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DEAR CHAPTER, HAIL !

AIR : "*Those Evening Bells.*"

DEAR Chapter, hail ! dear Chapter, hail !  
Let harmony float o'er hill and vale,  
And as the echoes backward bring  
The songs that we so blithely sing,  
Dear Chapter, hail ! Dear Chapter, hail !  
Let harmony float o'er hill and vale !

Our college days are fleeting fast ,  
And soon will they be forever past.  
But when in mem'ry we return,  
May hearts with old-time ardor burn.  
Dear Chapter, hail ! Dear Chapter, hail !  
Let harmony float o'er hill and vale !

As Phidom's hosts, with souls aflame,  
Press onward to undying fame,  
May our fair Chapter fight in front  
And bravely bear the battle's brunt.  
Dear Chapter, hail ! Dear Chapter, hail !  
Let harmony float o'er hill and vale !

C. G. McMILLAN, Nebraska Alpha, '85

## THE IDES OF NOVEMBER.

YOUR very kind letter was received a few days ago, in which you gently reminded me that I should wake up, rub my eyes, and look about for something to do or say, in or to, the Phi world.

I have indeed been derelict. I plead guilty to being infected with such a morbid degree of inactivity in certain directions, that I am, and have been, almost totally insensible to the promptings of my better instincts, and have allowed myself to drift into that condition of existence where I can endure a great deal of physical and intellectual repose. In fact, I have fallen into the reprehensible habit of becoming, now and then, *actually lazy*. And one of the worst features of the case is, that "now and then" cover almost the entire time. The "lucid intervals" are rare, and very short lived. They are like railroad limitations for gastronomic indulgence—"Fifteen minutes for refreshments"—and accorded but three times in twenty-four hours.

I have many times "pricked the sides of my intent" in my endeavors to arouse the mind to greater activity, but the epidermis is so tough, that, no matter how sharp the spur, or how vigorous the proddings, there was no response.

Laziness is a dreadful disease. Not dreadful in the sense that it racks and tortures the victim with acute and oft-recurring pains, but dreadful for the reason that it dethrones the power that makes man progress and develop the richer mines of his soul and body, and in its stead puts a crown on slothfulness that renders him dull and stunted. And it is a growing disease. It may not strike a fellow "all in a heap" and completely prostrate him at one fell swoop. It may at first appear like "a speck no bigger than a man's hand," but in time it will spread itself and accumulate more territory, until the unpitied victim is helpless and hopeless, and his intellectual sky is overcast with a rayless cloud.

So you see, that having been afflicted with the incipient stages of this disorder, I have been compelled to neglect my most serious and imperative duties. I would be glad, indeed, even at this late hour, to say a word in the furtherance of a cause so dear to me. And if I only knew of some lagging brother who could be stirred to lively action by a breath from this direction, I would not, like "Bottom," promise to "roar you as gently as any sucking dove," but I would din his ears with such a carnival of frightful sounds that he'd think a Colorado cyclone had struck him.

No doubt the boys are now looking anxiously forward to the time when we can all meet at Nashville in national convention. It is to be hoped that this occasion will be an event in our history long to be remembered. And why will it not be? Take the location—Nashville—a beautiful city of the South, around whose name circle what are among the most stirring incidents of the late

civil war, a city full of thrifty, industrious and hospitable people, who will, no doubt, extend to all visitors the cordial grasp of good-fellowship; then her great University—a monument to the intellectual ambition of the Southrons—a splendid local chapter of Phi—than which none stand higher—all will combine to lend enduring charms to this biennial event.

I would just say that if any brother is backsliding or becoming lukewarm in the cause, he should pack his “grip” and slide over to Nashville for a day or two and “luke” sharp when the High Dignitaries and jovial laymen of the Phi Delta Theta get together, and if he don’t have his faith renewed, he may draw on me for his expenses.

So, we will turn our backs upon the capitulated cities of Indianapolis and Richmond, whose walls have been scaled by the brave Knights of the Sword and Shield, and make our way, through rugged hills, across broad streams, and along flowery vales, to pitch our tents beneath the battle-towers of Nashville. When the morning of November the eleventh dawns crisp and cool, the bold trumpeter will blow his silvery blasts so strong and clear that “my ladies fair” within the walls will be roused from the sweet slumbers of youth and beauty, and gazing with enchantment upon the beleaguering host, will beg of Nashville’s lord and chieftain “unconditional surrender” and “peace on any terms.” Then from the tower waves the white flag—open swing the gates, and through the walls, with martial tread, advance the gallant Knights. Four days will they feast at bounteous boards, and bask in the smiles of Southern belles, and when the bugle calls from refreshment to labor, each true Knight will bear away with him sweet recollections of the siege of Nashville.

EMMETT TOMPKINS, Ohio Gamma, ’75.

### NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, the capital of Tennessee, is situated on the banks of the Cumberland River, two hundred miles above its junction with the Ohio. Tradition places the arrival of the first settlers early in the eighteenth century, but the first colony established on the site was in 1780. The village was named in honor of General Nash, of North Carolina, a patriot soldier who was killed during the Revolution. In 1796, Tennessee was admitted as the sixteenth State of the Union. During that year the first brick house was built in Nashville. In 1805, Aaron Burr visited Nashville, and was the guest of General Andrew Jackson. The town was incorporated, and the first newspaper was established in 1806. In 1825, General La Fayette, with his son and suite, arrived, and was given a most enthusiastic reception, the festivities being kept up for several days. In 1830, the penitentiary still standing in

the city was built. In 1843, the Legislature permanently located the seat of the State government in Nashville. On July 4, 1845, the corner stone of the State Capitol was laid. In the same year the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, the first one built in Tennessee, was begun, but it was not completed until 1853.

Up to the outbreak of the civil war Nashville enjoyed material prosperity. During the war it was recognized as the gateway to the country south of it, and it was the objective point of both armies. After the fall of Donelson, in 1862, the city was evacuated and then occupied by the Federals. The Battle of Nashville was fought in 1864. Several of the forts about which there was desperate fighting are still standing on hills overlooking the city.

During the last decade of years Nashville has been among the two or three southern cities noted for its growth. It now has a population of 70,000, is the centre of an extensive railway system, and has large manufacturing and commercial interests. It claims to have more and finer public buildings than any city of its size in the country. The first of these, which always attracts a visitor's eye on approaching the city, is the State Capitol. Its original cost was \$2,500,000. A tower on it rises to a height of four hundred feet above the low water mark of the Cumberland River, and the view from the top is said to be one of the finest which can be seen from any building in America. On the Capitol Grounds stands a splendid equestrian statue of Tennessee's greatest citizen, Andrew Jackson. Near by the Capitol is Polk Place, where are interred the remains of James K. Polk, who was elected President of the United States over Henry Clay. His widow is still living in the mansion. The United States Custom House, erected at a cost of three-quarters of a million, is scarcely less attractive than the Capitol. Its architectural design is exquisite. Another imposing building is the Watkins Institute, built at a cost of \$150,000, and donated to the city by a generous benefactor. It will contain a free public library, museum and art gallery.

The crowning glory of Nashville, however, is her educational institutions. These have won for her the name of "Athens of the South." Conspicuous among them is Vanderbilt University, which was founded by the munificence of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and to which his son, William H. Vanderbilt, also has been very liberal. The amount of the endowment and value of the grounds and buildings are \$1,500,000. The university is organized into seven departments, academic, biblical, law, medical, pharmacy, dental, and engineering. The grounds comprise seventy-eight acres on the western line of the corporation, and are connected with the city by street cars. The buildings are University Hall, Science Hall, Wesley Hall, an observatory, a gymnasium, and nine professors' houses. The medical and dental departments have buildings in another part of the city. The



campus is planted in 3,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and plants, and is renowned for its beauty. In addition to the Vanderbilt, there are two female colleges in the city, also the State Normal College, the Fisk University, which is the largest college for negroes in the United States, besides many more institutions of prominent standing.

The suburbs of Nashville are very fine. Among the places which persons would be repaid in visiting are the Hermitage and Belle Meade. The latter is a famous stock farm, seven miles from the city. Here can be seen Luke Blackburn, the king of the turf, and several other stallions of hardly less note. About fifty colts a year are raised, which turf men from all over the country purchase at fabulously high prices. The farm embraces a deer park of five hundred acres, in which three hundred deer enjoy their freedom. The Hermitage is twelve miles from the city. There lived Andrew Jackson, the hero of the ever memorable Battle of New Orleans, and there his dust is entombed. The homestead is now owned and kept in repair by the State.

WALTER B. PALMER.

### WILLIAM F. VILAS.

THE last session of the National Legislature brought to us many honors, which it is hardly necessary to rehearse. Senator-elect Blackburn as Speaker *pro tem.* of the House, Senator Harrison as a prominent member of his party, and Minister Foster in negotiation with Cuba, showed us the record of men of whom the fraternity may well be proud. But not to be equalled, Phi Delta Theta comes once more to the front in the Democratic National Convention.

Our distinguished brother, Wm. F. Vilas, was born at Chelsea, Orange County, Vt., July 9, 1840. At eleven years of age he went to Wisconsin, where he was entered a pupil of the preparatory department of the University of Wisconsin. In 1853 he entered the freshman class of the institution, and was graduated in 1858. He then studied law in Albany, N. Y., and was graduated from the law-school of that city in 1860. After his admission to the Supreme Court of New York he removed to Wisconsin. In 1860 he became a partner with C. T. Wakeley. Two years after, the partnership was strengthened by the accession of Elezar Wakeley, now of Nebraska. Upon the outbreak of the war, Mr. Vilas entered the army as Captain in the Twenty-third Wisconsin Volunteers, and rose to be Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. He resigned his commission, and resumed the practice of law January 1, 1864. In 1872 General G. J. Bryant joined him in partnership, and in 1877 his brother, E. P. Vilas, also became

a partner in the firm. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin appointed Colonel Vilas one of the revisers of the statutes of the State in 1875, and the revision of 1878, adopted by the State, was partly made by him. In 1879 Mr. Vilas refused the use of his name as a candidate for the Governorship of Wisconsin. He has persistently declined office, but went to Chicago as a delegate to the convention of 1884, which honored him with its permanent Chairmanship. So well did he preside that the New York *Herald* called him the finest chairman of any national convention.

Mr. Hendricks bears testimony to the high ability of Col. Vilas in his remarks to an Associated Press Reporter :

"I am not ready to talk. It was such a great surprise that I have not fully recovered from it. I believed it to be settled that Col. W. F. Vilas, of Wisconsin would be chosen for second place, and feeling exhausted and oppressed with the heat, I did not attend the afternoon session of the convention, but sought my room at the hotel, to take a sleep. No surprise could have been greater than when I was told that I had been selected for Vice-President."

For these outlines of his life we are indebted to the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, but for another period we must look to another source.

When brother Jenckes, Indiana Alpha, '55, went to the University of Wisconsin, he was impressed with the purpose of founding a chapter there. He said his object could be accomplished if he could gain the sympathy of W. F. Vilas, the leading man in the University. In this he succeeded, and Col. Vilas became a charter member of Wisconsin Alpha. His interest in the fraternity has never waned, and the writer had the pleasure of reading a truly fraternal note, written in the hurry of last July. We may justly congratulate ourselves on being able to point to such a gentleman as one of the earlier brothers in the bond.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

### LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE.

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 13, 1884.

MR. H. U. BROWN,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Your letter is the first intimation I have had of the honor conferred on me by the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta at Richmond, Va. I am really embarrassed by the request to accept the office of Orator for the Nashville Convention in November next. My duties here are overwhelming, as Court will be in session at that time. I feel so much pride in the history of the society, and such desire to witness one of its grand convocations, that I am almost persuaded

to accept unconditionally the hard office tendered me. I will say that I will make a great effort to be with you, and should I foresee at an early day this summer that I cannot comply, I will give you timely notice. I am, very truly and fraternally yours,  
JOHN F. PHILIPS, Kentucky Alpha, '55.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., August 25, 1884.

W. B. PALMER, Esq.

DEAR SIR :—Yours of 21st inst. received. I expect to be with the fraternity at its approaching National Convention in November. I am under great pressure of other engagements, but by utilizing, to some extent past labors, and using a short vacation between this and the sitting of Court, hope to avoid a disappointment to the fraternity and the audience.

Very truly yours, &c., JNO. F. PHILIPS.

P. S.—I will be greatly obliged to you, if you should send me the pamphlets of the last two conventions of the order. J. F. P.

GENESEO, ILL., March 10, 1884.

MR. H. U. BROWN, President Phi Delta Theta, Indianapolis, Ind.

DEAR BROTHER :—Your favor of the 6th, to me at Wyanet, is at hand, officially informing me of my appointment to a place on the programme for the Nashville Convention.

I fully appreciate the honor conferred on me by my brothers in Phi Delta Theta, the more as it came wholly unsought for and unexpected. I am aware of the responsibility my acceptance will involve; but inasmuch as it has been tendered me, I will endeavor, so far as in me lies, to do justice to the occasion and credit to the Phis of the Garden State.

With sincere thanks to the Fraternity, and hoping to meet and become acquainted with you at Nashville, I beg to subscribe myself,  
Your Brother in the Bond,

W. ANWYL JONES, Illinois Epsilon, '82.

RICHMOND, VA., March 24, 1884.

H. U. BROWN, Esq., President Phi Delta Theta, Indianapolis, Ind.

MY DEAR SIR :—Your favor of 15th inst. is at hand. I will state, in reply, that appreciating highly the compliment which the Convention of 1882 paid me in selecting me as alternate Prophet for 1884, I think that the best way for me to prove my appreciation is by the acceptance of the trust. I therefore hope to be with you in Nashville at the appointed time.

With the kind regards of Virginia Delta and Virginia Alpha Alumni, to whom the Convention of 1882 will ever be a pleasant memory, I am,  
Fraternally yours,

GEORGE BRYAN, Virginia Delta, '81.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

## BRETHREN OF PHI DELTA THETA :

WE are on the eve of another convention. Since the last, the fraternity has moved forward all along the line, but more particularly Eastward. It is probably self-evident that more desirable success has been achieved in the past two years than in any other similar period of Phi Delta Theta's existence. Questions involving the continuity of this prosperity will demand settlement at the Nashville convention. A great many petitions for charters in Western and Southern institutions have been denied. Some of the petitioners will appeal to your delegates in convention assembled, notably those at Kentucky Military Institute will do so. Much that has been done, and much which the G. C. refused to do, has looked to the possible effect upon our efforts to enter strongholds which have heretofore been closed against us. Whether you desire to continue the policy followed by us, or to inaugurate a different one, remains for you to say, and it behooves each chapter to have a delegation at the convention. Other questions that you shall have to determine are the permanent location of the SCROLL in New York ; the election of Province Presidents by the Provinces, instead of by the G. C., as now provided ; the establishment of an extension fund, and how it shall be distributed ; ways and means for entering certain institutions where chapter houses seem to be essential ; amendments to the constitution ; time and place of next convention, and a score of other matters. The traveling expenses of one delegate from each chapter to the convention will be paid by the Treasurer of the G. C. out of the convention assessment, and there is no reason why every chapter should not be represented. It will be a great occasion, and all who go will bear testimony to the truth of my prophecy. We all want to see the new brethren from the Pine Tree State and from beyond the Red River.

HILTON U. BROWN, *Pres. General Council.*

## FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

ATTENTION is again called to the fact that the Convention Tax is now due from each chapter. It was levied upon June 1st, and is assessed upon each chapter according to their membership at that date. The Convention Tax amounts to \$3, and in addition a per capita tax of 50 cents has been levied, to defray sundry expenses. It is desired that the tax be forwarded as soon as possible, at least before the Convention.

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.

CHAS. A. FOSTER, T. G. C.

## TO REPORTERS.

PERHAPS it would not be inadvisable at the beginning of the collegiate year, to urgently call the attention of Reporters, many of whom are newly elected, to some rather trite editorial cautions, to wit: 1. Write on one side only. 2. Write plainly and distinctly. 3. Observe the strictest accuracy in reporting names. Further, a slight change is contemplated in the character of chapter reports; hereafter reporters are requested to state simply the full name, residence, and date of initiation of initiates. A separate department will be reserved in the SCROLL for this purpose. Reporters are further requested to furnish as many personals, particularly of graduates, as possible. These personals are to take a form similar to the following: Indiana Alpha, '84, John Doe is studying law with Messrs. ———, Chicago, Ill.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

REPORTERS are requested to forward their new lists at the earliest possible season. Pending the arrival of the same, SCROLLS will be furnished the chapters in the number of last year, less the graduates.

Alumni—and especially the graduates of eighty-four—are earnestly requested to subscribe for the coming year, by forwarding one dollar to the Business Manager.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

## ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

IN this issue we publish the letters of acceptance of the participants in the literary exercises at the convention. The Nashville brethren have not yet completed their arrangements, as several of them have not been in the city during the summer. They now, however, are actively engaged in working for the success of the convention. The headquarters will be at the Maxwell House, which is the leading hotel in the city. A rate of \$2 a day, perhaps lower, will be secured. The business sessions will probably be in the Odd Fellows Hall, as the Maxwell people cannot furnish a room adapted for the purpose. The hall is situated two squares from the hotel. The programme has not fully been made out yet, but the following will give an outline of some of the features.

*Tuesday.*—10 A. M.: Convention called to order. 8 P. M.: Public reception in auditorium of Watkins Institute. Address of welcome by R. F. Jackson, Tennessee Alpha, '81. Response by Emmett Tompkins, Ohio Gamma, '75. Vocal music by Nashville young ladies.

*Wednesday.*—9 A. M.: Visit to Vanderbilt University.

*Thursday.*—8 P. M.: Public literary exercises in hall of the House of Representatives, tendered the Convention by special Act of the State Legislature. Orator, J. F. Philips, Kentucky Alpha, '55. Poet, W. A. Jones, Illinois Epsilon, '82. Historian, A. A. Stearns, Ohio Epsilon, '79. Prophet, George Bryan, Virginia Delta, '81.

*Friday.*—12 M.: Convention photographed before the Jackson Statue on the Capitol Grounds. 9 P. M.: Banquet and Ball at Maxwell House.

Ample opportunity doubtless will be afforded to each person to visit all the objects of interest about the place. The rate has not yet been fixed with the railroads, but it is certain that a reduction will be obtained on the whole L. & N. system, which connects Nashville with Cincinnati (295 miles), Lexington (279 miles), Louisville (185 miles), Evansville (155 miles), St. Louis (316 miles), Memphis (232 miles), New Orleans (625 miles), Mobile (485 miles), Montgomery (304 miles), and Chattanooga (151 miles). Any one desiring information about rates can obtain it by corresponding with the chairman of the local committee on railroads and hotels, R. F. Jackson, 56½ N. Cherry Street, Nashville, Tenn. More definite announcements about rates will be made in the next SCROLL, which will be issued about November 1st. Invitations and programmes will be printed and mailed in any quantity needed to every chapter. Reporters will please immediately inform W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the committee on invitation, what number of invitations they need to send out to the correspondent members of their respective chapters. It is desirable that an invitation reach every member in the fraternity. Each delegate as he is elected, and each brother who intends to attend the convention, will please notify Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the committee on reception, so that arrangements can be made based upon an estimate of the number who will be in attendance.

#### A WORD FROM AN OLD PHI.

AURORA SPRINGS, Mo., July 24, 1884.

W. B. PALMER, ESQ.

DEAR BROTHER,—If our Order is well ready for it, I think New York is the best place on the Continent for the publication of our literature, and, perhaps, too, for the safe keeping of our treasures, be they historical or otherwise. To this end the fraternity should be strongly lodged in the city, and it would be desirable to have a good showing in some of the best colleges in New England. By the way, can we not cross the St. Lawrence? I have not yet begun to write on the *ante-bellum* chapter of our history. I will likely have my hands pretty full until the cold weather of autumn.

It would, you may be sure, be a great pleasure to me to clasp hands with representative Phis at Nashville next November. I cannot now say what I may be able then to do.

Faternally and truly yours,

ROBERT MORRISON.

### RAILROAD FARE.

THROUGH the energetic efforts of our historian, A. A. Stearns, it is expected that those contemplating a visit to Nashville will be able to obtain greatly reduced rates from certain points. By the time this reaches our readers the National Convention of General Passenger Agents will have been held at Boston. Its date was fixed for September 16th. Brother Stearns furnished the Secretary with specifications of what we wish, and the figures are doubtless ready by this time. "We will probably," writes brother Stearns, "have a special car from Cleveland going *via* Columbus and Cincinnati, to accommodate the Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania men. Delegates from New York, Vermont and Maine could save money by traveling *via* Cleveland, and going in our car. The specifications sent in to the Boston Convention contemplated a visit to Monmouth Cave, Lookout Mountain, and other points of interest. A large number of men in Northern Ohio have signified their intention of going, and we confidently expect to have a most enjoyable trip."

Those considering this route will communicate with brother Stearns immediately. His address will be found in the directory.

### A FINANCIAL PLAN.

In the May number of the SCROLL a financial scheme was proposed which provided that initiates should pay for SCROLL and general expenses, \$1.50 for the first quarter of the collegiate year, \$1.00 for the second quarter, and 50 cents for the third. Brother Foster does not favor the plan because it would be difficult for the T. G. C. to keep up with initiations, and therefore it would be harder for him to keep his accounts with the chapters straight. He certainly has good means of judging whether any scheme is practicable or not. As we now see the strength of his objection, we propose that every attendant member, at the opening of each college year, and every member initiated during the year, pay \$1.00 for SCROLL; and that every attendant member in the chapters, on April 1st of each year pay the sum of \$2.00, of which 50 cents shall be for general expenses, and \$1.50 be set aside for convention purposes. It will only be necessary under this arrangement for the T. G. C. to find out the whole number of attendant members in each chapter during the year. If this plan is approved we do not think that any member can complain that we are an over-taxed Fraternity.

## EDITORIAL.

ONCE more the undergraduate brothers of Phi Delta Theta return from recreation and rest to begin a new year of college, fraternity, and chapter work. No incentive will be required to spur on all active workers towards the attainment of satisfactory results in each. Yet, the chapter reports written during last Commencement season, showing as they do remarkable and uniform prosperity and perseverance, cannot fail to instill renewed vigor and to bring additional encouragement to all. With just reason may we expectantly look forward to successes during the coming year.

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It is indeed delightful to mark with what interest our esteemed founder has watched and worked for the fraternity during the many years of its existence. He contemplates the writing of the early history of the fraternity, having gathered together much old and valuable material. His note in this number suggests the possibility of meeting the author of the bond at a not very distant date, very appropriately and in the eternal fitness of things. We likewise hear the cheery old ring of our ever popular and gifted brother, whose boast it is that he has attended more Phi Delta Theta conventions than any member of the fraternity. Young and old, we look impatiently to the joyful gathering in Nashville.

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It is a characteristic of many men to magnify every little scandal to an importance entirely uncalled for. This tendency is only too familiar to the readers of the political press. But unfortunately there are Joseph Surfaces in every nook and corner, and in the fraternity world their number is uncomfortably large. But not to editors is this spirit confined. The reporters of the various chapters of the different fraternities generally sow the first seeds of trouble. Let our reporters be among those against whom such a charge can never be even implied. Do not make capital out of every petty occurrence of exclusively local interest. Glory in a well won victory, but never stoop toward letting some petty success creep beyond the limits of your own circle. If you hear that a member of another fraternity has disgraced himself, do not spread the man's disgrace beyond your own college; for such a course never fails to cause conflict.

If all fraternity men would but act thus, they would be spared half their bickerings.

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THE reports of our chapters are very encouraging in many re-



spects, and particularly so as recording the scholarly work done by members of the fraternity in almost every college where a chapter is established. But equally as gratifying, if not more so, are the accounts of the joyful, social gatherings, where the hard work of the curriculum and the Commencement competitions was banished and the Phi spirit of cordiality and fraternity reigned supreme. It is to these inspiring social communions that one never fails to look back to with pleasure; and every chapter should aim to surround the chapter life with the most pleasant associations and recollections.

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Those who are acquainted with the history of the fraternity will remember that the Alabama Alpha Chapter was organized in the spring of 1877, and that at the succeeding Commencement its life was cut short by the enactment of anti-fraternity laws. Until the past year there has been no sign of returned life, and the second chapter, established in Alabama—the one of Auburn—was in the meantime called Alabama Alpha. The Phis in the State, however, have always been anxious to revive the chapter, and now we are glad to announce their success. The chapter has been re-established under its original charter. The constitutional prohibition against chartering chapters at colleges having anti-fraternity laws does not apply here, as the old charter has never been surrendered or withdrawn. It is confidently expected that the hostile laws will soon be repealed, as there has of late been such a rapid change in that direction in the South and other parts of the country. However, the chapter for the present will remain strictly *sub rosa*, and, therefore, we will avoid mentioning its location and giving the names of its members. In this number we publish a letter from an alumnus Phi about the chapter's condition and prospects. The institution is one of exceptionally high standing. We congratulate the fraternity upon the restoration of the chapter, and extend our good wishes and sympathy to the brothers who are so pluckily contending against intolerance and fanaticism.

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#### FOURTH ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.

THE fourth annual Convention of the Alabama State Association of Phi Delta Theta met in Montgomery, Thursday, June 26, 1884. A large number of members, both active and alumni, were present. The usual routine of business was gone through.

At night, Phi Delta Theta, for the third time, gave, in honor of the young ladies of the capital city, a grand ball. The beauty and chivalry of Montgomery were present, and all with one accord declared the ball a success.

On Friday night we met around the banquet board. Your

correspondent had the ineffable pleasure of introducing to the members assembled brother John W. Tomlinson, who delivered the annual address. Tennessee Alpha may well be proud of such a son. Next in order came the list of toasts. Among those responding were brothers Hill and Greene of Georgia Beta. Brother W. R. Martin represented a chapter as yet *sub-rosa*. The toasts were all appropriately responded to. Our brothers from Georgia Beta, whom we are proud of, were full of their chapter victories, and were even bold enough to claim a place not surpassed by Tennessee Alpha. Of course we of Tenn. Alpha could not grant this, though we are delighted and proud that our neighboring brothers are advancing our cause so nobly. Brother Tyson, of Ky. Alpha, was present at the Convention. The following officers for the ensuing year were then announced :

B. F. Elmore, President ; D. D. McLeod, Vice-President ; Glenn Andrews, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Convention thereupon adjourned to meet in Auburn, Ala., June 27-28, 1885.

GLENN ANDREWS.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

ANOTHER college year has passed, and very naturally our eyes are turned back upon the work of the past few months. Mistakes there may have been, but they are few ; while, on the other hand, substantial progress has been made, and we have every cause to feel proud of the advancement.

We shall greatly miss the members of '84 who have left us. That class reinforced our chapter with five men when Phi Delta Theta was decidedly an experiment. Three, however, dropped out of the class, leaving brothers Stiles and Hoffnagle to graduate.

The honors in this University are but few. The honor of leading the last Senior Class through the course is divided between brother Stiles and a "local." Brother Mills stands far above the remainder of '86 for the past year.

The pleasantest feature of our Commencement was the reunion of the chapter, at which all of the alumni members in the East were present. An elegant banquet was served, and we hugely enjoyed ourselves listening to the encouraging responses from brothers Lane, Bailey, Sawyer and Hayden.

The incoming Freshman made himself quite numerous, and of

course, we were on hand to receive him and give him a careful inspection.

The prospects for the coming year are very favorable to ourselves as well as to the University. The Class of '88 promises to be the largest that has ever entered this institution.

June 27, 1884.

H. W. BELL.

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

COMMENCEMENT week is over at last and we are able to determine the extent and merit of our work. Our chapter-life was concluded with a quiet reunion held at the residence of a brother, and the graduating members of the chapter earnestly promised to be as enthusiastic in the future as they have been in the past.

Brother Herring will continue his studies in the Union Theological Seminary ; brothers Penman and Holmes will begin them there ; brother Mason will teach ; and your reporter will study law.

In college honors this year Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Delta Theta have been remarkably successful, and their results gained can be gleaned from the following summary :

Prize Debaters,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 3 ; non-fraternity, 3 ; prize speakers,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 4 ;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 1 ; non-fraternity, 4.

Class Day,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 3 ;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 1, and the ode by a Phi.

Honors in Course,  $\Delta K E$ , (1) ; fourth honor.

Prizes : Senior year,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2 (1 gold) ;  $\Delta K E$ , 2 (1 gold) ;  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 0.

Junior year,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 2 ;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 1 (gold) ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 1 ;  $\Delta K E$ , 0.

Sophomore year,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 7 (1 gold) ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 1 ;  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 0.

Freshman year,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 1 ;  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 0.

"All college" competitions,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , '86, one ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '84, one ; '87, one.

Inter-Society debate won by Phi Delta Theta.

Total number of honors and prizes in Course : Alpha Delta Phi, 10 ; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 3 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 1 ; Phi Delta Theta, 8.

By winning the Prize-speaking Debate and the Senior Essay, our chapter easily leads in the literary world of the college ; and as these honors are won by competition they are regarded the highest in our college life. Alpha Delta Phi, however, has an exceptionally fine Sophomore Class, which wins her bulk of honors.

The closing of the year was the meeting of the alumni ; at this meeting it is the custom to call on one of the new class to respond in behalf of his class.

The class all shout the name of some man, who must then speak.

The name of a Phi was shouted by his classmates and he addressed the alumni. The future of the chapter is most encouraging.

J. M. MAYER.

June 28, 1884.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Our chapter has been very successful this year, and has well carried out the reputation of former years. Take it all in all, I believe we have had the most successful year Penn. Alpha ever had, and that is saying a great deal.

In athletics we have done very creditably; brother Frey has been elected captain of next year's foot ball team. He was also Chief Marshal at the fifth annual Commencement exercises of the Athletic Association.

Brother Reeder is also on the team; Ludlow, Bird and Hogg are our general athletes.

In literary directions the chapter has excelled any rival chapter in college.

On May 19 brother Shaw took the first Junior Oratorical Prize of \$50; a non-fraternity man being second, and a Phi Kappa Psi third. Soon after the contest we invited two new members: Wm. Herbert Carey, '85, South Warren, Pa., and Wm. Davison Ord, '87, Duval County, Florida, late of Edinburgh, Scotland. These two men have added more strength to a chapter already surpassed by none.

Now for a brief account of Lafayette's 51st Commencement. At one A. M., June 23, the Class of '86 assembled on the campus preparatory to a march through the town, and then the burning of calculus on the campus. Bro. Watts had charge of the costuming, and made a complete success of it. The same gentleman delivered an excellent speech during the after exercises of the cremation; on Monday afternoon '84 held class day exercises. The speeches were good, and the music fine. The master of ceremonies was a  $\chi \Phi$ ; four "non-frats," three  $\Delta T \Delta$ s and a  $\Phi$ , were the performers. Brother H. N. Campbell delivered the valedictory, with credit to himself, his college, and his class. In the evening was the promenade concert. This is always one of the most entertaining features of Commencement. At midnight the fraternity banquets began, and lasted till dawn. Ours was most successful. The spread was elegant, and the men were in their most sociable mood. Brother Bassett was *rex convividrum*. Toasts were numerous and to the point. Among our guests were brothers Talmage and Nute, of '82; brother Nelson, Penn. Delta, '79; Prof. Berlin, Penn. Alpha, '76, and Chalfant and

Homer, ex-'84. A little before daybreak the company broke up, tired, but well pleased. The list of toasts was as follows :

"Address of Welcome," A. A. Bird ; "The National Fraternity," W. F. Smalley ; "Alpha Province," W. A. Cattell ; "Our Fraternity Life—as it Was—Memories," Prof. Berlin ; "As it is—History," W. J. Trembath ; "As It Will Be—Prophecy," R. W. Head ; "Our Graduates," C. H. Talmage ; "Our Initiates," G. N. Chalfant ; "The Ladies," G. G. Earl ; "Our College Standing," W. H. Carey ; "Athletics," J. L. Ludlow, "Valedictory," W. S. Campbell.

Our Eleventh Annual Banquet will not be soon forgotten.

At Commencement brother Bird took a first honor, and delivered the Philosophical Oration. Hogg took a second honor speech ;  $\Delta T \Delta$  had two first honor men, and  $\Delta K E$  had three. Of the prizes, brother Seal took the Junior Mathematical prize in the technical department, and brother Carey took the '83 prize in French. Brother Carey has been appointed business manager of the *Lafayette College Journal* for the next year, and brother Shaw has been appointed editor-in-chief. Six Seniors leave us. We will begin next September with twelve or fourteen, and the prospect is good for great success with '88.

June 26, 1884.

W. F. SMALLEY, Jr.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

THE Commencement season that is just past has been richly fraught with honors for Pennsylvania Gamma. The first sensation we created arose from the rumor among the other Greeks that "Skilling is a Phi." On May 29th, we initiated D. M. Skilling, '88, of Lonaconning, Md. His initiation was a brilliant victory over  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $\Delta T \Omega$ . In the Philo and Union Literary Society, brother George Fulton was elected to deliver the parting address to the Seniors. Brother R. Scandrett is in the Treasurer's office of Allegheny County. On Class Day brother W. B. Irwin was Class Prophet.

On Commencement day brother D. B. Fitzgerald had undoubtedly the best speech of his class. J. De Q. Donehoo won the first prize in German over a  $\Phi K \Psi$  and a non-fraternity man. But the occasion of all happened on Wednesday evening, June 25.

The following from the *Pittsburgh Leader* will suffice to describe the evening's entertainment :

WASHINGTON, PA., June 27.—On Wednesday night the swell affair of the season took place in this borough. The Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, a club composed of a number of leading young men in Washington society, gave a banquet at the Auld House to their lady friends. At eleven o'clock the company repaired to the banqueting room, where a collation, comprising all the delicacies of the season, was spread. The following toasts were responded to : "The Ladies," Professor

McClelland, of Pittsburgh; "The Seniors," by R. B. Scandrett; "The Alumni," by Professor Wallace; "The Graduating Class to the Fraternity," by R. D. Irwin. The affair was quite an event in social and musical circles, and will long be remembered by those present.

We lost three men by graduation, brothers Fitzgerald and W. B. and R. D. Irwin. Brother J. M. Irwin will not return. We will start on the 1st of September with eleven men. Never were the prospects of Pennsylvania Gamma brighter.

July 1, 1884.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, Jr.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

WE celebrated our fifth anniversary on May 30th, in a manner befitting the occasion. Rousing letters filled full of Phi enthusiasm were read from absent brothers; also from brother Bassett, our Province President, and brother Payne, President of Delta Province. Brother Miner, '81, added much by his accustomed jollity. The most enjoyable surprise of the eve was brother Gallup's banquet on being elected delegate to Nashville. Brother Proctor was elected alternate. In either brother we will send an earnest worker. For three out of four years we have received the Kalamathean Essay Prize (Freshman) in Philo Literary Society. Brother Lynch won it this year. Brothers Dice and Kerr did splendid work in the City Base Ball Club. Our challenge not having been accepted we claim the championship for '83-84 of the entire college.

College closed Thursday, June 26. Pennsylvania Delta has enjoyed a most successful year—one that will always be pleasant to remember. On Class Day brothers Blair and Case delivered the valedictory and salutatory, after which we met at the Commercial Hotel, where our annual Commencement Banquet was awaiting us. The following visitors were present and helped to make the banquet the most successful we have ever held; brothers Schumacher, '85, Ohio Epsilon; Ed. H. Small, '85, Penn. Zeta; Miner and Warner, '81; Guignon, Pond and Vance, '83. Commencement morning the Phis acquitted themselves nobly—each receiving many and beautiful tokens. With mingled joy and pain we lay aside our pen and bid farewell to active Fraternity life—joy that we belong to a truly national fraternity and pain to sever our college associations. What ever you do—don't give up the alumni. Have them take the SCROLL and thus keep fresh in memory the pleasantest of all college recollections—Phi Delta Theta. Adieu.

June 27, 1884.

WALTER W. CASE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

THE 101ST Commencement has left Dickinson College in a better condition than it has ever been in before. Two buildings,

the Scientific building and Gymnasium are now being built, while the ground has already been broken for a third, which is to be known as Memorial Hall. It is to cost \$40,000; and will contain the library halls as well as an auditorium for our public exercises. In addition to the buildings we have received two endowments, one of \$40,000, known as Central Pennsylvania Conference endowment, the second is an endowment to be used for the establishing and maintaining of a chair of Civil Engineers. With the advancement and prosperity of the college, Penn. Epsilon has kept pace, so that at the present writing she exceeds in number, and, we think in quality, any fraternity here represented. Our number at present is nineteen, two of whom graduating, leaves us with seventeen. Our prospects for next year have never been better; we have one or two men pledged and stand a good chance for several others.

Our latest accession is H. J. Frank, of Carlisle, who was initiated June 19th, and is a member of '88.

As to class standing we rank favorably in comparison with other fraternities. In '84 brother Porter took the scientific honor, brother Perkinpine holding eighth place. In '85 brother Lindsey divides first place with a *B Θ Π*; brother Camar fourth, and brother Burns seventh. In '86 brothers Heisse, Wilson, Stevens, McKenzie and Morgan hold respectively second, third, fourth, sixth and eighth places. In '87 brother Stein stands sixth. In first year Latin, scientific brothers Graham, Rue and Conell hold second, eighth and ninth places. The Dickinsonian Staff for 1885 contains two Phis, brother Hicks, Literary Editor, and brother Lindsey, Business Manager.

June 30, 1884.

J. B. STEIN.

### BETA PROVINCE.

#### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

OUR session has at last closed. The Phis came out well in the distribution of degrees and diplomas on Final Day. We had four members in the Law Class—Brothers Mabry, McReynolds, Torrel, and Buchanan—all of whom were dubbed B.Ls. This is a showing that no other fraternity in the University can make. Not one of our men was ever considered in the least doubtful, though there were but thirty graduates in a class of more than one hundred. *Α Τ Ω* had six men in the class and secured but one diploma. *Δ Κ Ε* had four men and one diploma. The "Mystic Seven" three men and one diploma. *Χ Φ* had four men and received one diploma, and so on throughout, we alone making a clean sweep; no other fraternity, we believe, secured more than one degree in Law.

In the Academic School we were also successful. Brother Long had conferred on him the degree of B.S., the result of two years' splendid work. Brother Fletcher, "our boy member," made Physics, German and Junior Mathematics, a most promising start. Brother Valentine made Chemistry, Geology, and got off his drawings in the Engineering Course. Brother Blakey made Mineralogy, Geology, Natural Philosophy, and Junior Applied Mathematics. Brother Hardaway made Junior Intermediate Mathematics, Physics, Applied Mathematics, and got off his drawings. Brother Guest made Natural Philosophy and other tickets in the Engineering Department. Brother Huffaker was assistant astronomer here this year, and has been elected to a first-class professorship in a Kentucky college. Brother Miles has been elected Professor of Modern Languages at Emory and Henry College. Prof. Venable's chair of Mathematics was ably filled during his year's absence in Europe by brother Bohannon, Va., Beta, '76. He will, perhaps, remain at the University for another year.

So all and all we have had a most successful year's work. We will start next year with at least twelve members, and our prospects were never as bright.

Our relations during the year were unusually pleasant. The men were companionable and brotherly, but the session reserved for us a sad shock near its close in the death of one of our best loved members, Ashby Antrim, of Richmond, Va. No student in the University stood higher in the esteem of all who knew him, professors and students. He was among the foremost in his classes and had passed all his Intermediate examinations with honors, but just before the finals he was stricken with fever and died, after a painful illness of about three weeks. His remains were taken to Richmond by the fraternity and buried in Hollywood Cemetery. Brothers Valentine, Terrel, McReynolds, Chalkley, Powers, Patterson, Long, and Buchanan were pallbearers. This is the first death that ever occurred at the University in our chapter, and there could not be a sadder one.

July 5, 1884.

B. F. BUCHANAN.

#### VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Our session at Richmond College closed on the 19th of June. What our eleven members will do next session may be seen from the following: brother Thornhill expects to enter the Medical Department at the University of Virginia; brother Shipman will be at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville; brother Frank Puryear will either teach or take a special course at the University of Virginia. Nearly all of the rest of our number expect to return, with a fine prospect of a good beginning next session. The general class standing of our members has



been very good, and the chapter has received her share of the honors of the college. Of the honors received by the chapter the following may be named :

Frank Puryear, President of the Nu Sigma Rho Literary Society ; Thos. J. Shipman, Woods (Declaimer's) Medal ; Romer C. Stearnes, Tanner (Greek) Medal ; Frank Puryear, the Degree of Master of Arts ; myself, Bachelor of Arts.

Medals and Degrees received by other fraternities are, *B Θ II*, two B.A.; one of their number received two medals (Reader's and Writer's); *K Α* (Southern) one B.A. and one M.A.; no medals.

Only two years ago the cry was "On to Richmond," but with a better feeling, a kindlier spirit and a different object from the time when it was sounded twenty years ago. A more delightful time I never spent than the week of our convention there. The cry of two years ago will now be supplanted by that of "On to Nashville"—which convention I hope will prove as pleasant and profitable to all Phis who shall assemble there, as I know it was to many at the Richmond Convention.

July 1, 1884.

ORREN L. STEARNES.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

WE have initiated one new man, thus numbering eight. Commencement at the S. C. College is at a close and Phi Delta Theta comes in for her share of the honors. Brother A. C. Moore stands not only at the head of the Freshman Class of about seventy, but also at the head of the college. Brothers W. W. Ball and J. R. Coan, of the same class, also stand near its top. Brother J. M. Kennedy, of the graduating class, stood among the first. All the rest passed creditable examinations.

June 30, 1884.

M. L. COPELAND.

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#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

##### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

In the Spring debate our fraternity was larger and more ably represented than any other. Brothers Evans and Wynne were especially commended for their efforts. At the champion debate, to occur during Commencement, Phi Delta Theta will be represented by brother P. D. Pollock and myself. Brother Pollock was chosen our delegate to the convention. It was an honor worthily bestowed. He is the oldest Phi in the chapter, having been a member of Georgia Gamma several years ago. He is now a member of the Law class.

It is with a feeling of real sorrow that, with this letter, I close

my active connection with the fraternity. For three years a member of Georgia Gamma at Mercer, and one here at Georgia Alpha, during this long connection our noble organization has been one of my chiefest joys ; and now that I leave college life forever, it is the parting with my club-mates that I regret more than all else besides.

June 29, 1884.

E. F. HINTON.

#### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

THE following are the speaker's places given to us at Commencement : Two Sub-Freshmen out of ten places given ; five Sophomores out of a possible ten ; five Juniors out of twelve, and two Seniors out of twelve, making fourteen places received by us out of forty-four. This, in connection with four champion debaters out of six, two inter-collegiate debaters out of three, and the anniversarian of each Literary Society, will give some idea of our standing both in class-room and society.

Brother D. Greene shared second honor, and made a brilliant speech on the stage, receiving many compliments for the effort. Brother Jos. A. Quillian received three medals this year for composition—the Temperance, the Mission and the Allen Medals—and, I might add, he received his highest award when he married Miss Clifford, an attractive lady of Atlanta, on the 26th inst.

Brother E. P. Allen received the Bonnell Scientific medal; brother E. C. Mobley received the Junior Declamation medal, and brother Erskine McRee received the medal in the English department of the Sub-Freshman. Brother E. P. Allen also received the medal for excellence in Greek, making seven medals we have received this year. There are only a few that we did not receive. Brother McLarin, '82, was with us, also brother Corker, '86, Georgia Alpha, enjoying Commencement. This has been our most prosperous year, and we expect to do even better next year. We received more honors than any two chapters together, although we are contending with five.

June 26, 1884.

J. ROBT. HODGES.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA.

THE outlook for our chapter at ————— is flattering, I think. At that institution the sons of our prominent citizens are educated, and these will be influential and will strengthen our fraternity in Alabama, where we already have a good foothold. It is likely that we can have the anti-fraternity laws repealed in a year or two—we can do nothing now. Last year the Phi met in each other's rooms, and they will have to do likewise this year, unless they can meet on Saturdays in the town. We have two

young lawyers living in the place, and the men could assemble at their offices. We can only initiate on the afternoon of Commencement Day. Men are approached during the session, and pledge themselves to join at Commencement. Last year there were six Phis from other chapters in the institution. Seven good men were initiated at Commencement, and as many more have been spiked for next year, and these are as enthusiastic as old members. We have the Sigma Nus to oppose us. They took in five men, but we had the choice of the institution.

August 13, 1884.

B. F. ELMORE.

#### ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE.

OUR chapter did herself great credit in the exercises of Commencement. We received 36 certificates of distinction, while *A T Ω* received 20, and *K A* 13. Captain J. B. Robinson, of Co. B, received a prize sword for best drilled company, and H. C. Armstrong, Jr. (our youngest Phi), a medal for the best drilled soldier in his company. He also stood high for the medal for the best drilled man in battalion. A. F. Whitfield, in addition to a certificate of distinction in each subject he studied, received the only medal awarded for scholarship, given by the Professor of English to the best scholar in the Sophomore class; and the Professor of Mathematics awarded him a fine case of drawing instruments for the best plot of the college farm.

Brother R. H. Thach also received certificates in all his subjects of the Junior class, and stood without a rival in each. The writer received five certificates out of seven subjects, and, together with brothers Thach and Penn, was given a speaker's place by the faculty. It is useless to name all the honor men. I will simply say that we had only one man who failed to wear a badge of distinction, and that was through continued illness, so that he was not able to stand all his examinations. Alabama Beta feels gratified with her standing, on considering that only four from each class could be distinguished, and they were those who had highest average grade above 90 per cent. At Commencement we had our Province President and numerous Phi brothers with us, whose visit and association we very much enjoyed.

July 1, 1884.

D. D. McLEOD.

#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report in my first letter such a prosperous condition of our chapter. Our examinations are over, and Phi Delta Theta may well be proud of the manner in which her members acquitted themselves, as they carried off more honors than did the members of any other fraternity.

No new members have been admitted since our last letter. We cherish the most sanguine hopes of taking the lead of all other fraternities at this institution next year.

June 19, 1884.

HUGH SWAIN.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated brother Colville, of the Law Department. Our membership for the past year has been as follows :

Graduate Fellows—G. C. Greer, H. M. Meriwether, W. R. Sims.

Academic Department—J. T. Boddie, C. J. Bradshaw, A. R. Carter, J. D. Clary, C. T. Cole, Waller Deering, John Ellett, William Jack, Jr., Chambers Kellar, Gilmer Meriwether, Walter Stokes, T. L. Thompson, Claude Waller.

Biblical Department—W. H. Cotton, W. W. Nicholson, J. E. Stovall, J. B. Wight.

Law Department—S. L. Colville, Jr.

Medical Department—S. S. Crockett, E. E. Kimbrough, A. B. Ramsey.

Department of Pharmacy—Louis Bowling.

Eight States were represented, as follows : Tennessee, 10 ; Kentucky, 6 ; Texas, 3 ; Georgia and West Virginia, 2 each ; Mississippi and Louisiana, 1 each.

As has been the custom with our chapter, the year's work was celebrated by a banquet, held on the evening of May 29th, at Mooney's. Around the festive board were gathered many good and loyal Phis. Some had come from a distance, once more to rejoice over the honors of Tennessee Alpha, and to meet and mingle again with her worthy sons. The following alumni were present : R. H. Hamilton, Missouri Alpha, '77 ; W. B. Palmer, '80 ; L. R. Campbell, '81 ; R. F. Jackson, '81 ; C. C. Waters, '83, and G. H. Armistead, '83, of Nashville, Tenn. ; J. H. Dortch, '79, of Somerville, Tenn. ; J. M. Brents, '83, of Louisville, Ky. ; F. W. McConnell, '83, of Gallatin, Tenn. ; T. P. Murray, '83, of Hartsville, Tenn., and I. L. Smith, '83, of Fairview, Ky. In addition to the active members, the visitors present were : Professors Baskerville, Dodd, J. W., Landreth, Lupton, Safford, Smith and Worman, of the Faculty ; C. L. Thornburg, of Beta Theta Pi ; W. L. Foster, of Chi Phi ; M. W. Rogers, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and J. A. Harris, recently resigned from Kappa Alpha.

Brother L. R. Campbell presided as Master of Ceremonies with peculiar grace and dignity. After a welcoming address by Brother G. C. Greer, the following toasts were responded to :

"Banquets," Prof. Lupton ; "Beta Theta Pi," C. L. Thorn-

burg; "Our Library," Prof. Baskerville; "Friendship between Fraternities," W. L. Foster; "The Greek World," Prof. Smith; "Will we Forget our Fraternities?" Prof. Safford; "The School Room," T. P. Murray; "Where shall we spend our Summers?" Prof. Worman; "Phi Delta Theta," G. H. Armistead; "Farewell," W. H. Cotton. There was then a general handshaking; for on the morrow each departed to his respective home.

With the close of the year, Tennessee Alpha adds another bright page to her already glorious history. Below is a list of honors taken in the University by each fraternity during the year:

*Phi Delta Theta* (25 members).—1. One public debater, Bradshaw. 2. Founders' medal for highest grade in Medical Department (\$50), Ramsey. 3. Physiology medal in Medical Department (\$30), Ramsey. 4. Hospital position, Ramsey. 5. One contestant for Young Oratorical medal, Stokes. 6. One contestant for Founders' Oratorical medal, Cotton. 7. Founders' Oratorical medal (\$50), Cotton. 8. Dialectic Declaimer's medal (\$25), Deering. 9. Law Society Essay medal (\$20), Colville. 10. Class Representative of Academic Department (valedictory), Sims. 11. Faculty Representative, Waller. 12. Fellowship in Latin (\$300), Cole. 13. Fellowship in Mathematics (\$300), Waller. 14. Post Graduate Fellowship in English (\$500), Sims. 15. Founder's medal for highest grade in Academic Department (\$50), Waller. 16. One Commencement Moot Court Speaker, Colville. 17. Six degrees, as follows: Ramsey, M.D.; Waller, B.S.; Colville, B.L.; Bowling, Ph.D.; Sims, A.B.; Wight, Graduate Biblical Department. 18. Seven Distinguished Proficiencies—Waller two, Sims two, Greer one, Deering two.

*Rainbow* (19 members).—1. Two public debaters. 2. Two contestants for Young Oratorical medal. 3. Young Oratorical medal (\$30). 4. One Commencement Moot Court Speaker. 5. Founder's medal for highest grade in Law Department (\$50). 6. Four degrees. 7. One Distinguished Proficiency.

*B Θ Π* (22 members).—1. Fellowship in Engineering (\$300). 2. One Anniversarian. 3. Two School Graduates. 4. One contestant for Young Oratorical medal. 5. Three degrees. 6. Five Distinguished Proficiencies.

*K Α* (20 members).—1. Owen Biblical Prize Medal (\$30). 2. Two degrees. 3. Two Distinguished Proficiencies. 4. Medical Department Valedictorian. 5. Fellowship in Greek (\$300).

*X Φ* (13 members).—1. One public debater. 2. One contestant for Founder's Oratorical medal. 3. One degree. 4. Two Distinguished Proficiencies.

*Σ A E* (9 members).—One degree.

While prizes are not the only things to be taken into consideration, they are a very good index to the prominence and good standing of a fraternity. If the Vanderbilt correspondent of the

*Beta Theta Pi* happens to glance over the above list he will find that the Betas here have plenty to contend against. We would advise them in the future, before wishing for stronger rivals, to contend successfully against their present ones.

June 10, 1884.

CLAUDE WALLER.

#### TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

OUR chapter-house, about which nothing has been said in the SCROLL, is very nearly finished, and we all watch its progress with eager eyes. When we first saw the plan, we thought that it would be very pretty, but as we see its symmetrical form rise upon its foundation, "pretty" is not the word which will convey the least idea of it. The least that I can say is that it is beautiful, and when it is completed, we certainly will be proud of our chapter-house, and not without cause. It contains two rooms; one, the billiard room, is a fine room, twenty-four by sixteen; the other, the chapter-room, is sixteen by fourteen feet. Brother Smith, of Louisville, Ky., has sent us a very tasteful water cooler, with the badge painted on it. We expect to move into our new quarters by the first of August, and will be happy to see any of our brothers who may visit us. We will ensure them a hearty welcome, and they will agree with us that Tennessee Beta has as pretty a cottage as could be desired.

JUNE 30, 1884.

T. O. PARKER.

Φ Δ Θ is building a very nice hall, and when it is completed it will, without doubt, be one of the prettiest little buildings on our mountain.—Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*.

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#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

BROTHER MURPHY was elected one of the orators for the "preliminary contest" next year. He is a forcible speaker, and his chances for first honor are good. Brother Rhodes is familiarly known as the "rising young man" of the West. Brother Steele will go into the ministry. Brother Brown will, next year, attend the Medical Department of the U. of Michigan; he has made a college reputation in oratory and base-ball. Brothers Lupton and Callahan will run a packing establishment for the Cleveland Packing Co. The *Bijou*, of which brother Rhodes was an editor, was a marked success. It is our college fraternity annual. C. Beardsley, of Gallipolis, a leading man in the freshman class, has joined our ranks. Our chapter is on a substantial basis and our future looks the brightest.

June 24, 1884.

R. H. CALLAHAN.

## OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

THIS Commencement closes the most successful year Wooster University has ever known. The administration of President Scovel has been entirely satisfactory to all interested in this institution.

The chapter of Phi Delta Theta, as well as the chapters of other fraternities here, has been unusually prosperous.

You ask for honors won by Phis. Of these our men have had their share, and are as follows: In the Bryant *vs.* Philomathean Literary Society contest, brothers Irvin and Groves represented the former in Declamation and Oration. In the Athenean Literary Society Senior farewell, brother Palmer was declaimer and brother Stain delivered the Junior response. In the Irving Literary Society farewell, brother Leonard was declaimer. At the Ohio College Athletic contest, held at Columbus, brother Morrison took three first prizes and one second, making 18 points, which, with the 13 made by the combined efforts of two Phi Kappa Psis, gave Wooster 31 points and the championship of Ohio colleges. In the Athenean *vs.* Irving Literary Society contest, brother Greenlee, representing the former in Debate, took the five points from a Beta Theta Pi, representing the latter. In the Junior contest, brothers Greenlee and Leonard participated, and the most remarkable feature of the evening was that brother Leonard and his lady, Miss Boyd, Kappa Kappa Gamma, won the honors.

Our prospects for next year are good; only one member leaves through graduation. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to brother Frank Gayler, who is in Pueblo, New Mexico, trying to regain his health. We were pleased to have with us brother W. P. Fulton, Ohio Beta, '81, during Commencement. We are always glad to welcome Phis.

June 23, 1884.

W. J. BOONE.

## OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT exercises have just closed and Phi Delta Theta has secured her share of the honors. Phi Delta Theta had three places on the program of the literary entertainment, known as "The Spring Publics of the Buchtel Union Literary Society." Brother F. O. Payne, the orator of the evening, delivered a fine oration. Brother J. K. Pleasants acquitted himself excellently as one of the musicians of the evening; and your humble servant took the negative on the debate.

The ninth annual banquet was held on the evening of June the 18th, and was one of the great social events of the week. Brothers Hidy, Stearns, Tomlinson, Wright, Shipman, Slade and Nash were present as visiting members. After a splendid

*menu* was served, several fine toasts were given by the different members. Brother Payne is the only senior we graduate this year. We are very sorry to lose him from our ranks as an active worker. Brother Wright, of Johns Hopkins University, delivered the address before the Alumni and made a masterly effort. Brother Hidy was re-elected trustee of the college for three years.

We quit the year in good shape and expect all the men back.

June 19, 1884.

D. R. CRISSINGER.

#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE initial year of Ohio Zeta has proved a prosperous one for the chapter. True, we must acknowledge defeats, yet we have taken long and safe strides in the proper course, and are able to score many victories. We feel that we have laid the foundation of a flourishing chapter and that perseverance alone is needed to complete the work and form a strong band—a power that will be felt. Aside from the opposing forces of the older chapters here, we have had this disadvantage. Chi Phi and Beta Theta Pi have each been striving to secure men for the establishment of new chapters, and they have drained the upper classes of all suitable material. Although the Beta Theta Pi men deny the above, yet whatever their aim, they have striven to obtain members for some purpose. We speak not from hearsay, but from personal knowledge.

The last accession to our ranks is Charles Hatfield, of Cincinnati. From the present outlook it would seem that all but two of our men will return, and we shall begin the coming session under very favorable auspices.

June 20, 1884.

H. A. KAHLER.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT week brought fresh laurels to crown the brow of Kentucky Alpha. Although the universal verdict of the class awarded the valedictory to our beloved brother, W. P. Sandidge, yet the Faculty deemed it wise that it should be divided between three men—this division was affected by lot—the salutatory falling to brother Sandidge. An elegant gold medal was also awarded him for proficiency in Mental Science. Brothers F. W. Samuel and W. E. Knight, of '84, received honorable mention, Brothers M. R. Hubbard, E. D. Martin, and your reporter, of '85, W. L. Sumrall, E. B. Nelson, and F. M. Wilson, of '87, were likewise mentioned. The Greek prize in the Freshman class was awarded to brother E. B. Nelson. On Tuesday evening, June 17th, we gave an elegant banquet. The Louisville *Courier-Journal* details the affair as follows :



At the close of the exercises Tuesday night the Phi Delta Theta fraternity gave a magnificent banquet at Gilcher's Hotel to its members and invited guests, and a more brilliant assemblage has rarely come together. Covers were laid for about 150 persons. The floral and other decorations exhibited most excellent taste and skill, and the designs upon wall and board were wrought into the emblems and badges of the order. The menu, bearing the coat-of-arms of the fraternity, was gotten up in the very best style of the engraver's and printer's art.

After regaling the inner man by the good things provided by the caterer's skill, while notes of sweetest music throbbed in the air, the toast-master, Dr. L. S. McMurray, made a speech of welcome and explained in a few words the objects of the Phi Delta Theta organization. He then announced the first toast, "The Faculty." This was responded to by Prof. Cheek in a happy manner. He alluded in impressive words to many distinguished men who were once members of the faculty. He said that Centre College alumni had filled positions of honor all over our land, from that of Vice-President of the United States down to the humblest walk of life.

Judge J. K. Sumrall responded to "Our Alumni" in eloquent and appropriate words. He mentioned some of the more illustrious, beginning with James Buchanan and ending with John C. Breckinridge, E. P. Humphrey, and J. C. S. Blackburn.

"Our Sister Fraternities" elicited a speech from Mr. J. W. Caldwell, of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

The sentiment, "Our Ladies," was responded to in a chaste and beautiful speech by Mr. Thomas Phister, a brother Phi from the University of Virginia. He closed with the lines:

Were't the last drop in the well,  
As I gasped upon the brink,  
Ere my fainting spirit fell  
'Tis to them that I would drink.

The last speech was by Mr. W. E. Knight to "Our Graduating Brothers." It was well delivered, and touched many hearts by its words of farewell. It was a season long to be remembered by the banqueters, who did not disperse till "some wee short hour ayant the twal."

Your Reporter, at a recent meeting, was chosen to represent Kentucky Alpha at the November Convention.

June 24, 1884.

G. E. WISEMAN, JR.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

At Commencement brothers S. G. Ramsey and T. W. Wilson received the degree of B.S., and O. E. Bradfute that of B.A. From the Preparatory department the Phis were represented on their Commencement day by brothers Foster, Shields and Bradford.

The laying of the corner-stone for the [new college building] found on the programme: Brothers D. D. Banta, '55; Rev. J. S. Jenckes, '56, and Dr. T. A. Wylie, '30.

Brother E. E. Griffith represented us nobly in the Junior contest, and O. E. Bradfute delivered the anniversary address at the

Philomathean anniversary. But the climax of the season's work was the going into our new hall. We boast that we have the finest hall in the West, outside of a chapter house. The first night we met in it we initiated Alfred H. Beldon, of Tampico, Ind.

It was determined by the chapter that we should combine our annual banquet and the dedication exercises, thus making it the social event of Commencement week. The time set was June 9th, and Judge D. D. Banta, of Franklin, was asked to deliver a dedication address.

On the appointed evening about sixty-five Phis and lady friends assembled in the new hall. Among the prominent members and persons present were: Hon. J. L. Mitchell, of Indianapolis, member of the Board of Trustees; Hon. D. D. Banta, of Franklin, President of the Board of Trustees; Rev. T. A. Wylie, D.D., Vice-President of the University; Hon. John M. McCoy, of Dallas, Texas; Senator Willard, Hon. Harry Huffstetter, David Ellison, and Hon. J. T. Mellette, (who also delivered the address before the alumni on the following evening), and others. The company was called to order at 9:30 P.M., and Judge Banta delivered his address—one of those for which he is so well known, in which there was an abundance of good sense, clothed in beautiful language, illuminated with wit, and driven home in a way which only the Judge knows how. It was just the speech we all wished for. We then repaired to the National Hotel, where all sat down to a banquet fit for Apicius.

The programme of toasts was as follows: Toast-master, Hon. J. L. Mitchell. "Our Active Members," Robert Newland; "Our Alumni," D. Ellison; "Indiana Alpha Thirty Years Ago," Hon. J. T. Mellette; "To the Ladies," H. C. Huffstetter; "To the University and Faculty," E. E. Griffith; "Response," T. A. Wylie, D.D.; "To the Seniors," W. D. Howe; "Response," O. E. Bradfute.

After this, the party returned to the hall, where the young people, and some of the old ones, spent the hours in dancing and enjoyment, breaking up about four o'clock in the morning, all calling it one of the most pleasant occasions of their lives.

June 16, 1884.

O. E. BRADFUTE.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

COLLEGE closed yesterday and we held a very good Commencement. Brothers Sharp and Cooter both graduated, and we feel proud of their orations. There were sixteen men in the class, six non-fraternity, six Sigma Chi, two Phi Gamma Delta, two Beta Theta Pi, and two Phi Delta Theta.

We had a call meeting on Wednesday before Commencement

to bid good-bye to our brothers about to leave us. Brother Sharp expects to study Physics and Higher Mathematics at Harvard for several years, then be a professor. Brother Cooter will go into the Ministry. Miss Lillie Coyle, sister of brother Coyle, tendered our chapter a very pleasant reception on May 17th, which will be remembered by all, as it was so thoroughly enjoyed. All the men expect to return next year, and we will start with fourteen as earnest men as can be found anywhere.

June 12, 1884.

E. J. DUKES.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

THE year just closed has been the most successful in the history both of college and of our chapter. Our membership for the year numbered nineteen. At our last meeting we initiated brothers W. G. Olwin, '87, of Dayton, O., and T. B. Noble, Jr., of Greenwood.

On the evening of June 11th we held our annual banquet. About sixty-five were present, among whom were Prof. E. L. Stevenson and Rev. Chas. Boaz, of Gilman, Ill.; Rev. J. L. Mathews, of Tonica, Ill.; Rev. J. R. Edwards, of Warsaw, Ind., and Rev. J. K. Howard, of Livonia, Ind. The banquet reflected credit on the chapter, and was a fitting close of the year's work.

We lose three men this year by graduation, brothers R. A. Brown, S. H. Thompson and S. P. Smith. All have been zealous workers for the fraternity, and their absence will be greatly felt. We will start next year with fifteen men, and possibly more.

Brother Daniels, formerly with us, has been elected to the chair of Science in a Kentucky college.

Brother E. E. Stevenson, of '83, has taken a position in a bank at Biggsville, Ill.

July 23, 1884.

R. W. WILSON.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

COLLEGE closed with the usual Commencement exercises. We graduated one man, brother T. E. Montgomery, who acquitted himself in his usual creditable style. Brother Montgomery has been a leading spirit amongst us, and we are sorry to bid him farewell.

The degree of LL. D. was conferred on Senator Harrison.

During Commencement week Edward Munroe, '88, was initiated by us. He is a strong accession.

W. D. Marshall tendered to the chapter his resignation, which was promptly accepted.

June 30, 1884.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

## INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT is over and we have our share of the honors. Brother John Secrets has taken second prize for excellency in drill; brother Hopkins, '87, took second prize in declamation; brother Snyder, '86, won a sweeping victory over his classmates in oratory; brother J. M. Goodwin, '85, represented his class twice with able speeches for a final contest; brother Miller represented his class twice in oratory, and took second honors in history. Your humble servant, '85, represented Philo Literary Society in the reply oration at the graduation of its Seniors.

Brothers Wilson, of Franklin; J. T. Melletts, of Newcastle; and Burnside, '82, were with us at Commencement.

Brothers Ewing McLean and J. B. Curtis were graduated this year.

June 28, 1884.

J. B. BRIDGES.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH we lose the finest men in the institution, who will take degrees, yet the expectation for next year is good, for we will surely start with no less than nine men, and, in all probabilities, eleven or twelve. Brother J. H. McGill, C. J. Olmsted, and E. E. Woodman will take degrees. We regret to lose these men, for they are the men who have seen the chapter through "thick and thin," two of them being charter members.

Since our last report we received a short visit from Brother W. E. O'Kane, of Ohio Beta.

June 2, 1884.

J. E. DAVIDSON.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## ILLINOIS GAMMA, MONMOUTH COLLEGE.

ILLINOIS Gamma did not take in any men at Commencement. The main reason was that the excitement which arose in college about that time made the opposition rather hostile and watchful. We had just had some sparring with the anti-fraternity element. The occasion was this: the students refused to take part in the memorial services on Decoration Day, because the services were under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, and *that*, they claimed, "was a secret society." This gave us a good opportunity to show up the absurdities of the anti-fraternity advocates in a forcible newspaper article, which took well with the population of Monmouth and created quite a good deal of comment and elicited sympathy for the fraternity men. Then we induced the faculty to make themselves ridiculous on Commence-

ment day. We applauded several of the graduating class and made the faculty believe they were Phis. Immediately a joint meeting of the Senate and Faculty was called, and it was endeavored to withhold the degrees of the three who were applauded. After an exciting time in council the Faculty discovered that they had no evidence except the applause given the men, and that even then they had no right to withhold the degrees. Consequently the whole town is smiling at the Faculty. We will begin work in the Fall. I am determined to obtain the repeal of the anti-fraternity law if it is possible. The Faculty even tried to withhold the degree of A. M. from several Phis who had graduated three years before. The battle is still on.

June 19, 1884.

C. C. McCLAUGHRY.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

THE following named brothers have been initiated since our last report: E. C. Knotts, T. A. Broadbent, C. C. George, Grant Newell, Charles L. Andrews, Louis Becker, William R. Huston, Charles W. Martin, J. R. Porter, and J. H. Hopkins.

Brother J. B. Brown shed honor upon  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  by carrying off first prize at the last declamation contest, held in Commencement week. Our once brother Morse, whose arduous duties kept him from reorganizing with us, pronounced the valedictory for '84. After our last meeting the six brothers of '84 remembered the brothers they left behind them with a little treat at Anderson's.

June 28, 1884.

J. C. MITCHELL.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Illinois Wesleyan closed the 12th of June. We had two members in the graduating class, brothers Carr and English. brother Carr will enter the Illinois conference in the Fall, and brother English expects to enter the Chicago Law School.

We began the year with twelve men in college and brother Mueller in the city; have initiated seven new members and affiliated one. Three of our members left college at the close of the Winter term; thus the year closed with seventeen Phis in college. Several others in addition to the graduates will not return next year, so that the chapter will probably have not more than ten men in the Fall.

On the evening of the 10th of June we held our annual banquet and reunion, which was a grand success. Thirty couples sat down to supper. Among those present were Hon. A. E. Stevenson, E. S. Shrock, T. H. Simmons, J. A. Fullinwider, W. E. Higbee, W. A. Jones, J. B. Eaton, and W. D. Frantz.

Upon the whole it has been a successful year with us. Of the men we have invited to join us not one joined either of the other

fraternities, although all but one or two were canvassed by them.  
June 28, 1884. T. M. KIMBALL.

#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ON the 18th inst. our collegiate year closed. It has been a very profitable one both to the University and to our chapter—probably the most profitable to the latter since its establishment.

This year we graduate but one member, brother Jay Edwards, but he is a host in himself. Since he donned the white and the blue he has initiated twenty-one members; he has ever been a zealous worker in and an earnest friend to the cause of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ . On Commencement he acquitted himself honorably both to his college and chapter.

Brother M. C. Summers was with us during Commencement week to deliver the "Master's Oration." His oration was brilliantly written and equally well delivered.

Several of our alumni were back, some that were students as far back as "war times." They were anxious to see the "old chapter room" and to talk about the "old times," also were glad to know that the "good work was still going on." Some of our present members will not be with us next year, but we expect a fair sized chapter at the beginning of the year to commence the much anticipated work.

June 24, 1884.

LYMAN MCCARL.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

THE University of Wisconsin closed after an excellent Commencement. Class Day, June 17th, and the Commencement exercises of June 18th are the events of the year, and on the programmes for these occasions we find, as usual, a number of honors bestowed upon Phi. On Class Day we had the "Class Historian," A. J. Hilbert, and "Mementoes," by H. Fehr; while upon the Commencement programme we find the oration of L. L. Brown and the Honor Theses of H. Fehr, M. Updegraf and A. J. Hilbert. A large number of alumni attended the closing exercises, and upon the night of June 17th Wisconsin Alpha enjoyed a reunion banquet. There were many addresses and toasts and it was again proved, by the responses of our alumni, that Phi love only becomes deeper and stronger as it matures in the heart of the graduate.

Wisconsin Alpha thus closed the most successful year since its organization. We are strong in numbers and in influence. In every contest in which we engaged we were successful. We triumphed over our rivals, and although incurring the displeasure of these rivals the standard of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  in the University of Wisconsin has been placed high above any danger of interference through outside influence.

June 25, 1884.

A. J. HILBERT.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

I HAVE the pleasure of introducing, in this report, brother H. W. Clark, of the Sophomore class. One morning, shortly before Commencement, the names of the successful contestants for the Stephens and McAnally medals appeared on the bulletin board, and, behold! they were both Phis. The Stephens medal was won by brother A. M. Elston, and the McAnally medal by brother Geo. W. Coffman. Brother Elston has earned the reputation of being the best orator in the University, never having been defeated on any contest. The essay of brother Coffman was one of the ablest productions we ever listened to. It was written in faultless verse. There is more honor connected with these two medals than with any prize offered by the institution.

On the evening of June 2d we gave our annual banquet. Mr. J. C. Conley kindly tendered us the use of his elegant suburban residence for the occasion. After a few hours spent in every manner of enjoyment we partook of a banquet that would have tantalized Tantalus. After supper Dr. I. N. Ridge, of Kansas City, in very appropriate and well chosen words, presented to the Chapter a handsome floral emblem shaped like a scroll, and having the initial letters of our order inserted in flowers. Brother Williams made a short speech of acceptance on behalf of the Chapter. Our banquet was a complete success in every particular.

Σ A E has established a chapter here with four charter members. We are very glad to welcome them in our midst.

Brother Fink, of Helena, Ark., spent Commencement week with us.

July 1, 1884.

W. P. KING, JR.

## MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT has come and gone, and Φ A Θ, as usual, has taken her share of honors. Brother S. W. Yantis, our only graduate, easily headed the race for grade, coming out far ahead of the three B Θ H and one non-fraternity man who contested the prize with him; and at the close of his excellent speech he was recipient of floral offerings, probably the finest ever sent forward to any speaker in the chapel of Westminster. One, in particular, from our Phi sisters, was pronounced by the whole audience magnificent. In this connection I may say that brother A. M. Ott will probably not return next year. We are sorry to lose our brethren.

Brothers McLanahan, '82, and Brown, '82, spent Commencement with us. At the anniversary of the Philalethian society

brother Brown occupied the chair with great dignity. Brother W. Y. McChesney represented us among the orators of the evening. His speech should have had first honors, but he was given the second honors by the committee and he refused this, not wishing to speak first.

Brothers C. F. Richmond and G. F. Ayres represented us at the anniversary of the Philologic Society, receiving, respectively, first and second honors. Thus, with three to represent us, we bore off two honor positions and had the offer of a third; whereas our rivals, with four representatives, had only one honor.

Only two prizes were awarded. These were given not on term grade, but on special examinations, and both went to non-fraternity men, though our men bore off the highest grades. We are particularly proud of our little brother Lyle, who went far to the front in Analytics, against the "bright and shining lights," and old fellows at that, of  $B \odot II$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and the non-fraternity element. Missouri Beta may well rejoice over her success and prosperity during this year, and the outlook for next term is most encouraging.

June 16, 1884.

L. J. MITCHELL.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

At the close of the year we can truly say that Kansas Alpha is proud of her retrospect. Starting, as we did, last fall with but four men, with three older and more experienced competitors, our outlook was not a brilliant one; but we realized our situation. We saw but one way of permanent advancement, and that through hard and honest personal work; we tried to make Phi Delta Theta worthy of the respect of both professors and students—and to this end we bent our every energy. I am sure to-day that success has crowned the work. Firmly believing that one good man was worth a dozen poor ones, we have selected with the utmost care, and as a result, of the eleven Knights of the Sword and Shield, we have not a man that is not an honor to himself, to his fraternity and to his college. The Phis have not been absent when college honors were being distributed. Brother W. T. Findley graduated with the highest classical honors, and wrote the class poem. He goes East to a theological seminary. Brother J. P. Jack, who left early in the year for Colorado, for his health, has just graduated from the Colorado Institute, with a year-grade of 99 per cent., and has a professorship in the same college. Brother S. M. Cook was selected by the faculty to represent the Juniors on Washington's Birthday, and was the orator in the recent Oread-Orophilian Literary contest, and your reporter, the remaining Junior, had the honor of publishing the University annual, having held the same position for three



successive years. Brother O. C. Le Seur was the Phi editor on the annual—the *Cicala*.

Our crowning joy, however, came through our youngest brother, W. S. Franklin, who won \$25 in gold—the first prize in both Freshman and Sophomore mathematics—having taken this year all the mathematical honors of both classes. In fact each man has won some honor. In college journalism the Phis have been in the van ; when there were two papers we had three on each, and now on the consolidated *Review* we were successful in the re-election of brother Cook as editor, and in the election of the writer as manager, being the third year he has been elected to the same official position. Of those that have left, Chase is in the law at Olathe, Kansas ; Halderman is Eastern advertising agent for the Southern Kansas R. R. ; Williams is in the grocery trade at Ottawa, Kansas ; Detwiler is deputy-surveyor for Franklin County ; Brady is in business at Aubry. We have enjoyed visits during the year from Geo. H. Apperson, city editor of *Topeka Capital* ; Rev. M. F. Troxell, former editor of the *SCROLL*, now of Kansas City, and Prof. Chas. Parmenter, of Baker University.

We have endeavored to hold up the Phi standard in social circles, having enjoyed innumerable boat excursions and frequent suppers. We are especially indebted to the Misses McFarland of this city for the elegant supper tendered the Phis on the evening of May 24th. It was in response to a serenade, and was an entire surprise to all. And now having o'erleaped all bounds by the length of this, I will have concluded by saying that the prospect for Kansas Alpha in the year to come is brightening ; our progress must be slow, our opponents have fine halls. But we, too, have in view the possession of similar chapter homes. I will be glad to exchange the *Cicala* for the annual published in any other college.

E. F. CALDWELL.

June 18, 1884.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE collegiate year of 1883-84 is ended. Commencement exercises were held on the eleventh. The Phis all went home in the best of spirits. The first thing in order is to say that we are no more nine, but ten. William Ferris Bisbee, of '86, was duly initiated and is one of our most active members. He is a great victory for us.

George Frankforter is president-elect of the Union Literary Society. Ed. J. Churchill was the orator on the June exhibition. C. G. McMillan held the position of senior managing editor of the *Sombrero*. Ellis O. Lewis took the degree of Civil Engineer on Commencement day, made the best speech of the occasion, and received a magnificent floral design. Elton Fulmer repre-

sented his class on the annual oratorical contest of the Palladian society, although an upper classman captured the prize. (Brother Fulmer is a Freshman). Every one spoke most highly of the speech delivered by the Phi. Brother Frankforter also delivered the oration at the annual joint meeting of the two literary societies. The Palladian representative was a  $\Sigma X$ , and although he had an excellent oration, he was embarrassed and finally "broke down," thus leaving the victory to brother Frankforter. On this occasion the fraternity question was debated, with great success to fraternity interests.

It may easily be seen from the above remarks that the Phis hold a large per cent. of the "high places."

We have made arrangements, through the kind assistance of our brother, Gen. Webster, to hold our regular meetings in the parlors of the Masonic Temple. These rooms are very large, elegantly carpeted with velvet, and furnished with plush chairs and divans. We also have the use of a large hall, with stage, "floor," etc., which opens from the parlors. We thus hold the use of eight rooms, and consider ourselves the luckiest chapter on record.

A Phi Delta Theta banquet, in honor of the Kappa girls, who hold a charter for the Sigma chapter, established May 30th, at the University of Nebraska, was the event of Commencement week. Among the twenty young people who attended, brother Foree and brother Lewis were both with us, and until three o'clock in the morning we enjoyed ourselves in a style that left nothing to be desired. Sigma Chi was to have a banquet for the Kappa girls, but the Kappa girls refused to attend. There is a great joke here on Sigma Chi, of which we will spare the relating. All our men will be back next year, and we expect to see the Phi Delta Theta advance another step.

All chapters will confer a favor upon Nebraska Alpha by exchanging annuals with the *Sombrero*.

June 13, 1884.

C. G. McMILLAN.

#### IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

IN reviewing the events and victories of the past year, feelings of pride creep over us when we realize how well we have done.

Two of our men, brothers McGowan and Wheeler, on commencement did nobly. Brother Blanding appeared as June Orator for Irving Literary Society in the society anniversary, and was surely far the best speaker of the evening. We are pleased to be able to announce him as our delegate to the Convention. We have initiated but four men this year; three of them are Freshmen. But our picking far excels in quantity and quality that of any of our rivals.

June 20, 1884.

ROBT. A. GREENE.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

THE University of Minnesota evaporated May 29th, and Minnesota Alpha is scattered to the four winds. We are going back in the fall, though, to boom Phi Delta Theta as she never boomed before. We graduated two men with '84—two men that we are sorry to lose. Brother Vaughn ranked second in scholarship in the classical course. Brother Hoage took high rank in the Civil Engineering department, and now has a position on the Northern Pacific R.R. Brother Vaughn is studying medicine with Dr. Hewitt at Red Wing, Minn. Minnesota Alpha came to the front in the athletics. Brothers McKinney, E.R. and E.A., E. A. Davidson and Abbott took first and second prizes.

We are going to have a home next year, having made arrangements for two rooms in a new brick block now being built, one square from the University. The rooms will be made to our order and to suit our needs. It promises to be a good home.

The chapter had a large group taken this spring. It is one of the finest ever seen, and contains an exceptionally fine looking set of men. (I am not in it). I think the chapter would be willing to exchange for similar groups from other chapters.

June 24, 1884.

JAMES GRAY.

## FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

A NUMBER of our chapters are delinquent in their annual Historian's reports. It will be impossible for the H. G. C. to make a satisfactory report to the coming Convention, unless full returns are in by October 10th, from all the chapters. These reports were due April 1. A few chapters are yet in arrears for the year ending April 1, 1883. A list of chapters from which reports are yet due is appended. The Province Presidents have worked hard and faithfully in endeavoring to persuade the Historians of these chapters, that by a compliance with this simple duty they could do the fraternity at large a great service and relieve our general officers of a vast amount of tedious correspondence. I call upon the chapters mentioned below to join with me in requesting their historians to forward to me, without delay, their reports. If they neglect to do this, will not some good brother kindly volunteer to prepare the same and send it? I would submit to the Convention a printed report if the chapters will all co-operate in furnishing the required information.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

Pennsylvania Zeta,

Delinquent for 1884.

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## BETA PROVINCE.

Virginia Alpha,	Delinquent for 1883-1884.
Virginia Beta,	" " " "
Virginia Gamma,	" " " "
Virginia Delta,	" " " "
Virginia Epsilon.	" " " "
South Carolina Alpha,	" " " "
South Carolina Beta,	" " 1883

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

Georgia Beta,	Delinquent for 1883.
Georgia Gamma,	" " 1883-1884.
Alabama Alpha,	" " 1883.
Tennessee Alpha,	" " " "
Texas Alpha,	" " " "
Tennessee Beta,	" " " "
Texas Beta,	" " 1884.
Mississippi Alpha,	" " " "

## DELTA PROVINCE.

Ohio Gamma,	Delinquent for 1883.
Ohio Epsilon,	" " 1884.
Ohio Zeta,	" " " "

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana Gamma,	Delinquent for 1883.
Michigan Gamma,	" " 1884.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

Wisconsin Alpha,	Delinquent for 1883.
Illinois Delta,	" " 1884.

## ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha,	Delinquent for 1884.
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Will Pennsylvania Gamma and Pennsylvania Epsilon please send, in addition to the very excellent reports, the names and addresses of those initiated during the year ending April 1st, 1884. The names, address and occupation of those retiring from the chapter during the year, and the names and address of all members in attendance April 1st, '84. Will Maine Alpha, New York Beta, New York Gamma and Iowa Beta, send the name of their Chapter Historian, as it was not appended to the report received?

A. A. STEARNS.

## OTHER FRATERNITIES.

## BETA THETA PI.

In the May number of the *Beta Theta Pi*, page 360, the editor makes this astounding assertion : "No other order has such a complete internal organization, and, indeed, none would have had any internal organization had they not copied our ideas." (*Sic*). Before such boundless assurance we stand dumfounded. Modesty has, of course, been a characteristic virtue of Beta Theta Pi, but this even out-Wooglines Wooglin.

Beta Theta Pi owns that it needs a new ritual, and that badly. In the March number of the *Beta Theta Pi* some correspondent says of the ritual adopted in 1879 that "foolishness crops out in it here and there," and declared that a new ritual is needed which will be free from the "foolish sentences, the grandiloquence, and the little interjections, which carry the initiate from the sublime to the ridiculous, and remove all the impressions which should be permanent." In the June number the editor himself says : "We must have a new ritual. It is almost certain that we have forty-five distinct initiation services in our fraternity."

We have always taken an interest in the laudable effort of the *Beta Theta Pi* to instill in the minds of Betas the ruinous effects of initiating preparatory students, and have admired the ability and strength of its arguments. Beta Theta Pi has sufficiently strong laws on the subject. The constitution of the fraternity, which was adopted at Cincinnati in 1879, and was published in the *Beta Theta Pi* for October, 1879, says, Article II., Section 10 : "No person shall become a member of this association, being a member of any similar association, *nor unless he shall be a member of some undergraduate college class*, and then not until the chapter to which his name shall be proposed shall have expressed its confidence in his character and qualifications, by electing him by the unanimous vote of its active members." The question has been largely discussed, and succeeding conventions have construed this clause into an absolute prohibition of the initiation of preps. Still, the last tabular statement of the membership, published in the *Beta Theta Pi* for December, 1883, showed that the chapters at Wooster, Wittenberg, Wabash, Northwestern, Westminster, Indiana and Ohio Universities, are addicted to the evil practice. In the June number the editor grieves that the Wittenberg, Mississippi, and Indiana University chapters have preparatory students as members, and, with reference to the chapter at Wooster, he says with much force : "We have never had but one fault to find with Alpha Lambda, and that was in taking preps. She has no preps now, because 'brother Reakirt left school to accept a position in Cincinnati.' Now he

may return some day and he may not. In the latter case he will be a Beta of *two prep terms* only, and will not be a fully developed, broad-minded Beta warrior. Such cases as this are powerful arguments against the initiation of preps."

The June number of the *Beta Theta Pi* makes some interesting comments on the state of Beta Theta Pi chapters, based upon recent reports. It says: "Gamma (Washington and Jefferson) and Alpha Sigma (Dickinson) are both known to be in weak condition." Of the University of Virginia chapter it says: "Omicron chapter rarely initiates any men, and it seems to be merely a loosely-jointed association of Betas, who happen to come to the University of Virginia to study special branches. It seems to be in a comatose state, and its catalogue list will show that for many years its membership has been made up from Betas, who were initiated from other colleges. No rival journal has spoken favorably of Omicron, and the other Virginia chapters seem disgusted at the inactivity of the members. It has been said by a Virginia man that Omicron never holds over three or four meetings a year." From information received directly from men who attended the University of Virginia last year, we are of the opinion that what the *Beta Theta Pi* says about Omicron is entirely true.

In January, the University of Pennsylvania correspondent chafed our Pennsylvania Zeta about all of its members being in the medical department, and the editor chuckled over it as a "ghastly joke." He now says of his own chapter: "Phi, at the University of Pennsylvania, rents a chapter house on Pine street, and has seventeen men, only two of whom are in the school of arts, ten being medical and five science students." If medical students in an institution famed above almost any other, for its medical department are at a discount, why do you have so many yourself?

Of the rivals to Alpha Kappa chapter at Richmond College, the Beta organ says: "Four weak rivals contest the leavings and take what they can get." This reminds us that in the February number the editor, in speaking of the Alpha Epsilon chapter at Iowa Wesleyan, said: "One weak rival picks up the leavings." At the same time Phi Delta Theta had eight men at Iowa Wesleyan, while Beta Theta Pi had but five, since reduced to three, of whom two graduated in June. Now the editor says: "We will speak plainly about two certain chapters which are generally believed to be superfluous." One of these chapters is at Iowa Wesleyan, and he says: "It has sent in no report as yet, and still it is known to be in a weak condition." Continuing, he says: "It seems then that this chapter, with a regard for the best interests of our fraternity, had better hand in the charter and archives, and thus save one act of legislation at the Cleveland convention." We think there hardly is cause for our Virginia Delta to feel mortified at being classed with "weak rivals." May not

the official organ in a few months advise the Richmond College Betas also to "hand in their charter?" The other chapter, of which the *Beta Theta Pi* speaks plainly, is the one at Cumberland University at Tennessee. It says: "This chapter has not made itself very conspicuous this year, and, from what can be learned from outside sources, has nothing to make conspicuous. It was re-established without sufficient care; the men do not seem interested enough to keep up a chapter; and the college though once, *ante-bellum*, a flourishing institution, is not in good shape. We want no half-hearted chapters, and Mu has failed to 'brace up,' though warned, and now we say: 'Peace to thy ashes. *Hic jacet Mu.*'" We are informed that this chapter had but two members last year, neither of whom will return, so it seems that it would be supererogatory for the convention to take any trouble on its account. The Mu at Cumberland, as well as the Alpha Epsilon at Iowa Wesleyan, if let alone, will probably soon be out of the way of the "Herods." Of Ohio University and the chapter of Beta Theta Pi there, the editor remarks: "Ohio University has not been in good shape for some time, and many expected to see its death warrant signed by the legislature. The chapter was reduced to two men, and a great many Betas have openly advocated its suppression. Now Beta Kappa reports five active members, and that, though one graduates, two former members will return, and thus there will be six men at Athens in September. The college is reported in better condition than for ten years, and the boys court investigation. Under such favorable circumstances Beta Kappa is getting too big to go through the sieve, and it cannot justly be sifted. Great credit is due the boys for their energy; and, since they have not lowered their known high standard to increase numbers, we can no longer consistently urge the suppression of Beta Kappa." Really, from a perusal of the foregoing, we may conclude that consistency is occasionally a rare jewel.

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#### NEWS AND NOTES.

THE article published in the March-April SCROLL headed "An Unanswered Question" has been re-published in the journals of  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Phi A T \Omega$ , and  $\Sigma N$ . We believe that we have never seen a literary piece so generally copied by the Greek press. The author of it is C. L. Goodwin, Indiana Alpha, '83, who has just cause to be proud of his production.

DURING the year 1883-4 Vanderbilt University, Missouri University and Alabama State College repealed their anti-fraternity laws. In each of these institutions  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was the first fraternity established, and in each case the repeal of the laws was due to movements inaugurated by members of our Fraternity.

UPON going to press we hear from the Louisville and Nashville authorities. They give us 4 cents a mile round trip on the whole system, and they say they will effect rates with Atlanta, Richmond, Columbus, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Chicago, but do not think they can get rates from New York and Philadelphia. Parties pay full fare, 3 cents, from these mentioned points to Nashville, and at Nashville receive certificate returning them at 1 cent a mile. Lexington and Nashville connects Lexington, Cincinnati, Louisville, Evansville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Montgomery and Chattanooga.

THE next SCROLL (which will contain the fullest information about railroad, hotel accommodation, etc.), will be issued on October 20 in order to reach readers in ample time before the Convention. "Copy" *must* be in by October 8.

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## PERSONAL.

### JOINT SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

THE last of the three conventions held in this city yesterday met for the nomination of a Senator for the district composed of Marion, Shelby and Hancock. The candidates proposed were all from Hancock county, their names being L. H. Reynolds, Nelson Bradley, and the present Senator, Dr. S. T. Yancey. The first ballot resulted in 34 votes for Reynolds, 24 for Bradley, and 19 for Yancey. The last named then retired from the race, and upon the second ballot Mr. Reynolds was chosen over Mr. Bradley by 43 to 35. The nomination of Mr. Reynolds gave great satisfaction to his friends, among whom are numbered many of the best workers of the young Republicans of Marion county.

#### SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE.

Lafayette Harlan Reynolds was born on a farm in Scott county, Indiana, July 16, 1852. He is the eldest son of James A. Reynolds, a farmer now residing some five miles north of Greenfield, in Hancock county, where he has resided since 1870. In 1871 Mr. Reynolds entered Butler University, graduating with the degree of A.B. in 1877. He took a post-graduate course in the same institution and the degree of A.M. in 1878, and is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. In college he largely supported himself, teaching for a number of terms in various parts of Hancock county. He was for two years after his graduation a student in the law office of Baker, Hord & Hendricks in this city, and is well and favorably known by the entire Indianapolis bar. He graduated at the Central Law School of Indiana in the class of 1880 with the degree of LL.B. In both college and law school he was an arduous student, and maintained a high standard of scholarship.

In the summer of 1880 he opened a law office in Greenfield



and stepped almost at once into an extensive and and lucrative practice.

He has always been an earnest Republican, but has never before been a candidate for office. He has the reputation of being active, industrious, energetic, sensible, enthusiastic and plucky. He has the qualities which fit him for the race and the position for which he has been nominated, and will make an industrious and conservative Senator.—*Indianapolis Times*, April 11, 1884.

MISSOURI ALPHA, '72.—Eugene Field, of the *Chicago News*, has been offered \$100 a week by the *New York Sun*.

VIRGINIA BETA.—George B. Thomas, ex-Editor of the SCROLL, is making a tour of the world. In July, while away up in Sweden, he accidentally ran across Mr. W. R. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," and they had a very pleasant renewal of their acquaintance. Letters addressed to brother Thomas, care American Exchange in Europe, 449 Strand, Charing Cross, London, W.C., England, will be forwarded to him.

INDIANA DELTA.—The Democrats of the Fourth District of Indiana have nominated W. S. Holman for re-election to Congress.

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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.

Orator--Hon. J. F. Philips, Kansas City, Mo.

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The next Convention will be held at Delaware, Ohio, May 13 and 14, 1886.

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The Eighth Annual Convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., April 8, 1885.

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The Fifth Annual Convention will be held at Auburn, Ala., June 27 and 28, 1885.

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## OUR NATIONALITY.

AIR: "*Marching Through Georgia.*"

For the cause of old Phi Delta we will make the welkin ring ;  
Our army, for the right, in one grand chorus e'er will sing—  
To our dear fraternity we'll fame and honor bring,  
For dear old Phi Delta Theta.

### CHORUS :

Hurrah ! Hurrah ! Join in the jubilee ;  
Hurrah ! Hurrah ! Ring out the notes of glee ;  
Sing it with a chorus that will reach from sea to sea,  
For dear old Phi Delta Theta.

Ever onward, ever upward, is our noble cause and true ;  
We'll measure arms with every foe that comes before our view ;  
We'll e'er enhance the glory of our noble white and blue ;  
For dear old Phi Delta Theta.—*Cho.*

Through this broad land, from lakes to gulf, we hold a mighty sway,  
From Occident to Orient we grow in strength each day ;  
As long as this grand union lasts, we never will dismay,  
Striving for old Phi Delta Theta.—*Cho.*

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH,  
New York Gamma, '85.

## HON. JOHN FINIS PHILIPS.

IN looking over our files we find that the SCROLL has contained two biographical sketches of our distinguished brother who has promised to address the fraternity at the coming convention. The first was published in November, 1875, the second in February, 1880. From these sketches and from the catalogue record we gather the following information :

John Finis Philips was born December 31, 1834, in Boone county, Missouri. He entered Missouri University in 1851, where he pursued the regular course until the end of Sophomore year, when he left that institution and entered Centre College. In January, 1854, he was initiated into Phi Delta Theta, and in 1855 he graduated with the degree of A. B. While in college he held a prominent position in his class. He was chosen to represent his literary society at its public exercises February 22, 1854.

After leaving college he studied law, and in 1856 he was admitted to the bar. In 1861 he was elected from his district to the State Convention to determine the relations of Missouri to the Federal Union, and, though one of its youngest members, he served with distinction. During the war he served as Colonel of the 7th Missouri Cavalry, and for gallantry on the field he received a commission as Brigadier-General from the Governor of Missouri. In 1868 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention which met in New York City. In the same year he was nominated for Congress, but was defeated. In 1874 he was nominated a second time, and was elected by a large majority. In 1880-'81 he filled an unexpired term in Congress by appointment of the Governor of the State. By an act of the Missouri Legislature in 1883 the Supreme Court of the State was authorized to appoint three commissioners to aid them in disposing of pending cases. Under this act Mr. Philips was one of the three commissioners appointed, and he has qualified and entered upon his duties. In his profession he has risen to high distinction and has attained a wide reputation. He has always been a student of history and higher literature, and he is also well known as a Christian gentleman. In 1877 he was a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council which met in Edinburgh, Scotland. Those who will be present at the convention will be fortunate in having an opportunity presented of hearing this gifted member of Kentucky Alpha. Mr. Philips has a son, Emmet Everett Philips, also a member of Phi Delta Theta, who graduated with A. B. at Centre College in 1877, and with LL.B. at Columbia College in 1880.

## GREEK FRATERNITY CATALOGUES.\*

IN reviewing the catalogues of the various fraternities, it is possible to describe only the general plan of each, and a few of their several peculiarities. Many details and points of difference cannot be understood without an examination of the books themselves.

In 1876, Sigma Chi issued a catalogue which at that time did it much credit. The paper and the press-work are good. A lithographed frontispiece and a separate cut for each chapter are all in good taste. The members are entered alphabetically by chapters and classes. An alphabetical index is provided at the end. Very few full names are given. The greatest fault is the almost entire absence of occupations and biographical notes. No secret letters or symbols are found in the book. One thing rather peculiar is the publication of expelled members marked by foot notes.

The catalogue of Phi Gamma Delta, issued in 1878, compared favorably with other works of the kind up to that date. The typographical appearance is good. There are no cuts except a

\* CATALOGUE OF THE SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY. New York: D. Van Nostrand & Co. 1876. 8vo., pp. 104.

PHI GAMMA DELTA CATALOGUE. New York: W. G. Seacor. 1878. 8vo., pp. 189.

CATALOGUE OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY. *Νόμιζ' ἀδελφούς τοὺς φίλους*. Published under the Supervision of the Executive Council in the 46th Year of the Fraternity. New York: Baker & Godwin. March, 1879. 8vo., pp. 468.

CATALOGUE OF THE SIGMA PHI WITH THE THESAURUS. New York: E. P. Coby & Co. 1880. 12mo., pp. 92.

GRAND CATALOGUE OF THE PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY. Easton, Pa.: Hilburn & West. 1880. 8vo. pp. 346.

CATALOGUE OF THE BETA THETA PI. In the Forty-third Year of the Fraternity. Cleveland (?): 1881. 8vo., pp. 404.

REGISTER FRATERNITATIS CHI PHI. Anno Fraternitatis, LVIII. Easton, Pa.: Express Publishing Co. 1882. 8vo., pp. 282.

THE ALPHA DELTA PHI. 1832—1882. By the Fraternity. Boston: Rockwell & Churchill. 1882. 8vo., pp. 727.

CATALOGUE OF THE ZETA PSI FRATERNITY. Anno Fraternitatis, XXXVII. New York (?): Moser & Lyon. 1883. 8vo., pp. 218.

THE CATALOGUE OF PHI DELTA THETA. *Εἰς ἀνὴρ οὐδεὶς ἀνὴρ*. Published by the Fraternity in Its XXXV. Year. Nashville: Southern Methodist Publishing House. August, 1883. 8vo., pp. 230.

CATALOGUS SODALIIUM DELTA PHI. Sodalitatis Conditæ Quinquagesimo Sexto Anno. Kal. Mai. MDCCCLXXXIII. New York: Edward F. Weeks. 8vo., pp. 196.

FOURTH DECENNIAL CATALOGUE OF THE CHI PHI FRATERNITY. Published under the auspices of Alpha Phi, by order of 39th Annual Convention. New York: Baker & Godwin. 1883. 8vo., pp. 392.

FIFTH GENERAL CATALOGUE OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY. Published by order of the General Convention of 1881, under the Supervision of the Rho, in the twenty-fifth year of the Fraternity. New York: Baker & Godwin. 1884. 8vo., pp. 368.

single design reproduced before each chapter list. The names are divided by chapters and classes. But few full names and scarcely any occupations are given. To some of the names are appended biographical notes, but the data are very meagre and incomplete. The secret letters generally consist of an upper and a lower-case Greek letter following each name. At the end there is an alphabetical index of the members and a separate list of the dead.

The publication of the catalogue of Psi Upsilon in 1879 caused a revolution in the art of catalogue making. This superb work was regarded with astonishment by the fraternity world. It not only far surpassed all previous efforts of the kind, but it remains as a standard by which to compare all subsequent catalogues. The able editor spent two years in its compilation, and so thoroughly did he perform his work, both in the collection of data and the management of the matter, that now hardly any defects can be detected. In the preface he states that the facts were gathered from a vast correspondence with the members, from triennial catalogues of the various colleges, and from clergy lists, Congressional directories, city directories and biographical dictionaries. An introduction is furnished by ex-Governor Rice, of Massachusetts. The chapter lists are divided into classes. A remarkable fact is that the full names of all members but eight, and the residences of all but twenty, are given. This is partly accounted for by the fact that nearly all the chapters of Psi Upsilon are at eastern colleges, whose triennials furnish full names and residences. Honorary titles and the places of residence follow the name on the same line. The dagger denotes those who did not graduate. The system of signs and symbols is very elaborate, and usually consists of several astronomical characters and an upper and two lower-case Greek letters appended to each name. These signs are almost unintelligible to an outsider, and probably only the brightest Psi Us themselves are able to master them. The usual asterisk denotes death, and the year of demise is inserted between the asterisk and name. Below the names, which are set in small capitals, are biographical notes in nonpareil, which are very full and complete, ranging from one line to half a page in length. In these are mentioned the colleges conferring honorary degrees, positions held in church and state, services in the army, literary work, and a few college and fraternity honors. This catalogue is the first one published which contains a table of relationship and a residence directory. Besides these, there are summaries by chapters, states, cities and occupations, and the alphabetical index. The appearance of the book is above criticism. It is beautifully printed on tinted paper, with a red line around each page, and a monogram in each corner. The frontispiece is a splendid engraving on steel. It pre-



sents a gothic window, over which are the chapter letters and the owl and fasces of Psi U., and through which is seen a view of the sea, with a large rock rising out of the waves, the whole illuminated by a sunburst. A vignette for each chapter precedes its list.

