring to transfer the Buchtel chapter of Delta Tau Delta to Alpha Delta Phi." This conversation I repeated to F. O. Payne and others.
CLARK COUNTY.		

IRVING C. TOMLINSON.

{	NOTARIAL SEAL,	{	Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 19th day of February, 1884.	FRANK RIGHTMYER, Notary Public.
	CLARK COUNTY, OHIO.			

THE STATE OF OHIO,	}	Before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid, this day personally appeared, Albert A. Kohler, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that on or about November 12, 1883, Hal Hitchcock, now of Ohio State University, told affiant that he, said Hitchcock, had heard among the D. K. E's at Hudson last summer that the Delta Taus of Buchtel College had tried to get a charter from the D. K. E's.
SUMMIT COUNTY.		

A. A. KOHLER.

{ NOTARIAL SEAL, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO. }	Sworn to by said Albert A. Kohler, before me, and by him signed in my presence, at Akron, in said county, this 1st day of March, 1884.
	NOAH HODGE, Notary Public.

Also at the same time and place before me, the Notary Public aforesaid, personally appeared F. Adolph Schumacher, who being duly sworn on his oath, saith that at some time between September and November, 1883, Arthur H. Walker told affiant that A. E. Hyre had tried to find out from Alpha Delta Phi if Eta chapter (of Buchtel College) of Delta Tau Delta, could obtain a charter from Alpha Delta Phi by applying for it.

F. A. SCHUMACHER.

{ NOTARIAL SEAL, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO. }	Sworn to before me by said F. Adolph Schumacher, and by him signed in my presence, this 1st day of March, 1884.
	NOAH HODGE, Notary Public.

Also at the same time and place, before me, the Notary Public aforesaid, personally appeared Frank O. Payne, who being duly sworn on his oath, saith that after the publication of affiant's note in the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, stating the rumor that the Buchtel Delta Tau Deltas had been endeavoring to secure a charter from Alpha Delta Phi, affiant met Arthur A. Walker in front of Battel's photograph gallery, on East Market street, in Akron, Ohio, and asked him if he was offended at affiant's referring to him as the authority for that statement in affiant's said note, to which inquiry said Walker replied that he did not care anything about it; and that he, said Walker, had reason to believe that said rumor was true, and that the Delta Tau Deltas were scared about it, and affiant further says that Hal Hitchcock, now of Ohio State University, told affiant that he, said Hitchcock, had heard among the D. K. E's at Hudson that Eta chapter (of Buchtel College), of Delta Tau Delta, had tried to get a charter from D. K. E.

FRANK O. PAYNE.

{ NOTARIAL SEAL, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO. }	Sworn to before me by said Frank O. Payne, and by him signed in my presence at Akron, Ohio, this 1st day of March, 1884.
	NOAH HODGE, Notary Public.

NEWS AND NOTES.

WE call attention again to that valuable work, "American College Fraternities," and repeat that every Phi ought to possess a copy, so as to acquaint himself thoroughly with the Greek world. The price is \$2.00. Address W. R. Baird, P. O. Box 1848, New York, N. Y.

It must not be supposed that we intend to turn the SCROLL into a bi-monthly. We had to issue a double number for January and February because of several unavoidable delays. Provoking as it is, we have been delayed a second time, through no fault of

the staff or any officer of the fraternity, compelling us to issue a double number for March and April. We hope to have the SCROLL appear regularly every month during the collegiate year hereafter.

THE editor of this journal is very anxious to procure a copy of the constitution in use between 1878 and 1880. It was printed in small type and was unbound. He will thank the chapters to look among their archives for it, and if found to forward it to him, as he has a particular and very important use to make of it.

WE learn that a bill is now pending in the Ohio Legislature to combine Miami University at Oxford, and Ohio University at Athens, with Ohio State University at Columbus. We earnestly hope that the three institutions may all be united in one grand university. If this is done, our Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, and Ohio Zeta would be consolidated into one chapter.

IN the last two months the fraternity has made very gratifying progress in several directions. The President of Alpha Province has been indefatigable in his efforts to extend Phi Delta Theta in the East, and has met with great success, but for prudential reasons we cannot yet announce the new chapters. In the West great activity is manifest. Illinois Delta, at Knox, has been revived, and there is an excellent prospect of reviving one or two more dormant chapters which would be of great benefit to the fraternity. We hope in our next issue to make several important announcements about our substantial advancement.

ON March 1st there was a full meeting of the Tennessee Alpha and Tennessee Alpha Alumni, to discuss preliminary arrangements for the coming convention. It was decided to appoint the following list of committees: On invitation, on railroads and hotels, on reception, on newspapers, on finance, on decorations and music, on literary exercises, and on banquet and ball. One alumnus was placed at the head of each committee, and the remaining committeemen will be selected with a great deal of care from the most active alumni residents and the Vanderbilt members. We hope in the next SCROLL to publish a complete outline of the arrangements which the committees will perfect.

AT our suggestion, Mr. Newman has made a watch pendant and charm, of the sword and shield, both doubled, the sword being the pendant, and the shield the charm. The combination, we think, is a very pretty one, and it is much more durable than the charm containing all the emblems, because there are no small points to break off. Another suggestion we have made to him is that he set the stones of different colors in the border of the shield by quarters, instead of alternately. The stones show up much handsomer this way, and there is something striking about the arrangement. By the way, would it not be better for the fraternity to require all badges to be set in pearl and turquoise, or diamond and sapphire, so as to display the white and blue? We think that uniformity is much more desirable than the variety of arrangement we now have.

THE chapters should bear in mind that all of their dues must be paid before the convention. The SCROLL tax is \$1.00, and that amount for each member in each chapter must be remitted to the T. G. C., and of course the proper number of SCROLLS will be mailed when the business manager is notified. The catalogue tax is \$2.00, which falls on every member who has not already paid it, whether an old member or a new initiate. The catalogue will be forwarded by express, or, if twenty-five cents additional per copy is paid, by mail. The T. G. C. knows the number of members in each chapter, and will charge them accordingly. It would be well for the chapters to settle up these accounts at once. Next month probably the G. C. will announce the convention tax, and it all must be paid, or some of the delegates may find it difficult to be admitted to the convention as representatives of their chapters.

A PROTEST has been received from Virginia Beta against holding the convention in November. The chapter urges that if held in November, the convention will break into the term at a time when it is important for the men to be preparing for examinations, and hence a member who is applying for a degree cannot be sent as a delegate. We very much regret that there is any dissatisfaction, but it would perhaps be impossible to please everybody

exactly. No objection from any other quarter has been received, however. Certainly it would be very unfortunate, if not actually disastrous, for the convention to be held immediately preceding the national election, and we hope Virginia Beta will submit to November *pro bono publico*. All this embarrassment and confusion should teach us to be more careful about selecting a date for the convention hereafter. We may have some suggestion to offer on that point soon.

SAD havoc has been played with many of the communications which we have received for publication. Some of them we have butchered to eliminate matter which, in our opinion, was not suitable for publication, while stern necessity has compelled us to quarter others for the sake of condensation. Every month we have pictured to ourselves the angry countenances of a host of chapter Reporters when reading their decimated letters in print. With a full sense of having performed our duty faithfully and impartially, we could not free ourselves from the dread that we had made them our mortal enemies, and that they would never take up their pens to enrich our pages with their literary productions again. To our great surprise, relief, and gratification, no exceptions have been taken to our brutal course. While we have yet to hear of a complaint, the number of letters has by no means diminished. We are glad that our contributors have taken no offense, and we congratulate them upon having tempers so difficult to disturb.

FRATERNITY INTELLIGENCE.

It is an imperative duty for every member of a fraternity to be well acquainted with its history, its peculiar features, its designs, and its relation to other fraternities. This is not the case by any means. Probably every chapter has one or two men familiar with the various ceremonies in the ritual, while the rest, during their absence, can but imperfectly proceed with anything that involves a knowledge of fraternity formalities.

This is an injurious and disgraceful state of affairs. No member can catch the proper spirit of a fraternity, or is fitted for do-

ing it any good, until he is acquainted with its workings. It is bad enough to be ignorant of the forms of a fraternity, but far worse to want information about its history and policy. We cannot profit by our past experience if we are totally uninformed therein. One man well equipped with information, well posted on Greek affairs, is worth more to a fraternity, as far as its furtherance is concerned, than fifty or a hundred who do not possess such knowledge.

The SCROLL would ask all Phis first to learn the forms of the fraternity, then to place the thoughts and sentiments of the Bond in their minds so firmly and familiarly that they will be a part of life, as it were; then it would most earnestly ask the Phis to learn the history of their fraternity, to acquaint themselves with all of its victories and failures, all of its strong and weak points; finally, as a means of reflecting light on Phidom, acquire also a general intelligence of the entire fraternity world. By comparison we find out our exact position, and the knowledge of one's relative merit is the prime element to progress. The Greek press is the most important source of information; hence, as was suggested once before, read first your own journal, and then as many others as you can secure.

A CATALOGUE COMPILER.

THERE is one improvement which we earnestly desire to see the fraternity make at an early date. We refer to the manner of keeping chapter and general fraternity records. Enough care has not been exercised in this matter heretofore. Very often a person is elected Secretary of a chapter who takes no pains in his work, and writes up the minutes in a slovenly style. We need a reform in the manner of keeping chapter records, and a more perfect set of formulas for making reports.

At present it is required that a report from each chapter be forwarded through the Province Presidents to the S. G. C. on April 1st of each year. This form of report has been tried for four years, and has not proved a success. The fault is that it is too complicated, on which account, probably, Reporters have shirked their duty. The form could be simplified to advantage. It ought

to be easy to make out, but comprehensive in its details. It would be very much better, too, we think, for three reports a year to be made, each covering a period of three months, than to have only one report annually.

From what we have heard and seen, we do not believe that the regulation requiring each chapter to preserve a biographical record of its members is being properly observed. Some chapters which have long lists of members probably dread the task of collecting the data from them for biographical sketches. The task should not be delayed longer, however. The biographical notes in the catalogue can be used as a beginning, and can be added to hereafter from time to time. The writer has prepared two printed books with blanks for the proper entry of biographical sketches, and with suggestions in the preface as to the kind of facts which should be mentioned. These books we consider very convenient and complete. They are used by Tennessee Alpha and Virginia Beta, and specimens will be shown the convention with a view to getting the form adopted for use in all the chapters.

We are of the opinion that a new office should be created in the fraternity, that of catalogue compiler, whose duty it should be to get up formulas to be used for reports, to send out blanks for reports to be made on, to receive the reports and preserve them, and to gather personal data concerning the membership for use in bringing out a new catalogue. There would be plenty of work for him to do—in fact, his position would be one of the most important in the fraternity. From our experience in compiling the last catalogue we realize what an enormous labor it is to collate a catalogue from defective chapter records. The catalogue compiler should be constantly collecting materials for a new edition. By electing an officer whose special duty it would be to systematically collect and preserve the general records of the fraternity, Phi Delta Theta would be sure hereafter of keeping an accurate biographical record of its membership. No other fraternity has made provision for such an officer as a permanent catalogue compiler. We would be greatly pleased to see Phi Delta Theta take a step like this in advance.

"THE STAR OF EMPIRE."

THE eastern fraternities have enjoyed a long period of prominence and distinction. With overweening vanity they have posed as a superior race of Greeks, and western and southern fraternities have been too prone to acknowledge their supremacy. They have been looked upon as models, and with somewhat of awe and admiration. But we see signs that these orientals have lost much of their former prestige, and now scarcely any are so poor as to do them reverence. Their power may not have diminished in their own strongholds, but since the western and southern fraternities have been coming to the front with such rapid strides, they have not received the homage to which they were before accustomed. In very few things can they now claim any preëminence. They possess fine chapter houses, and their money enables them to make large displays, but in enthusiasm of active members, in loyalty of alumni, in thoroughness of organization, and in energy with which plans for advancement are prosecuted, the fraternities of the West and South are fully their equals.

Of late the enterprise of the western and southern fraternities, which have had the audacity to encroach upon what the eastern fraternities consider their own private preserves, has thoroughly alarmed them. They are like old Chinese mandarins who have for ages dwelt within the wall of their close seclusion, never dreaming of a world outside, suddenly waking up to the realization that their domain is being rudely invaded by heathens from the West, whose progress must be resisted in order to keep them from taking possession. There is a call for a banding together of forces to oppose the invaders. The following alarm-cry comes from the Psi Upsilon *Diamond*:

One cannot close this imperfect review without expressing the hope,—already in some measure justified by events,—that these two societies (Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon), whose positions are so well assured, and whose futures are so brilliant, will join hands in the advancement of certain interests common to both. It is in their power to create a healthy public sentiment against the useless multiplication of societies, and against the introduction into the old colleges of such fraternities as Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, etc., which, being necessarily destined to a short-lived, or, at least, to a precarious existence, serve only to make society institutions appear less permanent.

Here's richness. This solemn assertion that these fraternities, which are so actively pushing their way forward, are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or, at least, to a precarious existence" is indeed a capital piece of assurance. Why, in such case, should Psi Upsilon be so solicitous to keep them out? We have not yet heard from Alpha Delta Phi any expression in the way of an acceptance of Psi Upsilon's offer, but, if the combination is formed, the two societies may discover that they will be met by foemen worthy of their steel.

The following quotation from the last number of the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent* points a moral:

One other fear is expressed, (concerning the Pan Hellenic Conference) namely, that the weaker and younger fraternities may pick up such valuable information as to the methods and organization adopted by the older bodies as to suddenly become their formidable rivals. To my mind, the probability lies in just the opposite direction. From their very prosperity the strong fraternities have been slow to change, and, contented with their established status, they, in some respects, lag behind the weaker societies, to whom it is a matter of life and death that they shall excel their competitors in some particulars at least.

To formulate the facts in the language of evolution, types best adapted to their environment are those which have survived the fiercest struggle for existence, so we may reasonably expect the highest type of fraternity to finally come from among the "poorer" societies whose organizations remain easily subject to change.

The whole matter is illustrated by the rise of the fraternity periodical system; the pioneers were not the fraternities of power and prestige, but even the so-called "anti-secret fraternity" was one of the first to set an example which has been followed with varying success, according to their flexibility of organization, by most of the progressive fraternities in the land.

So the elder fraternities need not be too sure that, in the interchange of ideas, the benefit will entirely insure to the weaker parties.

This is a remarkable concession. We congratulate Alpha Delta Phi that it has acquired modesty enough to admit that all excellence is not concentrated in itself, and to award merit to whom it is due. We hope the same liberality will continue.

The western and southern fraternities no longer wear the badge of inferiority, but they now have the manliness to take their true positions, and boldly claim that they are the peers of any. They can well afford to compare themselves with others. The eastern colleges are blessed with a number of puny fraternities, each rejoicing in about half a dozen chapters, and these diminutive or-

ganizations are possessed of an abundance of pride entirely out of proportion to the amount of their influence. They have not kept up with the advancement of the age. They have passed the meridian of their glory, and their strength is sure to wane. They are so small, and are so completely surrounded by stronger rivals, that they are not prepared to execute any important plans for extending their power. Even the larger eastern fraternities are governed by such extreme conservatism, and display such masterly inactivity in regard to extension, that the question arises, Are they not passing by their opportunities? They seem to assume that they are perfect, and not susceptible of improvement. This opinion of ours is hinted at in the last number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, which says:

Of our sister fraternities, some have shirked the responsibilities which prosperity has placed upon them, have assumed mock dignity and stilted reserve, and, as surely as they were the princes of yesterday, are the mummies of to-day and fated to be the dust of to-morrow. Delta Kappa Epsilon is one of the few which have met with fresh effort every new requirement of their position, is the foremost of those whose confidence in the zeal of their alumni has resulted in prompt preparation for the greater opportunities of their future. So far her hopes have been more than realized. Shall she not continue to be "justified of her children?"

We are glad to see that Delta Kappa Epsilon does not depend alone on its past renown. Nearer than any other eastern fraternity it approaches the methods and standards of the leading western and southern fraternities, and, from present indications, it has the brightest future. In progressiveness of policy, and in the effectiveness of their systems of administrations, the fraternities of the East can claim no advantages over those of the West and South. The former condescending spirit of the eastern fraternities, though diminished but little, has been followed by a well grounded fear that they will have to contest their positions with western and southern rivals. Their egotism and pretensions which have been exasperating heretofore, are now looked upon simply as ridiculous.

ALUMNI SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It will be remembered that at our last convention a plan was proposed to send the SCROLL to correspondent members for life, upon the payment of \$5.00. The plan was so novel and peculiar that the convention postponed taking any action upon it. The delegates did not then feel prepared to vote in favor of such a new departure. At our request, the brother who originated the scheme has presented his views in the SCROLL.

It will be noticed that a modification has been proposed which limits the time of subscription for \$5.00 to ten years, instead of for life, but it is to be understood that it is to be for a longer period than ten years, if, on experiment, it is found that the fraternity can afford it. Ten years probably is long enough, for at the end of that time any alumnus ought to be willing to pay another \$5.00.

At first blush we were decidedly opposed to the scheme, but the more we have thought about it, the more favorable towards it we have become. As far as the financial part is concerned there is nothing impracticable about it. The only amendment we would offer would be a provision against the revenue from the \$5.00 subscribers being spent as fast as received. It would be prudent, we think, to require all revenue of the kind received during each year to be invested in some Government or other safe securities, and allow only the interest and one-tenth of the principal to be spent annually.

We believe that many alumni would subscribe for ten years on the score of convenience as well as economy. One alumnus wrote us that it was more trouble for him to keep informed about the expiration of his subscription, and the place to forward his renewal, than it was to pay the dollar a year. The discouraging feature about obtaining subscriptions to the SCROLL to those who interest themselves in such work, is that the same tedious ground has to be gone over every year, so that the subscription list grows very slowly. This, we think, is a very strong argument in favor of the ten year plan.

It has been suggested to us by the President of Gamma Province, that these long term subscriptions be made compulsory on members as they leave college. We really see no impropriety.

A member upon graduation ought no more to object to paying \$5.00 to the fraternity for ten years subscription to the SCROLL than he does to paying his diploma fee to the faculty.

Phi Delta Theta was the first fraternity to require attendant members to subscribe for its journal, and a number of rivals have profited by its example. The SCROLL being placed in the hands of every active member we have no doubt largely accounts for the remarkable *esprit du corps* of our active membership. If by this step we can inspire the body of our alumni with an ardent zeal and enthusiasm, we will in another respect place ourselves in advance of other fraternities. Our contributor, however, has so plainly shown the advantages of awakening the interest of alumni that we deem anything more said on that subject unnecessary.

The other plan which our contributor suggests, that of allowing chapters to order the SCROLL at half price to send to their alumni, is the one which Delta Kappa Epsilon has successfully adopted. If our convention sanctions the arrangement, we have no doubt but that it would greatly benefit the fraternity at large for the chapters to take advantage of it.

Another arrangement which we think would materially stimulate the circulation of the SCROLL, would be to appoint a State agent for it in each State where we have a chapter. It is now the duty of the Province Presidents to collect alumni subscriptions, but they generally have charge of several States, and their other duties are so heavy as to preclude them from paying the proper attention to this part of their work.

We hope that these plans will receive the careful consideration which their importance demands, and that every delegate will be prepared to vote intelligently upon them when presented at our next convention.

CAREFUL SELECTIONS.

It is becoming very popular now for fraternities to boast of their numbers. Hence follows a desire to be great in this particular, and from this quarter comes that reckless carelessness in admitting members. There is a golden mean here as in all other cases. Numbers, to a certain degree, indicate that the fraternity is appreciated, and that it is doing good, but, beyond a certain

limit, every aim or object of a fraternity is thereby subverted, and it is demonstrated that the order is not select.

It should rather be the boast of a fraternity that it is a body carefully chosen, hence not multitudinous. If you proceed to accept all who wear good clothes, all who have a bountiful supply of funds, or even all who are distinctly recommended to you by friends, there will come a time when the fraternity will be too much like the outer world—too gross, cold, and uncongenial to elicit the pride or love of its members. A man ought to be proud of his fraternity. He can love it under no other condition, and he cannot be proud of it, if within its borders are found men whom he would not like to own to the world as its friends.

There has been much discussion as to what should be the desired quality in a candidate for admission, some claiming it to be intellectual ability and attainments, some hold social qualifications the principal, while others depend on the general appearance and impression of a man, which means that if he wears good clothes and has a good supply of money he will pass. The first and all-important inquiry should be as to a man's character. He who has a solid character, which involves a high sense of duty, and a love of truth and honor, will not fail to make a good fraternity man in the broadest meaning of the term.

In looking at the character of a man his ancestry should always be observed, for it is true beyond a doubt that character is largely inherited. If a man has a family of undisputed standing and worth, that is *prima facie* evidence of his position, though of course further inquiry is necessary.

If the proper care were exercised in admitting members, if they were to admit only those who possess the essence of true manhood, fraternities would make a long step toward that Utopian limit of perfection whither they should ever tend. That which is now to us pleasant and useful would become immensely more so. Every chapter would be like a model home in its pleasures and influences. Everyone would feel that his actions were viewed by his whole fraternity—that in his noble deeds and brilliant achievements he brought joy to the hearts of his fraternity brethren, and that his faults and his failures were felt with sympathy and regret.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 11, 1884.

It is a source of great satisfaction that the General Council is able to announce that every chapter in the fraternity at the time of the Richmond convention is now living. Besides, there are the many new and thriving chapters; and the near future promises still better things.

Financially there is not equal cause for congratulation. The expenditures growing out of the last convention were so heavy that the T. G. C. borrowed money to get home on, and current expenses since have been met entirely out of moneys paid since October, 1882. The tax for the Nashville convention will be levied and made known before the close of the present year. It will probably be \$3.00 per capita, as usual; besides which there will be a fifty cent per capita tax to meet necessary debts incurred, because the revenues have been inadequate to meet the actual obligations of the order in the way of old debt and current expenditures.

The extension fund idea is warmly supported by the council. Contributions are solicited for extension purposes, as set forth by brother Bassett in the last SCROLL. The Treasurer will receive and set apart, for use only in meeting extension expenses, any sums which may be forwarded to him with that in view. At the convention this temporary arrangement may be made permanent; and pending any law on the question, the above suggestion is offered.

H. U. Brown.

FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 26, 1884.

I wish to call the attention of chapters to the annual reports which are due April 1, and to urge upon the Historians a prompt and careful compliance with the requirements contemplated in our constitutional provisions.

A large number of chapters failed to furnish their reports for the year ending April 1, 1883, and the Province Presidents and H. G. C., after much tedious correspondence and solicitation, failed to get any response from them. It is to be hoped that those chapters will see fit to observe this notice and forward their reports for the two years.

A number of letters have been received inquiring what these reports should contain. I will say for the information of new chapters and others in doubt, that we wish a tabulated statement

from each chapter, giving the number, names, and address of all men initiated since last report; the names and address of those who have left college since last report, and the names of all attendant members. New chapters should send with their reports a short account of their organizations, giving names of charter members and a short sketch of each man, following the plan of the catalogue in making out the report. The reports which have been filed heretofore have for the most part been quite satisfactory, but it is necessary to have the coöperation of all the chapters in order to make this work of any practical value to the fraternity. Chapters should be careful to select such men for their Historians who will be prompt and active in the discharge of their duties, for it is really of the highest importance that their work be well done.

A. A. Stearns.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

[Just before going to press with this form we learn that Maine Alpha at Colby University, Waterville, Me., was chartered on March 22. The charter members are fourteen in number, and all, we learn, are of excellent standing in college. They have been organized as a local society called "Legonia" for two years, and they will be initiated into Phi Delta Theta by brother Bassett before this reaches our readers. We assure this far eastern chapter that it is warmly welcomed into the fraternity. Our best wishes are with it. We expect a full report from it for our next issue.—EDS.]

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,

Burlington, Vt., March 8, 1884.

Another term is drawing to its close and Sophomore Ex. is upon us. Four of the ten speakers have been chosen from among us, but owing to what is considered as a slight irregularity in the manner in which the faculty made choice of speakers it seems to be quite the fashion to resign, and at the present time it is a little uncertain whether we shall have the customary performance to close up the term's work or not.

At our meeting last week four of the members of the class of '83 were with us, and hardly a meeting passes at which no alumnus is present.

Brother E. A. Barnes, '84, who has not been with us for a year or more, on account of poor health, has so far recovered as to attend the medical course, which has just begun. His attendance

at fraternity meetings will add much of interest and good fellowship to the chapter work.

To-night closed our literary exercises for this term. Next Saturday night will be devoted to a little merry-making at the expense of the half of the chapter that "got left" on the literary work for the term.

W. M. Stiles.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE,
Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1884.

New York Beta is flourishing. The great event of the past month was the initiation of Edward T. Root, '87, the acknowledged leader of the freshman class. One of our number, T. W. Allen, is at present home on the sick list. We hope, however, to see him in college soon. Otherwise all is serene.

H. D. Griswold.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1884.

The February *Beta Theta Pi*, speaking of our chapter, reads as follows :

Phi Delta Theta, on November 27, placed her New York Beta chapter at Union College. It is a serious coincidence that Chi Phi should have so recently refused a petition from Union, containing precisely the same number of names. We welcome the new chapter to the East.

Let me state that New York Beta never applied to any other fraternity for a charter. A number of men here in Union applied to Chi Phi about the same time that we made our application to Phi Delta Theta, but were refused, and various rumors have since given them to Zeta Zsi and Chi Psi. One of our members was informed to-day that they had ordered Chi Psi badges and would constitute the Pi chapter of Chi Psi.

Two of our brothers were on the last joint debate between the Philomathean and Adelpia Societies, one on each side. P.

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

[Since our editorial paragraphs were typed we have been notified that the New York Gamma proposes to announce itself at once. Below is the first letter from the new chapter, whose advent into the fraternity we hail with much pleasure.—EDS.]

New York, N. Y., March 17, 1884.

The New York Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the College of the City of New York was organized on the evening of Feb. 19, 1884, with the following charter members: Charles Edward Herring, '83; James Edward Holmes, '84; Frank Gillette Mason, '84; Julius Marshall Mayer, '84; John Simpson Penman, '84; Eugene Henry Lewis Randolph, '85; Franklin Minturn

Devoe, '85; Denis John Wallace, '85; Albert Shiels, '86; and Richard Vought Schoonmaker, '87.

The founding of the chapter was due to the efforts of brother Parsons, of New York Beta, who is a personal friend of brother Penman. The latter, after much hard work, succeeded in gathering together the above-named charter members, and brother Hicks, who, being unable to attend on Feb. 19, was initiated at a subsequent meeting. In addition to brother Bassett, brothers Boughton, Pa. Alpha, '81, and Walker, Pa. Alpha, who are studying at the Union Theological Seminary, were present. The initiation was held at the residence of a charter member, and we all agreed that the evening of Feb. 19 was one of the happiest evenings of our college life.

We have been *sub rosa* since that date and are so at the time of this writing; but on the evening of March 22, at the meeting of the Eiponian Senior Society we shall stand forth as Phis. Every fraternity man knows the disadvantages of *sub rosa* existence. I need not enlarge upon them. Hampered as we have been, however, our success has been more than encouraging. On March 4 we received into the brotherhood brothers Louis Hicks, '85; Frank Coddington Moore, '85; and Francis Asbury Winslow, '87. Brother Hicks, who is second honor man in his class, had been rescued previously from Delta Kappa Epsilon, while brother Moore was sought by Phi Gamma Delta, and brother Winslow (second honor man of his class) by every chapter here. Besides being a student, brother Winslow is a very popular college man, is orator of his class, and in every way a leader of his fellows. All the men have caught the enthusiasm which seems a characteristic of our fraternity, and have been working earnestly for the chapter.

Our efforts have been crowned with excellent results. Three more freshmen are promised us. One (Mr. Lyon, first honor man of '87) joins us surely at our next meeting; the other two are waiting for final consent from home. If our success in the future is proportionate to that of the last few weeks we shall be satisfied.

The chapters here now and their membership is as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 17; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 10 (no Juniors); Phi Gamma Delta, 7; Theta Delta Chi, 2. Phi Delta Theta, with 13, thus bears comparison. Our prospects next year are bright, for we will have a very strong showing in '85 and '87, and, I think, in '88. Our only weak spot will be '86.

In college honors we hope to be preëminent. On class day we have the Valedictorian, Prophet, and Historian. Of eight debaters, the names of Phis have appeared five times. We hold the presidency of two out of the three literary societies, and also that of the Athletic Association.

In the perpetual Senior Society, whose membership is limited to ten, we have four men; and of the first four Juniors elected to membership by the Seniors brother Randolph was elected first and brother Wallace fourth. [The Reporter fails to mention that he is one of the editors of the college paper.—EDS.]

Our chances for medals and the like in the curriculum are very numerous, but of course we cannot calculate these till commencement.

We are not permanently located as yet, and do not intend to be till the next collegiate year. Many difficulties must no doubt be contended with in the future; for the life of a new chapter is necessarily not always an "easy one." But we hope to make our chapter's reputation commensurate with the dignity and fair name of our *Alma Mater*.
J. M. Mayer.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE,

Easton, Pa., March 8, 1884.

Since my last report our number has been increased by one. The new member is Henry C. Reeder, '86, Hughesville, Pa. Brother Reeder is very popular in college, and stands among the first in his class. A few days before he was initiated, about the last of January, we had a chapter picture taken. There were twenty-two brothers in the group; among whom were, besides the active members, Dr. Elliott, Professor of Hebrew, and Prof. Berlin. Brother Nute, '82, has given up his position in the faculty, and is settled in Philadelphia. Bassett, our worthy Province President, is busy initiating new chapters. Baker, '82, is frequently seen at our meetings.

At the preliminary junior oratorical contest, brother Shaw, a Phi Gam, and two non-frats were chosen to represent Franklin Society in the final contest in May. The successful speakers from Washington Society were two Phi Kappa Psis and two non-frats. About a month ago the seniors held their election for class-day performers. Pennsylvania Alpha is represented by H. N. Campbell, who was chosen Valedictorian. There were three candidates, but brother Campbell received thirty-one votes out of fifty-nine, the whole number cast. Delta Tau Delta will have three performers on class day. They only have three seniors. The Deltas entered into no combinations, as did some of the other fraternities, but scooped in two big offices. They already had the Historian. Brother Ludlow was elected Secretary of the Inter-collegiate Athletic Association at its annual meeting in New York City a few days ago.

We are getting along very well; give Newman an order now and then, and are having a jolly, good time.

W. F. Smalley, Jr.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE,

Washington, Pa., March 10, 1884.

Pennsylvania Gamma is in a prosperous condition. Our boys are enthusiastic in anticipation of new honors and successes in the coming contest, in which brother Fitzgerald is a debater and brother Irwin an orator. The end of the term draweth nigh and the festive "set-up" is in order. The fraternities of this college met in Pan Hellenic council a short time since and resolved that they would publish a college annual next term. The barbs met and loudly vociferated that they would not support an annual in which their rare genius was not represented. "Taxation without representation" was the cry caught up by the revolutionary seniors and sent thundering down through junior and sophomore ranks to the trembling freshmen, causing them to reconsider their desire to advertise in the annual. Pennsylvania Gamma expects to give a banquet soon, to which the fair sisters of the "Sister" chapter will be invited. This is a departure from the usual "stag" banquets of the fraternities of this college, and we hope it will prove a happy one. Phi Delta Theta, as usual, is the first to lead in this affair.

C. A. Lippincott.

Washington, Pa., March 19, 1884.

In the contest of the two literary societies on March 26, brother D. B. Fitzgerald is the debater of the Philo and Union, and brother W. B. Irwin is orator of Franklin and Washington.

A moot National Republican Convention will be held in this college on May 16. The Phis were the originators of the scheme. Brother R. B. L. Candrett, as Don Cameron, will be chairman of the convention.

A. J. Montgomery, Jr.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE,

Meadville, Pa., March 4, 1884.

Our chapter was elegantly entertained by brother Norman Johnson on Thursday evening, Feb. 7. All Phis know how enjoyable is an occasion like this, and how pleasantly and quickly time flies. Eighteen brothers in the Bond did full justice to the bountiful banquet provided under the direction of Norris's estimable mother and sister. The night was far spent when we folded our tents like Greeks and silently stole away. We feel highly pleased at brother Johnson's kind remembrance to his fraternity.

Brother Blystone, '85, has gone to be medic, and at present is deeply interested in "bones."

Brother Harvey Getz successfully conducted a concert in the State Street M. E. Church Feb. 28.

An organ, three guitars and a banjo combine to make a sweet concord of disagreeable sounds in the chapter hall.

Walter W. Case.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE,

Carlisle, Pa., March 10, 1884.

Since our last report we have been up and doing, and have succeeded in adding to our number two new men, namely, W. T. Graham and Vaughn T. Rue; both of them belong to '86.

T. M. Culver, '86, is not with us this term, but is expected to be here again next year.

Perkins, '84, is attending conference, and expects to receive a charge as soon as he secures his "sheepskin."

Three of our boys are preparing contest speeches for the Union Prize Contest which takes place in May, and each of them will get off a good speech.

Next month we expect to have our photos taken in a group, and if you wish something to hang in your sanctum to attract attention, just send for one.

Martin B. Stephens.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1, 1884.

Since the last report from our chapter four more members have been initiated: brothers Horace E. Merkel, of Minersville, Pa.; Harvey Shoemaker, of Philadelphia; G. O. Ring, of Philadelphia, and Ed. H. Small, of Mercer, Pa.—all of '85. We have now fifteen members, and although but a young chapter, have things in good running order.

At one of our meetings not long since we had the pleasure of meeting with seven Phis, who are now in attendance at the Jefferson Medical College of this city, and very pleasant gentlemen we found them to be. They were J. H. Atlee, Tennessee Alpha; Frank B. Day, Indiana Delta; J. B. Gould, Minnesota Alpha; W. J. Hagan, Tennessee Alpha; J. T. Ross, Georgia Gamma; M. P. Vander Hoock, Minnesota Alpha; and Wm. A. Vaughan, Virginia Delta. Besides these, J. W. Nute, Pennsylvania Alpha, was with us.

In regard to the remarks of Mr. Frank H. Edsall in the *Beta Theta Pi*, concerning our chapter, I would say that they may be

accounted for from the fact that some of our members were approached by his chapter and afterwards joined ours. As to our members being entirely of the medical department, it may be said that this department sheds the greatest lustre on the University of Pennsylvania. It is not our intention, however, to make our chapter exclusively a medical one. We are young yet, and growing, and will, in time, enter the other departments as desirable men present themselves.

The latest thing in fraternity news in the university is that the Beta Theta Pi chapter house is now adorned with a sign "For Rent," and that they have at least two members outside of the medical department.

At our last meeting we were pleased at having with us Mr. J. M. Langhorne, Alabama Alpha. This gentleman is now of the firm of Stoddart & Co., cotton brokers, 140 South Third St., city.

Ed. H. Small.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE,

Salem, Va., Feb. 5, 1884.

No great changes since our last report. We have taken in one new man, L. E. Schoch, of Pennsylvania. Everything is in good working order, and we have every reason to be encouraged.

Brother C. N. A. Yonce was elected first orator at the anniversary celebration of the Demosthenean Literary Society, and brother F. H. Hendrix to the same position in the Ciceronian Society.

Our boys, almost without exception, passed through our recent intermediate examinations with honor.

Reporter.

Salem, Va., March 16, 1884.

We are sorry to be compelled to announce the fact that S. A. Flickinger, C. V. Ripley, and J. C. Reifenyder have resigned from the fraternity by request of the other members. We were sorry to take this step, but deemed it for the best interest of the fraternity.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Phi world brother L. E. Schoch, Pennsylvania. Although we now number two less than when you last heard from us, yet we are, on the whole, in a much better condition.

There is some rumor of another fraternity starting here, but nothing is definitely known yet. There is enough of room for them.

Reporter.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,

University of Virginia, Va., March 13, 1884.

Brother Miles, of year before last, has returned to complete his studies in the modern languages.

Prof. Buchanan was with us a few weeks ago, and gave a very interesting account of Virginia Beta of 1876. He is quite enthusiastic for the future success of the fraternity. I am indebted to brother Buchanan for the following information as to the welfare and whereabouts of those members of Virginia Beta who, in the past twelve months, have gone forth to battle with the world:

Hunter Pendleton, who was with us seven years, taking his M. A., and making several post-graduate tickets, is now in Germany, attending the University of Berlin. He is finishing up his studies in analytical chemistry.

Johnny Stuart has settled down at law, and is practicing at Abingdon, Va. He is making a fair commencement, and no doubt will achieve great success in his profession.

Bob Jackson was attacked with the western fever, and struck out for Washington Territory after leaving college, but did not like the appearance of things in general, so came back to old Virginia. He is practicing his profession at Wytheville, Va.

Lyman Chalkley, as mentioned before, is taking law at Columbia. He does not seem favorably impressed with Columbia.

George Shanklin, of Kentucky, formerly President of Beta Province, is studying law in the office of Breckenridge & Shelby, Lexington, Ky. He will return to the university next year for his B. S. He has already secured his diplomas in constitutional and international law here, so he will only have part of the ticket to make to secure his degree.

Julian Kendrick, C. E. of last year, is on some railroad and will do well.

We have heard nothing of Gilbert, of Alabama, since he left us.
E. P. Valentine.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE,

Ashland, Va., March 6, 1884.

Since our last report we have indeed been working hard to increase our membership. We are not prepared to give you the result of our labors in this report, but hope soon to send you the names of a few new Phis. The fraternity must bear with us a little, for not many know the nature of the element with which we have to contend.

I was very much gratified to see the SCROLL taking such a firm stand in regard to the control of college politics. The fraternities

have been much wronged in this respect. But the non-fraternity men are not willing to listen to reason, and the consequence is that they are doing everything in their power to break up our organizations. The moment a new man enters college they endeavor to make him swear never to join a fraternity. Of course this is all wrong, and the sooner we can stop it the better it will be.

We all enjoy the SCROLL, and look forward to its arrival with much pleasure.

A. E. Nadenbousch.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE,
Columbia, S. C., March 5, 1884.

The South Carolina Beta still maintains a fair position among the fraternities of this college. Since our last communication we have initiated two new members. The material in college has been sifted pretty well, and there remains little to be done this session in the initiatory line.

In a general congress of the fraternities here it was agreed that no new student be asked to join or approached in any manner as regards fraternities until he has been a matriculate of the college for six weeks. Besides this, other matters as regards fraternities in general, were brought up.

M. L. Cope land.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA,
Athens, Ga., Jan. 28, 1884.

We have made no addition in numbers since our last report, and are now turning our attention to internal improvement.

Brother K. Stansill, of Georgia Beta, is now attending the university, but has not as yet affiliated with us, not yet having received his papers.

H. F. Duncody.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE,
Oxford, Ga., March 5, 1884.

Our chapter is in a very flourishing condition at present. Since my last report nothing startling has occurred. We still follow our well-beaten track of prosperity, notwithstanding the envy entertained by some other fraternities here. We have been on top for a long while, and if nothing unexpected happens we will remain there.

I noticed in the last issue of the SCROLL an article on cliques, which is splendid. Right here let me tell you that last year Georgia Beta drew herself out of the mud and placed in her by-laws an article to the effect that this chapter will make no cliques with any fraternity to place any of our men or any other man in

any office of either literary society. So you see on what platform we now stand. Of course we meet with opposition in the way of cliques, but since we made this by-law we have done better than ever. There is not a brother who will deny this, and there is not one who desires to abolish this by-law. I think that all our chapters would do well to consider this. They should recollect that Phi Delta Theta does not live by her individual members holding offices at such a sacrifice.

About two weeks ago brother Ross, of Pennsylvania Delta, who is doing business in Atlanta, paid us a visit. He is a jolly Phi. We also had a visit from brother Gordon Lee, an alumnus of our chapter. Brother Lee is a genial, warm-hearted Phi, and is universally liked. We would be pleased to see any brother who would take the trouble to come to our classic village.

Since my last report brother E. C. Mobley has been elected champion debater from the Phi Gamma Society. He is also inter-collegiate debater, as well as the leading spirit in college.

On the 10th brother Huckabee will deliver his anniversary address for the Phi Gamma. We expect something fine, for we know brother Huckabee's ability as an orator.

J. Robert Hodges.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY,

Macon, Ga., March 9, 1884.

Since our last report it has been the sad duty of Georgia Gamma to suspend indefinitely one of her members, C. T. Wooten. Without going into particulars, suffice it to say that his conduct was such that he was suspended by a unanimous vote.

Our Province President, S. P. Gilbert, met with us on March 1st. Without meaning to give him any "taffy" we defy any Province to show up a more loyal and zealous Phi.

Sigma Nu has established a chapter here. It has six charter men. It is generally thought that there either is or soon will be another Greek letter fraternity at Mercer.

We are heartily in favor of establishing chapters in the eastern colleges. No college of rank in the United States should be without a chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

There has been one more accession to our ranks. Mr. B. W. Helvenstone was duly initiated last night. He is in every way worthy, and is leading the freshman class.

Brother C. A. Carson has moved to Kissimmee, Fla., and is now merchandizing there. Brother Jas. T. Ross returned last night from Jefferson Medical College, and met with us last night.