The catalogue of Sigma Phi, published in 1880, is a very neat and attractive little book. The only illustration is a woodcut, serving as a frontispiece. The members are divided under the chapters by the years of initiation. Scarcely any full names are given. The secret letters are Roman capitals, and are not numerous. To some of the names are appended honorary degrees and brief biographical notes. The great fault is the failure to give the residences and occupations in the chapter lists. These are given in the residence directory. There is no clue furnished to show in what part of the directory the residence of any particular member may be found, so that to find it the whole directory must be searched. This fault destroys in a large measure the usefulness of the catalogue. An alphabetical list of names and a recapitulation of the membership closes the book.

The Phi Kappa Psi catalogue of 1880 contains nothing but the chapter lists and an alphabetical index, except a heliotype of the two founders of the fraternity, and a few coarse woodcuts, which add nothing to the attractiveness of the book. The members are divided according to chapters and years of initiation. There are no secret letters. Only the initials of the names of most members are entered, and only a few occupations and biographical notes are added. The press work is fair.

The next notable achievement in the way of catalogues after Psi Upsilon's was made by Beta Theta Pi. Two or three years were spent in preparing the catalogue, which was published in 1881. The form of Psi Upsilon's catalogue was closely followed, although there was scope for originality, if not for improvement. The pages are of the same size, and the style of the make-up is almost identical. In one thing, however, the arrangement is very different from every other catalogue. The names, instead of being divided by classes, are arranged in one long roll under each chapter, apparently without regard to classes or years of initiation. This may be very convenient for the Betas, but outsiders cannot tell from it anything about the years of graduation of the members, and, therefore, in this respect it is very unsatisfactory. It is a peculiarity of the book that it does not bear the imprint of its publishers; also, that about seventy-five pages in the back of the book are not numbered. It is strange, too, that the names of the charter members and the years of establishment of the chapters are not given. The intricacy of the system of secret signs is something wonderful to behold. Besides a number of astronomical characters, there are Hebrew, Greek and Roman letters,

both upper and lower-case, all in the greatest variety and complexity of combination. It must be a severe tax on the memories of the Betas to recollect the solution of these ciphers. A large majority of the names in the catalogue are given in full, and the gaps where initials only are found, though much to be regretted, probably could not have been avoided. In collecting catalogue materials, Beta Theta Pi encountered many difficulties on account of chapter records being destroyed during the war, and, although in respect to full names the work of Beta Theta Pi falls short of Psi Upsilon's, there is good excuse. Evidently a vast amount of labor was required to make it as complete as it is, and the editors deserve high praise. While Psi Upsilon showed what an Eastern fraternity could accomplish in the way of a catalogue, Beta Theta Pi exhibited what a Western fraternity could do in the same line. The biographical notes are quite full, although there are many members from whom it appears no information was received. Occupations, instead of being given in the chapter lists, are given in the residence directory, so that a person has to turn to two places in the book to find a member's complete record. This is another similarity to the Psi Upsilon work. Only the names of living members are given in the directory. It might be interesting to know what deceased members have resided in certain places, but this directory seems to have been constructed for practical utility only. An alphabetical index of names is furnished, but no table of relationship. There are no summaries or tables, such as are given in the catalogue of Psi Upsilon, not even a recapitulation of the number of members. In one respect the catalogue of Beta Theta Pi far excels all others, that is in regard to illustrations. The question of having illustrations is a matter of fancy, and while some persons may think that they are not necessary either to the usefulness or the appearance of a fraternity catalogue, they ought by all means, when given at all, to be in good taste and well executed. Every chapter list in the Beta Theta Pi catalogue is preceded by an engraving. A few of the number are inferior woodcuts, but most of them were printed from steel plates. There is a little too much of the dragon running through the designs, and the inevitable Beta "dorg" appears in nearly all of them; but generally their uniqueness is striking. One illustration represents a foot-race, in which several of the runners have fallen, and one who wears the name of Beta Theta Pi distances all his competitors and reaches the goal amidst the plaudits of the spectators. Another represents a Beta temple, built on a mountain summit, with a youth toiling up the acclivity. Another represents Diogenes, with his tub and lantern, about to enter a doorway over which "Beta Theta Pi" is inscribed, presumably to find therein an honest man.

The Chi Phi catalogue of 1882 follows in the same beaten track

of the old style catalogues. The names are arranged under the chapters by classes, and, where the class system does not prevail, by years of initiation. The middle names of all members are omitted; there are no biographical notes to speak of; only the occupations of physician, lawyer and minister are indicated, and the streets and numbers of members who live in large cities are not furnished. Besides the chapter lists, there are a residence directory and an alphabetical index. If a person desires to know how many names there are in the catalogue, he must take the trouble to count them himself. On the title page appears the marine view which has done service so long on the *Chi Phi Quarterly* and in college annuals. The presswork is nothing of which to boast.

The catalogue of Alpha Delta Phi is the largest fraternity catalogue which has been issued. It was prepared to present to the semi-centennial convention of Alpha Delta Phi in 1882, and it is quite remarkable that this splendid compilation was prepared and published in but a little more than a year. The typography is all that could be desired, the type is all of a uniform series, and the whole has an antique appearance. To a lover of books it is a pleasure to turn over its well printed pages. There are no illustrations, save a woodcut frontispiece, showing the emblems of Alpha Delta Phi, extremely æsthetic in design, and a photo-engraving showing the chapter houses at Amherst, Cornell, Hamilton, Dartmouth and Williams. The chapter lists are arranged by classes. Two Greek capital letters follow each name. The names of honorary members are in italics, of other members in small capitals. A dagger is prefixed to the names of non-graduates. The full names of all members are given, except of some of those belonging to the Miami and Alabama chapters. The biographical entries are very full and complete. Besides the table of relationship, the residence directory, and the alphabetical index, this catalogue has a number of features not found in other catalogues. The lengthy preface, the long list of collaborators, the complete topical index, and the numerous tables showing the membership by occupations, States, towns, etc., are all proper enough, and in these respects the catalogue of Alpha Delta Phi stands above all others; but there are also an Alpha Delta Phi chronology and bibliography, a record of the conventions of the fraternity, with names of delegates, the charter of Alpha Delta Phi, with names of officers elected under it, an historical sketch of each chapter, a separate military record occupying seventy-five pages, and giving nothing but what has been given in the biographical notes, all of which is very interesting, but which cannot be said to belong strictly to a catalogue. The only fault of the book, if it has any fault, is that it gives too much. These specialties make the book complete as a compendium of historical information,

but a better plan probably would have been to have published the history of the fraternity and the catalogue separately.

The catalogue of Zeta Psi, issued in 1883, is well printed on good paper. The frontispiece and the chapter cuts, while not very artistic in design or perfectly engraved, are harmonious in size and do not detract from the appearance of the book. The only features the catalogue has are the chapter lists, residence directory and alphabetical index. The names are arranged by the years of initiation. Upper and lower-case Greek are used as secret letters. A large proportion of the names are in full. The biographical notes are very meagre. The streets and numbers of members living in large cities are not furnished. The residence directory is very inconveniently arranged; instead of being divided by States and towns, it is only divided alphabetically by towns, so that the whole directory has to be searched to find the residences of the members in any State.

About four years was spent in getting out the Phi Delta Theta catalogue of 1883. It was prepared under unusual difficulties. The fraternity has a number of dead chapters, several of which have not existed since the war, and most of whose records are lost. Moreover, many of its chapters are situated in western and southern colleges, which do not issue triennials. Nearly all of the information had to be obtained directly from the members, whose addresses in many cases could be found only by laborious correspondence. Under these circumstances the fraternity has reason to congratulate itself that it now has so complete a record of its membership. While in respect to full names and biographical data, this catalogue is not as perfect as are the works of Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, it has many peculiarities of its own, and several features not found in other catalogues. In typographical make up, this work does not follow any model. The type is uniform throughout the book. There are no fancy ornaments and no illustrations. The pages have wide margins. The press-work and paper are of the best. The secret letters are Greek, both upper and lower-case, and four symbolic characters are used. The names of the charter members and the date of the charter of each chapter are given. The chapter lists are arranged by classes, but where the class system does not obtain, the names are divided according to the years the members left college. Where a member belonged to two chapters he is entered only with the chapter in which he last held membership. The Psi Upsilon catalogue is about the only other catalogue which observes this rule. One bad feature is the combination of the lists of dead chapters with the lists of active chapters, which leads to confusion in telling what colleges some members attended. Beta Theta Pi's catalogue also has this fault. The catalogue of Phi Delta Theta is the first which gives the baccalaureate degrees of the members,

and the first to dispense with the prefixes: "Hon.," "Rev.," etc. The biographical note shows whether a member is entitled to be called "Honorable," and if a member is a minister it is so stated with his denomination. The biographical notes in most cases are full in their details. All words are abbreviated as short as possible, to save space. The place of residence, with street and number where necessary, is given at the end of the biographical note, instead of following the name, as in other catalogues. After each chapter list is a record of college honors and fraternity distinctions, arranged on an entirely new plan. Another original feature is a complete record of alumni chapters. The table of relationship is arranged a little differently from others of the kind, and the residence directory and alphabetical index about like others. There are no summaries in the book, except one by chapters, giving the number of members living and dead and the total membership.

The catalogue of Delta Phi, which appeared in 1883, is constructed after ancient models. The editors, it seems, either never saw any of the modern productions, or considered the preparation of such a book to be a task beyond their powers. The same old faults are here glaringly apparent; hardly any names are given in full, and there is a great paucity of biographical items. Only three kinds of occupation—lawyer, minister and physician—are mentioned. The members are entered according to years of initiation in their respective chapters. The use of the Roman capitals V. and K. is the only esoteric feature. The asterisk precedes the names of the dead, but only in rare instances are the years of death noted. There are no *baccalaureate* degrees, and but few honorary. After each chapter's list is a summary of its membership. An alphabetical index of names is provided, but there is no residence directory or any other improvements on the catalogues of olden time. The most noticeable thing about this catalogue is the amount of Latin it contains. The rule of the editors seems to have been not to use English where it was possible to use Latin. The index is headed, "*Ordine Litterarum Dispositus.*" Union College is changed to "*Collegio Concordiæ.*" New York University comes out under the startling form of "*Universitate Urbis Novi-Eboraci.*" College of New Jersey is translated "*Collegio Novæ Cæsaræ.*" University of North Carolina is metamorphosed into "*Universitate Septentrionis Carolinæ.*" The typographical appearance of the book is plain, but not discreditable. The only engravings are two wood cuts, rather monotonously repeated before each chapter's list.

The catalogue of Chi Psi, published in 1883, is much like the Psi Upsilon catalogue in appearance, the printing having been done by the same house. The paper and presswork are unexceptionable. The general arrangement of the book, as well

as its typography, is very similar to the Psi Upsilon work. Nearly every feature which Psi Upsilon has is followed. Purple lines border the pages, with monograms of Chi Psi in the corners. The frontispiece is a highly allegorical engraving on steel. Preceding the chapter lists are wood-cuts of uniform size and quality of execution, a few only, however, being either ingenious or artistic in design. An introduction by a distinguished member follows a preface by the editor. The chapters are divided by classes, and the names in each class are in alphabetical order. The secret letters are Greek upper and lower-case. The dagger denotes a non-graduate, and the double dagger an uncertain address. One unique feature is the entry in many cases of the number of years which members attended college. One considerable improvement on the Psi Upsilon catalogue is the mention in the chapter lists of the occupations of members and the giving of their streets and numbers when in large cities. The streets and numbers are repeated in the residence directory. A great many of the names are defective in having only initials where there should be full names. This fault is hardly excusable in Chi Psi, as most of its chapters are located in eastern colleges whose records, if examined carefully, would furnish nearly all the names in full. An instance of work which shows a lack of thoroughness is the University of Michigan list. There are one hundred and ninety-four names in this list, and of these only twenty-five are full names. The "Michigan University Book," published three or four years ago, which is the most complete college biographical record ever issued, would have supplied most of these deficiencies. It is the duty of the catalogue maker to use such helps as this. Following the chapter lists are the alphabetical index, table of relationship and residence directory, and at the end is a table of membership showing the number of members living and dead in each chapter.

The editor of the catalogue of Delta Tau Delta, published in 1884, acknowledges indebtedness to the catalogue of Psi Upsilon for his general plan. The books bear the imprint of the same publishers, and are similar in appearance. The pages are of the same size, and the type of the same kind. The pages in the Delta Tau Delta catalogue have colored borders and corner monograms, as is the case with the catalogues of Psi Upsilon and Chi Psi. The Delta Tau Delta work, however, has a number of distinctive points. The active chapters, instead of being arranged chronologically, as is the method with almost all other catalogues, are arranged by grand or geographical divisions. Following the lists of the active chapters are the lists of the dead chapters grouped together. The frontispiece is a steel engraving, very neat in design. There are no other illustrations in the book. The editor furnishes an explanation and a preface, and one of the found-

ers of Delta Tau Delta, an introduction. Then follows ten pages giving a succinct and carefully prepared history of the fraternity. Preceding each chapter list, except the dead chapters, is a short account of the college at which the chapter is established, and a brief record of the chapter's career. These articles are well written, and are interesting to others as well as Delta Taus. To some, however, it may seem that it would have been more satisfactory to have printed the history in a separate volume from the catalogue. The names are divided alphabetically by years, but members belonging to chapters located at institutions where the class system does not prevail, are entered according to years of initiation. Members who never attended the institutions at which their chapters are located, are separated by a dash from the classes under which they are placed—a similarity to the Psi Upsilon work. The Delta Tau Delta catalogue, like those of Beta Theta Pi and Chi Psi, follow the method of Psi Upsilon in giving the year of death twice, once between the asterisk and name, and again at the end of the biographical note. It is rather amusing to notice that all of these catalogues adhere to the same standard of punctuation. In the biographical notes, some of which are thirty lines long, the many different items, though referring to entirely different things, are separated only by semi-colons. This needlessly confuses a long entry and detracts from clearness. The catalogue of Delta Tau Delta has Greek, upper and lower-case, for secret letters. A non-graduate is indicated by a dagger, and the relationships of father and son and of brothers by parallel and double dagger respectively. Too much credit cannot be awarded to the editors for the thoroughness and completeness of the biographical entries. Before their labors began the records of Delta Tau Delta were probably in a very defective condition, and even now there are a considerable number of initials where there should be full names, and many names to which no biographical notes are attached, still only a glance at the book is necessary to show that a prodigious amount of labor has been expended on it to make the result so nearly perfect. Evidently infinite pains were taken to obtain correct personal data concerning the entire membership, and the fraternity has just cause to be proud of its catalogue. The book contains the usual alphabetical index, and the now indispensable table of relationship and residence directory. The plan of Psi Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi, in giving the occupations and the city streets and numbers in the directory instead of the chapter lists, is followed. One serious defect is the absence of a summary of the membership. We would like to know how many members there are in the book, but it would be almost too much trouble to count them.

This closes a review of all or about all the fraternity catalogues which have been issued during recent years. An endeavor has

been made to show the principal merits and demerits of each work. The opinions which have been expressed very probably do not coincide with those of some other persons, but an honest and faithful effort has been made to criticise fairly and impartially. The writer, a catalogue editor himself, has felt considerable embarrassment in writing a critical description of other works, and the only reasons which prompted him to attempt it were that he possesses an unusually complete collection of the catalogues of the various fraternities, and has made a careful study of their details of arrangement. Where any point has been unfavorably commented upon, it has been done with great reluctance, and only for the object of showing what are the characteristics of each work. The writer admits that some of his opinions may be peculiar, and some perhaps erroneous, but he hopes that none of his fellow laborers in the catalogue field belonging to other fraternities will impugn to him any feelings of prejudice, or an undue amount of partiality for the catalogue of Phi Delta Theta. He certainly stands in a position to sympathize thoroughly with them. No enterprise in which fraternities are engaged requires such a vast amount of labor as catalogue making. One unacquainted with it cannot possibly realize at what a great cost of time, labor and expense the innumerable facts are collected. It is interesting to observe that the best specimens of fraternity catalogues have been compiled by alumni. It seems that college students do not possess the requisite experience and persevering industry, and, therefore, the work falls upon alumni members. The editors of several of the catalogues are as follows: Psi Upsilon (1879), C. W. Smiley, Wesleyan, '74. Beta Theta Pi (1881), C. J. Seaman, Denison, '71; W. R. Baird, Stevens, '78; E. H. Terrill, Indiana Asbury, '71. Alpha Delta Phi (1882), Talcott Williams, Amherst, '73; C. M. Hough, Dartmouth, '79. Phi Delta Theta (1883), A. G. Foster, Indiana, '78; W. B. Palmer, Vanderbilt, '80. Chi Psi (1883), R. L. Massonneau, Jr., Hamilton, '81. Delta Tau Delta (1884), H. T. Brück, Stevens, '78. It is reasonable to expect that improvements will be made by the catalogues published hereafter. Delta Kappa Epsilon now has a catalogue in press, and Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Phi are collecting materials. Probably in the course of a few years we may have the pleasure of examining a catalogue which shall be perfect in all respects.

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### CONVENTION PREPARATIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been perfected with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad authorities for reduced rates over their entire system. Members who pay full fare from their homes to Nashville



can there purchase return tickets at one cent per mile. The cost, therefore, will be as follows : Cincinnati to Nashville, \$8, return, \$2.95 ; Lexington to Nashville, \$8.10, return, \$2.79 ; Louisville to Nashville, \$5.50, return, \$1.85 ; Evansville to Nashville, \$5, return, \$1.55 ; St. Louis to Nashville, \$10, return, \$3.16 ; Memphis to Nashville, \$7, return, \$2.32 ; New Orleans to Nashville, \$14.65, return, \$6.26 ; Mobile to Nashville, \$13.40, return, \$4.95 ; Montgomery to Nashville, \$9.15, return, \$3.04. The reduced rates will apply also to intermediate points. The I. B. & W. will make a like rate with the L. & N., on all divisions extending from Toledo, Columbus, Bloomington, Ill. ; Peoria, and Decatur to Indianapolis. Members from St. Louis and westward should remember to take the Southeastern or Evansville route. Similar arrangements to that made with the L. & N. have been effected with the lines reaching the following points, making the cost as follows : Richmond to Nashville (C. & O.), \$19.80, return, \$8.37 ; Pittsburg to Nashville (P. C. & St. L.), \$17.60, return, \$6.08 ; Columbus to Nashville (P. C. & St. L.), \$11.60, return, \$4.15 ; Indianapolis to Nashville—and probably Big Four via Greensburg—(J. M. & I.), \$9.25, return, \$2.95 ; Chicago to Nashville (P. C. & St. L. and J. M. & I.), \$13.60, return, \$6.15 ; Springfield to Nashville (C. & A.), \$10.95, return, \$4.11. The Bee Line offers round trip tickets as follows : Cleveland to Nashville and return, \$17.15 ; Delaware to Nashville and return, \$13.80 ; Dayton to Nashville and return, \$11.60. Omnibus fare in Cincinnati is included. Tickets will be good for a continuous passage on any regular train leaving Cleveland November 8—10, and returning from Nashville November 15—17. Delegates going via Cleveland should make their arrangements to connect with Train No. 9, which leaves Cleveland at 6.40 P. M., Sunday, Nov. 9th. Stop-over checks will be allowed at Cave City for visiting Mammoth Cave. The tickets will not be received on the Bee Line after November 20. The N. C. & St. L. road will sell round trip tickets at four cents per mile at the following points in Tennessee : Chattanooga, Cowan, Winchester, Shelbyville, Murfreesboro, Lebanon, McKenzie, Martin, Union City, and Paducah Junction. The tickets will be sold November 8—14, and will be good for return passage until and on November 17. At the time of the present writing no terms have been made with the roads southeast from Chattanooga, but unless the officials are heard from in time to announce the rates in this number of the SCROLL, the Georgia and South Carolina chapters will be notified by correspondence. For further information as to routes, fares, etc., apply to A. A. Stearns, 236 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio ; Hilton U. Brown, 361 Massachusetts Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. ; Charles A. Foster, 113 E. Gorham Street, Madison, Wis., or the chairman of the local committee on railroads, R. F. Jackson,

56½ N. Cherry Street, Nashville, Tenn. The party from the East should go by way of Cleveland, and should reach Louisville on Monday, November 10, where they should be met by the party from Indianapolis and the Northwest. Leaving Louisville at noon they will arrive in Nashville on the evening of the same day.

During their stay in Nashville the members will be accommodated at the leading hotel of the city, the Maxwell House, at a cost of \$2 per day.

The business sessions of the convention will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, situated one square from the Maxwell House.

The convention will be called to order at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, November 11, in the Knights of Pythias Hall, where the business session will be held.

The address of welcome will be delivered by R. F. Jackson, Esq., of Nashville, Tenn., and the response by C. L. Goodwin, Esq., of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The public literary exercises will be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol Building, the use of which has been tendered by the State Legislature.

Arrangements are being perfected for a ball, probably at the Capitol, and for a grand closing banquet.

As to the railroad arrangements, the General Passenger Agent of the Louisville and Nashville road has written that he was mistaken about saying he had made rates to Springfield. He meant Bloomington. The route to Bloomington is J. M. & I., and I. B. & W. The full fare to Nashville is \$11.75: return, \$4.61. The route to Chicago is J. M. & I., Wabash, and P. C. & St. L., also the L. N. A. & C.

Late advices from Hon. J. F. Philips and others who will take part in the public literary exercises give assurances that all of them will be present. The literary exercises, as before announced, will be held on Thursday evening in the Capitol building.

On Friday evening there will be a banquet at the Maxwell House. It is earnestly hoped by the resident members that all visiting brothers will attend and assist in making the affair a success.

During the progress of the convention the members will have the opportunity of visiting the principal points of interest in and near Nashville. Those who desire to do so can arrange to visit Mammoth Cave, on the L. & N. R.R., ninety miles above Nashville, and Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, 150 miles below Nashville.

Every preparation is being made to insure a pleasant and profitable time to all who shall attend the convention. The Nashville members sincerely hope and confidently expect to meet a

large and enthusiastic body of Phis from all parts of the Union. Delegates and visiting members will please write or telegraph the route and time of their expected arrival to the chairman of the committee on reception, W. H. Goodpasture, 211 Cedar Street, Nashville, Tenn., so that they can be met and provided for. It is important, of course, that each brother wear a badge or colors, and indicate his membership on the hotel register.

The local committees appointed by the Tennessee Alpha and Tennessee Alpha Alumni chapters are as follows :

On Invitation : W. B. Palmer, A. B. Ramsey, W. H. Cotton.

On Railroads and Hotels : R. F. Jackson, R. H. Hamilton, John Ellett.

On Reception and Entertainment : W. H. Goodpasture, H. M. Meriwether, W. H. Jackson.

On Public Exercises : Lytton Taylor, E. T. Fleming, W. R. Sims.

On Banquet and Ball : L. R. Campbell, P. D. Maddin, Walter Stokes.

On Finances : W. R. Manier, J. T. Benson, Gilmer Meriwether.

On Decoration and Music : E. A. Price, A. E. Howell, Walter Deering.

On Newspapers : G. H. Armistead, C. T. Cole, Claude Waller.

#### LATER ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

Besides the roads before mentioned, the following have agreed to a full fare rate to Nashville, and one cent a mile returning. Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans ; Central Branch of Union Pacific ; Missouri Pacific ; Missouri, Kansas & Texas ; St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern ; Texas & Pacific ; International & Great Northern ; Galveston, Houston & Henderson ; Western & Atlantic ; Central of Georgia ; North Eastern of Georgia ; Richmond & Danville, and Norfolk & Western. Parties from Mississippi should go *via* the McKenzie Route ; those from Columbia, S. C., the Greenville and Columbia branch of the Richmond & Danville. The Georgia Railroad will not make any reduction. The credit for perfecting the very complete arrangements with the railroads belongs to brother R. F. Jackson, except with the "Bee Line," which brother A. A. Stearns negotiated with.

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#### A JUBILEE CONVENTION.

The convention which meets in a few days should partake of the character of a jubilee re-union. Since the convention met in

the year of grace, 1882, new chapters of the fraternity have been established at the following institutions :

South Carolina College,  
University of Kansas,  
Hillsdale College,  
University of the South,  
University of Texas,  
Ohio State University,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Union College,  
College of the City of New York,  
Colby University,

and one other great Northern college, which we will be ready to announce in our next number.

This is a record of achievements which should make every Phi Delta Theta proud. Besides these splendid additions, the chapters at the following institutions have been raised from a dormant to an active condition :

University of Nebraska,  
Knox College,  
University of Alabama.

This is a clear gain of fourteen chapters in two years. Every institution named is of high standing, and does honor to the fraternity. This rapid extension is not only remarkable, but it is simply unparalleled. The result has been attained by the exercise of the greatest diligence on the part of our efficient corps of officials, aided in several instances by the services of other members. But this is not all. Through movements begun by members of Phi Delta Theta, and pushed forward to success by their untiring efforts, the repeal of laws hostile to fraternities has been brought about in the following institutions, in each of which Phi Delta Theta established the pioneer chapter :

Vanderbilt University,  
Alabama State College,  
Missouri University.

We also have been saved from the reproach of having established chapters at inferior colleges. Among the institutions, from which applications for charters have been received, which the General Council have seen proper to refuse, are :

Denison University, Ohio,  
Wittenberg College, Ohio,  
Davidson College, N. C.,  
Kentucky Military Institute,  
Iowa State College,  
Parker University, Kan.

Our officers deserve much credit for their steady determination not to lower the standard of the fraternity in granting charters,

although in some cases very strong pressure has been brought to bear on them to induce them to alter their decisions.

### CHAPTER NOMENCLATURE.

Our Lombard chapter has acquiesced in the appellation of Illinois Zeta. Our reasons for insisting on this point was that we knew another chapter—the one at Knox—was entitled to the name of Illinois Delta, and the Lombard chapter was chartered after Illinois Epsilon, and, therefore, should be called Illinois Zeta. The Lombard Phis, we believe, now understand the equities of the case, and are perfectly satisfied with their chapter's title. However, similar complications are liable to rise again.

After studying the question carefully, we have come to the conclusion that the convention of 1880 did a very unwise thing in disarranging the roll of chapters, and mixing up the membership lists of dead chapters with the lists of active chapters. What reason is there, for instance, in having the members of the Wittenberg chapter thrown with the Miami chapter? Why should the Trinity College members be put with the Wofford College members? And what excuse is there for combining the members who attended Oglethorpe University with those who attended the University of Georgia? We remember how indignant an alumnus member of the Indiana-Asbury chapter became when he saw that in the catalogue the members of his chapter were entered along-side the members who belonged to the defunct chapter at Indiana State Normal School. Would not every member of the fraternity prefer to see his chapter's list kept separate from others?

The chapters at the University of Nebraska and the University of Alabama have been revived recently, and, of course, they assume their old titles. We believe that it is time for the fraternity to change the policy it started out on in 1880, of joining a dead chapter's list with the list of some chapter in a different college, and perhaps in a different State. It has created confusion in the catalogue, and will create more when the history of the fraternity is written.

What we ought to do now is to reconsider what we have done, and bring order out of chaos again. The result would be that some of the chapters would be given titles which they had before. The chapters in Ohio would be as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Miami, (second chapter there); Gamma, Wittenberg; Delta, O. W. U.; Epsilon, Ohio University; Zeta, Wooster; Eta, Buchtel; Theta, O. S. U. This would be according to the order of their establishment, and, therefore, according to the constitutional system of entitling chapters. The chapters in Georgia would be as follows: Alpha, Oglethorpe; Beta, University of Georgia; Gamma, Emory; Delta, Mercer. The chapters in

Texas would be : Alpha, Austin College ; Beta, Trinity ; Gamma, University of Texas. The chapters in Missouri would be : Alpha, Missouri University ; Beta, Central ; Gamma, Westminster. The chapter at Indiana State Normal School would become Indiana Zeta, and the one at DePauw, Indiana Eta. These would be the chapters whose present titles would be changed back to their old titles. In all there would be only eleven active chapters affected—five in Ohio, three in Georgia, one in Texas, one in Missouri and one in Indiana. The following dead chapters would be restored to the roll, but their restoration would in no wise affect any other chapter's title : Kentucky Beta, K. M. I. ; Kentucky Gamma, Centre, (second chapter there) ; Kentucky Delta, Georgetown ; Wisconsin Beta, Lawrence ; and North Carolina Alpha, Trinity.

By this means the proper order of arrangement of our chapters in the catalogue and history hereafter would be secured. The writer in the SCROLL for October, 1880, advocated the combining of chapter lists as they now are, and in the convention immediately following its publication supported the measure, but he has lived to see the folly of his misdirected efforts. The only thing which seemed to justify such an action was that it struck from the roll several dead chapters. But there is little reason, however, to hide our dead chapters.

Our system of nomenclature is an admirable one—we incline to believe that it is better than that used by any other fraternity—but the trouble is that we have departed from it. Perhaps a history of the fraternity and a new edition of the catalogue will be published in the next few years, and then it will appear vastly better for all our chapters to be called by their proper names. By all means let us get them back under their right titles again, and, for the sake of historical truth and accuracy, let us adhere to our constitutional system in the future.

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#### NEW OFFICERS.

One word to the delegates about electing new officers. Beware of voting for a man on the spur of the moment. We have known the interests of the fraternity to suffer greatly because of the sudden elevation to official prominence of some person, before entirely unknown, who, when he had delivered his little speech to the convention, relapsed into his former condition of obscurity and uselessness. Then, during his whole term, he was a check and a hindrance to his fellow officers, and if he did anything at all, it was something in violation of the constitution. Don't be stampeded towards any man unless you know something about him. Remember that you elect officers for two years, and that you should exercise sober judgment in the choice. Being a swell is not a real qualification for office. Neither should a man be

elected merely because he appears to be a clever fellow. The wisest course for delegates is to elect as officers for the ensuing term men who, in the two preceding years, have shown that they fully understand fraternity work, and that, besides possessing the intelligence necessary to discharge their duties efficiently, they have the energy to accomplish anything which may be required of them, and the loyalty to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of the fraternity. This is not written in the interests of any candidate, and the writer himself would decline any office in the gift of the convention, but those who have kept posted through the SCROLL know the men who have been zealous and active during the past two years, and these men are deserving of honor. Their devotion and assiduity should be rewarded, and the interests of the fraternity can be placed safely in their hands. Don't overlook them and vote for some nonentity.

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#### GEORGIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

THE Georgia Alpha Alumni send their greeting. We have just organized and have only a beginning to tell. Our charter members are as follows :

S. P. Gilbert,	Tenn.	A.
I. Bowman,	"	"
E. E. Kenibrough,	"	"
H. Draur,	"	"
W. F. Smith,	Ga.	B.
W. H. Smith,	"	"
O. H. Frazer,	"	A.
H. Burrus,	"	"
B. Eberhart,	Ala.	"
F. J. Dudley,	"	"

We held a meeting recently and elected the following officers :  
H. Burrus, President ; E. E. Kenibrough, Secretary and Treasurer ; I. Bowman, Reporter.

We have had much to contend with in our progress thus far, but the prospects begin to brighten, and in time we may be able to make a true  $\Phi$  report.

September 9th, 1884.

IRA BOWMAN.

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#### OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

##### RESIGNATION OF BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

Brother E. P. Valentine, University of Virginia, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Presidency of Beta Province, *vice* President B. F. Buchanan, resigned.

HILTON U. BROWN, P. G. C.

## FROM ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

I have but recently returned from Europe, and press of personal business has prevented me from attending closely to Alpha Province matters. I trust each chapter will be clear of any indebtedness, and I look forward to seeing every Chapter in Alpha Province represented at Nashville.

C. P. BASSETT.

## FROM THE EDITORS.

Reporters will in future please observe the following rules :

1. Do not incorporate names of the initiates in the chapter report. Make a separate list of the initiates, giving name in full, class, place of residence and date of initiation. The form would be as follows : Initiates, Maine Alpha. Nov. 1, 1884, '87. John Doe, Bangor, Me. The purpose of this is to gather each month the list of initiates in a systematic manner, so that the Treasurer or Cataloguer, or any one else, will have a speedy mode of knowing the initiates, their residence, etc.

2. Personals of active members should be embodied in the report, but alumni personals should take this form : Maine Alpha, '84. Richard Roe is studying law in New York.

The purpose of a chapter report ought to be to give an account of chapter affairs as a whole, and of the doings of its individual active members. All other information should be written on different sheets and will fall to different departments. A few reporters have observed these instructions this number.

## FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

COLUMBUS, GA., Sept. 8th, 1884.

I MUST congratulate the chapters in Gamma Province upon the grand work accomplished by them during the last collegiate year. With one or two exceptions I could not have wished for a more prosperous one. Two chapters had old debts left them by former members, thus unjustly laying upon their shoulders a galling yoke. They have worked manfully, and, when the Nashville convention is held, I am sure the Province will be clearly out of embarrassments. I desire here to say that, at the convention in November, I will move to amend the constitution in regard to convention taxes. The plan I want to adopt is the same as I explained in full in my letter to the SCROLL of May, 1883, making equal assessments each year. By this means no member is taxed for the benefit of others. It may be readily seen that this will prevent unequal taxation. Again, I will move to change time of holding conventions. I think it decidedly better to hold our conventions in Spring or Summer, for many reasons. Chief among which is that our active membership is,



from the nature of the case, smaller in first part of the college year and increases as the year advances. Then, we are better organized later on. I cannot consume the space to discuss these points here. I merely mention them that the delegates may know what they will be called upon to decide.

S. P. GILBERT.

#### FROM ZETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

THE past year has been a very creditable one to us of Zeta Province. All our chapters have done good work, and more than held their own, with the exception of our one *sub rosa* chapter. Our loss there is more than recompensed by the revival, under flattering auspices, of Illinois Delta, at Knox College. But Illinois Gamma is not yet abandoned. Let us hope that a year hence will find us a peg higher in every respect. We can have Illinois Alpha added to our list if we try.

To chapter delegates let me suggest that they should familiarize themselves thoroughly with their duties in advance; dues should be paid, and as soon as possible. They must be paid sooner or later, and they must be paid before the convention to permit the delegates to participate. Our taxes are heavy this fall; but we know that there will be no more this year. I do not think we will have delinquents, as we have had none in the past.

MILO C. SUMMERS.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS and reporters will save the editor much trouble and ensure for themselves speedier attention, if they will address all communications of a strictly business character, such as subscriptions, mailing instructions, addresses, etc., to E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y. Direct all other communications, contributions or reports to J. M. Mayer, 2136 Seventh avenue, New York, N. Y.

OWING to the pressure of work consequent upon the change of location in publishing the SCROLL, I have not been able to pay that close and prompt attention to personal and editorial notes and letters which they demand. Such communications, however, and letters of information will in future be carefully and regularly answered.

J. M. MAYER.

THOSE chapters, if any, who have not received the October SCROLL will please inform me at once. The SCROLL was duly mailed to all, but in many cases seems to have miscarried. I confidently expect from now on to have the mailing work in perfect order. Any one failing to receive his SCROLL on time will please notify me by addressing me to P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

## EDITORIAL.

THE arrangements for the Convention will have been completed by the time this number reaches our readers. Everything points to a magnificent success both from a fraternity and social point of view. Many alumni promise to sacrifice time and expense to attend, and these, together with the delegates and visiting undergraduates, will contribute to make the Nashville Convention one of the most notable of Phi Delta Theta gatherings.

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WE regret that our space does not permit the publication of many alumni communications brimful of enthusiasm and love for the fraternity. The younger graduates who have enjoyed all the advantages of the progress of Phi Delta Theta are particularly active in their encouraging words, and, what is more material, in their subscriptions paid for fraternity purposes.

But it is not merely the younger and newer men who appreciate their college brotherhood. One of our reporters writes that a renowned U. S. Senator and member of Phi Delta Theta, recently wore the dear old sword and shield on the occasion of a political speech. If men can thus remember and appreciate their college fraternity, it is indeed a high tribute to the merits of that fraternity.

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THE importance of delegates being thoroughly informed on fraternity detail cannot be too forcibly insisted upon. Many questions of varied character will come before the Convention and call for a careful and thorough discussion. Delegates ought therefore to canvass the views of their chapter on every conceivable subject, so as to be well prepared to voice the sentiments of their chapters and themselves clearly and positively.

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE little band way down among the pine trees has been through the fight, and come off with victorious colors. On Friday night, October 10, occurred the initiation and banquet, when one alumnus (a former member of Logania), and five Freshmen, took the oath of fidelity to the bond of Phi Delta Theta. At midnight all adjourned to the dining-hall of the Williams House, where a bountiful banquet was in waiting. Every face was beaming; every eye was bright. The charter members

looked into each others eyes with a glance that said plainer than words : " Our fondest hope is realized, and Maine A, of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , is an assured success."

The Seniors saw that the interests of the chapter would be left in willing, zealous hands and hearts, and the initiates saw and felt the bond of friendship entwining each heart and uniting all into an eternal circle. At the right of the toast-master sat brother H. W. Bell, of Vermont Alpha, who had come over into Maine to be present at the joyful occasion and to remain in our midst until the following week. His visit will be long remembered with pleasure, and Maine Alpha will always welcome him with joy, and herewith sends an invitation to the whole chapter.

At the close of the banquet the following toasts were responded to :

Greeting—*De Aincitia*, Charles Carroll, '85.

Our Initiates—*Dextram*, W. F. Watson, '87.

Maine Alpha—*Among the Pines*, W. B. Farr, '87.

Phi Delta Theta—*From Sea to Sea*, George E. Googins, '86.

Old Colby—*Fond Memories 'Round Thee Twine*, E. W. Frentz, '86.

The Bond—*The Sword and Shield ; The White and Blue ; Go Forth, Protect. Be Just and True*, W. Bradbury, '87.

Brother Carroll will be Prophet next commencement, and was elected as one of the two business editors of the *Oracle*. Your reporter is again the poet of the class and is also toast-master.

Brother Smith, '86, has won a junior part in the coming senior exhibition.

Brother Googins, '86, orator last year, was re-elected and, by the way, he delivered the fourth of July oration in his native town.

Brother Bruce, '86, is at home this term, but will come in again in the winter. The reporter is the delegate to Nashville.

October 15, 1884.

EDWARD FULLER.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

THE long vacation has ended, and now we are ready for hard work. On the evening of October 3 we initiated seven men. Several of our alumni were present to help us "swing" the new men, and to attend the banquet which followed.

Brother F. J. Mills is our delegate to Nashville.

We begin our annual work with an active membership of 25, full of spirit and enthusiasm. We hope to secure the lead of '88, but, of course, that remains to be yet decided.

October 6, 1884.

H. W. BELL.

#### NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

COLLEGE opens with all our members back except Parsons, '84, Brown, '87, and Weston, '87. The first was graduated, and is

now completing his study of the modern languages in Europe ; the other two left college during the last year. We are very much elated over the fine manner in which our chapter rooms have been furnished. N. Y. Beta introduces as initiates brothers C. W. Blessing and J. E. Winne as representatives in '88. Also, brother F. W. Skinner, of '86, initiated last spring. He was president of his class last year, and bids fair to lead the engineering division of '86. Brothers Marvin and Swanker have been chosen respectively first and second lieutenants of the College Cadet Company.

Success continues to attend our efforts.

October 6, 1884.

W. H. VAUGHN.

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

ANOTHER college year is before us, and a bright one it will surely be for our chapter. At our next meeting we shall initiate two men (from '88), who have been strenuously sought after by  $\Delta K E$  and  $A \Delta \Phi$ . In a literary direction we stand head and shoulders above any rival chapter in college. We have the presidency of one of the literary societies and an editorship of the *Review*, which is edited by the Clonian, Eiponian and Phrenocosmian Literary Societies.

A movement has been set on foot to found an alumni chapter in this city, and, as there are many Phis in the neighborhood, there is every chance of its success.

Mr. J. F. Newman has recently made, for one of our men, a pin jeweled with alternate diamonds and rubies, and we all think that for workmanship and finish, it is as handsome a badge as we have ever seen.

Brothers Moore and Wallace have left the college, but we hope to see them often at our meetings.

Lincoln Davis tendered to the chapter his resignation, which was promptly accepted.

October 18, 1884.

F. M. DEVOE, JR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA opens the year with bright prospects. All the members are back and are taking the usual number of prominent places in their respective classes, and in the various college organizations. At the first regular election of the Franklin Literary Society brother Smalley was elected president. Brother Watts was elected president of his class, and brother Ludlow is grand marshal of the College Blaine and Logan Club.

Three new men have been asked and all have joined us. We consider ourselves particularly fortunate in securing them. There

is no reason why this year should not be unusually pleasant and prosperous.

October 6, 1884.

W. H. CAREY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have added two to our number, giving us a roll of fifteen hard-working Phis. The initiates are S. M. Smyser and D. B. Treibly.

The other fraternities here are in a prosperous condition, and there is more harmony and good feeling between them than ever before. Pennsylvania Beta is in as prosperous condition as she ever was, and our love for her has not diminished.

October 16, 1884.

T. B. SEIGLE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

AFFAIRS have been decidedly lively in Blaine's Alma Mater since exercises were resumed on September 17th. About the first act of the chapter was to change halls. The one we have occupied since our founding in '75, although very elaborately furnished, was undesirable on account of its too public location. The steps leading up to it became to be a common resorting place for students whom we called "Sigma Chis." Brother W. A. Kinter is our delegate to Nashville; brother C. A. Lippincott, alternate. The Reporter will be most likely on the scene to share in the festivities. Our membership is eleven, distributed in the classes as follows: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 3; Sophomores, 4, and Freshmen, 2. We will not be able to make many initiations this year. At the recent election for class-day performers in the Senior class, brother Donehoo was made class historian and brother R. Scandrett, class artist. As we have but two men in this class we are not disposed to find fault with our fortune. On October 4th brothers Scandrett, Donehoo, Fulton, Stewart and your reporter took in a little excursion. We went to Wheeling, W. Va., where Hon. T. A. Hendricks was to address a big meeting during the day. In the afternoon we were introduced to the distinguished gentleman personally, after which we went down to Bellaire, Ohio, where James G. Blaine was. In the evening, in the parlors of the Globe House, we were likewise presented to the distinguished alumnus of W. and J. Politics are, of course, very brisk at this college. In our chapter we have six Republicans, five Democrats.  $B \ominus H$  is pulling up. Its members have a new hall; and a few nights ago initiated two ex-Phis, whom we once resigned.  $\Phi K \Psi$  has made five or six initiations. Brother Professor W. C. McClellan occupies the chair of mathematics. Next year he will have one of the most important professorships in the institution, that of logic, rhetoric and literature.

We have a sensation in store for all, which we cannot now disclose.

October 9, 1884.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

NEVER before since the founding of the chapter has our prospect for good, profitable work been better. We number nine active members, and without a discordant feeling.

Brother McCready, who is now at Ohio Wesleyan, is greatly missed, but what is our loss is gain to Ohio Beta. Letters of encouragement come in from the Alumni, and the subject of a permanent hall is being agitated. The resident members keep up a lively interest in the chapter, and altogether there is a hopeful state of affairs.

October 6, 1884.

C. W. PROCTOR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKERSON COLLEGE.

VACATION, with its pleasant scenes and fond memories, is a thing of the past.

The Phis are here in goodly number, but two chairs are vacant. Brothers Perkinpine and Porter have finished their course and gone out from our midst, the former to become pastor of the M. E. Church at Montgomery Square, Pa., the latter to commence the study of medicine at the Baltimore Medical College.

We have the pleasure of announcing as initiates four of the best men of the freshman class, as follows: brothers W. B. Clendenning, O. G. Heck, A. S. Porter and W. M. Smith.

We now number nineteen, and brother M. B. Stephens, of '86, who is now absent, but who expects to return next term, will make our number twenty.

We still hold our place as the largest chapter at Dickinson.

At our last meeting we elected as a delegate to our national convention at Nashville, brother T. M. B. Hicks, literary editor of the *Dickinsonian*.

Brother Burns, '85, president of our college Y. M. C. A., has been elected a delegate to the General State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., to be held at Meadville, Pa., this month.

We are making arrangements to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our chapter, which will take place next February.

We look back upon the success with which we have met during the five years now drawing to a close with great satisfaction. At first, weak in numbers and poor in our surroundings, we have struggled manfully onward, until to-day we are superior to all of our rivals in numbers and in quality; and, as to our surround-

ings, none of our rivals have a better hall and more desirable location, and few as good.

Conscious of the fact that if we are as zealous in the future as we have been in the past, our success in the future will surpass our past success, we are determined that our zeal shall increase, so that we may rise still higher.

October 11, 1884.

T. M. CULVER.

## BETA PROVINCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report it has been the sad duty of Virginia Alpha to request one of her members, J. L. Forsyth, to resign. He did so with all due respect to the chapter, knowing he deserved it.

Through negligence on our own part, Virginia Alpha was not reported in the last SCROLL, but we will endeavor to be prompt hereafter.

At our last Commencement the old Phi banner was waved victoriously. And now the voices of appearance cry aloud that Virginia Alpha's future shall be brighter than her past.

From the college honors of last session  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  plucked two of the best. Brother C. N. A. Yonce (the son of a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ) obtained second honor over a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ —the first honor man was a non-fraternity man. After a hot contest for the oratorical medal, it was awarded to brother F. H. Hendrix. Of the six contestants three were  $\Sigma X$ s.

$\Phi \Delta X$  has established a chapter here; it contains three men, all Mexicans. The general opinion is that  $\Phi K \Psi$  will also start a chapter here soon. But we are not disturbed by such rumors, and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will continue foremost.

October 10, 1884.

LEWIS A. GRIFFITH.

### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

WE have made a very good beginning. Seven of our old members are back and five other Phis are here. Our new brothers are Overton Gentry Ellis, Jacob Fink, Frank Puryear, William Bibb Thornhill and George Shanklin. The first two of these are from Missouri University, the third and fourth are from Richmond College, and the fifth is an old member of the Virginia Beta, who was not here last year. Professor Bohannon is also with us.

I will now account for our last year members. Brothers Blakey, Long, Guest, Valentine, Patterson, Hardaway and Fletcher are at the University again this year. Brother George Miles is now filling the chair of Modern Languages at Emory and Henry

College. Brother Buchanan is practising law at Marion, Virginia. Brother Huffaker is a professor in a Kentucky college. I haven't heard anything from brothers Mabey, McReynolds and Terrell since they left here.

JNO. D. FLETCHER.

October 6, 1884.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

WE enter upon this collegiate year rather weak in numbers. The Commencement in June robbed us of three brethren. This by no means discourages us, but only causes us to realize more and more the fact that we must go to work. Our numbers have already been increased by the initiation of J. B. Patton, a son of Rev. E. L. Patton, D.D., LL.D., the present Professor of Ancient Languages in this college.

We are very much encouraged with our prospects; for we hope soon to be able to add several other new names to the list of Phis.

Brother Iredell is taking a great interest in our chapter. He will meet with us as often as his business permits. Brother Simpson has again been made a tutor in college and also Secretary of the Faculty. We hear from our graduates of last year occasionally. Brother Copeland is studying law, brother Kennedy is teaching, and brother Rucker is in business.

The convention is fast approaching and we are all aroused with an ambition to be well represented there.

October 15, 1884.

ANDREW C. MOORE.

#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

##### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

WE are now again assembled together at Georgia Alpha, actively at work. Twelve old members, out of our last year's number, have returned this term. We have initiated Mr. A. O. Pate, '86, and there yet remains good material among the non-fraternity ranks, from which we may choose. I do not doubt that by our next report we may be able to mention others who have joined with us.

We have received letters from several of our alumni members, who last year completed their course in college, and are pleased that they remember their old associations.

October 11, 1884.

M. R. WRIGHT.

##### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

GEORGIA BETA has opened again with renewed spirit and life after the summer's vacation. Sixteen of the old members returned, and already four accessions have been made. They



represent a wide area of territory, showing the widespread influence of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , through the efforts of a single chapter.

Our reporter for the ensuing term will be brother W. T. Hanson, of Macon, Ga.

October 4, 1884.

EDGAR P. ALLEN.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

It affords me much pleasure to report Georgia Gamma in a flourishing condition, with very bright prospects ahead. The following of our old members were present at the opening of the term, viz.:

F. A. Hooper, of class '85; W. B. Hardman, Wm. Preer, A. S. Rhodes and the writer, of '86; A. J. Battle, Jr., E. C. Hood and B. W. Helvenston, of '87.

W. T. McKee, of '85, will return in a few days. Brother J. M. Fletcher, of Georgia Alpha, is with us this term also, and joined class of '86. Seven new men we have deemed worthy to wear the Sword and Shield. Not a man whom we have tried to secure has been lost.

One year ago we had no home to call our own, and so it was a peculiar delight to us all at the opening of the present term to find our hall in the main college building, looking so neat and cozy. To paint, furnish and carpet a hall is no light burden. On account of this burden we may be a little delinquent in the payment of our Convention tax, but we will not long be in arrears, for 'tis the purpose of Georgia Gamma to sustain her former reputation.

Brother Hooper has been chosen to represent us in the coming convention.

Brother W. L. Pickard, of last year's class, is pursuing a course of study at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Brother W. J. Willingham, who completed Freshman here last year, has gone to Boston to attend a school of Technology. We regret exceedingly to lose these last two brothers.

October 8, 1884.

BARTON D. RAGSDALE.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA.

I HAVE spent a vast amount of time and labor in the reorganization of Alabama Alpha, and the chapter is now in a condition to be successful. You cannot expect much of us at present, but I have no doubt that the anti-fraternity law will be repealed sometime in the not far distant future. I have talked with some of the trustees on the subject. When it is repealed, standing as we do, we will take the first rank in the university. I would be glad to represent the chapter in the Convention, but as I am principal

of the high school of Greenville, I cannot possibly attend. I think brother B. F. Elmore, of Butler, Ala., will be there.

September 26, 1884.

ZELL GASTON.

#### ALABAMA BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

AGAIN we have the pleasure of writing to you concerning Alabama Beta. We commenced the new year under very favorable auspices—opening with twelve old members, all of whom are energetic.

Our chapter has sustained a heavy blow in the loss of brothers Robinson and McLeod, '84.

No new initiates up to date; though we have several new men in contemplation. We intend, if possible, liquidating our old debt of '81-'2, and have taken steps in that direction. If our old members will assist us, we will soon be able to cast this burden from our shoulders.

We have paid our Convention tax, and elected our delegate, brother J. B. Robinson, Jr., Alabama Alpha, '84.

October 4, 1884.

W. T. PENN.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

AFTER a pleasant vacation of three months, we have again met to resume our college work. Only six old Phis have returned, but we have added to our number two new men, thus swelling our little band to eight. Our first initiate was brother Alexander Hillman Yates, of Utica, Miss., and our second, brother William Edward Stuart, of Lyons, Miss. Brother Yates was initiated on Monday night, September 29th, and brother Stuart on Saturday night, October 3rd.

At the meeting of the Trustees of the University last August the preparatory department was abolished, so we have no "preps." now. Although we have initiated only two new men, we are still on the "qui vive." The membership of the fraternities, in general, is small, owing to the small number of students at the University this year.

October 8, 1884.

F. W. YATES.

#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

ONCE more have the members of the Texas Beta been afforded the opportunity of meeting together and engaging in the usual exercises. With the exception of two, we have all of our old members back with us. Brother G. B. Willet, a graduate of the Law class, and one of the first alumni, has chosen Austin for the field of the practice of his profession, and, of course, we congratulate ourselves on being able to retain in our circle so able a member. Brother C. J. Bradshaw, late of the Tennessee Alpha,

has been admitted among us, which addition we deem highly beneficial to our chapter.

The work of initiating new members has been necessarily slow. We are very anxious to obtain the best material, and in order to do this we must study the character of the men before placing their names before the chapter. We hope in our next letter to be able to report some valuable additions to our membership.

Our chapter is yet in its infancy, and has many obstacles to surmount. But there is predominant in her a spirit of determination to conquer, which will place us high up in the list of chapters.

October 3, 1884.

HUGH SWAIN.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

WELL, after having enjoyed to the fullest extent the sweets of vacation, we have once more obeyed the call to arms, and are again back in our places for another year of hard work and pleasant social intercourse. Tennessee Alpha is still progressing pretty vigorously if there is anything in appearances.

Sixteen loyal Phis answered to roll call at the first meeting, and one has come in since then, making seventeen of the old chapter who return. We have added to our roll since the first meeting the names of A. B. Hinkle, J. L. Shearer, Eugene Hinkle, George Stubblefield and J. L. Watkins. We are on the look out for any new men who may prove themselves worthy of membership with us.

Other fraternities here are active, and the fraternity membership in college this year will be pretty large.  $B \Theta \Pi$  has about 17 men, Rainbows, 14,  $K \Lambda$ , 10,  $\Sigma A E$ , 12,  $X \Phi$ , about 15. However, in spite of all this we still "hold the fort."

As the time for the "gathering of the hosts" at the convention draws near, we are more and more anxious for it to come. We are anticipating and preparing for a grand time then.

The matrimonial fever seems to have infected Tenn.  $A$  lately, and we chronicle the weddings of brothers T. P. Murrey, F. W. McConnell and Geo. G. Greer, all of class of '83. Brother McConnell is teaching a flourishing school in Gallatin, Tenn. Brother Murrey a similar one in Hartsville, Tenn.

October 6, 1884.

WALLER DEERING.

#### TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

WE have initiated four men since our last report, viz., brothers Dowdy, Payne, Shoup and Western.

Brother Dowdy is 2d Lieut. 17th Infantry, and is Commandant of our corps of cadets. Brother Shoup is Professor of Applied

Mathematics and Civil Engineering, and was chief of ordnance under Albert Johnston. He is a graduate of West Point.

Brothers Payne and Western are students from Atlanta, Ga., and Bowling Green, Ky., respectively. We miss very deeply brother R. E. Grubb, who, having been graduated, has left the university. Brother W. J. Allen, of Louisville, Ky., paid us a short visit during the summer, and was of course heartily welcomed.

We have at last moved into our new chapter house, which is indeed a treasure. It is comfortable, and splendidly fitted up, and fills a long felt want.

October 2d, 1884.

T. O. PARKER.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

PHI DELTA THETA crosses the threshold of another college year with brightening prospects. Our accessions are Joseph Clark, Jr., '87, Lexington, Ky., and J. Femison Williams, '88, Redfield Centre, Ohio. Brother Robert T. M. McCready, '88, from the chapter at Meadville, Pa., has come to abide with us.

On September 30, Benjamin F. Harrison, U. S. Senator from Indiana, made a telling Republican speech at Williams' Opera House, this city. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the speaker was frequently interrupted by applause that shook the very walls of the building. On his breast glittered the dagger and shield of Phi Delta Theta.

Of last year's class, I may say, V. E. Rhodes is studying law in Carthage, Mo.; J. F. Steel is preaching; J. Ed. Brown is attending the Michigan State Medical College at Ann Arbor; L. S. Lupton is living here in the city, and R. H. Callahan has charge of an academy in Missouri.

Brother Ed. S. Barkdull, one of our most enthusiastic and noble boys, has been called to take charge of the Tri-State Fair printing office for the ensuing year.

Brother Bauscher is also out this year teaching.

Brother C. Beardsley, who has been detained at home on account of sickness, will soon be with us, when we shall have nine good men.

October 9, 1884.

J. W. BENSCHOTEN.

#### OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter is now in a most flourishing condition, and since the beginning of this term we have initiated six excellent new men, as follows: Louis R. de Steigner, Athens, Ohio; John M. Higgins, Athens, Ohio; Elmer A. Dent, Hebbardsville, Ohio; A.

Ellsworth Price, Ilesboro, Ohio ; John W. Poffenbarger, Brighton, W. Va., and Elmer A. Lewis, Nelsonville, Ohio.

In securing all these men we have gained a complete victory over our rivals,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , who are now having a hard struggle for existence in this university, their respective chapters numbering but four men each. We can now boast of nine active, influential members, and have others pledged.

Brother W. E. Bundy has been elected to represent Gamma chapter in the Nashville National Convention.

'84.—S. P. Armstrong is now a law student in New Lexington, Ohio.

'78.—Virgil Lowry is gaining a widespread reputation as an attorney-at-law in Logan, Ohio, and Emmet Tompkins, '75, is making political speeches throughout the entire southern part of the State.

C. B. Griffith, who is well-known as the editor of last year's "Commencement Annual," is now in South Charlestown. He will be with us again in the spring.

Our chapter meets once every week. Our programme is first to attend to business affairs, and afterwards to discuss the all-absorbing questions which are now of particular interest to the Fraternity at large.

October 10, 1884.

W. E. BUNDY.

#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

THE prospects of Ohio Delta for this year are better, we believe, than ever before in the history of the chapter. Vacation discovered us in June with eighteen men ; and brother Boone, who is now in the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, Pa., was the only one absent at roll-call in September.

We are glad to have with us again brothers Crisswell, Price and Pomerene, making in all twenty loyal Phis to start with.

The university is flourishing under the efficient management of Dr. Scovel. Its reputation is widespread, and between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and fifty new students have been enrolled this fall.

The fraternities are all wide awake and active.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , standing aloof as umpire, observes  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  warring with the barbarous element, and carrying off many captives. However, she is not altogether idle ; she may present new members to the Phi world at a later period.

October 10, 1884.

T. S. ANDERSON.

#### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

WE commence the year under very favorable auspices. We have fourteen active members, and brothers Apt and McCreary, resident members, are usually with us.

Brother Robert Tucker will not return until next year; but brothers S. L. Thompson and F. N. Slade, who were absent last year, are with us again.

There is no great abundance of material this year, but we are in no particular need of men and can afford to wait.

Brother F. O. Payne, '84, has accepted the position of assistant in the Corry (Pa.) High School.

Brother F. A. Schumacher has been chosen as delegate to the National Convention from the Ohio Beta Alumni, and your correspondent from Ohio Epsilon.

Brothers Joseph Hidy, '76, and A. A. Stearns, '79, are doing effective campaign work in their respective parties.

Brother O. M. Pleasants leaves us for the Cincinnati Business College, preparatory to a banking career.

October 1, 1884.

E. C. PAGE.

#### OHIO ZETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF OHIO.

OHIO Zeta begins another year under very favorable auspices with the seven Phis, who have returned filled with enthusiasm and determined to do their share toward extending and strengthening Phi Delta Theta.

Our university opens with about three hundred names on the register.

We are able to report very good success. September 27th we initiated Lawrence Houghton Brundage, '88, of Xenia, O. Two others are pledged and will soon be initiated.

With the generous aid of alumni Phis in the city we have succeeded in fitting out a pleasant and comfortable hall, which we hope to improve throughout the year. We will certainly be represented at Nashville.

October 1, 1884.

J. C. MUNGER.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the severe loss our chapter received by the graduation of brothers Sandidge, Samuel and Knight, three of the brightest jewels that sparkle in the diadem which crowns the brow of Kentucky Alpha, she has assembled within her walls ten of the most loyal Phis. We have rescued from darkness and the rival chapters, J. C. Reid, '87, Stanford, Ky., and R. S. Dawson, '87, Danville, Ky.

September 29, 1884.

F. M. WILSON.

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#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

THE Fall Term of Indiana University began Sept. 4th, with an increased number of students. The two new college build-

ings, devoted to Natural History, Physics and Chemistry, are fast approaching completion, and for architectural beauty will surpass any other buildings in this part of the State. The large building has been named "Wylie Hall," in honor of Dr. T. A. Wylie, the ripest scholar of Indiana, and a member of Indiana Alpha.

Indiana Alpha opened with twelve old members. We have since made three accessions in the class of '88, as follows: Sept. 23d, Bert Fesler, Franklin, Ind.; Sept. 29th, Geo. M. Dubois, Boonville, Ind., and C. A. Jarrett, Canal, Ind. Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. Alpha '55, was present at the last initiation, and engaged us with an entertaining and instructive talk.

October 2, 1884.

ROBERT NEWLAND.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

THE Fall Term of college has opened, and Ind. Beta begins a new year's work with splendid prospects for success. We have thirteen old members to begin with, and will have more before the end of the term. We lost brothers Sharpe and Cooter by graduation.

Brother Robison, '88, will not be in college this year. Brother Cooter made us a flying visit on his way to Princeton to attend theological seminary there.

Brothers M. M. Whiteford, Ind. Beta '67, and W. W. Smith, Ind. Delta '84, have fixed their permanent residence in Crawfordsville, and we expect to have them often with us at our meetings. Brother E. J. Dukes will represent us at Nashville.

September 27, 1884.

A. R. MILES.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

WE begin the year with only eight members, but all are enthusiastic and enterprising. Five of our members graduated last year, and some others are staying out this year, thus leaving those who are now in college so much more to do. There is an unusual number of new students in college this term. Brother T. M. Iden has been chosen Secretary of the University and also Adjunct Professor in the Preparatory Department. Brother D. C. Brown now fills the Greek Chair. The non-fraternity men this year have not a single representative in the senior class. Brother J. A. Kautz has been chosen delegate to the convention.

September 18, 1884.

O. M. PRUITT.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

NEVER before in the history of our chapter has there been such an enthusiastic fraternity feeling. There is not a man in the chapter who is not a loyal and zealous Phi.

Before the next SCROLL appears we expect to be in our new hall, situated in the very best part of the city. We have now almost enough money to furnish it, not only nicely but elegantly. Our brethren of Indiana Alpha alumni have most heartily and substantially seconded our efforts.

This term we start with eleven men. Brother C. M. Carter we welcome back. He is our delegate to Nashville. Brother W. T. Vancleave was elected President of Periclesian Society. Brother S. P. Smith, one of our alumni, has settled as pastor of Baptist Church at Crawfordsville, Ind. Brother J. W. Fesler has started in business at Indianapolis.

Franklin College has increased its enrollment this term about forty.

September 22, 1884.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

Our chapter now has eighteen attendant members. We have initiated two men since our last report. Since last January Indiana Epsilon has been without a hall, and for no other reason than that the village afforded no room that could answer our purpose. Yet we have never despaired, but have regularly held our weekly meetings. Although our meetings have always been profitable, we have felt the loss of advantages afforded by a chapter room. But now I am happy to announce that all inconveniences are at an end, for we have secured the second story of a large brick building, recently erected, which is finished, as desired by us, with all conveniences necessary to a model chapter hall. We will be located in our new hall in about three weeks. More about our rooms in our next.

Brother W. T. Morrison did not return to Hanover this fall. We are sorry to have lost him. He was the best student in the class of '86.

Initiations : Oliver M. Runyan, '88, was initiated Sept. 19th, Lionell L. Hennessey, '88, was initiated Sept. 19th.

October 5, 1884.

J. V. LAGRANGE.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

AFTER a sojourn of thirteen weeks, purchasing Kansas farms, studying law, preaching, hunting and fishing, seventeen of us made the halls of Indiana Zeta ring with cheer.

Brothers Bever and Wood, realizing that college life was the more preferable, again are among us. Brother Miller will not return until spring. Brother Wells has returned to Indiana Alpha. Brothers Gould and Diehl have entered business, while brother Frink has taken his father's medical practice at Elkhart, Ind.



The results of this year's campaign are most encouraging. Our new men are those of careful selection. Their addition only goes to prove that our unjust title "Infant," should forever sink into oblivion. We fearlessly claim to be second to none.

Last Wednesday evening, Oct. 1, we initiated brother J. H. R. Gahring, of York, Pa.; brothers O. J. and J. R. Kern, of Gays, Ill., who rank first in their class.

In the newly established Department of Law, we are not wanting. Brother Forbes, of Indiana Alpha, a "senior law," is among us.

On the whole our condition is encouraging. Our motto still is "work." Thus, I greet you in behalf of twenty-one loyal Phis.

October 7, 1884.

W. J. SNYDER.

#### MICHIGAN BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN.

THE first meeting of our chapter was held last Saturday evening. The absence of four members by graduation, and five by other causes, is very noticeable, but we hope that before the term ends we will add nearly as many more. There are some bright and upright students in the entering class, some of whom can, by energetic but judicious work, be enrolled among us.

Phi evening was observed by us on the eve of August 9. Our halls were tastefully decorated, and after appropriate exercises, such as music, addresses, prophecies and statistics, we were shown into one of the dining-halls and treated to an elegant repast, gotten up by brother A. C. Himebaugh. We had a pleasant number of guests, all of whom seemed delighted with the exercises.

The college graduation took place August 12, by which we lost brothers Smith, Porter, Baker and Stryker.

Our chapter had the honor of furnishing three out of the eight orators, and also the president of the graduating class.

Besides the above four we have lost five others: Brothers Watkins, Gardner, Himebaugh, Case and Nixon. We hope some will return ere long.

Brother Gardner, though absent from us, expects to go with me to the Convention at Nashville.

September 9, 1884.

THEODORE A. STANLEY.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

OUR fall term opened here September 3. Eight congenial Phis gathered around our altar the first meeting. Brothers Allen and Deal, attendant members, make our meetings more pleasant by their occasional presence.

Although we have several good men in view, we will not have an initiation until after the middle of the term. We do not

believe in the rushing principle. The comparative strength of our rivals is as follows:  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 10;  $\Sigma X$ , 8. We find no trouble in holding our own with our rivals, and are on the most excellent terms with all of them. A chapter of  $KK\Gamma$  here now consists of seven members. It was the good fortune of your reporter, the past vacation, to meet several members of Phi Delta Theta, and in every case he found enthusiasm and energy.

October 2, 1884.

JAMES E. DAVIDSON.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

ILLINOIS DELTA is growing, notwithstanding the strong anti-fraternity spirit which prevails among the students here. This hostile spirit strengthens our fraternity, and gives it a healthy growth. It supplies the place of a rival fraternity quite effectually.

We have a large field for labor, as fraternities are almost unknown.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is the pioneer here, and it would be delighted to have some rival.

The Senior exodus reduced our ranks almost one-half; still, the remainder, although nearly all children of the brotherhood, are hopeful and enthusiastic.

Brother McClaughry and myself attended the oratorical contest at Lincoln, Ill. We had the pleasure of meeting brother Barr, of Illinois Epsilon, whose kind words afforded us much encouragement. Brothers Broadbent, Becker and Newell were also present at the contest, and represented our fraternity on the diamond and in a band contest.

October 6, 1884.

J. B. BROWN.

### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

AFTER getting together and having our usual "good time," we find that we are ten. Some improvements have been made in the way of a library. It is not very extensive yet; but we hope to make it so. Other improvements to be reported soon.

We enjoyed a visit from brother T. C. Druley, of Ohio Epsilon, now agent of the Universalist Publishing House, of Chicago, Illinois.

September 8, 1884.

JNO. R. CARPENTER.

### WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

OUR chapter starts with twelve active members. We have every reason to anticipate a successful and satisfactory year. De Witt Smith Clark, Eau Claire, Wis., class of '88, was initiated into our

ranks September 13. He promises to be a very earnest and worthy member of our fraternity. We expect to initiate several Freshmen in a short time.

Brother L. M. Hoskins, who graduated at the head of '83, received the Morgan Fellowship, in mathematics, of Harvard College, where he is at present to be found; brother M. Updegraff, who treated '84 in the same way, was appointed assistant in the Washburn Observatory. It is needless to say that we feel proud of our charter, which bears the name of William F. Vilas.

We are at present very actively engaged in politics "stumping" and campaigning.

A large delegation expects to represent Wisconsin Alpha at the Nashville Convention. Every one will bring an autograph album and a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  heart.

October 6, 1884.

H. FEHR.

## ETA PROVINCE.

### MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

We have had but one meeting since our return, owing to the extreme tardiness of our members in their arrival. We can now happily say that we are in splendid working order and in excellent spirits.

Our chapter possesses a good force with which to start, and we are looking forward to a pleasant and successful year's labor. Upon last Saturday night we assembled in the K. P. Hall and initiated brother William F. Knox. Several names were suggested, and we hope that our next meeting may strengthen our membership by several of our best and most worthy students.

Bother Grater did not return to Columbia, but is attending the School of Mines, situated at Rolla, Mo. Brothers Roberts and Spillman have not as yet returned, but promise to again be with us next semester.

Our graduates of last year are variously employed; brother Coffman is principal of the Carrollton High School; brother Elston is in Woodland, Col., plying the vocation of a druggist; brother Williams is sojourning in the South, near Nashville, in order not to miss the convention; brother Hughes is still reading the vernier of his theodolite, and brother Ridge, while making his home in Kansas City, remembers us in his various journeys from home.

We have not elected our representative to the National Convention, but all are in favor of brother Willis King, who we hope will accept the appointment.

September 30, 1884.

FIRMIN WRIGHT.

## MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

OWING to the illness of our reporter, the pleasant duty of writing to the SCROLL again falls to my lot. The college year has opened with brilliant promise for Missouri Beta. Eleven of us have returned from vacation full of energy and strengthened by a long rest for renewed exertions in the cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Besides brother Yantis, who took the degree of A. B. at our last Commencement, brothers A. M. Ott and E. H. Lyle are not in college this year.

We have chosen as our representative at the Nashville convention, brother Wm. N. Southern.

We have made no initiations yet, but have several men under consideration.

It has been truly said, that, in times of the greatest prosperity, history is barren of interest; this is well exemplified in our case at present. We are working actively for the Order, and Missouri Beta was never in a more prosperous condition; but there is no news of general interest.

October 8th, 1884.

L. J. MITCHELL.

## KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

AT the opening of the new year we are very glad to find all our last year's members present except brother Findley, who graduated, and brother Vincent, who is now engaged in business; brother Findley pursues his theological studies at a seminary in Chicago.

We have initiated H. Higgins, who now wears the sword and shield. There are several new students present who have been highly recommended to us, and one of whom, at least, we have considered favorably.

We were much pleased to receive a short visit from brother Rice, who stopped off on his way to Greencastle, where he is helping to sustain Indiana Zeta.

September 17, 1884.

S. M. COOK.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA starts out with the brightest prospects. Our charter members have all returned, and that, too, in good trim for work. Our initiates are Charles B. Newcomer, of Falls City, and Elmer O. Gates, of Brownville. We now number ten. Brother Lewis, who graduated with his class last Commencement, and brother Bisbee, are not with us this year; brother Bisbee has become a landholder in Chadron, Neb., but will be with us again next year unless the fates object too decidedly.

$\Sigma X$  begins the year with seven.  $KKI$  is just an even half-dozen, having successfully employed their powers of persuasion for the conversion of a fair barbarian.

In the election of the editors of our college paper, brothers Frankforter, McMillan and the Reporter acquired important offices, being elected editor-in-chief, exchange, and managing editors, respectively. Brother Force is adjutant in the drill, and four of us play in the Cadet band.

$\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  played at base ball a few weeks ago. At the close of the fourth innings the score stood 46-35 in favor of  $\Sigma X$ . The labor of making so high a score wearied both excessively, and both instinctively felt that base ball was not their forte. We are still holding our meetings in our rooms in the Masonic Temple, where peace and harmony have had permanent lodging-place ever since we took up our abode there.

October 11, 1884.

ED. J. CHURCHILL.

#### IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THROUGH some cause, unknown to me, the October number of the SCROLL contained no report from Iowa Alpha. I hasten, therefore, to partly correct that omission by a few words in the November issue.

We rounded up the year's work with seven men, five of whom are with us this year.

Brother T. McFarland, one of the charter members of Iowa Alpha, was elected last June to the presidency of the I. W. U., and the same week your reporter was awarded the first prize in oratory. These items are not news now, but perhaps better late than not at all.

In this college there is no disposition on our part or that of  $B \Theta II$ , to rush in new men; and I suppose there are few colleges, where rival fraternities have chapters, but have a larger proportion of fraternity men than is found here. We have over one hundred men in college this fall, and out of that number but ten are members of secret fraternities. There will probably be an increase in both chapters before the term closes, but we are conservative.

Our initiates are W. H. Heppe and C. C. Miller, both of '87. We hope to be represented at Nashville in November, but at present it seems uncertain.

October 10th, 1884.

J. F. RIGGS.

#### IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

IOWA BETA sends greeting for the coming year, with thirteen men. Ten of us returned, and we have already added three to our number; and before another week goes by we will still further be reinforced by three men from '88. Brothers Dart Law, Moore and Irwin, '88, are the three new men.

We were much surprised as well as delighted by the return of brother Park, '85, to college this year.

Of our four graduates last year, brother Gillis is in this city ; brother Wheeler is Principal of the Sigourney High Schools ; brother Mogonan is teaching, and brother Gale is following his profession of civil engineer.

Our rivals are working hard, but we thus far maintain the lead, and Iowa Beta never lowers her banner to any rival chapter. *B Θ Π* is exceptionally weak, although in numbers exceeding *Σ X*. *Δ T Δ* has more men, but is not as strong in any respect as Iowa Beta, and is besides badly in debt. I think we have nothing to fear from our rivals.

Brother Blanding, our delegate, is already making his preparations for a "trip to Nashville."

October 1st, 1884.

J. H. DUHRY.

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#### NEWS AND NOTES.

ANY chapters having fraternity banners which they are willing to loan, will please forward them by their delegates to the convention, to be used for decorative purposes.

WHERE will the next convention be held? We have heard but little discussion about it, but it would be well for the delegates to consider the matter carefully.

HAYWARD has made a very elegant jewelled pin for one of the SCROLL editors. It contains diamond, pearls, rubies and turquoise.

WE presume that it is understood by the General Council and Province Presidents that it is the duty of each of them to make a full written report to the convention.

NEWMAN has sent a beautiful diamond badge to Nashville.

PROBABLY the question of re-arranging the Provinces will come before the convention. Alpha Province and Gamma Province have grown very large, and perhaps it would be better to divide them. However, it is a difficult matter, as our chapters are situated, to divide the whole territory, so that all the Provinces shall contain the same number of chapters.

WE congratulate the Georgia Phis upon the formation of their Alumni Chapter. Every one is pleased to note the strength of the spirit which is thus manifested. A report will be found from the new chapter in the present number, written by brother Bowman.

BURGESS does all the New York Beta work with great satisfaction.

MAINE ALPHA has sent us a very chaste and tastefully engraved toast card of its second annual banquet. The occasion must have been a glorious one, and goes to show that, though young, Maine Alpha holds a commanding position.

BROTHER J. M. Goodwin, Indiana Zeta, '85, has sent us a very able campaign document on the tariff. It favors the free trade side of the question. As the writer happens to be on the other side of the fence, and as the SCROLL is not actively engaged in the present campaign, we will not discuss it. Suffice it to say, brother Goodwin is to be highly complimented.

WE take it for granted that all old chapters understand the convention tax, but perhaps some of our new chapters do not. The General Council has levied a tax of \$3 per capita for the purpose of paying the railroad fares of the delegates and the other expenses of the convention. This, with the 50 cents per capita for extra current general expenses, is to be remitted to the T. G. C. The delegate from each chapter then pays his fare to Nashville, and will be met there by the T. G. C., who returns to him the amount of his railroad fare going to the convention and returning home. By this arrangement the burden falls equally—the amount paid by chapters in Tennessee is the same, according to membership, as that paid by chapters at a distance. All dues, whether for convention or SCROLL, must be paid before the delegates can vote for their chapters in the convention. If there are any chapters which have not remitted their dues to T. G. C. by the time this number of the SCROLL reaches them, it will be best for them to send the money by their delegates to Nashville.

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## THE CONVENTION REPORTED BY THE NASHVILLE PRESS.

DURING the meeting of the convention, daily accounts of it were telegraphed by the Associated Press to the newspapers of the country. The Phis in Cincinnati write that they read excellent reports every day in the papers published there. Special telegraphic reports were sent to Louisville and Chicago papers. The daily papers of Nashville consist of two morning papers—the *American* and the *World*—and an evening paper, the *Banner*. Though crowded with other local matters, they devoted considerable space to the proceedings of the convention. The following appeared in the *American* of November 11 :

The National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, which has long been looked forward to with much interest, opens in this city to-day. A few of the delegates arrived on Sunday, but the body of them came yesterday, and a few more are expected to-day. Committees appointed by the local membership were on hand to meet all incoming trains. A special delegation, consisting of R. F. Jackson, W. R. Manier and W. B. Palmer, went up to Gallatin on the accommodation train yesterday afternoon to meet the members from the North and East, who were aboard the south-bound train, reaching here at 7 o'clock. The members entirely filled one coach and part of another. Among them were the officers of the General Council, viz. : President, H. U. Brown, of Indianapolis ; Treasurer, C. A. Foster, of Madison, Wis. ; Historian, A. A. Stearns, of Cleveland. The delegate who had traveled farthest was Edward Fuller, from Colby University who started from Waterville, Me., on Friday. Another delegate was from a chapter at the University of Vermont and another from Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, where a chapter has been established only about a week.

Besides the large number of college men, there is a good representation from the alumni members. The Cincinnati Alumni Chapter sends a delegate. Among the members is George B. Thomas, of Kentucky, who returned from a European trip a week early in order to attend the convention. On the arrival of the Louisville train, the members were met with busses and brought up to the Maxwell House. In the lobby of the hotel last evening the members from different parts of the country mingled together and became acquainted. Not a few, however, visited the theatre, and several, accompanied by Nashville Phis, called upon young ladies in the city. The members, both active and graduate, of the Vanderbilt Chapter wore specially printed badges. The visitors who were in the city during the day yesterday expressed themselves as much pleased with Nashville. A fraternity banner was suspended across

Union street, between the Baxter and Thompson blocks. The design is triangular, with the three Greek letters—Phi, Delta and Theta—in the corners, and 1848, the year of the fraternity's organization, in the centre.

The following was published in the *American* of the 12th :

The convention was called to order yesterday in the Knights of Pythias Hall by Mr. H. U. Brown, President of the General Council. Mr. Blanding, of Iowa, was appointed Secretary, and Mr. Randolph, of New York, assistant. The formal address of welcome was delivered by Mr. R. F. Jackson, of this city. In a cordial and eloquent manner he expressed the feelings of pleasure with which the Nashville Phis received their brethren from a distance. Mr. Jackson was listened to attentively and made a fine impression. The response was delivered by C. L. Goodwin, of Indianapolis. In behalf of the visiting members he returned thanks to the resident members for their cordial greeting. Mr. Goodwin, while in college, was the prize orator among all of the colleges in Indiana, and he fully sustained his established reputation in that line. The President then appointed a series of committees to attend to the details of the convention work. In the afternoon the Committee on Credentials reported and the convention settled down to business. A large additional number of delegates arrived yesterday, and the Committee on Reception was kept busy meeting them. Last night the resident Phis introduced the visitors to the young ladies of the city. A great many calls were made and many engagements made for the ball on Thursday night.

The *World*, of the 12th, published the Address of Welcome in full. The *American*, of the 13th, contained the following :

The delegates to the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Society met at the Maxwell House at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and went in the street cars to the Vanderbilt University. The mildness of the weather was favorably commented upon by all those who came from points north of the Ohio River.

Arriving at the campus they marched in a body to the chapel, where a number of seats were reserved specially for them. After the usual morning exercises Chancellor Garland extended them kindly greetings, expressed to them the due appreciation of the faculty for their visit, and requested the members who are students of the University to escort them through the buildings and grounds. The visiting members were much pleased with their friendly reception. Until a year ago the faculty were arrayed in opposition to college secret fraternities, but now they extend all the courtesies and offer all the encouragement they can give to these organizations. From the chapel the members were conducted to the literary society halls, library, recitation rooms and laboratories. From the main building they proceeded to Science Hall, where the machine shops, museum and engineering departments were inspected. They next visited Wesley Hall, and in the parlors all assembled and indulged in many rousing fraternity songs and college choruses. The return was made by the observatory and gymnasium. All expressed themselves as delighted with their visit. The beauty and extent of the campus was much admired.

The morning and part of the afternoon session of the convention was spent in hearing the report of chapters through their delegates. The President of the Fraternity, who has attended several former conventions, remarked that he had never before heard such uniformly good reports, and that they evidenced that the fraternity is now in a more prosperous condition than at any previous time in its history.

Last evening, the President of the convention, with other members, accepted an invitation to tea from Dr. Lupton, at the Vanderbilt.

Yesterday afternoon a Committee of Reception met the orator of the convention, Hon. John F. Philips, who arrived on the southeastern train. After supper he was called upon at the Maxwell House by Gov. Bate, who accom-

panied him to the Capitol, where the literary exercises were held. The Hall of Representatives was brilliantly lighted. About five hundred people were present, entirely filling the lower floor. Members from the Vanderbilt chapter acted as ushers. The audience was a representative one, including the most intelligent and refined people in the city. A large number of ladies were present to add to the attractions of the occasion. The music was furnished by Pellettieri's band, and was of an acceptable character.

The first gentleman on the programme was Mr. A. A. Stearns, of Cleveland, O., the Historian of the Fraternity. He presented some valuable observations on its past policy and its rapid development. He affirmed that the successful college fraternity in the future would not be a sectional fraternity, but one national in extent.

Mr. George Bryan, of Richmond, Va., who was appointed to present a prophecy, declared he had no experience in that line, being neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. Mr. Bryan's effort contained many facetious allusions, which had the effect of provoking the mirth of the audience.

Hon. John F. Philips, of Missouri, was next announced. Mr. Philips is a man of distinction in his State as a jurist. His subject was, "A Few Things Touching Our Civilization." The speaker at once attracted attention by his fine presence and the charm of his oratory. He held the attention of all of his hearers throughout. His subject was handled in a masterly manner. He was particularly happy in his hits at some of the popular tastes, prejudices and customs, and his keen satire of some of the characteristics of the civilization of the present time called forth prolonged applause.

Mr. W. Anwyl Jones, of Chicago, who was introduced as the poet, announced his theme to be "Past, Present and Future." The lines which he read were very perfect in their construction, and showed that their author had courted successfully the goddess of poesy.

One of the most pleasant incidents of the evening was the reception of a magnificent floral design, presented with the compliments of the Vanderbilt Chapter of Kappa Alpha. This exhibition of friendliness was an act which merited high appreciation.

The *World*, of the 13th, published a large part of the oration of Hon. J. F. Philips. Both papers gave accounts of the accident which befel brother Shaw. The visit of the convention to Polk Place was thus noticed in the *American* of the 14th :

The members of the Phi Delta Theta called upon Mrs. President Polk in a body, and were handsomely received by her niece, Mrs. Geo. W. Fall, who did the honors of the occasion. The members were introduced to the distinguished lady. Mrs. Polk felt highly complimented by their visit and extended to them a hearty welcome.

The *American*, of the 14th, contained the following account of the ball :

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity of this city entertained the visiting members of the organization last evening, at the Nicholson House, in the most handsome and elegant manner. Spacious apartments were thrown open for their benefit, and every guest present had reason to admire the taste and elegance with which they were fitted up. The new dining-room was used as a dancing hall, and besides being so commodious was lighted by gas and electric lights until it shone with the brilliancy of noonday, and the elegant toilets worn on the occasion were displayed to the greatest advantage.

The Italian Band seemed never more inspiring, and from the introductory march to the very last waltz the evening was delightfully spent for all those present. A great many of the ladies present wore the colors of the fraternity, blue and white. The floor cards were beautifully designed, being a shield

bearing the words, "National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, at Nashville, Tenn., in the thirty-sixth year of the fraternity, Nicholson House, Thursday evening, November 13, 1884." They were edged with blue fringe, the two cards attached with blue silken cord and pencil. The order of the dance was as follows :

1. Grand March.....Triumphale Aronson
2. Waltz.....Beggar Student
3. Quadrille.....Fatinitza
4. Racquet.....La Sirene
5. Galop.....Carom
6. Quadrille.....Olivette
7. Waltz.....Queen's Lace Handkerchief
8. Galop.....Tout a la Joie
9. Quadrille.....Pirates of Penzance
10. Polka.....Boccaccio
11. Waltz.....Corn Flower
12. Quadrille.....Popular Airs
13. Racquet.....Visions in a Dream
14. Waltz.....Woman's Love

Judging from the gayety of the ball-room, the visiting fraternity enjoyed the occasion to the utmost. At a suitable hour refreshments of cakes and ices were served.

The Floor Committee were Messrs. P. D. Maddin, A. E. Howell, H. Merriwether, Walter Stokes, W. H. Jackson, Jr. The Reception Committee were W. B. Palmer, R. F. Jackson, Dr. A. B. Ramsey, F. F. Ellis. The chaperones were Mrs. George W. Fall, Mrs. Fannie Cheatham, Mrs. H. L. Nichols, Mrs. A. W. Wills.

Then followed the names of sixty-two of the gentlemen who were among those who were present. The costumes of the following named ladies were then described in detail :

Mesdames George C Waters, Thomas Plater, Fannie Cheatham, E. W. Mitchell, George W. Fall, W. L. Nichol, Jennie Brown, Frank Shields, A. W. Wills, J. L. Converse and Misses Kate Lupton, Anna Hall Frizzell, Ida Harris, Lera D. Williams, Lizzie Ewing, Adair Humphries, Alice Hensley, White May, Clara McCrory, Bessie Nichol, Pauline Acklen, Minnie Gleaves, Maggie Mitchell, Patti Southworth, Leita Goodloe, Hattie Cockrell, Mary Lee Clare, Mary Hunt, Mattie Nelson, Pauline Wright, Sallie Lawrence, Addie Hays, Minnie Cherry, Belle Luttrell, Dora Plummer, Susie Houston, Jennie Thompson, Nannie Perkins, Myra Lee McGavock, May Lindsley, Emma Johnson, Mamie Johnson, Annie Connolly, Susie Plummer, Jessie Houston, Nannie Maddin, Ellie Callender, Lillie Cummings, Laura Page, Julia Plummer, Jessie French, Mamie Vaughn, Lulie Hays, Marianne Trabue, Kittie Cheatham, Maggie Treanor, Davie Briggs, Grace Putnam, Mamie Rogers and Emma Mai Benson.

The following account of the banquet on the evening of the 14th appeared in the *American* of the 16th :

On Friday night, at the Nicholson House, an elegant banquet was given by the Phis of Nashville, complimentary to their visiting brethren. It was the largest and most brilliant entertainment of the kind ever given in Nashville. The spacious dining hall of the Nicholson was thrown open at 10 o'clock, and



about a hundred loyal Phis (the exact number was ninety-four) sat down to the feast. The tables fairly groaned under their load of good things—food fit for the gods—while the air was filled with the glad voices of the happy throng, and with strains of music so sweet as to be described by no other name but heavenly. Mr. H. U. Brown, of Indianapolis, and President of the Fraternity, was Master of Ceremonies. On his right sat Hon. John F. Philips, Judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri; on his left was Judge W. L. Dulaney, of Kentucky. A blessing was asked by Rev. W. R. Sims, of Vanderbilt, and the feast began.

The menu cards were beautiful in design; they were in the shape of the badge of the fraternity, and the plush fringes showed the colors of the fraternity. On one side was—

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at

Nashville,

Complimentary Banquet to Visiting Members.

On the other side was the following :

MENU.

Raw oysters,  
Mock turtle soup,  
Michigan celery, Spanish olives,  
Baked Lake Erie Salmon, with cream sauce,  
Hollandaise potatoes.

CLARET, ST. JULIEN.

Lamb chop, with parsley sauce, French peas,  
Quail on toast, water cress,  
Roman punch, chicken salad, with lemon jelly.

SHERRY, CHAMPAGNE.

Vanilla ice cream, lemon sherbet.  
White cake, chocolate cake, marble cake, raisin cake, lady fingers.  
Florida oranges, bananas, grapes, California pears, nuts, raisins,  
cheese crackers.  
Coffee.

Just before the toasts Mr. E. A. Price, in a few appropriate words, presented Hon. John F. Philips with a very handsome gold-headed cane from the Phis present, as a token of their esteem and friendship to their distinguished brother. Next came the toasts, for—

“The feast was prepared, the banquet was spread,  
And the wine in fleet circles the jubilee led.”

The responses to the various toasts were remarkably apt, and hearty applause greeted the many happy hits of the several speakers. Mr. Bryan's response to “Our Weary William Goat” was full of humor, and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Walter Stokes distinguished himself by his response to “The Secret of Our Success.” His remarks were most appropriate, and his expressive manner of speaking and his glowing eloquence brought forth the heartiest applause. J. C. Blanding, of Iowa, delivered a touching response to the toast “Farewell.” Then came the only thing that marred the perfect happiness of the occasion, and that was the saying of farewell. All then joined hands around the festal board, sang one of Phi Delta Theta's grand old songs, and then, bidding each other God speed, the boys took leave of each other.

The following is a list of the toasts :

1. The Mystic Bond—S. P. Gilbert, of Georgia.
2. The Pioneers of Our Fraternity—W. L. Dulaney, of Kentucky.
3. Our Eastern Chapters—F. J. Mills, of Vermont.

4. Our Western Men—H. R. Williams, of Missouri.
5. The South—I. N. Van Pelt, of Illinois.
6. Our Northern Brothers—T. C. Hindman, of Arkansas.
7. Our Weary William Goat—George Bryan, of Virginia, followed by a song by G. B. Thomas, of Kentucky.
8. The General Council—A. A. Stearns, of Ohio.
9. The Ladies of Nashville—J. M. Goodwin, of Indiana.
10. From Maine to Texas—E. Fuller, of Maine, and M. Scott, of Texas.
11. The Secret of Our Success—Walter Stokes, of Tennessee.
12. Farewell—J. C. Blanding, of Iowa.

### THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION.

It has come and it has gone. Time in his ceaseless march has stridden forward, and—we hate to say it—has declared that grand event to which the Phis of NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST have looked forward for two years—so full of pleasure, progress and fraternal prosperity that they seem as but so many days—has declared our National Convention of 1884 a thing that is forever past.

With the fondest of recollections for former Conventions of our Order, and sincere appreciation for the royal hospitality of those noble Phis under whose auspices they were held, still, as we are living in an age of progress when it is meet that all the new should far surpass the old, it is with much pride and pleasure that we claim that PHI DELTA THETA *never* held a meeting more successful in every respect than that which has just drawn to a close, and we defy any of our sister fraternities to point to its superior in anything that pertains to a truly National Convention.

The Phis entered Nashville in two grand divisions. Those from the South and Southwest—from the sunny Carolinas to where the Lone Star brightly beams—arrived at Nashville, some on every incoming train of Monday, Nov. 11. On the other hand, those from the North, Northeast, Northwest and West arrived in a body. Delegates and visitors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York traveled via Cleveland—being joined by Ohio men at different points—to Cincinnati, where those from Pennsylvania, Maryland and the Virginias joined the party. Phis from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and the West, met those from Minnesota and Wisconsin at Chicago, and, traveling through Indiana, were joined by the men from that State. The two parties met at South Louisville, and “what a *meeting* was there, my *brethren*.” At Gallatin, twenty miles north of Nashville, the reception committee boarded the train,

and the entrance to our Mecca was triumphant indeed. And now commenced the carnival.

The evening was spent in forming new and renewing old acquaintances with our brothers in the mystic BOND—men who, from the four corners of this broad American Continent, had come to this beautiful city of the South to renew their pledges of fidelity and to lend their every exertion to the grand and noble cause of our glorious PHI DELTA THETA.

The Convention was called to order the next morning at 10:30, in the Knights of Pythias Hall, in front of which was stretched across the street a large triangular banner of white and blue, bearing in the corners the letters " $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ," and in the centre the date "1848." The address of welcome by R. F. Jackson, of Tennessee, and the reply by C. L. Goodwin, of Indiana, will both be found elsewhere in this issue. Sessions were held every morning and afternoon, adjourning at 7 P. M. on Friday, Nov. 14, to meet at Cincinnati, O., Monday, Oct. 19, 1886. On Tuesday evening the visitors were introduced by the resident members into the best families of the city. This was one of the pleasantest features of the whole visit, yet it was doomed to lead to ultimate sadness, for acquaintances and friendships were formed which—however much we might wish it otherwise—we knew must be short-lived, and, sad though it were, still the fact could not be concealed that when the time came to say good-bye, it must, in many cases, be said forever.

The next thing on the programme was a visit to Vanderbilt University the following morning, at the invitation of the Faculty of that institution. Special seats in the Chapel were reserved for the members of the Convention, to whom Chancellor Garland, in a few remarks, bade a hearty welcome, and in the name of the Faculty and Board of Trust tendered the freedom of the University "not only during the present visit, but during your entire sojourn in the city." After chapel exercises all the buildings were visited in company with Prof. Dodd and others, and finally all assembled in the parlors, where some good old Phi songs made the building ring. The significance of the visit and the welcome tendered is not appreciated until we recall the fact that until Oct. 31, 1883—only one year and ten days before—Vanderbilt was one of the most bitter opponents of College Fraternities in the South, if not in the whole land; but she has taken her place in the van of college progress and declared that they have a right to live. A proud day, indeed, it was for Tennessee Alpha, who for four years had been resting under a cloud of oppression and had been contending against a hostile and adverse faculty—a proud day, indeed, when, after "the ominous clouds had rifted," they sat in their old seats and dared proclaim themselves to the world in their true colors, surrounded by their

brethren from nearly every State in the Union, and when they were enjoying the hospitality of those who formerly were their bitter foes.

In the evening occurred the public literary exercises in the Hall of Representatives, Capitol Building, the use of which had been tendered the Fraternity by special act of the State Legislature. On the productions comment is needless. They were all by men of acknowledged literary ability, were entertaining, instructive, and elegant in the extreme, and were listened to by an audience as fine and as cultivated as Nashville could produce. They are reproduced in full in this number.

It was after this entertainment that occurred an incident which turned the unbroken current of joy into profound sorrow and well nigh into the deepest mourning. The Capitol is situated on extremely high ground, and numerous terraces and parapets have to be mounted before reaching it. For some unknown reason all the lights were not lit on this occasion, and it was at times almost necessary to grope in order to find where the descent commenced. Brother J. B. Shaw, the delegate from Pennsylvania Alpha, on leaving the building in company with Brother Schelton, of New Hampshire Alpha, approached the edge of the north parapet, and, thinking he had reached a flight of steps, stepped off, falling about twelve feet to the stone pavement below. Brother Schelton hastened below, and, finding him unconscious, carried him into the Governor's office. Medical aid was summoned and the injury was found to be serious in the extreme, concussion of the brain or brain fever being feared. The removal to the Maxwell House, where the invalid received the best of care, took place as soon as advisable. Thanks to Divine Providence nothing serious resulted, and brother Shaw is now entirely well.

At eleven the next morning the Convention called upon Mrs. Jas. K. Polk in a body. Mrs. Polk tendered the visitors a most cordial reception and seemed highly pleased with the call. Thence they proceeded to the Capitol, where they were photographed on the north front.

It is impossible to give to any single feature of the reunion the credit of being the best or the most pleasant, but we are extremely doubtful if any one will place anything ahead of the event of Thursday evening—the Grand Ball. The Nicholson House was thrown open to the Phis and there was “the sound of revelry and music within,” and the pleasure of the occasion was heightened by the presence of those Phis, so *lovely*, so “loyal,” and so “true,” who are Phis in everything but sex. The prevailing sentiment was that never was a more enjoyable evening spent, and true, indeed, was the verdict.

And now just one brief remark in regard to those young ladies who did so much to make enjoyable our only too brief stay in Nashville. We had all heard of the hospitality of the South and of the charming grace, extreme refinement and exceeding beauty which the ladies of that section may justly claim their own. We had learned to place them in the front rank of American girls, of whom all foreign nations are so envious. This was the ideal we had formed. This was the picture which our imagination had painted for us. And the realization? The realization was so far above the anticipation, that it is needless to say that the visitors—and especially those from the NORTH—were taken by storm, and full many's the heart of a Northern Phi that lingers still in Nashville.

From our arrival until our departure these young ladies did everything within the limits of their power to enhance the pleasure of our stay, and by their grace, their dignity and their polite reception, have insured for themselves a lasting place in the memory of the whole Fraternity.

On Friday evening occurred, at the Nicholson House, the complimentary banquet tendered their guests by Tennessee Alpha. To use a hackneyed phrase, "the tables fairly groaned," and "merry was the feast and long." It seemed as though the Tennessee boys were just trying to see how much they could do and what kind of a reception they could tender. The toasts were numerous and the speeches were of a superior order. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation to Judge J. F. Philips, of the Supreme Court of Missouri, Kentucky Alpha, '55, of a magnificent gold-headed cane, bearing the following inscription: "Hon. J. F. Philips, from the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 14, 1884."

Resolutions of regret at the absence of Emmett Tompkins, Ohio Gamma, '75, were adopted.

Of all sad words which must be said, good-bye is by far the saddest, but the time for saying it is bound to come. Shortly after midnight one hundred loyal Phis began to exchange their words of parting and our feelings could not be other than sorrowful, when the fact stared us in the face that never again on this earth would this band of brothers be together, and many an eye was moist when we grasped a brother's hand and bid him good-bye and God speed, knowing—as we must—that in some cases at least our hands would ne'er again be clasped as mortals and that our parting must be to meet no more this side the Golden Gate.

To express a just appreciation for the treatment which the Fraternity received at the hands of Tennessee Alpha is *simply impossible*. They have shown us what a National Convention of

Phi Delta Theta can be, and we can only hope for something grand in 1886. In what point can improvement be made? We leave the answer to Ohio Alpha Alumni, and have no doubt they will answer it well.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

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### THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION.

That our internal machinery is very well suited to the workings of the Fraternity was clearly demonstrated by the fact that the time of the recent Convention was not absorbed in the consideration of what might be called matters of *vital* importance, nor in laying out certain lines of action or future policy which are to guide Phi Delta Theta in time to come, but rather in the consideration and settlement of those minor details of government which necessarily arise during the course of two years. Every engine or machine must have its lubricants applied and its parts strengthened at certain intervals, and so must every form of government, whether it be of Fraternity or nation, be continually watched and improved so as to keep pace with the times, and not be left behind in the onward march of civilization.

Formal petitions for charters were received from Maine State College, Davidson College, and the Kentucky Military Institute. All were denied. The situation at the K. M. I., however, was peculiar. The matter was presented in full to the Convention, which gave the subject ample time for a careful consideration, and finally came to the conclusion that it was not for the best interests of the Fraternity that the standard of Phi Delta Theta should be planted at that institution.