Frank A. Hooper.

ALABAMA ALPHA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA,

Auburn, Ala., Feb. 4, 1884.

Since our last, Alabama Alpha decided to celebrate her fifth anniversary with literary exercises and a banquet. Our time was so limited that we could not make any very extra preparations, but taking everything into consideration, we did prepare tolerably well, and succeeded in having a grand time of it. Being the orator myself, I cannot speak of the oration; but the other boys did themselves and Phi Delta Theta great credit in their articles, which were well gotten up, and well delivered. We had a small but attentive and appreciative audience, who expressed themselves much pleased with the exercises. We had a banquet second to none we ever attended. It was simply a success *in toto*. Many of our lady friends, to whom, by the way, the whole get up of the supper is mostly due, volunteered to make our cakes, syllabub, etc., and came and arranged the tables for us, which they did in the most unique and tasteful style we have seen lately. We ask all the Phis to join us in thanking our many friends who contributed to our happiness on that occasion, for we had a most enjoyable evening, and it was due to their assistance and presence.

D. D. McLeod.

Auburn Ala., March 11, 1884.

Brother D. B. Williams has seen fit to leave our college, which we sincerely regret. He has gone to Greensborough, Ala. We have lost another most worthy and enthusiastic brother, T. L. Scott. He goes to the "Land of Flowers" to plant an orange grove. We wish both of them much success.

Last Friday night we held elections for officers in a joint debate between our two literary societies, to be held April 18, and we carried the whole strength, you may say, in both; for we elected every man we put up, and several barbarian friends, who are particularly good friends to us. Of course the other fraternities feel like they are weak, indeed, when they combined against Phi Delta Theta, put up their combination ticket, voted together, and were beaten by almost a treble majority.

But we have other successes to report. We have spent a great deal of money on our hall, and for various fixtures, yet we have sent the last dollar that the present members of our chapter owed, and are making arrangements to have our old or inherited debt settled also. We would ask all our alumni, who helped to make this debt, to come to our relief, and help to pay it up, like good Phis ought and will.

Let us introduce to the Phi world brother A. J. Alexander, who joined us recently, and is a good man. *D. D. McLeod.*

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
Oxford, Miss., Jan. 26, 1884.

At our last meeting we initiated three worthy fellows—brothers Dominick, Dilworth, and Poteet. We have two others in view.
S. F. Hampton.

Oxford, Miss., March 3, 1884.

Our chapter has abundant reason to rejoice over the success that is crowning its efforts the present year. We began with only eight attendant members, but we have doubled the number.
S. F. Hampton.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1884.

Since our last report we have initiated one new brother—Mr. Browning.

We are now holding our meetings in a large hall belonging to the Odd Fellows, and which is elegantly fitted up in fraternity style.
Waverley Smith.

Austin Texas, March 3, 1884.

We hear that the Rainbows have organized a chapter here, but according to information received from one of their members, "it's a very small one." We regret to say one of our most worthy brothers, John Hendrick, has left for his home in Laredo, Texas. We trust he may return next term.

We were all much pleased with the valuable advice on "Literary Exercises in Chapters." We have had several lively impromptu discussions on "interrogatories," and find that it not only instructs, but also promotes interest in the meetings.

Waverley Smith.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,
Nashville, Tenn., March 18, 1884.

Since our last report several of our members, those belonging to the departments of medicine and pharmacy have left us. Brother Bowling graduated in pharmacy, and will in a short time return to his home. Brother Ramsey graduated at the head of his class, as will be seen by the following, published in the Nashville *American* of February 26:

Mr. Andrew B. Ramsey, recipient of the Founders' Medal and Physiology Medal, and the graduate appointed in charge of the city hospital next year, the highest honors awarded last night to the medical class of ninety-six, is a member of Phi Delta Theta. His admirers among the Phis presented him with a souvenir modeled after the badge of the fraternity, very large in size, made of plush and satin, and displaying the fraternity colors.

Though he is at present visiting his parents, we are glad to know that in a short time he will return and locate in this city. Brothers Crockett and Kimbrough have also gone, but both intend returning next year.

Before closing, let us congratulate brother Simms in being chosen by the graduating class of the academic department as its representative for commencement. The class could not have made a better selection, and may well expect a splendid oration on that occasion.

Claude Waller.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH,

Sewanee, Tenn., March 24, 1884.

The outlook of the chapter for the coming year is very favorable. We have nine of last year's members, and prospects for several new additions immediately.

Robert E. Grubb.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

Delaware, Ohio, March 4, 1884.

The Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi is no more. The resolution of the faculty was read before the students: "Henceforth no one will be permitted to connect himself with the Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi, either openly or secretly." A number of whereases followed. The members of said chapter had for a number of years given them much trouble, etc., including the last offense, that of taking a battery from Prof. Seman without his knowledge for purposes of initiation. There were but three active members. McNutt was expelled. McCormick and Kerr, of the senior class, after petitions from said class, and after taking oath, were suspended on probation, and they will be permitted to graduate.

Ohio Beta is prosperous. We are active and enthusiastic, and are making progress in fraternal work.

R. H. Callahan.

Delaware, Ohio, March 7, 1884.

McNutt departed for home after expulsion, but returned a few days since. He set forth to the faculty how deeply McCormick and Kerr were implicated in taking the battery. It is rumored that McNutt was aided by a Sigma Chi in town, well known in fraternity circles, in his work with the faculty. Through McNutt's influence, a new resolution was drawn by the faculty and read last night. Its substance was that the sentence of McCormick and Kerr be changed to indefinite suspension, and that they would not be permitted to again connect themselves with the

institution under one year. McNutt's sentence was changed to indefinite suspension, and he will not be allowed to enter the institution under one year. *R. H. Callahan.*

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY,

Athens, Ohio, March 12, 1884.

The fraternities here have been unusually quiet during the winter. There has not been a single initiation, and to all external appearances there is little life or action in them. Our exercises have been interesting and largely participated in by all the members. At our last meeting some matters relative particularly to the chapter were discussed. We are expecting at least fifty new students next term, and it is reasonable to say that among so many there will be some worthy of donning the badge of Phi Delta Theta. *S. P. Armstrong.*

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER,

Wooster, Ohio, March 7, 1884.

Since our last report we have initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta, Barney Beverstock, a man most worthy to wear the sword and shield. Brothers Celsus Pomerine and Frank Sayler, were compelled to leave school this term on account of sickness. We greatly miss these jovial brethren, and hope that they will return next term. Brother Page, of Ohio Epsilon, made us a flying visit. He was a delegate from his college to the Ohio State Oratorical Contest, held here last week. Brother Joe Criswell, '84, expects to be with us next term. In general, we are flourishing, and look forward to our Province Convention in May, where a goodly number of us will be present, and where we expect to meet all our Phi brothers in Delta Province.

W. J. Boone.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE,

Akron, Ohio, March 3, 1884.

Notwithstanding the extravagant report made by Eta, of Delta Tau Delta, in the November and December-January numbers of the *Crescent*, we still live and now correct several false statements therein. In the November issue appears:

Here they are, I. O. Buchtel, '86, C. E. Thomas, '88. These men were vigorously rushed by our rivals.

We would simply say that neither Buchtel nor Thomas were ever as much as considered by us in any way, shape, or manner. And as to I. O. Buchtel, the Indiana Alpha and Zeta boys well

know that we could not conscientiously bid him on their recommendation. We could not penetrate that penumbra of mystery which Mr. Buchtel's own stories cast upon his advent into our institution. In the December-January number appears this :

Our chapter is in a fine condition. Our men rank high in their classes; they stand high socially. There is plenty of chance for "manly growth," but we feel that a finer set of men could not have been picked out at Buchtel, and we are not giving our own words, but the common verdict, when we say this. We have been particularly fortunate so far this year in obtaining our own pick of the new men. We did not gain them without an earnest fight, but we scored a victory each time. Fair, honest dealing is bound to win.

Such cases as these of malicious misstatements would make a fit subject for discussion at the Pan-Hellenic Conference. Formerly we have never taken any notice of such trash, but we feel it our duty to express our contempt for it.

In spite of the chronically bilious attempts of some of "our rivals" to malign brother Payne, we need only to say that he was elected orator for the spring entertainment of the Union Literary Society.

Brother Kelley, of '79, paid us a very pleasant visit the 23d and 24th ult.

Brother Page was chosen a delegate to secure the admission of Buchtel into the State Oratorical Association, which met at Wooster, February 28.

The second division of Delta Tau Delta, held their annual conference here February 21st and 22d, and dedicated a new hall.

The crowning event of this term's work was the initiation of brother Edwin F. Cone, the son of our President. We commend him to the Phi world. *D. R. Crissinger.*

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,

Columbus, Ohio, March 11, 1884.

Some of our members have recently had the misfortune to be compelled, on account of ill health, to leave college for the present, but we hope to have the boys with us again soon. Brother Winter also left us quite unexpectedly, being called to fill an important position at his home, and we regret his departure very much. Yet we have not been resting with folded arms. After quite a struggle with one of the older fraternities here, we are able to usher into the Phi world W. N. Scarff, a man of whom we are all justly proud on account of his superior qualities, both as a student and a gentleman.

We anticipate quite a pleasant time at the Delta Province convention, to be held here on May 9th and 10th, and this from everywhere will be cordially welcomed. *H. A. Kahler.*

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY,

Bloomington, Ind., March 8, 1884.

Since our last report we have had the pleasure of initiating William Holms, '87, of Lima, Indiana.

The chapter is talking of going into a new hall this spring, and it is the intention to fit up the finest hall in the State.

At the sophomore performance, which occurred the 3d inst., brother W. D. Howe represented our fraternity.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University, it was decided to erect two new buildings at a cost of \$60,000, one building to accommodate the department of physics and chemistry, and the other for the department of natural history. Notwithstanding the disastrous fire last summer, the loss will soon be replaced by as good a collection of specimens as we had before, and the Indiana Alpha will find herself with a grander work than ever before her.

This chapter is about ready for a new collection of songs.

O. E. Bradfute.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE,

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 8, 1884.

I have the pleasure in this report of announcing the name of W. H. Earl to the Phi world. Our chapter now numbers thirteen, two seniors, three juniors, four sophomores, two freshmen, and two preps. We feel well pleased with our term's work. Mr. Earl was initiated February 29, but we do not think it will be four years until we initiate another man into the mysteries of the Greek world.

Brother Hestler, who came here from Indiana Zeta the first of the term, has gone home on account of his health. We did not become very well acquainted with him, as he went home every Friday evening. We are sorry to lose him, as he is, from Zeta's report, a loyal Phi.

Robinson, of the prep. class was initiated the first of the term.

E. J. Dukes.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

[Following is an extract from a personal letter by an alumnus of Indiana Gamma. It would be well for those who have the February Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* to read it in connection with the Butler University letter in that journal:—EDS.]

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15, 1884.

The primary oratorical contest at Butler took place last night. It is the event of the year there. Phi Delta Theta came out with laurels. Of the four contestants, Kuhns and Breedon were Phis, Chamberlain, Sigma Chi, and Stone, Delta Tau Delta. Breedon took first rank, followed by Kuhns, one-fifteenth of one per cent. behind him. The Sig tailed the ticket. This is a famous victory in Indiana Gamma, for the four men are the strongest in the university, and all the college world was forewarned to look out for Chamberlain's victory. Of the ten contestants from Butler in as many years, seven have been Phis, two Sigs (one man twice) and one barb.

B.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE,

Hanover, Ind., March 8, 1884.

Our report for this number of the SCROLL finds us in a very sad plight. We have been compelled to vacate the hall which we have occupied for a number of years. This in itself would not be very grievous, were it not for the fact that it was the only place in town suitable for our purposes. Through the kindness of our resident members, we have been enabled to hold our weekly meetings, but the prospects for a hall are far from good.

In local elections Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta were opposed to Sigma Chi and the barbs, and we have gained the day. It is all the more agreeable, as it is an acknowledged defeat of the party that considered victory already within their grasp, and a virtual defeat of the SCROLL's friend, "the mad editor" of the *Sigma Chi*. The faction, led by Sigma Chi, held a meeting on February 22, a college holiday, which our faction claimed was illegal. Their object was to initiate a majority, and defeat us in the coming election. After the customary amount of squabbling, it was agreed to leave it to a court of impartial judges. After each side had plead its case, the lengthy argument of Sigma Chi having been compiled by "ye editor," who put forth many pretensions to legal knowledge, the court decides in our favor.

T. G. Brashear, '87, has been initiated into Phidom, and promises to make a good man.

F. D. Swope.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY,

Greencastle, Ind., March 14, 1884.

Since our last report we have initiated E. P. Keiper, an excellent freshman. We had plenty to do to get him over our opposition. We have also pledged two other splendid men.

Brother Conger, a member of Illinois Zeta, at Lombard, and a professor at the same institution, made us a brief visit the other day.

This term closes next Wednesday. We expect to have three or four of the old boys back at the opening of the next term that were not in this term.

Phi Delta Theta held a social in her hall the other night; an excellent time was had.

J. B. Bridges.

MICHIGAN BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN,

Lansing, Mich., March 10, 1884.

We have our long vacation here in the winter, just at the time when the other chapters are in the middle of college work. During the vacation some of the brothers teach, and some spend the time at their homes. Although we were separated for three months, the boys all returned full of Phi spirit. We open with eighteen men, and regret to announce the loss of two. Brother Parker, of Philadelphia, will not return; he expects to go into business in Colorado in the summer. Brother G. P. Austindale also intends to go into business in New York.

Our first meeting of the term was a grand success. Never were the members fuller of true Phi spirit than then. Three months had passed since last we had met in the chapter hall, but we made up for lost time all in one evening. Our chapter gymnasium, which, by the way, we have just added, was kept going all the evening. The orchestra made us still more lively by its music.

The time is now at hand for taking in new members. The opening of the term brought in a large number of freshmen. We have one pledged, and expect more soon.

W. D. Watkins.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE,

Hillsdale, Mich., Feb. 18, 1884

The past month has wrought a considerable change in our chapter. As reported in our last, we held a banquet on Christmas Eve, to celebrate our first anniversary. No one would imagine that anything of that kind, held during the holidays, when school was not in session, would arouse the ire of the faculty, but such it seems was the effect upon the Hillsdale faculty. Many have noticed by the Michigan papers that our entire chapter, save one, had been expelled. Such, however, was not the case; they were all suspended but one—brother Herron—who was at home at the time. This seemed such an outrageous act for so trivial

offence that only two of the members suspended returned to the college—brothers Heckway and Sanford. The rest of us go elsewhere. Brothers Gould and Deal go to DePauw University next term; brother Rogers, I think, will enter the University of California, and your Reporter expects to enter the University of Michigan next year.

We will leave Michigan Gamma, however, in good condition, as we have initiated already five worthy fellows, who now wear with pride the white and blue; and here allow me to introduce brothers Jas. E. Davidson, '87; Frank D. Crissman, '87; Carlton Garlough, '87; Jno. O. Duguid, '88; and Jno. A. McLouth, '88, all of whom are now zealous for the interests of Phi Delta Theta, and men who rank high in their classes. Besides, we shall have six or seven former members of our chapter in college next spring.

E. W. Hart.

ZETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS GAMMA, MONMOUTH COLLEGE,

Galesburg, Ill., March 11, 1884.

For Illinois Gamma chapter I will only say that as yet she quietly slumbers in the shade, whither a frowning faculty placed her. But all sweet flowers bloom on stems that under winter skies seem dead. Illinois Gamma may be hibernating. June breezes will develop the germ.

Chas. S. McKelvey.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE,

Galesburg, Ill., March 12, 1884.

Through the kindness of brother McCarl, of the Lombard chapter, Illinois Delta was reorganized here last night. The members organizing are brothers Will H. Whitney, Fred W. Sis-son, Fred C. Perkins, and Wm. E. Schliemann. Brothers McKelvey, Mickey, and self, exiled from Monmouth by the late decree of the anti-fraternity faculty there, were affiliated. Brother McClaughry will soon do likewise, which will make us eight in number. The prospect here is very encouraging. There are many good men whom we hope to add to our number. Another fraternity to give healthy opposition is the one thing we lack.

J. C. Mitchell.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 20, 1884.

On the 26th of January last occurred a noteworthy event in the history of Illinois Epsilon, namely, the celebration of her sixth birthday. We met at Phi hall at ten A. M. for our private

anniversary exercises; but just then C. L. Burr, of Tolono, Ill., made his appearance, seeking admission to the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta, and being a very worthy prep, he was duly admitted. Then came the opening of the pyx, which contained many a bit of fun, love, and loyalty from brethren absent and present. Some were very substantial bits in the shape of promissary notes. Instead of contributing to the pyx, to be opened one year hence, brothers Higbee and Van Pelt presented a very handsome Bible to the chapter. In the evening the Phis, S. T. P's, and many friends from the city and abroad met in one of the society halls at the university to listen to the public programme, consisting of an oration, poem, prophecy, and toasts, with responses from each of the fraternities in school. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and the Phis received many compliments upon the rendition of the programme. Among our visitors from abroad were W. E. Higbee, Plano, and G. C. Elliott, Elliott.

In the January-February SCROLL is an article upon literary exercises in chapters, and I would like to mention our Phi Senate, which we take great pride in, and which works like a charm. The members are divided into three divisions. Each division is required to present each evening a bill or resolution upon some subject of fraternity, local, or general interest. The bills are brought up in regular order to be discussed and acted upon by the senate. Each member having chosen or been assigned a State whose interests he attempts to represent to the best of his ability, the bills are generally pretty well discussed, which gives us much practice in speaking and in parliamentary usage, which we find of great benefit.

T. M. Kimball.

Bloomington, Ill., March 19, 1884.

Since my last report we have been reinforced by brother Shadle, of Pennsylvania Beta, '83, and he is right welcome.

We are contemplating enlarging and refitting our hall, and hope soon to have the finest and largest fraternity hall in the city.

Brother R. E. Williams, Jr., reached man's estate the 11th of March, and to celebrate the occasion invited his Phi brethren with their ladies to spend the evening with him, which they did with great pleasure, and all went home fully decided that he was one of the boys yet.

Brother A. J. Fullinwider graduates from the law department at Ann Arbor the 26th of March.

T. M. Kimball.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE,

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 18, 1884.

We are pleased to introduce to the Phi world brothers John R.

Carpenter and Osgood Colegrove. Brother Carpenter is from Ohio, and is a cousin of A. A. Stearns, our H. G. C. Brother Colegrove is from Michigan. Both are studying for the ministry. We now have twenty-two active members, classed as follows: Four theologues, one senior, two juniors, five sophomores, five freshmen, and five preps.

A banquet to be held in the near future is being discussed. We hope to be able to tell you more about it in our next report.

Lyman McCarl.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,
Madison Wis., March 11, 1884.

Since my last letter we have had an addition to our ranks in the person of W. Hallam, '86. He is a brother of Joe Hallam, Wisconsin Alpha, '82, and is a prominent man in his class and a leader in his literary society.

The last two months have been most fruitful of college events. Sleigh-rides, banquets, receptions and balls have taken place in quick succession. Of these the inter-fraternity hop was the most noteworthy.

Our college annual will not be issued before the spring, term on account of the delay caused by the following occurrences: Mr. Allen, representative from Phi Delta Theta, and editor-in-chief on the annual staff, in arranging the fraternities according to time of establishment, placed Phi Delta Theta first. His reasons for this action were that our chapter was first established in 1857, and we are living under the old charter, which was preserved by Col. Wm. F. Vilas, and delivered to our initiates of 1880; that our National Convention of 1880 did not recognize any break in our chapter's life, and ruled that Wisconsin Alpha had never been dissolved; and that Mr. Baird, in his book on "College Fraternities," places us first on the list of fraternities in the University of Wisconsin. The other fraternities here objected to this arrangement and called for a vote of the board of editors, four of whom are unprejudiced non-society men. The result was five to three in favor of Phi Delta Theta. The fraternities would not abide by this decision, and led by Chi Psi, withdrew their support from the annual, taking with them all copy that had been arranged by them. These actions, especially that of withdrawing the copy, caused great excitement, and a class meeting of the juniors was called to investigate. In this meeting the class upheld the vote of the editors and passed resolutions censuring the three fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Chi Psi. Phi Delta Theta will therefore come first, but the other fraternities have refused their engravings, as they desire not to be mentioned. This

trouble may occasion some bitter feeling on the part of our rivals, but we hope that in a short time our former friendly relations will again prevail.

A. J. Hilbert.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, March 13, 1884.

Since our last communication one more benighted barbarian has been taken under our protecting wing. This large, two hundred pound Phi is John C. Bowman, senior law student. In our inter-society contest which took place on the 11th inst., brother Bowman walked off with the oratorical honor, vanquishing a barbarian, who (as late developments have shown) plagiarized the whole of his oration.

We have rented an excellent hall, and are now meeting regularly. At each meeting we carry out a programme consisting of two declamations, two essays, a debate, and an oration. *Mu.*

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE,

Fulton, Mo., March 10, 1884.

We were not represented in the last SCROLL, our report being forwarded too late for insertion, so we will repeat in this what little news there was in that. But the most important first:

We have initiated, since last heard from, brother A. S. C. Clarke, a man of true nobility of character, and ranking among the first of our students in intellectual endowments. He is a true Phi, and already enthusiastic in the service.

Our chapter has made four initiations this year, and ordered four badges, the cost of which amounted to \$80. This may seem little in the eyes of some of our rich eastern brothers, but to us it looks like a small fortune, and shows our Phi-Delity. Besides, brother Clarke will soon provide himself with the "golden weapons." We have dealt entirely with Newman, and his work has given perfect satisfaction.

The chances seem to be that another fraternity will soon be established here; at all events a set of boys have applied for a charter to some fraternity, and we think that it is Phi Kappa Psi. We are rather inclined to hope that they may soon badge out and let us have the pleasure of welcoming them as true Greeks into our college. We know that some of them are noble fellows and worthy of membership in any fraternity.

We had the pleasure, some time since, of a visit from brother S. B. Holmes, who graduated here two years ago. He was on his way to Oregon, there to settle down. Brother Lillard, '83, is now

attending medical lectures at Louisville, Ky., and recently took the prize in surgical anatomy over six competitors. Mr. J. W. Charles has withdrawn from the fraternity for family reasons.

There is talk of a banquet at our anniversary, which we celebrate in May. We notice in the January number of the *Beta Theta Pi* that their chapter here reports prominent positions in the literary societies, glee club, and baseball nine. We can say as much for ourselves, and more. In brother Gallaher we boast not only the best singer, but the best musician in college. We also have the best quartette, and are willing to take the field and beat our Beta friends at a game of baseball as soon as the weather permits.

L. J. Mitchell.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA,

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30, 1884.

Nebraska Alpha has now been in existence for something over a month, and its members are becoming, if possible, even more enthusiastic in matters pertaining to their fraternity than they were at the very first. Our object was to keep the whole fact of our existence a close secret until our badges arrived, but we were unable to carry out this intention, through the fact that the Sigma Chi's learned of the whole affair from the first letter in the SCROLL, which was inserted by mistake. So we were "marked men" for almost two weeks before we were prepared to openly declare ourselves. Our reception, on the whole, very unpleasant. The Sigs seem to consider it a personal and individual insult to them all that anyone should dare to plant another fraternity in the institution where they have hitherto held the only "strictly private" meetings. Then again, the unhappy individuals who do not belong to the elected few are gloomy, envious, and generally uncomfortable. This can be explained, I think, from the fact that we are, at first, of necessity judged as we are on account of the low standing which the Sigs have maintained. They have almost entirely deserted the literary societies, and are thus esteemed in no very high degree by their fellow-students. It will not take us long to make it clear to all that we mean to pursue an entirely different course, and when this is done, all will be well. At present the Sigs are consoling themselves by imparting to each other the information that we are all fools, and absolutely good for nothing outside of our classes. When we hear of this and call to mind *their* invariable standing and reputation in their classes, we simply smile.

But about our badges. They arrived this morning from New York City—Newman's manufacture. We are more than pleased with them. Everyone who has expressed himself in regard to

them confesses that he has never seen prettier pins. Well, we are fairly started now, and everything points to a long and prosperous run of this chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

C. G. McMillan.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7, 1884.

Nebraska Alpha reports progress. The new Phi is a senior. His name is Ellis O. Lewis. We are proud to own him as a brother, for he is both a good student and a splendid fellow. We have two others under consideration, and will probably initiate them the first of next term. We meet now every other Saturday evening in the law office of Gen. J. R. Webster, Indiana Beta, '62. He is treating us nobly, and tells us that he is glad to help us in any way he can.

The following paragraph from the *Journal* of this place explains itself:

James R. Force, of the university, went out yesterday to Castor, Saline county, to take charge of the books and other parts of C. W. Lyman's lumber business. The Phi Delta Theta Society, of which he was a member, gave him an elegant spread at Crittenden's Wednesday evening.

We were all heartily sorry to have brother Force leave us, but are now consoling ourselves with the thought that we will be able to welcome him back next September.

Nebraska Alpha wishes to acknowledge the many kind words of welcome and encouragement that she has received through the chapter letters in the SCROLL and by direct correspondence. If we do not fulfill a "glorious destiny" it will not be from a lack of friends to cheer us on, nor from an absence of favorable circumstances and the best of intentions on our part.

C. G. McMillan.

IOWA ALPHA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, March 5, 1884.

My attention has been called to the following remarkable statement published in the February issue of *Beta Theta Pi*:

Alpha Epsilon has but five men none in '87, and a few good barbs to choose from. One weak rival picks up the leavings.

Alpha Epsilon is the Beta Theta Pi chapter in the Iowa Wesleyan University, and "one weak rival" refers to Iowa Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The closing sentence in the above quotation is so utterly false and unfounded that I beg space in the SCROLL to compare the strength of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta in Iowa Wesleyan University. Firstly, as to membership; Alpha Epsilon has five members, two in '84, and three irregular, but probably will make '86. Iowa Alpha has eight men, one in '84, one in '85, one in '86, and five in '87. Our five fresh-

men are all classical, while the entire Beta Theta Pi chapter is scientific. Secondly, as to honors gained by the rival chapters during the past year, Beta Theta Pi had no position of honor in the commencement exercises last June; while a Phi won the second prize in the oratorical contest, and was valedictorian of his literary society; and the dispenser of diplomas in another society was a Phi. The presidency of the Hamline Literary Society has been held by members of Phi Delta Theta, both terms this year, and the vice-presidency of the Philomathean Society is now held by a Phi. A Beta represented the senior class on university day, and the same gentleman is now president of his literary society. These two honors, held by *one* man, are all that Beta Theta Pi has gained in a whole year, as compared with the five substantial honors of her "one weak rival." Thirdly, as to class standing of the rival chapters: I have taken the trouble to review the college register in order to compare the per cent of "Alpha Epsilon" and "Iowa Alpha." The standing for this year has not yet been recorded, and I am unable to give the markings of the latest examination. I have, therefore, taken the record of the spring term of 1883, and I find the average for the Beta Theta Pi chapter was 84 per cent, while that for Phi Delta Theta was 88 per cent, a slight showing in favor of the "one weak rival."

There is no department of college life in which the Phis do not stand equal with the Betas, and in many respects superior, as the above facts will testify. Iowa Alpha prides herself on the scholarship of her members, and invites no one to unite with the chapter who does not give promise of superior strength. The result is, the chapter stands deservedly high, embracing the ablest men in the university. I trust the *facts* I have given in reference to Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta in Iowa Wesleyan will be ample proof of the falseness of the charge quoted, and show the chapters here in their true light before the Greek world.

J. F. Riggs.

IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA,

Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 10, 1884.

It is indeed a pleasant task to cite the progress that Iowa Beta is making this year, for it is something we are proud of, and most certainly we ought to be. Since our last report we have initiated A. C. Gale, of Mason City, Iowa, a man whom all Phis can take pleasure in being able to call brother.

Iowa Beta spent a very profitable Christmas, being the recipient of a beautiful hand-painted banner, executed and presented by Miss Connelly, of Rock Island, a sister of brother Connelly; also a unique picture, painted and presented by a loyal Phi girl, a

friend of brother Gruber ; and likewise a splendid ornament in the shape of a costly hanging lamp, from brother Miller ; and besides these, many others too numerous to mention.

Last night we held one of our royal and soul-inspiring banquets at the expense of two of our generous brothers—Beecher and Burggett.

Robert A. Greene.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA,
Minneapolis, Minn., March 20, 1884.

Minnesota Alpha reached its lowest ebb last year, and since then has been steadily gaining, and seemed to have reached its flood about a month ago, when our Reporter, James Gray, took first place at our home oratorical contest. James being a modest man, I relieve him of the embarrassment of making known this triumph to the Phi world. This contest is the event of our college year ; the contestants are elected from the five classes, and compete for the honor of representing the University at the State contest. We had but brother Gray to compete for the place, the locals two, and Delta Tau Delta one, the rest being barbs, yet our one man proved sufficient, and took a place we feel confident he can hold up to the inter-State contest, at least, and, of course, we hope he may get a place in it.

Of the other honors, which are claimed by our boys, I will mention the next important ones, two of which fall to brother Abbott. The junior class is publishing a college annual of the usual character of such annuals. The class elected a board of six editors, Abbott and Gray being of the number. Brother Abbott was made managing editor, a place which he has since so creditably and ably filled that at our late *Ariel* election he got a good popular vote, twenty-seven out of twenty-nine, and at the board's late election was chosen managing editor. Brother Gray was elected to the board by a handsome vote, but declined on account of other work. Gray is the acknowledged journalist of his class, if not of the University, and as the phrase goes, is a bad man to sling ink.

Our chapter is making arrangements for rooms in a new block to be built this season. We intend having one large room for our meetings and receptions, with two smaller ones to be used as bed rooms. We meet at present at brother Holt's, who has done much for our chapter, and under whose leadership we expect successes for the future.

We have added E. A. McKinney, brother to our present E. R. McKinney, and we consider him a good man. Being of excellent moral character, industrious habits, and very gentlemanly bearing, he adds greatly to our social strength.

Wm. R. Hoag.

PERSONALS.

W. H. GOODPASTURE, '81, delegate from Tennessee Alpha to the Richmond convention, is on his second trip to Europe. He has gone to Holland for the purpose of purchasing a herd of Holstein cattle. He will return in time to help the Nashville Phis work for the coming convention.

WE notice that the Philadelphia *Weekly Call* speaks of "Daniel H. Sumner, the newly elected representative who introduced the postal telegraph bill in Congress." Our esteemed cotemporary is mistaken. It was Hon. Jno. A. Anderson, Ohio Alpha, '53, who originated the postal telegraph bill. Brother Anderson, by the way, was re-elected to his seat at the last election by the largest vote that any Congressman received.

THE following from brother J. C. Norris, Indiana Gamma, '72, reaches us on a postal card: "Compliments of Miss Mabel Vawter Norris; arrived at Franklin, Ind., Jan. 10, 1884." We tender our hearty congratulations.

THE following in regard to brother Tompkins, Ohio Gamma, '75, who probably has attended more national conventions than any other Phi, taken from the Athens (Ohio) *Messenger*:

Our talented legal young townsman, Emmett Tompkins, Esq., has been appointed by the Supreme Court a member of the Committee on examination of applicants for admission to the bar. That this appointment is to be highly approved goes without saying.

THE following item about two well-known members of Indiana Alpha, is from the El Paso (Texas) *Times*:

Mr. A. G. Foster and Frank E. Hunter have formed a law partnership, and will engage in the practice here. These young gentlemen have had good legal training, both being graduates of one of the best law schools in the East, and each having had a thorough business training. They have their office over the First National Bank. Being mentally capable and energetic young men they will be certain to succeed.

Both of them remain the same enthusiastic Phis as of yore.

THE following item about W. S. Holman, Indiana Delta, '40, was published recently in the St. Louis *Republican*:

Hon. Wm. S. Holman, of Indiana, who for many years has represented the fourth congressional district of that State at Washington, with distinguished ability, arrived in this city last night from California, and registered at the Placers'. Mr. Holman has been designated as the "Watch Dog of the Treasury," very much out of compliment for his opposition to extravagant or unnecessary expenditure, and when anything in the shape of a questionable appropriation has come up in the halls of Congress his opposition to the measure has incurred the further appellation as the "Great Objector." His name has also been mentioned in certain quarters in connection with the presidential nomination.

The Nashville *American* published the following:

Hon. Wm. S. Holman, of Indiana, known as the "Great Objector" to all sorts of questionable legislation, has written a letter announcing his purpose to withdraw from Congress at the expiration of his present term. He says he will do so "without a single regret."

THE fraternity has reason to rejoice at the recent elevation of Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky Alpha, '57, to the National Senate. The Louisville *Courier-Journal* of February 26th appeared with the following head lines :

Senator Blackburn ; the Democratic caucus so declares it upon the seventy-third ballot. The bluegrass Congressman receiving sixty-three votes and Senator Williams fifty-seven. The nominee escorted to the chamber, where he makes an eloquent speech. Frankfort wild with excitement over the result, and champagne flowing like water. A complete sketch of the victor's successful career, with not a single defeat. Details of the struggle.

The following is from the editorial columns of the same paper :

The promotion of Mr. Blackburn has been fairly earned. As a representative in Congress, he has steadily grown in public esteem, and to-day he stands a recognized leader in the House of Representatives. It was only a question of time when he would be Senator from Kentucky. He will, two years hence, enter his new field in every way most admirably equipped for its higher and more exalting duties. That he will equal the full requirements of the place ; that he will here as elsewhere meet the promises of his friends and justify their predictions, no one who has watched his public career can, for a moment question. His is a nature which repends quickly to every demand made upon it, and he fills every position with credit to himself and honor to his State.

The following biographical sketch appeared in *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* of February 16 :

The protracted senatorial contest in Kentucky has resulted in the election of Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, the present representative in the House from the Seventh District in that State. Mr. Blackburn was born at Versailles, Ky., on the 1st of October, 1838, and after graduating from Centre College at Danville in 1857, was a year later admitted to the bar. After practicing his profession for nearly two years in Chicago, whither he had gone soon after entering upon it, he returned to his native State, and as an assistant elector on the Breckenridge ticket, participated actively in the Presidential contest of that year. When the civil war broke out, Mr. Blackburn entered the Confederate army as a private trooper. He was selected as an aide-de-camp by General Williams Preston in the following year, and served on the staff of that commander in most of the great battles of the western army, particularly distinguishing himself by daring courage at Chickamauga. For two years after the war he lived in Arkansas, but in 1868 again returned to his native country, where he has since remained engaged in farming and the practice of the law. He served two terms in the Kentucky Legislature, in 1861-3, and in 1874 he was elected to succeed Mr. Beck in Congress. He was re-elected in 1876, 1878, 1880, and 1882. Mr. Blackburn has been for years a prominent figure on the Democratic side of the House. He was one of the most vigorous opponents of the Electoral Commission scheme by which Mr. Hayes was seated as President, and has been among the foremost in furthering every political measure proposed by his party. His transfer to the Senate will be a positive gain to the Democratic minority in that body.

POSTSCRIPT.

Just in time to make bare mention of it, we learn of the establishment of District of Columbia Alpha Alumni at Washington City. The credit is due to brother S. H. Kelly, Missouri Alpha, '81. He had written us of his proposed attempt to organize the chapter, and his expectation of its being represented at the Nashville convention, but we had not looked for it so soon. The President of Beta Province writes : "I forward to the G. C. to-day (March 24th) an application for an alumni chapter at

Washington, D. C. We have seventeen resident members there, besides two United States Senators and five Congressmen. The applicants are very enthusiastic, and will furnish a resort to all visiting Phis when they get thoroughly under way." We extend a right hearty welcome to the new chapter.

Let's see, we have chronicled the revival of the chapter at Knox, the establishment of chapters at Colby and College of City of New York, and of an alumni chapter at the national capital. Well, that is a pretty good showing for one issue of the SCROLL. Other important plans have been formed and are being executed, but we will stop for breath before making any more announcements in regard to extension.

Since "Other Fraternities" was printed we have received the February-March *Shield*, which informs us that the Minnesota Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi is not only alive, but flourishing, although *sub rosa*. We are sorry we were led into the error, and take pleasure in making the correction.

Where dates, figures, Greek letters, etc., are so numerous we cannot expect our "intelligent compositors" to be infallible. The following typographical errors were noticed after several careful proof readings, and the forms had passed through the press: page 232, twelfth line from bottom, for "Sigma Kappa" read Sigma Nu; page 242, fifth line from bottom, for "1824" read 1825.

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DELTA PROVINCE.

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 10, 1884.

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Secretary—J. M. Goodwin, Greencastle, Ind.

The next convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., April 15,
 1884.

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The Fourth Annual Convention will be held at Auburn, Ala., and Montgomery, Ala., June 27 and 28, 1884.

Orator—J. W. Tomlinson, Tate Springs, Tenn.

Prophet—D. B. Mangum, Troy, Ala.

FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

Below are mentioned the fraternities which have chapters at the colleges where Phi Delta Theta has chapters, with the years when the colleges were founded and the chapters were organized. One college which has laws prohibiting fraternities is not included in this list.

Colby University, 1820: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1845; Zeta Psi, 1850; Delta Upsilon (non secret), 1874; Sigma Kappa (ladies—local), 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1884.

University of Vermont, 1791: Phi Beta Kappa (honorary); Lambda Iota ("The Owl"—local), 1836; Sigma Phi, 1845; Delta Psi (local—not connected with chaptered Fraternity of same name), 1850; Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Union College, 1795: Kappa Alpha (Northern), 1825; Sigma Phi, 1827; Delta Phi, 1827; Psi Upsilon, 1833; Delta Upsilon, 1838; Alpha Delta Phi, 1859; Theta Nu Epsilon (Sophomore), 1874; Beta Theta Pi, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883.

College of the City of New York, 1848: Alpha Delta Phi, 1855; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1856; Phi Gamma Delta, 1865; Theta Delta Chi, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1884.

Lafayette College, 1826: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1855; Zeta Psi, 1857; Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Pennsylvania College, 1832: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1858; Sigma Chi, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883.

Washington and Jefferson College, 1802: Phi Beta Kappa; Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Gamma Delta, 1848; Phi Kappa Psi, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1853; Delta Tau Delta, 1861; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Alpha Tau Omega, 1882.

Allegheny College, 1817: Phi Kappa Psi, 1855; Phi Gamma Delta, 1860; Delta Tau Delta, 1863; Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

Dickinson College, 1783: Phi Kappa Psi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Theta Delta Chi, 1861; Chi Phi, 1869; Beta Theta Pi, 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Pennsylvania, 1748: Zeta Psi, 1850; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1850; Delta Phi, 1850; Delta Psi, 1854; Sigma Chi, 1875; Phi Kappa Psi, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1880; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Roanoke College, 1853: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1869; Alpha Tau Omega, 1869; Sigma Chi, 1872.

University of Virginia, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1850; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1852; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1852; Phi Kappa Psi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1859; Chi Phi, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Delta Psi, 1860; Mystic Seven (local), 1867; Kappa Sigma, 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1868; Alpha Tau Omega, 1868; Sigma Nu, 1870; Phi Delta Theta,

1873; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1878.

Randolph Macon College, 1832: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1874; Sigma Chi, 1874.

Richmond College, 1844: Beta Theta Pi, 1870; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1893; Phi Alpha Chi (local), 1883.

Virginia Military Institute: Alpha Tau Omega, 1865; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 1869; Sigma Nu, 1869; Kappa Sigma, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

Wofford College, 1851: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1869; Chi Psi, 1869; Chi Phi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1879.

South Carolina College, 1801: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Alpha Tau Omega, 1883.

University of Georgia, 1785: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1866; Chi Phi, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1872; Alpha Tau Omega, 1878; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Emory College, 1836: Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1868; Chi Phi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Alpha Tau Omega, 1881; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1882.

Mercer University, 1857: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1870; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1873; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879.

State College of Alabama, 1872: Phi Delta Theta, 1879; Alpha Tau Omega, 1879; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883.

University of Mississippi, 1844: Rainbow, 1848; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1851; Delta Psi, 1855; Sigma Chi, 1857; Phi Kappa Psi, 1857; Chi Psi, 1858; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1865; Phi Delta Theta, 1877; Beta Theta Pi, 1879; Alpha Beta Tau (ladies), 1882; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

University of Texas, 1883: Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Kappa Alpha (Southern) 1883; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883.

Vanderbilt University, 1873: Phi Delta Theta, 1876; Rainbow, 1882; Kappa Alpha, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1883; Beta Theta Pi, 1884.

University of the South, 1868: Alpha Tau Omega, 1877; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1881; Kappa Sigma, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1842: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Sigma Chi, 1855; Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Phi Kappa Psi, 1861; Delta Tau Delta, 1868; Phi Gamma Delta, 1869; Chi Phi, 1873.

Ohio University, 1804: Beta Theta Pi, 1841; Delta Tau Delta, 1862; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1876.

University of Wooster, 1860: Phi Kappa Psi, 1871; Phi Delta Theta, 1872; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Sigma Chi, 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882.

Buchtel College, 1871: Delta Tau Delta, 1873; Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1877; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Ohio State University, 1868: Phi Gamma Delta, 1878; Phi Kappa Psi, 1880; Sigma Chi, 1882; Phi Delta Theta, 1883; Chi Phi, 1883.