The harmony and good feeling displayed in the discussion of matters, sometimes of a personal interest, was especially noticeable.

The condition of some of our weaker chapters was discussed, but when the time comes for pronouncing the "death penalty," it sometimes seems hard to take the decisive step, and so, in response to their earnest requests, they were given "another chance."

The rearrangement of the Provinces was actively discussed and numerous schemes proposed, but after mature consideration it was thought best to leave all Provinces as they had existed since the Richmond Convention.

The reports from General Council, Province Presidents and Chapter delegates were extremely gratifying. Several changes were inaugurated in THE SCROLL management. These will be found stated elsewhere in this number. Many matters of detail were discussed, a full report of which is presented in the minutes of the Convention.

# ADDRESSES

DELIVERED BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, HELD AT  
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YEAR OF THE FRATERNITY.

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## PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

W. ANWYL JONES, CHICAGO, ILL.

THERE came to me an angel in my dreams,  
And lightly laid his hand upon my brow ;  
Then I awoke. And when I saw the light  
Of his most glorious presence by my side,  
I trembled much and was afraid, nor could  
I utter one poor word ; so terrible  
The holy presence, tho' I oft essayed  
To speak. But he with look compassionate  
And full of heavenly love said thus to me :  
" O child of earth, would'st thou with quickened ken  
Review thy country's past, her present see,  
And scan her future ? Hast enough of strength,  
Enough of courage ? Ponder, ere thou speak."  
Wond'ring I answered : " Thou, O Lord, know'st best.  
Yet if thou wilt be pleased to impart to me  
The dreadful secret, I will be content,  
And follow where thou leadest."

Then he gave  
To me his gracious hand which, when I touched,  
A sudden thrill o'erpowered me, and I felt  
My being changed ; and with the speed of light  
We vanished from the busy scenes of earth.  
Whither we sped I know not, nor knew then ;  
But my companion all the way beguiled  
With pleasant converse upon heavenly things,  
Until at last a glorious throne arose  
Toward which he led me ; then upon it sat,  
While at his feet I wond'ring took my place.  
" O Being Infinite ! " he said, " Ope thou his eyes  
That he may see the visions of the past,  
And comprehend." Mine eyes were opened then  
And saw amazed the origin of Time ;  
When Cosmos rose from Chaos, and the worlds  
Took shape from out the awful waste, and grew

To grand, symmetrical proportions ; light  
 'Gan chase away the midnight darkness ; land  
 Arose from out the steaming waters ; plants  
 And stately trees their vernal crowns high tost ;  
 Water and air and earth were peopled ; death  
 And darkness fled before the life and light ;  
 And the pure earth rejoiced and sang for joy  
 When MAN, the lord of all terrestrial things,  
 Appeared and took command of the fair realm  
 His God had given him.

But a cry of woe

Shook the great universe to center when  
 He fell, and nature hid her face and wept !

I saw the centuries pass ; and the broad earth,  
 So fair and happy once, now blush with shame,  
 And wash away the crime and criminals  
 As with a mighty deluge. And no more  
 Those hideous spots her radiant beauty marred.

Again I looked : And high on Babel's tower  
 I saw the rebel people stand, and loud  
 Defy their God. But at a word their boasts  
 Were all forgotten, and in foreign lands  
 Their punishment they suffered, and their tongues  
 Were taught to frame a different speech !

Again

The people have forgotten God, or but in name  
 Observe his worship, while their hearts have gone  
 Astray to Mammon,—Rome's voluptuous gods  
 Hold sway o'er all the earth. But lo ! a star  
 Illumes the sky ! and heavenly hosts proclaim  
 The birth of a new era, and a king  
 Whose gentle sway will 'make the whole world kin.'  
 His mandate "Peace on earth, good will to men ;"  
 Grace and humility his kingly robes ;  
 Love his all-powerful sceptre ; his decrees  
 Justice and righteousness, with mercy fraught ;—  
 A human God, an infinite God—man !

Like the great banyan, springing up afresh  
 Where'er its drooping branches touch the ground,  
 Gaining new vigor from each fall to earth  
 Until a mighty forest it becomes,  
 I see his kingdom grow and fill the world,  
 Where'er it spreads the old things pass away



As day succeeds the darkness,—

Then a cloud—

So black, so dense that scarce a ray of light  
 Can penetrate its folds, outspreads itself  
 In dread suspense the while ! Then bursts the storm  
 Which rages o'er the world a thousand years !  
 And men are groping here and there to find  
 The light which seems as if 'twould never shine.  
 Appalled by the dread prospect I appealed  
 Unto the glorious presence on the throne  
 And cried : “ Is there no hope for the sad world ?  
 The darkness overwhelms ! Is there no light ?  
 Must hell hold sway forever on the earth ? ”  
 “ Have faith, O child of man,” the angel said,  
 “ That which God hath created he will ne'er,  
 Until its mission be performed, destroy.  
 The truth shall triumph tho' its legion fall,  
 Valiantly fighting !—but its mightiest sway  
 Shall be in a new world, as yet unknown ;  
 A land whose youth shall teach the eld  
 A new philosophy ; and monarchies  
 Shall sit and tremble at her feet, and learn  
 The majesty of human rights, and know  
 The ruler is not greater than the ruled,  
 And hath no power but that is granted him.  
 This land shall teach the nations war and peace ;  
 And from her shall go forth to all the world  
 Learning and science, statesmanship and art ;  
 And best of all religion—that of Christ,  
 Whose devotees now grovel in the night. ’  
 And as he spoke he raised his regal arm  
 And pointed toward the West, and as mine eyes  
 Followed his guidance, out across the waste  
 A gleam of light shot forth afar and cleft  
 The darkness, till it rested on the sails  
 The slow winds wafted from the Spanish main.  
 Then hark ! The cannon speaks in thunder tone  
 The great discovery ! The dawn appears,  
 And men rejoice and praise the Lord for light.

I see another bark upon the sea  
 Escaping from the thralldom of the old  
 To seek a refuge in God's wilderness.

Anon the wheat is growing o'er the graves  
 The winter dug ; but the stout hearts quail not.

Freedom and liberty of conscience here  
 With death, are sweeter than the tyranny  
 They left behind. So will it ever be  
 With freemen !

But again a wondrous change  
 Comes o'er the scene. I see the faggots piled  
 Around the victim, and the gibbet bears  
 Its sickening fruit for superstitious hand  
 To pluck, when late religious liberty  
 Was found with opening buds of beauty rare !  
 But soon the wave of persecution stays,  
 And breaks its force against the rocks of truth.

I see prosperity along the coast ;  
 The refugees from tyranny are fair  
 To build on the foundation given them  
 In grand proportions from ennobling tho't,  
 A STATE of freedom and equality,  
 But jealous of her exiled citizens  
 The Island Queen proclaims her sovereignty,  
 Demanding tribute with a haughty mien.  
 Thick hang the clouds, and mutt'ring thunders peal  
 The welkin through ; then bursts the dreadful storm  
 O'er Lexington and Bunker Hill. The earth  
 Groans as in travail, and in raging thirst  
 Drinks up the blood of foreign foes with that  
 Of her own children !

" O my Lord ! " I cried,  
 " Must these all perish in the cause of right ?  
 Is there no arm to save ? " " My child, have faith.  
 Recall the promise that I gave to thee,  
 But look ! The sky is clearing, and the bow  
 Of promise in the heavens is set. And see !  
 Its colors are transferred upon the flag  
 Which proudly floats above the new-born State !  
 A bow of promise will it ever be  
 To those in bondage that they shall be free ! "

Peace smiles again, and loud the songs of praise  
 Ascend unto the God of nations. Swords  
 Are beaten into plowshares ; happy birds  
 Are nesting in deserted forts ; and grain  
 Is waving where the battlefields ran red.

How strange it is, but true it e'er has been  
 With every nation and in every age,

That freedom's scarce attained before the free  
 Begin their weaker brethren to oppress,  
 Forgetful of their former low estate.  
 So, 'neath the very shadow of the flag  
 Dread SLAVERY made her bed and laid her down  
 In calm repose ; and all the newly free  
 But low in adoration at her shrine,  
 Smoothed down her pillow, hung on every breath  
 To catch each murmur and anticipate  
 Her every waking wish !

Again I turned  
 Unto the angel ; but his brow was sad  
 And clouded was the lustre of his eye :—  
 “ My people have again forgotten God,  
 And dally with the Harlot Slavery.  
 Fair is her face and beauteous her form ;  
 Soft is the fulsome flattery of her lips,  
 Intoxicating e'en the strongest men  
 Until they lay themselves down at her feet  
 And pillow their poor heads upon her lap,  
 When like Delilah to a fool of old  
 She shears them of their strength, and they are bound  
 With thongs that God alone can break !  
 O foolish World ! How prone to choose the wrong ;  
 To clasp pollution to your breast and shun  
 Justice and righteousness and purity !”

The years pass on. The Harlot, once so fair,  
 Has bound the people in her chains of death ;  
 Her arms, erst while so soft, stiffen like steel  
 And crush the victims in her close embrace ;  
 Her siren face assumes a Gorgon's mien  
 As writhe the wretches in their agony !  
 But God is merciful, and when he hears  
 His children cry, he lays aside his wrath  
 And answers them. So with repentance comes  
 Returning strength, and with a mighty throe  
 They burst their shackles, as an earthquake shock  
 Rends prison doors and sets the prisoners free.  
 Then 'mid the thunder, smoke and lurid glare  
 Of battle, with its heaps of gory dead  
 Affording shelter from the smiting hail—  
 Where brave men stand and cowards e'en grow bold—  
 They smite the Monster as with bolts of Jove  
 And hurl her lifeless carcass from the throne,  
 Tear down her shrine and leave it desolate,  
 The haunt of evil birds and beasts of prey ;  
 Triumphant the Flag floats over all !

Weary, yet joyous, to my Spirit guide  
Once more I turned and laid against his knee  
My head. And bending gently over me  
He pressed his hand upon my throbbing bow  
And thus to me he spake :

“ But one great foe  
Within thy country yet abides. While fostering  
The Harlot Queen, the people learned to love  
Another Idol, slight at first the bonds  
Which drew them to him ; weak, and scarcely felt  
His stripling grasp. But now a giant grown,  
His tyrant sway is well nigh absolute.  
Dire was the havoc that the other made ;  
The monster’s deeds are even yet more black !  
And yet the people will not see ; in that  
Lies, more than all beside, their danger. Look,  
If thou canst bear to view the troublous sight,  
And I will give thee power to see beyond,  
So that thy faith may fail thee not ; for God  
Hath yet great things in store for thy fair land.”

A wail of anguish smote upon my ear ;  
And as I strained my eyes to seek the cause,  
A distant crowd appeared, tumultuous, vast,  
Surging like billows on a rocky coast.  
Nearer it came, and wild shouts rent the air ;  
And in the midst a Juggernaut appeared  
With aspect frightful, and on every side  
Struggled the maddened crowd, which grew apace,  
All eager to do homage. Here I saw  
With idiotic gaze men stare agape  
Upon the oncoming car, until its wheels  
Their bodies ground into the dust, and there  
Others, with glasses raised, drank off great draughts ;  
Of poison, till their bloodshot eyeballs gleamed  
With maniacal light, and seizing hold  
Of some poor victim, hurled them both beneath  
The cruel wheels ; and still the car rolled on ;  
I heard the anguished plea of wife and child  
For succor and for mercy ; but the jeer,  
The maddened curse and blow alone replied ;  
And none would save them from the awful death.  
Statesmen I saw go reeling from their halls,  
Judges from bench and lawyers from the bar,  
And cast themselves prone in the way of death,  
Crying : “ All hail, thou Sovereign supreme !”

And the vast throng took up the cry, "All hail,  
 Thou Sovereign supremè !" And then a glimpse  
 I caught, the parted crowd between, of Hell,  
 Which followed in the wake of the great car.  
 Incessant lightning lit the dread abyss,  
 And shrieks of lost souls mingled with the shouts  
 Of the debauched multitude ; but they,  
 Unheeding of the impending fate, pressed on  
 To sacrifice themselves 'neath Bacchus' shrine !  
 The night came down ; but by the glaring light  
 Of burning buildings, shuddering I could see  
 The red-streaked face of murder rushing by,  
 Blood dripping from his guilty hands ! Despair,  
 Poverty, Hunger, hollow-eyed and fierce,  
 Disease and suicide his steps close prest ;  
 Insanity crept thro' the multitude  
 And stared with wide eyes at the moving car,  
 Then with a shriek plunged headlong in its track !  
 At the first break of dawn appears a band  
 Of women kneeling in the monster's path,  
 And earnest prayer they urge to Heaven to check  
 His awful course and give relief to earth.  
 The dread procession halts a moment, awed  
 At sight of purity, then turns aside  
 And 'mid the ribald curses of the crowd  
 Its way pursues ; and new recruits fill up  
 The often-decimated ranks—O Hell !  
 Well may'st thou follow in his awful track,  
 For thy long roll is filled with names of those  
 Whom Bacchus has seduced !

But lo ! I see

The waxing light reveal another throng  
 Marching with banners white above their heads,  
 Singing the songs of righteousness and truth.  
 Steady the line of march, and firm each step,  
 Certain of victory, knowing not defeat,  
 Marshalled from every part of our fair land—  
 East, West, North, South, forgetful of the past ;  
 They come to conquer, with God's help, the foe.  
 At sight of these the monster checks his course,  
 Summons his staggering legions, and prepares  
 To give them battle. Fierce the fight and long ;  
 Bitter the imprecations of the host  
 The monster urges on. His poisoned shafts  
 Pierce to the very heart, and smite to earth  
 The flower of all the land. The Spirit powers,  
 Drawn on by the great interests at stake,

Engage in fearful combat, tho' invisible  
To those whom they assist ; and Hell  
With all her force assaults the gates of Heaven,  
Defying God and his almighty power !  
And still the car rolls on, nor stays its course  
Tho' souls and bodies of a multitude  
Are cast beneath its wheels ! Tho' barricades  
Which some had raised against it interpose !  
Now the attacking column falters, awed  
And well nigh overpowered ; but gaining strength  
From reinforcements press the fight again.  
Redoubts are thrown up all along the line  
And one by one fresh batteries come in play,  
Until a solid front the foe oppose ;  
And from his seat upon the ramparts high  
Justice, erect and stern, directs each move,  
And every fierce assault is quick repelled.  
At length they sally forth with cheer on cheer,  
And rushing on the car they hew it down !  
The torch applied, a seething mass of flame  
The monster's throne becomes ; and devotees  
Despairing of their cause, with maddened cries  
Leap headlong in. Hell opens wide her jaws  
And 'mid the awful tumult swallows them  
And they are lost from sight. The startled crowd,  
Sobered by these events, and seeing now  
In the various army their deliverance  
From thralldom worse than death, lift up their voice  
In praise to God for all his wondrous works ;  
And the glad song of peace thrills all the world,  
While Heaven rejoices for the victory !  
Prosperity returns, and now the flag  
Floats o'er a people free indeed. The curse  
Of 'poverty is lifted ; and all crime  
Has been consigned to Hell, its place of birth,  
With its companions, Envy, Hate and Strife.  
Peace, Temperance, Love, with white wings hover round  
And bless the land. Science and art increase  
And ignorance disappears ; and Heaven itself  
Comes down and dwells on earth ! The Father's will  
Is done ; the Kingdom promised long is come !  
And heavenly hosts repeat again the song,  
" Peace upon earth ! Good will to every man ! "

## HISTORIAN'S ADDRESS.

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PHI DELTA THETA.

FRATERNAL love is a product of civilization, a natural and practical outcome of liberal thinking, a constant factor, to a greater or less extent in all gradations of society, and finds expression in all conditions of life according as the thinking is more or less liberal, and according as the practice is more or less natural. Founded in the dependent relation of man to man, nurtured in sentiment, in passion, and by culture, it has become more than an instinct, more than a sentiment, and more than a passion. It goes out beyond the family circle, beyond the circuit of kinsmen, beyond the boundaries of community and state, and as resistless as the coming of the morn it seeks the federation of the world, and the history of it is the history of the whole world. The social forces that worm in and out among men have moulded the thought and shaped the purposes of the people in this world to such an extent, that if one would take an intelligent view of the panorama of life ; if he would catch the drift of things and know their meaning, he must take such observations as will enable him to note, not merely the different incidents as they pass by, but also what combinations and what groupings here and there have been at work, and by their work have emphasized certain lines of action and certain lines of thought, which, in the aggregate, make up society and shape the history of the world and all things upon it. No one will read history and study its philosophy without realizing that this world is better to-day than yesterday, that the march of civilization is ever forward, that the standards of action are ever being lifted up, that human sympathy is broader, that genius is brighter and manhood is stronger as the world grows older. If this is so it is because men have become less animal and more human, have given up selfishness and taken on benevolence. It is because the separation of savages into tribes, the growing of tribes into nations, the forming of nations into governments, is a good thing. It is because the division of people into communities, and by the union of purpose and effect, there has been an advancement and expansion of those civilizing forces among men which mark the progress of the great nations of the earth. It is, in fact, more than anything else, because man has not only studied himself, but has studied other men besides, and has come to know that all men have many things in common with one another, that nearly all men are good for something, and contribute something to the force that moves the world and shapes the destiny of those upon it. I make these observations to you, my friends, in

order that while you are listening to this recital of who we are and what we have been, you may realize also how we *happened to be*, for I say to you that in your homes, in your business, in your churches, and in all your dealings with each other you are founding fraternities among yourselves ; you are joining hands with each other, not only that you may gain an exchange of views and a division of labor, but that you may expand your influence and your power by contact with one another, and that you may absorb something of each other. A college fraternity is the sole heritage of college men and women, yet it dates its origin back to the beginning of things. A college fraternity seeks to find some things in common among men of education and cultivated tastes, and yet it is prompted and sustained by the same impulse which underlies every organized effort by which men seek to further their condition. A college fraternity is no longer an experiment, and on this occasion, in this presence, it needs no apology for its existence. In spite of criticism born of narrowmindedness ; in spite of opposition which comes from men afflicted with that sort of disordered bile that is generated when the "grapes hang too high," and in spite of the grave misapprehension which has sometimes disturbed the soul and warped the judgment of really good and generous people, yet the college fraternities of this country have done their work well, have fulfilled an honorable mission, have made for themselves a lasting record, and established for themselves a place among the good and practical things of college life.

The organization of Greek letter societies in American colleges dates back more than one hundred years, to the establishment of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at William and Mary College in 1776 ; but the real beginning of the fraternity system as it now prevails, must be traced to a period about fifty years later, when the Kappa Alpha Society first made its appearance in Union College in New York. Since that time more than fifty distinct organizations have been formed, reaching into every State in the Union, embracing seventy per cent. of all the colleges in the land, with a membership of over seventy-five thousand, increasing at the rate of more than three thousand per annum. Twelve of these societies were already established when, in 1848, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was founded at Miami University. And now, after a lapse of thirty-six years, we have journeyed here from thirty States to counsel together, to survey the field before us, to enquire among ourselves what time has wrought since last we met, and renew our allegiance to the bond of fellowship which has held us together for more than three decades. Phi Delta Theta has been active in its duties during all these years. It has been true to itself and the interests committed to its keeping. As an Order we are not only proud of our present, hopeful for



our future, but proud of our past. I shall not recount to you all the incidents and turning points of our history. As an organization we came from a small beginning. There were six students at Miami University, in Southern Ohio, who sat down one day thirty years ago to talk over among themselves some plan by which they could make the most of the opportunities which their collegiate life afforded. They clasped each others hand with the fervor of brothers, and said *by this sign we will conquer*. They built upon the broad foundation of the brotherhood of man, and the plans of their superstructure, contemplated the coming of many future generations of men to dwell within it. They were men who took counsel of their best judgment and conscience in all they did, as their subsequent lives show full well, for they lived all of them to be men of marked force and power in the world, and from the work they did for us we estimate that the secret of their success in battling with the world came from their thorough painstaking methods of work, from their broad and liberal views of life, and from their keen appreciation of human nature, and as the recurring seasons bring us together in counsel, we rejoice each time to sound the names of Robert Morrison, Wilson, Drake, Rogers and Lindley—*founders of Phi Delta Theta*. From Miami University, North, South, East and West, to all the boundaries of the land we can trace the march of the Grecian Host. They carried the *Blue and White* across plains and over mountains. They planted their colors among the barbarians of the interior and flaunted them in the face of those who dwell by the sea. They climbed the Rocky Mountains and Sierra Nevadas, and raised their banner on the other side. With shield and dagger they bore down upon the wild Texan, till, on bended knee, he would throw a kiss across the land to greet his brothers who stand guard upon the outposts among the Green Mountains and the pine trees of Maine. And to-day, from fifty-four camp fires, bringing greetings from nearly four thousand brothers scattered to the four winds, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity meets in National Convention.

The history of our Order, in all its details, is as familiar as the traditions of a household to all those who have worked with us within the organization, and to you, my friends, who do us the honor of meeting with us to-night we bring greetings, and say that during all these years we have never felt stronger, we have never believed ourselves more compactly organized, and we have never believed more thoroughly in the philosophy of our undertaking than we do to-day as we appear before you with the experience of nearly two score of years behind us. And, my brothers in the bond, permit me in closing to call your attention to some of the lessons we are learning from the past. We cannot help observing that the years that have elapsed since our fraternity first

began have wrought great changes in the conditions that surround the work of all organizations, and we note especially that this American Republic has lived a remarkable and phenomenal history in the last quarter of a century, and that it has not only witnessed a remarkable development of its material resources and seen its standards of culture lifted up—but these things have been pushed away from their old traditional moorings, until we no longer find any one section of this country claiming—much less do we find it conceded to them—that all things which are altogether lovely, that all men who are highly cultivated, that all colleges and universities worthy the best patronage are to be found in that one section to the exclusion of all others. In other words, we are living in a day when our young men can obtain as liberal an education in all the arts and sciences in the City of Nashville as they can in the City of Boston ; when the Western man need not go East ; the Eastern man need not go West ; the Southern man need not go North, and the Northern man need not go South to avail himself of the best means and methods of study, and the best fruits thereof which this country affords. This has not always been so. It was not true of the conditions under which our Order was founded. This change means something to us ; it means something to all fraternities. It means that since no one section of this country has to-day a monopoly of certain kinds of men, certain kinds of study and certain kinds of learning, that there is no longer any foundation for sectional fraternities. It means that a fraternity which prides itself upon the fact that it is distinctly Eastern, distinctly Western, Northern, or Southern, stands upon a traditional basis, and has circumscribed itself with a selfish and conservative principle not in accord with the spirit of the times. It means that the college fraternities of the future, whose power is to be felt most, and where work is to be most effective, will be known as *National Fraternities*. It means that certain conservative organizations that rarely have seen anything worthy their affiliation west of the Hudson River must either be found knocking for admission into the great colleges and universities of the West and South, or they will find those upon whom they depend for their increase of membership applying for admission to those fraternities which come nearest wiping out altogether all sectional distinctions. I congratulate you, my brethren, that as we look back over our history, we can feel that we have been keeping pace with the times. I congratulate you that it is the disposition and policy of our Order to become, in the broadest sense of the term, a *National Fraternity*, and that by earnest and vigorous efforts we have progressed so far in that direction that we are able to claim for ourselves all the distinction which that term implies. Let us take courage from these reflections to-day, and as we look both

ways from the point on which we are now standing : into the past with all its battles and all its victories, into the future with all its prophecies, let us resolve to put on the armor again, and, with shining lance and glittering shield, carry our colors to all the States, till from the sea to the sea, from the North to the South, we shall sound with honor and with praise the name of *Phi Delta Theta*.

Go forth, my brothers, to the field again,  
 With vigor the battle renew ;  
 Send out the sound to the sons of men :  
 All hail to the *White and Blue* !  
 Be true to the duty the future reveals ;  
 In the past you were faithful and bold.  
 Your *History* in the fullness of all it conceals,  
 By mortals will never be told.

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## A FEW THINGS TOUCHING OUR CIVILIZATION.

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*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:* The effect of our civilization upon the physical and social life of this continent is a matter of concern to the economist and philosopher. The tendency is marked, the end problematical. The vastness of our territory, its wealth of soil, luxuriance of vegetable growth and diversity of climate, excite fabulous expectations. The very riot of waste, the wantonness of consumption and the craze of speculation and adventure are born of this prodigality of nature.

We boast of fifty millions of people, whilst there are yet among us those whose ears caught the first notes of "Yankee Doodle," and whose eyes saw the first American flag kissed by the breezes and bathed in the sunlight of freedom.

England and Prussia, crowded almost to suffocation, increase annually at a little more than one per cent., while we are increasing at the rate of three per cent. Estimated upon the ordinary vicissitudes of political life, the devastations of war, epidemics, and the ebb and flow of the tides of emigration, it is within the boundary of reason to say, that when another sixty years have swept by, we will have 200,000,000, and in the year two thousand, 400,000,000 of population.

With the consumption, the destruction and appropriations of this surging, devouring mass, its drain on the physical forces, animal and vegetable life is as incalculable as it is serious.

We learn from history, poetry and tradition, of lands about the Mediterranean, the Tiber and the gardens of the Hesperides, with rich harvests of cereals, festooned with vines and flowing with milk and honey. There, too, were the glories of landscape,

heightened by the plantation and decorative art, which almost blinded Grecian and Roman poets with very excess of light and beauty.

In fact, we scarcely need the testimony of historian to tell of these, and the marvels of fertility of the Nile, the Arabian Peninsula, Syria, Sicily, Armenia and Messopotamia. Their architectural ruins and the massive decay of works of internal improvement attest that in the dim past those regions maintained the densest population. Myriad legions, like those of the Persians, the Tartars and the Crusaders, in their long and frequent marches, without a commissariat, subsisted on the fatness of those lands.

Yet this vast region, once supporting swarming millions of people, little inferior to that of all christendom of to-day, is now so far withdrawn from human sustentation and the advancement of the commonwealth of man as to make lean the entertainment of nomadics and isolated husbandmen.

Laughing meadows, once musical with irrigating waters, and green valleys, as fragrant as the breath of Eden, respond no more to animal wants. The reservoirs are broken, and the springs that fed them have ceased their flow. Rivers and streams, famed in history and song, have shrunk and disappeared. Mighty forests, wherein the hunter and the wild boar met, the nymphs sported, and the winged tribe fluttered and carolled, have been swept away. The very earth—"the mould of the upland field"—instinct with vegetable life, has washed away or been exhausted, until much of it seems to have lost the sacred mystery of reproductive growth.

It may be that the great physical changes in the Old World—converting the fairest fields into thirsty and inhospitable deserts—are traceable, in some measure, to cosmical causes and geological action. But the greater factor in this carnival of desolation is man himself. Not untutored, barbaric man, but civilized man. And his destructiveness increases precisely in the ratio of his progress in the arts of civilized life.

Wherever human footsteps press the earth they smite it; and while here and there they make glad the waste places, they oftener turn the very harmonies of nature into discord. Of all animals, man is the most destructive.

Even without a divine revelation, his superiority and mastery are irrefragably established in that he possesses energies and forces which nature in all her puissance can neither resist nor flee from.

Nature, unvexed by human want and aspiration, so adapts her processes as to give to the physical world permanence, and stability in matter of form. In her husbandry "there are no fallows." Atmospheric and geological disturbances, the tornado and the earthquake, may rend her forests and convulse the earth;

but at once she sets in motion her silent agencies to repair the ruin and restore the shattered parts. The fallen trunks become decayed vegetable matter to fructify the earth, and the myriad leaves, shaken by the sweeping winds from "the boundless contiguity of shade," moulder to take the place of the soil which the torrents have swept from the uplands into the basin below.

The very frosts, chemical forces, gravitation and the action of the winds, create elevations and depressions only to produce equilibriums in the earth's conformation and preserve its uses. Where the improvidence of human husbandry and the ruthless ax of the woodman, or the unloosed fire from savage in quest of game, have exhausted the soil and blighted the forest, if freed from human presence for a single generation, nature will, measurably, rebuild the forest and clothe the earth with vegetation, and fill her womb with new productive energy.

There is something as beautiful as it is suggestive in the fable among the ruder races which ascribed the faculties of speech and reason to the trees and flowers, as to the birds and insects that flitted among the boughs and sucked the petals, as also to the four-footed animals that habited among them. In their fruitful imagination they heard dialogues between them and man. This created between them sympathy, out of which comes the tenderest sentiment. So that, often, he regarded the very game he pursued with something akin to affection and reverence. History and observation alike attest the fact that the savage rarely destroys more game than the demands of his daily wants. While our North American Indians have fired forests and prairies, it has been under the pressure of hunger to drive the game from its covert. But your civilized man stops not here. In the pursuit of his pleasure, the gratification of his ambition and the greed of his avarice, he desolates whole forests, turns prairies into black ashes, and never ceases his remorseless pursuit until extirpation and desolation sound the halt.

The elephant he extinguishes for his tusk, the lion for his hide, the ostrich for his plume, the bison for his tongue, the deer and the elk for his antler, and the winged tribe from the very wantonness of sport. Our American continent, once regarded by the poor Indian—whose land it was—as the very portal to "the happy hunting ground," will, in a few more years, be as void of the nobler game as the plateau on which stands this Capitol. The great Yellow Stone Park is about all that is left. The corporation kings, with their troopers, are pounding on the gates of the National Capitol, demanding a charter to penetrate and bisect this fastness with a railroad. My word for it, the first shrill notes of the locomotive which shall startle and jingle its waters, will sound the onset for the extermination of its game and its forest.

In his so-called progress in politics, science, commerce and

wealth, man wars on all nature. If he could find an outlet for the waters he would flood the balance of the world in draining all the seas in an experimental search after the pearls and treasures supposed to lie at their bottoms.

I have seen him in the mountains of the Sierra Nevadas, as he has done in the mountains of the Old World, and as he is doing to-day in the pineries of our northern lakes, strip from their summits and sides every tree to feed the insatiate throat of the "Booms"; until the State is threatened with as bald and barren aspect as that where the snow perpetually crowns the Alps.

The day is not far distant when the whole Rocky Range, whose forests, with their leafy mould, retain the moisture and return it to the clouds that send the rain and snow, watering the valleys and giving flow to our great inland seas of commerce, will be as bleak and parched almost as the rim of Vesuvius.

An eminent naturalist, as he contemplated the havoc, the neglect and wreck of man in the Old World, with the bitterness of mingled regret and reproof, said: "He has broken up the mountain reservoirs, the percolation of whose waters through unseen channels supplied the fountains that refreshed his cattle and fertilized his fields; but he has neglected to maintain the cisterns and canals of irrigation which a wise antiquity had constructed to neutralize the consequences of its own improvidence. While he has torn the thin glebe which confined the light earth of extensive plains, and has destroyed the fringe of semi-aquatic plants which skirted the coast and checked the drifting of the sea sand, he has failed to prevent the spreading of the dunes by clothing them with artificially propagated vegetation. He has ruthlessly warred on all the tribes of animated nature whose spoil he could convert to his own use, and he has not protected the birds which prey on the insects most destructive to his own harvests."

The Federal Congress and local legislatures, with some prescience and forecast of the future, are guarding against the evil hour by offering bounties and privileges to settlers for "timber culture." But with characteristic Yankee instincts, the settler satisfies the letter of the law by drilling or sticking in the ground miserable cotton woods; until the traveler on our northwestern prairies, as he catches glimpses of these "clumps" of trees, imagines he is approaching the sandy bottoms of the Missouri or Mississippi river fringed with "weeping willows."

#### THE UNREST AND INNOVATION OF THE DAY.

No period in the history of civilization is, perhaps, comparable to this in the expenditure of human energy and its attendant attrition and tension. We are acting and living not only as if it were our special mission in this generation to subdue while we consume all the forces of animal and vegetable life around us,

and transform while we devour every productive energy of the soil we touch, but to harness and bring into subjection to our overstimulated wants all organic matter.

At the risk of being estimated, by those of my audience who have caught the fervor of the day's renown, as a foggy or pessimist, I must confess, before this representative body of educated men and women, that at times when I look at this seething world, here standing with uprolled sleeves and bared bosom before the blazing furnace and forge, with the ceaseless clang of machinery, or there with eager eye and strained nerve pressing, panting onward, onward, delving in the bowels of the earth beneath, flying to the mountain top or tunneling its base, toying with electricity, striving for the North Pole, with our stock exchanges veritable mad houses, broken banks, fleeing officers and suicides, with the insufferable newsboy crying the morning and evening paper in our ears, and the reporter disturbing our midnight slumber, to say nothing of our politics, I feel like the old Norseman said, when the choice of heaven with the new generation and hell with the old was offered him, "I prefer to be with my ancestors."

We would by no means undervalue or depreciate the achievements of American enterprise and genius. We recognize their definite beneficence and work of amelioration. Their excesses is what we deplore—their tendencies, in certain directions, we would restrain. Optimism may be as blessed as grace, but pessimism, at times, is as needful as regeneration. Conservatism is the air-brake on the train of progression.

We do not believe that the gospeller who transfers his pulpit behind the footlights and preaches under the bars of the trapeze performer instead of the Cross will ever accomplish as much good in the world as the simple sermon on the Mount. When everything in government must be a paradox, in religion a sensation and in literature a carnival and revolution, it is well to pause and inquire : Whitherward?

#### UNIVERSAL EDUCATION.

Universal education, for example, is a blessing, because the education of the many is liberty, the education of the few is despotism. But much of this rich grain has turned to cheat when it is easier to find two schoolmasters than one mechanic, four wives than one cook, or a tramp with a college diploma in his pocket than a coronet of earned honors on his brow.

It is a false system which would tear down our academies and wipe out the classics. The so-called levelling process in society has its virtues, and should have its limits. Where there are no elevations there are few productive lowlands. The world is all the more beautiful, picturesque and grand, because of its Chim-

borazos and Pikes' Peak, its valleys and plains. Were it all mountain or dale, how "stale, flat and unprofitable." Monotony kills as often as insanity. If all the dews and rains of heaven fell on an unbroken plain the world would become all sea. The very existence of communities demands that there should be that priority and degree which spring from, what Longfellow called, the "nobility of labor—the long pedigree of toil."

In a social and political state, where brain and brawn and courage take to themselves eaglets' wings, there should be "cliffs and cedar tops" for eries.

"How could communities, degrees in schools and brotherhoods  
In cities, peaceful commerce, from dividable shores,  
The primogenitive and due of birth,  
Prerogative of age, crowns, sceptres, laurels,  
But by *degree*, stand in authentic place?"

In the wild uproar of shoddyism, when impudent pretension threatens to usurp the sway of the empire of solid merit, the charlatan and the demagogue may strike the classics from our college curriculums. A Charles Francis Adams may aspire to become the iconoclast who would shatter the idols of classic literature. And inasmuch as the tide of emigration hither has long since turned from Hellas and Latium to the regions of the Rhine and the Seine, and a living German and Frank are more important factors in conferring political office than "the dead languages," we may expect to see the Greek and Latin chairs in our dear old Alma Maters treated as an old friend whose wit goes out with his purse.

And, as evinced by the campaign just closed, the children of the Emerald Isle, having become such important factors in our later politics, some other statesman (?) will, doubtless, grasp the situation, and propose to establish in our schools a chair to teach the Celtic idiom, in her ancient splendor, "as she is spoke," in Donegal, Killarney and Cork.

After all, however, this is a misconceived compliment to our foreign friends. French and German scholars, the most erudite philologists, have done and are doing more than all the scholars of christendom to preserve from the desecration of barbarism, the spoliation of zealots, and the vulgarisms of the utilitarian, the ancient languages and literature. Through the lights and shadows of fourteen centuries it has been the yearning ambition and vigil long of the world's best scholars and teachers to reach the Ciceronian and Augustan well, and drink deep from its pure waters.

Only when the soul shall cease to pant for the golden age, to know our own language; when the sense of the fit and the beautiful in speech, the breathing tablet, the speaking marble,



the springs and seats of philosophy, and the inspiration of oratory, can excite no worshippers; when Geology itself shall have no etymology for its terms; when the *Phi Delta Theta* Society shall cease to worship at its own shrine, and the scroll of its names, framed in letters and arts, shall be forever rolled up, will the one, as it was sung by Homer and spoken by Demosthenes, and the other as it was sung by Virgil and spoken by Cicero, be yielded up to the bloody Moloch of insatiate greed and mercenary politics.

“Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.”

#### THE DECAY OF POPULAR ORATORY.

In the domain of literature the effect of our civilization upon popular oratory is marked. Quintilian exclaimed: “May I perish, if the all-powerful Creator of nature and Architect of this world, has inspired man with any character which so eminently distinguishes him from other animals, as the faculty of speech. When nature has denied expression to man, how very little do all his boasted divine qualities avail him.” David Paul Brown, the master, in his day, of the American forum, declared that oratory: “is far superior in its influence to that mighty and fearful engine, the press. Speech alone can successfully contend with types.”

But the newspaper man had not then reached his climax, else those worthies had not thus dared speak. Demosthenes, Cicero, Mirabeau, Chatham and Patrick Henry, Henry Clay, Sergeant S. Prentiss and Rufus Choate, who “stirred the uproar, now the murmur stilled,” would have lost much of that wild flowing torrent which swept the multitudes, had they lived in this day of the newspaper, whose versatile and irrepressible reporter follows the public speaker like a fiend, to flash over the world what he says, and especially what he does not say. He is the reanimated Phocion who prunes all the glittering periods of our modern Demosthenes.

The man who speaks in this day is constantly reminded of the old couplet:

“A chiel’s amang ye’s taken notes.  
And faith he’ll print ‘em.”

The modern newspaper man is the eighth wonder of the world. No stretch of desert waste, nor scraggy mountain range, from orient to occident, where he is not seen. You may take the wings of the morning and flee to the uttermost parts of the earth, and there his voice is heard. You may descend into hell, and there he is to ask for an interview or an item. He has plucked from the “4th of July” flag all its flashing stars, and from the American eagle all his royal feathers.

We speak nowadays rather to a reading than a listening public.

The campaigner who repeats himself, even once, impresses upon his auditors the truth that "there is nothing new under the sun," for the chances are that they have read the speech of the day before in the morning paper.

The preacher, especially in our metropolitan cities, whose soul erstwhile took fire from his celestial theme, until now and then the truth came glowing like light of heaven on his lips, warming into joy listening souls, now grows monotonous thinking all the while, how will it read in the morning papers? Instead of the public speaker, as of old, pouring conviction, with red-hot words and pungent thoughts, into listening ears and responsive souls, he is a mere essayist, coining words of velvet and sentences of plush for the dreamy eyes and pulseless hearts of the lounging dilettanti, hermits and cave-dwellers.

Rugged force is thus, too often, sacrificed to mere phrasing, moving passion to freezing rhetoric, rhapsody for tiresome periods, and the energy of action aroused for the lethargy of repose.

Charles James Fox had this conviction. When asked by a nobleman whether he had read Sheridan's great speech at Liverpool hustings, he said: "No, how does it read?" "Admirably," was the reply. "Then," retorted the statesman, "it was not worth a d—n."

#### Books.

Our civilization is, perhaps, prolific in nothing so much as the multiplication of books and indiscriminate reading. John Randolph said he wished there were but two books in the world: "Bill Shakaspear and the Bible." While the catalogue is rather limited, the utterance contains a pregnant suggestion.

Reading, it is said, makes a full man. So does much eating! Fuller spoke truth when he said: "Thou mayest as well expect to grow stronger by always eating, as wiser by always reading. Too much overcharges nature, and turns more into disease than nourishment."

Many books are now made as if the devil were the world's librarian. Old Atticus is said never to have deviated from the truth; nor would he associate with anyone who did. He was so much a philosopher as to recognize the force of association.

What are books but human character and thought in type, impressing, to some extent, as the eye, the manners and speech of our breathing companions? High thinking and noble sentiments can no more come from reading beggarly literature than a bee can gather honey without sweet blossoms.

In an epoch of feverish commerce, like this, when "wealth fast accumulates and men decay," stringing all the chords of the nervous organism, inflaming the passions and stimulating the imagination, the masses take their literature like their food—a

hurried luncheon, washed down with "mixed drinks," and a later dinner of cramming and gluttony. There is no time for digestion. Like the witches' caldron in Macbeth, books must now, if they find a market, be made up of every variety of ingredients and heralded with every variety of incantation; and like men, too often, chosen for political preferment, the meaner and emptier the book the more votes it will poll.

However paradoxical it may seem, the truth remains, that many of the best books were written by persons who at the time of writing had little, if any, intention of becoming authors. Edward Everett declared his doubt as to whether any good book could be written otherwise. "The only literature of any value," he said, "is that which grows indirectly out of the real action of society, intended directly to affect some other purpose; and when a man sits doggedly in his study and says to himself: 'I mean to write a good book,' it is certain that the result will be a bad one."

When the average American wants anything he wants it bad, and at once. Water navigation is too slow. It must come by rail. The railroad, rushing forty miles an hour, is too laggard. The lightning electricity often excites his impatience. He cannot go home to see his wife; he keeps up the "family relation" by telephone. Serial stories and flash novels are written under contract. Three or more of the great newspapers of the country have just been publishing a specimen prodigy. The catch headlines announcing its coming proclaimed that it would be the joint product of three or more startling geniuses. It came and it is gone. It was a regular combination circus, hippodrome, hipograff, wooly horse, white elephant, sacred ibis, lofty tumbling acrobat and side-splitting clown. Chapters were interchangeably written by the respective contributors, until the work is like the grand entry into the circus ring, puzzling and bewildering the beholder by the horses and riders all seemingly going in opposite directions.

Instead of the swarm of fiction writers adhering to the royal road travelled by Scott, Dickens, Reade and Collins and James Fennimore Cooper and Nathaniel Hawthorne, *et id omne genus*, gathering up the stories, peculiarities, customs and manners of localities, the freaks and humors, and all that illustrates the traits and traditions of a people, in order to develop the deeper philosophy of life and sound the depths of human nature, the object seems rather to be to amuse the passing generation and gratify the baser passions. It is not to lift up mankind, but to secure his patronage. As a vitiated taste thrives on what it feeds, it takes a constantly increasing number of such books to satisfy the morbid cravings of the vulgar.

"Truth," it has been aptly said, "always improves on acquaint-

tance, however plain and unattractive at first." The more you see her the more you wish to see her. Ever growing beautiful in proportion as she grows familiar, she rather precludes than provokes the desire for novelty and change. But folly, fashion and falsehood always exhaust their attractions at the view. The more they tickle the more they tire. "It takes many objects to gratify a man's lust, but only one to satisfy his love."

Bacon, in his infinite philosophy, likened society to a pyramid with the greatest number at the base, constantly decreasing as it ascends. So that the good influences coming from above diffuse themselves from the apex downward. Logically, therefore, books should be written primarily for the eyes of the wise and the good. By beginning at the top, truth and knowledge are disseminated downward, widening and spreading in the descent to the lowermost strata of society. But the demagoguery of the day, which would rather catch a penny than save a soul, sets the pyramid on its apex, and our reading democracy are taught that the natural course of wisdom is from below upward.

With them it is some occult, mysterious power, hidden in the region beneath, that carpets the earth with vegetable life, instead of the inexhaustible solar light, which awakens into energy the dormant life hid in the kernel, causing it to strike root downward and bear fruit upward.

#### THE OFFENSIVE SIDE OF SOCIETY.

American society is becoming a little redolent of exotics and offensive with foreign "airs." Full of pretension, it apes most that is odious in snobbery, while it crucifies on the altar of fashion and affectation much that is original and noble in our western civilization.

There is something grand in our natural rugged American character. The simple customs and manners of our ancestors, in homespun and buckram, smacked of the austerity which recalls the glories of the Paladins of Charlemagne and the Knights of the Round Table. They despised all that was effete in royalty, and odious in social caste. This developing flunkeyism in American society is an offense to their memory.

The novelists who most set our "gig-worshippers" in a whirl, are "Me Lord Beaconsfield" and the loud-attired Ouida, whose home patronage would scarcely pay their printer. Why is this? Because of their constant adulation of miscalled "rank"—their perpetual swinging of the censer of adoration under the tilted nose of snobbery. They build air castles and people them with impossible characters.

The teachings of the old masters, which irradiated the soul like the flush of auroral lights—exciting all the nobler passions, impalpable faith, unarmed fidelity, truth marshalled against falsehood, baseness exorcised, and chastity jewelled and crowned, are

spurned, while these devotees of a gilded fiction beat their empty heads against the floor before "Me Lord and Me Lady."

From the wide rim of circling folly to the intense center of fashion, American metropolitan society but recently barely escaped a convulsion, verging on revolution, produced by a rose-water snob, in long hair and knee breeches, with the heraldic decoration of "Lilly and Sunflower," quarantined in onions against our vulgarisms, who dropped on our shores as if the man from the moon, or an escaped foreign lunatic, to gorge his gaunt pockets by exactions from our "society folks" to hear him draw before the footlights about some indefinable thing, nominated *Aestheticism*.

His was an ovation. Hungry-eyed maidens gazed on his "amber dropping hair" as if they would gladly perish in its meshes; and bedecking themselves from slipper to crest in wax lilies and sunflowers, they became *presto velo*, "too utterly utter," and longed to "die of a rose in aromatic pain." While our young men of "the watery eye and educated whisker" went mad after long hair and short breeches.

Everything, from the maid in the kitchen to the hostler in the stable, talked, walked and dressed aesthetically. Even some of the churches, wherein of old dwelt the shechinah, got to aiding the Lord by giving "the aesthetic sociable."

And now that Oscar has gone and wedded at home, some of our society belles have concluded the next best thing they can do is to run off with the family carriage driver. May the genius of our American common sense save us from this *stable* insanity.

I esteem it a matter of national gratulation that the timely interference of Congress against Chinese immigration repressed our faculty of imitation, and possibly saved us from wearing pig tails and eating rodents.

#### THE OTHER SIDE.

But American civilization is not all grotesque. It has its aureola. Our rubies are not all Bohemian, nor our diamonds all set in poppies. Bad as the world ever has been in its march across the centuries, its way is strewn with deeds of heroism, self-sacrifice, devotion and good.

When the second Austrian army under another Leopold assailed Switzerland, the handful of Swiss patriots withstood the invaders at Lempack. The battle was stubborn. The sublime courage of the mountaineers began to waiver before the brute force of numbers. Just as despair came to the Swiss a knight of Underwalden, Arnold Winkelreid, willing to sacrifice himself for his country, with the cry "Make way for liberty!" rushed forward, and, with his arms wide extended, swept within their grasp several Austrian pikes, and burying them in his bosom bore them with him to the ground. Through the breach thus made

in the ranks the Swiss charged over the dying hero's body, beat and routed the foe.

Napoleon, in his terrible retreat from Moscow, had not only the fierce and merciless Cossacks to fight back by day and by night, but to struggle with the sweeping winds of the North Land, bearing desolation and death on their icy blast. One of his marshals had covered this retreat with such heroic fortitude that all of his guard, save himself, had one by one perished. When demanded of as to where was his command, he smote himself on the breast, and said, "It is here; I am the rear guard of the French army."

Theirs was the sublimity of courage that married their names to immortality. It was more than mere physical courage because it was linked with a high sense of moral duty.

Contrasted with the pictures of the weakness, the vices and frivolities that mar the beauty and impair the vigor of our social and political life, is our magnificent panorama of richest triumphs in art, science and mechanics, the benignant humanities and large achievements in the commonwealth of mind and morals, that will perish only with the sun, and go out only with the blaze of the constellations in the heavens.

But a few years ago, so few the recollection makes us shudder, that dreadful plague of your sun-lit South, smote the city of Memphis—the commercial pride of this State. How it ravaged and devoured! The black flag of death supplanted all her banners of commerce. Within her once gay walks no human being smiled, no ripple of laughter broke on the air for a month. Outside her limits, but within sight, long ditches were dug, and all night long the unattended funeral cart bore to that common sepulchre valor, beauty, age and youth alike, while the long rows of coffins lining the sidewalks proclaimed to the survivors that death was indeed enamored of all her parts.

In the midst of this carnival of woe, science stood aghast, and in despair cried out, "Burn the city," and thus eradicate the very germs of the pestilence. And a thousand cowardly voices shouted back in echo, "Burn it, burn it."

But there were men and women there, filled with the spirit of the Master, who said, nay, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice." Out of the ashes and cinders of war the city has come anew, and the homes which the mad battle spared, our love, faith and courage will save. And those brave men and women, heroes, sisters of charity and angels of mercy, looking death in the face, did their duty, and Memphis lived.

I have just parted from two girls of my native State, rosy with youth, timorous as fawns, self-educated and equipped, baptized with a mother's tears and blessed with a father's prayers, with a courage as sublime as that of Winkelreid or Joan of Arc, who have gone out over the wide seas to dedicate their gifts and lives to point the almond-eyed celestial the way everlasting.

And whatever may be thought of the wisdom or folly of Polar expeditions, so long as science shall pant to know the unknown, there will be undaunted youth and stalwart men ready to brave hunger, cold and death to plant the American flag beyond the farthest iceberg; and warm-hearted, generous, brave men to go to the rescue of any foundered ship or starving crew.

So, despite the canker worm and the mildew that now and then may gnaw and moulder about the heart of our social and political life, our civilization, I trust, will flame on "in the forehead of the morning sky" with an increasing splendor that shall pale the brightness of its first century.

## REDIVIVUS.

Brother Phis: No words of mine can express the emotions awakened by this reunion. Twenty-nine years have swept on and by since as college boy I sat in your councils and shared in your social and literary feasts. They have been years pregnant with vicissitude, change and transformation. Joy and sorrow, the prose and poetry of life, have commingled. They have brought the streakings of silver to the locks and slower motion to the steps. And yet, although time has been busy with his fate-edged scythe, there are glowing memories that age cannot dull nor time dim, still clinging to the soul—

"Bright as the star of matin hour—  
Sweet as the song of Spring."

Back over the long traveled track friendship and love shed a mellow light, hallowed and inextinguishable.

It carries us back to the dear old college lawns where there was dew on the grass and stars on the dew—

"And the young moons of April and the *young* girls of old,  
How they flock to the heart like lambs to the fold."

After we have again, with our hearts locked in our hands, ascended for the day the river of time, recounted the incidents of the long ago and sung the old songs, we will return to the *old* girls we left behind us, to our duties and labors, all the younger, stronger and happier for our coming.

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 PROPHECY.

GEORGE BRYAN, RICHMOND, VA.

*Ladies and Gentlemen and Brethren of Phi Delta Theta*: For the first time in the experience of such of your number as are not of the Greek world, you see before you a prophet; not one of the old school, it is true, with cloak and cowl and trembling hand and flowing robe and fierce denunciation, but a prophet of the XIXth Century, with his powers as such, previously unknown to him, discovered and called into exercise by the Φ Δ Θ Fraternity in solemn conclave assembled.

I feel more confidence in appearing in this *rôle* by reason of the fact that I represent an entirely new departure in this line, to wit : that of an alternate prophet. Now, I confess that I did not know what an alternate prophet was until my election to the position compelled me to make inquiry as to just what manner of man I was to be. So you must understand that another member of our mystic Order was chosen as the prophet for this occasion, and I was selected as his substitute in case some calamity such as a railroad accident or marriage should prevent his coming. Unfortunately for this audience the blow has fallen. The principal prophet has married a wife, and, therefore, he cannot come. This is very singular conduct for a man occupying his proud position, but we can safely leave him to the consequences of his act, for anything that we could do would be against the constitutional provision that no man shall be punished twice for the same offence.

Left, therefore, without the prophet, the next most prominent fact was, of course, the loss, and then the authorities of our brotherhood in seeking to repair this, came face to face with the consequences of their rashness, and called upon me as the next in order. With that blind confidence which was incident to my entire ignorance of what my duties required, I accepted. But what a task ! Where was I to commence, and what was I to prophesy after I had commenced ?

I examined the leading authorities upon prophecies and endeavored to collate a few ideas upon the nature of my task, but these authorities, evidently looking with disfavor upon any opposition in their line, were absolutely unresponsive. I had never had any experience of the sort, for as the law is my profession, the absence of profits is easily explained. Sorely perplexed in the matter, I came to what I considered the right conclusion, and determined to take my audience into my confidence and to ask them if it was reasonable that a man should be required to predict the future for others, when, if he were so gifted, he might realize for himself a snug fortune at every presidential election. But as the idea of a prophet who does not prophesy at all is as absurd as that of a protection which does not protect, I decided to escape such an imputation, and speak to-night upon those indications of the future which lie close at hand, and instead of making assertions which cannot be confirmed or gainsaid, to bring to your attention such data as will enable us to reason to the future.

The ancient bard hath somewhere said :

“ There is a history in all men's lives  
Fig'ring the nature of the times deceased,  
The which observed, a man may prophesy  
With a near aim of the main chance of things  
As yet not come to life ; which in their seeds  
And weak beginnings lie entreaured.”



It is upon this basis—the logic of the past governing the actions of the present for the production of results in the future—that I form my prophecy to-night.

There is a certain pleasure in being able to look back and see that one's prophecies have been fulfilled, and I notice with us to-night other prophets than myself. It has been said of a certain sex, which shall be nameless here, that its great delight is to have an opportunity of saying : "I told you so." And yet, strange to say, these gifted prophets, when I began to realize fully the difficulty of my task, and to regret my rashness in undertaking it, so far from giving me any assistance, made me the same old stock reply, "I told you so."

My task to-night is to bring the Fraternity face to face with its future. And what is that future? That is the question which all men eagerly ask, and yet they stay the hand and hush the voice of one who should assume to answer it. Who in this house would have me, if I could, portray the mysteries of the beyond? Suppose that it were mine, indeed, to rend in twain this evil of the present, and show to each life the rest of its pathway, is there one who would bid me proceed? To some I might show green fields and pastures ever new, or they might hear the gentle murmur of delicious streams or friendly voices in congenial converse. All this, however, would not still the question as to when the shadows would begin to fall. And the quickened sight would start and strain itself in looking for the entrance to the valley—in seeking to unravel this tangled skein of life, and compass finally the mystery of death. And so, I say, what boots it that I cannot thus foretell for each what lies in store for him? Let me rather turn to that of which I can speak with more confidence, the future of the Fraternity.

The future of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is very much what its members choose to make it. It is to be the especial care of a great and constantly increasing brotherhood, the character of which, as a whole, depends upon the personnel of its individual members. As they are, and as their influence is exerted, so will be the Fraternity and its future. I don't propose to bestow any gratuitous advice upon you, brethren, for that would be opposed to the first principles of my profession, which always makes it a point to have the fee paid in advance. And as I don't see any extended facilities here to-night for taking up a collection, I will refrain. I will say, however, that the all-important factor in the problem of a successful future for the Fraternity is concentration, wherein are included unity of plan and action, and a combination of forces. I need not dwell upon this homely truth to you who have so often been concerned in organized revolt against college ordinances as promulgated by your respective faculties. But the lesson is easy, and he who runs may read. Each must contribute

his portion ; each must exert his strength, and all must join in the struggle for progress.

The different parts of the engine are many, and their relations to one another complex and not readily understood by the unlearned. The necessity for a bolt here, or an escape-valve there, may not be apparent, but they are, nevertheless, indispensable to the great conception which transports you from end to end of the continent, or brings back to you your argosies laden with precious stuffs. The untiring wheels move on, and time and distance are reduced to fractions. So should it be with us. Let not one of the seemingly unimportant wheels in the great engines of the Fraternity grow weary because no direct results of its revolutions are apparent. It is an integral part of a mighty whole, and the master mechanic will be as quick to notice and condemn it, as if it were the driving-wheel or the walking beam. Rather let there be an harmonious action of all the parts. Then will our Order, pulsing and throbbing throughout with healthy life, go onward in its course till it has reached the perfection of its development.

The next link in this prophetic logic upon the importance of which I would especially dwell, is the necessity for individual devotion to duty on the part of each member of our Order. Our duty to the Fraternity, and our duties as citizens and members of the general Brotherhood, are in many respects identical, and from the sphere of the latter, we can transfer to the former many of its lessons, much of its good.

We are to-night upon historic ground. Around this city, some twenty years ago, the mighty struggle of opposing arms was hottest. These fields are rich with human blood poured out by men of either side, a priceless libation on their country's altar. Many and great were the officers who commanded these hosts, but it is not to them, deserving as they are, that I would pay my tribute. Rather to those men of iron hearts, the private soldiers who through March wind and summer sun went bravely and uncomplainingly onward, doing their duty as they saw it. Heroes, indeed, were they ; obscure, unknown, it may be, but with souls as true as any of their fame-crowned leaders. No ancient knight in armor clad, with waving plume and trusty battle-axe, do Americans need as an exemplar of real chivalry, for they need go no farther than this yeomanry of their own times—men who gave up family, friends and future, all for country, and, with a jest upon their lips, charged to the cannon's mouth to meet the death which awaited them there. No muffled drums nor volleying musketry, nor arms reversed, nor sounding anthem proclaimed their burial. They sleep in unmarked graves, and the whispering trees and rushing river are their only requiem.

“ A handful of dust in a coffin hid,  
A name in song and story,  
And fame to shout in her trumpet voice,  
Dead, dead, on the field of glory.”

And, though the circumstances differ widely, the lesson is the same. Grant me, members of Phi Delta Theta, of similar devotion to duty, of like self-abnegation for their cause, and I foretell with every confidence a glorious future of successful work.

Brethren, your prize is in the future, and your duty is to gain it. See that you run well. Like those who entered at the Grecian games, your position is conspicuous, and your course is viewed by many with various verdicts of applause or censure. Athletes in life's races are you, and as you pass with straining muscles and fast-beating heart; with labored breath and swimming head, no longer do you think of that which lies behind, but rather press forward to the prize—a prize, indeed, of richer worth than any crown of bay-leaves—the prize of perfect manhood, panoplied with strength, and crowned at last with the flowers of immortality.

And thus we come in logical order to the future of our Fraternity. Can I add aught to the purpose of our founders, or can words of mine bring out more vividly the beauty of their design in instituting and carrying on to vigorous age a society whose corner-stone is Amity, whose watch-word is Friendship, and whose talisman converts the cold glance of strangers into a cordial recognition of brothers? The future of such an organization it is not difficult to decipher. Mine it is, by virtue of my office, to cast the horoscope and voice the language of the stars. And, first, we read that it is meet to perpetuate throughout life the kindly feelings of those who together have played around their mother's knees; that those who have gone through their early days hand in hand, meeting together all their childish foes and friends, should in later life stand shoulder to shoulder in the graver battles of the world.

That likewise it is meet that those who have together felt the softening influences of our Order should follow faithfully its precepts; that the hand of help, if need be, should be ever outstretched, and the record of brother to brother be preserved unbroken until the time of our reception into the bosom of our Common Mother.

With such data, why should I hesitate in my predictions? Without any effort to magnify the probabilities unduly, I think that I am within bounds when I foretell for our Order a near future of success beyond anything in our history. The tendency of the times is progressive, and with full ranks, earnest workers and material resources, why should Phi Delta Theta be an exception? The motto, "Excelsior," is not the exclusive property of the youth who started out late one evening to paint his Alpine village red. Nor have the Niagara hackmen the right to appropriate it in respect to their charges, and I should have no hesitation in advising you, brethren, to adopt it, save for the instinctive veneration which I feel for anything that is old and worn out. But its spirit is most commendable, and its adoption, as

our moving principle, has been, and will be, attended by none but the happiest results.

What are those heights upon which we are one day to pitch our tents and plant our banners? We do not seek the bubble reputation or the empty glory of a fancied greatness, but our greater usefulness to our fellows. For this is the secret of our work, and this the solution of the problem of life. Not to be wrapped in the garb of an exclusive self-interest—not to disregard those things which do not concern ourselves. All this is error. Rather is it ours to attain the perfection of that Brotherhood whose heart beats in sympathy with humanity's demands; whose strongest motive is a brother's need, whose rule is golden, and whose dominion is limited only by the confines of a generous manhood. We seek that era :

“ When man to man, the world o'er  
Shall brothers be, for a' that.”

This our millenium ! This our Utopia ! God grant that it be not far distant.

But, now the manager's bell reminds me of the lateness of the hour. Let me detain you, therefore, for a moment only with the conclusion of my task—that of which our lady friends are so fond—the last word.

It requires no great degree of prophetic knowledge on my part when I say that this company will never be again assembled with the same constituent elements. In a short time, we go our several ways, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise. The paths which converge in this room to-night will soon have radiated to all portions of our land. The eyes of your prophet cannot follow each of you to his home, but a personal prophesy based upon recognized truths can be confidently made. The tenets of Phi Delta Theta, and the principles which it inculcates, if followed by you, will be a chart and compass by which you can shape your course and safely steer for your desired haven. The adoption of that course will be a sufficient prediction of the future.

Not if it were mine to add to prophecy the power of its fulfilment would I foretell for you a pathway of uninterrupted sunshine, whereby your eyes would be dazzled and yourselves rendered unable, from very lack of contrast, to appreciate the brightness. The clouds must cast their shade across your pathway, and as the years roll on the darkness thickens, but by and by will come the end, and the shadows shall lift and be dispelled, for at eventide it shall be light.

In recent years, our men of science have noticed that on summer evenings, when the day is done and the sun has disappeared, a tender, beautiful light has come and bathed all nature in its gentle rays. And thus with you, may the afterflow of the memory of your good deeds done in life illumine and make glad the hearts of men long after your sun has forever sunk to rest.

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

DELIVERED BY R. F. JACKSON, TENN. ALPHA.

*Mr. President and Brothers in Phi Delta Theta :* It is made my pleasing duty on this, the eve of the assembling in national convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, to extend to our visiting brethren in the bond, the hearty and fraternal greetings of the members of Tennessee Alpha, active and alumni, to assure you, one and all, of a most cordial welcome to our State and to our capitol city. The gathering together in friendly association of this representative body of young men from different States of the American Union, is not only an event of interest to the members of our mystic brotherhood, but is likewise an occasion that should attract the thoughtful attention and enlist the good will of the citizens of Tennessee and of the whole country, for, aside from its affording an opportunity for the exchange of sentiments of mutual trust and protection, the strengthening of the ties of true friendship and brotherly love and the reviving of the fading recollections of college days that are past, it has to the reflective mind a far deeper and broader significance in that it points meaningfully to the fact that there is a closer educational and social bond springing up now than ever before between the intelligent and conservative young men from all sections of our common country, who are to assist in moulding the thought, sentiment, and feeling of this nation in the future. Therefore, in meeting with you to-day, we feel that we are not among strangers, but associated with brothers in a common bond which pledges mutual assistance, confidence and encouragement. Each member feels at every turn the animating impulse of disinterested friendship, and the warm fellowship of kindred hearts, all of which tend to form endearing and permanent attachments between the representatives of our fraternity throughout all quarters of our broad land. Intimate social and intellectual converse around a common altar in company with congenial spirits has the effect to elevate the thoughts and sentiments from which improvement and good feeling will proceed. The genius which is once kindled by such associations, burns with an inextinguishable flame, unlike sensual pleasures which fall upon the sense and fill to satiety. Each intellectual and social attainment but sharpens the appetite for more. We are aware that among the uninformed and unthinking, societies of this kind are associated with the idea of indolence, dissipation and the evils that follow in their wake, but we need not tell you that these things are foreign to the purposes and undertakings of Phi Delta Theta. "Culture in its highest, noblest and purest sense," is the goal of its ambition. "The preparation of the whole man for his whole destiny is the point of its discipline." Such then being the aims of our Order, it is no idle

curiosity that brings us together again in national convention, after the lapse of two years, but the desire to promote the work of mental and social improvement, and to review with pride and gratulation the rapid growth of Phi Delta Theta in the past. Ever since its first organization at Miami Univeasity, Oxford, O., in 1848, it has been steadily extending its domain and increasing in intellectual, moral and social respectability, till we behold it to-day in the foremost rank of all the Greek letter fraternities, and in the enjoyment of the confidence, respect and support of the authorities of the institutions of learning to which it has been admitted. We view its banner proudly and triumphantly floating in the halls of the principal seats of education in the United States to remind the ambitious student that under its beneficent blue and white folds, the humblest youth in the land, by the practice of the virtues of industry, integrity, and self-reliance, the great principles taught by our fraternity and the strong columns supporting the fabric of human character and prosperity which we, as the young architects of our own fortunes, propose to erect, may rise to the rank and title of a useful and honorable American citizen. Phi Delta Theta has seven hundred active attendant members and a total membership of four thousand, with fourteen large and prosperous alumni chapters in different cities of the Union, and fifty-four active chapters operating in connection with as many leading universities and colleges throughout the land. We trust we may be excused if we refer, among the number, specially to Vanderbilt University, that magnificent institution of which Tennessee and the whole South are so justly proud, and for which they are so deeply grateful to the generous founder thereof, who, by this princely contribution to the noble cause of education has erected in the hearts and memories of this people "a monument more beautiful than all the marble of Carara, more lasting than the bronze of the Coliseum."

The good effects of biennial reunions of representatives of these fourteen alumni and fifty-four active chapters, located in twenty-three different States, fourteen of which are Northern and nine Southern, will be marked and lasting. They tend to quicken the pulse of patriotism and to exalt the glory and keep alive and glowing the love of liberty which characterizes the nation. They cause us, as American patriots, to delight to contemplate the successful political experiment which has been made by our young confederacy, and to view our country in the possession of independence, peace and happiness, with all its moral and physical energies untrammled, and in a course of rapid development; with countless inducements to high effort; rapidly increasing in wealth, power, and population, and enjoying, beyond all the nations of the earth, the blessings of civil and religious liberty. We should not fail, therefore, on all suitable occasions,

to revert in a spirit of gratitude to the wisdom and patriotism of our fathers who have transmitted to us such incalculable blessings, and to remember the hallowed responsibility which rests upon us to perpetuate them. To see that the fair temple of our liberties is kept as pure and bright as when turned from the hands of its immortal architects.

In this connection, we quote the warning language of Beverly Tucker, who says, that, "No people should ever permit themselves to feel *secure* in the enjoyment of their rights. They are always in danger from some quarter. The rights of man are the natural prey of most of the passions of the human heart, whether aspiring or base. Ambition in its eagle flight is ever hovering over them, and ready at any unguarded moment to pounce upon them. The serpent guile of avarice that creeps on its belly and eats the dust, is always seeking to invade the nest where our dearest blessings lie."

May we not hope, however, in reference to this nation, that the march of improvement, of which this association is one of the innumerable evidences, will rectify the disorders of popular sentiment, avert the causes of political strife and present high, intellectual and moral attainments and deeds of philanthropy as the true objects of imperishable fame. Another good effect that meetings like this have is to stimulate the energies, encourage the hopes, strengthen the resolves, and fire the great heart of the educated, progressive young men of the country with the desire of honorable success and renown in the various walks of life. And now is the period of our lives when we need most this encouragement, for youth sets out in a life boat carrying so much sail, goes bounding over the waves so full of joy and hope. all objects in life seen through the prism of fancy with the rich tints of the rainbow of promise, are so inviting, that when the joyous enthusiasm is checked to heed the sober admonitions of experience, there is apt to be discord and revulsion of feeling produced, and a failure to appreciate the fact that we must, under the tuition of kind and skillful instructors, and the wise and prudent counsels of judicious friends, be the architects of our own fortunes and destiny in life. In the language of an admired poet :

"Still true to ourselves in every place consigned,"  
"Our own felicity we must make or find."

It is in such assemblages as this that a broad Catholic spirit of philanthropy will crop out. The representative young men of the North, South, East and West, are brought together in friendly relations. It is upon this neutral ground we can be united and bury all lingerings of sectional and political strife, and entertain feelings of brotherly love, which neither time nor geographical position can impair. We cannot be mistaken in our interpretation of the spirit which decided for this, the second time since

the war, to hold a national convention of our fraternity in the South. It signifies that the angry waves of sectional strife stirred up by the disastrous conflict of our people, have subsided ; that the bloody emblems of war have been shrouded under the white wings of peace, and that the olive branch of fraternity and good feeling has been offered and accepted on both sides of the bloody chasm. The tone of enlightened statesmen, the voice of the conservative press, the voice of the Church, the harmonious utterances and actions of congregations assembled annually to decorate the graves of fallen heroes, Federal and Confederate, all indicate a return to the gentle and kindly sway a Christian spirit.

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#### RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE CONVENTION.

C. L. GOODWIN, INDIANA.

*Mr. President, Members of the Tennessee Alpha and of the Alpha Alumni:* If I felt that the thanks of the visiting Phis, for your cordial welcome, were to be expressed entirely or chiefly by what I am to say, I should desire to surrender the contract at once. If your welcome consisted only of the able address with which you have greeted us, it might be possible to frame an appropriate response. But your welcome does not consist so much in the eloquence of words as in the eloquence of deeds. I do not pretend to be able to say that which cannot very well be said—to express the inexpressible. The ingenuity which you have displayed in constructing the programme of the week's entertainment is only excelled by the easy courtesy with which you have concealed your exertions. You will read our gratitude in a hundred ways that will be more expressive than anything I may say. I ask for my response on this occasion the same charity which the law extends to the last will and testament of a dying man. That charity leads the law to take the intentions of the testator, as well as they can be ascertained from a crude and defective writing.

We have come from the North, following the fiery trail of Autumn southward, and have overtaken him here just on the line which marks the sweetest compromise between the torrid and frigid zones. You of the South have met him where he is decking the hills and valleys in honor of our feast, with colors that he has stolen from the many-hued sunset and the rose tints of the dawn. All attending circumstances render Nashville a peculiarly fit place for holding this reunion. The city is not so large that we will get drowned, or so small that it cannot float us. It is the metropolis of Phi Delta Theta. It is the seat of one of our



best chapters, the home of some of our best workers. From time beyond which the memory of man does not reach, we have addressed the greater part of our fraternity correspondence in care of J. B. McFerrin, Nashville, Tenn. Our catalogue has gone forth from this city, and some of the best issues of the SCROLL that we have ever had have been dated at Nashville.

Those of us who have attended previous conventions can testify that the taste for them grows like the taste for opium is said to grow. There is scarcely a delight that is keener than that of him who, after years of separation, grasps the hand of an old convention acquaintance, or of an old chapter comrade, and traces the changes which time has wrought in the old boyish face. With what eagerness they review every little incident of the former convention, or of their chapter life, the conflicts with the Phi Psis or the Betas, the stories that Lewis used to tell, or the songs that Johnson used to sing.

I had the pleasure of being a delegate to the Convention of 1880, and it has never been my fortune to see a nobler or a happier gathering than that. How well do I remember the boys who were there. Some of them are with us to-day, many are not. It has been long since I felt a keener disappointment than I felt this morning on hearing that Emmett Tompkins would not be with us. His "of whom one I am which," at Indianapolis, has become a part of our history. His burning eloquence, his infinite wit and his "Captain Jack" have made him the irresistible, the only Tompkins. The convention of 1880 was the only one in recent years which has been honored with the presence of the venerable founder of the fraternity. He came among us with wisdom of age and the heart of a child, and his enthusiasm lay bright and warm under the ashes of thirty years. We who knew him, too, shall not forget our former editor of the SCROLL. His cordial grasp of the hand and his genial smile were like a glad day of sunshine in the spring. His earnestness in behalf of the fraternity are well known to all of us who knew him from a personal acquaintance or who knew him only as M. F. Troxell, editor of the SCROLL. His literary judgment was as accurate as a Waltham watch. It seemed to me that he possessed the happy faculty of always doing just the right thing, in just the right place, as nearly as any man I ever knew. There are many others of whom I should like to speak, two of whom are far away upon the Rio Grande, and whose hearts, I know, are with us to-day. One of them, A. Gwyn Foster, was a master of the details of fraternity work, and the other was the delight of every circle in his acquaintance, and the fun-provoking agent of every meeting which he attended. His bearing was a dissertation upon cheerfulness, his smile was the antithesis of care; he was the author of the song about "The Green Barbarian," and the best singer we had.

At the Indianapolis convention there were many delegates from the South, and for the first time we learned to know them well. Some of us have met many of them since, particularly the boys from Virginia. It has seemed to me that the bearing of a Virginian was the definition of a gentleman, and that somehow, in your southern atmosphere, with its oxygen and nitrogen, there had been mixed the elements of honor and generosity.

The pleasures of a fraternity reunion are the kind for which the complete man feels a need. He who cares not for them "is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils." Such a time is not a fit one for him who thinks his fraternity was a thing of foolishness, or for him who recovers from what he is pleased to call "the sentimental time of youth." For the sentimental is about all we have that is of worth, or rather it is that without which life would be worthless. I find the same argument for attending our conventions that I find for viewing beautiful scenery or the best paintings, or reading the best poetry, or listening to the best music. The feelings associated with them constitute a poetry which speaks with a personality, and a music that is articulate. The memories of the conventions that I have attended have gone along with me through the years, and their pleasures, like wine, grows better with age. Ponce de Leon, the old Spanish explorer, sought long and vainly for the fountain of eternal youth. Had he been permitted to attend a fraternity reunion, I think he would have felt that his search was partly rewarded. The Arabs, who believe that the period of every man's life is fixed by the Creator, say that Allah does not count from a man's life the days that are spent in hunting. I believe that not only will the days which the toiling man spends in a fraternity reunion not be counted, but that after they are gone he will find himself years younger than before.

But does the Phi Delta Theta serve any purpose beyond the entertainment of school-boys? Does it serve to benefit a nation in any way? Does it stand for anything of earnestness? I believe that it does; that its founders "builded wiser than they knew."

You have spoken of the civil war, the irrepressible conflict which swept over the South and preserved indeed the union of States, but left the union of sentiment bleeding and torn. The wise doctors, who were called to see the patient, acted on the old principle that a greater injury would cure a less. Some of them thought the foot of the Federal government in the shape of military force, placed on the wound, would cure it by pressure. Others argued that one spot badly burned would be cured by a larger spot burned worse. Under the care of such it is not strange that sectional hate should have long prevailed, and that the divided sentiment should have been long in growing into one.

For over the grave of buried ambitions it is difficult to forgive and forget. And it is harder when the conqueror refuses to acknowledge the sincerity of convictions—convictions which I believe were as honestly held as is the faith of the followers of any flag and as bravely defended as were those of the fathers at Bunker Hill and Yorktown. Twenty years are gone and, in spite of the wise doctors, the divided sentiment is a union again. For there are various agencies which, unseen and unheard of, work out to the happiest ends. The storm of battle swept over the South, swept away almost everything but a wounded life. But out of disaster and chaos and despair she has built prosperity and order and hope. The headboards which mark the graves of the soldier dead have grown weather-worn and the grassy mounds have grown flatter. In the great heart of the people the graves of U. S. A. and C. S. A. are different only by a letter, and bear each year a like offering of flowers.

“ From the silence of sorrowful hours  
The desolate mourners go,  
Lovingly laden with flowers,  
Alike for the friend and the foe.  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day.  
Under the roses the blue,  
Under the lilies the gray.”

And upon the common grave no fairer flower has been placed than this one of Phi Delta Theta, the joint offering of young men North and South.

The hope of our country lies in its young men. They are the most susceptible to the influence of right principles. Hosea Biglow's doctrine, that “principle somehow gits spiled by exposure,” prevails mostly among the older men. The young men, while they are charged with being the most skeptical and scornful, are yet the most earnest and faithful. They are old-fashioned enough to stand up for things merely because they are right. Every great economical wrong which is crying for redress must be redressed by the young men. They must be redressed by the young men who come from the universities, from those great roots which hold us to right standards, and connect us with the strong black mould of all past learning. The young man has not yet grown selfish and sordid, with his horizon cut down to a solitary desire for personal gain. He meets men of his own free, generous nature in these biennial gatherings of ours, and his hope for manhood is refreshed. The skepticism which business life is apt to breed is brushed away by contact with this generous assemblage of youth. This body of young men, a selection from the selected, is inspired with every noble purpose which high association breeds, and with the divine enthusiasm of youth. It seems to me that the enthusiasm which is born of a conviction of right

and of a determination that the right shall triumph was the fire that is said to have touched the lips of the Jewish prophet. It is the fire which burns out like straws in a furnace the leprosy of political skepticism.

And so our order, in the purest, quietest and surest way, is building up what the differences of statesmen tore down. It is inspiring with the highest ideals those whom it is important to inspire, and doing all unconsciously, the best evidence of righteousness.

In behalf of the Phis from the north, south, east and west I thank you for your kind greeting. We come not as hordes of barbarians to the Rome of Phi Delta Theta, but as the noble Greeks, bringing the sweet influences and high arts of peace. From our numbers it might be supposed that we had captured you, but your courtesy decides the conflict, and to it we make an unconditional surrender.

#### TELEGRAMS AND ALUMNI LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE CONVENTION.

DURING the progress of the Convention congratulatory telegrams were received from the following : J. E. Walker, Glenn Andrews, J. M. Mayer, Penn. Zeta, Ala. Alpha, N. Y. Gamma, Frank O. Payne, Penn. Epsilon, Ohio Gamma, Vt. Alpha, C. P. Bassett, N. H. Alpha, Penn. Alpha, N. Y. Beta, Va. Beta, Penn. Delta, S. C. Beta, James C. Norris, Miss. Alpha, Ill. Delta, Penn. Beta, N. Y. Delta.

The following was received from  $\Sigma A E$  :—

To Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in Convention assembled, greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Sewanee, Tenn., Nov. 13, 1884.

J. G. GLASS, E. G. A.

Of the great number of letters received from Alumni, space permits the insertion of the following only:—

DEAR BROTHER : I am in receipt of the very kind invitation of your committee to attend the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta, November 11th proximo.

Both the fraternal desire to meet representative brethren from our numerous and widely-scattered Brotherhood and become personally acquainted with them, and the long cherished wish to visit one of the pleasantest portions of the "Sunny South," strongly incline me to accept your invitation.

But circumstances which I cannot control will probably prevent me from giving myself the pleasure and the profit of attending the Convention.

But allow me to assure you and the members who shall meet on this occasion, that I shall ever cherish a deep interest in the welfare and progress of our Fraternity, and pray that it may ever continue to exert an elevating influence on the great "Republic of Letters," as well as a fraternal and harmonizing effect upon our great and grand Republic of States.

C. S. DOOLITELL,  
Mansfield, O., Oct. 13, 1884.

Ohio Alpha, '48.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your kind letter would have been answered sooner, but I have been on the sick list for several days and in no condition for writing. For your kindness in conveying to me the message of the Nashville Phis I am sincerely obliged.

It would give me the keenest pleasure to again meet my young brethren, for whom I cherish warm feelings of friendship, and whose kindness is remembered with most profound gratitude. Bear to them from me the grateful thanks of one who esteems it a high honor to be so kindly remembered by the noble young men who gather at our shrines with pure hearts and lofty aspirations, and who do great honor to our noble Brotherhood. I am proud of their friendship, and in all life's memories there are none more pleasant than those of the hours spent at the gatherings of the true sons of Phi Delta Theta.

I have watched with pleasure and with pride the wisdom which has governed their councils, and the true nobility of character which has ruled their actions in all the paths of life. It is my fervent prayer that our Fraternity may grow in strength and usefulness, and that the dawn of its life, yet young, but bright with glorious promise, may widen to a clear and boundless day, and that its light may shine with cloudless brilliancy in all the colleges of the land, its horizon rising from the outermost boundaries of our country.

When you gather at the council-board or sit at the feast, give one kindly thought to me, and know that I am with you in spirit, breathing for every Phi throughout the land the prayer, that the heart more often feels than the lips express, "God have you in his keeping."

I am, dear brother, faithfully and sincerely yours in the Bond,

BYRON K. ELLIOTT,

Indianapolis, Nov. 5, 1884.  
Hilton U. Brown, President.

Ohio Alpha, '52.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your polite note of invitation, re-

questing me to attend the next National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, has just reached me.

I cannot conceive of anything just now that would afford me a greater amount of pleasure and satisfaction than to attend this National assembly and re-union of a fraternity that is most dear to me, both from my long connection with it and having for a long time been honored as secretary to a leading Chapter, as well as the many pleasant hours and improving exercises in which I have been a participant, but circumstances "over which I have no control" will prevent my attendance.

You have my very best wishes for a happy re-union, and for the future aggression as well as progression of old Phi Delta Theta, and with many thanks for your kindness in remembering me as a Phi and inviting me to be present at this, the thirty-sixth annual re-union.

SAMUEL A. HOOVER,

Hoover Hill, N. C., Oct. 28, 1884.

Indiana Alpha, '56.

DEAR BROTHER : Your kind invitation to attend the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta has been received. Business and other engagements prevent me from entertaining the idea of this excursion, which, I am sure, would result in great pleasure and profit.

I sincerely wish unbounded success to the Convention about to convene, and regret the loss I shall sustain by my absence.

In 1886 I hope to go Eastward, when I shall make efforts to become personally acquainted with some of my brothers east of the Rocky Mountains.

Again wishing the Convention great success, with deep respect, I remain,

D. EDWARD COLLINS,

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 29, 1884.

California Alpha, '74.

DEAR BROTHER : I had expected to spend the Convention days with you, but my plans were defeated. However I am with the boys in spirit, and trust wisdom dwells among them and guides their deliberations. How I wish I could shake hands with each one personally.

A. GWYN FOSTER,

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 10, 1884.

Indiana Alpha, '78.

DEAR BROTHER : I have received an invitation to the National Convention of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and regret that my duties in the Coast Survey prevent my attendance.

My best wishes are with you for success in the furtherance of the ends of the Fraternity. My congratulations, also, on the rapid growth of the Phis.

If ever I can be of service to the Fraternity on this coast do not hesitate to call upon me.

Thanking your Committee for your kind remembrance, I am,  
 JOHN McHENRY, U.S.N.,  
 Olympia, Wash. Ter., Oct. 29, 1884. California Alpha, '79.  
 U. S. Schooner "Earnest,"

DEAR BROTHER : I have the honor of acknowledging an invitation to our National Convention which assembles next month in your city. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to be able to attend, for although several years have elapsed since my departure from the walls of my *alma mater*, yet I have always retained a keen interest in the welfare of dear old Phi Delta Theta. The pressing business of our present Circuit Court will prevent my enjoyment of your hospitality. THOMAS R. PHISTER,  
 Maysville, Ky., Oct. 25, 1884. Virginia Beta, '80.

MY DEAR BROTHER : Notwithstanding I cannot avail myself of the opportunity of meeting so many of my old friends, and of forming the acquaintance of so many, whom, "but to meet is to love," I resort to this menial alternative to express my feelings.

I am truly rejoiced that the Convention accepted the invitation of the Tennessee Alpha, and feel sure that the royal reception and entertainment it will receive at your hands will endear Nashville and the Tennessee Alpha to the heart of every Phi present.

I regret that it is at a time that I cannot possibly attend, but my heart is with you in your work, and if there is any duty you wish me to perform in my adopted State, I am at your commands. T. T. COTNAM, JR.,

Tyler, Texas, Oct. 23, 1884. Tennessee Alpha, '81.

DEAR BROTHER : I should deem it the most delightful day of my life if I could be with the Phis to-day. Sickness prevents my presence—except in spirit. Congratulations to the Fraternity for such an occasion. May Phi Delta Theta continue on her grand career. D. U. FLETCHER,

Forsyth, Ga., Nov. 11, 1884. Tennessee Alpha, '81.

DEAR BROTHER : Your very kind invitation to the Convention is received, rendering me both merry and mad. I rejoice with you and all who shall be in attendance aforetime, but sadness waits behind the door of gladness, for I fear, nay, am about certain, that I shall not be with you. I am so fully employed here at the College that I cannot get off. How much I regret these

adverse conditions I shall not undertake to say. No one but a true Phi could understand, and no true Phi need be told. Your friend and brother,

Oxford, Ga., Oct. 24, 1884.

H. C. CARNEY,  
Georgia Beta, '82.

MY DEAR BROTHER : Your kind invitation to attend the next National Convention of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , to be held in Nashville, Tenn., reached me after some delay.

I recall the week spent two years since in Richmond. Nothing can make me forget the pleasure of those days, and nights too. The memory of that Convention increases my wish to attend this next one to meet the many brothers who will be assembled there ; to renew the acquaintances, so short yet so happy, formed in '82 ; to feel that grandeur in fraternity fellowship which one must feel when listening to the councils of our National Conclave.

It cannot be, however. My work here will not allow me to leave. I am more than a student now ; my place is that of Assistant Instructor in Physics, and one demanding all my time.

Ohio State University,  
Columbus, O., Nov. 3, 1884.

J. E. RANDALL,  
Ohio Beta, '83.

### METROPOLITAN PHIS.

NEW YORK CITY is coming to the front in the ranks of Phi Delta Theta. For enthusiasm, zeal, energy in serving the grand old cause, and for an abundance of that peculiar something which we call "true Phi spirit," she will yield the palm to none. With New York Gamma at the College of the City of New York, New York Delta at Columbia College, and New York Alpha Alumni having on its roll the names of men from such Chapters as Ohio Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Georgia Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Virginia Beta, Pennsylvania Alpha and Gamma and New York Alpha, the interests of the Fraternity in the empire city are in the best of hands.

On the evening of October 27, forty Phis accepted the hospitality of brother W. D. Utley, of N. Y. *I*. As a preliminary, New York Gamma removed the veil from the eyes of one man, and New York Delta taught three what it was and what it meant to be a Phi. After the "spread" the following toasts were responded to :—

"The Fraternity"—Paul Jones, Tennessee Alpha.

"Alpha Province"—C. P. Bassett, President.

"College Schisms"—Dudley R. Horton, New York Alpha.

"Tennessee and Tennessee Alpha"—Glenn Andrews, Tennessee Alpha.

"Georgia Phis"—L. C. Adamson, Georgia Alpha.



"New York Gamma"—Albert Shiels.

"New York Delta"—Henry L. Hollis.

"Our Initiates"—D. R. Laist, New York Delta.

"Phi Delta Theta in the Pulpit"—A. A. Bird, Pennsylvania Alpha.

"THE SCROLL"—J. M. Mayer, New York Delta.

Friday, November 21, witnessed another extremely pleasant reunion, this time the guests of brothers J. M. Worrall, Ohio Alpha, '52, and W. R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79.

The formal organization of the Alumni Chapter took place, resulting in the election of the following officers:—

President, Paul Jones.

Secretary and Treasurer, W. R. Worrall.

Reporter and Historian, Glenn Andrews.

Paul Jones, of Vanderbilt, and J. R. Wharton, of Columbia, made a few remarks on fraternity topics, and S. P. Gilbert and E. H. L. Randolph, both of whom had just returned from Nashville, tried to impart to the members present some idea of the recent great Convention. It was the earnest wish of New York Phis that the Convention of 1886 should be held in this city, but now that Cincinnati has been agreed upon as the place of next meeting, they intend using their every effort to bring the Convention of 1888 to the City of New York.

We are proud of our present condition and of our prospects for the future, but far more proud of the noble cause for which we are working, and we mean to place Phi Delta Theta in this city on a par with that exalted position which she already holds in so many sections of this broad land. Our path is not all golden, but, although we are to a certain extent young, and though we have many difficulties to surmount, still we are working and working, and climbing and climbing, and all that is needed to reach the top is unceasing work and tireless energy. We tell you what we did yesterday, what we are doing to-day, and we lay down our pen full with the intent "of better deeds to-morrow."

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## EDITORIAL.

THE new Editor, by way of salutatory, wishes to express his sincere thanks for the high honor conferred on him by the National Convention. He makes no promises of great and glorious deeds, but will be content to sustain the reputation established by his able predecessor.

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WHAT shall we say of the Convention? Our superlatives and exclamation points are exhausted and we are at a loss. If the accounts of that grand gathering of Phis from every part of this land can be but imagined we shall be satisfied. As one delegate

said: "When we go home to our Chapters we will not be able to convey by bare words an exact notion of the true grandeur of the Convention." Let this be a word to the wise to be "thar" in 1886. May Cincinnati equal Nashville.

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ONLY those who were present at the Convention can express to Tennessee Alpha their appreciation of the royal manner in which that Chapter managed the Convention arrangements. In behalf of all we extend to her the thanks of every Chapter, and attribute much of the success of the Convention to her efforts.

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AMONG the many successes we are called upon to chronicle is the establishment of New York *A* and New Hampshire *A*. Columbia and Dartmouth are colleges whose history is older than that of the Union itself, and whose sons have been among our greatest leaders.

Our Chapters at these institutions, though young, are enthusiastic and determined, though against many rivals, to make their Chapters worthy of their *Alma Mater* and foremost in the Fraternity.

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OUR National Convention is an event of such great importance to us that it engrosses our whole attention. Our brother fraternity editors must not conclude that we have abandoned our "Other Fraternities" department. We plead guilty to the charge made by another journal of having neglected this department thus far in Volume IX., but we promise, now that Convention has been held, to "make up for lost time" in No. 4.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

AT the recent Convention several important changes were made in the management of the SCROLL. Its place of publication was removed to New York City, J. M. Mayer being elected Editor-in-Chief, and the undersigned, Business Manager.

The old *sub-rosa* restriction was entirely removed, and subscriptions will now be received from non-members. The entire business management was taken from the general Fraternity and placed in the hands of the Business Manager. Hereafter all money for subscriptions from Chapters as well as Alumni will be forwarded to that officer. Those Chapters which have not sent their SCROLL tax for the current year to Treasurer, G. C., will please forward the same to B. M. Those Chapters which have already paid to T. G. C., their tax for 84-85 will be credited with same

on books of B. M. and T. G. C., but will in future remit as above directed.

By action of Convention, Alumni will be furnished with the SCROLL for ten years on payment of \$5, cash. If any Alumni, who have paid their subscription for the current year, desire to avail themselves of the above rates, they may have their subscriptions extended to ten years on payment of \$4, cash, to B. M.

A large number of the current issue of the SCROLL will be sent, as specimen copies, to those Alumni who are known to be interested in Fraternity affairs. Every active member should, where it is possible, consider it his especial duty to obtain for the SCROLL as many Alumni subscriptions as possible. The above-mentioned arrangement does not exclude subscriptions at the rate of \$1 per year as heretofore.

Virginia Epsilon, South Carolina Alpha, Illinois Epsilon and Ohio Beta Alumni will please forward the names of their reporters. SCROLLS cannot be sent until this request is complied with.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH, B. M.

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#### TO REPORTERS.

THE three numbers of the SCROLL of this volume thus far published have necessarily been almost exclusively devoted to matters of Convention interest. Thus some departments have been greatly neglected. We purpose making our Personal department in No. 4 very full, even to the exclusion of other matter, so we call on Reporters for full personal intelligence. Also furnish us with a list of the initiates of the present collegiate year; the names should be in full, and the class and residence should be stated. We have such lists from a number of Chapters, but would request Reporters to make them out again, for the sake of accuracy. We wish to publish a full list of our initiates in No. 4.

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## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

HAVING been duly elected as Reporter of this Chapter, I will now make my first report: The eve of October 31 witnessed the birth of the New Hampshire Alpha of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The names of those initiated as charter members are as follows: George Edward Whitehill, '86; Edwin Parker Pitman, '86; Edward Everett Chalmers, '87; Charles Alexander Eastman, '87; Ansel Edward Pendleton, '87; Emerson Rice, '87; George Wright Shaw, '87; Harvey Wirt Courtland Shelton, '87; Aziah Chand-

ler Willey, '87 ; Allen Pierce Richmond, '86, and Chamberlain were also initiated at the same time.

The founding of the Chapter was due to the efforts of brother A. A. Stearns and of Vermont Alpha. The initiatory ceremonies were conducted by a delegation from Vermont Alpha, viz.: Brothers H. D. Hoffnagle, '84 ; F. S. Paddock, '85 ; H. W. Bell, '86 ; F. H. Clapp, '86 ; G. R. Story, '86 ; E. M. Wilbur, '86. Brother W. Bradbury, '87, of Maine Alpha, was also present.

The initiation was conducted at Dartmouth Hotel. After the initiation a banquet was held at the same hotel, and it is the general opinion of all that the evening was one of the pleasantest and most profitable of their college life. We intended to keep the matter secret until our initiation, and our intention was successfully carried out. The reception of the Chapter by the other societies here is very friendly.

Although we have some strong rivals we have a bright prospect of a good delegation from '88. We have already pledged one more man from '87, and in a few weeks we feel confident that we can give the names of nine or ten more Phis.

We are not as yet permanently settled, but in a few days we hope to have a suite of rooms. We realize that we have many hardships to overcome in the future, and although we are pioneers, separated from our parents in the West, with our sister chapters of Vermont and Maine as our only companions, yet we feel that we shall strive with all our might to do honor to "dear old Dartmouth," to the fraternity and to ourselves.

Hanover, N. H., Nov. 26, 1884.

G. W. SHAW.

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#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

We have nothing but good news to report to our brothers in the bond for this month. Of course those who were fortunate enough to be at the Convention are fully aware of the reality of New Hampshire Alpha, for which the fraternity are largely indebted to brothers F. H. Clapp and E. M. Wilbur. Six representatives went over to Dartmouth from our Chapter and one from Maine Alpha on October 31, and initiated eleven men in the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. Upon our arrival we were given the "freedom of the city" by our soon-to-be brothers, and were entertained in a royal manner. After the secret work we were invited to an elegant banquet at the Dartmouth House, at the conclusion of which the newly elected officers were installed. We have very high hopes of the success of New Hampshire Alpha, and know that we shall not be disappointed. It will be of great help to Vermont Alpha that we have a Chapter at Dartmouth, as this institution and our own draw students from Eastern Vermont.

Monday evening, November 24, we had another edition of

initiates and received two more into the fold. Brothers Hayden and Turk, of '83, were with us, and added much to the interest of the occasion.

The glowing accounts of the Convention given us by our delegate, have fired us anew for the interests of our fraternity, and it is with greater zeal that we take hold of the work that is before us.

Nov. 24, 1884.

H. W. BELL.

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

SINCE our last report was written we have had the pleasure of participating in several most enjoyable Phi re-unions, the first of which was given by brother W. D. Utley, of our Chapter. A great number of Alumni were present, no less than ten chapters being represented. The Columbia Chapter, of which we have not heretofore openly spoken, of course being present. A most pleasant evening was spent.

Our Chapter held a short meeting and added to our list the name of brother G. A. Potter, '88. This is the only man we have so far initiated, but we have several more (principally in the Freshman class) who are about as good as Phis, and we will undoubtedly give you some more names in our next. Neither  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  nor  $\Theta \Delta X$  have made any initiations this year, the former having only four men (two seniors and two juniors), and the latter two (one Sophomore and one Freshman).  $A \Delta \Phi$  has initiated four Freshmen,  $\Delta K E$  about the same number, but have no seniors this year.

The *Microcosm* Board has been elected by the Fraternities, and they are considering the question of admitting to editorial positions men from the non-fraternity element. This is a matter which has oftentimes been discussed, but it will, in all probability, be settled definitely this year. The chairmanship of the Board goes in regular rotation, and this year falls to the lot of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . Next year it will go to one of the new societies,  $\Theta \Delta X$  or  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Of the ten members in the Eiponian Senior Society of '84, eight were Fraternity men (4  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 3  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and 1  $\Delta K E$ ). '85 sees quite a change, Randolph,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  (President), and Hildreth,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , being the only Fraternity men among its present members.

Our Chapter has always ranked well in oratory, and we were anxious to see what our Sophomores would do this year. This is the result: Only three of our men have spoken—brothers Schoonmacher, Winslow and Lyon, and they stand at the head of their class in the order named.

We were recently favored with a brief visit from brothers W. E. Bigwood, C. E. M. Morse and G. S. Leavenworth, all of Ver-

mont Alpha, '85, and from brother S. P. Gilbert, President of Gamma Province.

Our delegate, brother Randolph, has returned from Nashville, literally "boiling over" with Convention enthusiasm, and infatuated with Phis in general, and those of Tennessee Alpha, active and Alumni, in particular.

The two Chapters here and many resident Phis accepted the hospitality of brother J. M. Worrall, Ohio Alpha, '52, on the evening of Friday, November 21, at which time the formal organization of the New York Alpha Alumni was consummated. All the resident Alumni deserve our earnest thanks for the interest they have manifested in and the numerous assistances they have rendered their younger brethren in this city.

Dec. 1, 1884.

FRANKLIN M. DEVOE, JR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have initiated into the Phi Brotherhood J. Frank Stoner, of Mifflin, Pa. In our last report we made a slight mistake in regard to our number. Instead of saying that we would have twenty members after the return of brother Stephens, we should have said twenty-two.

Brother Hicks, our delegate to the Convention, returned last Wednesday night full of enthusiasm for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . At our last meeting he gave us a full and satisfactory report of the results of the Convention. He says he never saw a finer looking nor more congenial set of young men than were at the Convention at Nashville.

We chanced recently to pick up a late number of the journal of the  $B \Theta II$  Fraternity, and in glancing over its pages we came across a report from their Chapter at our college. In this report were two statements which we are disposed to criticise. First: The reporter says, speaking of the honor which had fallen to them, "We led '85 and '86." In the October number of the SCROLL our reporter says: "In '85 brother Lindsley divides first place with  $B \Theta II$ ." It will be seen at once that we could have claimed first place with as much right as did  $B \Theta II$ , but we told the truth by stating facts fully. Second: The reporter gives a list of the rivals of their Chapter here, giving numbers in full until he comes to the end of his list, where he places our Chapter in the following suggestive words: "And  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with — dozens of them." We simply say of this statement that it is untrue and misleading. We had eighteen members when the above was written, instead of "dozens of them." Then there seems to be another meaning implied in his words—*inferiority*. All who are acquainted with the facts *know* that this is untrue; to all who are

not acquainted with the facts, we say candidly *it is untrue*, and, if need be, we can give facts to justify the statement.

In general, we consider such statements as the above beneath our notice, but finding that those remote from our own college community were commenting on them, we have given this brief criticism.

T. M. CULVER.

Nov. 24, 1884.

## BETA PROVINCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Since my last report we have initiated one new man, which makes our membership five. Although small in numbers we play a considerable part in the college. Out of our five we hold the presidency and secretaryship of the class of '87.

We are very sorry that it was impossible for us to be represented at the Nashville Convention, knowing that we missed a great treat. Our State was not represented at all—a fact that we mean to remedy two years hence.

During the State Fair, which took place at the same time as the Convention, we had the pleasure of having two of our alumni with us.

November 26, 1884.

A. C. MOORE.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

We have initiated one more since our last report, Oscar S. Davis, '87, of Greenborough, Ga. Brother Pate has been compelled to leave college on account of his health. Brother Pollock is now with us, having just returned from the Convention, which he attended as our delegate. Of course he reports having a joyous time. He is a more enthusiastic Phi now than ever before.

Soon after college opened this year all the fraternity chapters here, with the exception of the  $\bar{K} \Delta$ , signed an agreement to enter into no combination for election purposes this collegiate year. I am now happy to state that at the first election since then in the Demosthenian Society, brother R. M. Wright was chosen Anniversarian.