Centre College, 1819: Beta Theta Pi, 1842; Phi Delta Theta, 1850; Sigma Chi, 1876; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 1883.

Indiana University, 1828: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta

1849: Sigma Chi, 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Gamma Delta, 1870; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873.

Wabash College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1852; Phi Gamma Delta, 1866; Phi Kappa Psi, 1870; Sigma Chi, 1880.

Butler University, 1854: Phi Delta Theta, 1859; Sigma Chi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1875; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1878.

Franklin College: Phi Delta Theta, 1860; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1878; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1879.

Hanover College, 1833: Beta Theta Pi, 1853; Phi Gamma Delta, 1864; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Sigma Chi, 1871; Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1882.

De Pauw University, 1837: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Gamma Delta, 1856; Sigma Chi, 1859; Phi Kappa Psi, 1865; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1866; Phi Delta Theta, 1868; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1870; Delta Tau Delta, 1871; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875.

State College of Michigan, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1872; Phi Delta Theta, 1873.

Hillsdale College, 1855: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Monmouth College, 1857; Phi Delta Theta, 1871; Phi Kappa Psi, 1872.

Knox College, 1837; Phi Delta Theta, 1871.

Illinois Wesleyan University, 1850: Phi Gamma Delta, 1867; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1873; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1875; Phi Delta Theta, 1878; Phi Delta Phi (law), 1878; Sigma Chi, 1883.

Lombard University: Delta Tau Delta, 1867; Phi Delta Theta, 1878.

University of Wisconsin, 1848: Phi Delta Theta, 1857; Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1875; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1875; Chi Psi, 1878; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1881.

Westminster College, 1853: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1880.

University of Kansas, 1864: Beta Theta Pi, 1872; Phi Kappa Psi, 1876; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), 1881; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Phi Gamma Delta, 1882; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1883.

University of Nebraska, 1869: Phi Delta Theta, 1875; Sigma Chi, 1882.

Iowa Wesleyan University, 1855: Beta Theta Pi, 1868; Phi Delta Theta, 1871.

State University of Iowa, 1857: Beta Theta Pi, 1866; Delta Tau Delta, 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1882; Sigma Chi, 1882; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1882.

University of Minnesota, 1868: Chi Psi, 1874; Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies), 1880; Phi Delta Theta, 1881; Delta Gamma (ladies), 1882; Delta Tau Delta, 1883.

FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

WE desire to announce below the times and places of the general conventions which are to be held by the chartered fraternities. Our correspondents will please supply us with the information needed to make the list of announcements complete.

Pan-Hellenic Conference—New York, N. Y., July 4, 1884.

Sigma Nu—Nashville, Tenn., July 9, 1884.
 Delta Tau Delta—Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1884.
 Phi Gamma Delta—Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26, 1884.
 Beta Theta Pi—Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma—Canton, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1884.
 Sigma Chi—Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1884.
 Delta Upsilon—New York, N. Y., Oct., 1884.
 Chi Phi—Washington, D. C., Oct. 8, 1884.
 Delta Kappa Epsilon—Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1884.
 Phi Delta Theta—Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1884.
 Alpha Tau Omega—Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27, 1884.
 Phi Kappa Psi—Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1885.
 Sigma Phi—Schenectady, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1885.

FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

BELOW is a complete list of fraternity journals. The *Beta Theta Pi Crescent*, *Record*, *Palm*, *Golden Key*, and *D. K. E Quarterly* will receive subscriptions from non-members at the regular rates.

Beta Theta Pi—Established 1872; monthly; pp. 48; size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{7}{8}$; price \$1; 11 Apollo Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chi Phi Quarterly—Established 1874; pp. 60; size $5\frac{7}{8} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; Allentown, Pa.

SCROLL, of Phi Delta Theta—Established 1875; monthly; pp. 56; size $6 \times 8\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1; Box 425, Nashville, Tenn.

Crescent, of Delta Tau Delta—Established 1877; monthly; pp. 24; size $8 \times 10\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; Box 144, Meadville, Pa.

Diamond, of Psi Upsilon—Established 1878; Schenectady, N. Y.

Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size $6\frac{3}{8} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; Springfield, Ohio.

Phi Gamma Delta—Established 1879; monthly; pp. 24; size $8\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Star and Crescent, of Alpha Delta Phi—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 50; size $6 \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; 53 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 92; size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 9$; price \$1; Sewanee, Tenn.

Alpha Tau Omega Palm—Established 1880; quarterly; pp. 84; size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; University of Virginia, Va.

Sigma Chi—Established 1881; bi-monthly; pp. 64; size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; P. O. Box 11, Hanover, Ind.

Golden Key, of Kappa Kappa Gamma—Established 1882; quarterly; pp. 40; size $7 \times 9\frac{1}{4}$; price \$1; Greencastle, Ind.

Zeta Psi Monthly—Established 1882; pp. 16; size $6\frac{1}{4} \times 10$; price \$1; 782 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly—Established 1882; pp. 14; size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; 842 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly—Established 1883; tri-yearly; pp. 94; size $6 \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; 52 William St., New York, N. Y.

Delta, of Sigma Nu—Established 1883; quarterly; pp. 24; size 6×9 ; price \$1; Dahlonaga, Ga.

Kappa Alpha Magazine, of Southern Kappa Alpha—Established 1883; quarterly; pp. 32; size $6 \times 9\frac{1}{8}$; price \$1; Bennettsville, S. C.

Purple and Gold, of Chi Psi—Established 1884; Clinton, N. Y.

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PROGRESS.

To stand still is impossible. Every individual, people, civilization, corporation, movement, every thing that has life, has a tendency, and that tendency is either up or down. In these fast years of the nineteenth century only progressive bodies can live; waning organizations are speedily discarded, and when one commences going down hill it is seldom rescued. Everybody, on the contrary, gives it a kick to help it down.

For Phi Delta Theta to gain on its rivals, and to live with honor to its officers and members, careful study, shrewd planning, and decisive action are required. Eternal vigilance is the price of progress, as well as liberty. We are striding rapidly forward, but so are other fraternities, and we must not lose an inch. A national convention is approaching, which affords great opportunities to those interested in Phi Delta Theta's prosperity. Let us not fail to improve them.

At the average convention the delegates in many cases are men chosen but a few days or weeks previously, who have given no thought to the work to be done, who regard the convention as a holiday affair, and who are utterly confused when a large amount of work is brought before them, and they are called upon to solve in an hour difficult questions which should be discussed for months. Even those who go with the best intentions find that they are not familiar with the rules and programme, and by the time they are fully initiated into the work the convention adjourns for two years. As a result, the work in each biennial convention is chiefly performed by the six or eight delegates who were at the previous one.

This condition of things can be improved. Many important steps can be taken at our Nashville meeting; among them being the perfection of our system of finance, removal of the *sub-rosa* character of the SCROLL, preparation of a history of the fraternity and election of new officers.

In view of these things, let us consider the necessity for two things: select our best men for delegates, and select them early enough that they may prepare for the work expected of them. The writer would suggest that before commencement is none too early, and no chapter should postpone its election later than September. The delegate, when chosen, knows his duty, and should perform it. He should familiarize himself with parliamentary rules, with the questions likely to come up at convention, and above all, with the history, condition, and needs of his own chapter. With "Excelsior" as our motto, let us make the Nashville convention an important event in our history and a long step in our progress as a fraternity.

M. C. Summers, Illinois Zeta, '81.

A FRATERNITYISM.

IN the first edition of Baird's "American College Fraternities" there is an opinion expressed as to the origin of the term "lifting" as applied to the action of a fraternity in obtaining a member from another fraternity. I have not seen the new edition of the book, and do not know what, if any thing, is said about it, but I will offer a notion as to its origin. In old English works the term "lifting" means "stealing," and a "lifter" is a "thief." The word is used in this sense in Shakespeare. The term still retains this meaning in the word "shoplifter." I believe this satisfactorily accounts for the use of the term by the fraternities. G.

ANNUAL CONVENTION TAX.

I DESIRE to allude to a matter which has been mentioned before, but which I think should be fully discussed in the SCROLL, and then acted upon intelligently at our next convention. What I refer to is the inconvenience, the impolicy, and the injustice of levying a *per capita* tax of three or four dollars once in two years. Something should be paid every year to meet the current expenses of the fraternity, and there are several ways in which this can be done. One would be to levy an annual tax of two dollars, or some other fixed amount. Another plan would be to levy an annual tax of one dollar, and then levy a special tax for convention purposes whenever necessary. Something should be provided in the way of an annual revenue. The governmental machinery of a fraternity like ours requires money to enable it to work properly. *M. C. Summers, Illinois Zeta, '81.*

SEVENTH INDIANA STATE CONVENTION.

THE Indiana State Association of Phi Delta Theta met in Indianapolis on the afternoon of April 10, 1884, and elected the following officers: President, J. A. Kautz, Indiana Gamma, '85; Secretary, Robert Newland, Indiana Alpha, '87; Warden, J. W. La Grange, Indiana Epsilon, '86. These are most worthy men.

Our distinguished brother, John C. Robinson, an old Indiana Alpha Phi, whose ardor increases with his years, presided with all the ease of an active member.

A committee made arrangements to banquet after the oratorical contest, and about fifty members seated themselves in the dining-room of the Grand Hotel before a table of the best things the city afforded. Brother H. U. Brown, the President of the General Council, was toast-master, and his lady, by the special invitation of the brothers, graced the occasion with her presence. No description could do justice to the affair. A great many joked and laughed, but the bashful men attacked the delicacies with fearful result. The speeches were not studied and laborious; they were the free, jovial outpouring of Phi Delta Theta life. No crowd need want for wit, jollity, or instruction when such men as brothers Huffstetter, Cooter, Guffin, Bradfute, Morrison, McCaslin, Goodwin, *et al.*, are present.

At the conclusion of the feast, the Phis with an impressive earnestness consecrated their minds and hearts to the principles of the bond, and pledged the support of their youthful enthusiasm to the interests of the fraternity they loved. From the eyes of the older members flashed the fires that lighted their faces in college days. The active members felt that their fraternity life had broken forth from a chapter hall, and taken in something of Phi Delta Theta's extent and greatness.

I know of nothing better calculated to make good fraternity men than these meetings and hand-shakings, by which members from different chapters are brought into acquaintance and closer relationship. I trust that we may have a banquet next year that will surpass even this one; and on behalf of many of the brothers who like the society of ladies. I hope the occasion will be refined and enhanced by their presence.

E. E. Griffith, Indiana Alpha, '85.

DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 9, 1884.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 3 p. m. in the parlors of the Neil House. The President of the Province, F. O. Payne, briefly stated the object of the convention. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Reception—Thomas, Randall, Kahler.

On Hotel—T. N. Slade, Eckhardt.

On Entertainment—J. E. Randall, Thomas Stone, and ——— Winter.

On Banquet—McPherson, Munger, and Hunt.

On Credentials—O'Kane, Branscher, and W. E. Bundy.

On Publication—Flickinger, O'Kane, and Munger.

On Programmes—J. E. Randall.

On Finance—J. T. Steele, E. T. Miller, and Hunt.

On Chapters and Charters—W. J. Boone, S. P. Armstrong, and J. Ed. Brown.

On Permanent Organization—Munger, De Steiguer, and Stone.

On Constitution—H. A. Kahler, S. P. Armstrong, and J. D. Pardee.

On Executive—Miller, McPherson, and Banscher.

On Order of Business—De Steiguer, Steele, and ———.

On Place of Holding Next Convention—Ed. Brown, Gilmore, and Converse.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was received. On motion, a committee consisting of O'Kane and Munger was appointed to invite representatives of the leading daily papers to be present at the banquet. Upon motion, the convention adjourned until evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention was called to order by the President.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates:

Ohio Beta—J. T. Steele.

Ohio Gamma—C. G. De Steiguer.

Ohio Delta—W. J. Boone.

Ohio Epsilon—J. D. Pardee.

Ohio Zeta—Hunt.

The reports of the officers of the Province were received. The report of Committee on Constitution was adopted, with some amendments.

A resolution to the effect that the Province President should be elected by the chapters was adopted; but in the morning session reconsidered, and lost.

On motion, brothers Boone, Steele, Armstrong, and Brown were appointed to give short talks to the next session on subjects of interest to the fraternity.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M. A dispatch from H. U. Brown, President of the General Council, announcing that he would be with us at 12 M., was read. Letters of regret from Scott Bonham, W. E. Knight, P. W. Search, and N. Y. Gamma were read. Very flattering reports were received from the following chapters: Ohio Beta, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Delta, Ohio Epsilon, and Ohio Zeta. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following officers, which were unanimously elected:

Vice-president, O'Kane, Ohio Beta; Secretary, W. E. Bundy, Ohio Gamma; Historian, H. A. Kahler, Ohio Zeta; Treasurer, J. R. Calder, Ohio Delta; Warden, A. A. Kohler, Ohio Epsilon.

The Committee on Chapters and Charters made their report. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it be the sentiment of Delta Province in convention assembled that no chapter be established in any Province save by a unanimous vote of the active college chapters in that Province, and that delegates from the chapters of this Province be requested to work for the passage of such a measure at the next National Convention."

Brothers Kahler and Boone were appointed to write a short notice of the proceedings of the convention for the Junior Weekly of Ohio State University.

A motion was carried that it be the sentiment of Delta Province Convention, if the subject comes up in the National Convention, to furnish the SCROLL for ten years to all graduating members for \$5.00.

The committee on time and place of holding the next Province Convention reported in favor of Delaware, Ohio, on the second Thursday and Friday, May, 1886. The report was accepted.

The convention then adjourned until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order by the President. A letter from Dwight M. Marble concerning Kentucky Alpha

Alumni was read. Brother H. U. Brown addressed the convention in a few well-chosen words. The committee on resolutions commending the catalogue reported the following resolutions:

"Whereas, through the untiring efforts of the Committee on Publication of the Fraternity Catalogue, we, as members of the Delta Province of Phi Delta Theta have had the pleasure and benefit of such a valuable volume of information relative to our fraternity; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of Delta Province in convention, do hereby express our hearty appreciation of the work of brothers W. B. Palmer and A. G. Foster; and further,

"*Resolved*, That owing to the neglect of some in answering communications, so that many names of Phis are not there that should be, we do earnestly recommend that every member do all in his power to secure the names of other Phis for the next issue of catalogue; and also,

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the next issue of the SCROLL."

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 8:30 o'clock the members of the fraternity assembled, and retired to the banquet-hall, where an elegant menu was served in courses. Samuel J. Flickinger, New York Alpha, '76, presided as toast-master. The following is the programme of exercises:

Song; Welcome Address, J. E. Randall, Ohio Zeta; Response, J. Ed. Brown, Ohio Beta; Song; Historical Sketch, S. P. Armstrong, Ohio Gamma; "Kentucky Phis," Geo. B. Thomas, Virginia Beta; "Ohio Phis," J. R. Calder, Ohio Delta; "The Bond of our Brotherhood," Emmet Thompkins, Ohio Gamma; "Ohio Zeta," Cyrus Huling, Ohio Beta; "Eastern Extension," W. E. Knight, S. G. C.; "The General Council," A. A. Stearns, H. G. C.; "Phi Delta Theta," H. U. Brown, P. G. C.; "Mystic Phis," poem, T. S. Anderson, Ohio Delta; "Our Alumni," DeMott Woodmansee, Ohio Beta; "Old Phi Boys," W. P. Tulton, Ohio Beta.

Thus, with a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," the first biennial convention of Delta Province came to a close.

F. O. Payne, President.

E. T. Miller, Secretary.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

PHI GAMMA DELTA is reported dead at University of Pennsylvania.

THE Dickinson chapter of Beta Theta Pi has but three or four men.

AT Kenyon, Beta Theta Pi has lost one man, who has joined Delta Kappa Epsilon.

PHI KAPPA PSI has established at Syracuse a chapter of thirteen men, who formerly composed a local society called Kappa Delta.

THE *Chi Phi Quarterly*, Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, and the *Beta Theta Pi* copy our tables of fraternity journals and conventions, but the latter is the only one which sees proper to acknowledge the source.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON has established a new chapter called "Florida Epsilon," and publishes a letter from it in the last *Record*. It is located at the West Florida Seminary, Tallahassee, Fla., which the *Record* calls "the Florida University."

SOME friend has sent us the April number of the *Hanover Monthly*, and we have made a fruitless search to find something of interest marked in it, but we clip the following:

"Rumor has it that Phi Kappa Psi will soon enter Hanover. Her committee on necrology will probably take note of a premature death at Hanover."

THE *Shield* publishes the following:

"The installation of the nineteenth chapter--the Eta--of Psi Upsilon, at Lehigh, occurred on the 22d of February. Twenty-six of the thirty-four initiates are students at the University. Judge Albion W. Tourgee was orator of the evening, and Prof. E. H. Williams read a poem. Over sixty visitors of Psi Upsilon were present at the happy occasion."

ACCORDING to the authority of Mr. W. R. Baird, who is writing up the history of Beta Theta Pi for its journal, the Bethany chapter of Beta Theta Pi was formed in 1859 of the founders of Delta Tau Delta, which was then a local order; and between 1872 and 1874 the Franklin and Indiana University chapters of Delta Tau Delta applied to be admitted to Beta Theta Pi, but were refused, and the Delta Tau Delta

chapter at Ohio Wesleyan was broken up by eight desertions to Beta Theta Pi.

THE editor of the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent* has just made the discovery that

"There is in actual existence, with chapters in a number of colleges, a fraternity of ladies, anomalistic as it may sound. The name of the fraternity (*sic*) is the Kappa Kappa Gamma, and that of its journal the *Golden Key*."

Where has this Rip Van Winkle been sleeping these twenty years?

THERE is an element in Beta Theta Pi which seems to strongly favor a chapter at Ohio State University, to which there appears to have been some opposition. The correspondent of the Beta paper from Ohio Wesleyan writes:

"He doubts that a certain institution is a growing institution, but since the fact of the rapid growth of the O. S. U. is conceded by many of the most competent teachers of the State, with its million-and-a-half endowment, and its three hundred and fifty students, increasing each term, we are led to the conclusion of one of three things: either he willingly shuts his eyes to plain facts, or is possessed of a false conservatism, or has failed to acquaint himself with the actual condition of the O. S. U."

It has been six years since the death of any chapter of Phi Delta Theta, and all of its chapters apparently have a long lease of life before them; yet Mr. A. B. Bishop, the Union correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi*, who seems to have an uncontrollable habit of slinging mud, and who belongs to a fraternity whose journal is advocating the withdrawal of charters from its "notoriously weak chapters," has the effrontery to write: "During this long but unfruitful travail, Phi Delta Theta has had one of its mushroom births in the shape of its New York Beta chapter." It is acknowledged, however, that the men in our chapter were not those who applied to Chi Phi and Zeta Psi.

FOR a long time we have supposed that all the Betas thought that their fraternity was ideally perfect, but, the following, taken from a communication in the *Beta Theta Pi* advocating ritualistic revision, shows that there is yet some opportunity for improvement:

"Our present ritual fails in many respects, which can easily be seen, and it ought to be changed. What we want is something that will thoroughly impress upon the initiate the symbolism of our order, and at the same time be free from the foolishness that crops out here

and there in the one now authorized. Every man who has taken part in our initiations has 'felt cheap' as he has spoken parts of the service."

THE editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, who is himself a Harvard man, in speaking of the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, says:

"Twenty-nine chapter letters follow, including one from the Alpha chapter at Harvard. This is rather suprising to us, for we were under the impression, from personal knowledge and general rumor, that Alpha was about as independent of the rest of the fraternity as could be well imagined. The chapter is only a social and theatrical club, known as the 'Dickey'—an inner wheel, as it were, of a sophomore society, and recognizing very lightly any outside ties. Its members join other fraternities, including Alpha Delta Phi and Zeta Psi, and in general seem to belong to every thing but Delta Kappa Epsilon. If not inconsistent with the private affairs of that fraternity, we should like very much to be officially informed as to the exact *status* of its Alpha chapter."

MR. J. B. ELLIS, the Vanderbilt correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi*, says in the April number:

"It is my opinion that the worst thing Beta Theta Pi has to contend with here is the fact that we have no rivals of a broad, national standing."

We advise this young man not to worry himself, for the Betas will probably have as much as they can do to hold their own, as things are now; and in this connection we will quote from the Vanderbilt correspondent of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, who says in the April number:

"The other fraternities in active operation here are: Phi Delta Theta, W. W. W. or Rainbow, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Alpha, which rank, according to my judgment, in the order given."