The following are the other fraternities represented here:  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $K A$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $\Sigma N$ , and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

November 18, 1884.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

The University has 250 men, and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has 33 *pledged men*,

who are fine fellows, indeed. In the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes we have the first men in the class. We also rank first in the military positions, leading off with two captains. The  $\Sigma Ns$  are opposing us with about 25 men. The  $K As$  are trying to organize at the University, but with poor success, as they have only two men.

November 3, 1884.

W. R. MARTIN.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since my last report we have initiated another into our ranks. We had quite a contest for him, and by securing him obtained a signal victory over  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Sigma X$ .

We received a letter recently from one of our correspondent members, brother W. L. Chew, formerly of this place, who is now practising medicine in the Charity Hospital at New Orleans.

There is nothing of interest at present to report.

November 1, 1884.

T. W. YATES.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Tennessee Alpha has continued to prosper since her last report, for though the session is yet young we have already begun to get our share of the University honors. Brother W. H. Cotton has been chosen one of the two Vanderbilt contestants for the Tennessee State oratorical prize medal. Brother J. E. Stovall has been elected one of the public debaters for Thanksgiving day. Brother J. D. Clary has won the position of anniversarian, and will honor himself and us on Washington's birthday. Brother W. H. Cotton holds the position of editor-in-chief of our College paper; brother J. E. Stovall is one of the assistant editors. Since the last report we have initiated four new men—Wm. H. Witt, R. L. Warden, M. West, W. F. Harris. This gives us an active membership of twenty-seven (27). So far, we are still the largest chapter at Vanderbilt, despite the fact that we rigidly adhere to the principle, "Quality before quantity."  $B \Theta II$  has twenty-three men,  $KA$  has twenty-one,  $X \Phi$  has twenty, Rainbows have fifteen, and  $\Sigma A E$  eight. Our chapter is in good working order, and the boys are well sustaining Tennessee Alpha's record for high class standing.

In order that justice be done and that no false impressions be made upon the minds of new men and of all others who have no means of knowing better, attention must be called to some recent mistakes. In the October SCROLL, in a list of honors taken by  $B \Theta II$ , the Engineering Fellowship was valued at \$300; it should be \$1,000. In the October SCROLL a list of honors taken by the different fraternities here was given, in which an M. A.



certificate was deemed the lowest honor of sufficient importance to be published. However, the Vanderbilt correspondent of *B (♢) II* sees fit to furnish some further figures. In the September *Beta Theta Pi* he gives the following: "The commencement of '84 has brought a goodly share of honors to us. We carried off forty-two honor certificates. No other fraternity in the University carried off a greater number."

These certificates are honors much lower in grade than those mentioned in the SCROLL, and we did not deem them of sufficient importance to merit publication. Still we are perfectly willing to credit *B (♢) II* with all the honors she has taken, small though they be, provided the figures are true, for justice demands accuracy even in little matters. A reference to the official report furnished by the faculty and printed on commencement shows that *B (♢) II* took thirty-three "honor certificates," or, including, as probably the report meant to do, the Distinguished Proficiency certificates, it gives *B (♢) II* thirty-eight "honor certificates." Now, *Phi Delta Theta* took forty-three "honor certificates" and seven Distinguished Proficiency certificates, making fifty "honor certificates"; yet the *B (♢) II* correspondent says, "No other fraternity took a greater number."

Well, the Convention has come, held its session and gone. Lack of space demands brevity in an account of it. A sort of bird's-eye view is all that we have time for. It was called to order Tuesday morning, November 11, and held its daily business sessions in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Tuesday night, and all other leisure times were improved by the Tennessee Alpha boys in making the delegates acquainted with the young ladies of Nashville. Wednesday night came the literary exercises in the Capitol, the use of which was granted by a special act of the last Legislature. A large audience was present and a fine impression was made. *KA* sent her respects in the shape of a beautiful floral tribute. Thursday night came the ball in the elegant dining hall of the Nicholson House. It was a grand affair and one ever to be remembered by all present. Seventy-five of Nashville's fair ones honored us with their presence, and the fleeting hours sped swiftly by, unnoticed by the happy throng as they glided through the mazes of the dance to the sweetest strains of music.

"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined," was the programme of the evening, and well was it carried out.

Wednesday morning the Convention met in a body to visit our University, and were cordially welcomed and courteously entertained by the faculty. On Thursday morning they visited the residence of President Polk, and were presented to the widow of that distinguished statesman. Next they went to the Capitol grounds, where they were photographed in a body. Friday night came the banquet, a fitting close for such a week of pleasure. In

all respects it was a most enjoyable occasion, and one never to be forgotten in the annals of Tennessee Alpha. The only sad thing about the whole week was the accident of brother Shaw, who got a fall from one of the stone plazas of the Capitol; he was somewhat bruised but not seriously hurt. Brother J. L. Watkins was his physician and several delegates his careful nurses. He is now fully recovered.

Nov. 21, 1884.

WALLER DEERING.

#### TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

In the competitive drill between the companies of the battalion of our University, in which three companies participated—viz.: A, B and C—company C, commanded by Capt. Hodgson, a Phi; 1st Lieut. McCrady, a “Barb;” 2nd Lieut. L. Smith, a Phi; Orderly Sergt Western, a Phi, and brother Parker, high private in rear rank (41st four), bore off the prize, a handsome silk United States flag.

Since our last report brother Zielin, of Germantown, near Philadelphia, Pa., has been initiated.

Brother Larkin Smith left the University to-day, much to the regret of Tennessee Beta.

We have amongst us now three officers of the University, viz.: Brother Sharp, Professor of Civil Engineers and Applied Mathematics; brother Du Bose, Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, and brother Dowdy, and nine fellow-students, making a grand total of twelve at the present time. We mourn the loss of brothers Smith and Parker, both of whom we may expect back next term.

At last we see the foundations of our long-needed chapel and gymnasium being laid.

The gymnasium is to cost somewhere between \$6,000 and \$11,000, the chapel \$60,000. It is to have a grand chime of bells.

The chapel will be erected on the corner of Main street and the avenue named “Billy Goat avenue,” so called because of the  $K \Sigma$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  halls fronting upon it, and if dame rumor is correct, we are to have a new neighbor soon, viz.:  $\Sigma A E$ . The three Fraternity halls ( $K \Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ), together with the chapel and gymnasium, also to be placed on this avenue, destines it for the first place as the Boulevard de Sewanee.

Nearly all the fraternities here are on the best of terms, nothing occurring to mar our peaceful existent except a statement of the October  $\Delta T \Delta$  *Crescent*.

November 6, 1884.

S. G. JONES, Jr.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Having just finished reading our longed-for November SCROLLS, every page adding to our enthusiasm and our love for our dear old Fraternity, we can not help being animated to greater and more zealous efforts in behalf of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The Fraternities at O. S. U. are at present in good condition, and so far have been quite active in securing new men.  $\Phi K \Psi$  perhaps needs a little bracing up, as the "pink and lavender" has as yet not been unfolded to the breezes.

We now number ten men. Harmony is predominant among us if any feeling is, and if our greatest wishes are fulfilled it will always be.

Next term we expect with us again brother E. G. Stone, who was unable to return this fall. Brother Thomas may be found at present at his home, Lacon, Ill. Best wishes to our new alumni chapter.

Nov. 6, 1884.

J. C. MUNGER.

Nov. 10.—We concluded to detain our little letter to the SCROLL until after the one great event of our fall term—Field day. This eventful occasion has come and gone. Ohio Zeta rejoices, for a Phi has won the laurels. Brother Kahler, after a manful effort, came off with the most points, and now wears the Franklin prize, an elegant gold medal awarded by Prof. Tuttle to O. S. U.'s best general athlete. Another point for the record book.

J. C. M.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

Indiana Beta still flourishes, and we feel that we have made good progress in the last few weeks. We have initiated five excellent men. W. E. Willis, one of our new men, took second prize in essay in the preparatory department last June. Brother F. G. Sharpe was elected by the Calliopean Literary Society as one of their three representatives in the contest debate between that society and the Lyceum. He is considered one of the best speakers in college, and will do his society as well as his fraternity honor.

The appearance of our hall has been improved by a general renovation and the addition of a new stand, which was presented to the chapter by brother E. J. Dukes. Brother Dukes has returned from Nashville with glowing accounts of the convention

and our chapter there, and such as are calculated to heighten the enthusiasm of those who could not attend.

November 19, 1884.

A. R. MILES.

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INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

On the night of November 5 we held opening exercises in our new hall. Judge D. D. Banta, Ind. A, '56, delivered a very interesting address pertaining to the history and progress of the fraternity. Prof. C. H. Hall, '72, gave an account of the "Past Days" of our chapter. A dozen or more of the alumni were at the meeting, and each recalled some pleasant incident of his connection with  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The evening was one which will mark a stronger era for our chapter.

We have been opposed here for past eight years by a very strong, organized "Barb." society. It has leaked out that the best men of the society are working to take the anti-frat. clause out of their constitution, and I have it from excellent authority that they have been promised a chapter from another leading fraternity. I cannot now disclose the name, because it was given to me in confidence.

Our delegate, brother C. M. Carter, is loud in his praise of the magnificent treatment of Tennessee Alpha.

November 22, 1884.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

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MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Once more the banner of our beloved fraternity has been unfurled through Michigan Gamma to three worthy men. Their names and addresses can be found in the initiates' column.

Michigan Gamma is looking forward with pleasure to the time when we can have the Epsilon Province convention at Hillsdale. We should like very much to have the next one here.

Hillsdale College is each year improving. This year we are to have a new gymnasium erected, which will add much to the appearance of our campus.

We regret very much to say that President Durgin has resigned his position as chief executive of this College. This will take effect on January 1, 1885. Michigan Gamma has always found a friend in the President. In fact, he has always shown himself a friend of the Fraternities. Some of the faculty, however, oppose Fraternities, but the most of them belong to these organizations.

We received a short visit from brother Stryker, of Michigan Beta. We would like to have more of the Phis call on us. We assure you all a hearty welcome.

November 10, 1884.

JAS. E. DAVIDSON.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

WE take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brother W. J. Byrnes, '86, of Princeton, Ill., as our latest acquisition.

Convention news seems to have inspired Delta with new energy, and each Phi congratulates himself on being a Phi.

We regret very much that we are obliged to announce that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has lost one promising brother.

Brother Charles L. Andrews, of the class of '86, did not return to Knox at the beginning of the present college year, but entered Ann Arbor, Michigan. He found no Phis there, but found some former acquaintances and friends who were members of  $B \Theta II$ . Not having been a member of Phi Delta Theta very long, and as he saw no prospect for the establishment of a Chapter at Ann Arbor, he naturally felt the loneliness of his situation, and desired to be dismissed from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in order to join  $B \Theta II$ . Appreciating, as fraternity men, the situation in which he was placed, and feeling that it was but justice to him, we granted him his dismissal. Mr. Andrews' own feelings in the matter are evident from his petition, in which he says: "You, as society men, appreciate my position, and certainly know that as I now tender my resignation to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , I lose none of my old love for our Chapter."

We have made arrangements for a hall to meet in, and have begun to feel more as though we had a home.

Nov. 21, 1884.

JOHN B. BROWN.

## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

I WILL now make my last promise good, by reporting our improvements. First: We consider our best improvement to be the addition of four new members—Messrs M. Broderick, J. W. Crane, S. Kingan and W. Harrison. Brother Broderick is of the Theological Department; brother Crane is a son of our pastor, Rev. S. Crane.

Our next is "the new carpet." We have carpeted our assembly room, so that now it looks, as one of our alumni said, "way up." It adds further lustre to the halo of our Phi home.

We celebrated our fifth anniversary on the 9th instant. Brothers Beacon, Snyder, and Swart of our alumni and several of our brothers from Illinois Delta joined in our festivities. The programme was: "Music, Oysters and Toasts."

Brother Snyder furnished the music. Among the selections was the "Phi Delta Theta March."

"The Welcome" was given by our President, L. W. Bingham,

'86. Responded to by brother D. T. Beacom. Orations: "The Day we Celebrate," by E. T. Carney, '85; "Phi Prospects," by brother McClaughry, '85, Ill. Delta; "Dark Days of Phi Delta Theta at Lombard," by L. Swart, '82.

Brother F. Suites, '87, has left college for a while. We hope to see him back next term.

Brother Jay Edwards, '84, is teaching at Knoxville, Iowa.

We were pleased to hear Brother McCarl's report from the Convention. It gave us all new enthusiasm for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Nov. 26, 1884.

JNO. R. CARPENTER.

### ETA PROVINCE.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

KANSAS Alpha has been fortunate in securing two new men. The other fraternities are doing fairly good work, but the Phi boys think they are in the van. Brother Caldwell has returned from the Convention full of enthusiasm, and his words have given new inspiration to all the boys. One of our men will read a paper before the State Academy of Science, which meets in this city next week. There are yet some good non-fraternity men in the field, who are closely watched and may become connected with the Phi world.

The SCROLL is always a welcome guest, and its pages are perused with pleasure.

November 20, 1884.

S. M. COOK.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

SINCE my last writing there have been some interesting developments in regard to our College affairs. The non-fraternity men have been quietly working up a scheme against us in the most underhanded manner imaginable. A week ago last Friday, for the first time, we became aware that an amendment to the constitution of the literary societies would be proposed that night, to the effect that for the future membership in a Greek-letter society would be incompatible with membership to these societies, such action not to effect those already members of fraternities. By this last clause they wished to show that fear for the future alone constrained them, and that principle alone, and not prejudice against secret societies, actuated them to do this deed. For last Saturday night they reserved a mass meeting to discuss the amendment, and pretended to suppose that we would appear with arguments and statistics to contradict those which they have been gathering for the past nine months, all in the space of twenty-four hours. In this supposition they were much mis-

taken. We went to work to defeat the amendment by personal effort, leaving the meeting to become an anti-fraternity love-feast. All last week we fought to defeat the amendment; but too well had the anti-leaders played their cards against us. Prejudice ruled. They did not care whether fraternities did or did not kill open societies as a rule. They did in some colleges. One fact to confirm their prejudice was worth twenty against it. When I say that there are but twenty-three fraternity men and over ninety anti-fraternity men in the two societies, one will see how thoroughly they took "time by the forelock and fraternities by the throat," as one man aptly said. Notwithstanding the acknowledged fact that the frats. were the workers and upper class-men in both societies, and, moreover, as a rule, have appeared oftener on programmes, paid more money and done more work than any other class of men of the societies, led on by a few upper class men, some of honest prejudice, others animated by personal hostility, the lower class-men succeeded in passing this amendment. Even as strong as they appeared to be, the antis resorted to many little tricks, and to two notably mean "political" measures, to make "assurance doubly sure." One scamp sneaked quite an important amount of information from the  $\Sigma X$  by listening somewhere and somehow to their meetings. Another stole a SCROLL from brother Newcomer. I deeply deplore that both these individuals are supported by men of honest convictions, whom I know to be even sticklers with respect to such actions ordinarily. We, all the fraternities, convinced that fraternities and open literary societies are not inveterate enemies, have already made preliminaries for a new society, having resigned or rather withdrawn immediately after the vote was taken on the amendment. By our resignation both societies lose a president and a number of other officers. Among those withdrawing are all the Senior class save one, the leader-in-chief of this conspiracy, all the Juniors save three, I believe, and the majority of the Sophomores, besides five of the more prominent Freshmen.

Times are still considerably exciting, but we propose to maintain a defence of our principles and rights in the same *gentlemanly* manner in which we fought the amendment.

I would like to advise all correspondence to this College from all Phis to be through our chapter, as the wolves who comprise a part of the opposition will try every measure and means to oust us.

November 3, 1884.

ED. J. CHURCHILL.

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A FULL account of the proceedings of the Convention will be found in the supplement to this number.

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 Georgia Gamma—Mercer University—Barton F. Ragsdale, Macon, Ga.  
 Alabama Alpha —————  
 Alabama Beta—State College of Alabama—W. D. Penn, Auburn, Ala.  
 Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi—T. W. Yates, Oxford, Miss.  
 Texas Beta—University of Texas—Hugh Swain, Austin, Tex.

Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University—Waller Deering, 657 Broad St., Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee Beta—University of the South—T. O. Parker, Sewanee, Tenn.

Georgia Alpha Alumni, Columbus—Ira Bowman, Columbus, Ga.

Alabama Alpha Alumni—Montgomery—Alva Fitzpatrick, Montgomery, Ala.

Tennessee Alpha Alumni—Nashville—R. F. Jackson, 56½ N. Cherry St., Nashville, Tenn.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University—J. W. Benschoten, Delaware, Ohio.  
Ohio Beta Alumni, Akron.

Ohio Gamma—Ohio University—W. E. Bundy, Athens, Ohio.

Ohio Delta—University of Wooster—T. S. Anderson, Wooster, Ohio.

Ohio Epsilon—Butchel College—E. C. Page, Akron, Ohio.

Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University—J. C. Munger, Columbus, Ohio.

Kentucky Alpha—Centre College—F. M. Wilson, Danville, Ky.

Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati—W. H. Hawley, 34 Laurel St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron.

Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av., Louisville, Ky.

#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana Alpha—Indiana University—Robert Newland, Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana Beta—Wabash College—A. R. Miles, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Indiana Gamma—Butler University—O. M. Pruitt, Irvington, Ind.

Indiana Delta—Franklin College—W. A. Halteman, P. O. Box 675, Franklin, Ind.

Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—J. V. La Grange, Hanover, Ind.

Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—W. J. Snyder, Greencastle, Ind.

Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—Theodore A. Stanley, Lansing, Mich.

Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—James E. Davidson, Box 88, Hillsdale, Mich.

Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.

Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—W. A. Black, 278 Christian Av., Indianapolis, Ind.

#### ZETA PROVINCE.

Illinois Gamma—Monmouth College—Monmouth, Ill.

Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.

Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University, Normal, Ill.

Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—John R. Carpenter, Galesburg, Ill.

Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—H. Fehr, 406 N. Henry St., Madison, Wis.

Illinois Alpha Alumni—Chicago—M. M. Boddie, 46 Portland Block, Chicago, Ill.

Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg—Rev. E. L. Conger, Galesburg, Ill.

#### ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—Firmin Wright, Columbia, Mo.

Missouri Beta—Westminster College—L. J. Mitchell, Fulton, Mo.

Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—S. M. Cook, Lawrence, Kan.

Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—E. J. Churchill, 1335 N St., Lincoln, Neb.

Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—J. H. Duhry, Iowa City, Iowa.

Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—James Gray, 903 Fifth Street, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

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*November 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1884.*

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FIRST DAY.

*Morning Session.*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1884. }

THE Convention was called to order at 10.30 A.M., by the President of the General Council, Hilton U. Brown. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Cotton. R. F. Jackson, in behalf of Tennessee *A* and Tennessee *A* Alumni Chapters, bade the Convention welcome to Nashville.

A response in behalf of the Convention was delivered by C. L. Goodwin, of Indiana. The Convention was then declared open for the transaction of business.

*On motion*, L. C. Blanding, of Iowa, was made permanent Secretary of this Convention; E. H. L. Randolph, of New York, was made Assistant Secretary.

*On motion*, the following committees were appointed by the General Council:

*Credentials*—H. A. Kahler, O. Z; F. J. Mills, Vt. *A*; E. P. Allen, Ga. *B*; G. B. Frankforter, Neb. *A*; C. A. Foster, T. G. C.

*Visiting Members*—W. R. Sims, Tenn. *A* ; W. N. Southern, Mo. *B* ; O. L. Stearns, Va. *A* ; E. S. Antisdale, Mich. *B* ; F. D. Swope, Ind. *E*.

*Scroll*—W. B. Palmer, Tenn. *A* Alumni ; W. E. O'Kane, O. *B* ; J. M. Goodwin, Ind. *Z* ; J. B. Shaw, Penn. *A* ; L. C. Blanding, Iowa *B*.

*Chapters and Charters*—C. L. Goodwin, Ind. *B* Alumni ; T. C. Hindman, Miss. *A* ; E. C. Page, O. *E* ; W. H. Gallup, Penn. *A* ; E. Fuller, Me. *A*.

*Extension*—A. A. Stearns, H. G. C. ; E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *F* ; J. A. Kautz, Ind. *F* ; F. A. Hooper, Ga. *F* ; S. G. Jones, Jr., Tenn. *B*.

*Resolutions*—J. A. Kautz, Ind. *F* ; A. G. Briggs, Wis. *A* ; H. W. C. Shelton, N. H. *A* ; T. M. B. Hicks, Penn. *E*.

*Arrangement of Provinces and Chapters*—S. P. Gilbert, Ga. *A* Alumni ; M. Scott, Tex. *B* ; L. McCarl, Ill. *E* ; F. A. Schumacher, O. *B* Alumni ; F. J. Mills, Vt. *A*.

*Next Convention*—J. M. Goodwin, Ind. *Z* ; E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *F* ; C. M. Carter, Ind. *A* ; L. A. Griffith, Va. *A*.

*Programme of Next Convention*—L. C. Blanding, Iowa *B* ; R. F. Jackson, Tenn. *A* ; A. G. Greenlee, O. *A* ; C. A. Britt, Penn. *B*.

*Rules and Order*—G. E. Wiseman, Jr., Ky. *A* ; W. H. Goodpasture, Tenn. *A* ; J. B. Robinson, Jr., Ala. *B* ; T. W. Allen, N. Y. *B* ; J. B. Brown, Ill. *A*.

*Finances*—E. E. Griffith, Ind. *A* ; G. B. Thomas, Va. *B* ; P. D. Pollock, Ga. *A* ; W. E. Bundy, O. *F* ; E. F. Caldwell, Kan. *A*.

*Jeweler*—H. R. Williams, Mo. *A* ; E. J. Dukes, Ind. *B* ; J. A. Kautz, Ind. *F* ; E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *F* ; G. B. Thomas, Va. *B*.

The Convention, *on motion*, adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

## FIRST DAY.

### *Afternoon Session.*

THE Convention was called to order at 2.30 P. M., by President H. U. Brown. Telegrams were read from J. M. Mayer, J. E. Walker and Glenn Andrews.

A recess of five minutes was taken to allow the delegates to present their credentials to the committee. The minutes of the previous session were read and *adopted*.

The Committees on Credentials and Visiting Members made reports, which were *accepted*, with instructions to make any additions which might be necessary before the close of the Convention. [See Exhibits A. and B.]

The President of the General Council, H. U. Brown, read his report, which was *adopted*. [See Exhibit C.]

The Treasurer of the General Council, C. A. Foster, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. [See Exhibit D.]

The condition of Iowa Alpha was discussed, and referred, by the President, to the Committee on Chapters and Charters.

The Historian of the Grand Council, A. A. Stearns, read his report, which was *adopted*. [See Exhibit E.]

The report of C. P. Bassett, President of *A* Province, was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit F.]

The report of B. F. Buchanan, President of *B* Province, was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit G.]

The report of S. P. Gilbert, President of *F* Province, was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit H.]

The report of F. O. Payne, President of *A* Province, was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit I.]

The report of P. L. Sever, President of *H* Province, was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit J.]

*Moved and seconded*, that all resolutions and motions be made in writing. *Carried*.

*Moved and seconded*, to hear reports from delegates, and that they be limited to three minutes.

*Moved and seconded*, to amend so that we hear them at the next morning session. Amendment *carried*. Original motion as amended put and *carried*.

*Moved and seconded*, to appoint a committee of five to consider the question of an extension fund. *Carried*. Appointment of the committee was deferred by the President.

The question of initiating students in the preparatory department of colleges was discussed at length, and a resolution *presented and seconded* to the effect that "this Convention hereby instruct the Chapters in colleges where preparatory departments exist, to endeavor to effect some arrangement with their rivals under which preparatory students shall not be initiated." The resolution was *adopted*.

The following was *presented and adopted*: "*Resolved*, that it is the sense of this Convention that college combinations which disregard merit and the peace and welfare of institutions in which our Chapters are located, should be discouraged; that we recommend to our Chapters to use their influence for the just distribution of all honors, irrespective of factions, or as a means of peaceful arbitration."

The Committee on Fraternity Jeweler read its report. [See Exhibit K.]

*Moved and seconded*, to amend the report so as to include the firm of L. G. Burgess, Sons & Co. Amendment *carried*. The report was *adopted* as amended.

The statement being made by members of Tennessee *A* that a visit to Vanderbilt University in the morning was contemplated, the Convention, *on motion*, adjourned to meet immediately after the return from the University.

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## SECOND DAY.

### *Morning Session.*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1884. }

THE Convention was called to order at 11 A. M. by President H. U. Brown, after which there was a song. A letter from Hon. Byron K. Elliott was read (published in December SCROLL). Telegrams of congratulations were read from Alabama *B*; F. O. Payne, President of *A* Province; New York *I* and Alabama *A*.

The minutes of the previous session were read and, after correction, *adopted*.

The Committee on Extension Fund was appointed as follows:

H. W. C. Shelton, New Hampshire *A*; I. N. Van Pelt, Illinois *E*; J. B. Robinson, Jr., Alabama *A*; F. A. Hooper, Georgia *I*.

Reports from Chapters was then declared in order, and reports from their respective Chapters were made by the following delegates:—

E. Fuller, Me. *A*; H. W. C. Shelton, N. H. *A*; T. W. Allen, N. Y. *B*; E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *I*; J. B. Shaw, Pa. *A*; C. A. Britt, Pa. *B*; T. M. B. Hicks, Pa. *E*; L. A. Griffith, Va. *A*; O. L. Stearns, Va. *A*; P. D. Pollock, Ga. *A*; E. P. Allen, Ga. *B*; F. A. Hooper, Ga. *I*; J. B. Robinson, Jr., Ala. *A*; M. Scott, Tex. *B*; W. R. Sims, Tenn. *A*; S. G. Jones, Jr., Tenn. *B*; W. E. O'Kane, O. *B*; W. E. Bundy, O. *I*; A. G. Greenlee, O. *A*; E. C. Page, O. *E*; H. A. Kahler, O. *Z*; G. E. Wiseman, Jr., Ky. *A*.

The delegate from N. Y. *I* made a brief statement in regard to the condition of N. Y. *A*.

The reports of delegates were interrupted by the discussion of the question of photographing the Convention, and a motion was *made, seconded and carried*, that the Convention assemble on the Capitol grounds at 12, noon, Thursday, for the purpose of being photographed.

*On motion*, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M.



## SECOND DAY.

*Afternoon Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 2.30 by Treasurer C. A. Foster.

The minutes of the morning session were read and *adopted*. Telegrams of congratulations were read from Pa. *E* ; N. Y. *B* ; Va. *B* ; Vt. *A* ; Pa. *Z* ; N. H. *A* ; C. P. Bassett, President of *A* Province ; Ohio *I* ; Pa. *A*.

Reports from their respective Chapters were given by the following delegates :—

E. E. Griffith, Ind. *A* ; E. J. Dukes, Ind. *B* ; J. A. Kautz, Ind. *I* ; C. M. Carter, Ind. *A* ; F. D. Swope, Ind. *E* ; J. M. Goodwin, Ind. *Z* ; E. S. Antisdale, Mich. *B* ; C. L. Herron, Mich. *I*.

[At this juncture President Brown, having arrived, took the chair.]

Reports were continued by J. B. Brown, Ill. *A* ; I. N. Van Pelt, Ill. *E* ; L. McCarl, Ill. *Z* ; A. G. Briggs, Wis. *A*.

Brother Briggs, in his report, asked for advice from the Convention in regard to the position which Wis. *A* had taken at the University of Wisconsin, claiming although they were revived in 1880 after a suspension of some years, since they were acting under their original charter of 1857, that 1857 was to be considered as the date of the foundation of Wisconsin *A*. Brother C. L. Goodwin stated that the Convention of 1880 decided that Wisconsin *A* was entitled to operate under her original charter, and that 1857, the date of that charter, was to be considered the date of the organization of Wisconsin *A*. President Brown and brother Greenlee endorsed the statements of brother Goodwin.

Reports from Chapters were then given by H. R. Williams, Mo. *A* ; W. N. Southern, Mo. *B* ; E. F. Caldwell, Kan. *A*.

It was here *moved, seconded and carried*, that the Convention telegraph congratulations to Kansas *A*.

The following was proposed :—

*Resolved*: That this Convention pay their respects to Mrs. James K. Polk, in a body, immediately preceding the reconvening of the Convention on Thursday afternoon.

*Moved, seconded and carried*, to adopt and carry out.

*Moved and seconded*, to go into a Committee of the Whole. *Carried*.

After the rising of the Committee of the Whole the Convention adjourned until 9.30 A. M. Thursday.

## THIRD DAY.

*Morning Session.*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL,  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Thursday, Nov. 13. 1884. }

The Convention was called to order at 9.30 A. M. by President H. U. Brown. Telegrams of congratulations were read from Grand Chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ ; Pa. *A*; S. C. *B*; N. Y. *A*.

*Moved and seconded*, to reconsider the resolution adopted at the previous session, and to fix the hour for the call on Mrs. Polk at 11 A. M. Thursday. *Carried*.

A partial report of Committee on Chapters and Charters was read.

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt the following portion of said report: "A petition sent to the General Council under date of Oct. 27, 1884, from the K. K. F. of Maine State College, has been referred to the Committee on Chapters and Charters. Your committee has examined the standing of the institution, and begs leave to report that it would be unwise to grant a charter to the petitioners. This is a unanimous report, and is therefore sanctioned by brother Fuller of Maine *A*, who is in a position to know best the standing of the institution." *Adopted*.

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt that clause of the report in favor of granting a charter to the alumni in New York City. *Adopted*.

An application from Erskine College, at Due West, S. C., was refused without vote, because of anti-fraternity laws at that college.

On request of the Convention, brother J. F. Philips, Ky. *A*, '55, made a few appropriate remarks to the Convention.

Committee on Chapters and Provinces reported suggesting some changes in Province boundaries. Report was *not adopted* and Provinces were left unchanged.

*Moved and seconded*, to telegraph congratulations to the Grand Chapter of  $\Sigma A E$  at Sewanee, Tenn. *Carried*.

On motion Convention adjourned to re-convene at 2.30 P. M.

## THIRD DAY.

*Afternoon Session.*

Convention called to order at 2.30 by President Brown. The minutes of the previous session were read and, after correction, adopted. The report of the Committee on Rules and Order was read and *on motion adopted*. [See Exhibit L.]

The following was *proposed and on motion adopted*.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed

to return our thanks to the *X* chapter of *K A* for the handsome floral offering presented by them at the Public Literary Exercises of Wednesday evening, with the assurance that the spirit of Fraternal courtesy which prompted their tribute is heartily appreciated and reciprocated by this Convention."

*Moved and seconded*, to appoint a Committee on Claims, of five, and on Nominations, of seven. *Carried*. The appointment of these committees was deferred thirty minutes.

Report of Committee on Extension Fund, advising an assessment of fifty cents on every undergraduate member of the Fraternity, for the purpose of paying railroad fare of Province President or delegate to the initiation of a new chapter, was read and *on motion* referred back to that committee.

*Moved and seconded*, to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the matter of those Chapters which have not sent delegates to this Convention. *Carried*.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of Holding the Next Convention was requested and read, no objection being offered. [See Exhibit M.]

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt that part of the report giving place to Cincinnati and duration to five days. *Carried*.

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt that part making the time the second Monday in September.

*Moved and seconded*, to amend by inserting, instead of second Monday in September, the third Monday in April.

*Moved and seconded*, to amend by fixing date at third Monday in October.

First amendment *carried*, second amendment as amended *carried*, and original motion as amended *carried*.

There being no regular delegate from Va. *B*, brother Geo. B. Thomas, having formerly been a member of that chapter, was on motion empowered by the Convention to act as the delegate from that Chapter.

The consideration of Chapters having no delegate at the present Convention was next declared in order.

*On motion*, Pennsylvania *I* and Pennsylvania *Z* were referred to a committee consisting of brothers J. B. Shaw, C. A. Britt, W. H. Gallup, T. M. B. Hicks and C. A. Foster, T. G. C.

*On motion*, brother Hicks was appointed to act as chairman, and the committee was instructed to report to the coming General Council at the earliest possible moment.

Va. *I* and Va. *E* and S. C. A. and S. C. B. were on motion referred to a committee consisting of brothers L. A. Griffith, O. L. Stearns and C. A. Foster, T. G. C.

*Moved and seconded*, that the General Council may, upon the recommendation of these committees, have power to revoke charters of such Chapters as may be so recommended. *Carried*.

*On motion*, the condition and name of the Chapter at the University of Alabama was referred to the General Council.

The following portion of the report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was *adopted* :

"The Chapter at Knox College was organized in 1871 under the name of Illinois *A*. Later it died. After this, in 1878, Lombard University applied for a charter, and the charter formerly given to Knox College was turned over to them. When the Chapter at Knox College was reorganized, it was given the name of Illinois *Z*. Your committee recommend that these Chapters exchange names, and that the Chapter at Knox College be recognized as Illinois *A*, and the Chapter at Lombard University as Illinois *Z*."

That part of the report which advised the not granting of a charter to South Carolina Military Academy was *adopted*.

The following was embraced in the report of Committee on Chapters and Charters :

"It has been suggested to this committee to report some plan of dealing with Illinois *F*. The institution at Monmouth is an excellent one, and the only reason for question as to continuing the Chapter's existence is the existence of anti-fraternity laws at that college. While we sympathize with the members of Illinois *F* in their struggle against adversity, and admire the unparalleled determination which they have displayed, yet we think that the dignity of Phi Delta Theta is compromised by continuing the Chapter while the adverse laws exist, especially as we have taken the position that no charter shall be granted to an institution having such laws. We, therefore, with all due honor to the gallant dead, recommend that the charter of Illinois *F* be withdrawn."

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt the above as read, and that the recommendation be acted upon.

*Moved and seconded*, to amend so that the subject matter of the report be referred to the General Council, and that their action be final. The amendment and original motion as amended were *carried*.

The following was unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That brother J. B. Shaw, of Pennsylvania *A*, has the heartfelt sympathy of this Convention in his sad accident and their best wishes for his early and entire recovery, and also that he be allowed proxy to represent his Chapter in this Convention."

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed : D. R. Davidson, Minn. *A* ; O. L. Stearns, Va. *A* ; F. J. Mills, Vt. *A* ; E. P. Allen, Ga. *B* ; E. C. Page, Ohio *E* ; F. D. Swope, Ind. *A*, and W. B. Palmer, Tenn. *A* Alumni.

The following was announced as the Committee on Claims : W. H. Hawley, Ohio *A* Alumni ; A. G. Briggs, Wis. *A* ; I. N.

Van Pelt, Ill. *E* ; G. B. Frankforter, Neb. *A* ; P. D. Pollock, Ga. *A*, and C. A. Foster, ex-officio.

A committee consisting of C. L. Goodwin, Geo. Banta, E. C. Page, J. A. Kautz and P. D. Pollock was appointed to escort brother Judge Dulaney and brother Rodes from the depot to the hotel.

*Moved and seconded*, to appoint a committee of three to consider brother A. A. Stearns' proposition in regard to Historian's report, and that this committee be instructed to report in the morning. *Carried*. F. J. Mills, W. N. Southern and E. E. Griffith were appointed.

On motion, committee consisting of G. B. Frankforter, E. H. L. Randolph and E. Fuller was appointed to consider the question of the issuing of song books.

During the session telegrams were read from Pa. *B*, James C. Norris, and Miss. *A*.

Convention adjourned to reassemble at 9.30 A. M. Friday.

## FOURTH DAY.

### *Morning Session.*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL,  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Friday. Nov. 14, 1884. }

The Convention was called by President H. U. Brown, at 9.30. The minutes of previous session were read and, after correction, adopted. The Committee on Song Books reported, advising the appointment of a committee of three to begin at once the editing of a new song book with music. Report was *adopted*. Brothers W. E. O'Kane, H. A. Kahler and F. D. Swope, were appointed. Committee appointed to consider the recommendations made by brother Stearns reported as follows: "We do recommend that the plan of blank books, recommended by brother A. A. Stearns, be adopted by the Convention; that it be the duty of the present Historian of the General Council to see to the purchase of such blank books sufficient for each Chapter, and that it be his duty to inform the respective Chapters when they are ready; that each Chapter be required to purchase one of the books as soon as they can be obtained. That the Historian of the General Council be empowered to draw upon the Treasurer of the General Council for funds to purchase the blanks for the use of the Historian of the General Council.

*Moved and seconded*, to refer back to the same committee to be brought up by them as a constitutional amendment. *Carried*.

By request of the Convention, brothers Judge Dulaney and Rodes, of Kentucky *A*, addressed the Convention.

The Committee on brother Stearns' recommendation here presented a constitutional amendment which, *on motion*, was *adopted* as read.

*Moved and seconded*, to adopt the above read report of the same committee. *Carried*.

The following resolution was *presented and, on motion, adopted* :

"*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the nurse's hire and other necessary expenses attendant upon the unfortunate accident of brother J. B. Shaw."

The Committee on Claims presented their report, which was, *on motion, adopted*. [See Exhibit N.]

The Report of the Committee on Literary Performers for the next Convention, was read and adopted. [See Exhibit O.]

The *Local* Committee on Finance presented their report with bill of expenses, which the Treasurer of the General Council was instructed to pay. [See Exhibit P.]

*Moved and seconded*, that an annual assessment of \$2 be levied on all attendant members of Chapters on April 1.

*Moved and seconded*, to amend, by referring to a committee of three. *Carried*.

Original motion, as amended, *carried*.

Brothers E. H. L. Randolph, T. M. B. Hicks and W. B. Palmer were appointed on this committee.

*Moved and seconded*, to empower the Assistant Secretary to print the minutes as a supplement to the SCROLL, and that they be furnished to members of the Fraternity only, *carried*.

The constitutional amendment, proposed by the Committee on SCROLL, placing entire financial charge of the SCROLL in hands of Business Manager, was *adopted* as read.

That part of the report which proposed the name of J. M. Mayer for Managing Editor, and E. H. L. Randolph for Business Manager, was *adopted*.

The following resolution was *proposed and adopted* :

"*Whereas*, Members of the PHI DELTA THETA are continually locating themselves in cities in which Alumni Chapters have been chartered,

"*Resolved*, That the secretaries of the Active Chapters be instructed to report to the secretaries of Alumni Chapters in each city where Alumni Chapters have been established, the names of their Alumni members locating in any such city."

*Moved and seconded*, to endorse the action of the General Council in refusing a charter to Davidson College. *Carried*.

A majority of the Committee on Chapters and Charters reported as follows :—After considering the application for a charter from the Kentucky Military Institute, we recommend that the charter be not granted, owing to the low standing of the institution.

These members of the committee find that a number of students have been initiated at the Kentucky Military Institute, and that such initiation was in defiance of the provisions of the Constitution. It seems to be clear, also, that whatever blame is attached to this proceeding should be placed to the credit of brother W. E. Knight.

The above report was, after debate, adopted ; and the Convention adjourned until 3 P. M.

#### FOURTH DAY.

##### *Afternoon Session.*

The Convention was called to order at 3 P. M., by President H. U. Brown. The minutes of the morning session were read and *adopted*.

The Committee on Finance read its report, which was *adopted*. [See Exhibit Q.]

A vote of thanks was extended to the authorities of VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY for their courteous treatment of the Convention and for the books which they presented.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and *adopted*. [See Exhibit R.]

The Secretary was instructed to telegraph to the new Secretary of the General Council, informing him of his election.

The report of the Committee on Extension Fund was read. [See Exhibit S.]

The report was amended so as to make the tax twenty-five cents, and that it be payable on April 1 of each year.

The official bonds of the Treasurer of the General Council and the Business Manager of the SCROLL were, *on motion*, fixed at \$1,000 each.

*Moved and seconded*, to appoint brother W. B. Palmer a committee of one to secure duplicates of the pictures of the Founders of our Fraternity. The matter was, *on motion*, referred to the General Council, giving them power to act.

By consent, a committee on secret work was appointed as follows: J. M. Goodwin, F. J. Mills, O. L. Stearns, C. A. Britt and S. P. Gilbert.

The Committee on New Constitution and Ritual, consisting of W. B. Palmer, C. P. Bassett and T. J. Simmons, was, by consent, continued in power until the next Convention.

New York  $\Delta$  was, *on motion*, excused from the Convention tax of 1884.

*Moved and seconded*, that the participants in the Public Literary Exercises and the Welcoming Speaker and Respondent be requested to furnish the editor of the SCROLL with copies of their manuscripts for publication. *Carried*.

*Moved and seconded*, that all SCROLL funds now in the possession of Treasurer of the General Council be turned over to the Business Manager of the SCROLL. *Carried.*

*Moved and seconded*, that when we adjourn, we do so with three rousing cheers for the Phis of Nashville. *Carried.*

The Committee on Secret Work rendered a verbal report, which was *adopted*.

Brothers E. H. L. Randolph and W. B. Palmer were, by consent, constituted a committee to go over the minutes and correct them.

The tax of New Hampshire Alpha was referred to the General Council.

The Committee on Resolutions rendered their report, which was adopted. [See Exhibit T.]

The following was unanimously adopted :—

“*Resolved*, that this Convention extend its profound and heartfelt thanks for the hospitable manner in which the noble Phis of Tennessee Alpha and Tennessee Alpha Alumni have entertained the members of this Convention, and for the energy displayed in making this Convention the greatest possible success.”

The minutes of the present session were read and *approved*.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday, October 18, 1886.

[NOTE.—All the addresses delivered before the Convention, as well as a full account of the week's doings, were published in the December SCROLL.]

HILTON U. BROWN, *President*.

L. C. BLANDING, *Secretary*.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH, *Assistant Secretary*.



## EXHIBIT A.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:*

Your Committee on Credentials present the following list of official delegates present at the Convention :

## COLLEGE CHAPTER DELEGATES.

- Indiana Alpha, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., E. E. Griffith, '85, Vevay, Ind.  
 Kentucky Alpha, Centre College, Danville, Ky., G. E. Wiseman, Jr., '85, Danville, Ky.  
 Indiana Beta, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., E. J. Dukes, '85, Peru, Ind.  
 Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., A. G. Briggs, '85, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Indiana Gamma, Butler University, Irvington, Ind., J. A. Kautz, '85, Andrews, Ind.  
 Ohio Beta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, W. E. O'Kane, '87, Delaware, Ohio.  
 Indiana Delta, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., C. M. Carter, '87, Livonia, Ind.  
 Ohio Gamma, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, W. E. Bundy, '86, Wellston, Ohio.  
 Indiana Epsilon, Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., F. D. Swope, '85, Madison, Ind.  
 Indiana Zeta, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., J. M. Goodwin, '85, Bowling Green, Ky.  
 Virginia Alpha, Roanoke College, Salem, Va., L. A. Griffith, '85, Gilbert Hollow, S. C.  
 Missouri Alpha, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo., H. R. Williams, '85, Jackson, Mo.  
 Illinois Delta, Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., J. B. Brown, '86, Sterling, Ill.  
 Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, S. E. Kirkendall, '86, Leando, Iowa.  
 Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., P. D. Pollock, '84, Athens, Ga.  
 Georgia Beta, Emory College, Oxford, Ga., E. P. Allen, '85, Shanghai, China.  
 Georgia Gamma, Mercer University, Macon, Ga., F. A. Hooper, '85, Cuthbert, Ga.  
 Ohio Delta, University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, A. G. Greenlee, '85, Wooster, Ohio.

- Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., J. B. Shaw, '85, Bellport, N. Y. (1).
- Michigan Beta, Michigan State College, Lansing, Mich., E. S. Antisdale, '85, Nyack, N. Y.
- Virginia Beta, University of Virginia, Va., G. B. Thomas, '81, Maysville, Ky.
- Ohio Epsilon, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, E. C. Page, '86, Columbus, Pa.
- Nebraska Alpha, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., G. B. Frankforter, '85, Lincoln, Neb.
- Virginia Delta, Richmond College, Richmond, Va., O. L. Stearns, '86, Dublin, Va.
- Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., C. A. Britt, '84, Wheeling, W. Va.
- Tennessee Alpha, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., W. R. Sims, '84, Brandon, Miss.
- Mississippi Alpha, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., T. C. Hindman, '85, Helena, Ark.
- Illinois Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., I. N. Van Pelt, '87, Minonk, Ill.
- Illinois Zeta, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., Lyman McCarl, '85, Galesburg, Ill.
- Alabama Beta, Alabama State College, Auburn, Ala., J. B. Robinson, Jr., '84, Memphis, Tenn.
- Pennsylvania Delta, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., W. H. Gallup, '85, Rock Creek, Ohio.
- Vermont Alpha, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt., F. J. Mills, '86, Ryegate, Vt.
- Pennsylvania Epsilon, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., T. M. B. Hicks, '86, Fort Mason, Fla.
- Missouri Beta, Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., W. N. Southern, '85, Independence, Mo.
- Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., D. R. Davidson, '87, Glencoe, Ont., Canada.
- Iowa Beta, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, L. C. Blanding, '85, Rock Island, Ill.
- Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan., E. F. Caldwell, '85, Lawrence, Kan.
- Michigan Gamma, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., C. L. Herron, '85, Gobleville, Mich.
- Tennessee Beta, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., S. G. Jones, Jr., '85, Sewanee, Tenn.
- Texas Beta, University of Texas, Austin, Tex., Moran Scott, '85, Gainesville, Tex.
- Ohio Zeta, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, H. A. Kahler, '87, McConnellsville, Ohio.
- New York Beta, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., T. W. Allen, '86, East Houndsfield, N. Y.

New York Gamma, College of the City of New York, New York,  
N. Y., E. H. L. Randolph, '85, New York, N. Y. (2).

Maine Alpha, Colby University, Waterville, Me., Edward Fuller,  
'85, Skowhegan, Me.

New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., H.  
W. C. Shelton, '87, Hanover, N. H.

1. Associate Editor of the SCROLL.
2. Business Manager of the SCROLL.

#### ALUMNI CHARTER DELEGATES.

Indiana Alpha Alumni, Franklin, Ind., George Banta, Indiana  
Alpha, '76, Franklin, Ind.

Virginia Alpha Alumni, Richmond, Va., George Bryan, Virginia  
Delta, '81, Richmond, Va. (1).

Indiana Beta Alumni, Indianapolis, Ind., C. L. Goodwin, In-  
diana Alpha, '83, Indianapolis, Ind. (2).

Tennessee Alpha Alumni, Nashville, Tenn., W. B. Palmer, Ten-  
nessee Alpha, '80, Nashville, Tenn. (3).

Ohio Alpha Alumni, Cincinnati, Ohio, W. H. Hawley, Indiana  
Alpha, '80, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Georgia Alpha Alumni, Columbus, Ga., S. P. Gilbert, Tennessee  
Alpha, '83, Columbus, Ga. (4).

Ohio Beta Alumni, Akron, Ohio, F. A. Schumacher, Ohio Epsilon,  
'85, Akron, Ohio.

1. Prophet at Public Literary Exercises.
2. Respondent to Address of Welcome.
3. Managing Editor of the SCROLL.
4. President of Gamma Province.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. KAHLER, *Chairman.*

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#### EXHIBIT B.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITING MEMBERS.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

Your Committee on Visiting Members presents the following  
list of visiting members at the Convention :

J. C. Shirk, Indiana Alpha, '81, Brookville, Ind.

J. F. Philips, Kentucky Alpha, '55, Kansas City, Mo. (1).

W. L. Dulaney, Kentucky Alpha, '57, Bowling Green, Ky.

W. O. Rodes, Kentucky Alpha, '72, Bowling Green, Ky.

C. A. Foster, Wisconsin Alpha, '81, Madison, Wis. (2).

W. H. Wasweyler, Wisconsin Alpha, '85, Milwaukee, Wis.

- H. U. Brown, Indiana Gamma, '80, Indianapolis, Ind. (3).  
 F. T. Loftin, Indiana Zeta, '87, Frankfort, Ind.  
 J. F. Wood, Indiana Zeta, '87, Leesburg, Ind.  
 R. H. Hamilton, Missouri Alpha, '77, Nashville, Tenn.  
 D. D. Quillian, Georgia Beta, '86, Harmony Grove, Ga.  
 T. A. Stanley, Michigan Beta, '86, New Britain, Conn.  
 A. A. Stearns, Ohio Epsilon, '79, Cleveland, Ohio (4).  
 J. L. Converse, Ohio Epsilon, '80, Columbus, Ohio.  
 E. D. Baxter, Tennessee Alpha, '55, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Lytton Taylor, Tennessee Alpha, '76, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. T. Benson, Tennessee Alpha, '79, Nashville, Tenn.  
 F. Ellis, Tennessee Alpha, '79, Nashville, Tenn.  
 W. R. Manier, Tennessee Alpha, '80, Nashville, Tenn.  
 T. S. Meek, Tennessee Alpha, '80, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. R. West, Tennessee Alpha, '80, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. F. Bryant, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Silver Creek, Tenn.  
 L. R. Campbell, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Nashville, Tenn.  
 E. T. Fleming, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Nashville, Tenn.  
 W. H. Goodpasture, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Nashville, Tenn.  
 A. E. Howell, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Nashville, Tenn.  
 R. F. Jackson, Tennessee Alpha, '81, Nashville, Tenn. (5)  
 V. L. Cunnynggham, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Nashville, Tenn.  
 P. D. Maddin, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Nashville, Tenn.  
 E. A. Price, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Nashville, Tenn.  
 C. B. Richardson, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. W. Tomlinson, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Birmingham, Ala.  
 W. R. Walker, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Athens, Ala.  
 J. L. Watkins, Tennessee Alpha, '82, Nashville, Tenn.  
 G. H. Armistead, Tennessee Alpha, '83, Nashville, Tenn.  
 T. A. Embrey, Tennessee Alpha, '83, Winchester, Tenn.  
 W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, '83, Nashville, Tenn.  
 T. P. Murrey, Tennessee Alpha, '83, Hartsville, Tenn.  
 C. C. Waters, Tennessee Alpha, '83, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. M. Zarecor, Tennessee Alpha, '83, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
 Louis Bowling, Tennessee Alpha, '84, Charleston, W. Va.  
 A. B. Ramsey, Tennessee Alpha, '84, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. T. Boddie, Tennessee Alpha, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Stuart Brooks, Tennessee Alpha, —, Mobile, Ala.  
 A. R. Carter, Tennessee Alpha, —, Louisville, Ky.  
 J. D. Clary, Tennessee Alpha, —, Unionville, Tenn.  
 C. T. Cole, Tennessee Alpha, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 W. H. Cotton, Tennessee Alpha, —, Clifton, W. Va.  
 S. S. Crockett, Tennessee Alpha, —, Rock Hill, Tenn.  
 Waller Deering, Tennessee Alpha, —, Mt. Sterling, Ky.  
 John Ellett, Tennessee Alpha, —, Memphis, Tenn.  
 W. F. Harris, Tennessee Alpha, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 A. B. Hinkle, Tennessee Alpha, —, Americus, Ga.

- Eugene Hinkle, Tennessee Alpha, —, Americus, Ga.  
 Chambers Kellar, Tennessee Alpha, —, Memphis, Tenn.  
 William Jack, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, —, Memphis, Tenn.  
 H. M. Meriwether, Tennessee Alpha, —, Guthrie, Ky.  
 Gilmer Meriwether, Tennessee Alpha, —, Guthrie, Ky.  
 W. W. Nicholson, Tennessee Alpha, —, Arizona, La.  
 J. L. Shearer, Tennessee Alpha, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Walter Stokes, Tennessee Alpha, —, Lebanon, Tenn.  
 J. E. Stovall, Tennessee Alpha, —, Beaumont, Tex.  
 G. E. Stubblefield, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 T. L. Thompson, Tennessee Alpha, —, Lewisburg, Tenn.  
 Claude Waller, Tennessee Alpha, —, Morganfield, Ky.  
 R. L. Warden, Tennessee Alpha, —, Nevada, Mo.  
 Marvin West, Tennessee Alpha, —, Huntsville, Ala.  
 William Witt, Tennessee Alpha, —, Lynnville, Tenn.  
 L. N. Dantzer, Jr., Mississippi Alpha, '84, Moss Point, Miss.  
 T. W. Yates, Mississippi Alpha, '87, Oxford, Miss.  
 W. A. Jones, Illinois Epsilon, '82, Bloomington, Ill. (6).  
 W. L. Miller, Illinois Epsilon, —, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Hugh Cunningham, Tennessee Beta, '84, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Percy Cunningham, Tennessee Beta, '84, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. H. P. Hodgson, Tennessee Beta, —, Sewanee, Tenn.  
 C. S. Radford, Tennessee Beta, —, Hopkinsville, Ky.  
 Larkin Smith, Tennessee Beta, —, Nashville, Tenn.  
 C. E. Trevathan, Tennessee Beta, —, Sewanee, Tenn.  
 W. T. Young, Tennessee Beta, —, Sewanee, Tenn.
1. Orator at Literary Exercises
  2. Treasurer of the General Council.
  3. President of the General Council.
  4. Historian of the General Council. Delivered Historian's Address at Literary Exercises.
  5. Delivered Address of Welcome.
  6. Poet at Literary Exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. SIMS, *Chairman.*

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## EXHIBIT C.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
 Greeting:*

The unexampled prosperity which has marked the history of the fraternity during the past two years makes it an exceedingly pleasant task for me, as a member of the General Council, to give an account of my stewardship. A statement of bare facts will give a sufficient idea of what has engrossed the attention of the

Council during my administration. At the close of the Richmond Convention there were in existence 50 chapters, 10 of which were Alumni. Now there are 54 active Chapters in colleges and 13 chapters of alumni, a total of 67 organized bodies of Phi Delta Thetas. The new chapters are as follows: Active—Maine *A* at Colby; New York *B*, *Γ* and *Δ* respectively, at Union, College of the city of New York, and Columbia; Pennsylvania, *Z* at the University of Pennsylvania; South Carolina *B* at South Carolina College; Alabama *A* at the University of Alabama; Texas *B* at the University of Texas; Tennessee *B* at the University of the South; Ohio *Z* at the Ohio State University; Michigan *Γ* at Hillsdale; Illinois *Δ* at Knox; Kansas *A* at the University of Kansas; Nebraska *A* at the University of Nebraska. The new alumni chapters are: New York *A* at New York, District of Columbia *A* and the Georgia *A* at Columbus. Three of the new chapters are restorations, chapters having formerly existed at the University of Nebraska, Knox College, and the University of Alabama. Only Texas *A* at Tehuacana has suspended, and this was a consummation irresistibly pointed to by the bitter and uncompromising enmity of the college authorities to secret orders. Numbers is often the refuge of cowards, but the brave may take courage in strength, and we count it no little gain that we have added to our roster three stout brothers from the Pine Tree State, and our stalwart brothers all along the line, from the White Mountains and “Hell’s Gate,” to where “old ocean rolls her silver flood against the shores of the Lone Star State.”

This strength has not come through an indiscriminate use of executive power in granting charters to all applicants. It has been my judgment that the following colleges were not of adequate reputation to warrant the Council in locating chapters therein; Baker University, Kansas; Iowa Agricultural College; Denison University, O.; Wittenberg College, O.; Davidson, College, N. C.; Kentucky Military Institute, South Carolina Military Institute, *et al.*

Kentucky Military Institute, where the situation is unique, appeals to the convention, and I refrain from expressing any opinion as to the proper thing to do under the present circumstances.

Several chapters are not in a flourishing condition, and I recommend that you seek out and apply a remedy. We have reached such a point that we need not fear evil results from numeric losses. Let us deal gently with erring and delinquent chapters, but not at a sacrifice of dignity. We must look to it that this great reunion of our brotherhood do not satiate our love for Phi Delta Theta. Though out of our boyhood, we are not yet beyond the working period. There is no infirmity for superannuated fraternities. If they go down it is amid the jeers of

derision of their old comrades, and not softly and soothingly are they caressed through a fatal decline. There is a great work yet before us in the way of extension. Brethren, I put the injunction upon you : Our colors, which vex the air with their saucy flaunts everywhere North, East, South and West, have not yet been flung over the outer wall at Ann Arbor. Is it possible that we who boast of our strength can not enter that stronghold? A small but gallant force has long laid siege to it, but who is he and where that will lead to victory? And Northwestern at Evaston : we must get there. I recommend these to your serious consideration. Elsewhere West and South there is nothing to attract us in the way of a new chapter ; but East there is a wide and brilliant field. You ought to give serious attention to the question of the collection of an extension fund. But extension is not everything. If we never enter another institution, there is yet a great field in the opportunity for internal improvements. I urge upon you, delegate brethren, to ever hold before you and your associates that inspiring model of which you may learn in our Bond, and may it serve to guide you and us all in whatever we may do, both for Phi Delta Theta and ourselves.

H. U. BROWN.

#### EXHIBIT D.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 14, 1884.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

I take great pleasure in presenting to you my official report as Treasurer of the General Council for the past two years.

Although the Fraternity was, comparatively speaking, upon a sound financial footing upon my election to the office, nevertheless, we have had to weather not a few dark days. But thanks to the ever active interest of the members, we were able to emerge from the ordeal unscathed, and to-day I am able to make you a report of which I can justly feel proud. I thank you for the most hearty confidence and support you have given me for the past two years, and to which I attribute the entire credit of our beloved Fraternity's prosperity.

Yours in the Bond,

CHAS. A. FOSTER.

Statement in full from Cash Book:

GENERAL FUND.		DR.
To cash from ex T. G. C.....		\$263 86
“ for Convention tax of '82.....		990.65
“ “ Scroll tax and initiation fees, to '84-5.....		1,361.95
“ “ Convention tax of '84, @ \$3.00.....		1,698.43
“ “ Incidentals, at 50c.....		283.07
“ “ Scroll tax for '84-5.....		78 00
“ Notes.....		195.00
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		\$4,870.96

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By cash, expenses paid Convention of '82.....	\$1,329.48
“ Scroll expenses till November, '84 ..	1,249.28
“ “ “ November, '84.....	39.29
“ Incidental expenses to date.....	44 54
“ Trans. to Catalogue account .....	42.00
“ Notes paid.....	195.00
“ Expenses Convention of '84.....	1,405.87
By cash balance on hand.....	565.50

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\$4,870.96

## CATALOGUE FUND.

DR.

To cash, as per report of ex T. G. C.....	\$578.00
“ Receipts to date.....	922.00

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\$1,500.00

By cash paid W. B. Palmer, as follows:

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Expense of preparing MSS. of Catalogue .....	\$75.00
Circulars .....	25.00
Postage, &c.....	38.45
Additional circulars.....	3.75
Publishing catalogue.....	1,244.17
Binding extra copies.....	40.75

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1,427.12

By cash balance on hand.....

72.88

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\$1,500.00

## RESOURCES.

Judgment note against C. D. Whitehead.....	\$824.00
Note against Edgar M. Wilson.....	45.00
Cash balances.....	638.38

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Total resources..... \$1,507.38

I am obliged to report the following Chapters as delinquent:

Indiana Epsilon.....	\$34.00
Illinois Delta.....	41.00
Virginia Alpha.....	42.00
Virginia Beta .....	9.00
Virginia Gamma.....	13.50
Virginia Epsilon.....	53.00
Pennsylvania Gamma.....	41.50
Pennsylvania Zeta.....	49.00
South Carolina Alpha.....	29.50
Georgia Alpha.....	28.25
Alabama Alpha.....	26.00

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Total indebtedness..... \$366.75

Of which I recommend excusing the following only:

Indiana Epsilon.....	\$34 00
Illinois Delta.....	41.00
Virginia Alpha .....	42.00
Virginia Epsilon.....	32 00
Alabama Alpha.....	26.00
Georgia Alpha .....	28.25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. FOSTER.



## EXHIBIT E.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

I have the honor to submit the following report as Historian of the General Council for the term ending Nov. 11, 1884. The duties of this office have never been distinctly defined either by our constitution or by any expression of the General Convention. The work, therefore, of your Historian, outside of the general duties devolving upon him as a member of the General Council, was begun without plan and without system, and for the most part it is brought to a close in the midst of the same difficulties under which it was commenced. However unsatisfactory this may be to both Historian and Convention, it may be found that the fault does not lie wholly with either. I wish to express my appreciation of the hearty coöperation of the General Council, the Province Presidents, and many active and energetic Chapter Historians, who have contributed much aid and encouragement to this department.

The office of Historian of the General Council is a very important one, as was stated in the report of my honorable predecessor two years ago, and if the duties of that office are performed in the manner contemplated by the ordinance creating it, a vast amount of painstaking labor will be required in their execution. This work the Convention and the constituency it represents has a right to expect of any man who undertakes to do it, for we are every day drifting farther away from the point where it is possible to put into form and shape all the details of our historical and biographical data. Since our last Convention the Fraternity has been enriched by the publication of our catalogue, a most remarkable compilation ; and in view of the difficulties under which the editors labored, there being no source from which they could collect their data save a personal appeal to nearly four thousand men scattered to the four corners of the continent, and in view of the great accuracy of the book, even under these difficulties, we must all be united in saying that our honored and gifted brothers have accomplished a great work for Phi Delta Theta, and have made for themselves a lasting place in the hearts of all who wear the shield and dagger. The publication of the Catalogue has laid a broad foundation for the compilation of systematic historical and biographical data of Phi Delta Theta and its members. The office of Historian was intended to meet this demand. During the two years that I have held the office I have taken this view of the duties of that position, and have turned my efforts in that direction. The report of the Historian of the General Council should contain a complete list of all men initiated during his

term of office, together with a biographical synopsis of each, which would give in a brief form substantially the same information that follows the names recorded in the Catalogue. It should contain also a complete list of all the changes of address or occupation of correspondent members, together with a summary of the Fraternity work during the two years, with tables showing the comparative work of chapters. This should be presented to every Convention and printed for distribution among the chapters and such members who might wish to note the growth and progress of the Fraternity. This report is not presented in that form, and does not contain the items suggested above. No apology is offered for this report, for it is not considered that one is due from this office. Your Historian does not present a report in that form, for the following reasons: At the close of the first year, April 1, 1883, we had forty-two active chapters on our list and ten alumni chapters. Of that number fourteen active chapters failed to report and none of the alumni chapters sent reports. We have to-day thirteen active chapters and thirteen alumni chapters which have sent no report for the year ending April 1, 1884. Of the chapters which have sent reports more than fifty per cent. failed to embody in the same the information required by the constitution and necessary for a full report by the Historian of the General Council. It is estimated that four hundred men have been initiated into the Fraternity since the publication of the Catalogue one year ago, whose names do not therefore appear in that book, and about seven hundred have been initiated since the Richmond convention; that about two hundred have changed their residence since the Catalogue was issued; that we have nearly eight hundred men now in college, and that about two hundred and fifty have retired from college during the last year. These estimates, however, are of no practical value to the Fraternity either at present or in the future. They contain no positive or reliable information as to the growth and progress of the Fraternity, and contain no valuable information as to the movements of any of its members. I submit to this Convention that we have need of a better and more complete report than this; that some action should be taken by this convention which will insure us a better report in the future. The chapters should be called upon to choose men for their Chapter Historians who are willing to do the work of that office and who have a disposition to find out just what the duties of that office are. We should adopt a uniform system of preserving the chapter records. With the hearty coöperation of all the chapters we could every year record in a durable and lasting form the record of the Fraternity, which would be of incalculable value to future compilers of Catalogue and Fraternity Histories. The Fraternity has a history of which it should be proud; it is constantly increasing its force

and influence among college fraternities, and we should see to it that the story of our achievements shall not remain untold. I submit herewith to be transmitted to my successor copies of all reports and Chapter Histories received by me during the past two years, and I trust that three chapters now delinquent, which have been so often appealed to by the retiring Historian, will observe their duty and furnish the same even at this late day. The Historian of the General Council has need of the best support the chapters can give him, if his work is to be of any practical value to the Fraternity, and if twenty-five per cent. of the chapters intend to continue in resisting all appeals to them for the reports provided for in our constitution, it may be well to consider whether or not we ought to abandon that feature of our work and drift along without stopping to calculate where we are and what we are doing. I believe there is enough zeal and vigor in our Fraternity to successfully carry out any movement which it deliberately undertakes. I have an abiding faith in the genuine good-will and faithfulness of all who have subscribed to our Bond, and I submit this report with high hopes of a brilliant future for our order, and with many thanks for the courtesies extended to me by all with whom I have come in contact in the discharge of my official duties. Faithfully yours in the Bond,

A. A. STEARNS.

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## EXHIBIT F.

### REPORT OF ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

NEWARK, N. J., NOV. 8, 1884.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:*

Two years ago you entrusted to my care the interests of our Fraternity in Alpha Province. I had previously served out the unexpired term of Bro. McCauley in the same office. The confidence thus reposed in me, after a short trial, I was resolved to reward with my best services. The hearty co-operation of members of the General Council and members of Alpha Province, in the work, has enabled me "to return your own with usury."

At RICHMOND the interests of the Province rested with six chapters. NASHVILLE will recognize *twelve* active [chapters] and one Alumni chapter. We need ask no commendation or approval of this unprecedented growth, a grateful brotherhood has acknowledged not *only* the General Council, but has even expressed a personal satisfaction. "Pa. Univ." has become the home of Pa. Zeta, "Union," "C. C. N. Y.," and "Columbia" hold respectively N. Y. B, I, and A. At "Colby," I initiated Me. A, and finally New Hampshire Alpha is born at "Dartmouth." Our Alumni chapter is located in the metropolis. I

personally initiated the first five chapters; the last was initiated by proxy. Within the two years I have initiated *personally* 50 men. The increase from *new chapters* in this period has been upwards of 100 men.

But I should feel loth to rejoice over this growth if there was one germ of *weakness* apparent. Rivals spoke of our "mush-room growth" and sneered at our rapid development. The *result* shows for itself. In *many* cases we are abreast with our rivals of older standing, and in *every* case it has been one steady *advance*, from the first. The individual reports at the Convention will speak for themselves. I speak only of the general work done.

In no case has there been a temptation to enter colleges of low standing; fertile fields were found in the very best, as the names show. The skeleton of N. Y. A is our only cause for blushes. It died under the old *regime*, and as yet we have hesitated to revive it. A few other colleges within our borders offer peculiar advantages for an incoming administration. One subject previously spoken of I would call to your attention again; it is an Eastern extension fund. The arguments in its favor are vital, and I hoped to advocate it at the Convention, but I now must be absent, I regret to say. We must have this to enter into successful competition in the remaining *instances*. I say this in justice to my successor. The question will doubtless suggest itself of dividing the Province, or recommending such division to the new administration. It seems as if the greater unity of action could be thus secured. Now reunions are impossible, owing to the immense distances. I regret the necessity of this if it becomes advisable, for we stand as a unit in fraternal feeling, but our "order" is moving forward, and we are prepared to move with it. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania send their heartiest congratulations to the General Council upon their administration, and tender their renewed vows of support and loyalty to the grand, progressive and glorious organization which it has been our privilege thus far to serve. In their name, I return to you to-day the appointment conferred upon me at Richmond—and with it an addition of six active and one alumni chapters. Fraternally and sincerely,

C. P. BASSETT.

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## EXHIBIT G.

### REPORT OF BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

[*Extract from a personal Letter to President Brown.*]

\* \* \* I am very sorry to learn that Va. Beta will not have a delegate at the Convention, for it is not usual that this chapter should be without a representative; but I contemplated such a result when the time for the Convention was changed. \* \* \*

It is almost impossible for a student who expects to do anything at the University of Virginia to leave his studies at this stage of the session. I wrote Bro. Palmer that I feared several of our Virginia chapters would not have delegates at Nashville on this account, and I hope the time for the Convention will be put at such a time hereafter as will satisfy and convenience all of our chapters. \* \* \* I believe Va. Beta is in favor of establishing a chapter at K. M. I. Have her vote cast that way. In regard to the chapter at Randolph-Macon, I scarcely know what to say. There is but one member there this year, and he is very anxious to hold the charter, says he will be reinforced next year by two or three others, and thinks can sustain the chapter. These are the facts; do as you think best.

The chapter at V. M. I. is not in a healthy condition, but I should be sorry to see the charter withdrawn. \* \* \* I am sorry I cannot give a good showing for my Province, but I don't want to give any rosy hue to it. At Richmond College, Univ. of Va., and Roanoke, we are flourishing, and I think S. C. Beta is doing quite well. I hope you will have an harmonious and full Convention. My heart is with you.

With sincere regrets that I am forced to be absent, I am very truly yours in the Bond,  
B. F. BUCHANAN.

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## EXHIBIT H.

### REPORT OF GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

When in March, 1883, Gamma Province suffered the loss of her president, its condition was not good. Brother Beckwith, of whom too much praise cannot be said, was compelled to give up the office in consideration of his own duties.

Several chapters were, it seemed, hopelessly in debt, and others losing ground from various causes.

During my first month in office I consummated the work of months by planting the banner of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  firmly and solidly upon the Sewanee mountain. Now this chapter—Tenn. *B*—although a little over a year old, is the owner of one of the handsomest chapter houses in the Fraternity, and from its crest waves the "white and blue."

I do not claim this for myself. 'Tis due to that grandest of all chapters (to me) the Tenn. Alpha, who sent brother J. M. Brents and myself as her representatives, five months before, to view the surroundings. The last time brother Brents was sick and I was compelled to lose his services.

A few months later, and I had by correspondence gotten plans laid for capturing the forces at the University of Texas upon their

first appearance. Here I had little trouble, as brother Drew Pruitt took the matter in hand and achieved success.

The latest is the organization of Ga. Alpha Alumni at Columbus. We are not quite certain whether we have a chapter at Tuscaloosa yet or not, until some change is made in Fraternity rules. If we get firmly settled at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), we have embraced the entire territory that is desirable in Gamma Province.

One chapter has been lost, but its existence was so precarious that I had looked upon its death as only a matter of a few months. Upon the whole I do not consider its death a loss. They were compelled to run *sub rosa*, and the institution was no honor to us.

Anti-fraternity laws have been repealed at Vanderbilt University and at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, thus relieving us of heavy burdens. The weak chapters, by being tenderly nursed and closely watched after, have grown strong, and, last and best, the entire Province is out of debt.

Gamma Province, to the chapter, is now writing its brightest pages. May it always continue thus. In  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

S. P. GILBERT.

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## EXHIBIT I.

### REPORT OF DELTA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

I hereby submit a brief report for the Delta Province of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Fraternity.

Received from brother Bonham, ex-president of the Province, one copy of the Ritual and by-laws of the fraternity, and from brother W. E. Knight, two copies of the same. The first of these is in my possession, the second is now the property of Ohio Zeta. The third copy was given to brother J. Ed. Brown for Ann Arbor purposes. Unlike Alpha Province, Delta Province had few conquests in the line of new chapters to make. I hoped at the outset to see our standard at two institutions, viz., Ohio State University and Western Reserve University. Of the former I can only say that my most sanguine hopes have been realized, for Phi Delta Theta has a chapter at Columbus, whose earnest, zealous, enthusiastic efforts are deserving of our most hearty commendation. Ohio Zeta's successes alone are enough to make Delta Province proud of what the past two years have accomplished.

In regard to Western Reserve University my opinion has changed. Not until W. R. U. has increased her attendance can  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  care to enter there.

Regarding the affairs of the Kentucky Military Institute, I have nothing to say. I should have withheld my sanction of a Ken-

tucky Beta at that school, but owing to the various complications involving said chapter, the wisdom of the present Convention alone can determine.

Dennison University at Granville has several times made application and as often been refused. A rumor was rife that a band of students there are wearing  $\Phi$  badges and that they call themselves  $\Phi$ 's. All efforts to obtain anything authentic have failed, and I can only leave it to my successor to determine the truth or falsity of the report.

There is one desire which I hope some day to see fulfilled, viz., the revival of the Ohio Alpha Chapter. Could this end have been obtained during the present administration, I should have felt that there are no more worlds to conquer in Delta Province. May the old Alpha be revived and become the Mecca of all future Phis. One active chapter has been established, Ohio Zeta. One alumni chapter, the Ohio Beta Alumni, at Akron, meets with Ohio Epsilon. It numbers fourteen members. Of Kentucky Alpha Alumni and Ohio Alpha Alumni, I know *nothing*. To my monthly letters I have never received a reply. A Province Convention was held at Columbus, under the auspices of Ohio Zeta, which was very successful, and a memorial of that Convention will be presented here. In November, 1882, there were upon the rolls of  $\Delta$  Province, 608 names. Since that time 80 have been initiated, making the total roll 688 names. The present active membership is 57, exclusive of Ohio Beta, which has not reported. In conclusion let me add that all chapters of Delta Province are in most excellent condition. Phi Delta Theta is still pre-eminent in the province which gave it birth, and there seems to be nought to do but to turn our eyes inward toward the internal improvement of our chapters and the cultivation of yet more friendly relations among the chapters.

With sincere regrets that I am unable to be present, and with most enthusiastic hopes for the future of our noble brotherhood,

I am, in the Bond,

FRANK O. PAYNE.

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## EXHIBIT J.

### REPORT OF ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:*

Realizing that it will be impossible for me to be present at Nashville, I take this opportunity to make a brief report of the condition of Eta Province, over which two years ago I had the honor to be chosen to preside.

I will not attempt to make a detailed report of each chapter, but what I desire to do is to notice the condition of the Province

two years ago, its progress since then, and its condition to-day ; also to offer a few suggestions, which, in my humble judgment, should receive attention in the future.

When I assumed charge of the Province it was composed of five chapters, located as follows :—

One in Minnesota, two in Missouri and two in Iowa, some of which were not in a very prosperous condition, and it was with no small amount of reluctance that I set about the task assigned to me. The two objects that appeared most desirable were the strengthening the existing chapters and the founding of new ones. In the pursuit of these designs I met with able assistance in every instance, and I take this occasion to extend to all who have thus generously aided our common cause my most sincere thanks, and to express the hope that in the future it may be within their power to be even more useful.

The first chapter established was Kansas *A*, located at the University of Kansas, and the next Nebraska *A*, located at the University of Nebraska. These two chapters represent the work in the line of extension, both are located in State Universities. The advisability of securing a foothold in the State institutions of the West, I think can hardly be questioned, for these Universities, liberally endowed by the State as well as by the National Government, and from time to time receiving appropriations from their Legislatures, will undoubtedly continue to be the center of all educational work in their respective States. With our Fraternity once firmly established in these institutions with the reputation and prestige such surroundings will give, little difficulty will be found in extending its influence to other colleges. Doubtless further extension is desirable in the Province, but it must be done with great care, for a large number of the colleges are far below the standard the Fraternity requires.

The work in Eta Province now extends over a large field, and as the chapters are so far apart, each must necessarily rely, to a great extent, on the exertions of its own members. When other colleges shall have developed, and in each State shall be located several chapters, then will the benefit of closer relations and mutual assistance be more fully realized.

During the two years I have made four trips by rail in the interest of the Fraternity, and carried on an extended correspondence, dealing out information of various kinds in regard to the details of Fraternity work.

One fact I must not fail to mention. The *sub rosa* character of Missouri *A* has been removed, and it assumes its true place in the rolls of the Fraternity. This desirable result was brought about by the exertions of its own members, and the Fraternity in general cannot too highly appreciate the embarrassment, trials, and final triumph of those devoted sons who have so long upheld our banner in the University of Missouri.



Eta Province now contains seven live and active chapters all in good condition, and to their delegates I refer you for a full account of the work accomplished. The chances for development in this Province are great, and no one can foretell the possibilities of the future.

I must now say good-bye ; I say it with regret, for our associations have been most pleasant, and if ever in the future it is in my power to extend aid to Phi Delta Theta, rest assured it will be cheerfully given.

Wishing you a most prosperous and enjoyable Convention, I remain fraternally yours,  
PRESTON L. SEVER.

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### EXHIBIT K.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNITY JEWELER.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting*

The Committee on Fraternity Jeweler report as follows :—

We unanimously recommend that but one jeweler be recognized as the official jeweler of the Fraternity, and that Mr. J. F. Newman, of New York, be so elected.

Respectfully submitted, H. R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

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### EXHIBIT L.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We, your Committee on Rules and Order, submit the following :—

“*We recommend*: 1. That Roberts' rules be the established rules of order of this Convention.

2. That all important motions and questions be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

3. That no smoking be allowed in the hall during the Session.

4. That speeches on any given topic be limited to five minutes in length, and that not more than two be permitted from the same person on the same topic.”

Respectfully submitted, G. E. WISEMAN, Jr., *Chairman*.

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### EXHIBIT M.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING THE NEXT CONVENTION.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

The Committee on Time and Place of Holding the Next Con-

vention recommend Cincinnati, O., as the place for holding the next National Convention. The Committee also recommend that the next Convention be held for five days instead of four, as heretofore. Also that part of the Committee recommend that the Convention be called on the third Monday in April, and the remainder recommend that it be called on the second Monday in September.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GOODWIN, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT N.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We recommend the payment of the following claims, to wit : Railroad fare of persons taking part in public literary performances :—Milo C. Summers, President of Z Province, expenditures, \$21.95 ; H. U. Brown, President of the General Council, expenditures, \$17.85 ; A. A. Stearn, Historian of the General Council, expenditures, \$15.09 ; P. L. Sever, President of Eta Province, expenditures, \$17.75 ; Chas. A. Foster, Treasurer of the General Council, expenditures, \$12.68.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HAWLEY, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT O.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY PERFORMERS FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We, your Committee on Literary Performers for the next Convention, respectfully report as follows :—

Recognizing the distinguished ability of Col. W. F. Vilas, of Wis., Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, of Ky., and Senator Ben. Harrison, of Ind., we would report that whichever one of these gentlemen will favor us be chosen as our Orator. For Poet we present the name of Eugene Field, of the *Chicago News* ; alternate, A. G. Foster, of Texas. For Historian we recommend that this duty be assigned to H. G. C. For Prophet we present the name of H. A. Kelly, of Cleveland, O. ; alternate, Edward Fuller, of Maine.

L. C. BLANDING, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT P.

## REPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

The local Committee on Finance present the following bill of expenses, and ask that the convention order it to be paid :

Invitations to Convention, news slips and postal cards. . .	\$26 25
Postage on same. . . . .	7 25
Invitations to Literary Exercises. . . . .	4 00
Postage on same. . . . .	2 50
Programmes for Literary Exercises . . . . .	2 25
Rent of hall for Convention and Janitor's fees. . . . .	20 00
Rent of chairs for Literary Exercises. . . . .	10 00
Janitor's fees for Capitol evening of Literary Exercises. . .	3 00
Music for Literary Exercises. . . . .	20 00

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W. R. MANIER, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT Q.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that it has considered a proposition of C. D. Whitehead, Ex-Grand Banker, promising as a substitute for the Fraternity's claim upon him a claim against James Buchanan, of Indianapolis, and the committee, finding that Buchanan was not a responsible party, recommend that no note or claim which cannot be cashed in full be accepted as payment for such indebtedness.

We also report that we have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct. We recommend that those chapters which the Treasurer has recommended to be excused from their indebtedness be so excused.

E. E. GRIFFITH, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT R.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

Your Committee on Nominations renders the following report :

For President—H. U. Brown, of Indiana.  
For Secretary—C. P. Bassett, of New Jersey.  
For Treasurer—C. A. Foster, of Wisconsin.  
For Historian—A. A. Stearns, of Ohio.

D. R. DAVIDSON, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT S.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION FUND.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting.*

We, the Committee on Extension Fund, recognizing the progressive spirit of Phi Delta Theta, and knowing that it is the desire of this Convention to establish Phi Delta Theta in all the best colleges in the United States, would suggest that an annual tax of fifty cents be levied on each and every active member of Phi Delta Theta, and that the fund so raised be used for defraying all expenses that are necessary in establishing new chapters ; that this tax be paid to the Treasurer on or before Oct. 25 of each year ; but this year (1884) the tax be paid on or before Jan. 25, 1885.

H. W. C. SHELTON, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT T.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

*To the Honorable the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:*

Your Committee on Special Resolutions present the following draft of resolutions for your adoption :

RESOLVED, That this Convention express its appreciation of the favors it has received from the Maxwell House, the liberal recognition it has had at the hands of the press of Nashville, and the courtesies from the authorities of Vanderbilt University.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Convention that much of the prosperity of our brotherhood in the past two years is due to the efficient services of the several Province Presidents, of brethren H. U. Brown, P. G. C., C. A. Foster, T. G. C., and A. A. Stearns, H. G. C.

RESOLVED, That we declare our obligation to brother W. B. Palmer and his co-workers for their tireless energies in bringing the SCROLL up to its present high standard, and in completing our model catalogue.

RESOLVED, That we express our profound thanks to the Hon. Jno. F. Philips, Geo. Bryan, A. A. Stearns and W. A. Jones for their eminent services rendered us in the public literary exercises.

RESOLVED, That we speak high gratitude to Tennessee Alpha and Tennessee Alpha Alumni for manifold kindness and care, and to our brother, Dr. J. L. Watkins, for professional services rendered our injured brother, J. B. Shaw.

RESOLVED, That the young ladies of Nashville have largely increased the pleasure of our stay in this city by the interest they have manifested in our order.

J. A. KAUTZ, *Chairman.*

[PHOTOGRAPHS of the Convention can be had, postage prepaid, by forwarding \$1 to Thuss, Koellien and Giers, Nashville, Tenn. The photographs are too large to be sent through the mails without damage, and have, therefore, to be sent unmounted on rollers.]

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### THAT CHAPTER.

THERE are fourteen of us in the chapter, but I think we are equal to any twenty-eight Phis in the country. We are so different, and yet we dovetail so perfectly.

There's "Old Jack," that's what we call John Whiston. He is such a fatherly old boy—a Senior, you know. When any of the Freshmen want advice they always go to Jack. He's rather slow, doesn't say much, but when he says it you may be sure he's thought it out carefully. "Do you think Old Jack is a good Phi?" asked Bob Winters, a week after the latter's initiation. "I never hear him sing, he never 'spikes,' he doesn't suggest many things at the chapter meeting." "You watch old Jack," said I, "when the fellows sing 'Here's to Phi Delta Theta,' just see how he drinks it in. And you should have seen the expression on his face when I told we had pledged that Freshman. He doesn't say much, but he pays his dues, he attends every meeting and every affair, and if anyone says anything against  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , doesn't he just talk to him!"

Well, then there are Bob Winters and Fred Overton, they are the "spikers," the workers. Winters and Overton never lost a man. They have the whole thing down. They know the birth-place of every man in the chapter, his middle name, his class, and every other particular. I don't know what we shall do when they graduate.

But, for that matter, I don't know who will fill the place of Fred and Jack Wood when they go. What a happy pair they are and how they can sing and entertain. They always know the latest "gags," and if there is a good joke about college the Wood boys have had their part in it. Some time when you are down our way you must hear them sing their favorite duet.

And you wouldn't believe that the quietest men in the chapter enjoy their nonsense best. I've seen Giles and Wilson—they stand first and second in their class, you know—come to chapter meeting looking fatigued and overworked, and go away bright-

ened up and feeling better after the relaxation which the Woods afford.

And it would do your heart good to hear Wal. Thompson and Harry McIntyre discuss the tariff question. They will always drift into it; even if they begin to talk of the man in the moon they will end up on "Free Trade and Protection." They make it a point to hold opposite opinions on every question they discuss; but they are the closest of friends—in fact, room and board together.

When you see our chapter hall, I have no doubt you will ask me where we picked up all the banners, nick-nacks, and all that sort of thing.

Well, if you knew Delancey Willard you would immediately conclude how our hall came to be so prettily ornamented. I have never met a fellow with so many fair friends. Perhaps you have his counterpart in your chapter.

But I haven't told you of the most wonderful man of us all.

It's a problem to me how Arthur Culver accomplishes so many things. He stands high and has taken three prizes in course. He's an editor on the Annual and Manager of the college paper. He's President of one of the literary societies, short-stop on the nine, and the best runner in college. How he does all, I don't know.

But Frank Briggs thinks John Barton is the soundest man of any. But Barton is too indifferent. No one could persuade him to join a college organization. He's the oldest man in the class, is more mature than many, and doesn't seem to care for anything but his books. Yet he doesn't stand high, never took a prize, never wrote an essay; but he's the best-read man in college.

And poor Frank Briggs is so kind-hearted and sympathetic. But he takes an unreasonable time to study. He's very slow, indeed—so slow that you often pity him.

I think I have mentioned all—thirteen and myself, of whom "further deponent sayeth not."

Queer set, aren't we? But fraternity spirit never reigned more supreme. And as a body, we are pretty conservative. Not a man of us has failed to pass an examination, and not a man of us but could get the highest testimonials at any minute. And yet what might we have been without one another?

Giles and Wilson would have become confirmed "digs"—with no thought but study. But we've instilled sociability into them. The Wood boys might have become fast, but chapter influence has kept them exemplary. Willard would have been frivolous, if Barton hadn't taken him in hand and made him a thoughtful, well-informed reader. And poor Frank Briggs would have given up long ago but for the sincere encouragement of all. Overton

and Winters are the references for fraternity information, and they both assure me that they owe all their executive ability to the fraternity.

But if you want to know us all, don't fail to drop in when you are down our way.

### A NEW YORK BANQUET.

THE first annual "Dinner of the N. Y. Alpha Alumni, N. Y. Gamma and Delta Chapters of Phi Delta Theta," was held at Martinelli's, on the evening of December 11, 1884. Around the banquet board were gathered representatives of eight chapters, and the classes ranged from '48 to '87. The *menu* card was very tastefully in white and blue. The *menu* itself was highly satisfactory. The pleasantest part of the evening commenced about 11 P. M., when the presiding gentleman, Rev. John M. Worrall, D.D., Ohio Alpha, '48, rose to open the list of toasts with a few preliminary remarks. The toast card ran :

"The Fraternity"—Carroll P. Bassett, Pa. Alpha, '83.

"Ye Olden Days"—Philip C. Slaughter, Wis. Alpha, '59.

"The Alumnus and Phi Delta Theta"—Dudley R. Horton, N. Y. Alpha, '75.

"Ye Faire Maydes"—Glenn Andrews. Tenn. Alpha, '83.

"The Undergraduate and Phi Delta Theta"—E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. Gamma, '85 ; Henry L. Hollis, N. Y. Delta, '85.

"The Union and the Fraternity"—Sterling P. Gilbert, Tenn. Alpha, '83.

The committee consisted of Paul Jones, Tenn. Alpha, '79, Chairman ; W. R. Worrall, Ky. Alpha, '79 ; Albert Shiels, '86, and R. V. Schoonmaker, '87, of N. Y. Gamma ; W. R. Wharton, '86, and J. M. Mayer, '86, of New York Delta.

Dr. Worrall, in opening, spoke of the duties of educated men to their fellow-men, and suggested how an organization like  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  could aid in furthering true culture and thought. He aptly prefaced each toast with some fitting sentiment or anecdote and won the hearts of the undergraduates by his genuine "Phisism."

Each speaker enthusiastically dwelled upon his theme, and ready impromptu remarks were substituted for the responses of brothers Horton and Gilbert, who were both unavoidably and unexpectedly absent.

Brother Slaughter, a classmate of William F. Vilas, responded eloquently to "Ye Olden Days." He said :

"This is the first time it has been my pleasure to sit at table with so many brother Phis, and the only time I have met any at a society dinner. Many years have passed since I knew aught of

fellowship within the fold, and you may conceive what peculiar significance there is to me in the toast, 'Ye Olden Dayes.' Standing at this sumptuous board, surrounded by many who are destined to make their mark on the age in which they live, I seem like one who has come from some far off period to observe the manners and customs of a different people. Five-and-twenty years ago, when I was an active member of the Wisconsin Alpha, we kept secret the very existence of our society. So great was our fear of discovery that one might have imagined that we were the hunted survivors of some Catalinian conspiracy, and were still meditating all kinds of treasons and stratagems against the State. How different now ! You meet at noontide or the evening hour. You feel secure beneath the shelter of your shields. You lock them in the manner of the Macedonian phalanx and become invincible by united strength and valor. You openly proclaim yourselves to the world as reputable persons, and you dare aspire to positions of honor and trust like others of established character. Do not these two pictures show in striking contrast the manners of the different periods ? It is true that a young man twenty-five years ago was not more tolerant of the bit than a young man now, but the reins were held by parents then whose ideas of government were derived from the study of the Old Testament ; and the same ideas, extending beyond them, prevailed in the relations of teacher and pupil, and of magistrate and citizen. Authority was then hedged about by prescriptive rights that savored of the divinity of a king. Now, we have receded far from doctrines that repress and benumb the spirits of our youth and foster in their thoughts and actions the canker of hypocrisy. The reigning genius of to-day is merciful and just, full of trust and hope. How far it can go without a tether is a problem none have solved and many fear to follow.

"I am not one of that severe school of morality that finds censure only for the present mode, while exaggerating the virtues of a distant past. I believe there is a reserve of honesty and sound judgment in the young men of our country that will in time find the middle course, building all the more safely and strongly the temple of our liberties. I believe that the moralities of one period of the Christian era differ but little from those of another period in all that is essential to developed manhood. I believe that, with the sun of science shining on us in the splendor of midday, with the voice of history speaking to us from the throne of centuries, with the gentle spirit of charity meeting us in every pathway of life, there will grow up in our land a race of men superior in mental aptitude and in moral training, who will disdain to think or act under the fear of any one, who will assert and maintain the natural dignity of man and his similitude to Him, the maker of us all.



"But, in speaking the language of encomium in respect to things we look for, I would not have you think there is a past whose records drive us from a world of fact into a region of ideality, exiles from a dishonored home. In ye olden dayes was laid the foundation of this progress; and if you would behold the vigor of its early years, go search the annals of your country. In them you'll find sprung from this, our brotherhood, heroes on the field of battle, statesmen in the councils of the nation, priests and physicians who assuaged the pains of mind and body, and who pointed the departing soul to the inheritance of the just above. Do you not see that multitude, toiling on the great sea of life, some reaching out for other honors to add to those they wear so well, some lower yet but struggling hard to mount the crested wave, and others just embarking full of hope and ardor and self-reliance! Here are mingled the older with the younger men, but all have sprung from one mother, to whom all owe a grateful allegiance—our Alma Mater Phi.

"Yes, my young brothers, the very union you preserve in the secret conferences of your members, and in these social meetings at the festal board, is an aid to personal liberty and to individual development. You grow as men and develop in harmony with society. The two forces work side by side—the two forces that never after become dissociated.

"A strong and persistent effort, founded on and sustained by a laudable ambition, will raise many of you, now in the plastic period of your lives, to the summit of virtue and greatness. If the olden days accomplished much that was noble and beneficent, do you doubt that modern days can and will add doubly to the roll? Ye olden dayes were no better than the present ones, and the productions of the former will be surpassed by those of later times. The past is history, the future is prophecy. So study the past, that you may be equipped to carry the standard we all follow full to the front, and high above all rivalry. Then you will eclipse the lustre of 'Ye Olden Dayes.'"

Brother Vaughn came down from Union for the occasion. He spoke of the chapter at that college, its many struggles and its final success. Pennsylvania Alpha was represented by Boughton, '81; Nute, '82, and Bassett, '83, and the New York chapters by a good delegation of the undergraduates. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and with a parting mention of brother Shiels' able committee work, we look forward to the next occasion of the kind.

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## CHAPTER LIBRARIES.

THE last fifty years have broadened the scope of all our colleges. Students are no longer mere boys, to be ruled with despotic sway and drilled in the mere rudiments of knowledge, but young

men preparing for life's duties, indulging in boyish freaks at times, as do their elders ; but still young men, with men's purposes and manly instincts.

This same half century has seen the rise and growth of the Greek fraternities. The weighty arguments in preceding quarters lies and the authority of their writers amply prove the importance of the new development manifest of late in these societies, and especially in *Δ K E*. The fraternity of to-day is no more like that of thirty or forty years ago than our nation now is like the colonies from which it sprang. The age of obscurity is passed. The chapters now hold a recognized and important place in our colleges. They have passed through their infancy and youth, and have settled down for manhood's work. With this progress have come greater responsibilities. Founded for literary culture, they give to those within their influence a help and an impetus at a most important period of life, which graduates acknowledge they have never found elsewhere, either before their college course or since. Having so great opportunities, every means should be employed to make their influence felt for good and give stability to the work begun. Permanence is the chief thing now wanted, and this it is which the last ten years have, in great measure, secured. The central council of graduates, to which the active chapters can turn for aid and advice, and which even goes to them without waiting for them to come to it, the greater interest of graduates generally in the work of the student members, and the beautiful chapter homes which adorn our college towns, mark long strides toward this end. As the fraternity man felt that he was not working for himself or by himself alone, but for the honor of his chapter, and that his fellow members sympathized with him, so now the chapter feels that it is not merely an association of undergraduates, with their own wishes and tastes to consult, but that the men who have left college are looking back to see how they bear themselves in the fight. The past has given a model which they must emulate ; they have allied themselves with an institution with definite aims, and must carry on the work, in their own way, but still the same work which their elder brothers have begun.

Everything which gives a permanent character to the chapter, or prolongs the influence of its best men, must be carefully cultivated. The story has already been told of how *Δ K E* led in settling her chapters in homesteads—to so great a degree at once the cause, proof and guaranty of the stability and dignity of the chapter. As a natural and desirable result, these homes become more and more the centre, rather the aggregate, of the fixed institutions and permanent influences which have become possible through their existence. What are these to be?

Artists surround themselves with pictures and statuary ; the in-

ventor's shop is filled with models ; the student of nature gathers around himself his plants or minerals, as his specialty may determine. Such are books to the literary man, models to excite his genius, tools with which he works. These models and these tools are a self-evident need of a society of literary men, brought together by a literary object, and probably no chapter of *Δ K E* lacks the nucleus of such a collection. Its library need not, can not, be a large one ; the college must provide that. This is to be a Chapter Library, individual in its character, different from every other library, marking out the aims and character of the society. A stranger in the library of Bancroft or Barton would know at once that its owner was not a scientist, but a historian or Shakespearian scholar. And the library of a theologian or chemist would be equally characteristic. The Chapter Library should show that it belongs to a Greek-letter society ; that that society is *Δ K E* ; that its members are students in college, and at a particular College, as Yale, or Amherst, or Cornell ; and that the purpose of the society is literary culture and the development of individual manhood—a limited field compared with the whole range of human knowledge—but, like the dative case of the article to the German professor, a broad one. There is room for a large expenditure of money and labor ; yet any chapter with moderate means and pains can collect the essential material, can so preserve, arrange, and add to it as to have an always valuable and ever more complete collection.\*

This is not a rival to the College Library, but supplements it, and places first on its shelves the books not found in the larger collection. The Greek-letter fraternity literature in general will be wanting in most college libraries, and in this the chapter should be specially strong. Not much has been written as yet, but so much the more should the collection be complete. The student should have at hand all available sources of knowledge in regard to the far reaching system of which he is a part ; and on this subject all articles in magazines and clippings from papers, both pro and con, should be carefully preserved. To these general works add, first and always, the literature of *Δ K E*, and then, as far as possible, that of other Greeks, their catalogues, song books, annuals and magazines. Make a special effort to

\* *American College Fraternities*. By Wm. Raimond Baird (*B Θ II*), second revised edition. New York, 1883. 18mo., pp. 265.

*The Greek-Letter Societies*. By A. P. Jacobs (*Ψ Υ*). Detroit, 1879. 32mo., pp. 51.

*The Secret Society System*. By E. E. Aiken. New Haven, 1882. 18mo., pp. 110.

*College Secret Societies*. By M. L. Kellogg. Chicago, 1877. 16mo.

*Four Years at Yale*. By a graduate of '69 (*Ψ Υ*). New Haven, 1871. 12mo., pp. 713.

*American Colleges*. By Charles F. Thwing (second edition). New York, 1883. 16mo., pp. 159 — *Mem.*, by *Eds. Quarterly*.

collect the publications of your strongest rivals. Do not disdain to learn from them, and let them also teach you what to avoid. Gather and carefully arrange everything Greek. Nothing is too unimportant to be preserved. Collect the photographs of your members by classes, and add groups of each delegation and of the rival delegations in your own college; include views of your chapter house and grounds, taken from different points and at intervals of a few years. These permanent things are continually, though insensibly, changing, and such pictures, of little value to you now, ten or twenty years hence will be of great interest. Nothing will more attract graduates when they return to Alma Mater than to come to the old chapter home, turn over the leaves of these volumes and live again in their student days.

Joined with these memorabilia, and next in importance, is matter pertaining to your own college. It is the little things which quickly pass away and in after years are so valuable and hard to obtain. The chat books and street songs of two centuries ago are among the most difficult of all literature to gather now, and yet are the most valuable to show the actual life of the people. To even enumerate the things desirable to collect is impossible here. All the histories of the college, full sets of its annual and general catalogues, and reports of its President and Trustees, complete files of student annuals and periodicals, and all addresses delivered before the college or any of its societies, will, of course, be kept in the Chapter Library. Besides these, gather in lecture notes, examination papers, programs of debates, prize speakings, concerts and commencements, class-day literature, class histories, and the multitudinous ephemera of college life relating to athletic sports, ball games, regattas, cremations, bills of fare for class suppers and similar occasions, songs, manifestos and mock programs. In short, preserve, classify and bind everything you can get. This matter will interest the student in his college by familiarizing him with the story of her past, especially from the student standpoint, and will enable undergraduate editors or committee men to discuss student and college affairs with intelligent reference to experience, and to the history of the methods, customs and regulations which are characteristic of the college. Add a series of scrap-books, of cuttings from local and other papers of all matter pertaining to the college, whether praise, criticism, or mere description. Remember that this library is not the property of an individual, but belongs to the chapter as a whole, and let every one take part in making it as perfect as possible. The result will be a collection not to be found elsewhere—the very material needed fifty or a hundred years hence for writing the real history of the college. Widening the field, next gather the most important similar matter relating to other colleges, and to college history and government in

general. A broad view of their history and of the experiments which have been tried elsewhere will the better fit you to understand the problems in your own institution, and enable you, if you have any share in its government, to act for its best interests. The question of admitting students to a share in the management of the life of the college is now widely mooted, and though this duty may not fall upon you, it may on your successors. The wise statesman provides for the future.

As a literary society, literature and books on literary art and literary method should not be forgotten. The best treatises on rhetoric and oratory, on extempore speaking and debating, should be here for freer use than the larger collection of the college affords. The best student manuals may very profitably be included.\* Every student ought to have some of these himself, but here he may examine and compare them, and select those specially adapted to his needs.

Such seems to me the purpose and scope of a chapter library. To the undergraduates of the present and the future is given the task and the pleasure of gathering and caring for the collection. A divided responsibility is felt by no one, and such a library requires the best of care. Select the best man for the place regardless of his class in college; one interested in his work, a lover of books, careful and accurate; once chosen, keep him in office; do not fear a third term; each succeeding year he will improve; give him all necessary authority and hold him responsible for the results; let him, during the senior year, select and train his successor. The care of books ought to run in the blood of *ΔΚΕ*s. In electing a librarian, you have not shifted the responsibility from your own shoulders. The shelves of this library, unlike most, are freely open. Liberty must not degenerate into license. Each must feel it his duty to preserve as well as to add to this library. The books should not be taken from the chapter house. Borrow books from your college library if you can, but let there be here a place where you can be sure of finding always "in" whatever it contains.

MELVIL DEWEY, in *ΔΚΕ Quarterly*.

#### PHI DELTA THETA IN WASHINGTON.

Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, 1852, United States Senator from Indiana.

J. Z. George, Mississippi Alpha, 1844, United States Senator from Mississippi.

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\* Blackie's *Self Culture*; Eggleston, *How to Educate Yourself*; Hamerton, *The Intellectual Life*; Porter, *Books and Reading*; Van Rhyne, *What and How to Read*; Putnam's *Best Reading*; Carlyle, *On the Choice of Books*; Thwing, *Reading of Best Books*; Richardson, *Choice of Books*; Van Dyke, *Books and How to Use Them*.—*Mem. by Eds. Quarterly*.

J. C. S. Blackburn, Kentucky Alpha, 1857, United States Senator-elect from Kentucky, Member of Congress.

John A. Anderson, Ohio Alpha, 1853, Member of Congress from Kansas.

William S. Holman, Indiana Delta, 1840, Member of Congress from Indiana.

T. B. Ward, Ohio Alpha, 1854, Member of Congress from Indiana.

Casey Young, Mississippi Alpha, 1852, Member of Congress from Tennessee.

Besides the above are the following :

J. K. Boude, M.D., Ohio Alpha, 1852, Medical Reviewer, Pension Office.

William E. Spencer, Wisconsin Alpha, 1861, Assistant Clerk of United States Senate.

Martin B. Bailey, Indiana Delta, 1879, Clerk, United States Treasury Department.

Charles H. Butler, Indiana Epsilon, 1872, Clerk, United States Treasury Department.

Daniel W. Herriott, Indiana Epsilon, 1872, Clerk, United States Treasury Department.

Samuel H. Kelley, Missouri Alpha, 1881, Clerk, United States Treasury Department.

Smith D. Fry, Iowa Alpha, 1872, Clerk, United States Post-Office Department.

John D. Dunwiddie, Wisconsin Alpha, 1884, Clerk, Surgeon-General's Office.

William S. Yeates, Virginia Gamma, 1875, Scientist, National Museum.

G. L. Spencer, Indiana Beta, 1879, Scientist, Chemical Division of Agricultural Department.

Robert A. Hooe, Jr., Virginia Epsilon, 1885, Bookkeeper, Hooe & Co., Drygoods.

Charles I. Jones, Pennsylvania Alpha, 1885, Student.

T. M. B. Hicks, Pennsylvania Epsilon, 1886, Student.

In addition to the above : Alex. R. Speel, Pennsylvania Alpha, 1878, is a Special Agent of the Pension Office—out in the field.

G. L. Spencer is at the New Orleans Exposition as a representative of the Government.

Wm. E. Spencer has been employed in the House and Senate so long that he is called the "Senator from Wisconsin." From 1862 to 1866 he was in the Treasury Department ; since 1866 most of the time in the House and Senate.

SAMUEL H. KELLEY, Mo. Alpha, '81.

## THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

OUR opening numbers having been devoted almost wholly to our own affairs, and our last being occupied for the most part with reports of Convention, we have been rather slow in acknowledging the receipt of our many exchanges.

But we have none the less enjoyed the communion with the Greek world as gained through representative organs, though perhaps in the future we may lack the "keen pungent wit and racy newsy style" of yore, which the *A T Ω Palm* is pleased to attribute to its "old and valued friend."

The truth is, we have been pondering deeply over the value of an Exchange Department. We are inclined to believe with our friend, the *Φ K Ψ Shield*, that "such a department is of very little interest except to the editor." The advantages of culling carefully the news and sentiment of "our friends the enemy," as reflected in their editorial and correspondence departments, are indeed great; for such careful selections give our readers some insight into the working of fraternities which they know of either merely by name or by but one chapter. Every means should be employed by the editor of a fraternity organ to acquaint his readers with the views of other Greeks, and to enlarge the sympathy which every fraternity man—excepting, of course, a *Ψ T*—feels for members of other fraternities.

Considering thus, we cannot say aught but praise of departments such as "The Spirit of the Fraternity Press," in the *Shield*, "The Voice of the Greek Press," in the *Palm*, "Spirit of the Greek Press," in the *Phi Gamma Delta* and *B Θ II*, devoted as they are to judicious extracts from other fraternity journals, and we shall follow the lead just as often as our space permits us.

But whether criticising another fraternity organ does one whit of good has been a question which we have pretty nearly concluded to answer in the negative.

Why? Well, because each journal has its own ideal. The *Phi Gamma Delta* seems to know our aims when it observes that "The SCROLL makes no pretensions as a literary magazine, but prides herself as a journal of strictly fraternity news. Much prominence is, therefore, given to chapter correspondence." Now, the *Phi Gamma Delta* is much more literary than we would have a fraternity organ, but shall we take it to task for this reason?

The editor is a man of ability, and he knows the wants of his readers, so let him choose his own methods.

The *Beta Theta Pi* apes the *Century*, and is withal a very ably conducted magazine. Will it avail to impart some of our pet advice to our E. C.? We fear we should fail as unfortunately as our E. C. fails in humanitarian efforts for our benefit. We pre-

fer rather to discern the spirit of other fraternities in another way. In what they say of us and of each other they often show their true selves unconsciously. And so we acquaint our readers with their comments :

The October number appears in a slightly improved form. It is exclusively (or about so) occupied with the announcements of the approaching convention at Nashville, Tenn., and the usual grist of chapter letters. Its tone is elevated and rather better than heretofore. Although the SCROLL of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for November was almost entirely devoted to announcements relating to the approaching convention, and the December issue and supplement are completely occupied by elaborate reports of that occasion, the magazine has been of unusual merit and interest. The convention was an unqualified success, and great credit is due the fraternity. We give elsewhere in this issue some items of interest from the reports of the occasion, and in our next shall present an abridgement of the excellent article on Fraternity Catalogues, written by Walter B. Palmer.—*Sigma Chi*.

There is an instructive and exhaustive article on "Greek Fraternity Catalogues." Take this out, and the November number is about as strictly Phi Delta Theta as it can be. It contains besides information, news and notes about the coming convention, encouraging but short reports from Province Presidents, and forty-four Chapter Letters. We must beg our old and valued friend to give us, as of yore, the keen, pungent wit and racy, newsy style. We can't believe that the spirit of bold and discriminating criticism has taken its everlasting flight from the editorial sanctum of bright old Phi Delta Theta.—*A T. O. Palm*.

The size of the SCROLL remains the same as last year, but comes out under a new cover. The appearance is much improved. The contents of this number are of very little interest except to the "Phis." The SCROLL makes no pretensions as a literary magazine, but prides herself as a journal of strictly fraternity news. Much prominence is therefore given to chapter correspondence—this number containing thirty-eight letters.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

About half of each issue is, as usual, taken up with chapter letters, being the distinguishing feature of the SCROLL. One thing in the October issue grieves us a good deal. Under the heading "Other Fraternities," there is the single sub-caption, "Beta Theta Pi," and no other fraternity is mentioned in this department. Now, this is precisely the sort of thing a Psi Upsilon editor would do (if there was such a thing in nature as a Psi Upsilon editor). He would write "Other Fraternities," then, parenthetically and explanatory, "Alpha Delta Phi." And, if he went on at any length, to treat of his "other fraternities," *alias* Alpha Delta Phi, he would be pretty sure to display much the same symptoms of mental pain that appear in the SCROLL's highly-scissored article. We are bound to say, however, that the SCROLL editor is fuliginous rather than fierce, and that only ill nature could find, in his little mosaic, any clear evidence of malice or other purely acidulous matter. But we wish to warn him that if he persists in this effort to make it appear that there is only one "other fraternity," even though it be our own, we shall have to expose the fallacy.

The November SCROLL has a very interesting article on "Greek Fraternity Catalogues," in which thirteen such publications, all issued since 1876, are reviewed and compared in a careful and impartial way, though the writer, Mr. W. B. Palmer, is himself one of the editors of Phi Delta Theta's recent catalogue.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

#### COMMENTS.

[From the *Sigma Chi*.]

Phi Delta Theta (Ind. E) has a "goodly number," and they are soon to possess the most commodious fraternity hall in the village.

During the past year attempts have been made by Delta Upsilon, Phi



Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Gamma Delta to gain a foothold in the college (Denison University); but each has in turn failed. Success has finally been achieved, however, by the Delta Tau Deltas.

Entirely false as regards  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . An application for a charter from this institution was refused by our General Council.

"As to the fraternity system of Pennsylvania College, there is little to say except that it varies in no essential respect from what is in vogue elsewhere. I doubt, however, if there is anywhere a better feeling existing between rivals than here. We are gentlemen, I trust, in every sense of the word, and as such accord one another all the genuine politeness that the term implies. There is little or no backbiting, no slandering, and a sort of lion-and lamb like state of affairs exists that makes our fraternity life very pleasant. There is plenty of rivalry; bless you, yes! but it is honorable emulation, and we do our best to keep it up.  $\Phi K \Psi$  (Grand chapter) has fourteen men,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  eighteen,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  twenty,  $A T \Omega$  about ten, and poor little  $\Sigma A E$  struggles along with three or four this session."

"There are four fraternities in Centre College. They are the Beta Theta Pi, the Phi Delta Theta, the Kappa Alpha and the Sigma Chi. Never were fraternity lines more loosely drawn. The stir and antagonism with our sister fraternities has been comparatively so mild that one could scarcely recognize that a spirit of rivalry existed at all. The only explanation we have to offer for this state of affairs is that the new men who come in, come already stimulated with the fraternal feeling of their most influential friends. They are partisans in fraternity matters, as the little Kentucky boy was partisan in politics, who, when asked why he was a Democrat, said, 'Because he was born a Democrat.'"

[From November  $B \Theta II$ .]

In the June number of the *Beta Theta Pi*, under the heading "Semi-annual Sentiments," in commenting on Alpha Kappa's letter, you say: "Four weak rivals contest for the leavings, and take what they can get." It seems that the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL copied this sentence from our organ; inasmuch as the fraternity which it represents has a chapter at our college. The members of that fraternity here, seeing the sentence quoted above, felt themselves aggrieved, fearing lest it might place them in an unenviable light in the eyes of their sister chapters. As our relations with the Phis were altogether of a friendly nature, one of their number came to us to find out why we had esteemed them so lightly, thinking that our editor was quoting from a letter from us. He was told that no such language as that quoted was used in our semi-annual letter. Brother Editor, if you will hunt among your rubbish and find our semi-annual of June, '84, you will see that no such boastful spirit was exhibited as to warrant the comment made. We do not believe in chapters "tooting" too much their own horns, even though the same be otherwise never "tooted." We wrote disparagingly of no rival, but simply gave statistics. Although we have never experienced any inconvenience from the presence of Phi Delta Theta here, yet we esteem them no mean rival.

We write this for their benefit.

EDWARD B. POLLARD.

Richmond College, November 24, 1884.

This is manly, Mr. Pollard. We wish all fraternity men were as straightforward as you are. A little more of this spirit would do as much for Pan-Hellenism as twenty conventions.

[From the *K A Magazine*.]

Phi Delta Theta has no chapter here (Wofford College) now. One or two of their old members are in college, but it is doubtful whether they will reorganize.

The Phi Delta Thetas are our most formidable rivals with the young ladies

of this place (Alabama Beta.) It could hardly be expected that we should thus early supplant them in the favor of the young ladies, as the Phis have been here five years and we only one.

Phi Delta Theta is trying to plant its SCROLL in Erskine College (S. C.); indeed, they claim to be already established, but we have reason to doubt the correctness of their statement. They have here what may appropriately be styled "a clique."

Entirely mistaken. A charter from this institution was refused at our recent convention.

[From the  $\Delta T \Delta$  *Crescent*.]

The Phi Delta Thetas (Ind. E) here are just completing a very handsome chapter hall. When completed it will be the finest hall in Hanover.

Our rivals are  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  (Ohio E) and the Lone Stars, a local fraternity. We are on good terms with both and hope to remain so. The Phis have a large chapter and some very good men.

The other fraternities confronting us here—Wooster University—( $B \Theta II$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$ ), are all prosperous, and most of them have able representatives in their ranks. Such things as inter-fraternity combinations and cliques are wholly unknown, and each chapter, independently of the rest, pursues its own interests.

Although there is great rivalry among the different chapters, and although in their work they frequently clash together, there is no outward manifestation of hatred whatever, and apparent peace reigns over all.

Phi Delta Theta, at Monmouth College, is suffering from a fight with a hostile faculty. Hold out, boys; your claim is a rightful one and must be acknowledged.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Gamma$  are *sub rosa* at Manhattan.

Please enlighten us. Where is Manhattan? What is  $\Phi \Delta \Gamma$ ? We are always glad to learn.

[From the *Phi Gamma Delta*.]

Our rival fraternities are Phi Delta Theta (Ind. Alpha), Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi. We are on friendly terms with all these, and seek to obtain our share of honors by fair means. All the fraternities here are in a flourishing condition—the Betas being the smallest in membership; however, they have some very excellent young men.

The Phi's (Ind. Beta) threw out their "line" and "hailed" in four innocents who now wear "nice frat. pins." They take the lead in numbers.

"A correspondent in the October SCROLL, from the College of the City of New York, gives a list of honors and prizes taken by  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , in which  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  makes a bad showing. What is the matter with our brothers there?"

*Phi Delta Theta* is reported as weak at the University of the South. We hope the report is not true.—*A T \Omega Palm*.

Thank you for your kind wishes. The report is utterly unfounded. Our Tennessee Beta is in excellent condition.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  (N. Y.  $\Gamma$ ) promises to supersede the older fraternities if they do not do better work in the future.—*Cor. to A \Delta \Phi Star and Crescent*.

'Twas the spring of 1880, in the merry month of May,  
Our Phi Delta Theta cousins (second cousins, so to say),  
Gave a cordial invitation to our whole Fraternity  
To attend a banquet with them, and this banquet was to be  
At the Empire House in Akron; it is needless quite to say  
That we all accepted gladly; and we had a time so gay,  
That it ne'er can be forgotten, for the Phi boys, every one,  
Did their best to entertain us, so there was no lack of fun.

Shortly after, we decided we'd return the compliment,  
And invite our second cousins to a banquet ; so we sent  
Invitations nicely written, saying "Mr. ———, I'd be  
Very happy, and most honored with your pleasant company ;"  
So the girls each took a partner (one girl being blessed with two),  
And they waited on them nicely, as it is polite to do.

Down to Carrie Hawk's they took them, and the boys they all declared  
They were never better treated and had never better fared ;  
Then the banquet being over, when the time to go had come  
And our last "Good night" was spoken, we escorted them all home.

—*Delta Gamma Anchora.*

Our Ohio Epsilon at Buchtel fills our soul with envy. Why,  
oh why, is New York seven hundred and fifty miles from Akron !

#### SENTIMENTS.

"The claim that the anomalous and wholly exceptional society system at Yale has given rise to the radically different system everywhere else can hardly be maintained, unless, indeed, the Yale system has proved deterrent as a "dreadful example," which is very likely. Whether it is profitable to a society to have anomalous chapters at important seats of learning, rather than be unrepresented there, is a different question, and one extremely difficult to answer. The first thought of a brother brought up in the nurture and admonition of a typical chapter, is that a class chapter like those at Yale ; a *sub rosa* chapter, like those at Princeton ; a club like *A K E* at Harvard, containing among its half hundred members in one class a miscellaneous assemblage of other fraternities ; is not to be tolerated for a moment within the limits of a true Fraternity with high principles and good standing before the world.

"Far be it from us to advise the introduction of such anomalies into our own Fraternity ; but we must face the fact that our rivals profit by them, and the ultra conservatives of the *K A* and  $\Sigma \Phi$  type daily recede by the constant advance of the remainder of the Fraternity world. We need to be spurred by this to new endeavor within our chosen lines of development ; where a new institution proves worthy of *A A \Phi*, let a new chapter be added to our galaxy ; where an old chapter is still without a chapter house, let it be up and doing, and take no rest until it has perfected a plan of operations which, sooner or later, will give it a worthy home. Our song book is not 'good enough' if another Fraternity has a better one—and here unfortunately there is no room for doubt ; in short, let each chapter and each brother do with his might whatever his hand finds to do in the up-building of our great edifice, whose foundations were laid broad and deep during the past fifty years, but whose superstructure must be the work of our hands and of those of generations yet to come."—*A A \Phi Star and Crescent.*

"Would you have a first-class chapter ? Select first-class men. Do not take them as they run. Choose men because they are desirable, and not because somebody else desires them. Select energetic, whole souled, well-informed men, who are not afraid to stir, and be stirred, whose hearts are more than a bundle of intellections, and somewhat warmer than a Siberian icicle, and whose range of vision will not be circumscribed by their chapter walls."—*The A T A Crescent.*

"Delta Upsilon does not strive for heavy pocket-books or brilliant intellects, but for men. The great object of our chapter is to develop the manhood that we find, so that the College and the Fraternity may be proud of the members and the alumni that we send forth."—*A T Quarterly.*

"On this occasion our thoughts are naturally directed to that form of fellowship in our colleges called Greek-letter societies. Notwithstanding their formation is only in obedience to an ancient and universal love in human

nature, they are attacked because they are secret. I am content that they should be judged by their results. I suppose that some of them are guardians of the occult mysteries of Egypt and India, that they know what was once known only to augurs, flamens and vestal virgins, and perhaps to the priests of Osiris; others keep some secret knowledge of the formation of the alphabet, or preserve the secret of nature contained in the Rule of Three, and know why it was not the Rule of Four; while others in midnight conclave study the ratio of the cylinder to the inscribed sphere. It does not matter. I have never yet met any one who knew these secrets, whatever they are, who thought there was any moral dynamite in them; never one who had shared them who did not acknowledge their wholesome influence in his college life. I mean, of course, the reputable societies; I am acquainted with no other. They promote good fellowship, which is not a small thing in this struggling world; they cultivate an *esprit de corps*, which restrains from what is vicious, and stimulates honorable ambition and rivalry; they open the heart to intimate and endearing and unselfish ties, to solid, trustful friendships, which are not an unimportant element in the character of any man, and which tend, so I believe, to soften the asperities of politics and the sharp conflicts of business. I mean that this opening of the heart does, for its effect extends far beyond the select circle of brotherhood—to make the world wear a more generous aspect, and to counteract the narrow and selfish attitude with which an individual with undeveloped affections is apt to encounter life.”—Charles Dudley Warner in *Ψ T Epitome*.

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## EDITORIAL.

THE advice of our President is well considered. Internal improvement should be zealously furthered for the next two years.

Many of our chapters are young and their hardest trials have yet to come. At first all is enthusiasm and all seems smooth and the way ahead looks bright; but then follows the reaction, indifference sets in and the chapter is in danger. Every chapter of every fraternity has had its dark days, when membership was down to two or three, and hopes for the future were dark; and often it will be found that the men who have stood by a chapter in its darkest hour, have gone to the front in life.

To avoid any period of depression, look carefully to your chapter life. If you find you have often time after your secret work is finished, think out new ways of passing the rest of the evening profitably. Cultivate music. Sing the old songs one hundred times, and try to weave around your chapter life a love the remembrance of which will often come back to you in after life.

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AMONG the many wise acts of the Convention none was better considered than the establishment of an annual tax for extension purposes. The tax is small and will be lightly felt, while the amount raised will be a fair sum which can be put to fruitful uses.

The few steps which we yet wish to take can only be maintained with money. Many a difficulty attendant on a new chapter can be overcome by that powerful agent. A new chapter,

fighting for a place in a college where the fraternities are wealthy, long established and influential, must often succumb, while could it but bear the brunt of the first year or two, its success would be assured.

The Eastern men cannot commend too strongly the advantages of an extension fund.

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WE cannot commend too highly the article on "Chapter Libraries," which we clip from the *Δ K E Quarterly*. It demands a careful perusal, and its suggestions should be taken advantage of by every chapter, and especially by those whose halls or rooms could assure the permanency of a chapter library.

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VERMONT ALPHA has taken a step which chapters of at least three years standing should follow. The report compiled by her is valuable, not only as a means of information, but also as an accurate and convenient record which can be referred to in years to come. We congratulate Vermont Alpha on her prosperity, and take pride in the men whose noble struggles, at first against almost insurmountable difficulties, have won her her commanding position.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE General Council wishes briefly to extend a word of greeting to the fraternity, both in behalf of the re-elected, and the new corps of officers. The policy of the Council will be conservative. Internal improvement will be paramount to every other interest. Our forces are already large, and will not be increased unless "mighty men of valor" join us from Ann Arbor and Evaston in the West; Williams, Cornell, etc., etc., in the East. There are other places where we might go with advantage, but I have named only such institutions which we have a reasonable, present hope of entering, and to stay. Discipline in fraternity work, and a contemplation of the noble purposes of the Bond afford the best field for profitable expectation. The Council is hopeful of no less success in the coming two years than in the past, and thinks it has a reasonable ground for that expectation; but there is no call for swelling promises. Suffice it to say that enterprises are already on foot which ought to be fruitful of much-desired results. We are ready to co-operate with zealous Phis the world over in advancing the interests of our Order.

Special attention is called to the legislation of the last Conven-

tion, including several important constitutional amendments. Intelligent action necessitates familiarity with our statutes.

Let the cause move forward.

HILTON ULTIMUS BROWN, *President G. C.*

It is a matter of congratulation to the educational and fraternity world that the old Miami University, the mother of Western Greek Letter Societies, is to be re-opened next September. So, at least, it is currently reported. If this famous institution is revived and restored to its pristine vigor, it will be the proper thing for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity to remember the place of its birth by restoring to Miami a chapter worthy of the Fraternity and its Alma Mater. The Ohio Phis, especially, are interested in this, and they will, no doubt, see to our interests at Oxford. Brother Randall, Province President, will receive such suggestions as are pertinent to the matter in hand.

Jan. 1, 1885.

HILTON U. BROWN, *P. G. C.*

#### FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE chapter delegates have received their enthusiasm and incentives from Nashville and have carried home the sparks to brighten the fires upon their chapter altars. The men who best perform this duty must be counted the best delegates. An important subject, however, which is of vital import to all chapters, still remained for the consideration of the General Council. This was no less a task than the selection of men who must personally guide the interests of the Fraternity in the different sections of the country. The General Council takes pleasure in stating that the difficulty experienced in deciding upon Presidents for the various provinces arose in no case from any scarcity of good material. A hesitancy was felt in selecting men, from the number of good ones which occurred to us, who must for two years be held responsible for province improvements.

Petitions, for certain appointments, from some of the chapters, have increased the difficulty of unbiased decision. So far as possible we have complied with these suggestions and agreed upon the following :

Alpha—Geo. E. Sawyer, Burlington, Vt.

Beta—O. L. Stearns, Richmond, Va.

Gamma—S. P. Gilbert, New Haven, Conn.

Delta—J. E. Randall, Columbus, Ohio.

Epsilon—J. M. Goodwin, Greencastle, Ind.

Zeta—T. C. Simmons, Ridge Farm, Ill.

Eta—T. S. Ridge, Kansas City, Mo.

These brothers need no introduction, and we trust that the

entire Fraternity will unite in supporting all their efforts for *external* and *internal* development.

Our aim must be more and more, in the future, toward inward strength and solidity. In other respects we are unrivalled.

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT, *Sec. G. C.*

FROM ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

BURLINGTON, VT., Dec. 10, 1884.

WE are entering upon another two years of life as a Province and we have but to apply ourselves to make these two years years of advancement and increased strength.

No province has a richer field to work in than has our own, and we have only to keep alive the zeal that animated our Convention, just closed, to make a grand showing for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in this province. Let Alpha Province deserve her name, not only from her geographical position, but also from her zeal, strength, and influence in the Fraternity.

In accepting the Presidency of Alpha Province, your President realizes that, alone, he can do very little; that the help of each and every member is needed, in order to make the advancement that we are capable of.

Let each Phi in the province remember that he is expected to do his share of the work, and, by thus working together, we can make these two years as marked by successes as any that have passed.

GEO. E. SAWYER,

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

INFORMATION has just reached me of my re-election as President of Gamma Province. No words of mine can convey the gratification I feel for this mark of esteem.

"It does me proud" to think my efforts in the past, feeble as they were, gave some degree of satisfaction to the Fraternity I love so well, but this evidence of kindness brings with it a keen sensibility that I should have done more and better work.

I cannot say, in truth, that I desired to take up the commission again—and I so expressed myself at the Convention—or that the province needs my services. There are many reasons why this honor should have been conferred upon another. At the same time, my devotion to the chapters in the province is such that the work is a "labor of love."

There is, now, little work to be done, so manfully did all struggle together to attain superiority. Had they not thus exerted themselves, my efforts would have availed nothing. The entire province is in better condition than it has ever been during its existence.

We begin, now, a new era of prosperity, and with prompt at-

tention to the duties imposed upon us, there is no reason why we should not always prosper and grow stronger day by day.

I will, then, ask the Reporters to strictly attend to their correspondence with the SCROLL and with me, as prescribed; the Chapter Historians, I hope, will not forget their duties. The experience of some chapters will teach them to watch their own treasury.

With a greeting of love for you all, as chapters and as individuals—for I know many of you personally—I shall, for a few days, say good-bye.

In conclusion, allow me to wish you all a happy and prosperous year in college duties and social communion. Each Reporter will oblige me if he will write me all particulars and items of interest in his chapter.

S. P. GILBERT.

FROM ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

I AM in receipt of a communication from brother Brown, informing me of the fact that the General Council has seen fit to appoint me president of our Province, and in accepting the position and addressing our Province, let me state that I believe we are all informed as to the nature of our organization; and I hope that we all feel that energy is essential to the prosperity and advancement of our cause. Having spent nearly five years of active service in Missouri Alpha Chapter, I have had opportunity enough, I hope, to observe a few facts, which heeded, will, without doubt, make Eta Province a diamond among the several jewel provinces of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ . The first and most important of these observations is that there is not enough communication by the reporters, historians, and private members with the Province presidents. Believing this to be a fact, allow me to make an humble request. I am a lover of news and will attempt a reply to any member who can find time to address me—*ergo*, please, reporters, historians, active and corresponding members, let my mail-box be filled every day with some inquiries, suggestions or information concerning our cause. If I cannot answer each and every one, I have a first-class Phi assistant—Mrs. Ridge—who, I am sure, will help me out. The second fact which I have had impressed upon me is that every member when making a trip should consult the catalogue and address postals to members in the places which he intends to visit. The sword and shield will designate you, and only a meeting will add interest to your trip. This suggestion may not prove feasible in all cases; but in some it may. Another thing which I desire to mention is a Province Convention. Let me hear from every chapter with regard to meeting in St. Louis or some more convenient place, one or two days, say about the 15th and 16th of next June.

THOS. S. RIDGE.



## TO REPORTERS.

The next SCROLL will be published on or about Feb. 15, 1885. Copy must reach me not later than Feb. 8. Let your next report take the following statistical form : State the number of members in your chapters, the number of States represented, the number in each class and the number of each of your rivals in each class. Thus, Ohio—Chapter, '85, 3 ; '86, 4 ; '87, 6 ; '88, 2. Total 15. States represented—Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 2 ; '86, 7 ; '87, 1 ; '88, 5. Total, 15.  $B \Theta \Pi$  '85, 6 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 6 ; 88, 3. Total, 15. A good response to this request will furnish very interesting statistics.

J. M. MAYER.

## A CARD.

BELLPORT, Long Island, December 13, 1884.

I wish to acknowledge, through the columns of the SCROLL, the fraternal kindness and sympathy shown me during my illness in Nashville by all the delegates, and especially by the members of Tennessee Alpha. Never was a sick man better cared for or the spirit of the fraternity more truly exhibited. Their kindly sympathy—to which I owe my recovery as much as to the very skillful treatment of the physicians—will make me, if possible, a more ardent, loyal Phi than ever before, and I shall seek an opportunity to return, in some way, the kindness and attention it prompted. I have been making steady improvement ever since my accident, and, though I am still suffering from a slight weakness of the head, I think that the quiet and rest I am now enjoying at my home will prepare me to resume my usual duties at the opening of the next term.

J. B. SHAW.

## CARD.

The compilers of the minutes of the recent convention thought it advisable to include the supplement in SCROLLS sent to all regular exchanges, and, receiving the sanction of the General Council, ordered the Business Manager so to do.

WALTER B. PALMER,  
EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Most fraternity editors find one of the most difficult portions of their work to consist in the collecting of chapter letters. The SCROLL, it is hardly necessary to mention, is noted for the fulness of its department. But the editors long for words with which to express their thanks and admiration for the active co-operation they have found in the various reporters. The diligence and enthusiasm with which reporters have fulfilled their duties have always been most encouraging evidences of their own abilities as well as of the prosperity of their respective chapters. Therefore we present the majority of the chapter reports in this number, digested and condensed, only for the purpose of saving space for departments heretofore somewhat neglected through the fullness of our chapter correspondence. In opening the new year, we congratulate our reporters on their faithfulness, and trust that the future will yield as satisfactory results as the past has.

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 NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

New Hampshire Alpha is doing finely for a new chapter. Our condition on a whole is very satisfactory. Since our report we have been laboring earnestly for the cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We have succeeded in introducing to the Phi mysteries, six men from the class of '88, besides one more from '87. We now number 19. The initiation took place at our rooms at Dartmouth Hotel on November 25. After the usual initiatory rites had been performed, the initiates were given a banquet at the above mentioned hotel. Suffice it to say that the banquet was served excellently. After the "inner man was satisfied," some time was spent in listening to toasts and music. The toasts were as follows :

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| 1. Secret Societies,      | A. E. Pendleton.  |
| 2. Dartmouth,             | A. P. Richmond.   |
| 3. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , | H. W. C. Shelton. |

## MUSIC.

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| 4. New Hampshire Alpha's Origin, | A. C. Witley.     |
| 5. The Incoming Delegation,      | F. A. Whittemore. |
| 6. Our Chapter's Future,         | E. Rice.          |
| 7. The Ladies,                   | C. A. Eastman.    |

Bro. G. E. Whitehill acted as Primarius.  
 Bro. E. E. Chalmers as Toastmaster.  
 Bro. E. P. Pitman as Chorister.

Our college annual, *The Aegis*, has appeared, and speaks for itself. Brother Pitman was one of the board of editors. Brother

Pendleton is acting the pedagogue at Orleans, Mass.; and brother Chalmers is also teaching in Massachusetts.

This is the last week of our term, but we shall return at the end of our four weeks' vacation with a readiness to enter into Phi work even greater than before, for it is pleasure to greet each brother at the altar.

Dec. 22, 1884.

G. W. SHAW.

#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

In the latter part of May, 1884, through the efforts of brother J. P. Petty, '85, originally from Mississippi Alpha, the New York Delta of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was founded by the initiation—by Province President Bassett—of brothers Hollis, Kerfoot, Berry, and Wharton.

It was so near the end of the session that we did nothing more until October. Upon re-assembling this fall we found we had lost brother Petty, who had the best record of any one who has ever attended the School of Mines. It is whispered the anticipations of conjugal bliss had much to do with his absence. We were reinforced by brother Mayer, of N. Y. *I.*, who attends Columbia Law School. We set to work with a will and we have succeeded in swelling our list to ten. Much interest is shown by each member. We have engaged chapter rooms and are in a flourishing condition. I will close by stating that all our men are not only in good standing in their classes, but are good fellows, so that the intimacies necessarily following fraternity life are without drawbacks, and the night of meeting is the pleasantest of the week.

We have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of the fraternity on three occasions, the first a reception by New York Gamma, the second an informal evening at the residence of brother W. R. Worrall, and the third at the banquet at Martinelli's. We found all these occasions most enjoyable.

Dec. 15, 1884.

WILLIAM R. WHARTON.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Our college year here in the University did not open until about a month later than in most colleges, so that we are rather behind in our letter to the SCROLL.

Our prospects for this year are bright and promising. We lost but three members by graduation last year, and have already initiated three new brothers, and will ere long receive into our chapter a number of others.

Although we are not yet a year old, we are well established; our quarters, at 3348 Walnut street, are very pleasant.

Our chapter extends a hearty and pressing invitation to any  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  who lives in Philadelphia, or who may be in the city for a short time, to come to our quarters whenever so inclined. Our latch-string is always out to them.

December 5, 1884.

E. H. SMALL.

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#### NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI.

It is my pleasant duty to write as the first reporter of New York Alpha Alumni. As all know, the last convention granted us a charter, and I am most happy to state to the fraternity at large that New York Alumni is a strong, enthusiastic, living chapter of the present, and that ere long she will be a potent factor in our extensive order. It is the purpose of the Alumni to aid in building up chapters in New York as well as throughout the East, so that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will be in this section what she is in the South and West. Our chapter is composed of members from various sections, and we see more forcibly than ever how good it is to be a Phi. Seeing this ourselves, we wish to extend this same good to all deserving ones whenever it is practicable. Again our Alumni, made strong in New York, can be a source of great pleasure and profit to visiting members who from time to time visit the metropolis. To meet this demand a hall becomes necessary. Well, we are going to have a hall. New York Delta has rented a beautiful suite of rooms. The Alumni proposes to bear her share of all expenses and claim an equal right to the privileges of a fraternity home. To make a long story short,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in the East is flourishing, and New York chapters are progressing; harmony and good will reign supreme.

GLENN ANDREWS.

December 31, 1884.

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#### SUMMARY.

Vermont Alpha commenced the year with 18 men and now numbers 27. A very excellent by-law has been passed by the chapter, requiring the reporter to prepare a circular letter twice a year—at the close of the Fall Term and immediately after Commencement—to be sent to members of the chapter out of college, and also to the General Council and to each sister Chapter, showing the condition and prospects of Vermont Alpha.

New York Gamma now numbers twelve active members and has charge of the publication of the *Microcosm*, the fraternity Annual of the College.

At Pennsylvania Gamma all goes "merry as a marriage bell." At a recent performance of W. S. Gilbert's "Wedding March," for the benefit of a newly-established hospital, brothers Scandrett, Kinter and Erwin contributed much to the success of the enter-

tainment. The probabilities are that a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will be tendered the oration on Feb. 22, 1885.

Pennsylvania Delta has initiated two members and now numbers 11. The class day poet is Gallup; the valedictorian, Proctor, and the president of '87 is Lynch—all members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The reporter writes that "the chapter letters have been a feature which made the SCROLL better than all other fraternity journals."

Virginia Beta regrets that the time of the Convention did not permit the attendance of her delegate. She numbers 14.

Virginia Delta has acted on the policy of keeping conspicuously out of college politics, and has won respect and admiration from both fraternity and non-fraternity men for her attitude on these questions.

The reporter indignantly denies an insinuation made in the June number of the *Beta Theta Pi* that "four weak rivals contest the leavings and take what they can get." There was hardly need of noticing this, but our reporter writes that two of the leading members of  $B \Theta \Pi$  at Richmond, on being interviewed, said that "no report had been sent to the  $B \Theta \Pi$ , from which any such conclusions could be drawn, and, further, that they had always recognized our chapter as fully their rivals." We have always been on very friendly terms with  $B \Theta \Pi$  here, and their noble denunciation of this libel has enhanced very much our admiration for them.

$\Sigma A E$  has started a chapter at Richmond College with 6 men. Six fraternities now have chapters there, with a total membership of 52 out of 160 students.

Georgia Gamma is "riding on the top wave of success."  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  took 5 out of 11 places in the literary societies;  $A T \Omega$ , with 27, took one place;  $K A$ , with 14, took two places.

F. A. Hooper and J. R. Hodges are respectively Debater and President at the Anniversary of the Ciceronian Society; and B. D. Ragsdale and W. Hardman are Debaters of the Phi Delta Society.

Alabama Beta numbers 14, has paid all her inherited debt, meets in a "beautiful little hall" every Saturday night, and is flourishing generally.

Ohio Gamma rejoices that the next Convention will be held at Cincinnati. With the aid of Emmett Tompkins, '75, the chapter is making preparations for a musical and theatrical entertainment.

Ohio Delta is in "delightful spirit;" but was sadly shocked by the death of Frank Saylor, of Cincinnati, who went to Colorado for his health.

The initiation of brother Carpenter was the occasion of a very pleasant evening.

$\Phi K \Psi$  at Wooster seems to be in bad condition.

Ohio Zeta now numbers 10. She dedicated new rooms at the beginning of the term.

$\Theta \Delta X$  has established a chapter at Ohio State University.

Indiana Alpha was ably represented at the Junior Class Exhibition by Alvin Heiney and John C. Wells. The chapter has 16 of the best men of the University on its roll. S. G. Ramsey received the degree of B. L., not B. S., as stated in the October SCROLL.

Indiana Zeta is doing grandly. She numbers 24, with three men out during the coming term. She stands well in the military department, Bridges, Jordan, Christie and Thomas being officers. Brother McAmy is on the college paper and brother Bridges has a disquisition in the Kinear-Monett Contest. Brother Goodwin lectured during vacation on "The American Boy."

Wisconsin Alpha is pleased at the re-election of our efficient treasurer, Charles A. Foster.

Visits have been made by Geo. Banta, Ind. Alpha, and delegate Davidson, Minn. Alpha.

Some trouble still continues with the  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Psi$ , and  $\Sigma X$  chapters as to the date of establishment of the chapter. Non-society editors of the college annual decided last year in favor of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  view; but this decision was not acquiesced in by the other chapters.

Science Hall, the pride of Wisconsin, burned down on the night of Dec. 1, 1884. This loss of \$200,000 is not so severe a blow as the irreplaceable mass of private lectures and notes of the professors, the large natural history museum, and two splendid cabinets which it had taken a lifetime to collect.

Missouri Alpha is enthusiastic over her many successes. She began the year with 12 and now has 18 members. Brother King last year won third prize in Declamation and also the "Rasselas Prize." Brother Tincher presides at "Class Day." The chapter still speaks of the Convention and the courtesies of Tennessee Alpha.

Missouri Beta lives in quiet prosperity, resting on her oars after a valuable acquisition.

She holds the Presidency of one literary society and the vice-presidency of both, and every  $\Phi$  in these societies took part in their two "Open Sessions." A quartette enlivens meetings, and serenades the "Phi sisters."

The Northern and Southern Presbyterian Synods have combined in raising an endowment fund of \$60,000 for Westminster College, so that the college bids fair to reach a high rank.

The chapter was visited by four Mo. Alpha men and greatly enjoyed their visit.

Nebraska Alpha celebrated its anniversary on Dec. 10, 1884. She holds the presidency of the Philodacian Society.

Iowa Alpha opens the new year with brightened prospects. She has initiated two men. On the evening of Dec. 20, 1884, a successful sociable was held. The reporter writes :

“The Iowa Wesleyan University is the oldest college in Iowa, and has always held a position among the first institutions in the State. Many of her Alumni hold distinguished positions in different parts of the Union, and missionaries have gone from her halls to every continent. For one to affirm that the I. W. U. is an institution of low rank, certainly shows him to be ignorant of what he speaks. And to affirm that Iowa Alpha Chapter is in debt passes entirely beyond the bounds of fact.”

Minnesota Alpha numbers 13. Twichell, '88, and Moffat, '89, hold their class presidencies.

The condition of brother Davidson, the Nashville delegate, seems to be serious, as he thinks only of Nashville and her hospitality. The rest of the chapter are doing quite well.

## OTHER FRATERNITIES.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON held her XXXVIII<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention at the Powers Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., November 10th, 1884.

PSI Upsilon refused a charter at De Pauw University.

SIGMA CHI has established a chapter at Lawrence, Kan.

ALL our brothers whose situations permitted their attendance at the general convention at Pittsburgh, are highly pleased with the deportment of the body, with, perhaps, the exception that too much feeling was manifested between the Eastern and Western men. The extent of it was certainly to be deplored.

—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Is this a true fraternity ?

KAPPA ALPHA THETA has entered Wesleyan, and is being petted to death by the other fraternities there—Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Psi and Eclectic.—*B Θ II*.

THE fraternities having chapters here (Union) have the following membership : Kappa Alpha, 11 ; Alpha Delta Phi, 4 ; Sigma Phi, 5 ; Beta Theta Pi, 12 ; Psi Upsilon, 14 ; Delta Phi, 10 ; Phi Delta Theta, 11 ; and Delta Upsilon, 12.—*Δ T Quarterly*.

Four is very small for *Δ Δ Φ* at “Old Union.” The chapter cannot be failing?

THE Harvard Chapter of Delta Upsilon during the past year has taken over *four thousand* dollars (\$4,300) in prizes and scholarships.

THE " $\Sigma \Phi$  place," which was begun during the last term, is now nearly ready for occupancy, and is without doubt the most elegant society building in Williams College. The house and grounds are reported to have cost in the vicinity of \$60,000, which is, I believe, a correct statement. It is an open house, with accommodations for eight men. The  $\Delta \Upsilon$  use the house formerly occupied by  $\Sigma \Phi$ .—*Star and Crescent*.

THE Freshmen at Harvard have organized a new society called the P. K.—*\Delta \Gamma \Delta Crescent*.

CHI UPSILON is the name of a local Fraternity just established at Adelbert college, with six members —*\Delta \Gamma \Delta Crescent*.

BETA THETA Pi is trying to revive her dead chapter Washington and Jefferson. "Fellow-feeling makes *us* wondrous kind" in this instance.—*A T \Omega Palm*.

It is rumored that another journal will soon make its appearance in the Greek World under the management of the Tufts Charge of Theta Delta Chi.—*Anchora*.

## In Memoriam.

HENRY R. THOMSON.

"This morning, at an early hour, the tolling of the college bell spread the news that Prof. Henry R. Thomson had at last fallen asleep. Since May he has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever. Henry Rossman Thomson was born July 15, 1847, at Crawfordsville, and graduated at Wabash College in '68, when he became tutor in the college for '68 and '70. He then attended a school of pharmacy at Philadelphia during '70 and '72. The next year he clerked in a drug store in Mankato, Minn., but being again elected tutor, returned to the college in '74. The following spring he was elected assistant professor of chemistry, and when the year closed attended the Sheffield School of Science at Yale. Returning home he was elected to the chair of chemistry in Wabash College, which he filled with ability and credit till the time of his death. As an instructor he was earnest and thorough, and by his kind, frank manner, won the respect and admiration of all. He was a devoted Christian, and during his long and painful illness displayed the utmost patience and fortitude. Henry R. Thomson was a noble man and his death is a serious loss to the college and the community which honored and respected him."—*Crawfordsville News*, Sept. 29, 1884.



## ALFRED M. GODFREY.

Georgia Alpha, '75. Upon going to press we learn with sorrow of the death of Alfred M. Godfrey, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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## CHARLTON DU PONT.

Georgia Alpha, '79. Charlton Du Pont, one of the most brilliant young men who ever joined the Fraternity, is dead. The Nashville *World* and other journals paid beautiful tributes to his ability and character.

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## FRANK SAYLER.

At a called meeting of Ohio Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, held Dec. 8th, 1884, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Author of the Universe to remove from his companionship with men our late brother, Frank Sayler ; and

WHEREAS, In view of the loss our Fraternity has sustained, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow with humble submission to the decree of Him who doth all things well, we do not the less mourn for our brother and friend, who in every way was worthy of our confidence and esteem.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Frank Sayler, this chapter laments the loss of a brother, cheerful, tender-hearted and kind, who was ever ready to aid us in every legitimate aim, and whose utmost endeavors were exerted for our welfare.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their affliction.

*Resolved*, That in token of our grief our hall and badges be draped in mourning for two weeks.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, that they be published in the SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta, and the *University Voice*, and that they be spread on the records of Ohio Delta Chapter.

Com. { J. T. MORRISON,  
T. S. ANDERSON,  
E. F. MILLER.

## PERSONALS.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

'80. C. F. B. Haskell is practising his profession of civil engineering in Watertown, Da.

'80. G. E. Bertrand is an attorney at law in Omaha, Neb.

'81. H. L. Van Nostrand has charge of the assaying of the Tombstone Mining Co., Charleston, Arizona.

'81. F. A. Owen, formerly of this class, is the chemist for the Burlington Woolen Co., Burlington, Vt.

'82. F. O. Sinclair is a civil engineer in Leavenworth, Kan.

'83. J. C. Turk is with R. Turk & Bro., Burlington, Vt.

'83. A. H. Wheeler, formerly of this class, is with Thayer & Ross, publishers, Atlanta, Ga.

'83. G. E. Sawyer fills a responsible position with the Shepard & Morse Lumber Co., Burlington, Vt.

'83. C. H. Hayden is principal of Hinesburg Academy, Hinesburg, Vt.

'83. C. F. Bailey is vice-principal of Barre Academy, Barre, Vt.

'84. H. D. Hoffnagle is principal of Craftsbury Academy, No. Craftsbury, Vt.

'84. W. M. Stiles is chemist for Wm. Johnson & Co., Montreal, P. Q.

'84. C. W. Fisher, formerly of this class, is a member of the firm of A. B. & C. W. Fisher, architects, Burlington, Vt.

'85. R. A. Arms, formerly of '85, is in the employ of R. S. Nichols & Co., iron manufacturers, Burlington, Vt.

'86. E. A. Barnes, formerly of '84, is in the medical department of the University, and expects to graduate in '86.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

'83. C. E. Herring is at the Union Theological Seminary.

'84. J. E. Holmes and J. S. Penman are attending the Union Theological Seminary.

'85. F. C. Moore is preparing for Harvard.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

'78. J. C. Frank Rupp is Professor of Latin and Greek in North Carolina College, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

'79. W. K. Hill is Professor of the Physical Sciences in Carthage College, Carthage, Ills.

'83. J. W. Shadle is stenographer for the Superintendent of the Dakota Division of the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. His address is Huron, Dakota.

'84. Edward Hill is studying law in Kittanning, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

'76. Ora H. Anderson, who is one of the charter members of his chapter, is a successful farmer at Six Points, Butler County, Penn.

'77. Rev. John Helm is now located at Punxsutawney, Penn.

'77. Rev. James McComb is a Presbyterian Missionary, at Lodiana, Punjab, North Indiana.

'77. Rev. Henry K. Shanor is pastor of the Lutheran Church of Freeport, Pa. In the catalogue a mistake occurs in his name, which is given "John" instead of "Henry."

'78. Rev. William Gault is a Presbyterian Missionary at the Gaboon River, West Africa. Associated with him is Rev. Adolphus Clemens Good, Penn. Gamma, '79.

'78. John McClenathan, M. D., is one of the leading physicians of Connellsville, Pa.

'78. Frank McCollough is studying law.

'78. William Seward Thompson is the senior member of the law firm of Thompson and Martin, Beaver, Penn.

'79. Rev. Newton Donaldson is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, North Washington, Ohio.

'79. Rev. Addison Elliott is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Covode, Penn.

'79. J. A. Langfitt is an attorney at law, at 145 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the chairman of the Democratic committee of Pittsburgh during the campaign.

'79. N. B. Hogg is with Totten and Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

'80. Rev. Alexander Hunter, graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in June, 1884.

'81. Rev. Joseph H. Barton, who graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in June, 1884, goes to Dakota as home missionary.

'81. William Joseph McDowell, M. D., is now practising in Philadelphia.

'82. James Gallagher Cook is studying medicine at his home, New Alexandria, Pa.

'82. John Roach Crosser is in his last year at Union Theological Seminary.

'82. Rev. Mark A. Denman is the pastor of a church in Washington County, New York. He expects in the near future to take a year in a Theological Seminary at Edinburgh, Scotland.

'82. John L. Hines is at Jewett, Ohio.

'82. James D. White is a Civil Engineer in Dakota.

'82. Samuel Cummings Lobaugh is a merchant near Cleveland, Ohio.

'82. Prof. William C. McClelland is professor of English literature at Washington and Jefferson.

'82. James C. Shields is studying law at his home, New Alexandria, Penn.

'82. William Wallace is at the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Penn.

'83. J. Philander Anderson is at Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Penn.

'83. William Ashbrook is a merchant in Iowa.

'83. Robert Elliott is at the United Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny, Penn.

'83. Joseph McQuaide is Principal of the Academy at Irwin, Penn.

'83. James G. Wallace is in business at Minneapolis, Minn.

'83. Frank S. Morrison, M. D., is practicing in Wheeling, West Va.

'84. David B. Fitzgerald is at Princeton Theological Seminary.

'84. R. Dewitt Irwin is at the Northwestern Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

'84. William B. Irwin is one of the Professors in Trinity Hall Military School, Washington, Penn. He is still an active member in Pa. Gamma.

'84. John M. McDonald is in his last year at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

'84. Bernard S. McKean is Agent at the Union Depot, Washington, Penn.

'85. Thomas M. Strickler is on the city corps of civil engineers of Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### ALABAMA BETA.

'81. C. N. Onsley, three weeks ago visited our chapter assembled, and seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the old Phi spirit.

'84. J. B. Robinson, Jr., is studying law with Messrs. Morgan & McFarland, Memphis, Tenn.

'84. D. D. McLeod is teaching in the Public Schools of West Point, Ga.

'86. T. L. Scott was with us a short time since, and we enjoyed his visit very much.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'81. W. G. Warner will be pastor of a church at Cheviot, O.

'81. C. W. Miner is located at Sherman, N. Y.

#### OHIO ALPHA.

'76. F. C. Harvey is practising law in Minneapolis, Minn.

'77. H. L. Moore is Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Minneapolis, Minn.

OHIO DELTA.

'74. Perry S. Allen is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Warren, Pa.

'79. Rev. T. B. Greenlee is pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

OHIO EPSILON.

'80. Charles B. Wright has recently been made assistant professor of Anglo-Saxon at Johns Hopkins.

'80. George S. Pleasants was elected to the Legislature of Indiana.

'84. F. O. Payne is assistant at the Corry, Pa., High School.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'56. R. C. Nourse is now a government storekeeper at Owensboro, Ky.

'60. George Barber is editor of the *Sunday Argus*, Louisville, Ky., and is making a success of his paper. He was formerly editor of the *Kentucky Law Journal* at Frankfort, Ky.

'66. G. H. Mouming is the "Co." of J. M. Robinson & Co., wholesale drygoods, Louisville, Ky. They are one of the solidest firms in the State.

'82. H. P. Grider has been elected President of Union College, Barbourville, Ky. He was formerly Principal of Vanceburg Seminary, Vanceburg, Ky.

'84. W. E. Knight, Ex-Secretary of the G. C., has commenced the study of theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

'84. F. W. Samuel will attend medical lectures at Philadelphia the coming winter.

'84. P. Sandidge is reading law at Burksville, Ky.

INDIANA ALPHA.

'56. Rev. J. S. Jenckes is pastor of the Episcopal Church at Indianapolis, of which Vice-President Hendricks is a member.

'63. J. V. Hadley, Indiana Gamma, was the Republican candidate for State Senator from Hendricks county, Indiana.

'78. Lou D. Rogers is the efficient chairman of the Democracy of Monroe county, with brilliant prospects ahead.

'82. Frank B. Day is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

INDIANA BETA.

'80. Rev. Neil D. Johnson is located at Ten Mile, Penn. He drops in upon Penn. Gamma quite often.

'80. Rev. Walter H. Baugh is pastor of a fine church at Van Buren, Penn. He is well known to the Phis at Washington and Jefferson.

## INDIANA DELTA.

'61. Major G. W. Grubbs was the Republican candidate for Congress in the 5th Indiana District.

## MISSOURI BETA.

'82. W. B. C. Brown is attending the Law School at Harvard.

'82. S. B. Holmes is running a cattle ranch in Arizona.

'84. W. N. Southern is now editor of the *Independence Progress*, Independence, Mo.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

'83. F. W. Hunter is proprietor of a very fine drug store at Osceola, Neb.

'83. H. M. Hoyt is studying medicine at Chicago.

'84. J. H. McGill is engaged in the live stock business, White Pigeon, Mich.

'84. E. E. Woodman is teaching in the "West."

'84. C. J. Olmsted is studying medicine at the University of Michigan.

'84. N. C. Richards is teaching in Nebraska.

'84. E. W. Hart is with his brother engaged in the woolen trade, Racine, Wis.

'86. Sanford is wielding the rod of correction in Northern Michigan.

'88. W. O. Robinson is at present teaching in Wisconsin, but will return in the spring.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'59. Philip Clayton Slaughter is engaged in the cotton business at 54 Stone street, New York, N. Y.

'82. David F. Simpson is practising law at 228 Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

'84. Zenas N. Vaughn is professor of mathematics in Hauge College, Red Wing, Minn.

'84. W. R. Hoag, civil engineer for N. P. R. R., is at Sheldon, D. T.

'85. Arthur G. Holt, wholesale grocer, Moline, Ill.

## INITIATES.

REPORTERS not having forwarded the names of initiates will do so at once. The discovery of any omission of class or residence or any typographical error should be immediately communicated

to the editors, as is it their purpose to make this department full and accurate.

## MAINE ALPHA.

- '88. Charles E. Tilton, Fairfield, Me.
- '88. Harry E. Prince, Buckfield, Me.
- '88. Solomon Gallert, Waterville, Me.
- '88. J. L. Pepper, Norridgewock, Me.
- '88. Albion H. Brainard, Winthrop, Me.
- '88. Charles F. Goodall, Lancaster, Mass.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

- '86. Elwin Parker Pitman, Concord, N. H.
- '86. Allen Pierce Richmond, Camden, Me.
- '86. George Edward Whitehill, Peacham, Vt.
- '87. Edward Everett Chalmers, Newbury, Vt.
- '87. Charles Alexander Eastman, Flandrau, D. T.
- '87. Ansel Edward Pendleton, Lawrence, Mass.
- '87. Emerson Rice, Malden, Mass.
- '87. Daniel Stoianoff Ruevsky, Sistora, Belgravia.
- '87. George Wright Shaw, Bradford, Vt.
- '87. Harvy Wist Courtland Sheldon, Vanila, Ind. Ter.
- '87. Ajiah Chandler Willey, Wakefield, N. H.
- '88. Frank Forest Badger, Malone, N. Y.
- '88. Richard Skinner Ely, Cavendish, Vt.
- '88. Louis Henry Weymouth French, Andover, N. H.
- '88. Sam Boody Nelson, Barton, Vt.
- '88. Frank Morse Porter, Malden, Mass.
- '88. Benj. Stephen Simonds, Jr. McIndoe's Falls, Vt.
- '88. Fred Austin Whittemore, Bristol, N. H.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '87. Oscar Franklin Davis, Corinth, Vt.
- '87. Geo. Watson Roberts, Underhill Centre.
- '87. Geo. Clark Robinson, Westford.
- '88. Hollis Clayton Chase, Cambridge. Vt.
- '88. Leslie Allen Cooper, Springfield, Mass.
- '88. Sanford Lewis Gates, Morrisville, Vt.
- '88. George Edwin Hyde, Stafford, Vt.
- '88. Charles Brace Somborger, Bakersfield.
- '88. Edward Drake Williams, Essex Junction, Vt.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '86. George William Hubbell, New York, N. Y.
- '88. George Sabine Potter, Jr., New York, N. Y.
- '88. Benjamin Sinclair Orcutt, New York, N. Y.

## NEW YORK DELTA.

- '85. Henry Leonard Hollis, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- '86. William Radford Wharton, New River Depot, Va.

- '86. John Dougherty Berry, Newman, Ga.
- '86. Alexander Laist, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- '86. Robert Henry Stodder, Chicago, Ill.
- '87. John Barrett Kerfoot, Chicago, Ill.
- '87. George Dundas Scriba, Peekskill, N. Y.
- '87. Leo Wampold, Chicago, Ill.
- '87. George Lewis Baker, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

- '88. Benton H. Whally, Whallyville, Md.
- '88. Harry L. Moore, Waterford, Pa.
- '88. Edward Jadwin, Honesdale, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

- '85. William H. McElwain, Washington, Pa.
- '86. William B. Tredway, Washington, Pa.
- '88. John Jay Strodes, Washington, Pa.
- '88. Grant H. Hess, Washington, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '87. T. C. Blaisdell, Greenville, Pa.
- '88. William Bignell, Greenville, Pa.
- '89. Milan Edward Drake, Antrim, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

- '88. A. J. Herman Frank, Carlisle, Pa.
- '88. William McAlister & Smith, Mifflintown, Jumata Co., Pa.
- '87. Orlando Graham Heck, Three Springs, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
- '88. J. Frank Sterner, Mifflintown, Jamaica Co., Pa.
- '87. Alexander Shaw Porter, Lonaconing, Md.
- '87. William Boyd Clendening, Bunker Hill, West Va.

## PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

- '86. Joseph Otto, Jr., Key West, Fla.
- '87. L. L. Mial, Raleigh, N. C.
- '87. C. E. Stout, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

## VIRGINIA BETA.

- '86. George Petrie, Charlottesville, Va.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '87. G. Numnerlyn, Waynesboro, Ga.
- '87. J. H. Hollingsworth, Tampa, Fla.
- '88. Warren Watkins, Opelika, Fla.
- '88. C. Johnson, Texas.



GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '85. By affiliation, J. Robert Hodges, Macon, Ga.
- '86. S. W. Durham, Talbotton, Ga.
- '87. Joseph E. Brown, Jr., Canton, Ga.
- '87. E. A. Callaway, Washington, Ga.
- '87. C. C. Cook, Macon, Ga.
- '87. R. C. Hazelhurst, Macon, Ga.
- '88. J. Ragan Long, Albany, Ga.
- '88. Albert Jones, Macon, Ga.
- '88. J. F. Helvenston, Sumterville, Fla.
- '88. J. H. Owens, Ocala, Fla.

ALABAMA BETA.

- '88. Lickinski Ware Spratling, Gold Hill, Ala.
- '88. Jefferson Dunbar Stubbs, Woods' Cross Roads, Gloucester County, Va.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

- '88. Alexander Hillman Yates, Utica, Miss.
- '88. Henry Pittman Whitehead, Dallas, Tex.
- '89. William Edward Stuart, Lyons, Miss.
- '89. Lawrence Eugene Thompson, Oxford, Miss.

OHIO DELTA.

- '88. Chas. K. Carpenter, Chillicothe, Ohio.

OHIO ZETA.

- '87. Archibald Crawford Reeves, Dayton, Ohio.
- '88. Lawrence Houghton Boundage, Xenia, Ohio.
- '88. Edward Thomas McConnell, Columbus, Ohio.
- '89. Harrie Donally Cretcher, De Graff, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA.

- '89. C. F. Hope, Coatesville, Ind.
- '89. R. E. Wilsey, Solitude, Ind.

INDIANA BETA.

- '86. F. L. Snyder, Southport, Ind.
- '88. Will. E. Willis, Enfield, Ill.
- '88. Berry Crebs, Carmi, Ill.
- '88. Merrill Wilson, Goshen, Ind.
- '89. Henry Little, Dennison, Texas.

INDIANA GAMMA.

- '88. William W. Buchanan, Indianapolis, Ind.
- '88. John W. Taylor, Kokomo, Ind.
- '88. Frank M. Gilcrest, Marysville, O.
- '88. Hugh T. Miller, Nineveh, Ind.
- '88. Oliver M. Eliason, Centerville, Ind.
- '88. John C. Morrison, Frankfort, Ind.

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## INDIANA DELTA.

- '88. E. J. Stalker, Bedford, Ind.
- '89. J. E. Vandevier, Franklin, Ind.
- '89. J. C. Williams, Dupont, Ind.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '87. Joseph A. R. Gahring, York, Pa.
- '88. Louis McClain Riley, Kansas, Ill.
- '88. Jesse Powhatan Peden, Spencer, Ind.
- '89. Oliver Jasper Kern, Gays, Ill.
- '89. James Kern, Gays, Ill.
- '89. Anthony Bowen, Green Castle, Ind.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA,

- '85. Robert Elmer Taylor, Kewanee, Ill.
- '86. Reuben H. Harris, Hillsdale, Mich.
- '88. Ernest Spencer Bowen, Owasco Lake, N. Y.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

- '85. John Miller, Galva, Ill.
- '86. William J. Byrnes, Princeton, Ill.
- '87. Frank B. Besley, Sterling, Ill.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

- '86. L. R. Anderson, Stevens' Point, Wis.
- '86. David E. Spencer, Madison, Wis.
- '87. Chas. L. Hover, Mazomanie, Wis.
- '87. W. A. Allen, Eau Claire.
- '88. A. B. Winegar, Clinton, Wis.

## MISSOURI BETA.

- '89. Hamilton M. Dalton, St. Louis, Mo.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '88. William Higgins, Rich Hill, Mo.
- '88. Elbert Franklin Neil, Newton, Kas.
- '88. Edward Curtis Franklin, Severance, Kas.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '87. Elmer O. Gates, Brownville, Neb.
- '88. Charles B. Newcomer, Falls City, Neb.

## IOWA ALPHA.

- '87. Edward S. Havighost.
- '88. James P. Stanley.

## IOWA BETA.

- '88. Clarence A. Baker, Centreville, Iowa.
- '87. Arthur Irwin, Davenport, Iowa.
- '88. Edwin F. Moore, Mitchellsville, Iowa.
- '88. Will. H. Dart, Rock Island, Ill.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '88. Winthrop Webster Sargent, Lake City, Minn.
- '88. H. W. Thompson. Wells, Minn.
- '88. Charles Esplin, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
- '88. Luther Twichell, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Leslie A. Moffett, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. William J. Donnahower, St. Peter, Minn.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Pennsylvania Delta has a very tasteful monogram.

The present undergraduate membership of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is about 725.

All chapter reports not summarized were received after the "form" had gone to press.

We have received contributions from M. S. Holloway, Pa. Beta, '84, and J. E. Brown, Ohio Beta, '84.

We have received the *De Pauw Monthly*, an ably conducted college journal, from De Pauw University, Ind.

It would be a great credit to the fraternity if each chapter contributed a representative song to our "Hymnology."

"An Unanswered Question" is one of the most universally copied articles ever contributed to a fraternity magazine.

It would be exceedingly interesting to learn what our different chapters provide in the way of "Literary Exercises." The variety and variance is doubtless very great. We should be pleased to hear from Reporters, as well as to encourage inter-chapter correspondence on points such as this.

The colloquial for soliciting membership is usually "spike," in the West and South; "soak" in the East. At the U. of Vt. they "horseshoe." The uninitiated are called in the East variously "non-fraternity men," "anti-fraternity men" and "oud-ens." In the West and South they are termed "Barbs."

We received, before the close of the last collegiate year, the following annuals: *Bijou*, from Ohio Wesleyan University; *Keys Maklout*, from the University of Minnesota; *The Makio*, from the Ohio State University; *Sombrero*, from University of Nebraska; *The Comet*, from Washington and Jefferson; *Melange*, from Lafayette; *Microcosm*, from College of the City of New York; *Cicalas*, from University of Kansas; and *Oracle*, from Colby University. Chapter Reporters will favor us greatly by forwarding us Annuals this year.

The abbreviated and familar way of referring to the fraternities is as follows :

$K A$ , Kaps ;  $\Sigma \Phi$ , Sigs ;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , Alpha Delts ;  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , Psi Us ;  $\Delta K E$ , Dêkes ;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , Betas or Beta Thets ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , Phis or P. D. T. ;  $\Sigma X$ , Sigs. ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , Delta Taus ;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Phi Gams or Fijis ;  $A T \Omega$ , Alpha Taus ;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , Theta Delts ;  $X \Phi$ , Chi Phi or Kiffies ;  $K A$  (Southern), Kappas ;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , Phi Psis ;  $\Delta \Psi$ , Delta Psis ;  $\Delta \Phi$ , Delta Phis ;  $Z \Psi$ , Zetes ;  $X \Psi$ , Chi Psis ;  $\Sigma A E$ , S. A. Es ;  $\Delta T$ , D. U.s.

The following is from the *Nashville American*, of December 24 :

The last number of "the SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta" is just out. Accompanying it is a 32 page supplement, and the pages of both are taken up altogether with a complete record of the recent Fraternity convention that assembled in this city on the 10th of last month. The account of the arrival of the delegates, the daily meetings, their ball and banquet are taken from local accounts contained in the *American*, and consume the first six pages of the journal. The general get up and the nice arrangement of all the articles bear ample testimony to the editorial ability of the recently elected editors. It is a very creditable journal for a wide spread and influential Fraternity.

BETA THETA PI has college chapters in twenty-one States, Phi Delta Theta in twenty-two. The Beta Theta Pi States are as follows : Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, California. The Phi Delta Theta States are as follows : Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota. The number of Beta Theta Pi chapters is forty-five, of Phi Delta Theta chapters fifty-four, omitting, of course, alumni chapters.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VERMONT ALPHA CHAPTER.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT. }

BURLINGTON, VT., January 1, 1885. }

*To the General Council and other officers of Phi Delta Theta, and especially to the Alumni of Vermont Alpha :*

In pursuance of a by-law passed at our last regular meeting, it is my pleasing duty to submit to the Alumni and former mem-

bers of Vermont Alpha a report as to its present condition and prospects for the future. Deeming it best in this, the first report of this kind, to give a complete list of former active members, as it will be valuable for reference, such a list is here given :

'80.

G. E. Bertrand, A.B., attorney-at-law, Omaha, Neb.  
C. F. B. Haskell, C. E., Watertown, Da.

'81.

F. A. Owen, chemist, Burlington Woolen Co., Burlington, Vt.  
H. L. Van Nostrand, Ph.B., assayer, Tombstone Mining Co.,  
Charleston, Ariz.  
H. M. Woods, telegraph operator, Springfield, Mo.

'82.

J. W. Dodds, deceased.  
E. A. Enright, A.B., teacher, Gloster, Neb.  
E. C. Lane, A.B., LL.B., attorney-at-law, Marinette, Wis.  
F. O. Sinclair, C. E., 214 Delewon St., Leavenworth, Kan.

'83.

C. F. Bailey, A.B., Vice Prin., Barre Academy, Barre, Vt.  
C. H. Hayden, A.B., Prin. Hinesburgh Academy, Hinesburgh, Vt.  
G. E. Sawyer, A.B., with Shepard & Morse Lumber Co.,  
Burlington, Vt.  
J. C. Turk, C. E., with B. Turk & Bro., clothiers, Burlington, Vt.  
A. H. Wheeler, with Thayer & Ross, publishers, Atlanta, Ga.

'84.

E. A. Barnes, medical student, U. V. M., Schuyler Falls, N. Y.  
H. W. Bell, *vide* '86.  
C. W. Fisher, firm A.B. & C. W. Fisher, architects, Burlington, Vt.  
H. D. Hoffnagle, A.B., Prin. Craftsbyury Academy, No. Craftsbyury, Vt.  
W. M. Stiles, Ph.B., chemist, William Johnson & Co., 246 Martin St., Montreal, P. Q.

During the past year we have been favored with several visits from brothers Lane, Bailey, Hayden and Wheeler, besides those who are in the city. It does our hearts good to welcome our older brethren to our sanctum. We began the year with eighteen active members, having lost by graduation brothers Hoffnagle and Stiles ; yet are they ever with us in spirit, and they have lost none of their old time Phi enthusiasm. After a spirited "horse-shoe" we secured three Sophomores and six Freshmen, with a

good prospect for one or two more. Following is a complete roll of the four classes in college. Those marked with a \* not in attendance.

'85.

\*R. A. Arms, with B S. Nichols & Co., machinists, Burlington, Vt.  
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'86.

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J. S. Lane, Jerico Centre, Vt.  
F. J. Mills, So. Ryegate, Vt.  
J. S. Merrill, Loon Lake, N. Y.  
G. R. Story, Cambridge, Vt.  
E. M. Wilbur, Burlington, Vt.

'87.

A. A. Brooks, Swanton, Vt.  
O. F. Davis, Corinth, Vt.  
E. C. Morgan, Chateaugay, Vt.

G. W. Roberts, Underhill Center, Vt.  
G. C. Robinson, Westford, Vt.  
\*C. W. Safford, Fairfax, Vt.

'88.

H. C. Chase, Cambridge, Vt.  
L. A. Cooper, Springfield, Mass.  
S. L. Gates, Morrisville, Vt.  
G. E. Hyde, Strafford, Vt.

C. H. Sornborger, Bakersfield, Vt.  
E. D. Williams, Essex Junction, Vt.

Phi Delta Theta in this institution has received more than her share of honors during the past year. At the prize speaking, in the fall of '83, brother Jeffords received the first prize, the second was divided between a Sigma Phi and a Delta Psi, and brother Wilbur took the third. We also furnished our full number of battalion officers. Brother Stiles divided the honor of leading '84 with a Delta Psi, and brother Mills stood head and shoulders above the rest of '86.

The following table shows the comparative strength of the fraternities, societies and barbarians in this department of the University:

	'85.	'86.	87.	'88.	Total.
Phi Delta Theta,	4	12	5	6	27
Sigma Phi,	1	1	2	6	10
Delta Psi (local),	8	6	3	11	28
Lambda Iota ("Owl," local),	2	6	5	1	14
Barbarians,	-	3	1	12	16

There is also a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, which includes every young lady in college with the exception of a few in '88. There is also a flourishing local society in the medical school called Delta Mu, which includes many of the best men in the class,

During the past fall term H. W. Bell was sent to Colby University to assist our new Maine brothers in their first initiatory ceremonies. A delegation, consisting of brothers Bradbury, of Maine Alpha, and Hoffnagle, Paddock, Clapp, Wilbur, Story and the reporter a little later went to Dartmouth and there initiated New Hampshire Alpha, with appropriate ceremonies and festivities.

Brother Mills returned from Nashville with the most glowing reports of the Convention and of the treatment which that body received at the hands of Tennessee Alpha.

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## THOUGHTS AND SENTIMENTS.

### THE FRATERNITY JOURNAL—WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

THE last ten years have seen an immense stride forward taken by "American College Fraternities," and with it the rise of the fraternity journal—to which in great measure this progress may be attributed—marks a new era in their existence. There has been almost a total revolution in fraternity life and customs during the last twenty-five years, by far the greater part of which has been wrought within the last decade. The period of foundation, it seems, has passed away, being confined almost exclusively to ante-bellum days, only three general fraternities—the Alpha Tau Omega, 1865; the Southern Kappa Alpha, 1865, and the Kappa Sigma, 1867—with a list of more than six chapters having been founded since the close of the war. The Kappa Sigma Kappa, the Pi Kappa Alpha, the Sigma Nu and the Zeta Phi conclude the list of Greek-letter fraternities organized since 1865. To this list might be added the two fraternities of 1878, Phi Alpha and Delta Beta Phi. Of the former little is known, its mother college being utterly ignorant of its existence, and the latter is dead.

It would seem that the time has come when the multiplication of these societies has ceased—and we sincerely hope it has—and that those which are now in the field will be left to fight it out with the opponents they see before them. Even if new ones are to spring up at some future day they certainly cannot hope to be able to compete with those which are now in their second or third quarter century. We use the phrase "fight it out" as merely a conventional form of expression and in the most friendly manner possible, for there certainly can be nothing more disastrous to the general fraternity cause than this perpetual petty wrangling which is so much indulged in.

Coexistent with the rise of college fraternities to positions of honor and importance in the nation, where to-day they have "a name and a fame," has been the rise of fraternity literature. The

compilation of catalogues has risen almost to the level of an art. Histories are being prepared by many fraternities, but by far the most important factor in this line is the journal, for this is really the chief medium through which we are judged by the fraternity and the outer world, and the great questions which now remain to be settled are : What shall our journals be and how shall they be managed? What kind of matter shall they contain? In the first place, a matter of prime necessity is that they be made interesting to both graduate and undergraduate alike. But how shall this be done? That's the question. One journal says that by articles of a high literary character this end can be reached. Another claims that strictly fraternity news, showing the actual condition of the order which it represents, is what is desired. Now it is our opinion that neither of these is the means to that much desired end—the ideal fraternity journal. Should such a journal confine itself almost solely to literature, science and the like it would be as much out of its sphere as would the *North American Review* were it to undertake as its chief aim the discussion of fraternity matters. Nor can that journal which makes its chief object the dissemination of what it pleases to call news, bare, cold facts, expect to find the favor which it seeks, and especially from the alumni. Statistics are good in their way, but they make very poor reading matter.

It has been said that the *Beta Theta Pi* “apes” the *Century*. Now, the *Century* is a very good thing to “ape,” provided the *Beta Theta Pi* can “ape” just enough of the good qualities and combine them with those good qualities which they should themselves possess. Whether or not the *Beta Theta Pi* does this we are not prepared to say, but we have a very high opinion of that journal as the organ of a Greek-letter fraternity.

The article on “College Men in Congress,” the leading article in the November number of the *Star and Crescent*, is one of undoubted statistical value, and shows much labor on the part of the compiler ; but it is certainly not the kind of an article to elevate the tone of the journal which published it or to raise that journal in the estimation of its readers.

Twenty pages of the October number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* were taken up with an article “ $\Delta K E$  in the Old South,” of which the *Beta Theta Pi* says : “The records of these dead Southern chapters are interesting chiefly to  $\Delta K E$  antiquarians, though sometimes they throw a light on the changing and eventful times wherein they were written.” Now we think that any one who is a member of  $\Delta K E$ , be he “antiquarian” or not, and who is interested in  $\Delta K E$ , past, present and future, will find this article of much interest, and that is just what is desired. The article on “ $\Delta K E$  Heraldry” is ably written, but we do not think it would be likely to excite as much general

interest, especially among alumni, where it is so much desired, as the former.

The *Phi Gamma Delta*, with its article on "Shakespeare," the "Knight of To-day," "Dudes and Dullards," "Americans at Play" (from the *Century*), "'Twas a Hat," and numerous poems, comes forth as quite a literary magazine, but it seems as if some more fitting themes might be found for discussion in such a journal.

The leading article in the last number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, "James A. Garfield," is certainly apropos to that journal, and will surely find many interested readers in *Δ T*, but would have been more in place shortly after President Garfield's death, or at least before the *Quarterly* had run two years.

It is, indeed, much easier to tear down than to build up; much easier to say what should not be than, having condemned the old, to recommend the new and say what should be.

The SCROLL has always been a "strictly fraternity" journal and has prided itself on its chapter letters, and has even printed in one number letters from every chapter in the fraternity. This certainly shows one thing—that the various chapters remember that there is such a thing as the SCROLL. Now, there is in our mind a very great doubt as to the value of the chapter letters, *as they are now written*. Some say that they keep you posted on the condition of each chapter. Perhaps they do. Often they don't. Others again claim that they are a very good way for the chapter "to blow off what it has done." This they certainly do; and we are sorry to say that they are very often a good means for "blowing off" what they have *not* done. Take, for example, a college at which there are a number of chapters. Every fraternity man knows that there must be some difference between those chapters. Some—possibly one, possibly two—must stand at the head, and some one at least will in all probability stand at the foot. All certainly cannot stand on the same level; and yet from the reports of those chapters in the journals of their respective fraternities the chances of being able to make this distinction are very small. Again, the reports from different chapters at the same college often, by introducing comments and opinions, sometimes even slanderous and generally wholly unnecessary, lead to the disruption of those ties of friendship which should exist between chapters of different fraternities as well as between those of the same fraternity.

Do these reports give us the information we desire in regard to the chapter reporting? They certainly do not. It is easy enough to smooth down the rough, to give the cloud a silver lining, to cover up the weak spots and to make a good or at least a fair report, and about the only way to learn that a chapter is deteriorating is from the fact that it ceases to be heard from.

The great trouble is that correspondents miss the chief points which should be enlarged on by them, and, mistaking what is of importance to themselves for what is of importance to the fraternity at large, give us matter which is of interest to hardly any one but the writer.

Too much of the space which is of great value to the fraternity is taken by such reports. Let the correspondents condense their reports and rather give us a few concise facts (statistics in this department would be well enough, provided they serve the purpose for which they are intended), matters of interest and import to the whole fraternity, than spin out their narrative into an essay. The space saved by such condensed reports can be used to great advantage.

A friendly criticism of contemporaries in the same field should certainly find a place in the Greek-letter fraternity journal. News in regard to "our friends, the enemy," is always interesting. The rest of the journal should be taken up with articles of a literary nature which are of interest *to the fraternity man as a fraternity man*, and which would be out of place in any other kind of publication.

Improvement is always a slow process, and although perfection can never be reached, yet each step in the march should lead us to where we are better than we were before that step was taken. Fraternity journals when they first appeared, thirteen years ago, were an entirely new departure, and their development must needs be a slow process. In the thirteen years of their existence they have taken many and long strides forward, but a long road lies before them.

EURAND.

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#### TRANSFERRING AND EXPUNGING.

You may wonder why I write this. Let me say that I decided to do so after reading the account of the convention in the last SCROLL.

My mind has been moving in this direction since I read the article in November SCROLL, 1884, pages 65 and 66.

My object in writing is to call attention to some facts that I consider of great importance, and I make a very special request that you do not let what I say be published as coming from me, because I am a modest Phi, and it might save some comments, etc., etc.

The subject of this letter you may call "Transferring and Expunging." Found in November SCROLL, 1880, convention minutes, page 18. It is there that 10 chapters went to the wind. I have heard that it has been said that I am the best friend that a dead man can find. When I read that SCROLL I was sad all over. It informed me that the chapter I labored so hard for and loved



so dearly had been swept from the face of the earth. I announce myself as a defender of the "History" of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , exactly as it has been handed down from Miami University. I am positive that there is not a man in the fraternity that can tell its history, and if we continue as we are going, it will assuredly be lost forever. If we have put chapters in old field schools, let us stand by them. If chapters have been unable to hold up after their colleges have gone under, let us claim them still. If they have fallen in a conflict with perverse faculties, let us hold them up. If other fraternities expunge their dead chapters, let us refuse to imitate their ungrateful examples. If other fraternities are ashamed to own to what they have done, let us stand by our history that much closer. I have three Phi catalogues near me, and they do not show the history of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The last one has 10 chapters expunged from it, and therefore is farther from our history than both of the others. I have every SCROLL that has been published, and they show the incorrectness of the catalogues most woefully. If the SCROLL is intended to speak for the living part of the fraternity, why should not the catalogues tell of our history and our honored and lamented dead. I defy any Phi to give reasons for his disowning our worthy dead.

I have given the fraternity some study, and I have yet to learn of her doing anything of which I am ashamed. When I joined her there were 13 chapters existing, and I have kept a close watch on our movements ever since. I can say, as I can show, that I have corresponded with 18 chapters regularly at one time, and that is more than most Phis would undertake. That was before the days of the SCROLL. Here let me say that the resolution offered at the convention at Crawfordsville, Ind., 1874, was by S. W. Carpenter of the N. Y.  $\Delta$ . See minutes, page 53. If there is a Phi in New York who would vote to expunge brother Carpenter's chapter at Cornell, let him call on me, and I will produce a few extracts of the many letters of my friend and brother, Nelson W. Cady, and he will retire. Let us stand by the N. Y.  $\Delta$ ; she made a noble fight for life, and our history says she was once at Cornell University. If it were announced before your chapter that as soon as she died she would be expunged, I dare say there would be trouble ahead. If it becomes known that the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  establishes chapters and gets tired of them as soon as they are dead, I would look for all the colleges to shut down on us. If there should come a terrible collapse on the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and all her chapters die but one, I am sure you would agree with me when I say she could go into the expunging business and do nothing else; and when she finished her work our history would be badly shrivelled up.

Why, my brothers, if the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has established 50 chapters, I want to know it; and if she continues until she estab-

lishes 100 chapters, my desire to know it will be still greater. Transferring and expunging chapters has produced a confusion in the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and mixed up our history in nearly every State. I say to you, the day is coming when the fraternity will demand that it will be unravelled, and the sooner we get at it the better for those who may come after us. Even now it would be a job to undertake. I have had my attention called to the way it stands in Georgia. Men have asked me in conversation and through letters which chapter was established first, the  $\Gamma$  or  $B$ . As I am most decidedly against expunging, I never have and never expect to speak of the Georgia chapters, as they are now named, because it is not our history in this State, and by doing so I would not use the names as their founders left them. What has it benefited  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  by expunging the Georgia  $\Delta$  and moving up the chapters? I answer, nothing. I cannot talk of the chapters with the early Phis in the State until I explain that we have no dead chapters, for we expunge none. Well, it amounts to this, I don't know where I have been drifted. I see that my name has gone over, and I appear to have a diploma from our State University, which is altogether a mistake, for I had the honor to graduate at entirely another college. I am an alumnus of Oglethorpe University, the camping-ground of the most illustrious  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  work that this country ever saw. It was said by Chalmers Fraser that the Oglethorpe chapter could not find her superior. See catalogues 1872 and 1878, and you will find the "four" Georgia chapters following right along after each other. This represents the work of the Oglethorpe chapter that took place in one year, 1871. Never shall I forget how that grandest of grand chapters met almost day and night during 1871. Were they in my room to-night, and could see how all trace of their dearly beloved chapter had been erased, there would be a lively time among them. But they are all at their posts of duty, and are honoring the fraternity just the same as if they had gone out from a "big college." Oglethorpe University was first located at Milledgeville, Ga., the then capital of the State. Her first class went out in 1839, and they continued to go until 1861, when 32 graduated. I find in her catalogue some of the first men of the State: Chas. W. Lane, D.D., of Anthony, Ga.; Donald Fraser, D.D., of Decatur, Ga.; Jas. Stacey, D.D., Newnan, Ga., and in Atlanta S. B. Spencer, a prominent lawyer and ex-Mayor, State Treasurer John Hindman, and ex-State Treasurer D. N. Spear, Col. G. S. Thomas, Col. J. W. Avery (private secretary of ex-Gov. Colquitt), Z. D. Harrison, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Col. E. F. Huges, editor of the Atlanta *Herald*. Oglethorpe opened again, and in Atlanta in 1870; my class, being the first, sent out eleven, and her alumni, are doing well. My classmates, Dr. H. F. Scott, is a prominent oculist, Joe M. Brown, son of our Senator, holds a good place,

Rev. V. C. Norcross is a good preacher. We are all proud of Oglethorpe, and hope she may come to life again. I give you the above names to show you when the "Original Georgia A" made her appearance. She was not an old field school. Far from it; and the New York Phi could not blush to see her history. Oglethorpe belonged to the Synods of Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia. The college died because the first two States did not come to her aid in Atlanta. To say that I am proud of my chapter, is saying but half. I am proud of her college. And let me say, when another Phi catalogue is to be printed, I shall object to the names of my chapter being transferred, for I have seen enough of it. Read the letters of brother George M. Bulla, of North Carolina A, in September SCROLL, '78, and April SCROLL, '81, pages 134 and 135, and my word for it you will say give us back North Carolina A. Though dead, she shall have her tombstone raised again. Could you read my letters from George W. Wade, who was at Terre Haute, Ind., you would be able to know what kind of men that chapter had. I met B. V. Marshall of that chapter at Danville (Ky.) Convention, 1872, and I shall never forget how manfully he begged me to let them keep their charter. At the same time I also saw a Phi calling himself H. Clay Darnell, delegate from Asbury University. He went back to his chapter and turned traitor. Marshall and his men sent in a polite resignation. I have fought just as hard for the N. Y. A as I did for the Texas Alpha; for the Virginia Alpha, when all her men left but 3, as I did for the Indiana A when all her men left but 2. I am what they call "A National Phi." When all our men leave her, I will stay with her still, and her dead shall be my dead. I have made many notes from my letters, but can't get them in. One from Bethlehem, Pa., by H. M. Bydlesby, dated March 26, '77. and from W. W. Black, Oct. 23, '76. This brother I helped to bury last Saturday. Will Black was as true and noble a Phi as ever lived.

After reading what I have said, you will see that I am in earnest, and if the SCROLL save  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  from the chaos into which our "History" is plunging, her work will be well done.

CHARLES B. GASKELL.

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#### "REQUESTED TO RESIGN.

THE frequency with which the above expression occurs in the SCROLL prompts the writer to raise his voice against this method of severing the relations between a chapter and an unworthy member.

According to our constitution, a resignation can only be accepted when it states good and satisfactory reasons for such an action. It occasionally happens that complications arise between a

chapter and one of its members in which both have acted with perfect honor and sincerity, neither having violated the duties or obligations of the brotherhood. Under such circumstances it is often advisable for the best interests of both the chapter and the brother concerned that the latter resign. These occurrences are rare ; but the framers of our constitution prudently provided for them.

It appears, however, that many of our chapters do not so interpret this provision of our constitution, but make use of forced resignations as a substitute for expulsion.

If a brother wilfully violates our bond, and persists in his course, he should be expelled, not asked (nor even allowed) to resign. In cases where continued immoral and dishonorable conduct calls for rigorous discipline, what "good and satisfactory reasons" can the guilty one give that his resignation should be accepted? He can only acknowledge that he has violated his duty and broken the bond. When a member of our order has disregarded his obligations and broken his fraternal vows, it is a self-imposed insult for his chapter to accept his resignation, whether requested or offered voluntarily. No one should be allowed to resign who is not a gentleman and who cannot give other reasons for his resignation than his own immoral conduct and violation of duty. No chapter should hesitate a moment as to its course in such an emergency. Expulsion, after a fair trial (as provided in our constitution), is its only resource. The privilege of resigning belongs to those whose conduct has been gentlemanly and honorable. For those whose conduct has been otherwise, expulsion has been provided.

Again, the solemn scenes of a trial make an indelible impression upon those who witness them, and are calculated to exert a much more wholesome influence upon a brother (other than the one on trial) who is inclined to be wayward than would be possible by any other course of procedure.

If unworthy men were expelled instead of being allowed to resign we would seldom or never be confronted in the journals of other fraternities with sentences such as the following : "We recently initiated Mr. —, who had joined Phi Delta Theta, but resigned when he discovered the class of men who constitute the chapter of that order at our institution."

Our chapters are of course careful as to the character of those whom they initiate. Let them be equally careful when they accept resignations.

We call the earnest attention of our chapters to this matter, and urge them to accept resignations from none but honorable and moral men, and from them for no reasons other than those intended by our constitution.

M. L. HOLLOWAY,  
Pa. Beta, '84.

## “LIFTING” AMONG FRATERNITIES.

SINCE fraternities have become such an important element in the college of the country, they should strive hard to elevate themselves.

In those colleges where there are fraternities we find them the best institutions, and we can from observation but ascribe it to the influence of fraternities. An institution where the aspiring youths mold their character, and which in its turn molds the character of the country at large—fraternities should make their standard high; should aim their arrows at the sun; should build upon a mountain top of knowledge and morality.

To do this, fraternities must strive to get only good, energetic, intellectual, moral men. Choose men who are men, not one-sided men. Do not take a man simply for victory's sake, for his looks, or his riches, or his class standing, alone. We should not have men “blessed with one virtue and a thousand crimes.”

There is one practice of most of the fraternities of to-day which is directly in opposition to what is best. I have reference to what is usually known as “lifting” among fraternity men. I think this a poisonous practice and claim it is injurious, for three reasons:

First, it is not a manly work. In my opinion it is beneath the dignity of a model fraternity man to go to another fraternity man and with a slick tongue persuade him he is in his wrong place; make him believe his fraternity is not a good one; make him break the oath with which he solemnly swore allegiance to his fraternity. Such, rightly viewed, is a lowly and humble occupation.

Again, such actions place a damper over the fraternity from which he may be taken. The fraternities at large look upon that fraternity as an inferior one, when in fact it may be much otherwise. This is a spirit which will soon become very distasteful. Why try to destroy other fraternities? Their progress is our progress. It is an excellent spirit to speak of other fraternities in their highest and truest position.

Again, and lastly, it is no honor, but dishonor, to the fraternity into which he is taken. A man who can be thus influenced is not substantial. He who can be led around by a simple string of words is not fit for any fraternity. But it may be held by some that it is a victory. I ask you to consider. There is no victory in fraternity affairs unless there be honor in the achievement.

“Lifting,” indeed, does no good to the man himself, no good, but harm, to the fraternity from which he be taken, and indeed positive injury to the fraternity into which he goes. Even such a man has his influence in fraternities, for there are charms in wicked pleasures.

A withering bud among blooming flowers destroys some of the flavor. Every rotting limb aids to decay others. I hope fraternities will immediately dispel such ideas to the clouds, and put on an armor of purer metal. I hope that Phi Delta Theta will be among the first to discourage such by placing in her constitution, at her next convention, an article declaring that none of her chapters shall be guilty of "lifting" a man; and as cautious men lead into open roads, and clear of danger, so will other fraternities follow when such dangers are plainly seen. Let us not close our eyes to them, for they will certainly trip us. We are the most flourishing fraternity in the West; but let us not, in a moment of victory, flushed by prosperity, be so incautious as to continue to take to our bosom an adder for a butterfly.

F. B. TUBOR.

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#### A DREAM.

THERE are many productions upon fraternity topics published each year in the SCROLL, but these form a small part of all those that are written.

There is a literature that seldom ever gets a representation in our journal, not because its productions are any the less deserving, or that its authors are less devoted to the fraternity, simply because they were not primarily intended for publication, as they could easily reach the member for whom they were intended without the medium of the journal. Uncle Sam always saw to that.

Some of these, however, are general in their nature, and might make reading of interest to all.

A year or so ago one of the contributors to this literature was also connected with the "local" department of a newspaper. Occupation guided thoughts, and thoughts again shaped the dreams, one of which was concerning our fraternity.

I give the dream in full as it was written, save that some names are changed to avoid personality. It may serve to "point a moral:"

"I had been clasped in the arms of Morpheus but a short time, when the whole room was flooded with a beautiful light, dazzling my eyes with its golden glory. As I raised up on my elbow to ascertain the cause, I seemed to be borne up, up, up, by invisible wings, until, upon looking down, the earth had disappeared from my view, and instead I was surrounded by myriads of lights like stars. Finally I passed through a cloud, tinted with radiant hues, illumining all objects. As I emerged from the cloud, strains of the most exquisite and divine music were wafted to my enraptured ear. At the same time I saw thousands of per-

sons, clothed in brilliant raiments, going the same direction as myself. Beyond us, in all their beauty, stood the walls and gates of jasper, with golden-paved streets, and millions of beautiful beings floating on invisible wings. These beings—angels, I presume, they were—were clad, not in the regulation white, but that most beautiful of combinations, *blue* and *white*; and they seemed to beckon us on.

“As we neared the gate I noticed, with some curiosity, that the thousands of persons before me passed on in single file as they neared the gates. I, after a long time of waiting, finally approached near enough the gate-keeper, who was also clad in a shimmering robe of blue and white, to observe that here the constantly approaching stream of humanity was divided. One part—the many who were arrayed in blue and white—passed with a song of triumph into the gate held open to receive them, while the other part—those whom I noticed were clad in robes of pink and scarlet, blue and garnet, lavender and purple, &c., &c.—passed into a path which led into one of the darkest of abysses, where the clanking of chains, and groaning and gnashing of teeth were heard. What was going on in this abyss I cannot say, for I did not get that far.

“At last it was the turn of the person before me to approach the gate-keeper. As he saw his robe of pink and scarlet, with a  $\Psi$   $\Psi$  pin shining upon his bosom, he frowned and spoke in tones that nearly froze the blood in my veins.

“‘And who, pray, are you, and what do you want?’ demanded the keeper of the gate. And the Psi Psi replied, ‘May it please your most gracious majesty, I am a delegate to this convention from the  $\Psi$   $\Psi$  fraternity at D——, O——, U. S. A.’

“‘Get thee hence unto outer darkness,’ thundered the keeper; ‘none but those of the pure white and blue are permitted to enter here. Go to!’

“And the Psi Psi ‘got.’

“During the conversation I began to grow nervous as to my chances; so I glanced down at my robe, when behold! I had on a robe, the cloth of which resembled a printer’s towel, with paper in one hand, pencil, scissors and a knife in the other, while the words ‘Printer’s Devil’ gleamed from a pin I wore.

“It was now my turn. As the keeper’s gaze fell upon me, with a throbbing heart I saw his stern countenance relax, and a smile, as beautiful as it was kind, lit up his pure face, and patting my low-bowed head, he said, in tones of benediction, ‘Go thou within.’

“So I passed on, wondering. As the gate swung open to receive me, I saw in letters of diamonds the symbol ‘ $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ ’ engraved upon the gate.

“Here my dream ended.

## CHAPTER LIBRARIES.

I WAS pleased to see in the January issue of the SCROLL an able article on "Chapter Libraries" from the pen of Melvil Dewey in *Δ K E Quarterly*.

The article seems so fraught with opportune reason and good sense that I beg leave to ventilate the subject still further with reference to the needs and necessities of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Isn't this just what we most need at this particular period of our history? Our territory is broad. Let us then turn our attention to internal improvement and concentrate all our energies upon the building up of present chapters.

Phi Delta Theta has spread so vigorously in the past five years and has expended so much effort in the extension of its chapters, that we have had little time to study the means by which to strengthen and better our present strongholds. That our internal system at present is good, we all recognize, yet addition and improvement is always in order. "The fittest survives and the world advances."

The article above referred to strikes us as pertinent to the internal growth and improvement of our order. What better means could we embrace to widen and extend our influence?

It may be, and perhaps is true, that a large number of the wealthier chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  have good libraries in their halls, but as a general thing we are without them, and the members have to rely altogether upon the college, literary society or private library. This should not be.

Every chapter in our fraternity should have its own library and reading-room, and why can we not have them? The benefit and pleasure to be derived from such a source cannot be overestimated.

Literary and social improvement is the ultimate end and issue of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . How better can we secure this end than through the medium of a good library that will incite and stimulate intellectual friction, and thus bring the members closer together? But I don't propose to enter into an argument for the library. It is taken for granted there are none within our mysteries who will, for a moment, dispute the great amount of good to be derived from such a source.

Now, the pessimistic Phi will groan out, "How are we to start such a thing?" I answer: At the next meeting of the chapter get up and make a ringing speech for the cause. Levy an assessment to purchase a cheap book-case, to begin with; have a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions of money and books, not only from active members, but from alumni and friends of the chapter. Go to the Professors, if you feel their help is necessary. Write home to the family circle and have them send you some



volumes that can be spared from the home library. Pull off your coat, roll up your sleeves and devote a day's good earnest work to the undertaking, and if within six months you haven't a library that will reflect credit upon the chapter, "I'll go foot." Once the members are thoroughly aroused and enthused in the work, its after success is assured.

As to the character of books to begin with, that had best be left to the individual tastes of the members, remembering the old saw, that beggars are poor choosers. After the infantile stage is passed in the library history, it would then be in order to survey the field of literature and select books that would give a permanent character to the library, and in a few years embrace works of history, philosophy, science, poetry, art, fiction and romance. But it is not to be forgotten that this is a Fraternity Library, and is not complete without the Greek publications. Subscribe and get as many as you can, including also the recent catalogues of the various Greek-letter societies, to which might be added the current periodicals of the day. Retain a complete file of the College Annual, and all historical matter that pertains to the chapter and its members. Such a library would certainly enhance the looks of any chapter hall, and prove a source of pride and pleasure to the members. Let all of our chapters that have not one take hold of the enterprise and push it vigorously. Once started, and it is an easy matter to keep the ball rolling. As by steady contributions of a few books from those who love the chapter, in a short while the number of volumes will accumulate, and what first appears airy nothing, will soon be made to assume a habitation and a name. I feel sure Phi Delta Theta has not a member who will refuse to assist such a laudable purpose in fact. I am confident that every alumnus will eagerly embrace the opportunity of assisting in such work, and do his utmost to bring about its perfection.

The literary feature is a strong point in our chapter exercises, and a good library will greatly facilitate this work.

Brothers, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and evolve a first-class library in every chapter in the Fraternity.

J. B. ROBINSON, JR.,  
Alabama Beta, '84.

January, 1885.

## THE HISTORY OF PSI UPSILON.\*

To Psi Upsilon belongs the credit of producing the first complete biographical catalogue issued by a college fraternity, and now she is again a pioneer in publishing the first fraternity history. The history cannot but be regarded as a masterpiece almost as complete and valuable as was the catalogue. Mr. Jacobs, the author, is perhaps best known to the fraternity world by his "Greek Letter Societies," which antedated Mr. Baird's more extended work, "American College Fraternities." The history calls for but little unfavorable comment. In this review, therefore, it is designed mainly to describe the scope and principal features of the new work, and to quote some such parts of it as may be of general interest.

The book is handsome in appearance and admirable in its mechanical execution. It is printed on heavy, tinted paper, and is bound in garnet cloth boards, with a side stamp in gilt, thus combining the fraternity colors. The following is a list of the illustrations :

1, Coat of Arms ; 2, Pearl Badge ; 3, The Birthplace of Psi Upsilon ; 4, Portraits of the Living Founders ; 5, Original Badge, Monogram Badge, and Key Badge ; 6, Badge of Beta Beta ; 7, Chapter Monogram ; 8, Scroll-Work Poster ; 9, Poster of the Gamma Chapter ; 10, Poster of the Beta Beta Chapter ; 11, Poster of the Phi Theta Psi ; 12, Beta Chapter Hall ; 13, Xi Chapter House ; 14, Gamma Chapter House ; 15, Phi Chapter House ; 16, Psi Chapter House ; 17, Beta Beta Chapter Lodge ; 18, Eta Chapter House ; 19, Chi Chapter House ; 20, Badges of the Eastern Fraternities.

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The CHRONOLOGY is divided into decades, the fraternity having completed five and entered its sixth. Brief reference to the prin-

\* THE PSI UPSILON EPITOME. Studies addressed to members of the Society concerning its outward growth, characteristics and results, from its origin in the latter part of 1833, to the installation of its youngest chapter early in 1884. By Albert Poole Jacobs, Phi, 1873. *Dolce nella memoria*, 1884. Boston : Rand, Avery & Co. 16mo, pp. 264.

cial events in Psi Upsilon's career are condensed into six pages of small type.

CHAPTER ANNALS embraces in forty pages much interesting information. Here, as in other parts of the book, the author displays a style that is graceful and captivating, of which the extracts to follow are sufficient assurance. The opening paragraph begins thus :

"Near the centre of the city of Schenectady stands a massive stone building, now used as a public school, but which, fifty years ago, was tenanted by students of Union College. In an attic room of this edifice, Nov. 24, 1833, seven undergraduates met and signed a formal pledge to organize a secret society. . . The founders belonged to the Delphian Institute, a literary society, somewhat secret in form, which had been established fourteen years before by Southern aristocratic influence, in opposition to the old societies—the Philomathean and the Adelpheia. Dr. Harvey, in whose room was held the 'pledge' meeting, says that the idea of a new fraternity first occurred to him during a political contest ; and Judge Hodley relates that the organization was formed almost in self-defence. The ruling motive, as the Rev. Dr. Goodale positively affirms, was the social one."