WE agree with the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* in saying that "a careful regard for the proprieties of polite literature, both in tone and language," is desirable when a journal speaks of its contemporaries or of other fraternities than its own: but we must call his attention to what we consider a breach of etiquette on his own part. We cannot be very definite, because we do not wish to publish any thing more of a slander so offensive to us, but he will probably know to what we refer when we say that on several recent occasions he has alluded to our fraternity very disrespectfully, not to mention his allusions to ourselves personally. The slander which we have spoken of was made the point of a severe satire on Phi Delta Theta by this editor, and we objected to

its tone. In noticing this satire, we remarked that it was about as offensive as the slander itself. Now the editor answers by intimating that our intellect is so dull and our comprehension so stupid that we cannot appreciate a joke. We submit that this does not come with good grace from a disciple of Lord Chesterfield, and we are surprised that he should so misrepresent us. We before indicated plainly that we understood his meaning, but his attempt to ridicule our fraternity in such coarse manner and terms impelled us to protest against it.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* still aggressively advocates the withdrawal of charters from chapters at small colleges. The March number says:

"We have more dead chapters than any other fraternity, and we are harrassed by some others which are now in a dying condition. We are no longer made ecstatic by wild dreams of ill-considered extension; we are disposed to go slow, to cultivate the possessions now safely under care, and not to try any tentative experiments which may result in discomfiture and humiliation."

This certainly is sound policy; but the decapitation of weak chapters has caused no little excitement in the fraternity, as shown by the following from the April number:

"The project of smothering certain weak members of our family has been received with singular unanimity, and almost every other letter we receive suggests some fit objects for our gentle administrations in that line. But the fun comes in when we begin to tabulate the chapters that some brother or another thinks ought to be asphyxiated. We should be sorry to exhibit any of our family weaknesses as a fraternity, but it is an astonishing fact that did we suppress every chapter that has been proposed our roll would be diminished over one-half. . . . Hardly any one seems to entertain the idea that his own chapter is in danger of the reformer's unkind care. Such a man would be considerably astonished and displeased were such a thing mentioned. 'What! you really don't mean *us*? Why, impossible!' he would say, while all the time some other man is clamoring for just this very thing. . . . So, all ye presumable delegates, make out your lists of victims, and prepare to hear some very plain statements about your own chapters too. Something is certain to drop next summer by the lake-side when the Betas there assemble."

THE editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* intimates that our lack of appreciation of the heavy literary articles which he publishes is on account of a deficient education. Without attempting to make any retort to this discourtesy from the paper which sets itself up to teach politeness to others, we wish merely to call attention to the fact that we have never passed upon the merits of its literary articles, but only spoke

of them in a way to show that we thought them out of place in a fraternity organ. In the infancy of fraternity journalism, the organs published many literary pieces, presumably because they had nothing else to fill in with. But with the multiplication of journals and the development of fraternities, a wide range of subjects relating to the Greek world was opened up, and we now see no reason for having any purely literary department. Surely every one can get all the literature he wants outside of the fraternity press, and surely a fraternity journal ought not to admit literary productions just to gratify the writers who wish to see their effusions in print. This year the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* has revived the literary feature, and the *Phi Gamma Delta* has taken up the same idea. The literary articles in the main have been excellent, but we are of the opinion that the space they occupied could have been filled with articles on fraternity subjects which would have been much more interesting and profitable. We believe that all articles in fraternity journals should have a literary style, and no one better than the editor of the Beta organ understands how to give a literary finish to articles bearing on fraternity questions, but we think that a fraternity paper ought not to publish articles purely literary, or at least make them a leading feature.

THE *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for February and the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* for April each appears in a new dress, approaching the *Alpha Delta Phi Star and Crescent* in size and typography. The latter, we think, carries the imitation too far in omitting all date-lines from its chapter letters, so that a reader has to refer to the directory to find out where chapters from which letters are published are situated.

The editor of the *Shield*, who is an intelligent and earnest fraternity man, in speaking frankly of the deficiencies of *Phi Kappa Psi*, instances the lack of support which some of the chapters give their organ, and the failures of the attempts to publish a fraternity song book, history, and catalogue, and says:

"We believe, and further consideration only makes the conviction stronger, that *Phi Kappa Psi* to-day does not occupy the place she deserves in the fraternity world, and that she is herself responsible for it."

We will take occasion here to remark that we have no doubt been too hard on *Phi Kappa Psi*, and have punished it more severely than it deserves. It has winced terribly

under our publishing the collapse of its chapter at the University of Georgia, a full statement of the unfortunate affair having been brought out by a member, who says that "to fail is at all times miserable, but to confess failure is torture." Our only object, however, has been to teach the *Shield* that it does not pay to make slurring references to rival fraternities, as it did to Phi Delta Theta. But now we are done. The *Shield* has borne so meekly the drubbing we have given it that we have n't the heart to hurt it any more. The *Shield* reproduces "An Unanswered Question" from our last number, and is kind enough to make favorable comment upon it.

THE following strong appeal in the *Phi Gamma Delta* for April should arouse the fraternity to greater activity:

"With characteristic disregard of her interest, Phi Gamma Delta is sleeping, while to the right and left good, strong chapters of other fraternities are being founded. With every issue of fraternity journals the births of several new chapters in strong colleges are heralded. Time passes, the chapters flourish. Old fraternities at the same institution write of the surprising strength of the new chapter, and say 'that it has come to stay.' A few of the fraternities, among them Phi Gamma Delta, wind themselves about with a cloak of self-satisfaction, and look with a smile of disdain on the efforts which other fraternities are making. They boast of a conservatism, a careful discrimination, speak of a strength which needs no addition, and with many other arguments attempt to defend the course which their own consciousness tells them is destructive. 'We are conservative,' do you say? Yes, and know you that conservatism has ever been the enemy of progress? At every onward step, at every proposition for advancement in whatever department of life, some old foggy howls a halt, and by every means in his power seeks to obstruct the forward movement; and all the time he dignifies his obstinate and pig-headed course by the title of conservatism. Away with such misnomer. Call it rather a blinding egotism, a destructive obstinacy. If any brother would say that Phi Gamma Delta can afford to be what he calls 'conservative,' let him feel the weakening pulse of several chapters, and know that soon he shall see the last dying agonies, and finally hear the mournful tidings of its death. Phi Gamma Delta can be 'conservative,' you say. Then look at the gigantic strides of our contemporaries. They are moving onward, not like one on a winter day when the progress is almost counterbalanced by the backward slip, but their progress is steady and sure. The principles on which our order is founded are as eternal as truth. Our fraternity was founded with the noblest purpose, and yet our future will be decay and final death if we longer attempt to live wholly upon our efforts in the past. The heart of the loyal brother sickens when he sees the progress which goes on elsewhere than in his order. His enthusiasm wanes when he sees magnificent opportunities allowed to pass, and sees our neglect strengthening a growing rival. Brothers, get to work before it is overlastingly too late. Do n't trust to the G. C. or the Section Chief. Do it yourselves. If you see an opportunity, delegate a member of

your chapter to work it up. If you don't see any opportunity, make one. The only available colleges are being fast filled with fraternities, and unless Phi Gamma Delta goes to work she will be left standing in the cold trying to extract some comfort from her boasts of conservatism."

NEWS AND NOTES.

WE present our congratulations to Missouri Alpha upon the removal of their disabilities by the faculty. Phi Delta Theta has left but one sub rosa chapter—Illinois Gamma.

ONE of the things which we most badly need is a lithographed charter. We hope some measures will be taken to have lithographed the design adopted by the convention of 1880.

THE backwardness of Tennessee Beta in communicating with the SCROLL should not be taken as an evidence of decline. She will be heard from before long, and then it will be a very important announcement.

UNDER our instructions, Dreka has prepared a new steel engraving of our coat of arms to be used on stationery. It is not exactly perfect, but more nearly so than any we have ever had before. Chapters should write to him for specimens.

THE next SCROLL will be issued about July 15th. The object in deferring its publication is to give Reporters an opportunity to write us of the commencement honors awarded to Phis and of commencement banquets. Copy will be received until July 1st. If it reaches us a few days later we will try to crowd it in, though we may not be able to put it in the right place.

It is hard to formulate standards of admission into the fraternity, but they should be as nearly uniform in all places as possible. One test is to ask whether a candidate is a man who will be recognized as an equal in any part of the Phi world. In a number of instances we know of trouble being caused by poor men going from some chapters to other chapters where the standards are very high. At Illinois Wesleyan, Centre College, South Carolina College, University of Virginia, and at other places which we do not care to mention, there has been trouble of this kind. The same considerations should be weighed by the fraternity authorities in granting charters to new chapters. If the men whom we

are apt to get at a certain institution are such that members of other chapters would not like to recognize them, there ought to be no hesitation about refusing the application. Let the members and the officers of the fraternity jealously guard its fair name, let them take a pride in its high position, and always strive to elevate it, then its interests will prosper and its fame increase.

WE have vanity enough to take considerable pride in our own appearance—using now the plural pronoun to denote the SCROLL itself and not the editors. We have arrayed ourselves in as comely a dress as we are able to afford or to get up. A decided metamorphosis in the size and shape of our pages was made at the first of the year. Since then we have been studying constantly how to make ourselves look handsomer. We have reduced the size of the headings, until now there is not a two-line letter or a fancy type anywhere, except in the advertisements. Then we dropped the title of “THE SCROLL,” and the names of our editors so conspicuously displayed at the head of the editorial department. Last month we donned an entirely new outer garb, which we think our friends will consider “neat but not gaudy.” The design is original, a sketch having been furnished to Dreka. The execution of the work does not quite come up to expectations. The banner is too dark, the outlines of the altar are not distinct, while the wreath on its side can hardly be discerned at all. To the President of Gamma Province we are indebted for raising the money to purchase this external covering, and to him, and to those who so generously contributed to the object, we now make our most graceful courtesy.

A FINANCIAL SCHEME.

WE have given long and close study to the subject of finances, and have at length perfected a scheme which we are willing to present to the fraternity for adoption. It is, of course, useless to expand upon the great importance of this subject. It is a very difficult matter, however, to adjust the assessments so that there may be no unequal burdens, and to regulate the collection of them so that there may be no excuse for any failure to understand what amount is due, when it is due, and to whom it should be paid.

Phi Delta Theta has rather plumed itself on its excellent financial system. About ten years ago the plan of per capita assessments for the expenses of delegates to conventions was

adopted. This feature, which makes the assessment the same in proportion to active membership, whether on a chapter near the meeting place of the convention or one distant from it, has been universally approved. Six years ago the plan of an annual assessment on the chapters for the support of the SCROLL was provided for, and we have no hesitation in saying that this provision has been the life of our journal. There are still some defects in our system, however. One of the troubles at present is that frequently a chapter will pay the dues of the members it has at the first of the year, but neglects to remit for those initiated during the year. The greatest fault, however, is that the convention tax is levied only once in two years, so that members who drop out of college before it is levied do not pay their just proportion. Moreover, this assessment is much heavier and harder to pay when it comes all at one time at an interval of two years than it would were it divided into two payments. The injudiciousness of this was first spoken of in the SCROLL last year by the President of the Gamma Province, and it is brought up again in this issue by the President of Zeta Province.

Now we propose that the assessment for SCROLL and general expenses, to be paid by all members in the chapters on October 1st (or on the opening of the year in each college), shall be \$1.50, and that the same be paid as well by all members initiated between October 1st (or the opening of the college year) and January 1st; that \$1.00 shall be paid for the same purposes by all initiated between January 1st and April 1st; and that 50 cents shall be paid by all initiated between April 1st and July 1st (or the close of the college year). One-third of these amounts should be put in the general fund, and two-thirds applied to the SCROLL. The amount which would be derived for the general fund would be none too large for the rapidly growing needs of the fraternity. We believe that under this system there would be very much less confusion, and misunderstanding, and friction in collecting the tax than there is now, and that nearly every dollar which is due for the SCROLL would be collected. If the chapters be required to make quarterly reports of membership to the catalogue compiler, or some General Council officer, as we have suggested in these columns, the T. G. C. can always compare his receipts from each chapter with its quarterly report, and tell whether it is delinquent, and if so, exactly how much.

Adopting the plan which has been proposed, we would

recommend that a tax of \$1.50 for convention expenses be levied April 1st on all members in the chapters at that time, and on all who are initiated between April 1st and the close of the college year. The date, April 1st, is selected because the chapters are generally fuller at that time than at any other time in the year.

We also recommend that the general fund, SCROLL fund, and convention fund each be kept entirely separate from the others, and that the T. G. C. be not granted power to use any part of one fund for other purposes than that for which it is intended. We think that an annual tax of \$1.50 (or \$3.00 in two years) will always be sufficient to pay the railroad expenses of the delegates to the convention, unless it is held in a very inaccessible place; but before the T. G. C. refunds any money to them, he should require them to furnish him with an account of their railroad fare; and if the amount of the convention fund in his hand is too small to pay in full with the other necessary expenses, he should prorate the amount among them so that all may be treated alike, and the money not run out before the last man can get paid, as has happened at several conventions.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Nashville, Tenn., May 15, 1884.

As the next SCROLL will be issued after the commencements in most colleges, I desire to mail copies to the members direct, instead of sending them in packages to the Reporters, who would incur extra expense for postage in distributing them. Reporters will, therefore, please furnish me with lists of the names and residences of the members in their chapters.

W. R. Manier.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Madison, Wis., May 1, 1884.

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the assesment of a per capita tax to the amount of \$3.00 is hereby announced and made against all active members of the fraternity, to defray the expenses of the National Convention, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., on November 11th to 14th inclusive. An additional per capita tax of 50 cents is also announced to meet sundry obligations which will be of necessity incurred prior to the convention. The tax is made

due on May 1st for the reason that many will sever their active connection with the fraternity at the end of this school year, and who, if not taxed, will not pay their share of the burden. The tax will accordingly be entered against each chapter upon the basis of their present membership, as determined from the SCROLL lists and Treasurer's books, and also upon the basis of their membership on October 1st, none, however, being required to pay but once.

Attention is called to Art. IV., sec. 2, and Art. III., sec. 3, of the constitution, in regard to the representation of chapters, and credentials of delegates, etc. Delinquent chapters are referred to Art. IV., sec. 2., and Art. X., sec. 3.

By order of the General Council,

Chas. A. Foster.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

Boston, Mass., April 3, 1884.

"From Maine to Texas" is the toast which I propose for this issue of the SCROLL. By the organization of Maine Alpha another field is opened. Little need be said of Colby University, the scene of our most recent triumph. It is very pleasantly located on the right bank of the Kennebec, at Waterville, Me. Its good standing, sound financial condition, and bright pecuniary prospects probably place it at the head of Maine's educational institutions. The open-hearted, generous hospitality, the true manhood, the ability, and the irresistible enthusiasm of the chapter simply carried me captive. I wish that every brother could appreciate (as he would by contact) the prize we have drawn "down East." A finely-furnished hall, beautiful badges (pronounced by various rivals the prettiest on the campus), ability, and general popularity are some of the fine feathers which Maine Alpha wears. I trust that the fraternity in general will believe me (if they cannot verify the statement in person) when I say the interests of Phi Delta Theta at Colby University are in the very best of hands.

C. P. Bassett.

Waterville, Me., April 18, 1884.

About two years ago some of the non-society men of this college formed themselves into a secret literary association called Logania, for the sake of the intellectual benefits resulting from debate and recitation and the pleasure of closer ties

of friendship. New men were occasionally taken in until the position they held led them to believe that the establishment of a fourth Greek-letter chapter was certainly possible. They turned their eyes upon the rapidly advancing banner which unfurled the mystic symbols of Phi Delta Theta.

With that business-like insight and vigor which characterizes our General Council, they (the honorable G. C.) completed their investigations, received with favor our petition, and almost before we knew it our vigilant Province President, C. P. Bassett, was in our midst. The initiation occurred on the 1st inst. It was indeed a pleasing sight when fourteen men stood up and took the oath of eternal fidelity to the bond of Phi Delta Theta, and afterward when we gathered around the board so heavily laden with the first banquet given under the auspices of Maine Alpha.

Our membership by classes stands as follows: Seniors—Elwood Earle Dudley, East Vassalboro, Me.; Rufus Moulton, Springvale, Me. Juniors—Frederick Edgar Barton, Sidney, Me.; Charles Carroll, Linneus, Me.; Edward Fuller, Showhegan, Me. Sophomores—Wallace Erwin Bruce, Middleton, Del.; Edward Williston Frentz, Melrose, Mass.; George Edgar Googins, Millbridge, Me.; Richard Alston Metcalf, Newcastle, Me.; Harry Atherton Smith, Waterville, Me. Freshmen—Woodman Bradbury, Melrose, Mass.; Preston Newell Burleigh, Houlton, Me.; Walter Bates Farr, Melrose, Mass.; and William Franklin Watson, Jacksontown, N. B. Moulton, '84, is president and Dudley, '84, vice-president of their class; Barton, '85, is class orator for presentation day, and one of the "Oracle" editors; Carroll, '85, is upon the Executive Committee for presentation day; Fuller, '85, is class poet for presentation day, one of the "Oracle" editors, and one of the editors of the *Colby Echo*. Some of the neat, artistic work of Frentz, '86, will appear in the next "Oracle." Bradbury, '87, has won a magnificent money-prize (about \$750) for best competitive entrance examination. He is the first who ever secured a sufficiently high grade. Farr, '87, was one of the contestants at the freshman prize-reading last Wednesday evening. The artistic talent of Watson, '87, is utilized in the coming "Oracle," and he is the man who has scored the first grand victory for Maine Alpha by serenely walking off with the first prize at the last freshman reading, at which every Greek fraternity here was well represented.

Our enthusiasm in the cause of Phi Delta Theta is intense. The most favorable auspices have heralded the birth of the new chapter, and she is doing her best to prove her worthi-

ness to those who listened to her prayers with favoring ears. Like all the other societies here, we have a well-organized and commodious rented hall. Our regular meetings are held on Friday evening of each week. Besides the regular business, an excellent literary programme is well maintained.

Brother B. F. Wright, of '83, was present, and took the initiation with us, and the indications are that the other '83 men will soon affiliate.

Edward Fuller.

Waterville, Me., May 10, 1884.

Since our first report there have happened two things of considerable importance to Maine Alpha. One is the loss of brother F. E. Barton, who has been so prominent in the history of '85 and of this chapter. He has decided to discontinue his course in the college, and accept a position in Washington under his uncle, Mr. J. Q. Barton, who is Assistant Paymaster-General of the United States Navy. The position is a lucrative one, but the loss of brother Barton has deprived the class of its orator for the next Ivy day, and also future *Echoes* and "Oracles" of an excellent editor. This morning occurred the election of an orator to supply his place, and, lo, Phi Delta Theta won. Brother Charles Carroll was unanimously elected to the position of orator. So the Phis still hold the two leading literary parts of Ivy day.

Work in the chapter-meetings continues good, and one would suppose from appearances that Phi Delta Theta had been here for ages. We hope soon to publish an original Phi song from the chapter.

Edward Fuller.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,
Burlington, Vt., April 7, 1884.

We are very sorry that no representatives from our chapter were at Waterville to welcome Maine Alpha into the fold, but we did not know when they were to be received. A letter from brother Bassett, written March 28th, came during vacation, and has been in the possession of the President of the University until this morning. It was a great disappointment to us in not being able to visit our younger brothers. May the glorious work go on until Vermont is entirely surrounded by Phis.

H. W. Bell.

Burlington, Vt., May 6, 1884.

Vermont Alpha is again able to report that every thing is exceedingly prosperous with her. Among the evidences of her prosperity (which, I believe, has not been chronicled)

was the purchase, early in the year, of a new piano for our hall. As we have several fine musicians among us, the instrument adds much to the attractiveness of our *sanctum sanctorum*.

Last Saturday evening the defeated side in last winter's literary contest furnished a spread for all to enjoy.

We have gained one member in brother M. W. Clark, formerly of Michigan Beta, and are glad to welcome him among us.
H. W. Bell.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE,
Schenectady, N. Y., May 7, 1884.

Since my last report two of our number—Harris, '86, and Brown, '87—have left college. Harris is teaching school, and Brown is trying to improve his health at home. We hope to see them back at the beginning of next year.

The rumor that a chapter of Chi Psis was being established at Union is groundless. At any rate, we see no results arising from any such effort. Besides, also, one of their reputed number has joined Delta Phi.
H. D. Griswold.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
New York, N. Y., April 14, 1884.

Since my last report we have been working very hard, and the chapter has progressed most satisfactorily. On the evening of March 24th, brother Theodore Edward Lyon, jr., '87, was initiated, and on April 4th brothers Lincoln Davis, '86, and William Dame Utley, '87. Brother Lyon, as previously stated, is the first student of his class. Brother Davis will develop into a speaker, and brother Utley will probably be an honor-man, and is already, though the last initiated, one of our most enthusiastic workers. At our next meeting we will initiate a most valuable man from '86, so that I cannot say any longer that we are weak in that class.