A succinct account of the rise and progress of each chapter is given. The colleges in which Psi Upsilon has established chapters, and the years of their establishment, are as follows :

1, Union College, 1833; 2, University of the City of New York, 1837; 3, Yale College, 1839; 4, Brown University, 1840; 5, Amherst College, 1841; 6, Dartmouth College, 1842; 7, Columbia College, 1842; 8, Bowdoin College, 1843; 9, Hamilton College, 1843; 10, Wesleyan University, 1843; 11, Harvard University, 1850; 12, University of Rochester, 1858; 13, Kenyon College, 1860; 14, University of Michigan, 1865; 15, University of Chicago, 1869; 16, Syracuse University, 1875; 17, Cornell University, 1876; 18, Trinity College, 1880; 19, Lehigh University, 1884.

The parent chapter did not assume a chapter letter until 1838, after a second chapter had been formed. The Yale Chapter was founded by Mr. W. E. Robinson, afterwards known as "Riche-lieu," a Washington correspondent, and still later as a member of Congress. The first initiates of the chapter were from the two upper classes, but, following the Yale custom of class societies, the chapter became a Junior society subsequently. To this chapter the following compliment is paid :

"Beta's record is a brilliant one. Its founder compiled the first fraternity catalogue, and was the chief agent in forming two great chapters. One of his comrades organized a third branch. To the unwearied industry and patience of a much younger graduate is largely due the latest addition to our circle. Our earliest songs were composed, and our first song books were edited, by Yale undergraduates."

Writing of the Harvard Chapter, the author says :

"The Greek-letter Societies at Harvard have had to contend with special difficulties. A peculiar and complicated system of local clubs, strong with age and in traditional influence, prevented the fraternities from gaining the complete ascendancy they elsewhere hold ; and when, in the Senior election of '57, the unfortunate rivalry among the societies (caused by a useless multiplication of their number) culminated, leading the class to advise by resolution against further initiations, the existence of the clubs gave force to what

would otherwise have been impotent. '58 resisted the decree, unsuccessfully, and Psi Upsilon made no elections in '59. The feeling throughout the fraternity was one of deep sorrow."

In 1870 the chapter was revived, but four years later it again succumbed, as told below :

"After some years of reasonable prosperity, disagreements arising out of the chapter's relations with the Hasty-Pudding and Signet Clubs, caused a second dissolution, at a time when there were nearly thirty undergraduate members, and no rivals

"The chapter could now be revived ; in fact, during the past five years, not a few of the exiled organizations have returned to Harvard, and late classes have contained several Psi Upsilon men ; but the society is not convinced that a fraternity can flourish—though it may exist—in the presence of so many distracting influences."

A remarkable circumstance about Psi Upsilon is that her Harvard Chapter is the only dead chapter on her roll. In this respect she is a great deal more fortunate than any other fraternity. Though inactive, the Harvard Chapter is always represented by alumni in the general conventions. Of the University of Chicago it is said :

"The once bright prospects of the Chicago institution have been clouded by mismanagement and misfortune ; and the broad plans of Senator Douglas, which seemed in a fair way of being realized at the time when our society, in response to the earnest appeals of resident alumni, granted Omega's charter, have never come to fruition. Yet the great city must ultimately provide for the head of its educational system; and, in view of the certain future, Psi Upsilon has preferred not to discontinue a worthy branch, which has never failed of such measures of success as the situation would permit."

The origin of the Cornell Chapter is thus given :

"Cornell University had always been favored by many chapters ; but unanimous approval was obtained only after years of petitioning. A preliminary organization was formed in 1875, under the leadership of distinguished graduates. The nucleus of the Chi Chapter was composed of members initiated at other colleges, and of the Phi Kappa Psi Society, which had kept up a flourishing existence from 1869, and which now transferred its allegiance."

The Chapter at Trinity was established by absorbing the local society Beta Beta. All of the alumni of the local society were added to the roll of Psi Upsilon. The author says :

"It is said that the first suggestion of a change from the local form came from the Rev. Alexander B. Crawford (Zeta, '76.) The project met with approval among the graduates of Trinity, and was heartily favored by many chapters, but at one time success seemed doubtful. However, by extraordinary effort, all obligations were removed, and the charter was granted."

A set of petitioners of Lehigh made most persistent efforts to get the benefit of a Psi Upsilon charter, and were long refused, but the fraternity at last acceded. The establishment of this, the youngest branch, is thus narrated :

"More than three years ago, a movement to obtain a charter began in the Lehigh University. It was guided by two Psi Upsilon men in the faculty, and received the hearty support of our alumni throughout Pennsylvania. In favor of the petition (first presented in May, 1881), were urged the high character

and vast endowment of the university, the scholarly record of the applicants (from whose ranks have come three valedictorians and two salutatorians), and the ownership of a large and finely-built chapter-house acquired through graduate liberality. During the later stages of the probationary period, an organization was kept up under the name of 'Phi Theta Psi,' reviving memories of an extinct sophomore society formed at Yale in 1864, by men pledged to Psi Upsilon. After long and careful consideration the unanimous consent required by our usages was given; and the Eta, the ninth branch put forth in forty years, was instituted."

After tracing the careers of all the chapters, the author concludes thus :

"Of the nineteen branches only one lacks a present undergraduate membership. Of the eighteen others, all save one—and that one was but briefly inactive—have held meetings uninterruptedly from the first. The average age of the chapters exceeds thirty years. No chapter has suffered a change of name. No chapter has been removed from its first site. In each college the Psi Upsilon has a distinct, an interesting, and an honorable history, from which every member can derive abundant reason for satisfaction and thankfulness."

To this is appended a table giving statistics of the colleges in which the fraternity is established.

In twenty pages on *INSIGNIA* is found a full description of the various forms of the badge, and the several kinds of stamps, crests and monograms.

Under the head of *GENERAL ORGANIZATION*, to which twenty-six pages are devoted, brief accounts are furnished of the general conventions and of the organization of the Executive Council and of the Alumni Associations. The following preliminary statement is made :

"The different branches, whether old or young, large or small, have always stood on a footing of absolute equality. No chapter has ever been invested with the leadership. It has never been possible to establish a new branch against the will of any existing one."

Conventions have been held annually since 1841, in rotation with the several chapters. In 1851 it was proposed to contribute a stone to the Washington Monument, and the matter came up year after year until 1866, but it did not enlist an enthusiastic support. A fraternity periodical was proposed also in 1851, but this project was not more successful than the other. The following assertions will attract attention :

"The University of Wisconsin, first proposed at the Convention of 1852, and heartily seconded by alumni, was similarly rejected. The Convention of 1858 threw out another petition from Wisconsin, notwithstanding a favorable report, so remarkable that it is reproduced here : 'It seems that there are twenty-five or more graduate Psi Upsilons in Wisconsin who wish to have a charter granted to them. The Legislature of the State and the Board of Regents have requested that our Fraternity grant a chapter to their State University. The faculty of the said institution have requested the same and promised no other society a hold in the college.'"

The author appropriately calls this a remarkable report. We would be led to infer that the "twenty-five or more graduate Psi

Upsilon in Wisconsin," exerted such a strong influence upon the Legislature that that body made a special request of the fraternity to confer upon the State the benefit of a chapter established in its university. But if such a request really was made, why not quote the joint resolution to that effect passed by both houses? The acts and resolutions of the Legislature are always published and to be found in the executive offices. The allegations as to the Board of Regents and faculty petitioning the fraternity are almost as difficult to accept as that about the Legislature. No doubt some of the Regents and professors of that time are still living, and, if there is any foundation at all for this statement, they would be able to corroborate the facts. A little more proof is needed here before this extraordinary story of the wooing of Psi Upsilon by the university and State authorities can be seriously considered. In 1851, the Wisconsin Psi Upsilon held a State Reunion, and annual meetings at Madison were kept up for three years. Probably this was the first State association organized by a college fraternity. At the end of the record of the conventions are given lists of the convention orators, poets, presidents and toastmasters. Having no presiding chapter, Psi Upsilon felt the need of a permanent central body, and in 1857 established an Executive Committee, which in 1869 developed into the Executive Council. In thus establishing a board of control and management, Psi Upsilon, perhaps, led other fraternities. The first local alumni association was formed in New York city in 1872, and since then a number have been established. Of the character of these associations the author has to say :

"Most of the alumni bodies are somewhat informal in their procedure. There is no attempt to carry on a feeble imitation of college life by holding weekly meetings. In at least one great city a regular club, to which none but Psi Upsilon men should be eligible, has been proposed, but the objections to such a project are numerous. It seems unwise to overlay youth's delightful and peculiar traditions with a new set of experiences. The present associations, unpretending as they are, have opened the way to valuable friendships. At the reunions new comers to the city are welcomed. The exercises are largely literary, but everything 'heavy' is abjured. There is the inevitable supper, and then come the equally inevitable toasts. . . The songs are sung and resung. If an undergraduate be present, the assurance is wrung from him that Theta or Delta is enjoying even more than its usual prosperity, whereat the alumni cheer ; and each, as the hour grows late, feels called upon to say a good word for his chapter, and another for old Psi Upsilon."

THE MEMBERSHIP, which occupies thirty pages, contains tables of annual invitations and class delegations, which are particularly interesting and valuable. The following comment is offered :

"Barring the breaks caused by the suspension of the Alpha (Harvard) Chapter, there appear in a possible total of five hundred and forty-four annual invitations, from 1833 to 1883 inclusive, only five omissions, and some of these were caused by postponing the admission of pledged students. This feature of continuity is still more pronounced in the table of class delegations. Each chapter, Harvard excepted, has been represented in every class that has

matriculated since its establishment, save in the solitary instance of the New York University Class of '71. These facts have no parallel in the history of societies."

In addition there is a table showing each chapter's per cent. of graduates, and the per cent. of Psi Upsilon men in graduated classes; also tables of relationship statistics and of mortality concerning members elected after graduation, of whom Psi Upsilon has quite a number, the author observes:

"The chapters are now forbidden to initiate persons not undergraduates in their colleges. Those who, in former years, were admitted after graduation were, for the most part, alumni of some local society or chapter merged in Psi Upsilon—men of tastes, traditions and experiences similar to our own. Others during their college lives had been unsuccessful petitioners for charters."

The total membership is 6,075, including 904 deceased members. Many additional statistics relating to the geographical distribution, the division by professions and other matters are furnished, all indicating patient research and careful compilation. In presenting a list of distinguished members, Psi Upsilon is able to make a splendid showing. No fraternity stands above her in this respect, if indeed she does not occupy the first position. A long list of the Psi Upsilon members of faculties in colleges where the fraternity exists is given, and among other prominent alumni mentioned are a President of the United States (Arthur), a Speaker of the House (Grow), seven United States Senators, twenty-seven Congressmen, five United States Ministers, seven State Governors, two Chief Justices and fourteen Associate Justices of State Supreme Courts.

In SOCIAL LIFE there are thirty pages taken up mainly with descriptions of the chapter-houses, in regard to which the author says:

"Before the close of the present year, ten of the eighteen living chapters will probably have halls built or building; and before very long all will be similarly provided for."

In the twenty pages allotted to HYMNOLOGY there are nearly fifty extracts from the songs of Psi Upsilon, of which she has a rich and probably unexcelled collection. Among them are many lyrics full of feeling and faultless in construction. The gem of all is the "Psi Upsilon Smoking Song," by Judge F. M. Finch, who has touched the hearts of the people of both the North and South in his famous verses, "The Blue and the Gray." The "Smoking Song" begins—

"Floating away, like the fountain's spray,  
Or the snow-white plume of a maiden,  
The smoke wreaths rise to the star-lit skies  
With blissful fragrance laden;  
Then smoke away till a golden ray  
Lights up the dawn of the morrow;  
For a cheerful cigar, like a shield, will bar  
The blows of care and sorrow."

Prof. Williard Fiske, of Cornell, contributes the following :

"I know full well a maiden, a maiden wondrous fair,  
Her brow and bosom laden with jewels rich and rare ;  
Upon her forehead sparkles the diamond's lustre true,  
And in her soft eye darkles the swart enamel's hue.

"She sits in radiant splendor, and clasps her loving hands ;  
Around her waist so slender are pearl-embroidered bands ;  
A thousand lovers woo her, and her sweet praises sing ;  
A thousand hearts unto her their precious worship bring.

"And she, in equal measure, the love of each requites ;  
With all-embracing pleasure her troth to all she plights.  
May naught but good befall her, this maiden debonair !  
We bless her as we call her Psi Upsilon the fair."

A want of space prevents the reproduction here of other quotations of great beauty.

The Chapter on BIBLIOGRAPHY contains twenty two pages, and is devoted to descriptions of the various editions of the catalogue and song book, and the other prints of the fraternity. The nine editions of the catalogue have been issued in the years 1842, 1844, 1847, 1849, 1852, 1855, 1864, 1870 and 1879, the last being the one which attracted so much attention. The first edition of the song book was dated 1849, and the author believes that it is the first work of the class ever published. Since then seven editions have been issued. Psi Upsilon was very slow to begin the publication of a fraternity journal, and it is reported that the *Diamond*, established at Ithaca in 1878, received the cordial support of only a few chapters. After being published but one year at Ithaca it suspended. In 1880 it was revived at New York, in 1881 it was changed to Schenectady, in 1884 it was again changed to New York, and it is now published by a staff of alumni.

THE HONOR ROLL, which takes up nineteen pages, is a statistical exhibit of the prizes and honors won by members of Psi Upsilon compared with those won by men in other fraternities. It is needless to say that in this exhibit Psi Upsilon appears to great advantage over her rivals. It will, no doubt, to some extent, provoke the ill will of some of them.

In THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES sixteen pages are devoted to a sketch of the rise and development of the secret society system, and to comments which the author makes very freely. Psi Upsilon is the central sun of the system, other eastern orders the planets, and the western and southern societies the lesser lights. The following is very interesting reading as defining the merits and characteristics of the different fraternities from a Psi Upsilon standpoint :

"Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi have purposely limited their fields; but this does not imply that they have chosen the best colleges, for, while it is true



that all of their institutions admit of a select membership, some of them are surpassed, both in general repute and in fraternity qualifications, by many into which these societies have not entered. Hobart and Vermont are not equal to Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Trinity. Delta Phi has been inconsistent, and has made mistakes. Chi Psi would have a fair list, were Furman University, Wofford College, and other Southern names, with the Stevens' Institute, eliminated. Zeta Psi carries a good many secondary colleges and one scientific school. Delta Psi has lost most of its poorest branches, but has the Sheffield Scientific School and three Southern colleges on its hands. Theta Delta Chi has fostered many very poor colleges, once placed a chapter in the Ballston Law School, and is now represented by a branch in the professional departments of Columbia. Twelve of Delta Kappa Epsilon's numerous charters were sent South, whence ten have returned. Without criticising the wisdom of the policy adopted by this widely extended fraternity, there can be no harm in remarking that it has entered many colleges that Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi have determinedly rejected both before and since 1844. Excluding its inactive branches, Alpha Delta Phi presents a good roll of colleges. Kappa Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Phi, and Psi Upsilon are the only societies that have not entered scientific schools, and Sigma Phi and Psi Upsilon alone have had no Southern chapters.

"Taking the entire lists of all the fraternities, it appears that Psi Upsilon more carefully than any other has confined itself to the historic and leading colleges. Probably time will vindicate the accuracy of our judgment in regard to every college that we have chartered. Psi Upsilon has kept itself so far removed from undue expansion, while avoiding the lesser evil of ultra-conservatism, that it still has room for two or three great institutions, should such hereafter be developed. Among the more prominent universities and colleges that Psi Upsilon has refused to enter are Colby, Vermont, Williams, Tufts, Hobart, Madison, Princeton, Allegheny, Lafayette, Dickinson, Virginia, North Carolina, Western Reserve, Indiana, Indiana Asbury, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Minnesota and California. The fraternity has never sought to enter any college, or to ally itself with any other society for the sake of entering any college, but has always waited (its forms compel it to wait) for petitions."

Psi Upsilon can hardly afford to lay great stress on the charge of inconsistency and of making mistakes which the author brings against some fraternities. Several of her institutions cannot be classed either among "the historic" or "the leading colleges." The author himself admits that some of them do not now occupy first positions in saying that, "Probably time will vindicate the accuracy of our judgment in regard to every college that we have chartered." He affects a great disdain of Southern colleges; but the State institutions of the South can well afford comparison with some of the colleges on Psi Upsilon's roll. It is surprising that Psi Upsilon should enter such institutions as Syracuse and Chicago Universities and reject applications from Williams, Lafayette, and the University of Virginia. The statement that the fraternity "still has room for two or three great institutions should such hereafter be developed" indicates that Psi Upsilon believes in some limited maximum number of chapters, and suggests the thought that when enough chapters have been created to take up all the letters of the Greek alphabet—nineteen

have been taken now—Psi Upsilon will go no further, but forevermore turn a deaf ear to all appeals for charters. The declaration that “The fraternity has never sought to enter any college or to ally itself with any other society for the sake of entering any college” cannot be reconciled well with the account of the absorption of the local society Beta Beta at Trinity, but perhaps the seeking was all on Beta Beta’s side. The author exercises his powers of discrimination between Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon, which are usually classed as the leading eastern fraternities :

“During the long course of fifty years, Alpha Delta Phi has sought many whose scholarship seemed to ‘outsiders’ their chief qualification, and Psi Upsilon has paid rather more attention to congeniality and social position, without, however, neglecting scholarship; while Delta Kappa Epsilon, the youngest of the triad, has found some adherents among students whom its elders—perhaps without sufficient reason—thought ineligible.”

The difference between some of the other eastern orders are further analyzed :

“The initiates of Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi are usually men of family and means ; and the same is true of Delta Phi’s members at Columbia and Rutgers, and of Delta Psi’s at Columbia, Trinity, and Williams. Chi Psi is popularly known as a ‘festive’ fraternity ; President White, though befriending other orders, refused to sanction its entrance into Cornell, and compelled its new men to return their charter. However, the re-established chapter at Williams (whose founder, by the way, first applied to Psi Upsilon) is or was as marked an exception to the general rule as the old chapter was an example of it ; and the members at Hamilton take their share of college honors. Zeta Psi’s crowd is a pretty ‘lively’ one nearly everywhere, nor are its scholars so numerous as to cast a sombre shade over its conferences. Theta Delta Chi has a restricted range of choice, owing to its youth, but it is a good deal more exclusive than any of the Western orders”

The author pays his respects to the Western and Southern societies in the following terms :

“The Western and Southern societies make no pretensions to conservatism. Most of them have extension committees ; and their struggle is not to resist applicants, but to find them. Beta Theta Pi has or has had chapters at the Maine State (agricultural) College, the Stevens Institute, the St. Lawrence University, the Naval Academy at Newport, R. I., the Cincinnati Law School, the Virginia Military Institute, the Virginia College of Agriculture, and a great many third-class colleges. Delta Tau Delta has at times extended its privileges to preparatory, normal, and agricultural schools and is to be found at such insignificant institutions as Adrian, Albion, and Hillsdale colleges in Michigan, and at still poorer ones in other States. Phi Kappa Psi exists in very few strong colleges. Chi Phi’s field is in the South and in Pennsylvania.”

The following information is a matter of interest :

“Noticing a few transfers, or attempted transfers, of allegiance, it may be remarked that Phi Kappa Psi gave way to Psi Upsilon at Cornell ; that Beta Theta Pi went over to Alpha Delta Phi at Brown and Williams, to Psi Upsilon at Michigan, and to Delta Kappa Epsilon at Western Reserve (after being rejected by Psi Upsilon) ; that Phi Gamma Delta re-established Zeta Psi at Williams ; that Delta Tau Delta at Wabash College became a chapter of Theta Delta Chi, and from the University of Indiana made an unsuccessful

application to Psi Upsilon in 1871; and that on different occasions Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Chi, at the Northwestern University, have sought charters from Psi Upsilon."

The following is a palpable thrust at Beta Theta Pi :

"Our 1879 catalogue has avowedly been adopted as a model by other societies, and slavishly imitated, as to paper, type, binding, and general appearance, by a Western Society in 1882. But some things cannot be copied. The imitating contains sixty-seven times more defective names than appear in the imitated book."

This is very rich :

"One of the many *naïve* notes in Theta Delta Chi's handsome catalogue of 1875 reads: 'Adopted in infancy by a childless rich man named Clark. Unaware of this until 1858, when a careless informant caused great distress to all parties. But the paternal and filial feelings continued the same, and the will of the old man made Henry rich.'"

Phi Delta Theta gets off very handsomely :

"During the past two years several Western societies, especially Phi Delta Theta, have done good work in catalogue making."

Judging from the following, the society system at Harvard must be very much mixed :

"Delta Kappa Epsilon at Harvard ran into the Dickey, a Sophomore club, which can hardly be considered a chapter. Some of its members aided in reviving Alpha Delta Phi at Harvard in 1879."

In regard to Chi Phi's generally discredited claim to be very ancient in origin, this is published :

"It is said that in 1854 a nephew of President John Maclean, of Princeton, found among his uncle's papers the constitution (since, alas! destroyed by fire) of a Chi Phi society founded by said uncle in 1824. Thereupon he proceeded to reestablish the order. This letter from the uncle appeared in the *Cornell Era*, Nov. 14, 1879: 'I have had no agency whatever in the organization of any college secret fraternity. . . . I never knew of the existence of the Chi Phi Fraternity until I became the President of the college, in 1854, and it is my belief that it had no existence before that date.' The Chi Phi Catalogue of 1879 contains no name (except Dr. Maclean's) prior to the Class of '56, and but fifty-two names prior to '60; and only two of the present living chapters were established before 1867. No authority is shown for reestablishing in 1854 a society which, if it ever existed, had died a quarter of a century before. The line of descent is broken."

The chapter contains a list of all fraternities established at Psi Upsilon colleges, and closes with a notice of the "non-secret" society, Delta Upsilon, which is anything but complimentary.

The last chapter, with nine pages, is entitled MATTERS OF EXPERIENCE. Quotations from the words of many prominent old graduates show the intrinsic worth and high standing of Psi Upsilon. At the end of the book are two very complete indexes, one of the names mentioned therein and the other of subjects. The "Epitome" is one of the greatest of Psi Upsilon's achievements. Mr. Jacobs writes as one who is in love with his theme, and he takes a pardonable pride in his fraternity. Other fraternities will be fortunate if they can command such faithful and able historians.

WALTER B. PALMER.

## EDITORIAL.

A NEW department, it will be noticed, has been introduced in the SCROLL, the purpose of which is to afford to all members of the fraternity a space for the expression of opinion and full discussion on any question of fraternity interest. Very frequently the editors have received contributions which, though excellent in many particulars, have advanced views not in harmony with their own.

These articles it was, of course, impossible to publish, since they would be accepted by other fraternity editors as the views of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , whereas they might be merely those of a single member. But, as frequently some excellent suggestions or observations were advanced in articles of this character, the necessity of publishing them became evident. In "Thoughts and Sentiments," therefore, we hope to find a means of encouraging contributions of every character, so long as they are pertinent to fraternity topics.

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THE editors have, since No. 4, received a number of protests against the summarizing of the chapter letters in that number. If the writers of these protests had carefully read the short note preceding "Chapter Correspondence," they would have discovered the reason for the summary, and they would agree with us that it was wholly justifiable.

The summarizing has, however, called forth approval from some chapters and disapproval from others, and incited discussion on the subject of chapter letters as now written.

We trust that the questions raised in the article on "The Fraternity Journal—What shall it be?" will be carefully discussed from every point of view.

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OUR Indiana Zeta correspondent asks, "What sort of reports do you want hereafter?" We want reports that will be of interest to the fraternity; we called for statistics in order to glean interesting information and to vary somewhat the usual chapter letter. We did not mean that statistics alone were desired in this month's reports, but we knew that if our call for them was responded to, our reports this month would be so much the more valuable. In future we shall endeavor to ask for other interesting points which will from time to time occur to us. This is the "sort of reports" we want.

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THE purpose of our calling for statistics was to enable us to present what would doubtless be interesting information to read-

ers of the SCROLL. All our chapters have not reported and we shall, therefore, not tabulate the statistical reports till our March number. We look to every chapter for the statistics called for.

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A THOUGHTFUL article, written by brother Charles B. Gaskell, Georgia Alpha, '73, demands careful reading. The article, though not intended for the SCROLL originally, discusses so forcibly some points on our chapter nomenclature, that, with the kind consent of the author, we present it for the consideration of those versed and interested in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  history.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM EPSILON PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

THE President of Epsilon Province desires in the outset to ask the hearty coöperation of every chapter and member of the Province in any work which will come before it. Epsilon has taken a very high rank among the Provinces of the fraternity, and it is earnestly hoped that not only will her standard be maintained, but that every opportunity will be seized to perfect her every part. While our Province is large and strong, it behooves us to see that Ann Arbor becomes a member of this family.

The members of each of our eight active chapters will understand the prime importance of adding strength to their chapters in every possible way. There is often a tendency to overlook our duties at home and seek to lend our services elsewhere. No doubt every member of this Province will agree that the best service which one can offer to his fraternity is to quietly perform the scores of little duties which present themselves to every chapter, and which count so largely in estimating a chapter's worth. Every chapter needs its every member's utmost endeavor to maintain strong and interesting meetings, to preserve harmony, to help every brother, and especially the young brothers, to attain excellence in brain and heart. The chapter's work with a brother begins after he is initiated. Not only should we put forth every effort to build up the chapter to which we belong and to help our fellow members, but it is paramount that each one goes forth with the conviction that he serves his fraternity best who tries hardest to make of himself the highest type of manhood, intellectually, humanely and morally. We honor our fraternity by every endeavor at right growth. It is well to go back to first principles and discern clearly that to strengthen our organization we must strengthen ourselves individually, and that the best assistance which we can offer to our young brothers is to show them by example that individual work is the thing that will make

us worthy of our fraternity, by making us able to do something in life.

It is greatly desired throughout the Province that a Province Convention be held at Indianapolis at the time of the State Oratorical Association meeting there on April 8th, 1885. Such a convention will be held, and it will be a great benefit and pleasure for our Indiana and Michigan brothers to meet again as in 1883. It is hoped that all the chapters will have a number of representatives present, and it will be better for each chapter to have a regular delegate. The President of the Province takes this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to our brothers of other States to meet with us on that occasion. I should be glad to hear from any member of the Province.

The Historian of each chapter of the Province should make his report to the Historian of the General Council by the first of April. It is earnestly hoped that each chapter Historian will exercise great care and promptness, and perfect a report of his chapter for the past year, which will be a model of accuracy and elaboration. The Reporters of the Epsilon Province chapters should each address a full report of their chapters to the President of the Province on the first of April. As well as being urgently requested, these things are also required by the provisions of the fraternity.

J. M. GOODWIN.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 7, 1885.

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FROM ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

ALL of the chapters of Eta Province have been addressed by letters, and have responded in such a satisfactory manner that I am enabled to report through your columns to the Phi world that Eta Province is in a splendid condition.

During my visit to Missouri Alpha, immediately before the holidays, I observed that harmony and perseverance were prominent in the workings of her members, and that great success had attended her efforts since the beginning of the scholastic year.

For the success and present condition of Missouri Beta the following extract from brother Wilkerson's letter to me will suffice : "Missouri Beta is in a better condition than ever before. She began the year with eleven members ; of which number one, brother Gates, of Independence, Mo., was compelled to leave, on account of sickness.

"She has initiated two new members during the year, brother Hamilton McDalton, Class of '89, from St. Louis, who won the declamation prize last year, and brother S. Ed. Young, Class of '88, of High Point, Maniteau County, Mo., who was previously approached by each of the other fraternities represented here.

"We have three out of the eight contestants for the Marquess oratorical prize, and a probable six out of the ten contestants for the declamation prize."

The report of Kansas Alpha in the December SCROLL is a fair indication of her condition. The fact that one of her members read a paper before the Academy of Science assures us that she is composed of the right material and that Kansas Alpha is an ornament in the Eta galaxy of Phi Delta Theta.

Nebraska Alpha, through brothers Churchill and McMillan, has impressed me as one of our most enthusiastic chapters.

Through her, two suggestions with regard to extension have been made; for which, in behalf of the fraternity, I am very thankful. Her present membership is ten, and though opposed by the fanatic non-fraternity element, she has the regard of the desirable element and promises to grace our numbers very creditably.

Iowa Alpha and Beta are both in good condition and have flattering prospects. With the exception of a friendly rivalry, they are in complete harmony; and, situated as they are, will doubtless be of great interest and service to each other in keeping up enthusiasm.

Minnesota Alpha has not yet responded to my communication, but from the fact that she was represented at the late convention, I feel safe in saying that she is prospering.

Contrasting the present with the condition of Eta Province when brother Sever was appointed President, I perceive such vast improvement that I feel dubious with regard to a parallel growth, and only promise to do the best I can, with the assistance of the individual members and the coöperation of the fraternity in general. I request all members to correspond with me.

Jan. 18, 1885.

THOS. S. RIDGE.

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#### TO REPORTERS.

THE work of the SCROLL is distinctly divided into editorial and business; of the former the editor has charge and of the latter the business manager. In sending annuals, magazines, chapter reports, contributions, etc., address them to 2136 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y. In sending instructions as to mailing, SCROLL taxes, etc., address letters to P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

By carefully observing these simple directions much trouble will be spared on all sides.

J. M. MAYER,  
E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Once more we have returned to our college and fraternity work, and while it is with great pleasure we assemble around the altar, we regret deeply that a few of our brothers are absent, although only for a short time. Thirteen of us gathered in our rooms the first night of meeting. The vacation seems to have been very profitably and pleasantly spent, but we were sorry to learn that brother French had been very sick during two weeks of the time. He has now returned, and shows no less of enthusiasm for Phi work because of his illness.

Brother Whitehill has become one of the proprietors of the Dartmouth Educational Bureau, and under the firm name of "Whitehill & Williams" they do a flourishing business in furnishing New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York with school teachers. Brother Richmond is at present attending the "Ice Carnival" at Montreal, P. Q., Canada.

Finally, we can see the shape and size of the new library and chapel at Dartmouth. They are exceptionally fine buildings, and I will endeavor to give a brief description of them in the next SCROLL.

There is considerable exertion being made among us to get a new chapter room, and to have it arranged especially to suit our wants. The rooms which we have now are very pleasant and comfortable, but they are not the ideal Fraternity Hall by any means. I think next year we shall have a hall, if not so large and commodious as the older fraternities here, still as comfortable and home-like. We are doing all we possibly can in the way of literary work. We hope to see, before many months, the new song-book.

The following are statistics : (8) Phi Delta Theta, '85, 0; '86, 3; '87, 9; '88, 7; total, 19; (1) Psi Upsilon, '85, 11; '86, 13; '87, 10; '88, 9; total, 43; (4) Delta Kappa Epsilon, '85, 9; '86, 9; '87, 11; '88, 9; total, 38; (3) Alpha Delta Phi, '85, 5; '86, 9; '87, 10; '88, 7; total, 31; (2) Kappa Kappa Kappa, '85, 6; '86, 12; '87, 15; '88, 11; total, 44; (5) Theta Delta Chi, '85, 11; '86, 7; '87, 11; '88, 10; total, 39; (6) Phi Zeta Mu, '85, 7; '86, 8; '87, 11; '88, 14; total, 40; (7) Viturian, '85, 8; '86, 10; '87, 5; '88, 9; total, 32; (0) Oudens, '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 7; '88, 9; total, 21.

The numbers before the name of the societies denote the order of their establishment at Dartmouth.

January 30th, 1885.

G. W. SHAW.



## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Although the statistics asked for this number were published in the last SCROLL, it may be well to repeat them. Vermont *A* Chapter: '85, 4; '86, 12; '87, 5; '88, 6; total, 27; States represented, Vermont, New York and Massachusetts;  $\Delta \Psi$ , '85, 8; '86, 6; '87, 3; '88, 12; total, 29;  $\Sigma \Phi$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 6; total, 10; *AI*, '85, 2; '86, 6; '87, 5; '88, 1; total, 14.

A typographical error was made in the report of Vermont *A* to the alumni, as published in the SCROLL. The word synonymous to "soak" and "spike" that we use, is "horseshed," and not "horseshoe." In this State of many small villages, with their few churches, largely supported by the surrounding agricultural districts, quite a necessary adjunct of the church is the horseshed, generally in the rear. This makes a retired and sheltered place for any private communications, such as electioneering, etc., etc., so that the term has grown to quite an extensive use, and has long been in its present use in this University.

The Sauveur School of Languages, recently of Amherst, will hold its second annual session of about six weeks in this city, beginning about the second week in July. Quite a number of our chapter will attend, and will be glad to make things pleasant for any Phis who may desire to attend. If any desire circulars, I will see that they are supplied.

Vt. *A* furnished two of the four class leaders for the term just passed, in the persons of brother Clark in '86 and brother Roberts in '87.  $\Delta \Psi$  had one of the others, and the fourth was a "co-ed."

Brother Bertrand, of Omaha, made us a short visit a few days ago. He is as full of Phi enthusiasm as when, as a pioneer, he was earnestly struggling for the permanency of the chapter.

The name of George R. Huse, Waterbury Centre, Vt., formerly of '86, was inadvertently omitted from the circular report issued by this chapter and published in the SCROLL.

February 2, 1885.

H. W. BELL.

## NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

New York Beta continues to gain ground. Everything is in good working order, and especially is this true as regards the harmony with which our men seem to work.

At our anniversary exercises, held at the beginning of the term, we were all seemingly reconsecrated to Phidom.

With our rooms neatly furnished, without one dollar of indebtedness, a glorious future dawns upon us. Since our last report we initiated J. M. Delong, '88, who comes to us highly recom-

mended by brother Marvin. Brother C. W. Blessing, '88, leads his class, hence we have the leaders of three classes.

In numbers we are surpassed by only one chapter here, and were it not for the implicit confidence that we have in our men, as unlikely to fall out by the way, we might have increased our number.

The "mushroom," of which Mr. A. B. Bishop, *B Θ II*, spoke so lightly, has taken such deep root, that it cannot be moved. Not being in any way embarrassed, we can afford to select our men with as much caution as ever.

There being but few students in "Union" from any other States except New York, we have only two States represented in our chapter—New York and New Jersey.

The following are the relative memberships of the various chapters at "Union":

*Ψ T*, '85, 3; '86, 5; '87, 2; '88, 5; total, 15. *K A*, '85, 3; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 4; total, 11. *B Θ II*, '85, 4; '86, 0; '87, 3; '88, 3; total, 10. *Δ T*, '85, 3; '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 2; total, 12. *Δ Φ*, '85, 3; '86, 0; '87, 5; '88, 2; total, 10. *Α Δ Φ*, '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 0; total, 7. *Σ Φ*, '85, 3; '86, 0; '87, 3; '88, 0; total, 6. *Φ Δ Θ*, '85, 2; '86, 5; '87, 3; '88, 3; total, 13.

February 5, 1884.

WM. H. VAUGHN.

#### PENNSYLVANIA"ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

BROTHER SHAW's report, though long delayed, has had a good influence upon our chapter. He evidently brought much of the convention spirit home with him. Active measures are now being taken to increase our membership and extend the influence of the chapter in college. Our recent initiate, brother Sterrett, is a good student and an agreeable companion. We expect to report further additions to our numbers in the near future.

The strength of the different fraternities represented here is as follows:

*Φ Δ Θ*, '85, 6; '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 4; total, 17; residents of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Scotland. *Δ K E*, '85, 3; '86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 4; total, 13. *Z Ψ*, '85, 0; '86, 3; '87, 0; '88, 7; total, 10. *Σ X*, '85, 0; '86, 1; '87, 2; '88 (?) ; total (?). *Θ Δ X*, '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 2; '88 (?) . total (?). *Φ K Ψ*, '85, 2; '86, 5; '87, 1; '88, 3; total, 11. *X Φ*, '85, 3; '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 5; total, 13. *Δ T Δ*, '85, 4; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 3; total, 11. *Φ Γ Δ*, '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 3; total, 9.

W. H. CAREY.

Feb. 6, 1885.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA begins the new year with fifteen loyal Phis, and each one full of love for the cause of Phi Delta Theta. Our chapter is in a very prosperous condition, and we are trying to make it better each day. The latest addition in the jewelry line, is a beautiful diamond badge. The States represented in our chapter are Pennsylvania, Maryland, and North Carolina. The following shows the numerical strength of the other fraternities in college:

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 3; '86, 5; '87, 1; '88, 2; total 11.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 6; '86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 3; and 2 in prep.—17.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 0; '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 0; total 3.  $A T \Omega$ , '85, 4; '86, 3; '87, 0; '88, 2; and 2 in prep.—11.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 6; '87, 2; '88, 4; total 15.  $\Sigma A E$  has one in the scientific course and two men in town.

Feb. 5, 1885.

T. B. SEIGLE.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, '85, 3; '86, 5; '87, 4; '88, 4; total 16. States represented—Pennsylvania, 11; Ohio, 1; West Virginia, 2; Maryland, 1, and Iowa, 1.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 4; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 3; total 11.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 6; '86, 7; '87, 1; '88, 2; '90, 1; total 17.  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , '85, 0; '86, 3; '87, 2; '88, 0; '90, 3; total 8.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 1; '89, 1; total 8.  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 0; '88, 1; '89, 1; total 6. There are also in college four members of the defunct  $A-\Delta$  of  $A T \Omega$ .

Brother W. A. Kinter, '86, will be orator at the usual celebration on Feb. 22.

Brother Prof. W. C. McClelland, on the same occasion, will deliver a lecture on the South, as seen by him in his recent trip to New Orleans in company with Brother Prof. Will Irwin.

The chapter has been visited by brothers J. D. White, '82, of Fargo, Dakota, and Alex. Hunter, '81, of the Western Theological Seminary, since our last report.

In the way of literary exercises we have a plan that gives good results. At every meeting we take some standard work of fiction, which is thoroughly discussed. Several of the brethren meanwhile have prepared a short biography of the author, an essay on his contemporaries, an estimate of his genius, and a critique on the work under consideration. After this an informal "round table" talk is indulged in with considerable zest.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA CHAPTER, '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 4; prep., 1; total 11. States, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 6; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 2; prep., 3; total 15.  
 $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 6; '86, 3; '88, 3; total 12.  $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$ , '87, 1; '88, 3; prep., 4; total 8.  $K \Delta \Theta$  (Ladies), '85, 4; '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 3; total 12.

February 2, 1885.

C. W. PROCTOR.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

As requested, I give the number of members in the different chapters, by classes.

Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 8; '87, 8; '88, 2; total, 21. States represented, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Florida.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 3; '88, 2; total, 10.  $\Theta \Delta X$ , '85, 1; '86, 7; '87, 2; '88, 1; total, 11.  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 4; total, 7.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 0; '87, 0; '88, 1; total, 2.  $X \Phi$ , '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 1; total, 9.

Feb. 14, 1885.

T. M. CULVER.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Virginia Alpha is now in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been. It is taking the lead in many respects. We not only hold the presidency of both literary societies, but at the annual celebration of the Demosthenean Society, on the 19th of January, we were represented by three of the five speakers, the other two being non-fraternity men. We originally had four of the five, brother Griffith being the fourth, but on account of sickness he withdrew from college. We have one of the five speakers of the Ciceronian celebration, which will be held on the 22nd of this month.

We feel highly elated both with the literary and social standing of our fraternity. We feel that we have not only numbers, but also intellectuality and stability of character, which will secure our prosperity in the future.

In pursuance of your request we tender the following: Virginia  $\Delta$  Chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 5; '87, 6; '88, 3; '89, 2; total 19.

States represented—Virginia, 5; Pennsylvania, 5; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 2; Louisiana, 2; West Virginia, 1; New Jersey, 1; Maryland, 1.

Other Fraternities— $\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 4; '87, 0; '88, 5; total, 10.  $A T \Omega$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 7.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 2; total, 6.  $\Phi A X$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 0; '88, 2; '89, 2; total, 4. FURMIN J. SMITH.  
February 2, 1885.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Owing to the illness of our reporter, we were not represented in the January SCROLL. Nothing has happened in fraternity circles here since our last report, except that the S. C. Alpha chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , which died in 1872, has been revived with eight men. S. C. Beta's prospects are rapidly brightening. Although we number only six, we have initiated as many men as any other fraternity here, excepting, of course,  $\Phi K \Psi$ . We are delighted with the SCROLL, and especially at the glowing reports it contains from our sister chapters and at our phenomenal success in the East. We send the following statistics, showing the comparative numerical strength of fraternities having chapters here:

$A T \Omega$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 3; '88, 1; total 7.  $KA$ , '85, 5; '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 1; law department, 2; total, 15.  $\Sigma A E$ , '85, 9; '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 3; law department, 1; total, 19.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 4; '88, 2; total, 6.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 3; '86, 0; '87, 1; '88, 3; law department, 1; total, 8.  $X \Psi$ , '85, 3; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 0; total, 7.

Considering that we began the year with only three men, we feel very much encouraged.

W. W. BALL.

February 5, 1885.

#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

##### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 6; '87, 7; '88, 6; total, 22. States represented, Georgia and Florida.  $A T \Omega$ , '85, 5; '86, 5; '87, 13; '88, 2; total, 25.  $KA$ , '85, 4; '86, 3; '87, 5; '88, 1; total, 13.  $\Sigma A E$ , '87, 1; '88, 3; total, 4.  $\geq \Lambda$ , '85, 1; '86, 0; '87, 6; '88, 2; total, 9.

Brother J. R. Hodges has recently been elected poet of his class.

A college paper has just been started, conducted alone by members of Phi Delta Theta.

BARTOW D. RAGSDALE.

Feb. 4, 1885.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA.

This chapter, although laboring under the most stringent and

obnoxious anti-fraternity laws, is in a fine condition. Our rival is a chapter of  $\Sigma N$ .

In the literary societies, in college standing, in military honors,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , as usual, leads the van. Owing to the stringent laws, we cannot give details of this matter, but they are solid facts. We hope to have the anti-fraternity laws repealed at an early date.

The outlook for a grand reunion of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Auburn next June is flattering. The Executive Committee are industrious, and have set to work with a vim which assures us of success. The exercises will consist of business sessions, literary exercises, a ball, and close with a regular  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  banquet. The following brothers have been selected to speak for the occasion, viz.: Orators—Malcolm Graham, Franklin, La., and M. P. LeGrand, Jr., Montgomery, Ala. Poet—D. B. Seals, of Montgomery, Ala. Historian—D. D. McLeod, West Point, Ga.

January 23, 1885.

BENJ. F. ELMORE.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippi Alpha is proppressing very smoothly. The University has given an Exposition Holiday, which began the 6th of this month, and will continue until the 19th, and the greater portion of the students have availed themselves of the opportunity to go to New Orleans, so there is nothing of any interest whatever to report. I send you the following statistics :

Mississippi Alpha, '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 3; '89, 1; total, 9; States represented, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana.  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '85, 0; '86, 5; '87, 5; '88, 5; total, 15.  $\Delta K E$ , '85, 0; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 4; total, 8.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 0; '87, 0; '88, 1; total, 3.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 2; '86, 0; '87, 3; '88, 3; total, 8.  $\Sigma A E$ , '85, 0; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 2; total, 4.  $X \Psi$ , '85, 0; '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 6; total, 12.  $\Delta \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 5; total, 11. "Rainbow", '85, 1; '86, 0; '87, 1; '88, 5; total, 7.  $A B T$  (ladies), '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 4; '88, 0; total, 10.  $\Delta I$  (ladies), '85, 0; '86, 3; '87, 0; '88, 0; total, 3.

This is made out as well as it can be done, owing to the number of students irregular in attendance that are in the University; also, the Sub-Freshman, or class of '89, is left entirely out, owing to the great number that compose it, for there are a great many students in it that have just one study in the higher class, but have the majority of their studies in the Sub-Freshman, and of course are classed as such.

February 8, 1885.

T. W. YATES.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter, as it stands at present, needs no comment. In every public theatrical or literary exhibition the Phis and ever loyal Phi girls take prominent parts. While fraternity lines are not closely drawn in this university, and while we are always on the very best terms with our rivals, our men are pretty generally successful, because of their own worth, in taking positions of honor and trust. As to our alumni, we have a large number in Cincinnati, in Jackson, Ohio, and scattered throughout fourteen States of the Union. Their occupations are varied, and many of them have held important political positions, and all of them, so far as known, have been successful. We are now making Herculean efforts to raise sufficient money to elegantly furnish our new hall. We are small in numbers but have always been a successful and enthusiastic chapter.

We have thus far nine members, distributed as follows in the college course: '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 3; and '89, 2. States represented, Ohio and West Virginia. *B Θ II*'s have six men, '87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 3. *Δ T Δ*, '85, 1; '86, 1; '88, 2; and '90, 1; total, 5. The *K Α Θ*s have a flourishing chapter here also, but we consider them as our allies, not rivals. W. E. BUNDY.

Feb. 2, 1885.

## OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

OHIO EPSILON takes pleasure in introducing to the Phi world her latest initiate, brother John L. Roemer, a very pleasant and valuable addition to our number.

On the evening of the above named occasion we were handsomely remembered by Misses Slade, Doyer and Marvin, of *K K Γ*, with some excellent confections, one of many kindnesses. Ohio *E* is justly proud of her loyal sisters.

Brother Frank O. Payne showed his fraternal enthusiasm by coming one hundred and fifty miles for the initiation, returning the next day.

Brothers Adolph and Louis Schumacher very pleasantly entertained their brothers of Epsilon and Ohio Beta alumni at their home on the evening of Jan. 24th. An elegant supper was served and an excellent time enjoyed. The occasion was none the less pleasant because not the first. E. C. PAGE.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

ALL the fraternities at this institution are in fair condition, with the following active membership: *Φ Γ Δ*, 14; *Φ K Ψ*, 11; *Σ*

$X$ , 10;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 9;  $X \Phi$ , 11. Brother Jno. C. Munger, an unusually enthusiastic Phi, has left college and returned to his home in Xenia, Ohio.

This chapter recently enjoyed very pleasant visits from brother C. A. Winter, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and brother C. D. Thomas, of Lacon, Ills. Both are retired members of this chapter.

Feb. 2, 1885.

A. C. REEVES.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

At no time in the past history of our chapter has its prospects for a "rosy-hued" future been more flattering than at the present. The New Year finds the members of our chapter still imbued with that zeal and love for our brotherhood which has always characterized Kentucky Alpha. The past history of this chapter, of our fraternity, has been indeed a glorious one, and we, the now active members, feel the great responsibility which rests upon us to sustain that reputation, won by such illustrious alumni as J. C. S. Blackburn, J. F. Phillipps, of Missouri, and others, whose pictures adorn our chapter rooms.

We sustained quite a severe loss when sickness compelled brothers Howard Tebbetts, '85, and James Reid, '87, to leave college for a short time. We have supplied their places in our hall, not in our hearts, by Chas. D. Grubbs, of Mt. Stirling, Ky., and Clarence R. Judy, of the same city.

We had quite a struggle for them, contending, on our side, with a cousin of Mr. Grubbs's in  $B \Theta II$ , and a very intimate and life-long friend of Mr. Judy's in  $\Sigma X$ .

We have 10 men, classified as follows: '85, 3; '87, 5; '88, 1; '89, 1; total, 10. States represented, Kentucky and Missouri. Our rivals:  $B \Theta II$ , '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 4; '88, 2; total, 12.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 2; total, 11.  $K A$ , '85, 2; '86, 6; '87, 1; '88, 5; total, 14.

F. M. WILSON.

Feb. 2, 1885.

#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Our reporter, brother Newland, being at Indianapolis during the session of the Legislature, I was requested to write you. Indiana Alpha has 15 members now in college and we will number 16 next term, when brother Newland returns. Of these, 14 are from Indiana and one (myself) from Louisiana. Brothers Bert Fesler, Franklin, Ind., G. M. Dubois and C. A. Jarrett, Boonville, Ind., '88, have also been initiated this year. We have taken our share of the positions in literary societies.

The number of men now in the fraternities is as follows:  $\Sigma X$ ,



'85, 7; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 3; '89, 2; '90, 0; total 18.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 4; '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 6; '89, 3; '90, 0; total 19.  $KA \Theta$ , '85, 5; '86, 4; '87, 1; '88, 10; '89, 5; '90, 2; total 27.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 6; '89, 3; '90, 1; total 15.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 2; '88, 5; '89, 2; '90, 0; total 15.  $K \Gamma$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 3; '88, 0; '89, 4; '90, 0; total 9.  $B \Theta II$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 1; '88, 5; '89, 2; '90, 0; total 8.

Brother P. W. Wilson, '84, was with us at the first of the term; he is now attending medical college at Cincinnati; brother S. G. Ramsey, of the same class, is also attending the same college.

We all were well pleased with the last SCROLL, but were a little disappointed in the small number of chapter reports.

We would be glad to see any of the brothers in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and would see that they have a fine time, as well as the pleasure of seeing the finest hall in Indiana, if not in the West.

I would be pleased to hear from any of the Phis, and would like to exchange catalogues with any of the colleges where we have chapters.

Feb. 2, 1885.

S. FOSTER.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

INDIANA BETA, '85, 5; '86, 6; '87, 8; '88, 5; '89, 0; '90, 1; Total 19. States represented, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Texas.

$\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 5; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 1; total 10. States represented, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan.

$B \Theta II$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 1; total 10. States represented, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas.

$\Sigma X$ , '85, 2; '86, 0; '87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 2; total 10. States represented, Indiana, Illinois.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 0; '87, 6; '88, 0; '89, 0; '90, 1; total 9. States represented, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa.

Feb. 5, 1885.

F. L. SNYDER.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

OUR chapter at present has representatives from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, who have following class standing: '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 6; '89, 3; total 15.

Brothers E. E. Israel and A. B. Stark have returned this term.

Brother Thos. B. Noble has gone to Wabash.

Brother Grafton Johnson has been elected president of the Periclesian Society.

Brother Elmer E. Stevenson, '82, is Principal of Franklin High School.

Brother S. W. Thompson, president of Southern Normal, Lexington, N. C., is among his college friends.

In the contest for delegates to State Oratorical Association we have won a victory, electing two of the three delegates.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

INDIANA EPSILON CHAPTER, '85, 5; '86, 7; '87, 4; '88, 3; total, 19. States represented, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky.

$\Sigma X$ , '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 6; '88, 3; total, 15.  $B \Theta \Phi$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 3; total, 8.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 3; '86, 0; '87, 2; '88, 3; total, 8.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 1; '88, 6; total, 13.

To the Phi world, Indiana Epsilon must acknowledge something of neglect in the matter of reporting herself regularly. But that such has been the case is no indication that adversity has befallen us, for by hopeful and zealous toil we have just passed the greatest epoch in the events of our chapter history. That is, we have entered the largest and best fraternity hall in Hanover. The hall is 35 ft. by 23 ft., with arched ceiling proportioned in height to the lateral dimensions. On the night of the 15th of January, our chapter entered the new hall with appropriate ceremonies.

The literary exercises were excellent and well timed with surrounding circumstances. Brother Will. Covert, '85, delivered the dedicatory address, which he concluded with the words, "I now present this hall to Indiana Epsilon, in the name of Phi Delta Theta." Brother Frank Swope, of '85, replied, and accepted the hall in the name of the chapter.

The prophecy was delivered by brother W. M. Amsden, of '86.

Brothers Hugh Gilchrist, of '85, and Walter Stoney, of '80, spoke briefly and with appropriate significance.

Brother McCaslin at this point declared the chapter adjourned, and bade all to arrange at the festal board.

The feast of soul compared favorably with that of reason. We were not forgotten by the "fairer ones," who brought us confectious in profusion.

To be brief, we have entered our new hall and are better equipped for zealous efforts in behalf of our fraternal cause.

The following song was written by two young ladies of the  $\Delta \Gamma$ :

#### A PHI GREETING.

*Air: "'Tis Moonlight on the Danube."*

Come, brothers dear, from far and near,

We'll sing a song together;

A song of our fraternity—

O! may it live forever.

*Chorus:*

Then firmly hold the sword and shield  
Through fair and cloudy weather,  
And winds and waves can wreck the ship  
Of Delta Theta never.

Our hands are strong, our hearts are brave,  
And though we fight but slowly,  
We'll surely gain the victory;  
Our work is high and holy.—*Cho.*

The bond of friendship, truth and love—  
What power these ties can sever?  
By these we're bound, and these, we trust,  
Will be unbroken ever.—*Cho.*

(Arranged by Misses Abbie Robertson and Mary LaGrange,  
Phi chapter  $\Delta \Gamma$ .) J. V. LaGRANGE.  
Feb. 5, 1885.

## INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

WHAT sort of reports do you want hereafter? If the SCROLL will not be published as heretofore, that is, without complete reports, let us know. We are greatly dissatisfied with the change. I have also received the same complaint from three other chapters in the State.

Indiana Zeta chapter, '85, 8; '86, 3; '87, 8; '88, 2; '89, 3; total, 24. States represented, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 5; '86, 4; '87, 8; '88, 4; total, 21.  $\Delta K E$ , '85, 6; '86, 3; '87, 7; '88, 5; total, 21.  $B \Theta II$ , '85, 7; '86, 3; '87, 5; '88, 5; total, 20.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 1; '86, 4; '87, 8; '88, 4; total, 17.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 4; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 4; total, 14.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 5; '86, 4; '87, 0; '88, 1; total, 10.

The  $K K \Gamma$  and  $K A \Theta$  have chapters here also.

The above fraternities have members both in '89 and '90. The first two only pledge them in those classes. As I have not given the lower-class men of the above, omitting our three in '89, our total will be 21. C. O. Perry, '69, one of our charter members, and brother Milo C. Summers, Illinois Zeta, were with us last Saturday evening, and "a jolly crowd of Phis they were."

Feb. 5, 1885.

W. J. SNYDER.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

In this report I am able to give you a description of Michigan Gamma's new hall. It is on the third floor of Mr. J. H. Mar-

vin's handsome block, which is situated on the main square of the city. As it is a corner block, we have a very pleasant location. The hall consists of chapter, initiatory, and ante-rooms, which are commodious and beautiful. Several prominent men of Hillsdale have expressed their opinion that it is the finest secret society hall in the place, and well may we feel proud of it.

The first meeting held in our new sanctum will also remain vivid in the minds of those who participated, as we celebrated that event by initiating five men. We have thirteen members at present, but will be increased one more next term by the return of brother W. O. Robinson, who is at present teaching.

Michigan Gamma is represented by members from the following States: New York, 4; Michigan, 4; Illinois, 2; Ohio, 1; Indiana, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

The fraternities that are represented here stand as follows in the course:

$\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 5; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 2; '90, 0; total, 13.  
 $K K \Gamma$ , '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 1; '89, 2; '90, 0; total, 12.  
 $\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 4; '89, 1; '90, 1; total, 9.  $\Phi$   
 $\Delta \Theta$ , '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 4; '89, 3; '90, 0; total, 13.  
 Feb. 6, 1885. JAS. E. DAVIDSON.

### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

'85, 5; '89, 4; '87, 2; total, 11. States represented, Illinois and Texas. There is no other secret fraternity in our college.  
 February 5, 1885. J. B. BROWN.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It gives me great pleasure to comply with your request, and present the statistics which I have collected. Epsilon chapter now numbers fourteen ardent, loyal Phis. Our chapter at present represents the States of Illinois, Kentucky and Kansas. The men are all in very good standing in the following classes: '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 4; total, 14. Our rivals, the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ : '85, 4; '86, 4; '87, 6; '88, 2; '89, 1; total, 17. The  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 3; '89, 2; total, 10.

The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , our most powerful opponents, surpass us in numbers; but Phi Delta is able to cope with her adversaries in any honorable engagement. At present fraternity spirit is not very manifest; but it is merely sleeping, and may burst forth with vehemence at any moment. However, we aim to live peaceably with all mankind.

We are on the verge of a great event in our yearly chapter life, the celebration of our anniversary. All our thoughts and atten-

tions are directed to a glorious, good time around the "pyx," in our hall, when we shall feast upon the stored-up fun and wisdom of a year, again regale ourselves with brotherly love, and renew the pledges that shall bind us close as brothers and friends. The open session will be held in the evening, in Belles Lettres Hall of the University. This event will take place Saturday evening, February 21. And I take this privilege to invite, cordially, all the Phis who can be with us, to come and add to the enjoyment of the occasion, and they shall be entertained to the best of our ability. The exercises in the evening will consist of history, poem, oration, prophecy and declamation, interspersed with music by the boys and loyal S. T. P.s. We stand at the head in the number of initiations this year, having initiated four as good men as the college contains.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has initiated 1,  $\Sigma \chi$  3.

While we have been meeting with success, we grieve the loss this term of brother Vanneman, who has been compelled to leave college.

Brother T. M. Kimball, who last year was a sort of father to us, has left, and is now attending Chicago Medical College.

Brother Joseph Sterling is reading law at his home in Le Roy, Illinois.

Brother Booley is teaching near the city.

Brother Scott, of Lexington, Ill., is with us again.

Brother Crisswell is traveling in Indiana.

February 2, 1885.

A. D. JORDAN.

#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

We are all here except brother Yergin, who does not expect to return this term; he intends to be with us next term.

Brother Fairchild was obliged to quit his studies last term on account of his health; he is now near Greenup, Ill.

Hon. E. H. Conger, '61, of Des Moines, Iowa, was elected to Congress by 3,400 majority in Seventh Congressional District. He has a record of which we are all proud. He entered the war as a private and came out as Major. He has held many offices of trust in the State where he resides; for the past four years he has been actively engaged in legislative affairs. Thus another Phi enters Congress.

A college paper has just been started in our college, called "The Lombard Review." Brother E. F. Carney was chosen editor-in-chief; brother McCarl, business manager; brother Wing, local editor. The first number was issued about the 29th of December. It does credit to the University.

Once more Zeta chapter is called upon to wear the "black and white." Brother W. H. Fuson, '71, died at Topeka, Kansas, November 27, '84. The following facts are from "The Lombard

Review": Willis H. Fuson was born in Ohio, Feb. 14th, '43. In January of '62 he enlisted in the 53rd Illinois regiment. He was severely wounded in the right hand and wrist at the battle of Big Hatchie, and was discharged for disability in March, '63. He graduated in '71, and in '76 he was admitted to the bar. In '78 he removed to Trego county, Kansas. In '79 he was appointed by the Governor as one of the first County Commissioners, and at the first election, August 6th, '79, he was elected Probate Judge; he held that office until the time of his death, having been elected on the 4th of November last."

Brother Murdy made us a happy call on the 7th inst.; he is teaching school in Fulton county, Illinois. He still expects to return to college in the near future. The same day that brother Murdy came, brother Fell, of Rush Medical College, Chicago, also gave "us" a call. "Us" not only includes the brother Phis, but a "sister" Phi also. We believe that he has found his place, and expect him to make a successful M. D.

Brother Broderick has been obliged to quit college to have his eyes operated upon. The physicians think he will be back by the first of next term.

Brother McCarl has completed the last act of his convention trip by placing the convention picture, neatly framed, in our chapter house. He has introduced most of us to the brothers of the convention.

It does a Phi good to see so many brothers, and know that they have best interest of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at heart. We will prize the gift, and ever remember the giver as a true Phi.

February 12, '85.

JOHN R. CARPENTER.

## ETA PROVINCE.

### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

THE Missouri Beta Chapter is still prospering. Since our last report we have initiated one of the best men in college and one sought by both the other fraternities. We secured six out of 10 of the declaimers for the contest between the societies, while our rivals have one. We also have 4 of the 10 June orators, to our rivals, 3, so you can see we are undoubtedly making a success out of this year. We have great hopes of carrying off the oratorical prize. Our only rivals are the  $B \Theta IIs$ , who have some good men. There is talk of there being a  $\Phi K \Psi$  chapter running *sub rosa*, but I think it is doubtful. Following are the statistics:

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 1; '86, 5; '87, 2; '88, 4; total 12.  $B \Theta II$ , '85, 3, '86, 4; '87, 5; '88, 1; total 13. There are two States, Missouri and Texas, represented in each. They have 8 classicals

and 5 scientifics. We have 9 classicals and 3 scientifics. The classical course lasts 6 years, the scientific 4.

Samuel Edward Young, '88, High Point, Mo., initiated Jan. 12, 1885.

Feb. 9, 1885.

T. N. WILKERSON.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

THE Phis of Kansas University rejoice over the accession to their number of O. H. Jackson. This makes us thirteen strong. The  $\Sigma N$  fraternity has been organized here with eight men, but they have not yet come out, although it is generally known who they are. At the recent oratorical contest, Brother Caldwell was president of the evening. Last week the  $K K \Gamma$ 's entertained the Thetas in royal style.

According to instructions from the SCROLL, I am pleased to submit the following :

$\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 4; '88, 6; total, 15.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 3; '86, 5; '87, 4; '88, 4; Law, 1; total, 17.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 5; Prep., 2; total, 13.  $B \Theta II$ , '85, 3; '86, 4; '87, 1; '88, 4; Law, 1; total, 13. I. C. Sorosis, '85, 1; '86, 3; '87, 2; '88, 6; Prep., 2; total, 14.  $K A \Theta$ , '86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 2; Prep., 4; total, 12.  $K K \Gamma$ , '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 5; Prep., 3; total, 12.  $\Sigma N$ , '86, 4; '87, 4; '88, 1; Prep., 1; total, 10;  $\Sigma N$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 2; total, 4.

Feb. 8, 1885.

S. M. COOK.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

STATES represented, Nebraska and Missouri. '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 4; total, 10.

$\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 0; '89, 2; total, 9.  $K K \Gamma$  (ladies), '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 1; '88, 4; total, 8. In urbe,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 3;  $\Sigma X$ , 2;  $K K \Gamma$ , 1.

Feb. 2, 1885.

E. J. CHURCHILL.

#### IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA,

IOWA BETA still prospers, though our efforts are directed almost wholly to internal improvement. We are endeavoring to form some plan for literary exercises, and look forward with eagerness to that number of the SCROLL which shall publish plans as devised by different chapters. At our last meeting we had a most pleasant call from brother C. H. Dayton, '82, a charter member of this chapter. It is a noticeable fact that all old Phis gladly return to the old fraternal home, and never fail to evince their interest in the grand cause.

We hope soon to surprise the fraternities here by the initiation of one or two fine men.

Present members, '85, 6; '86, 2; '87, 3; '88, 3; total, 14; of whom 2 are out of college this present term. States represented, Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska.

Other fraternities represented here are: *B Θ Π*, '85, 1; '86, 5; '87, 3; '88, 2; total, 11. *Σ X*, '85, 1; '86, 3; '87, 1, '88, 2; total, 7. *Δ T Δ*, '85, 6; '86, 3; '87, 4; '88, 3; total, 16; of whom one is out of college this term.

J. H. DICKEY.

Feb. 5, 1885.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We, of Minnesota Alpha are holding our own with the fraternities of the university. We have thirteen men in college. Our room furnishings are not quite finished, but we hope when the next college year begins, to have everything complete. Brother J. C. E. King, formerly of '84, but now of '86, and one of our charter members, is with us this year, and takes a leading part in fraternity work. Brother Davidson, '87, will not return next year, but will enter a law office at Martial, Minn., as junior partner. Brother Abbott and myself will graduate this year. Brother Abbott will enter the law office of Shaw & Cray, the best office in this city. Brothers Anderson and Bunnell, both of '87, and members of Minnesota Alpha, are orators in the home contest, which occurs next month. We have been compelled to part with one of our men rather summarily this fall. We have expelled F. A. Johnson. He has since been flirting with the Delta Tau Deltas, but we have heard nothing authoritative as to the engagement.

JAMES GRAY.

Jan. 20, 1885.

## PERSONAL.

#### VERMONT ALPHA.

'82. E. A. Enright is Principal of the Closter High School, Closter, Neb.

'82. H. M. Woods, formerly of this Class, is a telegraph operator at Valley Junction, Wis.

'86. Geo. R. Huse, formerly of this Class, is at Waterbury Centre, Vt.

'86. O. A. Dodds, formerly of this Class, is with Topman, Webb & Reid, Plattsburgh, N. Y.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA.

'75. W. O. Bates, one of the rising young journalists of the



West, discusses in the *Current* of Jan. 31, "European Democratic Possibilities," anticipating the consequences of the disappearance of Bismarck and Gladstone from European politics, and predicting the rapid progress of democratic principles.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

'82. John M. Colaw attended the Law School of the University of Virginia during its last session. He now has charge of the graded school in New Hampden, Va., and expects to begin the practice of law next spring.

'82. George E. Kleinhem is pastor of the M. E. Church at Cressona, Pa.

'82. Henry W. Spangler is reading law at his home in Greencastle, Pa.

'83. Henry N. Cheeseman is pastor of the M. E. Church at Sea Isle City, N. J.

'83. A. W. Weaver is in the employ of the Iron Steamboat Company of New York City. His address is 556 E. 85th street, New York, N. Y.

'84. John W. Perpinpine is pastor of the M. E. Church at Montgomery Square, Pa.

'84. M. Gibson Porter, of Lonaconing, Md., is at the Baltimore Medical College.

## VIRGINIA BETA.

'83. Lyman Chalkley, ex-Province President, writes as follows from the New Orleans Exposition :

"I should be glad if you would put a notice in next issue of the SCROLL that I am here with an exhibit at Q & Q Q, 1 and 2 Main Building, and should be pleased to have all visiting Phis call and make themselves at home."

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

'83. W. D. Simpson is visiting the World's Exposition at New Orleans.

'84. J. M. Kennedy is merchandizing at Troy, S. C.

'86. L. E. Carrigan is farming at Society Hill, S. C.

'84. M. L. Copeland is clerking at Clinton.

## OHIO ALPHA.

'49. Robert Morrison.

DEDICATION.—Three years ago certain springs in the southwestern part of Miller County began to attract attention to their curative properties. The spot is a rough nest in the midst of high, thickly timbered hills. Among those drawn thither was our brother, Rev. Robert Morrison, who, after his arduous service in behalf of Westminster College, sought the springs partly for rest and partly for his wife's health. His temporary home, like that of many others, was a tent.

Soon a town was laid out, streets were cut through the forest, the tents gave way to houses, most of them small, hastily constructed, but comfortable, and now the wilderness has been transformed into an incorporated town of about a thousand permanent inhabitants, who transact much business, are in railroad connection with the rest of the world, absolutely prohibit saloons and the liquor traffic, have built two churches, and maintain a most excellent school of 150 pupils.

Early in his sojourn, Mr. Morrison, believing that Miller County in general, and Aurora Springs in particular, would be the better for a Presbyterian Church, put his mind and heart and means into the project, and after a long struggle, in the face of much opposition and pecuniary difficulties, has accomplished a work which few would have undertaken, few still would have still persevered in, which he rightly counts a reward for all his toil and self-sacrifice, and for which he is now receiving warm congratulations on all sides. A very neat, commodious house of worship crowns one of those hills. At his invitation, we conducted the dedication exercises last Sunday in the presence of large and happy congregations, and with the assistance of brethren of the M. E. Church, South, the Congregational Church, and the Regular and Missionary Baptist Churches.—St. Louis *Presbyterian*, December 5, 1884.

#### OHIO BETA.

'85. A. B. Murphy will represent the O. W. U. at the State Oratorical contest to be held at Columbus, O., next May.

'81. D. D. Woodmansee. '82. Scott Bonham.

A short time since, the Senior Class of Cincinnati Law School held its annual election of six members to compete for the Forensic prize (\$50). Commencement May 29th. Great interest always centres about this occasion, as it is one which forces the Class *esprit de corps* in its maximum and not infrequently divides the same into opposing factions. An entire day was necessary to complete the election, which gave Ohio Wesleyan two representatives, to wit: D. D. Woodmansee and Scott Bonham, the former having the honor of being the first choice of the entire class. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Williams and other Eastern colleges, having graduates in the Class failed to secure a single representative.—*Transcript*.

#### OHIO GAMMA.

'75. Calvin S. Welch, as a Democrat, represented this district in the Ohio Senate.

'86. T'Roy Pilcher is teaching school at Luray, Mo.

'84. S. P. Armstrong is in the patent medicine business at New Castle, Penn.

'87. C. B. Griffith is teaching at Harrisburg, O.

'76. John H. Charter is attending the course of lectures in the Indianapolis Medical College.

'77. Edward H. Baker is one of the most distinguished members of the Cincinnati bar.

'80. Thomas M. Ricketts is a Methodist Minister at Albany, O.

'81. Thomas A. Jones has been admitted to the bar and practices with Bro. J. M. Tripp, '77, in Jackson, O.

'81. G. W. Metcalf has removed to his new home in Atlanta, Ga., where he will go into the drug business.

'81. W. M. Shaw has completed his studies at the Cincinnati Law School, and is now practicing his profession in Covington, Ky.

'83. G. H. Barbour is now studying medicine at the Cincinnati Medical College. Member of Ohio Alpha Alumni.

'83. W. K. Massie is now clerk in Second National Bank of Lexington, Ky.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA.

'84. J. H. McGill paid us a short visit. He has the same old-time enthusiasm.

'86. R. H. Harris has removed to Richmond, Va., where he is engaged in business.

'87. Carlton Garlough was unexpectedly called to his home in Springfield, Ohio. He will not be able to be in attendance for the remainder of the year.

#### IOWA BETA.

'84. W. George is studying law in Chicago.

'84. J. E. Dowell is in the boot and shoe business in Chicago.

'83. P. L. Sever is practicing law at Cambridge, Ill.

'83. L. G. Weld is assistant principal of the High School at Burlington, Iowa.

'83. W. S. Hosford is in the hardware business at Davenport, Iowa.

'85. Morrison Richardson is engaged on the *Democrat* at Davenport, Ia.

'84. Wheeler and Magowan are teaching at Sigourney and Tama City, Iowa.

'82. Bro. J. B. French, is practicing law at Dubuque, Ia.

'85. George Gruber is a stenographer at Duluth, Minn.

'84. C. L. Gillis is at his home in Iowa City.

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## INITIATES.

In the following lists, the names or letters where italicized denote the correction of typographical errors in No. 4.

Reporters will please report all initiates in the manner pre-

scribed, in order to make this department a record of all new names. Always report names in full ; do not give initials merely.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

- '86. *Edwin Parker Pitman, Concord, N. H.*
- '87. *Daniel Stoinanoff Ruevsky, Sistova, Bulgaria.*
- '87. *Harvey Wirt Courtland Shelton, Vanita, Ind. T.*

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '88. *George Edwin Hyde, Strafford, Vt.*
- '88. *Charles Brace Sornborger, Bakersfield, Vt.*

## NEW YORK DELTA.

- '86. *Harry Newton Rose, Morrisburgh, Canada.*
- '86. *Thomas Henry Baskerville, New York, N. Y.*

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '88. *Joseph William Narramore, New York City, N. Y.*

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

- '88. *Benton H. Whaley, Whaleyville, Md.*
- '88. *Edgar Jadwin, Honesdale, Pa.*
- '88. *Willis M. Sterrett, Reedsville, Pa.*

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

- '88. *William McAlister Smith, Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Pa.*
- '88. *J. Frank Stoner, Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Pa.*

## GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '87. *L. M. Nunnally, Rome, Ga.*
- '88. *J. J. Hamilton, Rome, Ga.*
- '88. *C. W. Murray, Fort Valley, Ga.*
- '85. *By Affiliation : J. M. Fletcher, from Georgia A, Forsyth, Ga.*

## OHIO ZETA.

- '88. *Lawrence Houghton Brundage, Xenia, O.*

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- '90. *C. F. Hope, Coatesville, Ind.*

## INDIANA BETA.

- '90. *Henry Little, Dennison, Tex.*

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

- '87. *Frank B. Bressler, Sterling, Ill.*

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

- '86. L. S. Henkel, Catawissa, Pa.
- '86. J. J. Wolford, Mill Point, Tenn.
- '86. J. Rush Hancher, Mill Point, Tenn.
- '87. D. B. Myers, Sharpsburg, Md.
- '87. Thomas A. Frey, Lovettsville, Va.
- '87. James G. Tuttle, Bayou Goula, La.
- '87. Paul Sieg, Churchville, Va.
- '87. William L. Fink, Johnstown, Pa.
- '88. J. Warren Platt, New Orleans, La.
- '88. Frank L. Du Shane, New Castle, Pa.
- '89. Robert B. Moore, Mt. Jackson, Va.
- '89. W. Lee Mastertan, Johnstown, Pa.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '87. John Bryson Patton, Columbia, S. C.
- '88. William DeKalb Wiley, Rossville, Chester Co., S. C.
- '88. Myron H. Sandifer, Rock Hill, S. C.

OHIO BETA.

- '86. Francis Wesley Millington, Denver, Col.
- '87. Joe Clark, Jr., Lexington, Ky.
- '88. John Tunison Williams, Richfield Centre, O.

OHIO GAMMA.

- '87. Louis Rodolph de Steiguer, Athens, O.
- '87. John McClintick Higgins, Athens, O.
- '88. Aaron Ellsworth Price, Ilesboro, O.
- '88. Elmer Addison Dent, Hebardsville, O.
- '89. John Webster Poffenbarger, Brighton, W. Va.
- '89. Samuel Cheney Price, Mutual, O.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

- '87. James C. Reid, Stanford, Ky.
- '87. Roland S. Dawson, Danville, Ky.
- '87. Charles Dury Grubbs, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- '88. Clarence Robinson Judy, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

INDIANA DELTA.

- '89. Wilbur W. Isarel, Winterwood, Ind.

MICHIGAN GAMMA.

- '88. Daniel Victor Richardson, Spencer, Wis.
- '88. Chauncey Rowe Reynolds, Hillsdale, Mich.
- '89. James Nelson Greene, Vine Valley, N. Y.
- '89. Clark Bishop Chaffee, Middlesex, N. Y.
- '89. Milton M. Lyons, Jerome, Mich.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

- '85. J. F. Wight, Todd's Point, Ky.  
 '87. L. M. Prince, Bloomington, Ill.  
 '87. L. A. Straight, Bloomington, Ill.  
 '88. F. K. Robinson, Winfield, Kas.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '89. Ossie Jackson, Cedar Junction, Kansas.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

COPY for No. 6 *must* be received on or before *March 10*.

It now seems accepted that William F. Villas, Wisconsin Alpha, '59, will hold a Cabinet position.

THE two youngest members of the Indiana Legislature, Representatives Pleasants and Booe, are  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s.

TENNESSEE Alpha has addressed a circular to her alumni, calling for subscriptions for the chapter house she contemplates building.

WE shall always appreciate remembrances in the form of college magazines and annuals, and if we receive a number of the latter, shall be pleased to review them.

SUGGESTIONS have been made as to holding an Alpha Province Convention in June or the early part of July. The question is one well worth deliberating, and we would be gratified to hear from chapters in that Province on the point.

*Mercer's Clarion*, Vol. I., No. 1, owes its existence to the enterprise of members of Georgia Gamma. Brothers Hooper, Hodges, Hardman and Ragsdale are the editors, and brothers McKee, Fletcher, Nunnally and Callaway the managers.

WE were pleased to receive *The Wooster Collegian*, also a well managed college magazine, from Wooster University. E. R. Strain,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , is editor-in-chief, and J. R. Calder and C. G. Miller,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , are on the business committee.

*The Collegiate*, from Franklin College, Ind., is a carefully edited twenty-page monthly. Harry N. Gaut,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , is literary editor. We received the October number through the kindness of brother R. W. Wilson, but have failed to acknowledge its receipt till this late date.

WE have been informed of the following addition to the fraternity: 'Do you know that Indiana *H* has been chartered? The G. C. has recognized the new and only heir of all my vast estates

as worthy of being 'chartered' as a 'brother' in full standing.  
H. U. B—n."

THE Delta Tau Deltas and Rainbows have signed the terms of contract agreeing to consolidate the two fraternities. The Rainbows have chapters at Vanderbilt, and the Universities of Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas, and at Randolph, Macon, and Emory and Asbury Colleges. The union now with Delta Tau Delta disposes of another of the small fraternities, which is a matter of congratulation to all parties. The Rainbows will wear Rainbow pins with  $\Delta T \Delta$  guard-pins—the Delta Tau Deltas  $\Delta T \Delta$  pins and Rainbow guard-pins.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the XXXVIII year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M. Monday, October 18, 1886, and closing the following Friday.

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Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—J. H. Dickey, Iowa City, Iowa.

Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—James Gray, 903 Fifth Street, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

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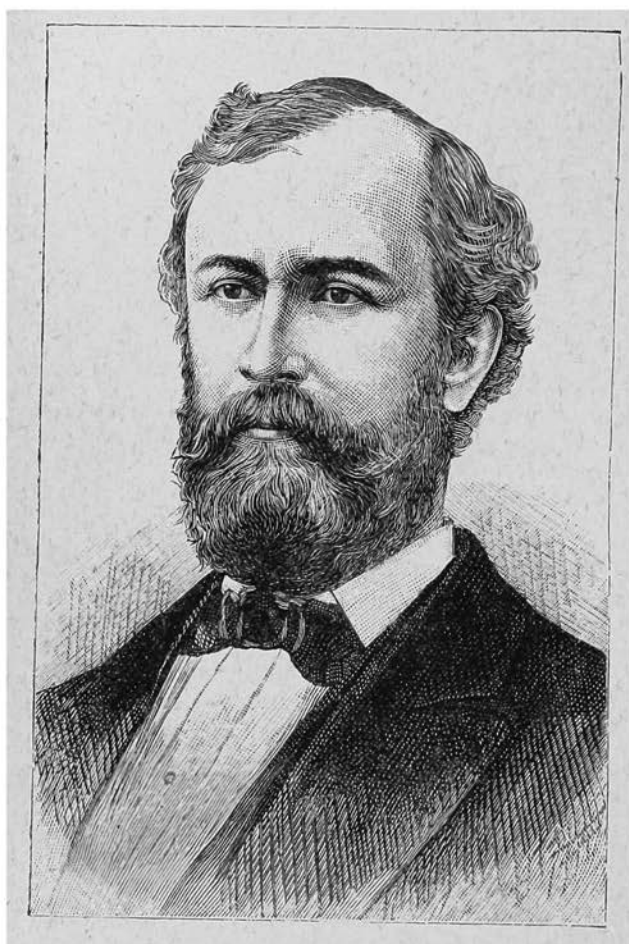
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# *The SCROLL of PHI DELTA THETA.*

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## “JOLLY PHIS.”

(MISSOURI A CHAPTER SONG.)

*Music : “ Darling Chloe.”*

### I.

In our dear “Phi Delta” hall,  
Where we meet our brothers, all,  
And we grasp each other’s hands with pressure strong;  
All our faces beam more bright,  
And our tired hearts beat so light,  
As we sing together there our liveliest song.  
We’re a band of jolly boys,  
And we share each other’s joys,  
And thus pass away our gayest, happiest hours ;  
Or we pour our griefs and fears into sympathizing ears,  
And oft’ strew our thorny paths with wreaths of flowers.

### CHORUS.

Jolly Phis ! Jolly Phis !  
Let your voices now in swelling accents rise ;  
When we’ve left our dear old hall,  
And have said “farewell” to all—  
Then our hearts will cherish still the “Jolly Phis.”

### II.

When our college days are done,  
And our proudest triumphs won,  
And we’ve played our parts like heroes brave and good,  
Must we sever these fond ties,  
Which bind this group of “Phis”  
In a grand united, loyal brotherhood ?  
No ! in Future’s varying strife  
It will gladden each one’s life  
To remember that he’s still a Grecian Knight;  
And if e’er we chance to meet  
With loyal hearts we’ll greet  
And recall the happy past in memory bright. *Chor.*

—GEORGE W. COFFMAN, Mo. A., ’84.

## DELTA BROTHERS.

(NEW YORK  $\Delta$  CHAPTER SONG.)*Music : "Der Herr Professor."*

Come, Delta brothers,  
Let us in joyous chorus sing,  
While care saddens others  
We'll know not her sting.

## CHORUS.

Edite, bibite, dear old Phi comrades,  
Post multa saecula pocula nulla.

Here in our chapter home  
Who dares be aught but bright and gay ;  
Free let our spirits roam  
While such hours stay. *Chor.*

Then eat, drink, and merry be,  
While Delta's praises loud we ring,  
And to our Fraternity  
Love's tributes bring. *Chor.*

If when these days are by  
We'll meet, say can you tell us when ?  
May the old Delta tie  
Bind us e'en then. *Chor.*



## THE APPOINTMENT OF COLONEL VILAS.

[From the *Madison Democrat*.]

THE appointment of Col. Vilas to a place in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, though long predicted, was to him something of a surprise. The *Democrat* stated the exact truth on Friday morning, when it said that he had then no expectations to be called to this honor. It is probable that he supposed that Mr. McDonald, of Indiana, would be given a place, and this would have foreclosed a chance for Wisconsin, even had she stronger claims for recognition than she had as a State or section of the Union. He made his arrangements to go to Washington to attend the inauguration and meeting of the National Committee, with little thought of being detained there.

But on Friday evening, a few hours before starting, he received from Mr. Cleveland by mail a letter inviting him to take a seat in the cabinet as postmaster-general, accompanied by an expression of strong personal desire that he accept. He signified by telegraph his acceptance, and but a few minutes before his departure arranged by telegraph for meeting Mr. Cleveland in Washington on Tuesday.

His selection is an honor in which Wisconsin people, irrespective of party, take honest pride. Like all the honors which have given him fame and distinction, it comes as a reward of his high talents and high character.

Col. Vilas was born in Chelsea, Vt., July 9, 1840, he came to Wisconsin when eleven years of age, entered the State University at fourteen, graduated there, and finished a two years' course at Albany before he was twenty years of age, and was arguing cases before the Supreme Court before he attained his majority. He entered a strong law firm here and was attracting the attention of courts, lawyers and clients as a man of wonderful powers, indomitable energy and thorough preparation of his cases, when in 1862 he entered the service in the 23d Wisconsin regiment as captain. Then his superiority soon asserted itself and he received unenvied promotion as major and lieutenant-colonel, and much of the time he commanded that splendid regiment in the brilliant campaign and siege of Vicksburg, fighting conspicuously in many of the battles of the magnificent strategic movement by which this stronghold was invested and compelled to surrender.

Returning to the practice of law, he applied himself to his profession with an energy and assiduity that shrunk at no toil or self-denial. He worked early and late as few lawyers have done. Gifted by nature with great oratorical powers and a winning, persuasive eloquence, he did not, as too many good talkers do, rely upon these gifts for success. Marvelously quick-thoughted and alert in the trial of causes, he did not deem these faculties suffi-

cient equipment for the great lawyer. He mastered the principles of law, the points and details of practice, prepared his cases with a painstaking care that guarded every point, fortified every position, preserved every line of retreat, discovered every weak point in the adversary's case, and anticipated his every onset. His professional career, which, before he was forty, placed him in the front rank of the lawyers of the country, was one of brilliant success, as well before juries, as in the close practice of law, or in equity or in the hard, dry contests in the courts of last resort. And his successes were won by work, work, work.

Col. Vilas' friends and associates admire him not only as a great lawyer and orator. They know him as a sound, sagacious, safe man of affairs. Men of business value his business judgment no less than his legal counsels. He possesses a wonderful fund of strong common sense. Bankers will tell you that he would make a first-class banker. He would have been a prince of merchants, in that vocation, and a splendid head to a vast manufacturing establishment. The railway officials see in him the material of a great railroad master. Book-keepers admire the care and perfection with which he keeps a set of books. Methodical in everything, forgetful of nothing, either of detail or principles, his neighbors who know him have the fullest faith that he will acquit himself successfully in his new field of duty, bringing to it grasp of mind, quickness of perception and soundness of judgment, such as are given to but few. To these splendid endowments he adds a personal character above reproach. He is not only the soul of honor, but an inspiration to honesty in other men. To these noble gifts of mind and heart nature has added a presence, winning and engaging by cordial manners, and a personal appearance that is the best ideal of manliness. His friends predict that he will master the details of the vast system placed under his charge with surprising quickness, and that ere he has long been in service the impulsion of his energy, intelligence and integrity will be felt wherever the arteries of postal communication extend in the Union.

The general feeling of satisfaction that he has thus been honored is tinged with regret that for a term of years, not unlikely to be extended, we shall lose him from our midst. His loss to the legal profession, to business circles, to the University, of which he was a tower of strength, to the law school, where he has labored for 16 years, charming with his genial manners the students whom he guided in the paths of his profession and inspired with its highest ambition, will be irreparable.

The resolutions passed in the Assembly yesterday with such unanimity and such enthusiasm, fully express the universal sentiment which goes out from every Wisconsin heart towards this gifted son of our State.

## EDITORIAL.

THE fraternity has, indeed, good cause to congratulate itself on the elevation of Col. Vilas to the Postmaster-Generalship as the cabinet representative of the northwest. We are indebted to the reporter of Wisconsin Alpha for calling attention to the article upon brother Vilas' appointment, which, "written in his home paper and by his former law partner, is the best and truest account of his ability and power as they are known to his near friends."

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HARDLY had Col. Vilas' appointment been announced, when the Administration favored another member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with a position of worth and responsibility. In General John C. Black, Indiana Beta, '62, the President and Secretary of the Interior, found a man whose appointment to the Commissionership of Pensions called forth marked approval from all sides.

To both of these, our honored brothers, we look for a successful administration of their difficult duties.

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WE are exceedingly pleased to report the interest chapters are giving to their libraries and to internal improvement generally. The enthusiasm with which the chapters have directed their attention to both these purposes demonstrates how carefully the SCROLL is read and how useful is its mission.

It will be our purpose to point out—as far as may be suggested to us—every way in which internal improvement and the ideal  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  love contemplated by the bond can be furthered.

We should urge every chapter to begin now to gather its history. The history of the younger chapters is still in the memory of undergraduates, but that of the older ones is not familiar to us.

Such chapters as Indiana *A*, *B* and *I* and Kentucky *A* have traditions reaching over more than a quarter of a century, and it is time that these chapters should recount their history to the fraternity.

And when they commence this undertaking, let them resolve to gather the threads carefully, even though slowly, for we would rather read a full and true account of a chapter's record at an interval of two years than a hastily and imperfectly written synopsis within six months.

There is more than superficial value in knowing the history of a chapter.

The old tales, the reminiscences, aid in casting that glimmering of ideality over a chapter's life which is endearing to all.

The story, too, of the early struggles of what is now a successful chapter, never fails to have its ennobling effect.

It might seem paradoxical to hold that province or State conventions would be conducive to internal improvement. Yet such meetings work much good. Delta Province has already a Province Association, and Eta is agitating the question.

In some Provinces such organizations might be impracticable. In such instances a few chapters, situated near each other, could organize.

These associations should so arrange their conventions that a number of men—and not merely delegates—from each chapter could attend. It is hardly necessary to point out the benefits of these conventions. Suffice it that they show that the true fraternity extends beyond the chapter, and that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , as a true brotherhood, recognizes and exemplifies inter-chapter spirit.

An attendant at a successful Phi Delta Theta gathering always returns to his chapter-mates actuated with renewed enthusiasm to strengthen his own chapter, and in addition appreciating as perhaps he never did before, the broad and inspiring influences of his fraternity as a whole.

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THE fraternity will join with us in congratulating brother Greenlie, of Ohio  $\Delta$ , upon the honor he has gained for himself and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in winning the college oratorship of Ohio. We look to his success in the Inter-State contest.

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We call upon chapter historians and reporters to aid the Historian of the General Council by a prompt compliance with the requisites of the Constitution as well as the instructions of the historian. A speedy response also to the extension fund assessment will, no doubt, be appreciated by our treasurer. It is estimated that at least \$150 will be collected for this fund—a sum which will furnish a very creditable start to the enterprise.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I HEREBY call attention of all active members of the Fraternity to the resolution passed at the last Convention, levying a tax of 25 cents per capita, as a nucleus for an Extension Fund.

The tax is due on April 1st.

An early response from all the chapters is earnestly requested. The small amount of the tax will make compliance with the request easy.

March 7, 1885.

CHAS. A. FOSTER, T. G. C.

## TO CHAPTER HISTORIANS.

THE attention of Chapter Historians is called to the provisions of our Constitution relating to the annual report of chapters. By the act of the Nashville Convention the Constitution was so amended that it now provides for these reports to be sent directly to H. G. C. instead of to the Province Presidents, as heretofore. These reports will be due April 1. Blanks have been prepared and will be sent to the different chapters. The names of the Chapter Historians not being known, the blanks will be addressed to the Chapter Reporter, who will deliver them to the historians. It is expected that the blanks will be found self-explanatory, and that the Chapter Historians will be able to observe all the requirements without delay. Prompt and careful attention in this matter is earnestly solicited.

March 10, 1885.

A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C.

## FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

THE Reporters of Gamma Province have been a little slow in writing me of late, but I shall not grumble. Indeed, I owe them so much for their kindness in the past, and am so happy over the glorious condition of the chapters, that I couldn't find fault if I wished. Now, I ask a favor of the Reporter and Historian of each chapter in my province. I ask each Reporter to have a letter in the next SCROLL. I beg the Chapter Historians not to forget how often and earnestly I have pleaded for the prompt compliance with their duties as laid down in the Constitution. Remember that April 1st is the day for the chapter histories to be forwarded. We should reward our faithful and efficient H. G. C. with prompt and full returns.

YALE, March 4th, 1885.

S. P. GILBERT.

## TO REPORTERS.

WE must again beg those Reporters who have not as yet sent us the statistics called for, to do so at their earliest convenience.

J. M. MAYER.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

THERE is not much to be said of our chapter for the last month, beyond the fact that our enthusiasm for the white and blue and what it represents is fully as strong as ever, and that we are working with an increased desire for the advancement of our

fraternity. We were exceedingly gratified to read the very encouraging reports from our adjacent chapters, as published in the last SCROLL.

Brother Safford, who was initiated last year, but was compelled to leave college, has returned and joined the class of '88. Brother Jeffords, '86, has been away teaching, but has now rejoined us.

Nine speakers have been chosen for the Sophomore exhibition, which takes place at the close of this term. Brothers Robinson and Roberts represent us there, one "co-ed" and one neutral, the rest being society men.

We have been favored since our last report by visits from former active members of the chapter. It is always a great pleasure to welcome them to our hall and we are greatly encouraged by their brotherly calls.

March 12, 1885.

H. W. BELL.

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

NEW YORK GAMMA has passed its first mile post and greets the fraternity as it enters upon the second year of its existence. Our anniversary was celebrated at the residence of brother Schoonmaker on the night of February 19 last, by a reunion of many of the resident Phis with our chapter. The usual feast of good fellowship was followed by the inevitable supper, which certainly could not be closed without the toasts, which seem to have become a necessity.

On the night of Feb. 19, 1884, we numbered nine. On the night of Feb. 19, 1885, we initiated into the fraternity brother J. W. Naramore, making our number twenty.

We now hold the presidency of the Phrenocosmian Society, and brother Hicks will occupy first position at our coming public meeting.

Among the first four juniors elected to the Eiponian Senior Society were brothers Shiels and Downer.

We wish to exchange annuals with other chapters. In sending them or requesting ours, address Albert Shiels, 896 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

March 16, 1885.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

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#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report we have initiated three men and have two more ready to be initiated. Having already made considerable progress in furnishing our rooms, it was considered best to dispense with the assistance of the N. Y. Alpha Alumni. Owing to the continually increasing number of our members and to the great interest and activity shown by each member, we feel confi-

dent that N. Y. Delta is fully competent to overcome unaided any obstacles which she may meet. What has been done has been done well, and we no longer consider that we are a young chapter struggling for existence, but consider ourselves so well established that in, at most, another year, we will be, in number as well as in character, one of the foremost chapters here.

We have already a small library, to which additions are being made daily. We are all much pleased with the new departure of the SCROLL, and wish it the success which is sure to follow.

March 16, 1885.

W. R. WHARTON.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

It has been suggested several times in the columns of the SCROLL that this chapter has never been pleased in the way of a hall. In our early days the hall of Young's building, opposite the Town Hall and Postoffice, was our abiding place.

On account of the location being too public, it was abandoned for a suite of rooms in Reed's corner, South Main street. This site proved more unsatisfactory than the former. Accordingly, we were led to secure the third floor of W. W. Smith's new and magnificent building on East Beau street, opposite the Fulton House. Possession will be given April 1st. By all odds, we will have the most desirable hall in the city.

At the usual Washington's birthday entertainment two of the four to whom speeches were allotted were Phis, brothers W. A. Kinter, '86, and Prof. W. C. McClelland. Speaking of brother Kinter, the *Reporter* says: "Mr. Kinter's was a campaign speech, and showed off the troubles of a politician. This gentleman has a remarkably good voice, and showed his power of comic declamation and imitation."

The following, from the same source, will be read with pleasure by brother McClelland's friends: "Professor McClelland was welcomed with vociferous applause, and proceeded to transport his audience to the regions of the 'Sunny South,' but owing to a severe cold only spoke a few minutes, which was a great disappointment to the audience, for the professor is always a favorite, and a rich treat was expected."

His lecture, "Ten Days in Dixie," however, will be delivered at the contestants' benefit, March 13th, in fulfilment of a decided call from the public.

It will be remembered that last year's *Comet* was issued by the fraternities. Recently, at a general meeting of the college, its publication was delegated to the Junior class. This class elected subsequently a board of thirteen editors. The representation on the staff is apportioned as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 3;  $\Phi K$

$\Psi$ , 1;  $\Phi$  K  $\Sigma$ , 1; B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ , 1;  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$ , 1; non-fraternity, 4. The editor-in-chief, Mr. J. V. Stevenson, is a non-fraternity man.

Since our last report the chapter presented Mary D., infant daughter of brother J. J. Srodes, '88, our fellow-member, a handsome gold chain and locket. The locket was artistically engraved in exact resemblance of the Phi badge. Brother C. A. Lippincott made the speech of presentation, to which brother Srodes responded in his happiest vein.

## NOTES.

Brother C. A. Lippincott, '87, is class editor of the *Comet*.

Brother H. T. Stewart, '87, attended the Inauguration.

The chapter is in favor of an Alpha Province Convention.

Brother H. N. Campbell, Pa. A, '83, paid us a flying visit March 7.

Brother W. H. Baugh, Indiana B, '80, has removed from the pastorate of a fine church at Van Buren, Pa., to a mission station at Knoxville, Tenn.

Brothers W. A. Kinter and W. T. Tredway are the Phi members of the editorial staff of the *Comet*.

Brother R. B. Scandrett, '85, is the orator of the Philo and Union Literary Society, at the annual contest, March 25. Last year the chapter carried off one-half of the points, thus securing the greatest victory ever won by a fraternity at Washington and Jefferson.

March 9, 1885.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

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PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA has no glowing report to make, and little that will be of interest to our loyal alumni, who look in every SCROLL for news from the "old chapter." Brother Wells was chosen essayist for the inter-society contest to be held in June, and that is about the sum total of our laurels, save a good representation on the boards of the college papers. Fraternity spirit has greatly fallen off in the past year, and there is scarcely any competition of a fraternity nature in any of the elections which are held at this time for society representations.

We celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our chapter in about two months, and expect in time to send our alumni a report of the nature of that of Vermont Alpha, and only hope we may give as good an account of our condition as the report did of that chapter.

Through the negligence of the reporter, brother Payne's visit among us some time ago was not mentioned, though it was greatly enjoyed. Brothers Guignon, Blystone, and Johnson frequently meet with us, though they are not in college. We are in excellent working condition.

March 6, 1885.

C. W. PROCTOR.



## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

If the increase of fraternity chapters at an institution is a sign of prosperity, Richmond College is certainly "on a boom." Fraternities in general seem to be over anxious to establish chapters here, the latest addition being a chapter of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ . We predict a hard struggle for the new-born chapter, as the older chapters are compelled to strive hard for good material.

We received a pleasant call from brother Harris, of Michigan Gamma, Hillsdale College. We were very much impressed with his Phi enthusiasm. We were also visited by brother Hutchens, of Danville, Va. We learn with pleasure that he has taken a prominent place at the Danville bar.

March 4, 1885.

S. V. FIERY.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

BROTHER WRIGHT having resigned the reportership, I occupy that position. On February 28 we initiated two excellent men. While we have gained two, we have lost one who has always worked for the good of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and for the interests of his chapter. We miss brother Briggs in our hall, but we are cheered with the hope that he will return next October. On the 19th ult. brother M. R. Wright, as anniversarian of the Demosthenian Society, delivered a masterly speech. Well did he prove that his society did not err in electing him to the highest position she could bestow. Brother W. K. Stansell was elected one of the champion debaters of the Demosthenian Society. The remaining positions are held by a  $\Delta T \Delta$  and an  $\Sigma A E$ . Our chapter represents the States of Georgia and Florida.  $X \Phi$  has, in '88, 1; '87, 3; '86, 9; '85, 2; total, 15.  $K A$  (Southern), '88, 2; '87, 2; '86, 6; '85, 1; total, 11.  $\Sigma A E$ , '88, 1; '87, 4; '86, 7; '85, 7; Law Department, 2; total, 21.  $A T \Omega$ , '88, 1; '87, 5; '86, 2; '85, 1; total, 9.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '88, 0; '87, 2; '86, 5; '85, 6; total, 13.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '88, 1; '87, 3; '86, 3; '85, 5; total, 12.  $\Sigma N$ , '88, 1; '87, 3; '86, 6; '85, 1; total, 11.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '88, 0; '87, 6; '86, 6; '85, 2; Law Department, 1; total, 15.

March 6, 1885.

W. A. SPEER.

## ALABAMA BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

ALABAMA BETA never enjoyed greater prosperity than at present. With the modest number of fourteen loyal Phis she still continues

on her successful journey. Signs of her internal improvement are seen on every hand.

Literary exercises are taking a more prominent stand in our order of business and add much to the pleasure and zest of our meetings.

We have taken steps towards the building up of a new library, and hope in the lapse of a year or two to possess a collection of books that will greatly increase the worth of our snug little hall.

Phi Delta Theta has ever, and still continues to reign supreme at this institution, though we have two worthy rivals. We expect to make a grand success of the State Convention, to be held here in June, and if we receive the co-operation of our alumni members, there is no reason whatever why we should not realize our highest expectations.

The following is a statistical report of the different fraternities :  
 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3 ; '86, 5 ; '87, 4 ; '88, 2 ; total, 14.  $A T \Omega$ , '85, 1 ; '86, 5 ; '87, 2 ; '88, 2 ; total, 10.  $K A$ , '85, 0 ; '86, 3 ; '87, 3 ; '88, 2 ; total, 8.

March 9, 1885.