Among others, we have had the pleasure of meeting Paul Jones, Tennessee Alpha, '79, and William R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79. Both will attend the chapter-meetings as often as time allows. Some of us have also met a number of men from Pennsylvania Alpha, and later on in the year we shall take advantage of their kind invitation to run down to Easton and stay from Saturday till Monday.

In college affairs we have been favored. The *Review* is our literary journal, published three times a year by the Phrenocosmian and Clionian Societies. Of the four editors elected, two—Messrs. Holmes and Mayer—are members of the chapter.

The Clionian Literary Society, founded in 1851, will hold a dinner in May to celebrate its one-hundredth term. In this society we have but two men, both of whom have been honored—one being appointed toast-master, the other responding to a prominent toast.

Among many pleasant incidents of the past fortnight, brother Lyon photographed the chapter.

Before concluding, I would request Reporters and others to send me the addresses of such graduate or undergraduate members of their chapters as reside in or near New York City, as it is our desire to meet as many members of the fraternity as possible.

J. M. Mayer.

New York, N. Y., April 19, 1884.

Another victory for Phi Delta Theta! The spring joint debate, one of the events of our college year, was held last evening. The Phrenocosmian and Clionian Societies each had two debates; brother Penman being second affirmative for the former, and brother Mayer first negative for the latter, the other two being non-fraternity men. The referee was the Hon. Elihu Root, United States District Attorney for New York. The evening was one of the most brilliant ever held in the college chapel. The debate was won by brother Mayer, while brother Penman acquitted himself nobly. As brother Holmes won the winter debate, our chapter leads every thing in college in this branch. The annual prize debate, which takes place in June, will thus have brothers Holmes and Penman filling the chief positions of Phrenocosmia, and brother Mayer the chief position of Clionia; and if a Phi does not win we shall be surprised.

The audience present was one of the most select and cultured that has ever attended our debates. Besides brothers Jones (Tennessee Alpha) and Worrall (Kentucky Alpha), brother Philip Clayton Slaughter, Wisconsin Alpha, '59, was present. Many of us made his acquaintance, and trust to see him frequently hereafter. Though many years have passed since he was in college, he takes a lively interest in the fraternity, and we all felt complimented to know him.

W.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA. LA FAYETTE COLLEGE,
Easton, Pa., May 11, 1884.

Brother Bassett is now a professor. He lately saw fit to give the faculty the benefit of his services, and he wears well his new dignity. The "Melange" is out, and is superior to

its predecessors. We are an ambitious chapter; there are eighteen men in Pennsylvania Alpha who expect to join District of Columbia Alpha Alumni at some future date. At the last election for officers brother Shaw was unanimously chosen President of the Franklin Literary Society.

W. J. Smalley, jr.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE,
Gettysburg, Pa., May 1, 1884.

No material change has taken place in Pennsylvania Beta since our last report, but she has continued in undiminished prosperity. We number twenty this term, brothers Remsberg, Oswig, and Geo. Landis having discontinued their college course for the present. We miss their familiar faces at our weekly meetings, but separation will not quench the Phi spirit of their loyal hearts. So far we have had a year of great activity and gratifying success. Our members occupy the most prominent positions in the literary societies, four of our men having held the presidency of Phrena Society in succession. The spring term has brought a few "barbs" to college, several of whom we are now considering. We hope to make a few valuable accessions to fill up the gap that will be made by the departure of our six seniors. During the winter term little activity was manifested by the fraternities here, but with the advent of spring all seem to be gaining a new impetus. We have turned our attention to internal improvement and the embellishment of our commodious hall. Our literary exercises have been uniformly good, occasionally varied by a "moot trial," or some other interesting feature. In addition to our usual performances, we have a bi-weekly paper called *The Sword and Shield*, which is a great source of amusement and enjoyment to us all. We will celebrate our anniversary on the 5th of May, an excellent programme having been prepared. Brother Troxell, of Kansas, paid us a visit a short time ago, which did us much good, his ardent Phi love infusing new life, and awakening greater zeal for the cause we labor to advance. We rejoice to see the "tidal wave" of Phi Delta Theta slowly but surely sweeping toward the East.

Oscar H. Marsh.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE,
Washington, Pa., May 12, 1884.

Our chapter, never behind, has four brilliant victories to record, two initiatory and two literary. At our last meeting

we initiated J. D. Donehoo, '85, and Robert Wright, '88. Brother Donehoo has held several prominent positions, both in class and society, and is historian of his class. Brother Wright has not yet emerged from prepdom, but we feel assured that '88 will find in him one of her most brilliant and most genial men. Our literary victories are the greatest that any fraternity has ever achieved in the history of the college. Brother Fitzgerald as debater, and brother Irwin as original orator, carried off the honors in the late contest between the societies. Brother Scandrett, at the late election for contestants at the coming contest, was elected original orator by acclamation, and we can safely predict a like sentiment when the judges pronounce their decision next year. Extensive preparations are being made for a moot National Republican Convention, in which brother Scandrett, as Don Cameron, will occupy the chair. The first pages of the "Comet," an annual published by the fraternities, has gone to press.

C. A. Lippincott.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE,
Meadville, Pa., March 28, 1884.

The spring term opened on April 2d, and with it came the sad intelligence of the sudden death of brother Harvey Getz, at his home in Akron, Ohio, April 1st. Little did we think at the last meeting of the winter term that the death-angel was so soon to enter our fraternal circle and bear away one of our most beloved members. Brothers Blair, Gallup, Murray, Lynch, Johnson, and Case, accompanied by two members of the Y. M. C. A. and Dr. Hamnett, Vice-president of the college, attended the funeral. We desire to send to Ohio Epsilon our sincere thanks for the many kind favors received, and for their heartfelt expressions of sympathy extended to the Phis who attended the funeral of brother Getz, and we assure them that the Buchtel Phis have many warm friends in the Allegheny Phis.

In the death of brother H. C. Hawkins, '82, who recently died, Pennsylvania Delta loses one of her charter members and earnest supporters.

We greatly miss the presence of brother L. B. Long, who left college last term to go into business with his father, at Brookville, Pa.

Brother E. H. Pond, '83, who has been studying medicine at Ann Arbor during the past year, has returned home for the summer vacation.

Congratulations are in order for the successful manner in

which the SCROLL has been run under its present management, and also to the extension committees for the grand work during the year. W. W. Case.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE,
Carlisle, Pa., May 3, 1884.

Four years ago Pennsylvania Epsilon was among the things that would be, and though you may naturally expect us, owing to our short existence, to be in a state of infancy, yet we claim to have reached that state of development and maturity which entitles us to be ranked among the foremost chapters of the Phi world.

Last year must forever be a memorable one in the history of our chapter. Things took a fresh start, and the results which followed have been a powerful agent in bringing about the success of this year. The fraternities represented here, who formerly regarded our appearance as a fraternal association insignificant and fearless, are now compelled to regard us as a powerful and formidable competitor.

The time is fast approaching for us to suffer a loss in the graduation of brothers Porter and Perkinpine. Both of these brothers have been of incalculable benefit in making our chapter what it is. Brother Porter having been blessed financially, has never failed to give us advantage therefrom in cases of necessity. He will enter a Baltimore medical college in September. Brother Perkinpine has not only attended well to our chapter, but has been active in the general fraternity. We claim for him the credit of being the direct agent in getting the Phi ball to rolling in Union College, and indirectly at the College of the City of New York. Brother Perkinpine will assume pastoral duties immediately upon graduation. Brother Lindsey, '85, who took the first position in class-standing last year, has been chosen by the W. P. Society to act as one of the business managers of the *Dickinsonian* for the remainder of this college year. Brother Hicks, who is our champion chess player, is now finding amusement in writing a Sophomore contest speech. He expects to spend his vacation down in Florida. Brothers Wilson and McKenzie, of '86, are members of the college nine. The former surprises the "natives" by making a four base hit occasionally. He acts in the capacity of catcher. Brother Heisse, who will lead the class of '86 this year, still continues to do good, earnest work, and will fairly earn the honor which will be given him. Brothers Stein, Porter, Hicks, and Graham will attend the anniversary of Pennsylv-

vania Beta on May 5th. Brother Culver, '86, will probably return to college next year; brother Carpenter also.

Permit me to introduce to the Phi world brother W. G. Schœpfli, of Buffalo, N. Y., who was initiated about four weeks ago, making the seventh man that we have initiated this collegiate year.

M. B. Stephens.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,

University of Virginia, Va., May 9, 1884.

On April 5th John Drummond Fletcher, of Accomac County, Va., brother to J. H. Fletcher, jr., Virginia Beta, '82, was initiated a member of Phi Delta Theta. This is his first year at the university, and he is making a noble start on a bright career.

The annual banquet of Virginia Beta was held on April 12th, at the private apartments of Ambroselli's restaurant, Charlottesville, Va. Professor Buchanan, Virginia Beta, '76, and brothers Lyman Chalkley and G. G. Valentine, of Richmond, were present. The table was profusely and tastefully covered with the delicacies of the season, which, together with the many and varied courses, intermingled with intellectual enjoyment, caused the evening to fade rapidly before us. Brother McReynolds, presiding, proposed several toasts, among which was one to Virginia Beta, of '76, responded to in a characteristic and witty speech by Prof. Buchanan; another, to the young ladies of Charlottesville: their beauty, their intellect, and their attractions, received an enthusiastic reply from brother Chalkley. A toast to the State of Virginia: her past, present, and future, was replied to by brother Buchanan. Brother Powers returned thanks to a toast to college dudes. Brother Powers is not a dude (he needs time). Many other toasts were proposed, and not a little enjoyment was derived from the humorous songs sung by brothers Chalkley and Patterson. The ceremonies were brought to a close by the favorite song of "Home, sweet home," in which, led by brother Patterson, we all entered.

E. P. Valentine.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE,

Richmond, Va., March 26, 1884.

Virginia Delta has added no new members since last report. We have collected most of the amount sufficient to repair, refurnish, and fix up our hall, and it is our hope that it will be finished by our next report.

O. L. Stearnes.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA, WOFFORD COLLEGE,
Spartanburg, S. C., May 9, 1884.

Our chapter is not as prosperous as hitherto, but we are far from feeling discouraged, and though the greater part will graduate in June, those of us who will thus be severed from active connection with the chapter are confident that its welfare cannot rest upon surer and more determined shoulders. The success of Phi Delta Theta will ever be a first consideration in the hearts of her South Carolina members.

A. G. Rembert.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE,
Columbia, S. C., April 10, 1884.

In addition to the five regular recognized fraternities in our college, Delta Tau Delta is making a faithful effort to gain admission. With one exception all our members of '84 are still in college. Some time ago we had the pleasure of meeting brother Ross, of Pennsylvania Delta. We are always glad to meet Phis, especially true ones. We will be glad to see any and all Phis who visit our city. By our next report we hope to be able to report one or more new members to the Phi world.

M. L. Copeland.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA,
Athens, Ga., May 5, 1884.

Since my last report Georgia Alpha has gained a considerable victory. The elections in the two literary societies came off in the latter part of March, and the result of which was the election of P. D. Pollock and E. F. Hinton for champion debaters, and B. B. Evans, H. E. Wynne, and R. B. McBride for spring debaters. All bid well to reflect honor on Phi Delta Theta.

Two fraternities have established chapters here since my last report, viz.: Sigma Nu and Phi Gamma Delta. The latter is *sub rosa*, but the former is out full fledged, backed by a considerable crowd of would-be barbarians if it were otherwise.

Allow me to compliment you on the happy design of the new dress of the SCROLL.

I am glad to say that the debt of \$90.00 that was left to the chapter by old members has been cancelled by the unbounded generosity of our alumnus brother, A. H. Frazer, and the present members of the chapter.

H. F. Dunwody.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE,
Oxford, Ga., May 10, 1884.

We have made arrangements for our banquet during commencement, at which we expect to have a royal time. We expect a number of visiting Phis at that time. Our seniors will leave us next week, and we are very sorry. I expect that Georgia Beta graduates six of the best men that have ever been through our college this year. We have ordered three new badges from Burgess and one from Newman, which will be beauties in their line.

J. Robt. Hodges.

ALABAMA ALPHA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA,
Auburn, Ala., May 8, 1884.

Let us begin by introducing a new Greek in our worthy brother Levi W. Wilkinson. He stands high in the sophomore class, and will be most certain to win a speaker's place in the contest of to-morrow to speak for a medal at commencement. Since our last, one success after another has been ours. Our joint debate was complete, and all our boys did well.

Our Province President, S. P. Gilbert, spent two or three days with us, and cheered us by his genial and whole-souled demeanor. Brothers B. H. Fitzpatrick and W. L. Ellis, of '82 and '83, were with us a short time since, and we enjoyed their visit very much also. Last week brother Glenn Andrews, of Tennessee Alpha, called here by the death of a near relative, visited our chapter assembled, and encouraged us very much in a nice little speech elicited from him, and in which he seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the proper Phi spirit.

We are getting along financially, fraternally, and, in fact, every way, as well as could be hoped for from as few men. We have three out of six men put on by the faculty to speak at commencement; one of the others, a barbarian, one an Alpha Tau Omega, and the other has joined Kappa Alpha since his election. In our literary societies, each of which will have one night during commencement to entertain visitors as it may see fit, our boys have nearly all secured good positions, and will doubtless do themselves and Phi Delta Theta honor.

We are looking forward to our State Convention, which will meet here immediately after commencement, with great enthusiasm, and we would urge all the Phis who possibly can to be present and aid us in having the most enjoyable oc-

casion possible, promising them that they shall receive genuine Phi Delta Theta hospitality.

We are in correspondence with some of our sister chapters, and think it a fine way to keep posted on fraternity matters in general, and hope others will profit by trying it. Success and love to all the Phis.

D. D. McLeod.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
Oxford, Miss., May 12, 1884.

Mississippi Alpha has little of interest to report, except that the chapter is in good standing, and fairly holding her own with the other fraternities in this institution. The students are now busily engaged in preparing for final examinations and commencement exercises. We will be very well represented at commencement. We could have more speakers if our boys took more interest in such matters. Less competition is manifested among the fraternities in regard to college honors and oratorical contests than formerly. This seems to be principally due to two facts—first, the great number of fraternities now in the university, and second, the anniversarians of the literary societies are chosen by debate and not by ballot. Thus the contest is among individuals rather than fraternities. We are much pleased with the change made in the SCROLL.

S. F. Hampton.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
Austin, Texas, April 16, 1884.

Since our last letter have received two new brothers. This swells our number to fifteen, and places us ahead of all the other fraternities at the University. The following is now a list of our membership: Joseph Field Browning, Calvert, Tex.; John Henry Caldwell, Webberville, Tex.; John Robert Carpenter, Austin, Tex.; Quitman Finlay, Galveston, Tex.; Owen Pickett Hale, Paris, Tex.; John Isaac Hedrick, Sherman, Tex.; Percy Alexander Hawthorne, Austin, Tex.; John Henry Herndon, Tyler, Tex.; Dewitt Habesin Hotchkiss, Austin, Tex.; Constance Pessels, Austin, Tex.; Frank Huff Raymond, Austin, Tex.; Moran Scott, Gainesville, Tex.; Robert Waverley Smith, Austin, Tex.; Hugh Swain, Austin, Tex.; and Gilbert Bee Willett, Bertram, Tex. Brother Drew Pruit, Tennessee Alpha, '80, is in the city, and will meet with the chapter at the next meeting.

Waverley Smith.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH,
Sewanee, Tenn., May 8, 1884.

We have now eleven members, brother Trevathen having been initiated since our last report. *T. O. Parker.*

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY,
Athens, Ohio, May 14, 1884.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition. Since our last report we have been enabled to pay all our inherited debt, and now stand on a square basis for future progress.

Three of our members attended the Province Convention at Columbus. They enjoyed the acquaintance of many Phis from all parts of the State, as well as the magnificent banquet prepared under the auspices of Ohio Zeta.

Our college nine is represented by three Phis, one Delta Tau Delta, one Beta Theta Pi, and four barbarians.

The consolidation of the three universities of the State has been for some time discussed in the newspapers, and to some extent in college publications, so much so that perhaps it will be interesting to the readers of the SCROLL to know what progress we are making in that direction. It seems that such discussion has been much more profuse than that among the legislative bodies. I believe the bill never came before the House after it was referred to the committee. It was generally looked upon as a bill which would, if it should become a law, virtually discontinue the colleges at Oxford and Athens, and thus throw all the support of the State to that at Columbus. This being the case, it seems evident that the strong alumni of these colleges will be able, at any future time, to command such an influence as will prevent the passage of any similar bill. Again, it is the opinion of many prominent lawyers that the Legislature goes beyond its powers in passing such a bill; that such a consolidation can only be brought about by the consent of the trustees of all the colleges concerned, and as this consent is not likely to be given, it is quite probable that the proposed consolidation will not be accomplished. *S. P. Armstrong.*

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER,
Wooster, Ohio, May 8, 1884.

Since our last report we have initiated C. A. Park, whom with pleasure we introduce to the Phi world. No great enthusiasm is manifest in fraternity circles this term, all the

good material being taken, so internal improvement in the individual chapters is the order of the term's work. Athletics are booming here. Phi Delta Theta has her share of the honors. Four of the nine who gave an athletic exhibition were Phis. Brothers Calder, Irwin, and Morrison belong to the first base-ball nine, and brother Bradt is the greatest tumbler in the University. Brother Morrison was elected treasurer of the Ohio College Athletic Association. Our boys are pleased with the improved appearance of the SCROLL. Four of us attend the Province Convention at Columbus.

W. J. Boone.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE,
Akron, Ohio, May 9, 1884.

Since our last letter to the SCROLL brother Schumacher entertained the Phis in a royal manner at his home on Market Street. After he had served an elegant banquet to the boys the parlor doors were opened and a general good time was indulged in.

Several of the brothers from Pennsylvania Delta were here to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of brother Harvey S. Getz. Although on a sad mission, we enjoyed very much to have them with us.

The chapter is in receipt of three elegant presents from Misses Nell F. Dages, Helen D. Storer, and Mrs. Kate D. Jackson.

The celebrated I. O. Buchtel, of Delta Tau Delta, has been expelled for entering the institution on forged grades.

We are happy to announce that brother C. E. Nash, of Illinois Zeta, is now located here as minister of the First Universalist church.

The first issue of the Delta Gamma *Anchora* made its appearance here May 8th. We wish it success.

W. R. Crissinger.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE,
Danville, Ky., April 28, 1884.

Mr. H. E. Wishard, of Indiana Delta, who affiliated with us last September, has been suspended indefinitely. This is the first thing of the kind that has ever occurred to mar the history of Kentucky Alpha. In justice to this gentleman, I will say that his suspension was not the result of immoral conduct, but for gross violation of the bond.

In the February election of the two literary societies our boys came out on top as usual. Brother M. R. Hubbard was elected first 22d speaker, brother Howard Tebbetts

second 22d speaker. Brother W. E. Knight was elected to respond to the farewell address, and also to deliver the class-day oration. Our chapter was never in a more flourishing condition.

G. E. Wiseman, jr.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
Bloomington, Ind., May 10, 1884.

No new names have been added to our roll since our last report, and we have lost one, brother A. J. Dillon, who was compelled by ill health to leave college. We were all extremely sorry to part with him, as he was always a faithful brother and a noble Phi, being ever ready to assist in word or deed. That he may speedily regain his accustomed health and be able to reflect honor upon the fraternity which he so dearly loves, is the wish of us all.

At the Philomathean spring exhibition last night, brothers Holmes and Wallheiser performed Phi Delta Theta's third of the programme in a very creditable manner, and proved themselves at least equal to their associates.

Brother Bradfute was lately elected anniversarian of Philomathean, in place of brother Dillon. Besides this honor, brother Bradfute is also winning laurels for his wreath of fame as an amateur actor, taking the character of Lawyer Cribbs in "The Drunkard," and that of Alfred Thorpe in "Above the Clouds." Brother Howe is also developing considerable histrionic talent. Brother Wilson, as captain and catcher of the University Base-ball Club, and brother Holmes as short-stop, add great strength to that organization. Others of us occupy more humble positions, such as class officers, etc.

Only two years ago Indiana Alpha dedicated the finest hall in town. Sometime ago we disposed of our hall and carpet at a satisfactory price, and now have another and finer one nearing completion, and expect to dedicate it during commencement week, when many of our alumni, all the way from '55 to the present time, will be able to attend. If any Phi can make his arrangements to be with us on the evening of June 9th, we will assure him of a good time, plenty to eat, and the "best girl in town," provided he will let us know immediately.

S. G. Ramsey.

INDIANA BETA, WARASH COLLEGE,
Crawfordsville, Ind., May 6, 1884.

Brother Sharpe, of the sophomore class, who has been teaching in the Ladoga schools this year, entered his class

again this term, and hopes now to prosecute his studies to completion. We have also initiated two new men—brothers George W. Martin and Keiff, of the freshman class; so that our prediction in the last report has already been fulfilled. Of the eight men appointed from the sophomore and freshman classes, we have three.

E. J. Dukes.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY,
Irvington, Ind., March 26, 1884.

In our last report we mentioned the death of brother Robert S. Blount, '76. A few days ago we were agreeably surprised to find he had left \$25 to the chapter "as a memento of one who always tried to keep the pledges of the bond of Phi Delta Theta." Such a gift we appreciate very highly, and are trying to devise to invest it that it may be a memento to the Phis who are to succeed us. It has been proposed that we establish a fund with the view of building a chapter-house some day. It might be many years before a sufficient sum could be accumulated, but this would be a move in the right direction.

J. B. Kuhns.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE,
Franklin, Ind., May 10, 1884.

Since my last report our chapter has done some hard, earnest, effective work, and we have been amply repaid for our efforts in the initiation of brother W. A. Halteman, '87, of Dayton, Ohio. On the evening of his initiation, several of the old alumni from the city were present, refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We will remove the scales from the eyes of two more good men at our next meeting.

Our college will celebrate its semi-centennial next commencement, and we expect a large number of our old alumni to be present. On the evening of June 11th we expect to have a grand banquet. A hearty invitation is extended to all, but we especially want to see a representative from every Indiana chapter. Entertainment will be provided for all.

J. W. Fesler.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE,
Hanover, Ind., May 9, 1884.

The second term has closed and the third term begun since our last report. The winter term was characterized by good work throughout the whole college, and especial good work in our chapter, although we labored under the disadvantage of not having a hall to meet in.

The college has entered on an era of prosperity. She will soon receive the funds necessary to the endowment of two new professorships. The catalogue, recently issued, shows an increase in attendance over last year. June 12th is the date of our commencement. We will lose but one member—brother Montgomery—by graduation.

Frank D. Swope.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY,
Greencastle, Ind., May 12, 1884.

Brother H. W. Bever has been called home on account of business, and brother Frink was taken home on account of the sickness of his parents, and brother Thomas Savin, of New York, will probably not return to college again. But we have had more come in than have gone out. Brothers Miller and Youret, who were out the middle term, have again joined us. Brothers Deal and Gould, formerly of Hillsdale College, Michigan, and members of the young chapter there, have united with Indiana Zeta. We are glad to welcome these two excellent brothers with us.

Last Saturday, May 10, was a big day for Indiana Zeta. It was our anniversary. Four short years have we lived, but from our appearance you should judge us twenty years old. Three of Alpha's boys were with us Saturday—brothers Wilson, Shields, and Holms. Almost all the old members in reach we had with us. Brother C. M. Spencer acted as historian; J. M. Goodwin, orator; Freeman Miller, poet; C. O. Thomas, prophet. After singing several songs, we again renewed our pledge anew to support in all laudable pursuits one another "until death us do part." All then repaired to an excellent supper prepared for the occasion. Judge Edson, of Mt. Vernon, was with us. Our anniversary was certainly a success.

Indiana Zeta has the best base-ball nine of any fraternity here. We are becoming quite noted as base-ballists.

The buildings for De Pauw University are being erected. Some of them will be completed by the fall term. As soon as De Pauw is in good running order, we expect to have to build a chapter-house here. That may be some time off yet, but if there are any of the brothers anywhere between the two seas who have more money than they want, we shall record their names indelibly in our memory if they will carry out a promise to aid us in such an undertaking.

J. B. Bridges.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS GAMMA, MONMOUTH COLLEGE,
Monmouth, Ill., May 6, 1884.

There is nothing of special importance to report for Illinois Gamma, except that the members who still remain at Monmouth retain all their old spirit, and are still loyal Phis. They have begun to look about for some good men to fill the "vacant chairs," and expect to live an active life next term. There has been some talk of a reunion of the ex-members of Illinois Gamma sometime in the coming June, but what it will amount to cannot be told yet. *C. C. McClaughry.*

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE,
Galesburg, Ill., May 12, 1884.

We have had one initiation, and we take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world J. B. Brown, of Rock Falls, Ill.

Brothers Sisson, Whitney, and McKelvey attended the oratorical contest at Iowa City, and are loud in their praises of Iowa Beta, about whose hospitality they have much to say. Their account of the way our Phi brothers banqueted them makes us wish we had gone also. *J. C. Mitchell.*

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,
Bloomington, Ill., May 10, 1884.

Since our last report Illinois Epsilon has removed the scales from the eyes of two barbarians—William H. Stillhamer, the evening of March 22d, and Romulus W. Dooley, April 12th—and we can recommend both as well worthy of the name of Phis.

Two of our boys who were with us the first of the year are not with us this term; brother T. A. Tomlin having gone to North-western Nebraska to engage in stock-raising, and J. B. Mecham is at home at Mazon, Ill., teaching, but we expect to have him with us again next year. Brother McCormick, who attended the Chicago Medical College, is now at home, and is generally to be found with us on Saturday evenings.

We have just completed enlarging and improving our chapter-rooms at an expense of about \$200, and they now equal or excel any thing in the way of society or club-rooms in the city.

The local contest to decide who should be our representative to the State Oratorical Contest next fall was held last evening, and resulted in a Phi Gamma carrying off first honors and brother James Sterling second. We feel that brother Sterling has done himself great credit, as, owing to

some irregularity, one of the orators originally chosen was thrown out, and brother Sterling was chosen to fill the vacancy about a week ago, so he had only a week in which to prepare his oration.

The news reaches us that brother C. I. Roth, who was with us in '81-'82, has been elected Judge of the Probate Court at Tacoma, Washington Territory.

We will hold our annual reunion and banquet at the Phoenix Hotel in this city on the evening of June 10th, and would be much pleased to see any Phi present with us. We will insure them a warm welcome and a good time.

T. M. Kimball.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY,
Galesburg, Ill., May 4, 1884.

It is with sadness that we announce to the Phi world that death has taken from our midst brother W. M. Tucker. Brother Tucker was compelled, on account of ill health, to quit school last December. From that time he gradually failed until April 29th, when he fell into "the sleep that hath no wakening."

We have been making some improvements in our chapter-hall. Brother Thow presented us with a nice lamp.

On Friday evening, May 2d, at Brown's Hotel in this city, Illinois Zeta held its annual banquet. About thirty-two couples were present, among which were several from Illinois Delta, brother McFadden from Illinois Epsilon, some of our alumni and faculty, and also our pastor. Toasts, banquet, sociable, and dance were the entertainments of the evening. During the order of toasts, a beautiful banner was presented to us by the "girls of our schools," which was a complete surprise. Long will we cherish it, and ever remember the donors.

Our boys are always glad to get the SCROLL. When one leaves school before the close of the year, his last words generally are, "Don't forget to send me the SCROLL."

Lyman McCarl.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,
Madison, Wis., May 9, 1884.

I gave you an account in my last report of the trouble which was occasioned between Phi Delta Theta and the other fraternities here on account of our position in Annual affairs. Being in the right, we gained our position, and the Annual has been published accordingly.

Rumor had it last term that a certain set of boys were about to establish a new fraternity in the University. Many were the fraternities mentioned who were willing to enter the precincts, but not until the latter part of April did these rumors assume a substantial shape. The new fraternity is Sigma Chi. The membership is four. *A. J. Hilbert.*

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI UNIVERSITY,
Columbia, Mo., April 14, 1884.

O all true-hearted Phis, brothers in the same dear bond—ye who have stood by us and sympathized with us in our persecution, who have always bid us hope, and have spoken words of encouragement when the dark days were upon us and our little Phi lamp seemed almost extinguished—rejoice and lift up your voices in thanksgiving, for the Damoclean sword which has so long been suspended above the defenseless heads of your Missouri brethren has been taken down by a faculty who acknowledged themselves beaten, and by an obstinate President whose watch-word has always been, “I can die, but I cannot surrender!” For four years we have been baffling a relentless faculty at every step, and have listened to invective after invective thundered against us from the chapel rostrum, and now when the cloud of persecution has been lifted from over us, and we behold “the golden dawning of a grander day,” it all seems too beautiful to be real. Sometime ago rumors came to us that the faculty were taking some action concerning secret societies, but we did not know what it was until we learned through a member of the faculty that the President himself had said before that body that he had “fought the fight” and failed, and that he desired to lay down his anti-fraternity arms and rest from the troubles of the society war. In the next catalogue of the university, which will be out in a few weeks, there will be nothing concerning secret societies. Our President will not announce in chapel that he has been baffled and beaten by a few boys, but says that he has taken off the restrictions and will allow things “to simmer along.” If our future state is to be called “simmering,” I would like to see a society in a boiling condition.

Not long since, Mr. Bowman, whose initiation I announced in my last communication, was arraigned before the chapter to answer to the charge of having violated Art. XI., Sec. 1, and Art. XII., Sec. 2, of the Constitution. After Mr. Bow-

man had been cross-examined very thoroughly and the trial carried out in due form, he was conducted to the ante-room, and the vote taken. The defendant was then brought back, and in a very appropriate speech President Williams notified him that he had been expelled by a vote of ten to five.

Our law-school closed a few weeks ago, and brother Fincher returned to his home. In him we lose an energetic worker and a faithful friend. May success attend him.

And now I rejoice to think that for the first time since I have filled the position of Reporter of Missouri Alpha I can sign my full name without fear of consequences.

W. P. King, jr.

Columbia, Mo., May 13, 1884.

Since I wrote the above, three more homeless wanderers have been admitted by us into the mystic circle of Phidom. It does my heart good to introduce brothers F. B. Wright, '85, W. F. Means, '85, and J. F. Weed, '86. These gentlemen are worthy in every way to wear the golden weapons, and there is no doubt but that they will be an honor to the fraternity, not only during their college days, but also after they have gone out to battle with the busy world.

A few days after our restrictions were removed, several of the Beta Theta Pis came up from Fulton, and attempted to establish a chapter here; but they soon ascertained that the Phis had the cream of the students, and having concluded that skimmed milk was not rich enough for their blood, they left without realizing the intentions of their mission. We are sorry of their failure, and will be pleased to assist them at any time in planting their standard in our midst.

Yesterday will long be remembered by the members of our chapter as one of the happiest of their lives. If you ask for the cause of this, it is only necessary for me to say that we had a picnic. The enjoyable affair took place on the farm of brother Dorsey Moss, who, although he has passed from the scenes of college life, is still animated by the same spirit as that which quickens the pulsations in the heart of every Phi. As we entered the cool woods, all nature seemed surprised at our presence. Turtle doves on the highest pinnacle of some blasted trunk seemed to coo to each other the fact that some unusual commotion was going on below; blue-jays, spreading their wings to the balmy breeze, flew ahead of us like outriders; a hawk, wheeling his circling course above our heads, surveyed us with a critical eye; squirrels hastened to gain a securer outlook from higher boughs;

poisonous reptiles wound their sinuous coils into the subterranean solitudes of their dens; the giants of the forest seemed by trailing together their slender fingers to tell each other that their solitary happiness could not remain unbroken; the river wound its serpentine way between its mossy banks; the distant hills were crested with blossoming trees; the sunlight crowned the remote hill-tops, sparkled on the river, and danced with gleaming feet on solemn rocks; and whispering trees, and songs of birds, glorified the bright summer day with sylvan melody; and yet all this beautiful picture seemed only a fitting background for a happy band of busy pleasure-seekers. Every thing that could add to our enjoyment was at hand. Swings, croquet-sets, hammocks, target-guns, fishing tackle, lemonade, all were there. The following lines, appropriate to the occasion, were written by brother George Coffman, the poet of our chapter:

In olden times the plumèd knight,
When armed with helmet, sword and shield,
With manly heart, went forth to fight
For love, on honor's battle-field.

So each brave Phi that bright May-day,
Arrayed with colors white and blue,
With charming lady, fair and gay,
Rode forth—the "loyal, bold and true."

Each strolled away through shady nooks,
And grassy plots where grew wild flowers,
Where silvery lakes and noiseless brooks
All charmed away the fleeting hours.

The glad, bright earth was full of song,
A minstrelsy which angels own;
Phi Delta echoed loud and long
Through leafy groves in measured tone.

All were armed with fishing-hooks,
With archer's bow or target-gun,
But love's shy, captivating looks
Were all the trophies that were won.

We passed a most pleasant day, and after the sun had dropped himself below the western horizon, and while the pale guardian of the night was sending forth her reflected beams, and the stars, one by one, were peeping from out their somber cover, the sound of rumbling wheels and the songs of a loyal brotherhood made hard-faced men and anxious mothers turn over in their peaceful couches and dream of youthful hearts that had grown old and summer days that had drifted past.

W. P. King, jr.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE,
Fulton, Mo., May 13, 1884.

Since our last report many important events have happened to our chapter. We have been incommoded to some extent by having to give up our hall for several meetings, owing to quite extensive improvements in the building. Also we were made sorrowful by the departure of our noble brother, W. N. Southern, our president, for his home in Independence, Mo. His eyes became so weak and inflamed that he judged it best to quit his studies for the remainder of this year, but he expects to be with us again next term.

Again has Missouri Beta produced twins. On the evening of May 8th the mystic rites were performed which made Lee Wilson Rood and George Walter Gates our noble brothers, and scarcely ever have we found more healthy and enthusiastic babes. Our new rival, Phi Kappa Psi, thought *they* had a lien on brother Rood, and the Betas thought sure we would never get him; but we had the pleasure of bearing off the first man whom three fraternities were working for in our college. Brother Gates will do honor to our chapter and to the fraternity.

Now comes the big event, the grand turn-out which we had so long looked forward to. Last night the Phis and the S. T. Ps. assembled in the elegant parlors of the Palace Hotel and passed the most delightful evening of the season. Laughter and mirth prevailed, and the Phi songs filled the rooms with melody. At 11:30 the company, consisting of the Phis, their sisters, and several alumni and friends, were marshalled into the dining-hall. Here we first listened to the address of welcome by brother C. F. Richmond, '86, which was responded to by Dr. J. T. Brown. We then turned our attention to the pleasures of the table. The arrangement was very pleasing, and by each plate was one of the most elegant "menu" cards ever seen in this city. They were gotten up in our colors in Dreka's best style. When the splendid supper was drawing near its close, we listened to the following toasts and responses:

"Our Phi Sisters," A. S. C. Clark, '88—response in behalf of the ladies, brother S. W. Yantis, '84; "Fraternities," D. P. Bartley, '86—response, J. A. McCoy, '82; "Our Alumni," L. J. Mitchell, '85—response, J. W. Tincher, '83.

After enjoying the good things set before us to the fullest extent, we once more adjourned to the parlors, where the hilarity and fun continued to a late hour.

L. J. Mitchell.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
Lawrence, Kan., May 6, 1884.

After a long silence Kansas Alpha will once more speak greetings to the Phi world. We wish to introduce to the boys our new member, Mr. Franklin, of '88, a young man well deserving the esteem of all Phis.

We are glad to welcome W. M. Woods, formerly of Vermont Alpha, '81, to our city, and to our hall when he can meet with us. He is a telegraph operator, and has been here about a month.

The fraternities' annual—"Cicala"—is to be published soon by one of our boys—E. F. Caldwell.

Now a few words about the SCROLL. We did not like it in the fall, but we have learned to prize it more highly as to contour and complexion, and consider its new dress worthy of high commendation. We are glad to see such a healthy growth of new chapters.

W. T. Findley.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA,
Lincoln, Neb., May 4, 1884.

We enjoyed a visit from brother P. L. Sever, the President of Eta Province, a few weeks ago. He is the first active Phi that has appeared on our horizon since we organized, and we were very much pleased to see him.

The grand upheaval that we have been expecting has at last made its appearance in the University of Nebraska. The barbarian leaders have concluded that their views on fraternity matters and workings are of so much importance to the world in general that they must needs air them in a joint debate between the two literary societies, which is to take place in a couple of weeks. The head man of the anti-fraternities challenged your correspondent to cross foils on the fraternity question, but was told that there was no anxiety among fraternity men to enter into a contest that was sure to result in a bitter fight. This did not satisfy the gentleman, and it turns out that he has instigated the debaters finally chosen—both lower classmen and barbarians—to tackle the question and give him a chance to come in on the general. We are thus forced to defend ourselves, and have the very best debaters in school to do it. We look forward with some little anxiety to the result, but feel, on the whole, safe.

The college annual is to be published soon. The editor, from '87, is one of us—brother Fulmer. That gives Phi Delta Theta two editors, Sigma Chi one, and the barbarians

three. We wish to exchange with all chapters located at schools where annuals are published.

Hurrah for the new chapters in Alpha Province! Nebraska Alpha sends her congratulations and best wishes to the latest arrivals into the brotherhood.

The SCROLL is greatly improved. Its engraved cover and the more elegant shape and size place it far ahead of any other fraternity journals that we have had the privilege of seeing in this latitude.

Conway G. McMillan.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 14, 1884.

Iowa Alpha reported two men the fall term of this school year, but the report never reached the SCROLL. I now take delight in again introducing Messrs. S. E. and Jay Kirkendall to the Phi world. The matter had been overlooked till a few weeks ago, when I remembered that their names had never appeared in the SCROLL. Iowa Alpha has a better order of men to-day than it has had since I belonged to the chapter. We have seven active members. The Beta Theta Pis, our only rival, have but three men, two of which graduate now in a few weeks. We are expecting to add to our number before the close of the year. The chapter has not grown so much in numbers as in strength and reputation. We hold one of the ladies' societies solid as a chapter, and have gained quite an advantage in the other. We will have two representatives in the oratorical contest which will take place at the close of this year, while our rival will have none. The sky is clear and the future bright for Iowa Alpha.

J. W. Davenport.

IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA,

Iowa City, Iowa, May 14, 1884.

Iowa Beta is still enjoying a prosperous life. Of late we have been having a gay time. The inter-State contest which was held here brought no small amount of life and gayety to the "Athens of Iowa." During the contest we had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining brothers McKelvey, Sisson, and Whitney, of Illinois Delta, and brother Rigg, of Iowa Alpha. They are a fine lot of young men, and their respective chapters can well afford to be proud of them. Iowa Beta wishes them success, and will be delighted to see them any time. Our chapter has just had a group picture taken, and is now ready and willing to exchange such with any of our sisters. We had the pleasure of meeting brother

White, of Illinois Zeta, and spent several hours in his good company. Our annual banquet and dance comes off soon. We hope to be able to report a big time. Iowa Beta mourns the loss of two of her best men—brothers Dickey and Young—but we now rejoice from the fact that they have decided to return next term. Brother Dickey left on account of sickness. Young has joined a surveying party. Brother Beecher, our babe, has left school, we fear, for good.

Robt. A. Green.

PERSONALS.

THE following mention of Col. W. F. Vilas, Wisconsin Alpha, '57, is from the *Current*, the new Chicago literary weekly:

"Wisconsin may come into the national conventions with her usual generous modesty, but she has two men, ex-Governor Fairchild and William F. Vilas, who would respectively do the whole country honor in the first or second place on a successful Republican or Democratic national ticket."

IN a late number of the *Current* we also notice a poem with the autograph of Eugene Field, Missouri Alpha, '72, appended. As a humorist, poet, and journalist, brother Field is now considered one of the brightest lights in the West.

POSTSCRIPT.

NOTWITHSTANDING the remarkable advancement in the way of extension which the fraternity has made during this year, we intimated in our last number that other important announcements probably would follow soon. It gratifies us now to be able to report another success at one of the most prominent Eastern colleges, which will add materially to the strength of the fraternity in that quarter. The originator of the new chapter is a Phi from a Southern chapter, who we are told is peculiarly fitted by natural talents for the arduous work which he has accomplished. He has been supported and assisted by the President of Alpha Province, who has been so active and successful in forwarding the interests of the fraternity in the East. The members of the new chapter have been initiated, but have concluded not to make their organization public until next year. We are assured, however, that the chapter is on a sure footing, and that a strong delegation from it may be expected at the Nashville Convention.

WE regret that circumstances were such that we could not issue a larger and more interesting number of the SCROLL, but we were compelled to economize in space. Several Reporters will notice that we have struck out parts of their letters that told of honors which they expected would be taken at commencement. As the announcement of prizes, etc., won by Phis will be a leading feature of the next SCROLL, we thought it best to omit the mention of prospective honors from this issue. We entreat every Reporter not to fail to give us a letter promptly at the close of commencement in his college.

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The next National Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in the XXXVI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M. Tuesday, November 11, 1884, and closing the following Friday.

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