W. T. PENN.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

INTERMEDIATE examinations are over and we are now rapidly drawing near the final. The boys are preparing themselves for the coming struggles, and intend to carry off as usual their quota of honors. Fraternities have been very active at Vanderbilt this year and much spirited spiking has taken place, resulting sometimes in favor of one fraternity, sometimes in favor of another. Since the last report the Rainbows, whose banner chapter is situated at this University, have combined with the  $\Delta K E$ . The Rainbow Fraternity was the only Roman letter fraternity in the United States—at least the only one of any importance—and by this union between them and the  $\Delta K E$  the Roman letter fraternities have ceased to exist. The Rainbows have always had a very fine chapter here, their stronghold being in the Law Department, and if they are much strengthened by their new alliance,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will have more to fear from them than from any other fraternity. Since the last report we have initiated one new member, James Witt Sewell, of this city.

March 6, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

THE literary societies have elected their contestants for the Commencement exercises, and they are fraternally distributed as

follows : Phi Delta Theta, 2 ;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 2 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 1, and  $K A \Theta$ , 1. Brother E. A. Dent and the Reporter are the honored Phis.

Our chapter loses an excellent member this month in the person of brother Louis de Steigner, who has received an appointment as cadet in the Naval Academy at Annapolis. We are also deprived of one of our oldest and most popular members through a business necessity. Brother Will Morgan has, for two years past, been our vocal musician. He sings in the Methodist choir, has taken prominent parts in every musical entertainment and is accounted the best basso singer in the city. He will go to Minneapolis, and we take pleasure in introducing him to Minnesota Alpha. Brother John Higgins has also left college, and is studying law with brother Tompkins, alias "Captain Jack."

March 6, 1885.

W. E. BUNDY.

#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

OHIO Delta Chapter is at present rejoicing in great honor won for her by our esteemed brother, A. G. Greenlie, the first honor man of the Class of '85. At the preliminary college contest in oratory, held recently, brother Greenlie and brother John M. Leonard held respectively first and second places in the decision of the judges. The *Wooster Collegian* says : "The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is highly honored in that Messrs. Greenlie and Leonard, both members of that fraternity, took respectively first and second places in the decision of the judges at the "Preliminary Oratorical Contest." But that is not all, brother Greenlie was sent as the Wooster representative to the State Oratorical Contest, held at Oberlin, Feb. 19, and again carried first honor, and is now Ohio's College Orator.

We are glad to note that brother Murphy, of Ohio Beta, as Orator of Ohio Wesleyan University, did himself and the fraternity credit at the contest, and stood third in the decision of the judges.

Upon his return from Oberlin, brother Greenlie was given a grand reception in the college chapel, on which occasion congratulatory addresses were made by the President and members of the faculty and by representatives of the pulpit, the press and the bar of Wooster.

Brother Greenlie has still further work to do. As State Orator he is to represent Ohio at the Inter-State Contest, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in the early part of May, and we bespeak for him still greater honor on that occasion.

Our chapter is at its flood tide of prosperity ; we have in active membership 21 loyal Phis, viz. : '85, 4 ; '86, 5 ; '87, 6 ; '88, 5 ; '89, 1. None of the other fraternities here are nearly so well proportioned, nor have any of them an equal number.

February 25, 1885.

T. S. ANDERSON.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last report we have initiated Frederic W. Brown, '88, of Zanesfield, O. We have another gentleman pledged and hope to announce his name in my next report.

The Phis of this chapter are greatly pleased with the progress of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , as shown by the chapter communications of the February SCROLL. Our enthusiasm and love of the dear old fraternity increases from time to time.

All Ohio members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are proud of brother A. G. Greenlie, of Ohio Delta, the winner on the State Oratorical Contest held at Oberlin, Ohio, on Feb. 20, 1885. We only hope he will be equally as successful in the Inter-State Contest which will be held in this city sometime in May. We hope to see a large number of Phis present during this contest.

Within the past month we have received visits from brother Miles, of Ohio  $\Delta$ , and from brothers O'Kane and Millington, of Ohio  $B$ .

March 9, 1885.

A. C. REEVES.

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## KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

BROTHER MURRAY R. HUBBARD, '85, represented the Deinologian U. L. Society as its first 22d Speaker on Washington's Birthday. Brother Hubbard is blessed with rare oratorical abilities, and in voicing the rhetorical, logical diction of his well chosen theme, he won honor for his society and caused the members of our chapter to be justly proud of our gifted brother.

At a recent election of the Deinologian and Chamberlain Societies of Centre College, brother Rowland S. Dawson had the honor of being elected to deliver, in behalf of the society, the farewell address to its Senior members, and your Reporter had a like honor conferred upon him by the rival society.

March 5, 1885.

F. M. WILSON.

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## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

In the last number of the SCROLL there was a slight mistake,  $\Delta T \Delta$  for  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . There is no chapter of Delta Tau Delta here. The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has 19 men. You also had P. W. Wilson for T. W. Wilson. We initiated Charles Elmer Heiney, Andrews, Ind., '89, on March 6. Since my last report to the SCROLL we have lost one of our men. J. C. Wells tendered his resignation, which was promptly accepted. He was guilty of conduct unworthy a gentleman and a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . He was to be censured

at the next meeting, and fearing this, resigned. At the prize contest for the best essay on temperance a  $\Phi K \Psi$  won first and Elmer E. Griffith,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , second. The first prize was \$20 and the second was \$10. We expect brother Newland back with us soon. We hope to be able to report some more men at the next report.

March 2, 1885.

S. FOSTER.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

OUR report in the February SCROLL is a "Comedy of Errors;" but whether it is the fault of brother Snyder, who wrote the report, or of the printer, we are unable to say. We only have three men in '85 and four in '87, instead of five and eight.

$\Delta T \Delta$  should be  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

$B \Theta II$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 2; '89, 2; '90, 1; total, 10.

We are very much pleased with the last SCROLL. The articles in the new department have been of especial interest to us.

Brother Thomas Noble, from Ind. Delta, is with us this term, and will be, we think, a valuable acquisition to our chapter.

Brother Frank Sharpe acquitted himself with honor on the occasion of the contest debate between the literary societies. His debate compared favorably with those of the other contestants, two of whom were  $B \Theta IIs$ , and the other a non-fraternity man.

There is some talk of an interfraternity banquet, to take place commencement week. This would promote the friendly feeling existing among the different fraternities, and its effects would be lasting.

March 9, 1885.

A. R. MILES.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA GAMMA has been having a prosperous time since last report. Though we have not done so much work in the "horse-shed spike" line, the time has not been lost in the solid work of the chapter. The enthusiasm aroused in the first of the year still exists. Our new members have taken hold of the work with commendable earnestness.

Brother F. R. Kautz, who was out of college the first part of the term, on account of sickness, is again with us. Brother H. T. Miller has been obliged to go home for awhile, on account of ill health. Brother O. M. Eliason also intends to go home soon, in order to recruit. Brother J. A. Kautz will enter the primary oratorical contest here, and we have no doubt he will win, for he has a splendid speech. Two other contestants will enter, a  $\Sigma X$

and a non-fraternity man. Prof. D. C. Brown is having a serious time with heart trouble. He is barely able to do his class work.

March 7, 1885.

O. M. PRUITT.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

BROTHER W. T. VAN CLEAVE won first place in contest to select an orator from Franklin College to State Oratorical contest at Indianapolis. Among the contestants were a junior and a senior. Brother Van Cleave is a sophomore.

Brother W. G. Olwin is one of the *Collegiate* editors.

Brother C. M. Carter had to go home on account of ill health. He will be in next term.

We have elected a delegate to the Province Convention, April 8th.

March 8, 1885.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA ZETA was more than pleased with the last SCROLL. Its articles are "living issues" and such as call forth discussion. While our voice is consent to the article, "Thoughts and Sentiments," yet we firmly believe in reports from each chapter in each number of the SCROLL. It is our monthly letter, the medium through which we speak. I have always found a Phi turn to these first. We believe in progress and improvement. But shall we cease to be "strictly fraternity?" Let us have practical fraternity topics; let us hear from each chapter in each number.

The chapter library is now our question, and we have made provision for such. But we desire all back SCROLLS, eight volumes. Where is the Phi who would not be pleased to have eight such volumes? Other chapters are at work. They will need them. Why not have each volume publish in book form? Indiana Zeta earnestly hopes that this will be done.

We are still growing. It is the order of the day. Our internal working has been more than could be anticipated. Every Saturday night twenty-five Phis meet in their "sacred retreat." Since my last report we have added two more to our roll, brother Mitchell, '85, and brother Dubois, '88. The former is one of the foremost men of '85, is the exchange editor of the college monthly, and on February 22d he took the prize in forensics on the Kinnear-Monnette contest. We are more than proud of these new brothers.

Brother Miller, '86, is again among us.

Brother Spencer, formerly of '87, is practising law at Mount Vernon, Ind.

March 9, 1885.

W. J. SNYDER.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last report we have initiated John M. Pollock, '88, of this city. Brother Pollock was "spiked" by the other fraternities; but preferred  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Our anniversary has come and gone, revealing Epsilon Chapter as of no little worth. Indeed, it is a notable fact, that no other fraternity here seems to dare expose herself to public view. Unless I might, by exception, state the endeavors of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , who, two years ago, held an open session in the college chapel. Under the skillful scalpel of our Secretary, the dissection of our "Pyx" was viewed with the closest attention, and great cheers rewarded the result. On the eve of Feb. 21, as fine an audience as ever graced the society halls of the Wesleyan, assembled in Munsellian Hall to listen to the seventh anniversary exercises of the chapter. The Phis on the programme acquitted themselves with great credit, brother J. N. Van Pelt giving a history, brother J. F. Wight the oration, brother W. L. Miller. bass solo, brother R. E. Williams, Jr., recitation, brother L. A. Straight, poem, brother A. J. Barr, prophecy, closing with a chorus, "A Thousand Years," sung by all the boys arranged on the stage. This chorus brought forth uproarious applause, and compliments for all.

The city papers gave the fraternity high praise.

Visiting brothers W. E. Higbee, T. A. Tomlin, Jos. Stirling and R. W. Dooley were present to assist us.

Brother T. H. Simmons, President of Zeta Province, made us a visit February 14, and was present at our meeting.

Brother Higbee, who has been with the Plano (Ill.) Manufacturing Co. for the past two years, resigned his position with the view of locating in the West.

Brother Tomlin has been on the plains of Nebraska the past year. He leaves his cattle interests for a visit home.

Brother Geo. Apperson, city editor of Topeka (Kas.) *State Capital*, who spent several weeks in the city, completing his knowledge of the art of shorthand, has returned to his position. In the society contest which takes place Friday evening, March 27, three Phis will contest for their respective societies.

March 5, 1885.

A. D. JORDAN.

## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

I THINK that the last SCROLL exhibits the carefulness with which our Reporters read your request. I must confess that I did not see the request at all; but I am very glad that I am about the only one that did not, for it shows that the SCROLL is thoroughly read by nearly all. "It's never too late to mend," so

I will send reply even at this late hour. We have one Sorosis and two Fraternities here. The Sorosis is known as I. C.; their numbers are as follows: '85, 3; '86, 3; '87, 2; '88, 1; '89, 2; total, 11.

Our only opposing Fraternity is  $\Delta T \Delta$ , as follows; '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 1; '88, 0; '89, 2; '90, 3; total, 11.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 1; '89, 2; '90, 1. Total, 11.

Last week brother Simmons, our Province President, made us a call that inspired us with renewed zeal. At our last meeting we voted in four new members, who will be initiated at the first meeting of next term.

JOHN R. CARPENTER.

March 7th, 1885.

### WISCONSIN. ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Alpha is enjoying a quiet and pleasant winter. We expect soon to initiate a few men.

At the annual joint debate held March 6th, between Hesperia and Athena,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was ably represented by W. H. Hallam, of '86. Impartial judges rank his debate as the best of the evening.

We mentioned in our December report the burning of Science Hall.

A bill was lately introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature to appropriate \$298,000 for rebuilding it. Col. Vilas, on this occasion, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University and as a member of the Assembly, made a very eloquent and earnest speech in favor of the bill. He held his audience for one-and-one-half hours, and the intense silence during his speech was more complimentary than the overwhelming applause that greeted him at its close. His powerful effort removed every objection and argument urged against the bill. The favorable action of the Senate is now only necessary to restore our buildings.

Levi M. Vilas, Wisconsin A, '63, brother of Col. W. F. Vilas, is a candidate for election to the Supreme Bench of this State.

The following is the membership of the different fraternities here:

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 7; '86, 5; '87, 3; '88, 2; total, 17.  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '85, 5; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 1; total, 10.  $\Phi K \Psi$ , '85, 4; '86, 6; '87, 4; '88, 1; total, 15.  $KK \Gamma$ , '85, 3; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 2; total, 9.  $X \Psi$ , '85, 8; '86, 4; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 16.  $\Delta \Gamma$ , '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 4; '88, 3; total, 13.  $\Sigma X$ , '85, 1; '86, 3; '87, 0; '88, 2; total, 6. The non-society students number about 312.

March 9, 1885.

H. FEHR.



## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

MISSOURI *A* must vent her wrath upon her tardy Reporter for not being represented in No. 5 ; for through a misunderstanding of the limits of time accorded to the receptions of reports, he has utterly failed in his duty. We are happy to announce the addition of two brothers to our number, brothers Montague Fink and Edward Hinton. Our roll of membership is now twenty.

We were never in better working order than at present, and are looking forward with hopeful eyes to a reasonable amount of success in the coming medal contests.

Two brothers represent us in the "Inter-Society Contest" of the 7th inst. The Zeta Phi has one member in the lists—the remaining contestants being non-fraternity men.

Not long since we received an interesting letter from brother Higgins, Kansas *A*, stating that his chapter is in a flourishing condition. We are happy to hear of the prosperity of our sister chapters.

Our Province President, brother T. S. Ridge, writes to us that he is desirous of having a convention of the Eta Province Chapters, to be held either in St. Louis or Kansas City, at some time near the 6th or 7th of next June, and asks the opinions of the different chapters.

The Missouri Alpha, for one, heartily endorses brother Ridge's suggestion for an Eta Province Convention, and also suggests that, since Kansas City is much more centrally located with reference to other chapters of the province, it would be a much better place for the convention than St. Louis.

In accordance with your request we submit the following :

$\Phi A \Theta$ , '85, 6 ; '86, 5 ; '87, 5 ; '88, 4 ; total, 20.  $Z \Phi$ , '85, 7 ; '86, 6 ; '87, 7 ; '88, 0 ; total, 20.  $\Sigma A E$ , '85, 0 ; '86, 1 ; '87, 3 ; '88, 1 ; total, 5.  $K K \Gamma$ , '85, 1 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 2 ; '88, 1 ; total, 4.

March 2, 1885.

FIRMIN WRIGHT.

## MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have initiated another man. We failed to carry off the oratorical prize, but do not feel it, for our men did well even though the judges did not think they deserved it. We had the pleasure of seeing brothers McCoy and Southerne, from Independence, among us at the contest. The applicants for a  $\Phi K \Psi$  Charter failed to obtain it, although they went to the expense of paying for an old  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's expenses there and back. We were somewhat surprised at their not obtaining it. Our chapter is prospering excellently.

March 10, 1885.

T. N. WILKERSON.

## KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

At the request of our Reporter, I send you the following report of our chapter :

Kansas State University has taken one more step in advance. The Legislature has just appropriated \$50,000 for a Natural History Building. This will give the State a University of which all may feel proud. Naturally, the students and their friends were quite jubilant, and a "grand jollification" was held last night. Our law department, also, has been strengthened by a large increase in the salary of the Dean, who will now devote his whole time to the work.

The last convention of  $\Phi K \Psi$  honored their chapter here by placing the "Shield" under its control. It will, therefore, be published here for the next two years. It will be in good hands, as the chapter has men of decided literary ability.

Our own chapter is steadily growing. Both of our Seniors have positions during Commencement week. Brother S. M. Cook will be one of the representatives on Commencement day. Brother E. F. Caldwell, Valedictorian on Class day. Brother H. F. Graham has been chosen one of the Orators on Junior night, in April or May.

The Phis here are trying to make the chapter worthy of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ .

We are spending the time on internal improvements, and hope to show it by our "works." Since our last report we have invited J. W. O'Bryon, one of the best members of the Freshmen class.

March 7, 1885.

W. E. HIGGINS.

## IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa A has enjoyed some pleasant social events and gained some substantial victories.

January 17th we initiated W. R. Gray, '88. On January 27th we initiated Chas. J. Blakeney and Edward Scott. Brother Blakeney is a son of the Rev. J. B. Blakeney, of this city, and has been ardently worked for by our friends, the enemy, for more than a year. Brother Scott was also to be desired above all the members of his class. Our last initiate is Harry E. Wilcox, perhaps the strongest member of the Junior Class. Brother Wilcox was our second Orator in the recent Oratorical Contest, and represented the I. W. U. as Delegate to the State Convention of the Oratorical Association. Your Reporter represented the Iowa Wesleyan as Orator in the State Contest, Feb. 5th. The *Herald* of Feb. 12th speaks of our oration editorially as follows :

At the Oratorical State Contest last week Iowa City took first prize and Grinnell second. Mr. J. F. Riggs of the I. W. University received the fifth place among the eleven contestants. This is creditable to Mr. Riggs and the col-

lege he represents. His style of writing is excellent. The thought and composition are strong and graceful. If his delivery had been equally satisfactory his college might reasonably have anticipated that he would bring home with him first honors.

On Feb. 3d we were royally entertained by brother J. C. Willets at his home, two miles in the country. About forty guests were present to partake of a bountiful supper and enjoy an evening pleasant in the highest degree. Our entire chapter was invited to a reception given by the I. C. Sisterhood, on Saturday evening, Feb. 14th. Did we go? Well, I should say we did, and spent such a pleasant evening that we have scarcely recovered up to this writing.

The fraternity statistics here are:  $B \odot II$ , '86, 2; '87, 1; '88, 3; '89, 2; total, 8.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 1; '89, 2; total, 11. Brother Miller of '87 will return in a few days, and then we will have an even dozen.

An Anti-Secret Society has recently been organized here, with a membership of eleven or twelve. We have no fears of its endangering the future of the fraternities, as the best non-fraternity men keep aloof from the new organization, and the best girls discourage it.

Iowa Alpha has enjoyed many pleasant social occasions this winter, and is prosperous and happy.

March 6, 1885.

J. F. RIGGS.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

THE Home oratorical contest has come and gone. The Delta Tau Deltas took first place; Chi Psi second; Phi Delta Theta third. We feel proud of Mr. E. P. McKinney, who won the third place, as he, besides carrying a full line of studies, has been teaching in the city night schools. We expect next year to see him go up higher yet. He goes to the State contest in April.

Minn. Alpha joined with the other fraternities of the University in an interfraternity ball, on the 26th ult., which was a magnificent success. Brother Buckstaffe, of Wisconsin Alpha, was present with us and enjoyed the occasion.

I see brother Ridge has not heard of us. I failed to receive his first communication and answered his second but a few days ago. Hope he will be able to tell you authentically that we live in his next.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 3; '88, 3; '89, 2; special, 1; total, 13; chapter chartered, 1881.  $X \Psi$ , '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 1; special, 1; total, 11; chapter chartered, 1874;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 0; '86, 3; '87, 1; '88, 3; '89, 0; total, 7; chapter chartered, 1883.  $\Theta \Phi$  (Local), '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 11; '88, 4;

'89, 1; special, 1; total, 21; chapter chartered, 1879. *KK I* (Ladies), '85, 0; '86, 2; '87, 0; '88, 5; '89, 0; special, 6; total, 13; chapter chartered, 1880. *Δ I* (Ladies), '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 5; '89, 1; total, 11; chapter chartered, 1882.  
March 5, 1885. JAS. GRAY.

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The following letters having been received after the first form was typed, are consequently here inserted :

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report one of our men has turned "pedagogue" for a few weeks, but he is no less a Phi. Two have returned from teaching. We were glad to see the chapter correspondence all printed in the last SCROLL. We also desire to express our appreciation of the new department of the SCROLL—"Thoughts and Sentiments"—and think it will be one of the most useful departments of the journal.

The past week has been one of excitement, as during that time has occurred the election of the *Aegis* board of editors, the election of Junior Honors, and the '81 class supper. Brother Emerson Rice is to represent Phi Delta Theta on the next year's *Aegis*. Among the Junior Honors the Phis were also remembered, and brother Shelton running a close race for "Cosmetic." The '87 class supper was a perfect success. Toasts were delivered by one from each society. Brother Shelton was to represent the Phis, but unfortunately he was taken sick and unable to attend. The Phis are represented in the '87 sextette band by the reporter, who plays the solo cornet part. The sextette added much to the enjoyment of the supper.

Soliciting new members for a fraternity is called here "chin-ning," which seems to be a very appropriate name.

The new library building, which I mentioned in my last, fronts west, and just stands south of Reed Hall, on the site of the "Old Gates House." The main entrance is through an arch 16 feet in diameter, springing from piers which connect with the vestibule. Next to the vestibule is a waiting room 24x36 feet. On the north is situated an octagonal reading room, 30x30 feet, with large arched windows, made more comfortable and homelike by an open fire-place. On the east is the catalogue room, 22x36 feet. The desk for the delivery of books is on the south, and back of it is the library proper, 38x54 feet. It is made entirely of fire-proof material, and the stack plan of arranging the books is to be used. The book room is to be in three stories, with floors of perforated iron, connected by four iron stair cases, one at each corner. The second story of the building is to be used as a ref-

erence room. On this floor also are to be the offices of the President and Trustees. The building has a capacity of 120,000 volumes, leaving ample space for further addition to the library, which now contains 65,000 volumes. The architecture is Romanesque, and the carving is done in a most skillful manner. The material used is red brick and sandstone. The building is to cost about \$60,000, of which \$50,000 was bequeathed by a Mr. Wilson, of Providence, R. I. The building is to be known as Wilson Hall, in his honor.

March 14, 1885.

G. W. SHAW.

#### VIRGINIA EPSILON, VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

WE number four (4) in this school. Myself in the 1st class; Mansfield, H., 2d class; Smith, B., and Cochran in the 4th class. Semmes, B., and Gibbs, L., who graduated last year, are also with us. Semmes attends law lectures at the W. & L. U., Gibbs is in business in Lexington. Since 1883 we have initiated only two: Boyd Smith, Peoria, Ill., January, 1885, class '87; William B. Cochran, The Plains, Va., January, 1885, class '87. Both are bright, gentlemanly fellows. Cochran stood second in his class of about 50 at the Intermediate Examinations. Smith stood well also. There is little chance of initiating any new members this session. Our chapter is right much in debt, incurred before any of the present members were initiated.

The "rats," Smith and Cochran, have, of course, no office in the corps, as yet. Mansfield is Color-Sergt., and takes a very good stand. I am First Lieutenant, and hope to come out right well in my class.

Feb. 26, 1885.

G. B. MILLER.

#### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter is in good running order, though we regret the fact that brother John T. Williams, on account of sickness, has been compelled to leave us for the present.

There has been nothing of unusual interest in the "Greek World" at O. W. U. of late, except the Pan-Hellenic banquet, which occurred Saturday evening, February 28.

This will, like the one held last year, be long remembered as an affair of both profit and pleasure to all who were there. At 10 p. m., after the reception at the Seminary, seventy-three "Greeks" assembled at the Banquet Hall and for two hours feasted in good fellowship. The viands were dainty and the toasts full of wit and good humor. After the banquet it was proposed to serenade the ladies at Monnett Hall, which was done

by appropriate Greek songs. Brother R. T. McCready represented Phi Delta Theta in the toast, "College and Fraternal Association."

March 10, 1885.

J. W. BENSCHOTEN.

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## FROM EXCHANGES.

### OUR EXTENSION POLICY.

I WAS much struck with the editorial in the last number of the magazine upon the extension question. It seems to me that a vast deal of nonsense has been written on this same question. Beta Theta Pi was founded with the express idea of being established at many colleges. The first constitution embodied this idea, and the founders and early workers of the fraternity did their best to carry it out. They sought to place a chapter in every college of good standing, where an adequate and constant supply of good material could be obtained for the support of a chapter. They made few mistakes, and the magnificent chapters at our older colleges are the result. This policy was consistently followed, until the close of the war. It can not be denied that for the ten years subsequent to that time the policy of the fraternity in regard to extension was fanciful, wavering, and irresolute. It was, in fact, no policy at all. The chapters seemed thoroughly disheartened by the loss of Beta and Lambda and the death of the southern wing, and granted charters with little investigation. The provision in the constitution that silence was to be considered as an affirmative vote was vicious and harmful, and was a pitiful expression of the apathy in the fraternity.

The prompt rejection of the petition from Franklin College, in Indiana, was a step in the right direction, and the long debate and consideration over the admission of the Kenyon petition was another. The absorption of Alpha Sigma Chi, and the subsequent rapid revival and extension in the East, startled the fraternity world, and seemed to foreshadow a policy of rapid and unlimited extension for Beta Theta Pi. This naturally brought about a reaction, and a more conservative spirit began to appear, and, as a consequence, the policy of the fraternity has again become wavering and inconsistent, instead of straightforward and well-understood. The rapid spread of fraternity information since 1879 has had a good effect in some ways, and a very bad effect in others. It has led fraternity men to look upon the more successful fraternities as types of everything that is good, and has inculcated a belief among many fraternity workers that an adoption of the former customs of Psi Upsilon or Alpha Delta Phi would at once place imitating chapters on a par with older chap-

ters of these fraternities, even in an entirely different environment. After the Franco-German war of 1870 our war department in Washington was silly enough to adopt the Prussian helmet in our army. We do not believe that this unsightly headgear will increase the efficiency of our soldiers.

We have noticed recently, in the fraternity, a provincial growth of chapter allegiance as opposed to general fraternity fidelity. This is very characteristic of some of the distinctively eastern fraternities, and we dislike to see its prevalence among our chapters. Evidence of this feeling was given in the way in which the proposed withdrawal of charters from some of our weaker chapters was regarded by their alumni members. Instead of looking at the matter as one of general interest to the fraternity at large, many of them moved heaven and earth to have the charter of a poor chapter retained—even while admitting that it was poor—because it had had the honor of admitting them to Beta Theta Pi.

But nowhere has this provincial narrow-mindedness been displayed so prominently as when discussing the extension of the fraternity and the establishment of new chapters. The chapters, not having been educated to regard the policy of a fraternity in this regard as something fixed and reasonably certain, have generally given the most foolish reasons for their conduct, either in advocating or denouncing extension.

In regard to the petition from Colby University, for instance, the reasons given for voting in the affirmative by one chapter were because "it would give Beta Eta a neighbor"; by another, because "Delta Kappa Epsilon had a chapter there"; by another, because "we should try to become as strong in New England as possible," probably with some vague notion that the brains of the country had originated in that granite-covered region. And the reasons in the negative were no less curious. One chapter voted "no" because "it would be a good thing to reject a big eastern college, so as to show these eastern societies that we are as good as they are"; another, because "a member of the chapter had once visited Colby and found many of the men deficient in social graces." And, actually, such reasons seemed to govern the action of the convention.

The petition from the University of Nebraska met with a similar fate, but in rather a curious way. At that time the "prep." question was the uppermost topic in the fraternity. The western chapters voted "no," because they were afraid that if they did not the East would misinterpret their position on that point, and the East voted "aye" for similar reasons, and, consequently, that petition was rejected by the very chapters that were anxious to support it. In the very last number of our paper the Kenyon chapter says :

We will oppose the establishment of any more chapters, except for the very

best of reasons. There is no fear of our being too limited, and it is possible to be national and conservative at the same time, while it will be impossible for us to lower our standard and enter such institutions as we have just refused without stepping down from the first rank, which we now hold with Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Alpha Delta Phi.

Now this is all very pretty, even granting, for the sake of argument, that our situation, prospects, and condition are such that the policy of these three fraternities would suit us—which is not true—but the writer of this remark shows by the next sentence that his opinion of what our policy should be is not based upon any principle of good to the fraternity, but simply upon the fact that if our policy were successfully inaugurated and carried out as he has indicated, his chapter would be possibly enabled to gain some local advantage, for he concludes by saying: "*It has been seen that we have to compete with all three of these fraternities at Kenyon.*" [The italics are mine.—W. R. B.]

We see no especial difficulty in treating this question of extension. It is not a matter of diplomacy, to be talked about in whispers and supported by half-understood reasons. It is a matter of common sense, and should be treated from the position in which we find ourselves to-day, viewed in the light of our past history and the growth of the educational facilities of the country.

In the East we should only establish chapters where, from circumstances surrounding the petitioners, it would seem to be reasonably certain that the new chapter, if established, could become, either at once or in the near future, a successful rival of chapters already established. And these circumstances are to be found where a local fraternity petitions for a charter, or a new chapter would be sure of other local support.

In the South, where local allegiance to the fraternities seems much stronger than elsewhere, the same principle should obtain, except that more may be ventured in establishing a new chapter, and the odds taken may be greater, provided the institution is one which is worthy of a chapter in other respects.

In the West we think that Beta Theta Pi should, as quickly as possible, place a chapter in the State university of every State west of the Mississippi which shows the ordinary and natural evidences of health and growth. We mean the State universities of Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, and Texas. Arkansas is not growing. These universities are placed by law at the head of the educational systems of the commonwealths, and are bound to grow and increase and prosper, as the universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Kansas have already done. The career of our fine chapter at the University of Kansas has shown the wisdom of this policy.

Beta Theta Pi has spread too widely to stop now. We are, as contrasted with other fraternities, possessed of great advantages



from our past history and wide extension, and when our whilom conservative rivals—Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi—are considering whether or not they have possibly missed a big opportunity in not having placed chapters in the growing colleges of the Mississippi Valley, Beta Theta Pi is asked to stop and throw away all the advantages of her already magnificent progress.

Our system of government is equally adapted to a fraternity of our present size or one twice as great. And there is no danger in too rapid extension. No chapter should be established at all unless both men and college are worthy; but do not let us reject a fine set of petitioners at a growing, well-supported institution because Psi Upsilon or Alpha Delta Phi never happened to have heard of it. If they but knew it, some of our most ardent advocates of "conservatism" would find that their own chapters, of which they are so proud, exist at colleges the names and locations of which are all but unknown to the eastern fraternities, which they so admire and aim to imitate.

It is not at all likely that Beta Theta Pi will need or care to establish chapters at the rate of more than one or two a year—if, indeed, so fast—for many years to come; but do not let us shrink from entering upon our proper field and obtaining the first position therein, either from a servile imitation which might result in purely local advantages, or a dread of the criticism of the East, which we can assure our readers is as full of ignorance and narrow-mindedness as any other section of the country.

Let us adopt and pursue steadily a policy of extension adapted to our wants and needs, and not the wants and needs of any of our eastern rivals. WM. R. BAIRD, in the *Beta Theta Pi*.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

Brother W. C. Covert, Ind. *E*, has kindly sent us the *Hanover Monthly*, of which brother H. W. Gilchrist is editor-in-chief.

We are under obligations to brothers G. W. Cone, Va. *A*, '78, and Herschel Fisher, Ind. *A*, '80, for numerous personals.

*The University Cynic* is an ably edited tri-weekly, from the University of Vermont. E. M. Wilbur and C. E. Morse, *Φ Δ Θ*, are members of the editorial board.

It will be noticed that we publish the chapter songs of Missouri *A* and New York *A*. We trust this is but a beginning, and we look to all our chapters for a representative "Carmen."

We publish Mr. Baird's article on "Our Extension Policy," as suggestive of many excellent thoughts on the general subject of extension. Every one will not agree with all his opinions, yet some of his remarks are certainly well worth consideration.

This number is almost half a month behind time, owing to the late date at which chapter letters were received. Number 7 will be out promptly by the 15th prox. It will contain a number of articles suggesting "Thoughts and Sentiments" and a review of "Fraternities in Southern Colleges." Reporters are requested to forward correspondence as early as possible.

Phi Delta Theta has a rather large representation in the University of California. Dr. F. H. Terrill, Va. *B*, '74; S. B. Christy, Cal. *A*, '74; A. Wendall Jackson, Cal. *A*, '74; and William Carey Jones, Cal. *A*, '75, are members of the faculty of that university.

The following chapters have not responded to our call for statistics:

Alpha Province: Maine *A*, New York *I*, New York *A*, Pennsylvania *Z*. Pennsylvania *A*'s list is not complete.

Beta Province: Virginia *B*, Virginia *I*, Virginia *A*, Virginia *E*, South Carolina *A*.

Gamma Province: Georgia *B*, Texas *B*, Tennessee *A*, Tennessee *B*.

Delta Province: Ohio *B*, Ohio *A*, Ohio *E*. (incomplete).

Epsilon Province: Indiana *B*, Indiana *I*, Michigan *B*.

In Zeta and Eta provinces all the reporters have fulfilled our request—a promptness reflecting great credit on the reporters of those provinces.

New York *I* and *A* will have their report prepared for No. 7, and we trust that every chapter will do likewise. As we have pointed out, some very interesting figures can be compiled from full statistical information.

In looking over some old numbers of the SCROLL, we chanced to read again a chapter of brother Morrison's "Memorabilia." They are indeed interesting news and notes, and we need no excuse for reprinting them.

#### MEMORABILIA.

EVERY organization that is right and proper in its nature will be what the men who constitute it are. If they are brave, earnest, good men, their lives, their characters, themselves will be projected into, and give moral tone and life to the association, thus making it a better thing than its parchments would give us ground to expect. Of every true man's work, history will write,

"He builded wiser than he knew."

This truth is eminently illustrated in the history of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

## THE FOUNDERS

were six in number. Their names are :

Robert Thompson Drake,.....Born in Clarke county, Ohio. March 6, 1822.  
 Robert Morrison,.....Born in Greene county, Pa., March 15, 1822.  
 Ardivan Walker Rodgers,.....Born in Miami county, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1824.  
 Andrew Watts Rogers,.....Born in Highland county, O. Mar. 12, 1825.  
 John McMillan Wilson,.....Born in Butler county, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1825.  
 John Wolfe Lindley,.....Born in Knox county, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1826

Our Order was not a whim or fancy freak of children, for at the time of its organization these six men's ages ranged from 22 to 26 years each. Still further, they were all men of good digestion and sound physical constitution, hence little if anything morbid characterized their views. Is not "*mens sana*" generally found "*in corpore sana*?"

Their private lives were without reproach and above suspicion. Each one was connected with some church by a credible profession of his faith in Christ, though in their membership, three denominations were represented.

They were conscientious God-fearing men, and if so, there was no reason that they should fear man. [In all these statements, my indulgent brothers will please remember that I do not allude to myself, unless I say so by name. I happened to be, however, in good company, and in the work they accomplished I had a small share, so that a slight change in Virgil's verse will permit me to say : *Quorum pars parva fui.*]

Being amply illustrated by their subsequent years, it may be said emphatically they were brave men. They were not blusterers, and of course not cowards. They were men of decided convictions. What they believed they adhered to, whether popular or otherwise. They did what they thought to be right, whether friends approved or frowned.

Drake was a modest, quiet sort of a man, of about six feet in height, and a very pleasant countenance. His face made him friends everywhere. Rodgers and Rogers were each more than six feet high, and were well proportioned. On account of their splendid appearance they were often called the *hoi Rogeroi*. They were as gentle, however, as they were strong and brave. Rodgers and Drake were probably the most deeply conscientious men of the six. Neither one was quick or brilliant, but their conscientiousness made them not only true men, but good scholars as well. One who knew Rodgers well, writes me recently : "He was a Christian through and through."

I can not soon forget an incident in Drake's college life. In 1849 the cholera was very fatal at Cincinnati. New Oxford is but 32 miles from that city, and the dreaded plague soon appeared in the village. Its first visitations were upon the students, but its strokes in the university were light ; no student died. Not so was it in the town or adjacent country. The cases were num-

erous, and of those attacked a large per cent. died. A panic ensued, so much so that it was almost impossible to secure nurses for the sick, or friends to bury the dead. Several of the students volunteered as nurses; among them was Drake. It fell to his lot one night to be at a farm house about a mile from town where eight in a family of nine persons were sick at the same time with the dread disease. It was his duty during that night to wait on a young man who had the terrible cramp badly, and only was prevented from vomiting and purging at the same moment by having his body covered over with mustard plasters. They, of course, made him uncomfortable, especially where he laid upon them, hence every few minutes all the night long he wished to be turned over, and, as he was very weak, this could only be done by Drake putting his face down close to the sufferer's face; then the poor fellow would reach his arms around Drake's neck and raise himself so that Drake could get his arms under and thus turn him over. Toward morning, when Drake had his arms under the sick man's body and had raised him so that his body was free from pressing upon the mustard, as it had been upon the bed, he said: "If it ain't asking too much of you, I feel so much easier in this position, I wish you would hold me a while as I am now." Cholera was then thought to be contagious—yet in that close proximity to the poisonous breath Drake kept his face—and held the sick man for perhaps fifteen minutes. He was rewarded, however, in seeing the young man, while thus held up, fall asleep, and that proved to be the turning point of his disease. He soon got well. Said I not truly that Drake was a brave man?

I also recall an incident of another of our little band: In after years Col. Rogers, when leading his "fighting regiment" in a sharply contested battle, only illustrated on a larger field his fearlessness than he did while a student in college. One night he and a few others were in a fellow student's room. In the course of conversation, a young man of large size and great strength took occasion to make a harsh statement as to the character and conduct of a young lady who was an intimate friend of Rogers. Rogers quietly and quickly responded, "that is a mistake." The young man, whom I shall call C., sung back, "Rogers, you are a liar." Without waiting for a word more, and without saying a word, Rogers caught him, threw him on his back, and began to choke him. Men present, however, separated them before any serious damage was done. The next morning after prayers, when the students all had gone but three or four, Rogers was standing on a low platform just outside the north door of the chapel. Hearing some threats and curses we looked and saw C. close at hand flourishing a heavy cane, and declaring that he had come down from town—he was not a student then—"to whip that liar, Rogers," saying which he aimed

a blow at Rogers' head, Rogers caught the club, twisted it out of C.'s hand, threw it away, and before C. could reverse an open dirk knife that he had concealed in his sleeve, got a blow planted between the eyes that caused him to drop as quickly as ever did an ox with a bullet in his brain. Rogers did not touch him more, and poor C. laid some two or three minutes as limber as a fainting child. He was helped up 'ere long by a good Samaritan who led him off and poured whiskey in his wound and into his mouth; but though he went off threatening what he was going to do, I never heard of his calling Rogers a liar any more.

Lindley was a man of few words; rather below than above the medium size. He was an accurate scholar and had a full share of soberness and common sense. He was every way a good and useful man.

Wilson was short and very compactly built. He had a pleasant round face and a well developed brain. He was a quiet, patient thinker, a man of large and comprehensive views. He was a hearty hater of all shams and pretences, yet generous and charitable to those who differed with him. He cared more for reality than show and was less careful about his dress and appearance than perhaps was wise, hence a sobriquet that followed him was "Old Dad"; yet all respected and loved him in spite of that.

ROBERT MORRISON.

### CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Jacobs, the author of the "Epitome," has called my attention to that portion of my review of his book in which I refer to the establishment of the Trinity chapter of Psi Upsilon, composed of members of the local society Beta Beta. He writes: "You will excuse me if I call your notice to a misapprehension about our Beta Beta chapter. All of the alumni were not adopted; many were dead, some were not wanted, some (a few) did not care to come in; and every single man was initiated just as the veriest freshman is."

Mr. Jacobs furthermore emphatically denies that the names of any deceased members of the local society have been added to Psi Upsilon's roll under the head of *post mortem* initiates, as published in another fraternity periodical. As I am anxious to avoid doing an injustice, I take pleasure in making this correction.

I am also indebted to Mr. Jacobs for the following information additional to that furnished in my review of fraternity catalogues:

"You do not mention the fact that Sigma Phi started the geographical index scheme, but attribute it to Psi Upsilon. Catalogues of Sigma Phi fifteen years back show this feature. The Beta Beta (local) catalogue of 1874 has it."

WALTER B. PALMER.

## PERSONAL.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'81. Rev. Wilbur G. Warner, president of the Cincinnati alumni chapter, is pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Westwood, one of the suburbs.

## VIRGINIA BETA.

'83. Julian Kendrick, C. E., is practicing his profession at Front Royal, Va.

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

'78. Geo. Wm. Cone is bookkeeper for the great banking house of Ball, Hutchings & Co., Galveston, Texas.

'81. R. E. Scott is a rising attorney at Roanoke, Va.

## GEORGIA BETA.

'73. John Lovejoy is a well known attorney at Galveston, Tex.

## ALABAMA BETA.

'80. Alva Fitzpatrick is attorney-at-law, Montgomery, Ala.

'80. C. A. L. Lamford is attorney-at-law, Opelika, Ala.

'83. C. L. Gay is a member of the firm Gay, Hardy & Co., wholesale grocers, Montgomery, Ala.

'83. E. M. Pace is professor of mathematics in the college at Independence, Tex.

## OHIO ALPHA.

'58. A. T. McKinney is a popular member of the Texas Legislature.

## OHIO GAMMA.

'71. C. E. M. Jennings is editor and proprietor of the Athens *Messenger*.

'77. E. H. Baker recently distinguished himself as an attorney for the Lincoln Club, in the celebrated election riot cases at Cincinnati.

'79. William F. Lewis is a lumber dealer in Waxahatchie, Tex.

'81. Jno. A. Laird is principal of the Parkersburg, W. Va., schools.

'81. Frank Sternberger is a clothing merchant in Jackson, O.

'84. Geo. L. Pake is railroad agent at Marshfield, O.

## OHIO DELTA.

'68. Hon. S. F. Matthews was re-elected Judge of the Cincinnati Common Pleas Court.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'63. Dr. J. L. Cleveland recently retired from the president's chair of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, after having distinguished himself as a presiding officer.

'81. W. M. Shaw was the only Phi in the Cincinnati Law School last year, and had an easy victory in capturing the first honors.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

'80. Harry W. Hawley is to be the valedictorian of the Miami Medical College this year.

'84. Samuel G. Ramsey has been attending the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati the past winter.

## INDIANA BETA.

'62. Chicago, March 6.—General John C. Black, of Danville, Ill., is in the city, in attendance on the reunion of the Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry. The following telegraphic correspondence is self-explaining:

*Washington*, March 6.—To General J. C. Black, Palmer House, Chicago: The President thinks your official connection with his administration will contribute to his success, and desires me to ascertain if you will assume the duties of Commissioner of Pensions. I cordially join in his request.

L. Q. C. LAMAR.

*Chicago*, March 6.—L. Q. C. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior: I thank President Cleveland and yourself. If my appointment will contribute to the success of the administration, I will accept the position. Telegraph me when I should arrive in Washington.

J. C. BLACK.

General Black says the appointment was unsolicited.

John Charles Black, the new Commissioner of Pensions, was born at Lexington, Mo., in January, 1839. He received an academic education, and graduated at Wabash College, Indiana. A short time afterward he entered the army in the Thirty-seventh Illinois Regiment. When he left it, in 1865, he held the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General. His next step was to procure admission to the bar. He entered the office of a prominent firm in Chicago for this purpose, and in due time was admitted to the practice of his profession. His home is at Danville, Ill.

Gen. Black has been active in politics as a Democrat, and has been frequently nominated for office. Several unsuccessful nominations for Congress, the last only last fall, have maintained his prominence in local party struggles and are significant of the respect in which his ability is held. Gen. Black was the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor in 1872, and when Gen. Logan was sent to the Senate in 1879, Black was the Democratic caucus nominee. He was a delegate at large to the last Democratic National Convention, before which an attempt was made to put him in nomination for the Vice Presidency, which he prevented.—*Nashville American*.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

'76. Hon. Samuel B. Eward is Mayor of Greensburg, Ind.

'83. Dr. Charles D. Moore is the president of the graduating class at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati.

## INDIANA DELTA.

'77. Richard M. Jackson, and Va. B. '79, has formed a law partnership with the Hon. Wm. A. Peele, at Richmond, Ind.

'78. David S. Burson, Jr., has succeeded his brother, Benjamin Burson, deceased, in the management of the office of the Great Western Powder Co., Xenia, O.

'80. Dr. J. G. Smalley, valedictorian Miami Medical College, '84, is practicing medicine at Connorsville, Ind.

'80. Dr. J. A. Thompson, ex-resident physician to the Cincinnati Public Hospital, and honor man at the Miami Medical College in '84, has been elected a Clinician to the throat dispensary of the last named institution.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'63. The State Bar Association, at a meeting held on the 17th inst., nominated L. M. Vilas, of this city, to succeed Judge Taylor as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, for the term of ten years from January 1, 1886. There is no ground for apprehending that the people will manifest any disposition to interfere with the bar nomination. That the honor of the nomination has been worthily and wisely bestowed, there is no question. Mr. Vilas is a man of acknowledged ability, possessing in a marked degree the legal qualifications and judicial endowment so essential to sustaining the honor implied in an election to the supreme bench. The people of Eau Claire had a right to anticipate the action of the Bar Association, and are not deserving or likely to receive the charge of undue appreciation for confidently thinking that Mr. Vilas is worthy to be regarded the peer of any justice on the supreme bench of the State.—*The Workman's Gazette, Eau Claire.*

### INITIATES.

In the following lists, the names or letters where italicized denote the correction of typographical errors in Nos. 4 and 5. Reporters will please report all initiates in the manner prescribed, in order to make this department a record of all new names. Always report in full; do not give initials merely.

#### NEW YORK GAMMA.

'88. Joseph William *Naramore*, New York, N. Y.

#### NEW YORK DELTA.

'88. Elbert Perce Callender, New York, N. Y.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

'85. William H. *McElwaine*, *Sandy Lake*, Mercer County, Pa.

'86. William Thomas Tredway, *Coschocton*, Ohio.

'88. John Jay *Srodes*, Washington, Pa.

'88. Grant *Ephraim* Hess, Washington, Pa.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'89. William B. Pruner, Bear Creek, Pa.

#### VIRGINIA EPSILON.

'87. Boyd Smith, Peoria, Ill.

'87. William B. Cochran, The Plains, Va.



## GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '85. Nathaniel Blackstone Pones, Clarksville, Ga.  
 '86. Benjamin Franklin Hawkins, Thomasville, Ga.

## ALABAMA BETA.

- '86. Lickinski Ware Spratling, Gold Hill, Ala.  
 '88. J. T. Brown, Waxahachie, Texas.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

- '87. James Witt Sewell, Nashville, Tenn.

## OHIO ZETA.

- '88. Frederic W. Brown, Zanesfield, Ohio.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- '89. Charles Elmer Heiney, Andrews, Ind.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '85. William Edwin Mitchell, Sidney, Iowa.  
 '88. Henry Ellsworth Dubois, Liberty, Ind.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

- '88. John M. Pollock, Bloomington, Ill.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. Montague Fink, Helena, Ark.  
 '87. Edward Hinton, Columbia, Mo.

## MISSOURI BETA.

- '88. Samuel Edward Young, High Point, Mo.

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- '88. James William O'Bryon, Lawrence, Kans.

## OTHER FRATERNITIES.

THE Grand Arch Council of  $\Phi K \Psi$  met at Odd Fellows' Temple, Columbus, O., Jan. 18. Rev. Geo D. Gotwald was elected Supreme Worthy President. A number of delegates were blockaded by snow. The *Shield* reported a financial excess for the first time in its history.

$A T \Omega$  held its ninth biennial congress at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, opening Dec 31. Hon. Thos. G. Hayes, of Maryland, presided, and Mayor Smith welcomed the visitors. Eighteen chapters were represented.  $A T \Omega$  will enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology very soon.—*Sigma Chi*.

$\Delta \Phi$  held its fifty-eighth annual convention in the hall of its Eta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, commencing Dec. 29th. Delegates were present from all the eight chapters,

and the business transacted was of a routine nature, closing with a banquet at the Bellevue.

A new Theta Delta Chi chapter called the Nu deuteron has been established at Lehigh University.

SINCE October 1st, 1884, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity announces the establishment of chapters at Mercer University, Richmond College, University of Virginia, Erskine College (S. C.) and Emory and Henry College, Va. The chapter at the South Carolina Military Institute has been obliged to disband on account of hostile legislation.—*B Θ II.*

THE statement that  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  attempted to enter Dennison University, made in our October issue, has been denied by each of these fraternities. The denial of  $\Delta T$  we have every reason to believe correct, and probably no *formal* attempt has been made by any of the fraternities mentioned.—*Sigma Chi.*

The implication made in this statement is, to say the least, in poor taste. As far as  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is concerned, our statement that she refused to grant a charter to this institution is explicit.

THE fraternity men from Indiana in the Forty-ninth Congress will be as follows: Senators—Beta Theta Pi, Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees (DePauw); Phi Delta Theta: General Benjamin Harrison (Miami). Congressmen, Beta Theta Pi, Colonel Courtland C. Matson (DePauw), Hon. William D. Bynum (Indiana University) and Hon. Jonas G. Howard (DePauw); Phi Delta Theta: Judge William S. Holman (Franklin) and Judge Thomas B. Ward (Miami); Sigma Chi: Major Thomas R. Cobb (Indiana University); Delta Tau Delta: General Thomas M. Browne (Indiana University).

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### THE SENIOR'S FAREWELL.

THE boys of Gamma Chapter met, with forms and faces dear,  
The eve before Commencement, the parting of the year ;  
And when they called for parting words from those of ancient  
    lore,  
The Seniors, one by one, arose, and occupied the floor.

Then Senior John, our good old friend, in stature six feet tall,  
Rose with his learning, pathos, and his dignity and all :  
“ My brothers in the bond,” he said—and tears streamed down  
    his cheeks—  
“ My heart is grieved and sorely pressed, and 'tis its voice that  
    speaks.

“ Of sadness, true, I've had my share, full many times of yore,  
But the pain that now is saddening me, I ne'er have felt before ;  
Four yea:s we've been co-workers—four years I've been a Phi,  
And where'er my restless feet have strayed your love was ever  
    nigh.

“ Mid scenes of failure and distress that brought the direful tear,  
Within Phi Delta Theta's home I've found a solace here ;  
' Though when I've gone away from you into a foreign land,  
It filled my heart with joy to grasp a foreign brother's hand.

“ Yet, when away, within my soul those raptured feelings fraught,  
Of brothers at my Alma Mater I have ever thought ;  
But now I rise to say ' Good-bye,' my college work is past—  
As active brother in your midst, this meeting is my last.

“ Where, ah, where's such friendship found, my brothers in the  
    bond ?  
What can call forth such treasured hours and memories more fond ?  
It is the saddest hour that e'er to mortal man befel,  
To bid departing loved ones a long and last ' farewell.' ”

'Twas thus the Senior closed, amid the tears of noble men,  
Each wond'ring in his throbbing heart, “ When shall we meet  
    again ! ”

W. E. BUNDY, Ohio Gamma, '85.

## BLITHELY WE WILL SING.

*(Air : " Sparkling and Bright.")*

LET a song arise to the star-gemmed skies,  
As the evening shades surround us,  
And float away 'till the dawning day  
Sheds its rosy light around us ;  
For our hearts are free while we sing our glee  
'Neath the silver lamps above us,  
And our voices chime at this witching time  
With the tones of those who love us.

## CHORUS :

Then blithely we will sing to thee,  
Dear brotherhood of This,  
And for many a year to our memories dear  
Be the thought of those college ties.

As the days speed by and the time draws nigh  
That will see our pathways sever,  
Let us gather in more of friendship's store  
And enrich our lives forever ;  
Now we glide along on the wings of song,  
With never a thought of sorrow,  
And our chorus swells like far-off bells  
Ringing out for a glad to-morrow. [Chorus.

May we build each hour into friendship's tower,  
That, like a light-house beaming,  
Sends a golden ray as drift away  
To the Future of our dreaming ;  
And at last when we reach the surge-worn beach,  
Where the waves of eternity murmur,  
May the love that we bear our Brotherhood fair  
Only grow the deeper and firmer. [Chorus.

C. G. McMILLAN, Nebraska A, '85.



## PHI DELTA THETA.

*(Air : "Der Herr Professor.")*

COME, Brothers, gather round  
 With heart and voice in sweet accord ;  
 Let a right joyous sound  
 Rise heavenward !

## CHORUS :

Venite fratres ad  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  
 Maxime voce adscribere laudem.

Phi Delta Theta's name—

Be that the burden of our song ;  
 Love, length of days and fame,  
 To her belong.

[*Chorus.* ♣]

Our guiding star, our sun—

With swelling pride we sing her praise ;  
 In her our hearts are one—  
 Widespread our ways.

[*Chorus.*]

Hark ! from the Western lands

A thousand voices swell the strain,  
 And fifty noble bands  
 Answer again.

[*Chorus.*]

J. B. KERFOOT, New York  $\Delta$ , '86.

## FRATERNITIES IN SOUTHERN COLLEGES.

FROM several points of view, a study of the history of the development of the college fraternity system in the South presents some interesting aspects. It is a fact, perhaps not often thought of, that the first Greek-letter society was founded in a Southern State. In 1776,  $\Phi B K$  had its origin at the venerable William and Mary College in Virginia, which was founded in 1693, and was the second oldest college in America. The society of  $\Phi B K$ , originating in the first year of American independence, spread to Harvard, Yale, and other prominent institutions. It was organized as a secret literary society, and it so continued until 1831, when its motto was published, and since when membership in it has been simply a reward of merit. By that time  $K A$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ , and  $\Sigma \Phi$  had been started at Union, and it can hardly be doubted that their establishment was suggested by  $\Phi B K$ . Certain it is, that the college fraternities which have been established during the present century have adopted many of its forms and features. They also have their secret Greek mottos, from which they derive their names, and some of them at least have literary exercises, as had the older society. It is evident that  $K A$ , founded in 1825, copied the  $\Phi B K$  form of key badge. To the same society  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and  $\Phi K \Psi$  are indebted for their mode of entitling chapters by the names of States and the Greek letters, in alphabetical order.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was like it in still another respect. Its plan of granting charters to new chapters was followed by  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for many years.\*

Before the war the interest in advanced education in the South was centered in the State universities, and it is worthy of remark that the system of entrusting the duty of collegiate instruction to the management of the State originated in the South. Georgia established the first State university in 1785, and it was followed by the University of North Carolina in 1789.† The College of South Carolina was founded in 1801, the University of Virginia in 1819, the University of Alabama in 1820, and the University of Mississippi in 1844. Conspicuous among these institutions has been the noble University of Virginia, of which Appleton's *Cyclopedia* says :

"Its origin, the plan of its buildings, and the peculiarities of its organiza-

\* Mr. Baird says of  $\Phi B K$  : "The Alpha chapter of each State has been established only with the concurrent action of the existing Alphas, but each Alpha has the right to establish other chapters in its own State."

This is the system which was used by  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  from the date of its organization to 1876, except that not the vote of all the existing Alphas, but only of the Grand Alpha, or original chapter, was necessary to charter a new Alpha.

† The University of Pennsylvania originated before these dates, but it was not founded as a State university. It is mentioned under "Philadelphia" in Appleton's *Cyclopedia* as follows : "The institution was founded as an academy in 1749, and incorporated in 1755 as 'the college, academy, and charity school of Philadelphia.' In 1799 it was erected into a university, at which time the college separated from it, remaining distinct until 1791, when the present organization of the university was established."—*American Edition*.

tion, are due to Mr. Jefferson, who devoted to the perfection of its details the last years of his life."—*New American Edition*.

"In the inscription prepared by himself for his tomb (Thomas Jefferson), preferred to be remembered as the 'author of the Declaration of Independence, and of the statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia.'"—*American Edition*.

The system of distinct schools, and of allowing students to select their own courses, was first put into practice in the United States at the University of Virginia. It is said that in Europe a degree from the University of Virginia is regarded as more valuable than one from any other college in this country, which, perhaps, is partly accounted for by its similarities to the universities in Germany. The exceptional thoroughness of this institution's requirements for graduation has given it a high reputation, and its influence has tended to elevate the standards of all the institutions in the South. The other States also have had good reasons to be proud of their universities. To them have been attracted the sons of the best families, and each can boast of a long succession of illustrious alumni. The following extract from an article by Senator M. C. Butler, entitled "*Δ K E* in the Old South," and published in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for October, 1884, will be read with interest here :

"In the *ante bellum* South, higher education was not left to be provided by private generosity or sectarian piety. In Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi flourishing seats of learning were maintained by the State, while another, the University of Nashville, had been endowed by North Carolina while Tennessee was yet a part of her territory. Of these the University of Virginia and the College of South Carolina were probably the most pronounced types. The former, founded by Thomas Jefferson, was an assemblage of separate schools, each of which granted its diplomas in the branches pursued ; degrees in arts, law, and medicine being awarded on production of the required diplomas. There was no president, except the chairman chosen from time to time by the faculty ; no faculty, except a congress of the heads of the schools ; no classes, except as each professor arranged them for himself ; scant discipline, except the vigorous public opinion of the university community. The university was remote from the capital, and was practically a borough by itself, too exalted to be patronized by the State, too dignified to permit exhibition of pomp by itself. So that, though the dormitory system prevailed ; though the open literary societies, the 'Washington' and 'Jefferson' were the great institutions of the place ; though in years the students averaged but little beyond the ordinary collegian, it was essentially a university, and a great part of the attendance was post-graduate. On the other hand, the College of South Carolina was not a university, but a college, with the four regular undergraduate classes pursuing a fixed curriculum ; the students chumming in twos, each pair having a spacious parlor and two chambers. Each undergraduate belonged to one of the two great literary societies, the 'Euphradian' and 'Clariosophic,' the offices, oratorships, and anniversarians' positions in which were the great honors of the college ; while the finest halls not merely in the college, but in the city, were those in which their exercises were held. Situate at the capital of the State, the students attended the debates of the Legislature, were versed in discussions of national policy, intelligent advocates of State rights, ardent disciples of Calhoun. The South Carolina Legislature assembled yearly in November ; the commencement of the college was the first Monday of December. It was *the* event of

the year. The Legislature adjourned in honor of the occasion; the commencement procession was graced by the Governor, with escort of state and men at arms, the judges of the Supreme Court, and the Chancellor in robes of office, the college officials in scholastic garb; and the exercises closed with a brilliant ball. Every effort was made to signify that in the students and graduates were the pride and hope of the State; that the youth there educated were set apart, as it were, to the service of the public. Between the two—less absolute in university policy than the University of Virginia, less favored by paternal patronage than the College of South Carolina—were the other institutions named, tending toward the former, passing from, rather than through, the stage at which the latter had stopped."

Having now taken a general survey of the field, it is in order to examine the movements of the fraternities to establish themselves in the South.

The first fraternity which attempted to organize a chapter in the South was  $B \Theta \Pi$ . In 1842 or 1843 it started a chapter at Transylvania University in Kentucky, but, according to Mr. Baird, it "never prospered," and it soon dissolved. Its name was given to a chapter established at Centre College in 1848. The first successful move of any fraternity to cross the border and plant its standard on Southern territory was made by  $\Delta K E$  in 1847. During that year this fraternity, founded at Yale in 1844, made a long leap of a thousand miles southward, and established chapters at the University of Nashville and the University of Alabama. In each case the organization was effected by a man who had joined the fraternity at Yale. For three years there was no further extension of fraternities in Southern colleges, but in 1850 there began a grand rush of them to the South, which did not suspend until the outbreak of hostilities between the sections. The activity of one stimulated others, and rivals followed close upon the heels of any one which first entered a college. The large share that the Eastern fraternities had in these operations is a fact very noticeable. It seems, indeed, that they considered the South as a favorite field for expansion. It was chosen and occupied by them before they made any general extension in the West. The observations on this point of Mr. W. R. Baird in "American College Fraternities" is correct:

"Having its origin in New York State, the fraternity system could progress but in three directions: on the one hand were the New England colleges; on the other, the old but poorly supported denominational colleges of the West; and in front, the State universities of the South."

It will be of advantage to examine how matters stood at the different State universities before the war. At the University of Mississippi there were three Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ , and  $X \Psi$ ) to three Western ( $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ); at the University of Alabama there were two Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta K E$  and  $A \Delta \Phi$ ) to one Western ( $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ); at South Carolina College there were three Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ , and  $X \Psi$ ) to two Western ( $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$ ); at the University of North Carolina there were six Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta$

$\Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ , and  $Z \Psi$ ) to three Western ( $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ); at the University of Virginia, the only place where the Western fraternities were in the majority, there were three Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta K E$ ,  $K A$ , and  $\Delta \Psi$ ) to five Western ( $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma X$ ). A comment of Mr. Baird's is pertinent here :

"Until 1860, the Eastern fraternities had placed chapters in many of the colleges of the South, and some few in those of the West. The Western societies also had placed chapters in the Southern States, so that frequently the Eastern and Western fraternities would come in contact for the first time in some Southern college."

By summing up these figures it will be seen that there were seventeen chapters of Eastern fraternities to fourteen of the Western. It will be noticed also that in these, the principal institutions in the South, there were established eight Eastern fraternities ( $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $Z \Psi$  and  $\Theta \Delta X$ ) and only five Western ( $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Sigma X$ ). Mr. A. P. Jacobs says in the *Psi Upsilon Epitome* that " $\Sigma \Phi$  and  $\Psi \Gamma$  alone have had no Southern chapters.\* The Eastern fraternities largely preponderated, and of course their influence was greater than that of their Western rivals.

A glance at the records of some of the fraternities taken separately will give still more enlightenment on their relative standing in the South during this period. The most prominent factor in the development and spread of the fraternity system in Southern colleges undoubtedly was  $\Delta K E$ . Founded further eastward than any other fraternity, and in fact the only college secret fraternity of New England origin, it was the first to appreciate the advantages which Southern colleges presented. In 1847, but three years after its establishment, it entered the South. The chapters of the University of Nashville and the University of Alabama were organized five years before its first Western chapter was placed at Miami. From 1847 to 1861 it chartered eleven chapters in the South and two in the West. It was the first fraternity to enter the Universities of Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina, and was second at South Carolina College and the University of Virginia.  $\Delta \Psi$  established six Southern chapters prior to 1861, and it has never up to this time located one in the West. It was the first fraternity at South Carolina College and the second at the University of Mississippi.

\* This statement applying to secret societies is true.  $\Delta Y$ , now claiming to be non-secret, has never had a Southern chapter.

Mr. Jacobs says that "among the more prominent universities and colleges that  $\Psi Y$  has refused to enter" are the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina. In connection with this may be read the following extract from a letter by a member of the University of Virginia chapter of  $\Delta K E$ , dated April, 1857, and quoted by Senator Butler: "The  $\Psi Y$ s wish very much to establish a chapter here, and by a singular coincidence, they wrote to one of our most ardent  $\Delta K E$ s, asking him to take the matter in hand and requesting statistics. It was brought before the chapter."

$\Delta \Phi$  had one chapter in the South, which was the only one that it has ever planted outside of New England and Middle States. Exactly the same is true of  $K A$ .  $X \Psi$  had four Southern chapters,  $A \Delta \Phi$  two,  $Z \Psi$  one and  $\Theta \Delta X$  two, all established previous to 1861. Turning now to the Western fraternities, we see that  $B \Theta \Pi$  was the first fraternity to enter Virginia, being the pioneer at the University of Virginia and at Hampden—Sidney. Up to 1861,  $B \Theta \Pi$  had established eight Southern chapters,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  eight,  $\Phi K \Psi$  eight,  $\Phi K \Sigma$  eight,  $\Sigma X$  four and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  three. The Western fraternities were not as judicious in locating chapters as were the fraternities from the East. The former entered some small colleges which the latter considered unworthy.

The foregoing elaborate recital of facts is intended to show the condition of affairs among the fraternities in the South at the time when the clash of contending arms resounded through the country and summoned all men in the Southern States from peaceful pursuits to face the stern realities of war. During the four unhappy years of strife the doors of every Southern college were closed. The South was crushed and impoverished. Even when "grim visag'd war" had "smoothed his wrinkled front" the period of misrule which followed was scarcely less a hardship than war itself. The process of recovery was slow. Many changes had taken place in the fortunes of institutions of learning. The resources of the State universities were sadly impaired. However, the Universities of Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi reopened immediately. The University of North Carolina tried to begin again, but failed, and it was not permanently reopened until about 1875. The College of South Carolina, which had been such an ornament to that State, was during the dark days of black rule overrun by negroes, and not until about 1880 was it again placed under white control. Some important changes in church institutions should be marked. Cumberland University, which before the war had been regarded as a desirable place by some fraternities, has never been able again to reach its former degree of prosperity. The academic department of the University of Nashville suspended in 1875, and in the same year was opened Vanderbilt University. The fine equipment and large endowment of this institution was provided for by the munificence of a Northern man. Emory College, in Georgia, also is indebted to the Northern liberality for substantial aid; but its great advancement in the last ten years has been due, more than anything else, to the energy of the man who has been its president. In 1879 the East Tennessee University was changed to the University of Tennessee. In 1883 the University of Texas was opened. It now boasts of a faculty the best that could be procured, imposing buildings in process

of construction, and an endowment so large that it almost passes belief.

A curious part of the history of fraternities in the South is that relating to the opposition to them of college faculties. It seems that Vanderbilt was the first institution to start the anti-fraternity crusade. When it opened in 1875 its authorities decreed that secret societies would not be tolerated, and no one has just reason to complain that the chancellor and professors were lax in their efforts to enforce the rule in all its rigidity. Vanderbilt at once assumed a leading place among other Southern colleges, and no doubt its action led many of the denominational schools and some of the State institutions to follow its example. In 1876 the University of Georgia made a law to prohibit students from joining fraternities, and in 1877 the University of Alabama enacted similar measures. In Georgia the press took up the side of the fraternities, and there was such general complaint about the law that it was repealed two years later. In 1883 the restrictions at Vanderbilt were removed, and this year (1885) the University of North Carolina has retreated from the position of hostility towards fraternities which it has held since its reorganization. At present the Universities of Tennessee and Alabama are the only Southern institutions of any prominence which hold out in their opposition. Perhaps they are not impregnable, and in a few years will yield to continued assaults.

As yet no mention has been made of the fraternities which had their origin in the South. Three such were founded before the war, Rainbow, or W. W. W., at the University of Mississippi in 1848,  $\Sigma A E$  at the University of Alabama in 1856, and  $X \Phi$  at the University of North Carolina in 1858. Immediately on the close of the war there was a remarkable increase in the list of fraternities. During 1865-'69  $A T \Omega$ ,  $K A$ ,  $K \Sigma$ ,  $K \Xi K$ ,  $\Pi K A$  and  $\Sigma N$  were established, all in Virginia. Rainbow has just united with  $\Delta T \Delta$ .  $\Sigma A E$  has had many ups and downs, but is now improving.  $X \Phi$  united with a Northern order of the same name in 1874.  $K A$  has established itself in nearly every institution in the South.  $\Sigma N$  has a Kansas chapter, and  $A T \Omega$  has several chapters north of Mason and Dixon's line. The others mentioned are not very important.

It will be interesting now to see what part was taken by the fraternities from beyond Southern borders in rebuilding the society system, which was well nigh destroyed by the effects of the war. In the fall of 1865,  $\Delta K E$  revived at the Universities of Virginia and Mississippi.  $\Delta \Psi$  also revived at these institutions.  $X \Psi$  revived at Furman University (S. C.), South Carolina College and the University of Mississippi. Five new chapters of Eastern fraternities have been established since the war. In 1867  $\Delta K E$  entered Washington and Lee; in 1868  $Z \Psi$  entered the

University of Virginia; in 1869  $X \Psi$  entered Wofford; in 1869  $\Theta \Delta X$  entered Washington and Lee, and in 1872 the University of Virginia. All of these newly established chapters, except the Wofford chapter of  $X \Psi$ , have died.  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,\*  $\Delta \Phi$  and  $K \Lambda \dagger$  never revived their old chapters, and have not established any new ones in the South. Before the war there were twenty-eight chapters of Eastern fraternities in the South; now there are but eight. The order of things has changed. The fraternities from the West have gradually crept Southward and taken possession of the desirable places. Boldest of these has been  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Its progressive policy of Southern extension since the war is similar to that of  $\Delta K E$  before the war. Introduced into Virginia in 1869, it was in 1870 the first fraternity not Southern in origin to enter Georgia. This move was one of the most important that it has ever made. From Georgia it was pushed into Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. It is now the only fraternity from beyond the South which is established in all of these States.  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$  have about regained as much ground as they lost.  $\Phi K \Sigma$  has not done so well, but  $\Delta T \Delta$  has filled its place. Outside of the Universities of Virginia and Mississippi the influence of the Eastern fraternities is now practically unfelt. The fraternities of Western and Southern origin are in the supremacy. When we see these momentous changes which have taken place in the society system in the South, we are led to consider what a different state of things among fraternities would exist now had there been no such thing as war. In all probability the Eastern fraternities would have intrenched themselves more strongly, and it would have become as difficult for the Western fraternities to compete with them in the South as it is now to contend against them in the East. Mr. Jacobs, in a slighting reference to a prominent rival of  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , says, "twelve of  $\Delta K E$ s numerous charters were sent South, whence ten have returned." This is no discredit to  $\Delta K E$ , however, for the loss of its Southern branches does not reflect upon its wisdom in planting them before it could know that they would be cut down by the ruthless hand of war. On this point Senator Butler says:

"In granting charters the records show a care and conservatism creditable to  $\Delta K E$ . She might, perhaps, have foreseen the 'irrepressible conflict;' but her blindness in this regard was the national one, her losses the unmerited fortunes of war, her desolate state as honorable as the bereavement of the mother of the Gracchi."

\* A recent graduate of the University of Mississippi, who is a perfectly reliable gentleman, is authority for the statement that in 1882 the Rainbow fraternity, of which he was then an active member, considered the proposition of accepting membership in  $A \Delta \Phi$ , which had been formally tendered. At that time the fraternity had but two chapters, which were at the University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt. Very strange to say, the proposition from  $A \Delta \Phi$  was rejected.

† The union of Eastern  $K \Lambda$  and Southern  $K \Lambda$  has been discussed, but both fraternities have arrived at the conclusion that it is impracticable and undesirable.



The decline in power of the Eastern fraternities in the South is due entirely to the dire consequences of war, and does not show any decline in the leading Southern institutions. Every State university has been reopened, and all are as prosperous as they once were, or even more so. New institutions have been founded which have splendid prospects of future success. Whether there will be another invasion by fraternities from the East is a problem which excites speculation. If Senator Butler voices the sentiment of *Δ K E*, the following is very significant :

"Let every suspended Southern chapter be revived at an institution which shall have assured to it a future of honorable prominence, with a personnel which shall be worthy successors of the youth who, a quarter of a century ago, upheld *Δ K E* in the South. It is the duty of every alumnus of her old Southern chapters to the fraternity to which he vowed allegiance, to the chapter whose fame was especially in his keeping, to the memory of his *Δ K E* brothers 'gone before,' to his alma mater—or the institution which fills her place—to the cause of liberal education in the South, to see to it that *Δ K E* is there again so re-established that she shall enter upon her second golden age."

The fraternities now represented in the Southern colleges are becoming stronger each year. Their fortunes will follow those of the institutions and States in which they are established. The South has passed through its darkest period, all indications point in the direction of its progress ; its wonderful natural resources and climatic advantages are attracting the attention of the world and drawing emmigration, the future beams with hope and promise, and it is not improbable that "the star of empire," which has been declared to take its way Westward, may, at a time not far remote, be visibly affected by a Southern declination.

WALTER B. PALMER.

## THOUGHTS AND SENTIMENTS.

### CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

THE question of chapter correspondence has perhaps agitated Phi Delta Theta more in the last few months than ever before ; and the departure of the editors in certain directions has called forth much discussion, and, in some quarters, much dissatisfaction.

The condensation of the chapter letters, however, was not undertaken without reason, nor without careful deliberation. Recently I heard two Phis discussing the subject. Each had studied the question, and the arguments, pro. and con. were earnest and sensible. A brief resumé of their discussion will suffice for the present. Brother A held against chapter letters as now written.

The SCROLL is the largest monthly journal published by a fraternity, and yet if all chapter letters are published in full every month, the space remaining for articles of interest, outside of chapter correspondence, is comparatively small.

Further, chapter letters written once a month must necessarily be crude and fragmentary at times. It is unlikely that events will occur in chapter life from month to month of sufficient interest and importance to be worthy of record. Yet reporters feel it their duty to write "something" to the SCROLL, and consequently we not unfrequently see reports which are practically as follows: "We have nothing new to record. We are getting along nicely. Hurrah for us! Three cheers for Phi Delta Theta!" Reports of that character are certainly of no use whatever. The theory of a chapter report is that it should inform sister chapters of the progress of a chapter, either from the external or internal standpoint. But reports of this kind are only a collection of words strung loosely together.

We should have reports once every two months, and then from every chapter—fifty-four in all—and not only from thirty or forty chapters. These reports should be terse, dignified and carefully written, giving the reader a fair idea of the chapter's work, its successes in college enterprises and in accessions of new members; an impartial estimate, if possible, of the other fraternity chapters, and information as to any events of importance occurring at the institution in which the chapter is situated.

Reports of this character sent regularly every two months would be certainly superior to the present system.

Brother B, who was a warm advocate of monthly chapter letters, did not agree with brother A on some of his points.

It must be remembered that the SCROLL is not merely a fraternity journal, but the organ of Phi Delta Theta. We of Phi Delta Theta pride ourselves on our strong inter-chapter spirit. In soliciting members, we acknowledge no fraternity as the superior of our own in the strong interest taken by one chapter in another. We claim that a member of one chapter would be welcomed by a member of another chapter in a fraternal spirit that could not be surpassed, if indeed it could be equalled, by any other fraternity. No clearer evidence of this feature of our fraternity could be shown than the diligence with which reporters perform their duties to the fraternity. Reports are written to the SCROLL when the events which they chronicle are fresh in the writer's memory. The account of a banquet, for instance, always savors somewhat of the charm still lingering about the occasion. There is an absence of artificiality, of premeditation in those chapter reports, and instead we find truth and frankness. In these reports is to be read the true history of the fraternity. Here it is printed in clear type. Ten years from now, a present undergraduate will

find far more satisfaction in scanning the reports (as now written) of his chapter in an old volume of the SCROLL than in reading carefully constructed chapter letters, modelled after some quarterly production. One of the prime elements of our success and enthusiasm has been this very predominance in the SCROLL of chapter correspondence, and we will do well to keep this characteristic well marked.

There is doubtless much truth in the arguments of both brothers, A and B.

Just how much truth there is in the views of the one or the other each one must decide for himself.

But whatever the opinions of individual members may be, the views of the fraternity on this question are clear. The summarizing of chapter reports on one occasion by the editors was received by the majority of chapters in a manner that clearly demonstrated that they were not in favor of changing the system of chapter correspondence.

Personally speaking, the correct theory of a chapter correspondence seems to be alternate reports and summaries, and a recapitulation of the year's work in the June letter. But as the province of the editor is to reflect the policy of his fraternity, as he understands it, and as the stand of the fraternity in general regarding chapter correspondence is now clearly ascertained, I write over my signature to assure the chapters that the editors consider it their duty to give chapter letters that prominence and attention in the future which they have received in the past.

J. M. MAYER.

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#### THE ART OF "SPIKING."

I HAVE often wondered why something has not been published on the topic of "Spiking," and, as I have seen nothing of the kind, I thought to embody in written form a few rambling thoughts upon a subject very familiar to all fraternity men, and as important as familiar. I have said the "art of spiking," for I believe spiking—so-called in the West—is an art, very difficult to master and most valuable to him that masters it. The man who becomes able to approach strangers and impress them by his frankness and sincerity, acquires an address which will be invaluable to him in his dealings with men and affairs, besides being a source of immutable strength to his chapter while he is in college. The spiker's is a keen and facile weapon, able to endure much hand-to-hand fighting, and yet dexterous in the finer strokes with human nature.

In the first place the spiker must, if he would be successful, be a man capable of inspiring friendship in other substantial men,

and retaining his hold upon them by his own worth. A stranger is not likely to take up with a man, much less admire him, unless he has some elements of intellectual ability and enthusiasm, and reserved power and moral force. The first action to take in spiking a man is to get well acquainted with him and make a friend out of him. This can be done, not by an artificial interest in his affairs and welfare at college, but by a real interest. Do not bore him by useless conversation and an unnecessary waste of his time, but treat him cordially, and whenever opportunity offers, then is the time to earn his friendship by doing him a substantial favor and assistance.

Of course there are a score of ways in which you may gain over a man to yourself and fraternity, which space does not admit of mention, but which may be exercised by a graceful attention and cordial regard for all his interests. But I shall speak more particularly of "spiking" directly.

First, it is always imperative to find from a man's own lips whether he owes any allegiance or is pledged to any other fraternity. His answer should be absolutely and unequivocally "No" before the "spike" is proceeded with. When this point is satisfactorily settled, the next thing that should be told him is that it is the earnest desire of the entire chapter that he join them, and that he, the "spiker," extends in their behalf to him a cordial invitation to become one of them. It is then well to tell just what it is that he is desired to join. Give him a true and accurate account of the fraternity in general, its number of chapters, their comparative strength, their situations, the system of government of the fraternity, its conventions, its illustrious men, its publications and its great objects. When a general description is completed, give a man the real status of your individual chapter, its men, their standing in college, their manhood, a brief history of the chapter, and dwell long and earnestly upon the benefits which are conferred upon each member by the system of mutual aid of member to member, and the good which each derives from this cultivation of friendship and intellectual and moral growth. It is of the very highest importance that you convince a "spikee" that the chapter can benefit him and carry out every promise that may be made. Men of worth want to know that there is a reason, an incentive in the order insuring aspiration and growth. The strong outlines of the fraternity which we love, in the way of intellectual solidity, cannot fail to give to stolid men a favorable impression.

A few things have just been said in the affirmative, but now let us say a few in the negative. The first is—that the spiker should never exaggerate the virtues of his own fraternity. It would be dangerous to take men under deception, and certainly there is not with us the least necessity for transcending the strict

bounds of truth and facts. Next, in comparing our fraternity with rival fraternities, they should never be misrepresented. To abuse a rival is sure to react unfavorably with all good and worthy men, and the "poisoned chalice will come to our own lips," and mean thrusts and abuse "return to plague the inventor." Furthermore, the system of college fraternities has developed into institutions of permanency and power, and every honorable means should be employed to foster feelings of friendship with honorable rivals. There has been too much animosity between fraternities. Indeed, it seems that a certain small enmity has pervaded the fraternity system, more or less, from its inception, and that as the fraternities grow into an enlarged sphere, with broader and higher ideas of their purposes and greatness instilled into their members, that this abuse grows less and less. An exchange of ideas across the wall of fraternity distinctions is no less important than an exchange of commodities between nation and nation. We are all men traveling toward the same general heights, but upon many different roads, and there is such a great distance to go that there is not time to quarrel with travelers upon another highway when no better result can be attained than the making of enemies without cause. Nothing is so productive of ill-feeling as abuse and misrepresentations; nothing is so productive of good feeling as absolute fairness. Last of all, never beg a man to join your chapter. If he be a good man, the statement of facts, independent of appeal, is what he will like. To beg a man to enter a fraternity sacrifices it in a certain sense. Moreover, a good man will not be nearly so apt to appreciate your invitation when you beg him. He wants to know that there is something of a rare privilege to enter. To every "spiker" a certain dignity and independence is not only highly important, but necessary. The representative of a chapter of a great fraternity is in a responsible position, and requires practice, skill and intellectual vigor and sincerity. It places a man at once in a position where he can command respect and wield an influence if he is equal to the situation. If he is broad of mind, sympathetic, earnest, fair, dignified, appreciative of his own fraternity, energetic and strong in exhibiting his arguments, he will, by practice, make a success in the art of spiking, wherein he deals at once with affairs and men, topics of the greatest importance.

J. M. GOODWIN, Indiana Zeta, '85.

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#### IS OUR FUTURE TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR PAST?

Is our future to be determined by our past? Would that it were. Were I to judge the future of Phi Delta Theta by her past, I would have a fraternity strong in numbers, rich in intellect, and made pure with age. Enthused by our success we may rush into

danger. We are ambitious of entering the best institutions in the country. Our ambition is a laudable one and should be accomplished as soon as practicable. But let us not be too hasty. When we enter a college, we should have men equal to any in the institution. We should never grant a charter until we know how each of our charter members stands individually. The footing a chapter gains at the outset, with few exceptions, determines the success of the chapter. Phi Delta Theta does not desire numbers, but she does desire quality. She cannot afford to compete with any fraternity for quantity. Her bond forbids her to do so.

She should have but one initiatory service. We are in an era when uniformity must be had. Uniformity strengthens the tie which binds us together in the bond of Phi Delta Theta. It makes us feel that we are a great brotherhood, working in the same cause.

The evil of speaking ill of another fraternity is one to guard against. In the heat and excitement of soliciting a man we are apt to say wrong things of another fraternity. It is far from the principles of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity to fight a rival, save in open combat. It is in the principles of our bond to tell the one we solicit the merits as well as the faults of our rivals. Let us, then, give our opponents a fair and equal chance. Fraternity combinations should never find a home in Phi Delta Theta.

If we have men in our chapter who are contestants for office or honor, we do wrong to form a combination. Let us vote on merit solely. Friends gained by combinations Phi Delta Theta does not wish. What is there manly in promising to vote for a man in order that we may secure the vote of his fraternity? What part of Phi Delta Theta's bond sanctions such a course? Every combination entered into by a chapter of Phi Delta Theta is a violation of her bond. We, as true men, we, as loyal Phis, owe it to ourselves and our fraternity to see that our chapter is never guilty of such an act.

How many of the chapters know the whereabouts of all their alumni? You may find in the catalogue where they live, but some may have moved after the catalogue was completed.

You should know where every one of them is. Write and keep them posted on the progress of your chapter. See that they take the SCROLL. Can a Phi ever forget his fraternity? Can he forget that to walk by her teachings is to never go astray? Can he forget the boys of his chapter? Does the friendship formed in his chapter live but a day? Alumni of Phi Delta Theta, on you to a great extent depends the future of your fraternity. You owe her a debt which you should pay as best you can.

Will the future of Phi Delta Theta be a happy one? We will

make it so. We will work for our grand old fraternity ; we will not forget her past, and in thinking of her by-gone days, will make her future bright with success.

W. A. SPEER, Georgia A, '87.

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#### PRINTING THE CONSTITUTION.

THIS subject has not, I think, been discussed by us. But it is one that demands careful attention. Ignorance of the many details of the constitution is not unusual, and though a man may be an excellent Phi, yet his knowledge of fraternity government may be only passable.

This question of knowledge of internal provisions is one that has agitated other organizations beside our own, and is important enough not merely to call forth these cursory observations of mine, but to demand carefully considered opinions.

There are always a few men in every chapter who are acquainted with the closest particulars of fraternity information. But the majority are not familiar with our constitutional provisions. Yet they should be. How, then, is this defect to be remedied? The remedy is to be found in compiling from our constitution a handbook for each member. A committee, chosen from the skilled workers of our fraternity, could compile a book which would contain all provisions pertaining to procedure and government. If each member had a convenient little pamphlet of this kind it would be much more satisfactory than now, when each chapter has but one copy of the constitution.

These are only a few random suggestions, which have doubtless occurred to many. The SCROLL is, of course, not the medium through which to discuss minutely our internal workings, but through it I have endeavored to attract attention to a question that should be fully considered at our next convention. J.

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#### THE ABSENT MEMBER.

I THINK every chapter of every fraternity will recognize the absent member. Perhaps some of my readers know him in their own chapter. He creeps into the chapter in different ways, but the usual method is somewhat as follows :

John James is a very hard student ; he will take first or second place in his class if his health remains unimpaired. He is booked for all the Latin and Greek prizes. He doesn't take any interest in class organization, or in foot ball or base ball ; hasn't the faintest idea of the evening of the class dinner, and is generally ignorant of everything but his routine work. Yet he is a very creditable-appearing individual, and has a fairly good manner.

You notice that the *A B Γ*, the rival fraternity, is paying attention to him. The horrible conclusion thrusts itself upon you that he may join the *A B Γ*, and that thus they will win four more Greek prizes than your chapter. You consider him; you finally decide to take him. He listens to you—thinks, perhaps, a fraternity is a “good thing;” admits that you are superior to the *A B Γ*, and promises to join you, if any.

He ultimately decides definitely and is initiated. He attends a meeting or two, and then “turns up” once in a while. He was absent, he says, because he had his work to do, or he sprained his thumb, or his forty-eighth cousin was ill. But he was absent, my brother, because he is an icicle; because he never knew and you cannot teach him sociability and enthusiasm.

You and Jack and Harry, all Seniors, are singing with heart and soul, as if your life depended on it, and he doesn’t quite understand how you can grow so jolly over so little.

You must wheedle him to come to the parting banquet at Commencement, and he does so much against his will.

Now, don’t understand me as ridiculing the high-standing student. I am referring simply to the icicle student, whom, of course, you are more likely to find amongst hard students than amongst indifferent ones.

Well, the absent member goes through college, is graduated, and a year or two after he meets an enthusiastic *A B Γ*, who says, “Did you belong to a fraternity?”

“A fraternity? Oh—ah—yes, I did,” replies the absent member. “but I don’t remember much about it.”

Upon which the *A B Γ* immediately mentally remarks, “Fine fraternity!”

Years after the absent member sends his son to his Alma Mater. One day his son writes that he wishes to join the fraternity. The absent member answers that he (the son) will be just as well off without it; that he will save money by not joining one.

In brief, the absent member works a great deal of harm—more in a sentimental and moral way than in a natural manner.

When there is a chapter of sixteen good Phis, it is discomfiting to know that the seventeenth is not the brother to you that the other fifteen are.

So let us beware of the absent brother; let us never be forgetful that the worth of a man, fraternally considered, is directly proportionate to his Phi spirit, and that when we elect men we must remember this rule.

I think I may safely say, and I beg the editor to italicize it, that *the man who regularly attends the meetings of a good chapter is incalculably benefited.* If that be so, let us have no absent member.

M.



## ALUMNI LOYALTY.

LAST January I met the first Phi I have found west of Kansas since I left Denver, Col., over three years ago, in brother B. G. Brown, California  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , '75, who is now and has been in business in Tombstone, Arizona, for several years. Brother D. B. Huntley, also Cal.  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , '75, is mill superintendent of the Grand Central Mining Company's silver stamp mill at Fairbank—one of the three great companies that have made Tombstone district famous. Although I had met the latter at the Tombstone M. & M. Co.'s reduction works at Charleston, Arizona, I did not know until shortly before leaving that region for this, that Brown and Huntley were Phis. It did me good to talk with a Phi from the Golden Gate.

Now I have discovered in Judge J. J. Hawkins, with whom I have roomed when on my brief business visits to Prescott, Arizona, another  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ . Brother Hawkins, Mo.  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , '77, is probate judge of Yavapai County, the largest in Arizona, whose area is 30,015 square miles. He received a handsome majority at the November election, running far ahead on the Democratic ticket.

There have been no "county" courts in Arizona until those created by the legislature. Some, perhaps most, of the functions of such a court are exercised by the probate. The probate is the only court of record in which the judge is elected. The only other judges we have are Federal appointments, three in number. The probate judge is also *ex officio* superintendent of instruction for his county. Hence the position is a very important one to the county.

I have met recently Miss Marcia Wing, the sister of brother Alva Wing, Ill.  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , '87. The warm, cordial reception she has given me speaks volumes at least for Phi sympathizers. Words fail me to tell her many good qualities or the high esteem in which she is held by all who know her.

One reason, I presume, why I have not met more of the fraternity in the far West is that college badges are so rarely worn.

It has been a source of great pleasure to me to mark the affection retained for the old fraternity by men so far removed from college days. In these meetings, I have seen the saying exemplified that "Once a Phi, always a Phi." It is remarkable how the affection for  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  transcends chapter and fraternity limits, and how for many years memory of the beloved brotherhood lingers, when other reminiscences will grow dim.

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Bueno, Yavapai County, Arizona. Vermont Alpha, '81.

## SIGMA CHI AT NORTHWESTERN.\*

SIGMA CHI may feel justly gratified at the latest contribution to her bibliography. This history of her Omega chapter is of interest as being not merely of intrinsic merit, but what is more important to outsiders, a move in a new direction in Greek society literature. As the first extended history of a college fraternity chapter, this little book demands more than cursory notice.

Its typographical appearance is very creditable. It is printed on heavy tinted paper, and bound in blue cloth boards. The design on the cover shows taste. Partially enclosed by three border lines, runs diagonally in script type the word "Omega" in gilt. In the upper left hand corner is a design of the Sigma Chi badge, and below the bottom border line are the figures 1869-1884, within a parallelogram. An excellent etching of Northwestern University is the only illustration.

The scope of the work may be understood from the contents, which run as follows :

Northwestern University, frontispiece.—Chapter I. A historical sketch of Sigma Chi ; List of Chapters.—Chapter II. The Northwestern University.—Chapter III. Omega—A poem.—Chapter IV. Early history of Omega.—Chapter V. Omega reorganized ; annual banquet, etc.—Chapter VI. Omega's sleigh-rides.—Chapter VII. The Psi Upsilon movement.—Chapter VIII. The Boys of Sigma Chi—A song.—Chapter IX. Some comical events at Omega—One of Knappen's stories.—Chapter X. Driftwood ; Four college years, 1874-1878.—Chapter XI. Frates Caros Saluto—A song.—Chapter XII. Omega, 1878-1879.—Chapter XIII. History of Omega from 1879 to 1884.—Chapter XIV. The Fourteenth Biennial Convention.—Chapter XV. The Northwestern District Convention of Sigma Chi.—Chapter XVI. Prize men of Omega ; Speakers on Commencement, Class-day, Junior Exhibitions, Junior and Sophomore debates and declamations ; Hinman essay and Freshmen declamation contests ; Also list of the men of Omega who have occupied honorary positions, either connected with the University or the Fraternity.—Chapter XVII. The Blanchard Prize.—Chapter XVIII. Miscellany—The Spade and Serpent. Life-saving crew. The famous baseball team of 1871. The Velvet-Tops. King Kalakua. Wooglin and his dorg. The Greeks at Northwestern.—Chapter XIX. I. Fraternity Influence ; II. Omega Chapter House ; III. A matter of policy.—Chapter XX. The Intercollegiate Literary Association. Chapter XXI. Building a gymnasium. Chapter XXII. The bear story.—Chapter XXIII. The conventions of Sigma Chi.—Chapter XXIV. Sigma Chi Sentiments, by Linden Kent, Psi ; W. W. Fosdick, Lambda ; Isaac M. Jordan, Old Alpha ; John M. Hamilton, Alpha ; E. L. Shuman, Omega ; Ben. P. Runkle, Old Alpha ; W. L. Fisher, Chi. THEN AS NOW. Gleanings from old letters—J. Parks Caldwell, Alpha ; T. C. Bell, Alpha ; Frank H. Scobey, Alpha ; John J. Piatt, George D. Prentice, and Wallace Wood, Eta. Memento Mori—A poem.—Chapter XXV. Necrology—Biographical sketches of the lives of deceased brothers : I. Evarts Greene Boutell ; II. Fennimore Enz Hancock ; III. Robert Marshall Humphrey ; IV. Harry Putney Brown ; V. Frederick William Randolph ; VI. John S. Hancock ; VII. Ezra Benedict Parrish ; VIII. Frank Edward Hesler.—Chapter XXVI. List of members, their occupation, address, etc. Index of names and subjects.

Frankness almost equal to naïveté is perhaps the most marked characteristic of the writers of the different chapters ; and while through this candor we see glimpses of Sigma Chi that are rather peculiar, yet the telling of the story so naturally assures us that we are reading a truthful account of fifteen years of Sigma Chi chapter life. The first chapter, written by Mr. C. A. Wightman, is devoted to a short sketch of the origin and history of the fraternity. The organization, as is well known, was founded by six

\* HISTORY OF OMEGA CHAPTER | and | REMINISCENCES OF NORTHWESTERN | A brief sketch of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and List of the Members of Omega, etc., etc. | EDITED BY FRANK M. ELLIOT | CHICAGO | 1885 | 16mo., pp. 264. Cloth, Blue and Gold, \$2.00.

$\Delta K E$ s, who rebelled against a chapter caucus. As there were but twelve in the chapter, the accusation that these six were expelled is refuted. Nevertheless, the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* will no doubt be amused to learn that Sigma Chi, "Minerva-like, sprang full armed from the head of the fraternity Jupiter." From Miami, Sigma Chi spread into Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the West, till now she has thirty-eight active chapters, the most easterly being placed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1882. However,  $B \Theta II$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will be surprised to learn that the territorial development of Sigma Chi "is without a parallel among 'Western' fraternities." Glittering generalities are easily indulged in.

To a member of the University of Virginia chapter belongs the credit of organizing the famous  $\Sigma X$  Constantine chapter, which was established in Armstrong's brigade of the Tennessee during the Atlanta campaign of 1864.

Chapter II. succinctly describes the founding and vicissitudes of Northwestern. The university was opened in 1855 with ten Freshmen. The total number of students in 1883-1884, in the academic, law, and medical departments, was 753. Beautifully situated on the shores of the lake, at Evanston, Ill., drawing a fine class of students from Chicago, and owning real estate valued at \$1,500,000, the future of the institution is certainly most promising.

Mr. C. R. Paul, now private secretary to Senator Cullom, relates the "Early History of Omega." The fraternity code of honor then was doubtless somewhat different from that of to-day, as will be attested by the rather extraordinary means employed to obtain a charter.

"In those days it was a tedious process to obtain the necessary consent of the different chapters, and it was not certain that their action would be favorable. In the meantime the other fraternities were lavishing all their blandishments upon several members of the little band which brother Collins had gathered around him and inspired with his own ambition to be a Sigma Chi. In this emergency an opportunity was offered to establish a chapter of a new fraternity, the Kappa Phi Lambda, and advantage of this was taken as an expedient for keeping the ranks of the faithful intact. The charter offered was accordingly accepted the boys were initiated without any ceremony, and the brethren at Monmouth, Ill., kindly loaned their badges, so that the existence of the new chapter might be made known to the college world in fitting style. *Meanwhile* [our italics], the correspondence with Sigma Chi acquaintances and chapters was steadily maintained, and the desired charter was finally granted, being dated June 23, 1869."

This rather original method of founding a chapter, was but the beginning of a series of incidents marked by mingled loyalty and faithlessness. The chapter prospered till 1872 when, through loss of members by graduation and the expulsion of a brother under suspicion of having destroyed the fraternity records, the members became disheartened and the chapter dormant. The chapter

received new life and impetus early in 1873, and having re-organized, continued in excellent condition during 1873 and 1874. In the spring of 1875 the Psi Upsilon idea reappeared. This Psi Upsilon movement is, perhaps, unequalled in chapter histories. It seems from the author's statements that from an early date certain members of Psi Upsilon desired the establishment of a chapter at Northwestern. In 1872 the Phi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, numbering twenty, which had been chartered in 1869, resigned from Phi Gamma Delta, then petitioned Psi Upsilon, and were promptly rejected. The second attempt to obtain a  $\Psi \Upsilon$  charter centered in  $\Sigma X$ s, together with a few other fraternity men. Every point was scored to lead to a successful result; the preliminary steps had been taken, and every Chapter of Psi Upsilon finally agreed to the granting of a charter except that in Kenyon College. This chapter remained firm in its decision, all remonstrances to the contrary. Thus forever sank the hopes of these Sigma Chis to become members of Psi Upsilon. The author in detailing the events leading to this *fiasco* is as entertainingly amusing as he is charmingly frank. To one not a Sigma Chi, the conclusions drawn after the failure of this movement will appear somewhat as a matter of course, and will possibly call forth a perceptible smile. These were the feelings of the Omega of  $\Sigma X$ :

"The deed was done, and there was no remedy. The feelings of Omega's members were mildly lacerated. They were not filled, however, with the same depth of disappointment and profane anger that stirred the other interested parties. The enthusiasm for Psi Upsilon had vanished. A reaction took place, and there were many things said that plainly showed that her faults had been fully noticed. Interest in Sigma Chi increased, and it seemed better adapted to the wants and purposes of our chapter than ever before."

We cannot agree with the author that these men acted "without loss of honor;" for we believe with him that fidelity to a fraternity "is required through adversity as well as prosperity, through trials and disappointments, through youth and old age." The history of the chapter ran very smoothly from 1875 till the fall of 1882, when she found herself with but one man. Through steady uphill work the chapter regained the prosperity which it still retains. Chapter X, recounting the story of "Four College Years, 1874-1878," is ably written by E. W. Andrews, and a fraternity truism is tersely put in these few sentences:

"No other bond can unite students into so compact and coherent a body. When Greek meets non-Greek in college life, it is like the impact of veteran soldiers with the rabble. Numbers count for nothing against discipline, courage and devotion to the flag. The training which college fraternities thus give their members is of priceless value in after life. It gives them powers of organization, the ability to sway men and events. It teaches them the value of fidelity and practical trustworthiness. It teaches them the value of tact, courage and boldness."

In this chapter is also related an incident which, we presume, would not be apt to occur nowadays. By boring holes into the plastering of the  $B \Theta \Pi$  room, several  $\Sigma X$ s and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ s witnessed a  $B \Theta \Pi$  initiation. "The members of both Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Sigma agreed that the 'ceremony' was the most inane and disgusting ever witnessed. No wonder that Eastern college men occasionally get a poor opinion of Western standards of mind and training!" We should have thought that the last sentence was applicable rather to the lookers-on than to the  $B \Theta \Pi$ .

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE LITERARY ASSOCIATION (Chapter XX.) is a very interesting account of that now defunct organization. THE BEAR STORY is very cleverly told, and KING KALAKUA is truly witty:

"When King Kalakua, of the Sandwich Islands, was visiting this country in 1875, it occurred to some of our missionary brothers that it would be a good idea to make him an honorary member of the fraternity. . . . and a profound document was issued, with all the pomposity of the Knights of the Crusades, and sent to his excellency at Chicago. It informed his royal highness that he had been made a member of our mystical association, and owing to his high and honorable career as a statesman and a philanthropist, the form of initiation would be modified in his case, and that all that would be required of him would be to pay the customary initiation fee of \$500. This distinguished nabob, the king of the Cannibal Islanders, was not civilized enough to even acknowledge the receipt of this communication, but passed us by and went to Milwaukee, where he had the thirty-third degree of the Masonic Order conferred upon him, and for which he afterward set up the beer."

In NECROLOGY the memorials to deceased members are delicate and tender.

In SIGMA CHI SENTIMENTS, Governor Hamilton and Congressman Jordan speak highly of fraternity influence.

In THEN AS NOW, the following, from a member of the Miami Chapter, in a letter dated Jan. 26, 1857, shows us that the fraternity men thirty years ago were not so very different from those of to-day:

"The  $\Delta K \epsilon$ s, the objects of our eternal hostility, have dwindled down to one wretched solitary member. The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s number four Seniors and one Freshman. The  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ s have internal commotions and 'cuss' each other like the inhabitants of Pandemonium. The  $B \Theta \Pi$ s are very friendly and have some splendid fellows."

The book concludes with a well arranged LIST OF MEMBERS and INDEX.

Mr Elliot certainly deserves great praise for his effort. Whatever criticism there may be, is not levelled at him, for he has contributed a valuable book to the fraternity library. It is works of this character that do much not alone for a fraternity and a chapter, but for one's alma mater. Mr. Elliot has not merely told us the fifteen years of Omega's history, but he has described for us life at a Western college, and more specifically life at that particular college known as Northwestern.

Much of the book, it is true, is of purely local interest, but the struggles of a chapter, its bright and its dark days, its hours of wavering allegiance, will be understood and appreciated by all fraternity men.

From the history of this chapter we learn that it is well to hold "*Nil Desperandum*" as a motto, and no chapter is more instructive than that written by Mr. Currier, who was at one time the only remaining man in the Omega.

We venture the prophesy that a man who in fraternity adversity can make such a noble struggle need have no fear for his success in after life. Very applicable to some phases in this chapter's history are those beautiful words from brother Goodwin's "*An Unanswered Question*":

"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."

To This, this book may have additional interest when it is remembered that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was the first fraternity to enter Northwestern. Our Illinois Alpha was established there in 1859. In 1861 it was dissolved by the members enlisting in the army. Sixteen names were on Illinois Alpha's roll. Many of the fraternity would be pleased to see Illinois Alpha revived.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

### FROM BROTHER HOLLAND TO THE SCROLL.

I LEFT here Saturday morning, March 28, armed with a charter for the North Carolina Beta, together with the Constitution and Ritual of the fraternity. I arrived at the university about dark, and after taking supper at the hotel, was taken in charge by brother Joel Hines, and we proceeded to his room, where I found ten of the finest men of the university waiting to learn the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . I proceeded at once to initiate W. H. Carroll, A. M. Simmons, O. D. Batchelor, R. S. Mezzell, R. S. Neal, W. H. McDonald, A. C. Shaw, T. A. Marshall, G. McKinnon and R. S. White. After having initiated these brothers, and they having completed their organization by electing their officers, we then proceeded to initiate Mr. W. E. Headen, who is the favorite of the college.

Of the future of the chapter I have great hope, for, without doubt, we have twelve of the best men at the university ; morally, intellectually and socially they are the peers of any of their college mates. They are all very much interested in the success of the fraternity, and I predict a glorious future for the North Carolina Beta. The Phis of North Carolina rejoice to know that again our fraternity has a foothold in the State—and we will do our utmost for the success of the new chapter. I have received a letter from brother Carroll since I came home, in which he states that they have rented the old Masonic Hall of the town, together with the furniture, paraphernalia, etc. So now the fraternity at large may feel assured that our chapter, at the university, will obtain and hold its place high among the fraternities that were there before them. Wishing the new chapter unbounded success, I am yours in the Bond,

NEW BERNE, N. C., April 2, 1885. PHILEMON HOLLAND, JR.

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TO BROTHER W. B. PALMER.

MR. W. B. PALMER.

DEAR BROTHER : It is with feelings of gratitude that I write this. Brother Holland came up last Saturday, March 28, and established a chapter of our fraternity at this institution. He informed us of the active part you had taken in procuring our charter, and I have been requested to extend to you the thanks of our chapter. We have procured a very desirable hall which the Zeta Psi's had prior to their dismemberment by the war, and which the Masons have used until recently. With one exception our men are enthusiastic Phis, and I think there is nothing to fear for the North Carolina Beta. Hoping to hear from you, I remain yours in the Bond,

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 1, 1885.

JOEL HINES.

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## EDITORIAL.

THE fraternity will hail with pleasure the advent of the new chapter established at the University of North Carolina. This institution is one of the oldest and most prominent of Southern colleges. Founded in 1789, its career till the war was highly creditable. Crippled by the war, it was not reopened till 1875, since when its rapid progress has enabled it to regain its former high standing. Until recently the fraternity restrictions were very severe, but now that these are removed, there are no obstacles to obstruct the progress of the new chapter. Chartered by active, enthusiastic men, and drawing—as the University does—students

from the first families of North Carolina, there seems no reason why the fraternity should not gain a strong influence in that State.

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BROTHER WALTER B. PALMER has been so closely identified with the executive work of the fraternity, and with the SCROLL work in particular, that to speak of him seems almost to speak of ourselves. Yet we cannot refrain—and the fraternity will join with us—from thanking him for the many labors of love he has performed for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

The history of the fraternity, now in compilation by him under the sanction of the General Council, is probably the most difficult of all his undertakings. Much time and care must be devoted to its gathering together, and we call upon all to respond to his requests and inquiries with a promptness and thoroughness that will enable our historian to place before us a history equalling that of any similar organization.

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WE have nothing but words of congratulation and good cheer for this month. In every direction the fraternity is improving. More alumni are being reached, the older chapters are growing stronger and the new chapters are slowly and steadily working to the front. Internal improvement is the predominant theme, and every suggestion in that direction is noted. So long as the enthusiasm which now exists continues, we can safely predict that the influence of the fraternity will be more and more powerful from year to year.

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THE small number of chapter letters this month is owing to the short time between the publication of the March and April numbers.

The views advanced by one of the editors in another department are endorsed by the board, and we look forward to full chapter reports for the May number.

In addition to the customary news, a report can be made even more interesting by the introduction of new features. A statement of the number of States represented in the chapter, the average age of its members, and other information that may suggest itself, contribute to the interest of the report and are always appreciated by readers.



## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

PHI DELTA THETA at Colby is still flourishing. No report has appeared from Maine Alpha for some time, owing to the fact that during the winter term several members were out teaching, and only the routine of business and literary exercises could be attended to ; but with the opening of the last term of the year all are back again and fraternity business grows large. Some new furniture was placed in our chapter hall ; a tastefully designed chandelier suspended from the centre of the arched ceiling ; and officers elected for the ensuing sixteen weeks.

But more than all this was the initiating of three new men, I. L. Townsend, '86 ; O. C. Beverage, '87 ; and F. R. Bowman, '87 ; thus giving Maine Alpha an active chapter-roll of eighteen members. These three men joined Phi Delta Theta on the night of April 1st, 1885. And this was a night long to be cherished in the heart of Maine Alpha ; for, after the initiatory ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned to the parlors of the Elmwood Hotel, where appropriate literary exercises, interspersed with music and songs, were held in honor of our first anniversary. A violin and piano duet was first upon the programme, and following this, with interludes of vocal and instrumental music, were the oration by brother W. B. Farr, '87 ; poem, Edward Fuller, '85 ; history, Geo. E. Googins, '86 ; prophecy, Chas. Carroll, '85. The literary parts were admirably maintained throughout, the history especially being a clear and concise account of the progress made, the prizes taken, and the closely woven life of the chapter during the first year of its growth, and occasioning frequent and prolonged applause. Brother B. F. Wright, '83, was present, thoroughly satisfied with the grand results that had followed the establishment of old "Logania."

We were also honored with the genial presence of Rev. A. C. White, one of the charter members of Ohio Epsilon, now occupying the pulpit of the Unitarian Church in this city. When the last notes of the last song ("Jolly This," March SCROLL) had died away, the doors were opened and we entered the banquet hall, just as the steeples chimed the midnight hour—fitting climax to an evening of unbounded fraternal happiness.

The tables presented an elegant appearance, and course after course received approval, and enthusiasm found occasional vent in songs that echoed and re-echoed through the whole house. The success of the banquet, and the presentation of tastefully engraved *menus*, redound to the credit of brothers Burleigh, Farr and Pepper, a most capable and efficient committee.

Brothers Bradbury, Farr and Watson represent Maine Alpha at the coming Sophomore Declamation, wherein Phi Delta Theta is honored with more appointments than any of the three older societies in college. At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, brother Goodale, '88, was elected treasurer of the association, and brother Pepper, '88, one of the directors of field-day.

The statistics regarding fraternities are given below, they being named in the order of their establishment :

$\Delta K E$ , '85, 0; '86, 8; '87, 5; '88, 9; total, 22.  $Z \Psi$ , '85, 3; '86, 4; '87, 4; '88, 3; total, 14.  $\Delta T$  (non-secret), '85, 4; '86, 7; '87, 9; '88, 3; total, 23.  $\Sigma K$  (ladies, local), '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 5; total, 12.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 2; '86, 5; '87, 6; '88, 5; total, 18. C. L. F.\* (local), '85, 3; '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 4; total, 14.

#### A LESSON FROM NATURE.

(Read before the Maine Alpha of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , on the first anniversary of the chapter, by Edward Fuller, '85.)

I WAS strolling one morn in a garden,  
 No great of a garden, forsooth,  
 But the poet is gifted with power  
 To learn in all places some truth.  
 I might have, perhaps, had I chosen,  
 Been walking some aisle in the wood,  
 And there, in its cooling recesses,  
 Have had some experience good ;  
 Or, I might have been strolling in meadows  
 Where violets whisper of love,  
 And awakened the tinkling music  
 Of the bob-o-link poising above.  
 But no ; it was merely a pathway,  
 Where roses to left and to right  
 Were lifting their petals that sparkled  
 With tears from the lashes of night.  
 And I gathered a half-opened flower,  
 That down in its delicate heart  
 Had softly enfolded a dewdrop,  
 As loth with its jewel to part.  
 While I looked at the shimmering crystal,  
 And mused on its beauty and light,  
 It seemed to emit from its centre  
 A glance yet more wondrously bright.  
 Entranced, with my spirit communing,  
 Methought : It were no more than fair,

\* Colby Literary Fraternity (an organization of the non-society men, for the sake of securing representation).

That such a bright gem be invested  
With some tiny sprite of the air.  
As if by my thought I had broken  
A mystic enchantment, behold !  
On the edge of the rosebud a fairy,  
Enveloped in garments of gold ;  
And she spoke, saying : “Fortunate mortal,  
To you who have broken my spell  
Will I open the heart of a dewdrop—  
Its wandering life will I tell.  
The north wind one night found me dreaming,  
And bore me away in his flight  
To a mountain eternally snow-capped,  
And kissed first and last by the light.  
All winter I lay on the summit,  
A snowflake, in garments of white,  
And watched the pale moon and the planets  
Roll on in their pathway at night.  
But when the first zephyr of summer  
Came up from the valley below,  
And loved me so warmly, I melted,  
And threw off my mantle of snow.  
I fled down the mountain with gladness—  
I laughed and I sang in my glee ;  
A brooklet erstwhile, then a river,  
I swept along down to the sea.  
The father of waters received me,  
And gathered me close to his breast,  
That billowed with joy as he whispered :  
‘Here shalt thou ever find rest.’  
Then I painted the tops of the billows  
With sea foam as light as the air,  
And even the wavelets attested  
My tender and fostering care.  
But I grew so accustomed to pleasure  
And floating about on the wave,  
That soon I grew heedless of danger,  
And then grew immodestly brave.  
But alas for my boldness ! One morning  
An amorous ray from the sun  
Flashed downward and caught me reclining,  
And loved me and wooed me and won.  
He bore me, an atom of vapor,  
Aloft to his home in the sky,  
And gave me his lances and armor ;  
A queen of the rainbow was I.  
But evening approached, and in splendor  
The sun disappeared in the West,

And summoned, with armor and lances,  
My sunbeam to work his behest.  
My heart it was broken with sorrow,  
My passion was killed at its birth ;  
Weeping, in sadness, in darkness,  
I sought the dear bosom of earth.  
But a mission was mine to accomplish,  
Benevolence banishes grief ;  
I must carry a draught of refreshment  
To withering blossom and leaf.  
This had I done, and was waiting,  
And hoping the sunbeam I love  
Would seek me again, and transport me  
Again to the ether above.  
But unto the child of the muses  
All sprites of the air must appear,  
And sing all their joy and their sorrow  
Unto his listening ear.”  
She ceased. At that moment a sunbeam  
Flashed into the heart of the rose :  
My fairy was gone. Had her suitor  
Come to reclaim her : who knows ?  
Again I was musing. The dewdrop  
Had given me substance for thought ;  
A moment, and then I have finished—  
I'll tell you the lesson she taught.  
It was not alone that the dewdrop  
Had covered the mountain with snow,  
Nor alone, that a stream and a river  
She sped through the valley below ;  
Not alone that she flecked the great billows  
With masses of silvery foam—  
Not, indeed, were the hues of the rainbow  
Reflected by her all alone ;  
But working in union, together,  
Were myriad sprites of the air,  
Painting the mountain, the valley,  
The ocean, the rainbow so fair.  
Or, written yet plainer, my brothers,  
The loyal, the bold, and the true,  
By working in union, together,  
You'll honor the white and the blue.

April 4, 1885.

EDWARD FULLER.

## NEW YORK GAMMA—COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

WE have nothing of importance to record this month, but the reporter forwards the statistics called for some time since, which he has been unable to supply before. The rank of New York Gamma in mere numbers will be seen to compare very favorably with the others. Our rank in all other matters is fully as good as, if not better, than in this respect.

The oldest two chapters have generally been in an excellent condition, and the present time is no exception in the case of  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ . The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  is not as prosperous as it generally is, and we would be pleased to see its condition improved. They have some very excellent men. It might easily be inferred from the statistics given that we pay not much regard to  $\Theta \Delta X$  as a chapter. It (the chapter) walks around with a rather lonely air.

Below are the figures requested :

$\Delta \Delta \Phi$ , instituted 1855, '85, 3; '86, 6; '87, 1; 88, 5; total, 15.  $\Delta K E$ , instituted 1856, '85, 0; '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 4; total, 11.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , instituted 1865, '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 1; '88, 1; total, 6.  $\Theta \Delta X$ , instituted 1881, '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 0; '88, 1, total 1.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , instituted 1884, '85, 3; '86, 3; '87, 4; '88, 3. Total, 13.

The Delta Chapter of Delta Beta Phi was instituted at this college in 1878. In 1882 the entire fraternity disbanded, with the exception of the Delta Chapter, which was allowed to retain its charter and continue its existence, as it began, a local society. Its membership has been rapidly decreasing since 1882, and now consists of one man, who will graduate with '85. The States represented in the N. Y.  $\Gamma$  are New York, New Jersey and Missouri.

April 1, 1885.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

## NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

NEW YORK Delta is quietly progressing. The chapter meetings are well attended and much enjoyed. The closest friendship exists between the members, and the benefits of chapter life become greater and more apparent from time to time. We were pleased recently to meet brother W. M. Stiles, Vermont Alpha, '84, who, while on a business trip from Montreal, Canada, visited us. The fraternity statistics at Columbia are :  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ , 19;  $\Psi \Gamma$ , 32;  $\Delta \Phi$ , 26;  $\Delta \Psi$ , 42;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 33;  $\Delta K E$ , 42;  $Z \Psi$ , 22;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 14.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 15;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , 15;  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , 15.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is distributed as follows : '85, 1; '86, 7; '87, 4; '88, 1. Total, 13.

$\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$  are in the professional schools. Excluding the members from the Law and Medical Schools, the mem-

bership of the fraternities in the Arts and Mines would be 19, 23, 14, 30, 14, 26, 18, 9, 10, and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  10 in the order above followed.

April 7, 1885.

W. R. WHARTON.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

At the contestants' benefit, March 12, Prof. W. C. McClelland delivered a lecture on the "Sunny South." That our distinguished brother is an universal favorite has often been demonstrated, but on this occasion the public outdid itself in vying to show him marks of approbation. The following clipping from the *Pittsburg Leader* will give an idea of his reception:

"When President Moffatt repeated the name of Prof. W. C. McClelland, a perfect uproar of applause seized upon the audience, and continued until everybody had exhausted himself in the effort of acclamation. The subject of the professor's lecture was, 'Ten Days in Dixie,' being a graphic and humorous relation of a trip made by the author, in company with Prof. W. B. Irwin, to the New Orleans Exposition. It will be remembered by the readers of the *Leader*, that Professor McClelland began his lecture on the evening of the Washington's Birthday entertainment, but, on account of a bad cold, was unable to proceed far with it. It was at the instance of a decided call from the public, therefore, that the address was delivered a second time."

On the evening of March 25, the fifteenth annual contest between the literary societies came off, with more than the usual brilliancy and *eclat*. A pen sketch is inadequate to convey a just conception of the beauty and gallantry, the excitement, the sparkling music from George's orchestra, the bright toilets of "my ladies fair," or, in fact, any measure of the pleasing associations that cluster around these occasions of forensic disputation. In short, never before has Washington and Jefferson covered her hoary head with more honor from a similar event. This "Barcine" chapter had one representative on the stage, brother Richard Scandrett, the orator of the Philo and Union Society. The subject of brother Scandrett's oration was, "Government and the People," in praise of which the daily papers of Washington, Wheeling, and Pittsburg sound the highest encomiums. Not only did he secure the "glittering honor," but he received 97½ out of a scale of 10, the highest scoring of the evening. At the last two contests we have taken fifty per cent. of the honors, or ten of the twenty points, a feat—by way of reminder to our vaunting friends, the enemy—that no fraternity at this quarter can parallel. It is needless to make the remark that the chapter is covered with glory. During the vacation that now "prevails," brothers Lippincott, Srodes, and the Reporter have been busily fitting out our new hall. We have now a place of meeting furnished in classic taste at great expense, to which we are proud to invite any errant Phi who may be in this neighborhood. We will dedicate the hall April 11. The Washington and Pittsburg

dailies will contain full accounts of the ceremonies, special correspondents to be furnished for that purpose.

## NOTES.

Brother R. B. Scandrett is "full of honors." He was the successful select orator of the Philo and Union at the contest of '83.

At the last three contests we have won fourteen of the thirty possible points.

'84. John McDonald graduated last week from the Jefferson Medical College, and has returned to his home, near this place.

'85. W. H. McElwaine is class poet.

'85. J. DeQ. Donehoo is class historian.

'85. R. B. Scandrett is class artist.

'87. C. A. Lippincott and the Reporter write the locals for the *Rinklet*, a weekly journal devoted to roller skating.

April 7, 1885.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE work of Pennsylvania Delta since our last report has been quite satisfactory to ourselves, and, we trust, creditable to the fraternity. Brother Murray won the Centenary prize of the Philo Franklin Society on March 10, and on March 21 we increased our number to thirteen, by a very interesting initiation.

The spring term opened April 2 with an increased attendance in college, and all of our men back.

We feel like extending our most cordial greetings to those chapters which have celebrated or soon will celebrate the anniversaries of their establishments; for the prosperity of sister chapters, the successes of their active members, and the prominence of the alumni in political life, help to keep us loyal to the fraternity at large.

Since province conventions are inaccessible to us, we make the most of the information contained in the SCROLL; but we sometimes envy our more fortunate brothers who meet members from other chapters more frequently.

May the best of results come from the use of the extension fund. We expect to be prompt.

April 7, 1885.

C. W. PROCTOR.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

I THINK it is about time something was being heard from Virginia Beta. I can say she is still prospering and has fourteen enthusiastic members. Although we have initiated but one new man this session, yet we feel satisfied.

On the 13th we held our annual banquet, and hoped and expected to have with us several of old Virginia Beta's members; but none came. Then, again, we were disappointed by the absence of brothers Prof. Bohannon, Moss and Petrie, all of whom were unfortunate enough to be sick. There were twelve of us left yet, and we determined to make the best of it, and we did. I don't think twelve Phis could ever have enjoyed themselves more than we. The merits of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  were eloquently presented to us by brothers Fink and Ellis. Brother Guest gave us the experience of a young man—not his own, of course—while brother Hardaway was the ladies' champion. Between the toasts we indulged in singing, with brother Patterson as leader. He was also the chairman of the committee, and to him we owe many thanks. A few very appropriate remarks was the closing scene—or next to it, I should have said.

Our supper would have been a glorious success but for one misfortune—the lamentable condition of brother Long. At last it bit like a serpent and stung like an adder, and, verily, one had to hold his head. He said he had taken too much—of the chocolate.

March 29, 1885.

JNO. D. FLETCHER.

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#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

THE readers of the SCROLL, if they have had enough curiosity to know what we are doing down here, to look for our reports for the past two months, will, no doubt, on noticing the absence of them, form the opinion that we are somewhat subsiding. And that opinion will be diminished none the less if a copy of the *Kappa Alpha Magazine* should have fallen into their hands. For in one of the reports of that chapter at this place, occurs the statement that it has no competitor to amount to anything, except the Phi Gamma Delta; that the Kappa Alpha had always and was still holding the palm. Well, we suppose it is natural for any institution to stand higher in its own estimation than in the estimation of others. The Kappa Alpha chapter certainly does. When the reporter made the statement mentioned above, he either was dwelling in total ignorance of the real state of things, or merely wrote regardless of facts. Our chapter has the largest membership of any chapter here, and as regards the ability of our members, while we will not boast of its being superior, we will by no means accede to any chapter a superiority on their part. The absence of reports from our chapter is due alone to the neglect of the reporter, and not to any decline on the part of the chapter. On the contrary, we have made two new additions to our membership, although we have had the misfortune of losing



one of our ablest members, brother Willett, who has gone to El Paso, Texas, to practise his profession, law.

Our two new members, brothers Lane and Andrews, are both valuable additions. We are at present considering the question of holding a State Convention, at Austin, at the close of the session. In fact, we are taking active steps to that effect.

March 25, 1885.

HUGH SWAIN.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

HITHERTO have the gods of the Greeks been propitious, so we erected an altar, and having spread thereon the viands of many climes, gathering together the brothers and sisters of Phi Delta in our vicinity, we feasted. Oh, what a feast was that, my brethren! For three long years we struggled through the valley of the shadow of death—out of the slough of despond—up, up, up Mount Hope, up the dizzy height of fame and glory, routing the mossbacks, wading in blood of conquest and victory, spiking the guns of the enemy, and placing upon the rampart the banner, the white and the blue, we turned to salute our flag! Twenty-seven valiant knights and as many fair ladies formed our company, among whom were brother A. A. Stearns, of Cleveland; brothers A. A. Kohler, F. A. Shumacher and E. C. Page, of Akron; brother C. E. McBride and wife, of Mansfield, and brother J. C. McClarran, of Wooster. Brother J. W. Crisswell graced the office of toast-master. The following were the toasts:

"Phi Delta Theta," A. G. Greenlie; "Ohio Delta," C. E. McBride; "Our Orator," J. M. Leonard; "The Mystic Bond," A. A. Stearns; "Our Seniors," J. R. Calder; "Our Weary William Goat," E. C. Page; "The Ladies," J. T. Morrison; "The Shield and Dagger," Poem, T. S. Anderson.

The occasion was one which will long be remembered with pleasure by those present. We regret that brother B. W. Irwin will not be with us next term on account of ill health.

Except  $\Phi K \Psi$ , the fraternities are prosperous.

April 7, 1885.

T. S. ANDERSON.

### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

WE have lately enjoyed visits from brothers A. A. Stearns, '79, and Frank O. Payne, '84. Brother S. L. Thompson, '86, has been elected orator for the Spring Pupils. Brother J. K. Pleasants has been chosen to furnish the instrumental music for the occasion. We graduate three Phis this year, brothers Crissinger, Emery, and Schumacher.

The following shows the fraternities represented here, and their respective strengths, given in the order of their establishment :

$\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 2; '88, 1; '89, 3; total, 12.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 4; '87, 4; '89, 2; total, 13.  $KK\Gamma$ , '85, 2; '86, 5; '87, 2; '88, 4; '89, 2; total, 15.  $\Delta \Gamma$ , '85, 1; '87, 5; '88, 4; '90, 1; '91, 1; total, 12. Lone Star (local), '85, 2; '86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 2; '89, 1; '91, 1; total, 10.

In mentioning a kindness from some of our lady friends, in the last SCROLL, the name of Miss Dages appeared as Miss Doyer.

April 8, 1885.

E. C. PAGE.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA Gamma has in the past month done work of which she is proud. In reviewing the qualities of the non-fraternity men, one Laz Noble, brother of our professor of English, was found, who socially, intellectually and morally was considered worthy to wear the Phi Delta Theta emblems. The  $\Sigma Xs$  had in vain tried to induce him to take up their cross; but when the merits of our Order were presented to him, he decided to join with us. The "goat-tender" was ordered to make ready by the 9th of March; the Committee on Supper prepared an appetizing report; and we prevailed on brothers H. U. Brown, L. C. Hoss, M. A. Morrison and T. M. Iden, of the alumni, to be present. It is useless to add that we had an exceedingly pleasant and profitable time. We all left that meeting with a stronger zeal for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and a fuller appreciation of our privileges as brothers in the Bond. Our correspondent members ought to be urged to attend the fraternity meetings as often as they have the opportunity. Their attendance keeps warm the brotherly spirit in themselves, and the advice and encouragement that they give is of very great value to the younger members.

Brother J. A. Kautz took first prize in the primary contest, and we feel confident that he will win a high rank in the State Oratorical Contest to be held April 9th, at Indianapolis. Brother F. M. Gilcrest is obliged to be out of college this term. Brothers H. T. Miller and O. M. Eliason are able to continue their college work. Brother J. B. Miller, who has been teaching, will be with us again ready to commence work with his characteristic energy. The roll call of the fraternities at this University stands thus :

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 15;  $\Sigma X$ , 12;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 7;  $KK\Gamma$ , 12;  $KA \Theta$ , 8.

April 2, 1885.

O. M. PRUITT.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

OUR beloved chapter pursues the even tenor of its way, and every day the attachment of the members for each other and for the fraternity becomes stronger. Our weekly meetings are very pleasant and profitable. We have determined to secure a more desirable locality for rooms next year, and furnish them tastily. We are quite desirous that an alumni organization be established at Kansas City. There are a large number of Phis there, and our chapter would feel strengthened could such an organization be effected. We were much pleased to receive a call from Dr. Riter, of Kansas City, last week. We found him a loyal Phi, and interested in our work. We are elated over the honor conferred upon brothers Vilas and Black, feeling this another evidence of the material which is to be found in the ranks of the fraternity.

We read with a great deal of pleasure the numerous letters from other chapters, and watch for evidence of prosperity with almost the same interest as we take in our own advancement. Next Saturday evening we have a special literary programme, consisting of orations, critiques, declamations, essays and debate. We are in hopes to have brother Ridge with us. He shows such an interest in our welfare that he almost seems one of us. Several of us have had the pleasure of meeting him when in Kansas City. Brother Neal has just received an elegant new pin, which he wears with a pardonable pride. Your reporter made a pleasant visit to his home in southern Kansas last week. Brother Caldwell received a cordial letter from a Nebraska Alpha brother, informing us of the manœuvres of one of the Phi Gamma Deltas of this place, who is attempting to establish a Phi Gamma chapter there.

The SCROLL is a very welcome visitor.

April 4, 1884.

S. M. COOK.

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NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

ALL of us have returned to the work of the spring term save brother Newcomer, who proposes to instruct the youth of the land near Falls City. We hope to fill the vacancy his absence creates among us before many weeks have gone by.

Brothers Lewis, '84, and Hamilton, Ky. A, '72, who held important clerkships in the State Legislature lately in session in this city, have also returned to their homes.

Nebraska State University is flourishing. Our faculty has just been strengthened by the appointment of Professor Edgren—formerly of the University of Stockholm—to the chair of modern

languages. The Legislature granted us \$135,000 for current expenses and allowed us \$25,000 in addition for the erection of the completest, if not the best, chemical laboratory in the West. The University is growing, and the fraternities will do their utmost to keep up with its progress. Despite the vigorous *esprit de corps* of the non-fraternity element, we do not tremble overmuch for our future welfare. We have ever kept both our standard of membership and of action high, and here as elsewhere it means something to be asked to become a Phi. The growth of our chapter cannot be so rapid as those located at older colleges. We aim to confine our membership to college students, and as yet the preparatory students are in the majority.

Still we have every reason to be encouraged to continue in the faith, and we confidently expect to see the day when Nebraska Alpha shall be an ornament to the fraternity, not only in the quality and zeal of its members, but in their numbers as well.

April 1, 1885.

EDWARD J. CHURCHILL.

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## INITIATES.

Italics denote corrections of typographical errors in previous numbers.

### MAINE ALPHA.

- '83. Charles E. Tilton, Fairfield, Me.
- '88. Charles F. *Goodale*, Lancaster, Mass.

### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '89. Francis Gurney Stubbs, Meadville, Pa.

### OHIO BETA.

- '88. Corwin Locke, Somerford, O.

### OHIO EPSILON.

- '88. John L. Roemer, Wheeling, W. Va.

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## PERSONAL.

### VERMONT ALPHA.

'86. F. J. Mills and M. N. Baker have left college. Brother Mills has gone to Boston and is in the superintendent's office of the Old Colony Railroad. He does not expect to return to college. Brother Baker goes to Fitchburg, Mass., into an architect's office. He expects to graduate with his class next year.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

'80. L. C. Hoss has bought out his former partner in the Kokomo (Ind.) *Gazette-Tribune*, and now does all the regular editorial work. He is very successful as an editor.

'80. M. A. Morrison is still reading clerk for the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly, and it has been long since the legislators have had so excellent a clerk.

'80. R. A. Sellers is winning success in his labor of evangelist of Johnson County, Indiana.

'83. On the 20th of March, after an illness of only 24 hours, occurred the death of brother John B. Sanders, at Coffeetown, Kansas. Though young, being but 22 years of age, he was widely known. Those of us who were acquainted with him while he was in college remember him as a warmhearted Phi and a noble young man.

'83. C. L. Goodwin is at present on the reporting staff of the Indianapolis *Times*.

'83. S. T. Burgess is still at Swan Lake, Dak.

'83. C. S. Darrach has been learning telegraphy this winter at Cumberland, Ind.

'84. C. C. Riley is employed in the Indianapolis office of the "Big Four" R.R.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

THE *menu* of the Maine Alpha supper was very pretty.

CHAPTER letters received after April 9 were too late for publication.

*The University Cynic* and *De Pauw Monthly* are regular and welcome visitors to our sanctum.

PRESIDENT SEELYE, of Amherst, in his letter to the alumni, speaks highly of the fraternity system at that institution.

"THE History of Omega," of Sigma Chi, can be procured from Mr. Frank M. Elliot, 93 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill. Price, \$2.

"COPY" for the May number must reach us by May 5. We cannot ensure the publication of any matter received later than that date.

WE are pleased to note the receipt of the *Indiana Student* from Indiana University. E. E. Griffith,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , is one of the two chief editors.

THE few remaining chapters who have not responded to the

call for statistics and the historian's requests are again reminded to do so immediately.

$\Phi K \Psi$  has reorganized at Cornell with 18 men. This chapter was founded in 1869 and disorganized in 1875 by its members joining  $\Psi T$ .

*The Lafayette*, from Lafayette College, has greatly improved under the management of brothers Shaw, editor-in-chief, and Carey, business manager.

THE statement made in the Vanderbilt letter, in No. 6, that the Rainbow had united with  $\Delta K E$ , was erroneous.  $\Delta T \Delta$  should have been read for  $\Delta K E$ .

PERSONALS referring to active members should be incorporated in the chapter report; those relating to graduate members should be written on a separate sheet for the Personal columns.

*The Lombard Review*, but recently started, is an excellent college sheet, brothers E. F. Carney, '85, L. McCall, '85, and A. T. Wing, '87, are respectively editor-in-chief, business manager and local editor.

OUR exchanges reach an exceptionally high standard in their last issues. The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, and *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* appear in new covers. Owing to press of other matter, our review of exchanges was crowded out of this number.

THE history of the Rainbow or W. W. W. fraternity is a peculiar one. The organization was effected in 1848 at the University of Mississippi. It was made up of Southern members only—young men who nourished incontrovertible and enthusiastic ideas upon the sanctity of the doctrines of States rights, secession and slavery. The design of the founders was, from the start, to make it very exclusive. At first only seven members were allowed to a chapter and only seven chapters in as many Southern universities were permitted. These flourished in accordance with the sovereign anticipations of the founders until the breaking out of the civil war, when every chapter had its ranks depleted and its organization destroyed. At the close of the war, there was nothing left, except the constitution and a few ante-bellum records, to show what the organization had really been. With these few fragments, the S. A. chapter of the University of Mississippi was reorganized, and from that time the chapter has, with from seven to ten competing Greek letter fraternities, taken and held the lead in the number of honors won, and in the class of its members, when considered with reference either to talent or to social standing. In 1882 the I. P. chapter was established at the Vanderbilt University, and at once assumed a leading position in the contest for society and university

honors. In close succession then come the A chapter at Nashville, the chapter at the University of Tennessee, the D. V. chapter of the University of Texas and chapters at the University of South Carolina and at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, with several other organizations effected in colleges of fine standing, which only require charters from the parent chapter at the Vanderbilt University to make them so many additional chapters.

In going into the combination the Rainbows do not change their badge, and the name of the new fraternity will be the "Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow," which begins its career with thirty-eight fine chapters. The member interviewed concluded his statements with the remark that the funeral of neither the Rainbow nor the Delta Tau Delta would need be written, but that both were under their new organization entering upon a career that was surely going to startle the fraternity world.—*Nashville American*.

#### OLD MIAMI.

THE old *Oxenford* on the Isis may once have had a worthy namesake in the Oxford of which I write. But "the whirligig of time" has long since "brought in his revenges," and the little city in southwestern Ohio has grown staid after the giddy whirl of years ago. However, the place has made history, and is no doubt content to dwell in the memories of men as it *hath been*, not as it now is. A pilgrimage, one frosty morning in October, across the country, broken by low hills and spread with the inimitable colors of nature, brought the writer to this Mecca of Sigma Chi, a small old city set proudly upon a hill. The rain may come in torrents, but cannot prevail against this rugged little place, for the valley is on all sides ready to receive the overflow. Here it has been resting since early in the century, rising and falling with the rise and fall of its best known educational institution. Up to the year 1825, there were but four important institutions north of the Ohio. Miami University was one of the number. As early as 1809, a grant of land was made by the general government, but the university was not opened until ten or twelve years later. When fifty years had passed, the doors of the university were closed, but with a hope that they could one day be opened again.

There is an ancient look about the buildings that is certain to arouse the sentiment of veneration in the mind of a visitor. Sixty acres comprise the once beautiful campus, a part of which has relapsed almost into its native state of wildness. The old library, of between seven and eight thousand volumes, has many a curious relic of the past. There is a venerable old copy of Aristotle's works, whose ink-traced Latin annotations and interlineations tell a tale of the diligence of some sixteenth century

monk, the like of which would terrify a modern classical scholar. It was in this old tome that Prof. Karl Merz, of Beta Chapter, made the interesting discovery which received much attention in musical circles some years ago, of a musical manuscript pasted on the inside of the covers, written in the ancient Neumes or hook system of notation, the date of which cannot be later than the tenth century. There is a perfect black-letter copy of Chaucer, of the date 1602, an imperfect copy of which edition is said to have sold recently in Paris for \$5,000. Seven books from Cotton Mather's library are among the other dusty volumes, but curious pilferers of years ago have deftly removed the great New Englander's autograph. It is interesting to recall that Mather graduated from Harvard when but fifteen years old, and that at twelve he had made good progress in Hebrew, and was master of the leading Latin and Greek authors. Is it any wonder he fell in with the current notions about witchcraft? But I have been loitering too long, and must "begin to come to a point."

Six fraternities have left their records at old Miami. The old signs and symbols may be seen in many places. The weather-beaten benches under the trees bear their rude carvings, and it is said that the old belfry has many a curious record. The class pictures in the library display the badges on the lapels, and my heart warmed as my eye caught the familiar gleam of the *white cross*.  $\Delta \Phi$  came to Miami as early as 1833, forming the second chapter of the fraternity, then in its third year. Between 1839 and 1855, the Alpha chapters of three fraternities were born in Miami.  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ , the Gamma Chapter of  $\Delta K E$  coming also in 1852.  $\Delta \Upsilon$  entered the university in 1868, and remained till it closed in 1876. The old *Deke* hall is the only one which retains traces of its history. The room is in the third story of a brick building, the only entrance being by a close-covered stairway at the rear. The fraternity symbols may be seen on the window panes. Diligent search for the abiding place of the first sons of Sigma Chi did not result in anything definite.

Miami University of to-day is like an echo from the dim past. Everything seems to testify to *departed* strength and glory. It is natural to experience a feeling of reverence while passing along the paths of the old campus, or looking among the musty volumes of the library. Here and there and everywhere about the place is food for reflection to the thoughtful mind, and not the least pleasant thought of all is the one which follows Sigma Chi from this her birth-place, thirty years ago, out into the length and breadth of the land.

E. W. W. in the *Sigma Chi*.



## FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I wish to call attention once more to the annual reports of Chapter Historians, due April 1. Your humble servant had fondly hoped that if blanks should be prepared, enclosed in an envelope, re-directed to the H. G. C., and sent to the different Chapters, that all the Chapters could be induced to attend the simple duty of filling them out, and so we would avoid the humiliating exhibition of indifference which we have seen in our former experience with these reports—and I believe all fair-minded persons will agree with me when I say there is hardly any excuse for a Chapter being delinquent in this matter—and I am surprised to find so many failing to respond.

I take this way of calling the attention of these Chapters to their short-comings, and append herewith a full list of delinquents. By the kindness of the editor I am permitted to occupy the space of THE SCROLL with this card and the appended list for this and the successive issues, until the reports are all in—dropping out of the list those Chapters whose reports are received before going to press with another issue of THE SCROLL. Blanks will be promptly furnished when the ones sent to the Chapter Reporter have been lost.

## DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

New York *B*, Pennsylvania *A*, Pennsylvania *B*, Pennsylvania *A*, Pennsylvania *E*, Pennsylvania *Z*.

## BETA PROVINCE.

Virginia *A*, Virginia *I*, Virginia *A*, Virginia *E*, South Carolina *A*.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

Georgia *A*, Georgia *B*, Georgia *I*, Mississippi *A*, Tennessee *B*.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

Ohio *A*.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

Indiana *I*.

## ETA PROVINCE.

Kansas *A*, Nebraska *A*, Minnesota *A*.

The reports, so far as received, have been very satisfactory, and show a healthy condition of our Fraternity. I will publish in THE SCROLL some tables of statistics taken from the reports as soon as all the Chapters are heard from.

A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C.

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The next National Convention will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the XXXVIII year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 18, 1886, and closing the following Friday.

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The next Convention will be held at Delaware, Ohio, May 13 and 14, 1886.

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The Eighth Annual Convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., April 8, 1885.

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The Fifth Annual Convention will be held at Auburn, Ala., June 25 and 26, 1885.

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 Virginia Delta—Richmond College—S. V. Fiery, Richmond, Va.

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Ohio Epsilon—Butchel College—E. C. Page, Akron, Ohio.

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Indiana Beta—Wabash College—A. R. Miles, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Indiana Gamma—Butler University—O. M. Pruitt, Irvington, Ind.

Indiana Delta—Franklin College—W. A. Halteman, P. O. Box 675, Franklin, Ind.

Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—J. V. La Grange, Hanover, Ind.

Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—W. J. Snyder, Greencastle, Ind.

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Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—James E. Davidson, Box 88, Hillsdale, Mich.

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Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—C. L. Goodwin, "Indianapolis Times," Indianapolis, Ind.

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 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—A. D. Jordan, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—John R. Carpenter, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—H. Fehr, 424 Lake Street, Madison, Wis.  
 Illinois Alpha Alumni—Chicago—M. M. Boddie, 46 Portland Block, Chicago, Ill.  
 Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg—Rev. E. L. Conger, Galesburg, Ill.

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 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—T. N. Wilkerson, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—S. M. Cook, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—E. J. Churchill, 1335 N St., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
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## THE DAGGER AND SHIELD.

(Read at the Banquet of Ohio Delta.)

Afloat in my bark on the river of time  
I have moodily gazed on the stream,  
As it leaves the brave action of every clime  
Where the dim lights of history gleam.

This river has secret extension and source—  
It has secret rights to defend ;  
The problem of life is involved in its course,  
And the problem of death in its end.

I am told that these waters were once but a flood  
Of worldly destruction and gloom,  
That the waves had a tinge of humanity's blood,  
While the Flower of Death was in bloom.

Fond mothers were torn by the current apart  
From the dead they had bathed in their tears,  
And the bride called in vain for the prince of her heart  
To return to the region of years.

But now the dark ages are left far away,  
And Chivalry's gone with the night ;  
But its germ of fidelity blooming to-day  
Is our pride and our present delight.

Thus floating along on the River of Time  
I was caught in a drift of the past—  
A few scattered relics of historic rhyme  
To the rock of the present made fast.

While my bark kept the eddy of swift flowing days,  
I sought what the circuit would yield,  
And my eyes caught the blaze of the glittering rays  
From a Phi-jeweled dagger and shield.

From a ship near at hand I received the command  
To surrender my frail bark canoe,  
And to join friendly hand with a brave noble band  
'Neath the ensign, the white and the blue.

Now who would desire once again to inquire  
What maketh him trembling and weak !  
When the Phis all conspire to toss him up higher  
And change him from Barb. to a Greek !

But know ye the secret of dagger and shield,  
And know ye those bright golden links,  
By the Bond so revealed have a motto concealed,  
Untold by a whispering Sphinx.

Ah, the badge of the Phis gives to love a new birth,  
'Tis the pledge of a manhood so true,  
That the fair eyes of earth and the stars full of mirth,  
Bless the Bond of the white and the blue.

And to-night while at anchor we banquet and feast,  
Fair faith in each bosom may hide ;  
But to-morrow when duties have strongly increased  
Shall we carelessly drift with the tide ?

No, no, our brotherhood never may drift,  
With our badge and our banner in view ;  
We will strive the dark burdens of life to uplift,  
And to honor the white and the blue.

Then spread we our sail to the college-life-gale  
And speed we abreast of the tide !  
Well wrought be the mail of the foe who prevail  
To turn us from duty aside !

Come, then, one and all, in this banqueting hall,  
Come, drink to the dagger and shield ;  
May their radiance fall as a light to us all,  
As the shadows of life are revealed.

T. S. ANDERSON, '86.



## EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION.

This to the number of 75 were called to order by J. M. Goodwin, Provincial President, in the parlors of the Grand Hotel, at 11 A. M.

After prayer, by brother Covert, of Indiana *E*, the convention elected the following officers :

Secretary—J. W. LaGrange, Indiana *E*.

Warden—G. R. Norman, Indiana *A*.

Treasurer—J. E. Davidson, Michigan *F*

Chaplain—W. C. Covert, Indiana *E*.

In addition to these, at the suggestion of brother Goodwin, literary exercises for next convention were provided for by electing as

Orator—W. J. Snyder, Indiana *Z*.

Historian—C. M. Carter, Indiana *A*.

Prophet—C. H. McCaslin, Indiana *E*.

Poet—F. E. Miller, Indiana *Z*.

President Brown, of the General Council, now appeared and welcomed the Convention to the city. Brother Goodwin replied in behalf of the chapters.

After some discussion, it was decided to provide a Province Extension Fund. The convention then adjourned to brother Gordon's parlors and witnessed a modern initiation with all the appurtenances thereto.

On returning to the hotel parlors, Major Grubbs, Indiana *A*, '61, made a few remarks to the convention, after which it adjourned, to meet at the banquet after the State Oratorical Contest.

It was just midnight when we seated ourselves at the table, with Dr. J. S. Jenckes as "Magister Cerimonium."

Then began the feast of reason and the flow of soul. The menu was worthy of any caterer, and as to the higher mood, the toast list has only to be mentioned to show its worth.

The following was the list :

"There is a Time for Silence, and this is not one of them,"  
M. A. Morrison.

"Phis in Politics," Hon. Geo. S. Pleasants.

"Phis Out," Hon. Lafayette Reynolds.

"Phis in College," J. A. Kautz.

"Our Girls Then and Now," W. H. Ripley.

"The Royal Bumper," Hon. Cassius Byfield.

"Our Cause Speeds on its Way," J. M. Goodwin.

"Old Ohio Alpha," Senator Benjamin Harrison.

After Senator Harrison had given us a vivid picture of his initiation and some interesting facts concerning the early history of the Fraternity, brother H. U. Brown was called on and gave a toast on "Indiana *H* or Baby."

It was now nearing morn and we arose from the table, each one resolving to come to the next convention, or make some one suffer if he could not.

The following were the press comments :

In the morning the Phi Delta Thetas held a province meeting, which was called to order at 10 o'clock by President J. M. Goodwin, of De Pauw University, President of the Grand Council. H. U. Brown, of the *News*, made some welcoming remarks, to which the president of the convention responded in behalf of the delegates.

A permanent organization was formed, with the election of the following officers : Secretary, J. W. LaGrange, of Hanover ; Warden, G. R. Norman, Franklin ; Treasurer, J. E. Davidson, Hillsdale, Mich. ; Chaplain, W. C. Covert, Hanover. Literary performers for next convention were elected as follows : Orator, W. J. Snyder ; Historian, C. W. Carter ; Prophet, C. H. McCaslin ; Poet, Freeman E. Miller. About seventy delegates were present, and reports disclosed an excellent condition of the province chapters.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the convention met again, when matters of importance as to the internal improvement of chapters and extension were discussed. An old-time initiation was performed. Remarks were made by Major G. W. Grubbs and others. The convention adjourned late in the day, to meet again in 1886.

The convention banqueted last night at the Grand Hotel, after the contest, at which sixty to seventy spreads were ordered. The banquet was sumptuous, and the responses happy. Dr. Joseph E. Jenckes was toastmaster. Toasts were proposed and responded to as follows : "The Old Ohio Alpha," by Senator Ben. Harrison ; "The Sword and Shield," Judge B. K. Elliott ; "The Royal Bumpers," Hon. Cas. Byfield and Hon. A. C. Harris ; "The Barbarian in Grecian Arms," Rev. R. V. Hunter ; "There is a Time to be Silent, but this is not one of them ;" "This in College," Arthur Kautz ; "Our Cause Speed on its Way," J. M. Goodwin. After the banquet the boys indulged in parting greetings with the memory of a pleasant occasion.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

The *News*, of April 9, said : Members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in attending the contest, are also holding a province convention, consisting of delegates from the six chapters in Indiana colleges and two in Michigan. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock to-day at the Grand Hotel by J. M. Goodwin, of De Pauw University, President of Epsilon Province. About seventy delegates were present. After an address by the president, the following province officers were elected : J. W. LaGrange, Hanover, Secretary ; G. R. Norman, Franklin,

Warden ; J. C. Davidson, Hillsdale College, Michigan, treasurer ; W. C. Covert, Hanover, Chaplain. The following speakers for the next convention were elected : Orator, W. Snyder, De-Pauw ; Historian, C. M. Carter, Franklin ; Prophet, C. H. McCaslin, Hanover ; Poet, F. E. Miller, Indiana University. This afternoon secret work was taken up, and the initiation ceremony was performed upon several candidates with all the glory and awful pomp which the occasion called for. To-night the province delegates and resident members will banquet at the Grand Hotel after the contest. Dr. Joseph S. Jenckes will be toastmaster, and the responses will include a toast by Senator Ben. Harrison, "The Old Ohio Alpha ;" Judge Byron K. Elliott will speak of the "Sword and Shield" (the fraternity emblems) ; Hon. A. C. Harris and Hon. Cas. Byfield will give their experiences with "The Royal Bumper ;" the Rev. R. V. Hunter will talk of "The Barbarian in Grecian Armies," and many other toasts are provided for.

The *News* of April 10 said : After the contest the members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity banqueted at the Grand Hotel. Covers were spread for seventy-five. Dr. Joseph S. Jenckes, of St. Paul's Cathedral, was "magister ceremonium," and the following toasts were responded to : "There is a Time for Silence, and this is not one of them," Martin Morrison ; "The Phis in Politics," Hon. George S. Pleasants ; "The Phis Out," Lafayette H. Reynolds, A. M. ; "The Phis in College," J. A. Kautz ; "Our Girls Then and Now," Warwick H. Ripley ; "The Royal Bumper," Hon. Cas. Byfield ; "Our Cause Speeds on its Way," John M. Goodwin ; "The Old Ohio Alpha," Senator Ben. Harrison. Senator Harrison was a member of the mother chapter of this fraternity, at Miami University, where, in 1848, the Phi Delta Theta was founded. He told of the weird and awful ceremony with which he, as a freshman from the country, was initiated into the order. College and fraternity songs were sung and the revelry continued far into the morning.

J. M. GOODWIN, President.

J. W. LAGRANGE, Secretary,  
Eta Province Association.

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### CONCERNING A HISTORY.

FOR several years I have been gathering materials necessary for the preparation of a history of the fraternity. My plans having received the approval of the General Council, I now call on members, and especially chapter historians, for assistance. The work will be published as soon as the data can be procured. I desire to obtain from the historian, or from some other member of each chapter, a brief account of the college in which the chap-

ter is established, and a concise but complete record of the whole term of the chapter's existence. The account of the college should trace its gradual growth, mentioning the date of its foundation, its source of patronage, endowment, buildings, library, equipment, departments, and the number of professors, instructors, alumni, and students. The history of the chapter should narrate particularly the circumstances of its establishment and any important events in its career. Among other things, should be given the names of the charter members, date of charter, by whom the charter was granted, when and how the first members were initiated, college honors conferred upon the members, the rival fraternities, and in fact everything of interest which has happened in connection with the chapter, without going too much into details. Unless for good reasons, the account of both the college and the chapter should not be less than four pages or more than six pages of foolscap. However, the space devoted to the various chapters will not be arbitrarily determined. I request each chapter to act in this matter at once. If the historian does not possess the necessary data, the chapter will do well to appoint some one to assist him in collecting the facts. Where it is impossible to furnish a record of the chapter during its entire existence, I will supplement such a history as is furnished me with information of my own. Alumni members are invited to contribute reminiscences covering the times with which they are acquainted. All favors that I receive will be thankfully acknowledged in the SCROLL and mentioned in the history. I hope to receive carefully and accurately prepared papers from all of the chapters before the end of the present collegiate year.

Address : Nashville, Tenn.

WALTER B. PALMER.

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#### KANSAS ALPHA ALUMNI.

##### *To the Editor of the Scroll.*

You and the fraternity at large will probably be very much surprised to hear of the establishment of an alumnity chapter as far west as Kansas City ; this, however, has been accomplished, through the energy of our province president, Thomas S. Ridge ; and we have a very active chapter, composed of Phis from some half dozen States. We have had two interesting meetings, and at our last we organized permanently, elected T. S. Ridge president, and forwarded our petition for an alumni charter to the General Council, signed by twenty members. We would like to have a reunion here in June if the province chapters favor it and will send delegates ; we will see that they are royally entertained. Among our members will be found the names of Hon. J. F. Phillips, Judge of the Court of Appeals of this State ; Major Ross

Guffin, United States District Attorney of this district, and Rev. M. F. Troxell, formerly editor of the SCROLL, and, on the whole, we have a very lively chapter. Brother Ridge or I will be pleased at any time to have any Phi that may be sojourning here for a short time to stop and see us, and we will make him acquainted with the rest.

D. M. McCLANAHAN.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I AM glad to note the increasing interest in and attention to the internal structure and operations of our Fraternity among the members at large. There are a large number of praiseworthy hints in your last issue.

The General Council is harmonious in advocating a liberal conservatism—which means extension as fast as deemed safe, coupled with constant internal improvement. In accord with this aim I wish, if it is possible, to use the columns of the SCROLL to propose a plan promising good returns. The one thought which rankles in the breast of every Phi, is the memory of once useful and active chapters in institutions of real worth and first rank, which have been enrolled under "Obituary Notices." These harrowing memories will increase rather than diminish, as long as it is possible, as well as desirable, to replace these annoying spectres by active and useful chapters. The resurrection of these chapters is an equal part of the policies of extension and improvement, so that every loyal Phi should feel interested and join in the work, if his aid be ever so small. Only the most unlooked for miscarriage of plans now contemplated can prevent the rejuvenation next year of one or two of these skeletons.

I ask that all Phis—alumni and undergraduates—who can obtain information concerning good men, whom they can influence and trust, in any of these institutions above noted which it is desirable to re-enter—will forward the same to me at once, and from this time on until next college year. These points can be combined and worked over until we have good foundations in various quarters. Refer to only good material. I propose this solely on my own responsibility, but respectfully ask the co-operation of all.

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT.

FROM BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

BETA Province sends greeting to her sister Provinces, in the birth of a new chapter—North Carolina Beta. This chapter has resulted mainly from the efforts of brother Philemon Holland,

Jr., of New Berne, N. C., to whom the honor and credit of the enterprise is due.

It should be a source of congratulation to the new chapter, that it has begun its career with such flattering prospects. It will, no doubt, take a prominent stand among the other chapters of the fraternity.

I beg leave to call attention of the reporters of this province to the request of brother Mayer in March SCROLL, also to the communication from brother Foster in the same number. If any of the historians have failed to send in their reports, I hope they will do so immediately. And let me here request, if the reporters have not yet sent in a report from their respective chapters for next SCROLL, that they will do so, in order that every chapter in this province may have a report in that number.

From what I can gather from correspondence with the chapters, and reports in the SCROLL, I think this province is in a healthier condition and doing better work than it has for some time past. I look for solid work from her next year, and a full delegation at the next Convention.

April 9th, 1885.

ORREN L. STEARNES.

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

THE success of the SCROLL in all respects, but especially financially, depends in great measure upon the interest manifested in it, and through it, in the Fraternity, by our Alumni. There is no doubt that the number of Alumni subscribers might be many times multiplied were it not for mere thoughtlessness. Refusals are never made when individuals are reached, but it is beyond the limits of possibility to reach all of our graduates, even those of recent years. The best time to subscribe, before forgetfulness can prevent, is *before you graduate*. Let every Eighty-five man *now* send at least One Dollar as his subscription for the coming year; or, far better, send Five Dollars in payment of subscription to July 1, 1895, and thus save the trouble of annual renewals.

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I wish that every chapter would send me the name of some one of their undergraduate members (omitting '85) to whom the SCROLLS of next October may be sent, and also the number of copies they will then desire. By so doing, they will greatly favor the Business Manager and insure for themselves the prompt and safe delivery of the first number of Vol. X. Otherwise it *cannot be guaranteed*.

As THE June number of the SCROLL will be issued after the commencements in many colleges, *all* reporters are requested to furnish names and addresses of all attendant members, together with date of the closing of their college. As there is a great demand for April SCROLLS, the edition of which is nearly exhausted, all chapters are requested to return whatever copies (if any) which they do not need.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

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FROM THE EDITORS.

*Attention is called to the fact that the address of the Treasurer of the General Council has been permanently changed to Trenton, Missouri.*

THE June number will be limited to 40 pp. We shail, therefore, find it impossible to publish some very excellent prose and poetry contributions received within the last month, till Vol X is issued. We return thanks for the interest taken in "Thoughts and Sentiments," and the responses to our many requests. This and the June number will necessarily be devoted to chapter news.

We confidently expect to receive full chapter reports for the June number, and we should suggest that in addition to chapter news, reporters will write a brief resumé of the year's work in the chapter.

Reports not published in Vol. IX., No. 9, will appear in Vol. X., No. I., which will be issued about September 15.

J. M. MAYER.

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TO HISTORIANS.

THROUGH no fault of brother Stearns, a number of chapters were reported in the last SCROLL as delinquent in forwarding the historian's blanks, which were in reality not delinquent. Brother Stearns took the trouble of telegraphing me as each report came in, but as the article was already set up I could not change it. Two historians have not yet responded to brother Stearns' request. They should reward his labor by doing so immediately. They are the historians of *Georgia Alpha* and *Pennsylvania Zeta*.

J. M. MAYER.

## EDITORIAL.

WE congratulate Kansas Phis and the fraternity and compliment brother Ridge on the successful organization of an alumni chapter in Kansas City. The benefit a good alumni chapter can confer on undergraduate members cannot be overestimated. Starting, as the chapter does, with a number of prominent men to give it prestige and local prominence, we see no reason to doubt its success.

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THE Epsilon Province Convention, held this year with more than usual éclat, demonstrates to all fraternity workers the great advantages that always result from such gatherings. We are pleased to notice that these meetings of chapters are becoming more usual, and we look forward to the day when every province or State shall hold a convention alternating with the National Convention.

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WE have received many requests to agitate the question of an Alpha Province Convention. In no province would a convention be more desirable.

The great difficulty in holding such a convention would be the distance between the chapters, but even this difficulty could be overcome. We would advise the chapters of the Province to communicate with the Provincial President and each other, in order to discover the general sentiment on the subject; and should the majority of the chapters favor a convention, preparations could be begun far in advance.

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WE refer again with pleasure to the close application with which chapters are studying internal improvement. The work in this direction has begun in earnest, and the sincere and thoughtful workers in every chapter are continually studying chapter affairs, discovering weak points, and planning improvements. This spirit is the true one, and continued efforts must result in placing every chapter on a firmer footing than that which it may now occupy.



## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

It is with great sadness that I write this month's report to the SCROLL, as I am obliged to write of the death of one of our beloved brothers, Frank Forester Badger, '88. His death occurred on the morning of April 2d. He had been sick with the measles, and, venturing out before he had fully recovered, caught a severe cold, which resulted in his death—the ultimate cause of his death being pneumonia. It is not a light blow, nor a common loss. It is only left for us to cherish the memory of an unselfish and devoted brother. His work in the classroom was ever satisfactory to his instructors, and his prospects for the future were very bright. Not only his classmates and society mourn his loss, but the entire college, as was shown by the service in the chapel.

Already the usual hand-shaking and salutes are over and our spring time is fully under headway. No longer is the student confined to his room by the severe coldness of the New England winter, but he can enjoy the sunshine and breezes of spring while on the campus and in whatever recreations he may pursue.

We have nothing of importance to relate concerning the last two weeks. Brother Simonds, '88, has not returned yet, but is expected this week. Brother Rice, '87, is teaching a Spring school at Bethlehem, N. H. We were very much pleased as well as benefited by having brother Paddock, '85, Vermont Alpha, with us at the last meeting of last term. We were also pleased to see brother Morse, of Vermont Alpha, here for a few days last term. The States and Territories represented in our chapter are New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Dakota Territory, Indian Territory, and one member from Bulgaria. We shall lose no member this year at commencement, and we have no fear in regard to a good delegation from '89. Brother Badger's death fell very heavily upon us, and he is missed very much.

## NOTES.

The Memorial Day address at Concord, N. H., will be delivered by Prof. Cambell.

Five graduated at the Thayer School of Civil Engineering this year.

Prof. Hitchcock is engaged in the State Geological Survey.

'88 Base-ball team will play five games this spring. One with Harvard freshmen.

The news of Dartmouth's victory over Amherst in base-ball, by a score of 9 to 4, was received with great demonstrations of joy.

The new suits for the nine are striped jerseys, green and white, striped stockings to match, grey Norfolk hats, and green pants.

May 5, 1885.

G. W. SHAW.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

ANOTHER term has come and with it its work. There have been a few changes. Brother Mills, who represented us so ably at our last convention, is in the employ of the Old Colony R. R. at Boston in a very responsible position. Brother M. N. Baker is completing his technical studies in an architect's office in Fitchburg, Mass. While we shall miss them very materially, as they have labored long and well for fraternity and chapter, yet we can but recognize that it is probably for the best. A farewell "spread" was tendered the brothers on the evening of March 19, which was attended by all the active members and by Province President Sawyer. Of course there were the usual toasts and speeches, and all enjoyed themselves, although the bitter was mingled with the sweet.

We were extremely pained and sorrowful to learn of the bereavement of N. H. A in the loss of brother Badger. It called to mind the fact that we too lost by death one of our most valuable members the first year of our organization.

Among the honors that have been taken by members of our chapter, not heretofore reported, is the presidency of the graduating class in the medical department by brother Barnes, '84. The valedictory was also offered him, but owing to ill health he was compelled to decline. Brothers Wilbur, '86, and Roberts, '87, are our representatives on the new *Cynic* board, the former being managing editor and the latter the scientific department.

Mr. Ira Morse, of Jericho, kindly invited the chapter to go out to his very pleasant place upon April 18 to eat new maple sugar. It is needless to say we went and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Several of our brothers have been and are at present quite sick with the measles. No serious results are apprehended, although our literary work has been much interfered with. Brother Roberts will probably not be with us this term, owing to the recent death of his father. The heartfelt sympathy of the chapter is with him in this, his great affliction.

May 5, 1885.

H. W. BELL.

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

SINCE our last report, the second semi-annual joint debate has

taken place. Three are held annually. It will be remembered that last year all were won by members of New York  $\Gamma$ . Both of those which have taken place this year have been won by non-society men, but on the second brother Hicks received very high commendation by the judge. He will also speak in June.

Our prize speakers were elected a short time since. There are three from each of the three higher classes. Last year New York  $\Gamma$  had four speakers of the nine, and succeeded in securing the prose prize. This year  $\Delta KE$  and  $\Theta \Delta X$  have none,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has one (Sophomore),  $A \Delta \Phi$  has two (one Sophomore and one Junior) and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  three—the reporter in the Senior, brother Downer in the Junior, and brother Schoonmaker in the Sophomore.

May 22, 1885.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

THE last term of the college year finds our chapter in excellent condition. Our initiate, brother Taylor, is a representative man in his class, a first-class student, and an active participant in general college affairs. He will prove a source of strength to us in many ways.

As usual, our fraternity holds a large number of prominent positions in college. Brother Taylor was recently elected president of the Washington Literary Society, and brother Trembath will be class valedictorian in the same society. Brother Ludlow still holds a leading position in the Athletic Association, and brother Jadwin is president of his class. Brother Frey enjoys the honor of having been almost continuously in office during the three years of his course. His eminent fitness for the position of class marshal has, from term to term, brought to him that office by a unanimous vote of his classmates.

Considerable interest has lately been developed in a chapter library. A number of books and several publications connected with college and fraternity life have been collected, and we hope to make this one of the interesting features of our chapter.

To my former report of the strength of fraternities represented here, I add the following :

$\Sigma X$ , '86, 1 ; '87, 2 ; '88, 2 ; total, 5.  $\Theta \Delta X$ , '85, 0 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 2 ; '88, 0 ; total, 2.

May 4, 1885.

W. H. CAREY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

ON April 11th our new hall was formally dedicated. Not to be wanting to the occasion, we initiated Mr. T. C. Noble, of '85, who

has led his class from the freshman year, and will, no doubt, receive the valedictory at commencement. The *Daily Reporter* (Washington, Pa.) speaks of the occasion as follows :

On Saturday night the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity dedicated for use their recently furnished hall in Smith's new building, opposite the Fulton House. The dedicatory exercises were appropriately arranged for the occasion and were ritualistic in character. Messages of congratulation were received from prominent alumni. At the conclusion of the formalities the inevitable collation appeared and was fully discussed.

Brother W. A. Kinter, '86, was elected recently by acclamation the orator of the Franklin and Washington Literary Society for the annual contest in 1886. The successful orators at the last three contests have been Phis, and we have a confident hope that brother Kinter will not break the line of succession.

Our distinguished brother of Indiana Gamma, Hon. Byron K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, will deliver the annual oration to the literary societies on the evening of June 22d. While in this place we hope to entertain Judge Elliott as the guest of the chapter.

During commencement week the alumni of Pennsylvania Gamma will hold a reunion.

The annual of Washington and Jefferson will be out in June. If any Phi from another quarter wishes to exchange he can be accommodated by addressing the *Reporter*.

May 4, 1885.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

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## BETA PROVINCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

WE feel that we are still ahead. At the annual Junior Debate of the Demosthenean Society, which was held on the 17th of April, we were represented by brother Wolford, as president. This entertainment was by far the best of its kind that has been held here this year, and brother Wolford was the recipient of many congratulations for the fine speech which he made on that occasion. The primary contest for the orator's medal, held on the 4th of April, gave us two not-to-be-despised chances for the medal, in the persons of brothers Wyse and Hancher.

We have received five new badges this year, with prospect for more in the near future. One for brother Myers, is by far the finest badge in college.

We regret that brother Smith has been called away before the close of this session. He, however, expects to be back to his post at the beginning of next session.

In a recent number of the *Sigma Chi*, we notice a report from

their chapter held at this college. We know not how much of this report is true, but we do know that a part of it is false.

They say that our chapter increased from twelve to twenty, whereas it increased from eight to twenty. That report also contained something to this effect—that they had succeeded in getting every one whom they solicited; and furthermore, that they had initiated *five* members who had been solicited by our chapter. We deny having solicited but two out of the five, and they were solicited in such a manner that by revealing the solicitation to *anybody* they would do so at a sacrifice of their honor. We have been informed by one of their old members that the only reason these two did not join us was because they had already pledged themselves to the  $\Sigma X$  before being solicited by us, otherwise they would have been Phis.

May 2, 1885.

EDGAR BOWERS.

#### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

THE statistics at this University run as follows:  $A T \Omega$ , 19;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 12;  $\Delta K E$ , 9;  $\Delta \Psi$ , 12;  $KA$ , 9;  $K \Sigma$ , 6;  $\Pi K A$ , 11;  $\Sigma A E$ , 6;  $\Sigma X$ , 18;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 14;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 2;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 9;  $X \Phi$ , 10; Mystic Seven, 12.

May 1, 1885.

JOHN D. FLETCHER.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

A FEW short months ago no one dreamed that we would have a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Chapter at our University. The laws against fraternities were as stringent as they were unreasonable. During the fall session a strong feeling against fraternities was aroused in one of the literary societies. An anti-fraternity party was organized, composed of one-half of its members, whose zeal and enthusiasm in behalf of the new cause was only excelled by their ignorance of the nature and aims of fraternities. The opposition, once started, was soon fanned into a flame by artful and designing college politicians. The "Antis," who are also known as "Greasers," attended caucuses, pledged themselves to eternal opposition against all fraternity men, and paraded the walks of our campus at night, hurrahing for anti-fraternity. The fraternity men, with their friends and supporters, built large bonfires, and the flames ascending towards the heavens, lighted up the brave, earnest, thoughtful faces of such men as good fraternities always select, in strong contrast to their opponents, who were marching up and down the walks in a solid body, whooping against fraternities like so many Comanche braves. The excitement was soon brought to a culminating point by the application

of two *K As* to join the society. The "Antis," having a majority of one or two and fearing that the admission of the applicants would give the fraternities a majority, refused to receive them, although the action was contrary to every precedent in the annals of the society. The *K As* immediately withdrew from the hall. Attempts to compromise were made the next day, but without avail. On the following night twenty-six of the staunchest men in the society, protesting against the action of the majority, offered their resignation, and were allowed to sever their connection with the society. The faculty and trustees were thus forcibly reminded of the necessity of considering the laws of the University against fraternities. The question was referred to the trustees at their annual meeting in February, and resulted in the repeal of the existing fraternity restrictions. As soon as the news reached Chapel Hill, steps were taken to secure a charter for a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  chapter, and on the 28th of March the N. C. Beta was instituted. On the following Monday negotiations were begun by our active and enthusiastic members to lease the best hall in the village. Our efforts were crowned with success, and we held the last meeting in April in the new hall. At the opening of the next session our hall will be beautifully carpeted and refurnished. Our chapter was at once recognized by the *K A*, *A T \Omega*, and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , the leading fraternities here, as the only one of the young chapters which they would acknowledge as their equal. We regret to have to chronicle the resignation of brother R. T. Uzzell, caused by some difficulties growing out of the care we exercised in selecting our charter members. The thanks of the N. C. Beta are due brother Holland, of New Berne, for the great interest that he took in securing our charter, and instituting the chapter. Long will we remember his warmheartedness, his pleasant manners, and the good advice that he gave us.

The following are the statistics of the various fraternities at the University:— $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 1; '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 5; Law, 2; total, 11. *K A*, '85, 3; '86, 6; '87, 3; Specials, 3; total, 15.  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , '86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 1; Special, 1; total, 8. *A T \Omega*, '85, 1; '86, 2; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 7.  $\Sigma A E$ , '85, 2; '86, 3; '87, 5; '88, 5; total, 15. *Z \Psi*, '85, 3; '86, 3; '88, 2; total, 8. Mystic Seven, '85, 1; '86, 3; '87, 4; '88, 5; Specials, 4; total, 17.

April 30, 1885.

R. S. WHITE.

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#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH our last report was not received in time for publication, we were glad to receive the SCROLL at an earlier date than usual. We always look forward to its reception with great anxiety, and are glad to see that the editors have determined to pub-

lish it punctually. We had been watching for the announcement of N. C. Beta, which appeared in the April SCROLL. We are happy to see the fraternity strengthening itself in the South by entering the most prominent colleges. There are yet several other institutions that demand our consideration, but in all cases we must not lower our standard by entering inferior colleges.

In my last report I stated that we had initiated a new man, and that brother Ball had been elected by the Convention of the Fraternities of the S. C. College to deliver the Junior Oration before that body in June.

We have been making an effort to organize a State Association. Several members of the fraternity in this State have already assured us of their hearty co-operation, and we are expecting the same from others. It is certainly encouraging to receive such enthusiastic letters from Phis who have not been active members for several years. There are about sixty or seventy-five Phis in this State, and we feel confident of success.

Under the head of "Alumni Loyalty," we must bring in brother C. Frazer, Georgia Alpha, '75. Some of us had the pleasure of meeting him recently, and found him very enthusiastic as to the advancement of the fraternity in this State and at large. Brother Frazer is at the Theological Seminary at this place.

Brother J. B. Patton will soon leave, to enter Annapolis. He is expecting to meet several Phis there.

May 2, 1885.

A. C. MOORE.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA ALPHA is now enthused with the anticipation of a fine banquet at commencement. A short while ago we were favored with a visit from brothers Burns, Allen, Hanson, Dean, Hollingsworth and Thomas, of Georgia Beta. Loyal fellows did they prove themselves to be. A  $\Phi$  has but to make known himself to ensure a cordial welcome. I notice in the February SCROLL an article written by brother C. B. Gaskell, entitled, "Transferring and Expunging." Brother Gaskell is correct when he says that the chapter at the University of Georgia is not the Georgia Alpha chapter, but the Georgia Beta. We bear the name of our mother chapter, and have bestowed ours on a sister chapter. Our history demands that we right this mistake. The SCROLL is a welcome visitor.

April 9, 1885.

W. A. SPEER.

## GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter is moving along quietly and pleasantly without anything to mar the even tenor of its way. Perfect harmony prevails among us. Our chapter meetings are held every Saturday night and are well attended by the members. Literary exercises constitute an important feature in these meetings.

Our members are taking a high stand socially. We have an excellent social club which meets every two weeks, and at these we have the very best young ladies of the city.

Brothers Battle, Callaway and Hazelhurst received Sophomore places. We expected more than this, but the class is unusually large and has many good speakers.

Eight of us were in a party from our college that went to the New Orleans Exposition recently. We had a splendid time and formed many new Phi acquaintances.

Our chapter has expressed a desire to assume her original name, Georgia Delta. One reason of this is that the original Georgia Alpha, now extinct, may have a proper place in our catalogue and history. We hope the necessary changes for this will be brought about.

May 2, 1885.

B. D. RAGSDALE.

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ALABAMA BETA, STATE COLLEGE, AUBURN, ALA.

NO MATERIAL change has taken place in Alabama Beta since our last report, but she has continued in undiminished prosperity. We number thirteen, brother Whitfield having discontinued college and joined the U. S. Signal Service. We miss his familiar face at our weekly meetings, but separation will not quench the Phi spirit of his loyal heart. Our literary exercises have been uniformly good. We have three out of five men put on by the faculty to speak at commencement; one of the others a barbarian, and one an Alpha Tau Omega. We are looking forward to our State convention, which will meet here immediately after commencement, with great enthusiasm, and we would urge all Phis who possibly can to be present and aid us in having the most enjoyable occasion possible, promising them that they shall receive genuine Phi Delta Theta hospitality.

May 7, 1885.

W. T. PENN.

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MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

I AM happy that I can again report "Mississippi Alpha" in a firm condition. Everything moves along smoothly with us. We have fewer fraternity troubles and grievances, happier meetings, and finer men than any fraternity in the University. We had the



pleasure of a short visit a few days ago from brother L. M. Southworth, of Carlton, Miss. Brother Southworth, as far as he went in the University course, reflected honor upon himself, standing well in the class, and taking first declaimer's medal in the Freshman class. At the age of 21 he was elected Mayor of the town in which he lives, also Superintendent of Public Education, which shows in what high esteem he is held.

April 5, 1885.

T. W. YATES.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING of interest has occurred at the University since my last report, except that the examinations are coming on us with a rush. Everyone is buckling down and preparing for the final tug, and there is little of interest in fraternity or University life. In my last published report to the SCROLL, through some mistake, it was stated that the Rainbow had combined with the  $\Delta K E$ . Change this to  $\Delta T \Delta$ . The Phis have decided to have a banquet after the examinations in accordance with their time-honored custom. It has heretofore been the practice to invite representatives from the other fraternities and also the professors, but for various reasons our banquet this time will be exclusively a Phi reunion. The annual contest for the improvement oratorical medal in the Dialectic Society took place last Saturday. The Phis were ably represented and were confident of victory, but the decision came out against them. On Friday night the State Oratorical Contest took place. The first place was obtained by the Southwestern Presbyterian University. The chapter is in as fine condition as it has been for some time, and though we have been "downed" several times lately, we are still in the ring with the odds on our side.

The statistics here are :  $\Sigma A E$ , 5 ;  $K A$ , 24 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$  and Rainbow, 13 ;  $X \Phi$ , 20 ;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 20 ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 26.

April 30, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

#### TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

WE opened this term with as fine a set of eleven Phis as could be found in any University. Brother Larkin Smith returned to the University, from his home in Nashville, yesterday, which makes a total of thirteen members, with our two new brothers. The new men are Messrs. E. L. Wells, Jr., Columbus, Ga., initiated last December, and V. L. Terrell, Crystal Springs, Miss., our first initiate this term. We will lose in August two of our most enthusiastic members ; but we can only see them leave to seek a new phase of life with sorrowing hearts, and car-

rying with them all the love and wishes of success we remaining ones can bestow.

Our prospects for the future are brighter than ever, and be sure we will perform our part of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's noble work.

April 4, 1885.

D. B. SMITH.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

FOLLOWING are our statistics :

Beta Theta Pi, '85, 2; '86, 4; '87, 2; '88, 3; total, 11. Phi Delta Theta, '85, 2; '86, 2; '87, 4; '88, 2; total, 10. Phi Kappa Psi, '85, 5; '86, 6; '87, 3; '88, 6; total, 20. Delta Tau Delta, '85, 6; '86, 3; '87, 2; '88, 3; total, 14. Phi Gamma Delta, '85, 4; '86, 5; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 14. Chi Phi, '85, 1; '86, 0; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 5. (In the order of establishment.)

April 15, 1885.

W. E. O'KANE.

#### OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

SEVERAL Betas will represent their Athens chapter at the reunion to be held in Columbus next Friday, the 8th inst.

The university has recently received an appropriation of \$5,000 from the State, and this amount, added to the regular income, will insure some needed improvements in the physical laboratory and in procuring steam-heating apparatus. The annual report to the Governor, which has just appeared, shows the attendance of 160 students for the past year. Your Reporter will probably attend the Inter-State Oratorical Contest next Thursday.

May 4, 1885.

W. E. BUNDY.

#### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

WE take no small pleasure in introducing to the Phi world our latest initiate, brother F. S. Pixley. He is a valuable addition to our number.

We recently enjoyed a very pleasant visit from brother Charles Spencer, of Indiana Zeta. Brothers Pixley, Roemer, and Cone attended the Inter-State Oratorical Contest at Columbus.

May 12, 1885.

E. C. PAGE.

#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

ON March 16th, 1885, V. J. Emery, '87, of Napoleon, O., was initiated into  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . In brother Emery we have secured

a man of high standing in the college, as well as an enthusiastic Phi. We have a student in '88 pledged, and hope to initiate him at our next meeting.

At the close of last term we lost two very excellent brothers. Brother Charles Hatfield, '89, left to accept a position in a wholesale drug house at Cincinnati, O., and brother Harry A. Kahler, to accompany his parents to Nebraska.

On April 11th a local fraternity made its début at this institution. At present it is known under the name of  $\Phi A$ , but it is the general impression that  $\Phi A$  will soon be changed to  $B \Theta II$ , as two Betas belong to this new local fraternity. At the State convention of  $B \Theta II$ , to be held in this city on May 8th, some light may be thrown upon the matter.

Success to our new North Carolina chapter.

Brother E. S. Barkdull, '87, Ohio  $B$ , and brother C. A. Winter, '87, a retired member of this chapter, lately favored us with visits.

April 28, 1885.

A. C. REEVES.

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#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

BROTHER HOWARD TEBBETTS, who has been spending the past winter in Florida for his health, has returned to his college duties. Brother Tebbetts comes back to us much improved physically, and will graduate with the class of '85. Brother Harry W. Wiseman has purchased an exceptionally elegant badge. Brother Guy Wiseman, Jr., has been elected presiding officer of his class for the coming Commencement.

April 26, 1885.

F. M. WILSON.

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#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

WE have initiated two men since our last report—Walter DeWitt Elrod, of Coatesville, Ind., and Walter Richards, of Brownstown, Ind., both of '89. Brother Elrod represented us on the Temperance contest, May 1, and brother Richards has gained quite a reputation as an orator. Our representatives at the contest of the literary societies were brother Holland and myself.

Brother Newland is back again with us from Indianapolis.

Brother S. G. Ramsey is studying dentistry under Dr. B. A. McGee, and attends our meetings regularly.

The University has received an appropriation of \$43,000 from the Legislature, for the purpose of fitting out the new buildings which have just been completed. It is now enjoying a decided

"boom," and expects to have 400 or 500 students next year. There will be several new chairs established, among others the chairs of Geology and Botany.

May 2, 1885.

S. FOSTER.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

WE have been holding usual meetings on Wednesday evening with an excellent attendance.

Three  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Freshmen have entered Freshman contest in declamation, May 26. Nothing has created more of our interest in our own and other chapters in this province than the Province Convention at Indianapolis. Such an occasion enables the individual members to become so well acquainted as to make the province like one chapter. Much credit is due our president, brother J. M. Goodwin. We had our photographs taken in a group last week. Our William Goat was overworked, so we could not take him from our hall. We were fortunate enough, however, to borrow one for the center group.

During the month brothers Geo. Banta, '78, E. L. Stevenson, '80, and Major Grubbs, '68, have visited us.

May 4, 1885.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

FOR the past two months Indiana Epsilon has pursued the even tenor of her way without special interruption. This period of the college year has been characterized in general by steady and quiet work in our fraternity world, though we have had sundry "passages at arms" with some of our rivals here. But the SCROLL is not (in our opinion) the place for recounting the wranglings of local politics, so we withhold details.

Brother Frank Swope, our representative on the National Song-Book Committee, is doing earnest work in the interest of a new song book, and we are confident that the committee will be able to report favorably at our next National Convention.

Indiana Eta was represented in our Province Convention on the 9th by six members. The convention was both profitable and enjoyable, *vide* Secretary's report for particulars.

Brother T. E. Shaw was elected Vice-President of Indiana State Oratorical Association for the ensuing year.

April 15, 1885.

J. V. LaGRANGE.

#### MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

I FEEL very guilty when I sit down to write this report, because it has been put off so long. But college opened only about ten days before the last report was due, and rather than send such a

necessarily meagre report, I have waited to write this in time for the next number.

Our first meeting was held February 28, and we felt proud over having all but two of our thirteen members present. Since then we have had the pleasure of obtaining three new men.

Our first meetings were occupied in listening to accounts from the two delegates to the convention, together with vacation stories from other members. We have changed our order of business somewhat, and now alternate with literary and fraternity evenings.

We have been fixing up our chapter rooms, and are now quite pleasantly furnished.

"Our friend, the enemy," the  $\Delta T \Delta$ , seems to be waking from their apparent slumber of last term; but, nevertheless, we seem to hold our own in advance thus far. Among some recent changes in our college faculty we are pleased to announce that brother Bailey, of '82, is filling the position of professor in Horticulture. He is liked by all, and we know that success attends him.

I regret to announce the death of our beloved brother, George B. Antisdale, of Nyack, N. Y. He was our active member here for about two years; then he left and soon after entered Cornell University. His health began and continued to fail him until Saturday, when we received the painful news of his death. Although absent from us a year or more, previous to his death, yet we will long cherish his memory as of one ever faithful in his duties to others as well as himself, and as of one bearing an unstained and truly moral character. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his bereaved family and to his brother Edward, with whom he joined our fraternity, and who still remains with us.

Fearing you have never published the names of our later initiates, I append a list, together with the statistics called for.

Irving Belcher Bates, '87; Nelson Slater Mayo, '88; Harry Jay DeGarmo, '88; Arthur Burton Cordley, '88; Welton Marks Munson, '88; Charles Merles Underhill, '88.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 4; '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 5; total, 16. States represented: Michigan, New York, Connecticut.

$\Delta T \Delta$ , '85, 6; '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 2; total, 11.

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#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN GAMMA sends greeting to the Phi world and is supremely happy. We are enjoying a membership of thirteen "jolly Phis" who possess the true Phi energy and enthusiasm.

Your reporter is especially hilarious, as he had the extreme pleasure of attending the Epsilon Province Convention at Indian-

apolis, Ind., where he enjoyed the hospitality of the Indiana Phis. I say "Indiana Phis," because there were no other Phis from Michigan present, besides myself. I do not believe a Phi fully comprehends the organization, or with how great an order he is connected, until he attends one of these conventions.

I am sure that we all feel very much better, and can return to our respective chapters and work with a zeal that is becoming a true and worthy Phi.

No Phi can afford to lose the benefits which these gatherings afford.

Fraternity circles are rather quiet here at present. As I stated before, we have a membership of thirteen loyal men. This is about our full number. As we look more to the quality of our members than to numbers, we have never ran our numbers above fourteen, for the quality of students here will not permit us to take more, so we are exclusive.

The much talked of gymnasium building will be commenced next week. Hillsdale College can, in the near future, congratulate herself upon the fact that she is the only college in Michigan that has in her possession a separate and well equipped gymnasium.

We received a brief but pleasant visit from brother Smith, an alumnus of Michigan Beta. We should like very much to have more Phis call upon us. We shall endeavor to do all in our power to make your visit agreeable. Come.

At commencement next June we lose two of our best men by graduation, brother C. L. Herron, the tutor in Mathematics, and brother R. E. Taylor. We also lose another member who will not complete his course. We shall, nevertheless, commence next year with eleven men, as brother H. A. Sanford, who has not been with us this year, will return and complete his course. He is one of our "old pioneers."

April 15, 1885.

JAS. E. DAVIDSON.

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## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

THE Phis of our chapter are highly elated over their prospects for improvement in debate and parliamentary usage. They have just received a simple and practical set of rules for the government of a miniature senate from Illinois Epsilon, and are now organizing the senate. In a college where only one fraternity exists, it is imperative that something should be offered in the literary line, and yet what we offer must differ from the literary productions of the open societies. Especially is this true in

Western colleges. The unsophisticated, but promising youth, rarely joins a chapter in a Western college where open literary societies are good and largely attended, unless some special attraction, something tangible, as it were, is presented.

Last term, we received a short visit from brother T. H. Simmons, our province president. Brother Simmons' visit was short, but greatly enjoyed by every one of us. Allow me to congratulate the Grand Council for selecting such a worthy brother to fill the important office of province president.

Illinois Zeta has very kindly invited us to co-operate with them in preparing a banquet and ball. Our brethren are heartily in favor of the scheme, as we hope, by this means, to start a State organization.

Let the good work roll on! So it will, if we push it. Four worthy men have joined our ranks since our last report, and one more would have joined, had it not been for his detention at home on account of his father's illness.

Brothers Byrnes and Hopkins have received appointments on the "Colton Debate," and one or the other of these brethren will undoubtedly win the prize. Brother Hopkins has also received an appointment on the declamation contest next June.

April 21, 1885.

J. B. BROWN.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

COLLEGE has opened, after the spring vacation, with a very good attendance. All have returned, with the exception of brother Stillhammer, who will remain in the city. Brothers T. M. Kimball and Robert E. Williams are at present visiting the Exposition at New Orleans, where they will remain for a few weeks.

Brother A. W. Vanneman, contrary to our expectations, will not be with us this spring. His face is turned toward Dakota, where he will spend the spring and summer in teaching and recuperating. Next year he will return to finish the course. On the eve of March 19th the Phis were elegantly entertained at the home of brother Williams, it being the occasion of his 22d birthday. The contest between the three societies of the University has passed, and again Phi Delta looms up with the greatest number of points. There were twelve contestants, all members of fraternities, each society being represented by oration, essay, debate and declamation; a *K A Θ* coming out victorious in the essay, *Σ X* in oration, and Phis in declamation and debate. In declamation two Phis were pitted against each other.

April 10, 1885.

A. D. JORDAN.

## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ANOTHER vacation over, and yet we have our usual number. Two of our brothers are away, but their places have been filled with two new ones.

Brother Ratekin will take lessons this spring from his father on the subject of farming ; of course, we do not believe in any one-sided education, but we regret to have him gone ; also brother Kingan, who "wields the birch" in a district school a few miles from here. They both expect to return next fall.

We are pleased to introduce brothers E. Williams and C. Mortimer. We feel that Williams belongs to us by virtue of his birth, as he is very closely connected to the family known as "Conger," from which we have many loyal Phis. If there is anything in "blood," our brother will make one of our best. It has been the rule and not the exception in Zeta, that our best members have been those whom we have brought up in the way they should go, and when they are old they do not depart from it.

Brother A. Lapham has returned, after teaching all winter. We are glad to welcome him back to our Phi home.

We have been made happy again ; brother Fairchild has returned to college and has entered with his usual Phi enthusiasm. He seems to be much improved in health ; his absence did not cause any of his ardor for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to abate ; also at the first meeting, brother Beacom was with us ; both of these brothers are "old wheel-horses ;" their presence and speeches of congratulation did us all much good ; they recalled their first experience, when a Phi was regarded as something less than mortal ; at least, if mortal, below the average ; when Delta Tau carried the banner ; it did them proud to see affairs reversed, not that Delta Tau had decreased either in strength or quality, for she has not, but that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had outrun her and now is in the lead.

We know that it was by the energy and consecration of a few, that she obtained her position, and they were of that number ; we manifested our feeling by a feast.

The I. C. Sorosis gave their annual reception April 30th. Refreshments were served in a very satisfactory manner. A general good time was the main feature of the occasion. Their programmes deserve special mention, as they were all painted by the ladies of that society. Of course, there is little need to add that they were all unique, if not beautiful.

A union banquet with Illinois Delta is on the docket ; it will receive its due attention the last of this month. The sum total of our ages is 248 years ; the average age is 20 years, 8 months ; the oldest member is 27, the youngest 16. The total height is 67 feet 8 inches ; the tallest, 6 feet 2 inches ; shortest, 5 feet 3 inches.

May 5th, 1885.

JOHN R. CARPENTER.



## WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

OUR chapter is doing well and is prosperous. After a long winter, spring has livened us up, and great interest is manifested in outdoor sports. Baseball is now especially popular and absorbing. Wisconsin Alpha has two representatives in the University nine—brother C. A. Alderman, who enjoys the name of "The Infant," and brother D. S. Clark. A large number of our chapter will go to Beloit, where the first game takes place. We have so many baseballists among us, that we could challenge any chapter to a friendly trial on the diamond.

Brother D. E. Spencer has been elected to represent the Hesperian Society at the annual joint debate. This is a very important position, and thus far Wisconsin Alpha has always had the good fortune to possess at least one joint-debater every year.

Brother A. B. Winegar has been elected Sophomore debater.

Brother O'Niell is temporarily absent. He is in Colorado, with the gold fever. His sanguine smile is sure to bewitch some lost gold mine.

We very much miss our jovial and social Treasurer of the General Council. He has bought a large drug business in Trenton, Mo. We are certain he will succeed. We have lately had a group taken, which is a tolerably good resemblance of 18 members of the human species. We would be happy to exchange with any of our sister chapters.

We can now claim a place in the consanguinity table of the next catalogue. Oscar Hallam, '87, the third of the Hallam family, was initiated March 14th.

May 4, 1885.

H. FEHR.

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ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

WE are glad to state that in the Inter-Society Contest of '85, Brother Harry Williams was the successful orator, and if the comments of thoroughly competent judges are to be accepted with any degree of certainty, brother Williams delivered one of the finest orations ever given before a Columbia audience.

We received a letter a short time since from brother Acoff, who at present is at Sacramento, Cal., stating that his health was no better.

Brother W. P. King, Jr., spent two days of this week with us, arriving upon the 6th, and leaving upon the 8th inst., for New Orleans and an extended trip through the South. Since our last report we had the pleasure of a visit from brother Rood, of Missouri B, Westminster College, Fulton.

We neglected to mention the loss of the "Essay Honor" in the Inter-Society Contest. We do not regard the loss as a defeat, for brother Peters' essay was a gem in itself, and though it failed to gain the decision of the judges, it excited universal comment.

We regret to learn that brother Ridge can not visit us before June. Brother J. S. Snoddy, Missouri State University, Class '83, is with us again, and is regaling himself with a "post-graduate" course at his Alma Mater.

Brothers Gallaher, Clark, Yantis, Rood, Wilkerson, Crawford, and Burton, of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., accompanied by Messrs. Sweet, McConslan, Stagg, and Jones, of the *B & H* fraternity of that place, conferred great pleasure upon Missouri *A* by appearing in her midst upon the 18th ult. We felt that we possessed the right to consider ourselves honored. The weather proved to be anything but pleasant during the greater part of their stay, yet the time for their departure arrived before we scarcely realized that they were here.

Friday evening was quite merrily spent at the opera. Saturday morning was profitably and, we have reason to think, very pleasantly passed in visiting the different departments of our university. A great deal of the morning was spent in the "physical laboratory," which we are proud to know is one of the best in the country. Saturday evening found the Fulton Phis and Betas, who constitute the "base-ball" nine of that place, engaged in a contest with the university team. Saturday night quite fortunately happened to be the time chosen for the prize declamation contest. Brother Williams had secured seats for our visiting "Phi brothers" and also for our Beta friends. At the close of the contest, Missouri *A* escorted her visitors to our hall and proceeded at once to become thoroughly acquainted, so that if we desired to address a member of the visiting delegation, we could do so without referring to a memorandum.

Sunday morning dawned upon our Grecian Knights and Beta friends wending their ways to various places of worship. Monday morning, judging from all external appearances, was very pleasantly occupied with their numerous young lady acquaintances of the *K K T* fraternity, chief among whom was the "little magnet." Monday evening witnessed another game of ball between the Fulton and the Columbia nine. After the contest had been decided, brothers Gallaher and Burton left for their homes in Fulton, brothers Rood, Wilkerson, Crawford, Yantis, and Clark remaining, and, in company with Missouri *A* boys and the Fulton Betas, took considerable interest in a party tendered them by their *K K T* friends.

Upon Tuesday morning all returned to Fulton, leaving many friends to regret their early departure.

The *A* chapter returns its sincerest thanks to Prof. Wiener, of Kansas City, for kindly consenting to preside for us upon Saturday night, also to Prof. Schuermann for his attentions to our visitors and for his kindness in explaining and illustrating the various pieces of apparatus of the physics department. To say that we were exceedingly well pleased with the appearance of our brothers would scarcely do justice. We only wish that every chapter in our land were able to send forth like delegates, to prove upon the very face of the statement what *comprises* our grand and glorious organization.

Missouri *A* is exceedingly glad to have had the pleasure of meeting so many members of her sister chapter, and hopes to soon receive them again, accompanied by the other members of the chapter. We do not feel like leaving this subject without remarking that Missouri *A* was very much pleased with the appearance of the *B* & *II* members, and hopes to see more of them ere long.

We are lately in receipt of a letter from Province President Ridge, stating that he has very ardent hopes of founding a strong alumni chapter in Kansas City. He also informs us that the Province Convention will be held in Kansas City upon either the 11th and 12th, or the 13th and 14th of June, and urges a large attendance from both Missouri *A* and Missouri *B*.

Prosperity still attends us, and success continues to crown our efforts.

May 1, 1885.

FIRMIN WRIGHT.

#### MISSOURI BETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

I FAILED to state in my last report that we had initiated another man. Missouri *B* is keeping her usual place in the front rank. June and examination are approaching, and we expect to take our share of the honors. We have four of the first base-ball nine in college, and as we expect to play the State University in a few days, we will have the opportunity of meeting the Missouri *A* Phis. Monday night was the night fixed for the Harrison prize declamation contest. I happened to be the lucky one, and the chapter is much elated. We have been talking about having a Province Convention, but do not know whether it will be or not. It would suit us very well, as we have several men who live close to Kansas City.

April 15, 1885.

THOMAS WILKERSON.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY will become noted for the number

of her fraternities, if they materialize as rapidly in the future as they have during the last two years. Nine fraternities are now represented here, most of them by strong chapters. Three fraternity journals are now published by the chapters here, viz.: the *Shield*, of the Phi Kappa Psi; the *Arrow*, of the I. C. Sorosis, and the *Kappa Alpha Theta*. The editors are all well known alumni and students of the university, and will no doubt honor their fraternities by their publications.

Considerable excitement has been aroused in fraternity circles by some resignations, which have quite unexpectedly been tendered by certain members of three of the fraternities, and granted by their chapters. By this unfortunate occurrence the  $\Phi K \Psi$  loses one member, the  $K A \Theta$  two, and the I. C.s two. The members resigning are all good students, and no satisfactory reasons have been given for their actions. The affair must therefore remain a mystery. The entire harmony and good feeling existing among the Phis has created a fraternal and abiding attachment for each other and our beloved order so strong, that a separation of any of our members from the chapter seems well nigh inconceivable.

The evening of April 11th was a most pleasant one for the Phis. Brother Thos. Ridge, our highly esteemed Province President, came up from Kansas City on that occasion to attend the initiation of our new Phi, brother Geo. Lewis. Mrs. Ridge, who is a  $K K \Gamma$ , accompanied him. A meeting of the Kappas was hastily arranged, and, while they entertained Mrs. R., the Phis "did up" brother George in fine style. After the initiation, the Phis adjourned to the rendezvous of the fair Kappas, where an hour was spent very pleasantly in introductions and congratulations. The company then dispatched a supper, which had been hastily prepared. The beginning of the Sabbath at last compelled a reluctant separation. The occasion will always be a bright spot in the memories of those present.

Senior examinations are over, and brother Caldwell and your reporter now breathe more freely. The usual reception to the Seniors was tendered by the chancellor and faculty recently. It was a very pleasant affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

The Phis of Kansas City have formed an alumni organization. The Kansas City papers contained some flattering mention of the fraternity in its notice of the organization.

Brother Ed. Franklin has been suffering quite severely with paralysis of his face. He is considerably improved now, and will not be compelled to leave college.

May 1st, 1885.

S. M. Cook.

## IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last letter, our chapter life has not been disturbed by anything either startling or novel. We congratulate ourselves on our excellent condition, and are devoting our energies to internal improvement, and contemplate no further increase in numbers this year. We are planning a magnificent banquet for Commencement week, which is about six weeks in the future. We propose to make it a grand affair. Brothers Scott and Gray have purchased new stone border badges this term, from Burgess, Son & Co. The workmanship is superior. The honors for Commencement have not yet been determined, but we expect our share.

May 5th, 1885.

J. F. RIGGS.

The following letters were received too late for classification, and are consequently here inserted :

## NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report New York Beta has been enjoying a quiet, prosperous season. Our only sad experience has been that brother Delong, of '88, has been absent on account of sickness, but we trust will return soon. Brother Harris is also absent this term, but expects to return next term.

Brother Allen has recently been elected president of the Adelpic Literary Society, and brother Skinner represents '86 as baseball director. Hence, we are intensely interested in both mental and physical development.

Our prospects for next year are very encouraging, and while we are young in years we feel mature as we compare our strength with that of other chapters here.

May 14, 1885.

WM. H. VAUGHN.

## NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SINCE the last report we have initiated two excellent men, making our membership fifteen. As yet we only expect to lose two of our number, brothers Hollis and Rose. Brother Hollis will be graduated from the School of Mines ; brother Rose will go to Rutland, Vt., to study law. We will not begin next year with less than ten, and this and other favorable circumstances offer a bright outlook for next year.

On May 12, 1885, we celebrated our first anniversary in a quiet but most enjoyable manner. We dined at Moreth's at 5½ P. M., doing justice to the

## THE SCROLL.

## MENU.

Consomme. Royale.

Olive farcies, Radis. Celeri en branches.

Striped Bass a l'Aurora. Pommes Parisiennes.

Filet de Boeuf aux truffes.  
Croquettes de Pommes.

Petits Pois.  
Haricots Verts.

Timbales a la Chambord.  
Croquettes de Volaille a la Creme.

Surprise de Sorbet merveilleux.

Chapon.  
Salade de Laitue.

Poudin au Madere.  
Glaces farcies aux fruits Nesselrode.  
Petits gateaux. Charlotte a la Materna.  
Fruits et dessert.  
Mottoes.  
Café.

The toasts were briefly and wittily responded to. The list ran :

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| Toastmaster,                   | Brother H. L. HOLLIS.   |
| GREETING.                      |   |
| Phi Delta Theta,               | Brother J. D. BERRY.  |
|                                | "All hail to the White and Blue."   |
| The Flower of the Flock, -     | Brother H. N. ROSE.   |
|                                | "Gentle as a flower."   |
| The "Scrawl,"                  | Brother J. M. MAYER.  |
|                                | "Yea, he scrawleth and talketh."  |
| Our Girls,                     | Brother W. R. WHARTON.  |
|                                | "My sweet Virginny gal."  |
| Our William Goat,              | Brother L. WAMPOLD, JR.   |
|                                | "Hoopla dar, hoopla."   |
| Our Initiates,                 | Brother I. R. BACON.  |
|                                | "And I knew not whither I was led."   |
| Phi Delta Theta in the Pulpit, | Brother A. LAIST.   |
|                                | "Rather sandwiches and the other place than wine and feasting."             |
| Our Chapter,                   | Bro. T. H. BASKERVILLE.   |
|                                | "A combination, but oh for its equal."                                      |
| Our Strong Bock (x),           | Brother J. B. KERFOOT.  |
|                                | "A poet of slender mien."   |
| Our Absentees,                 | Brother G. L. BAKER.  |
|                                | "They smile, but they come not."  |
|                                | "Who loves not wine, women, and song,<br>He is a fool his whole life long." |
|                                | Brother R. H. STODDER.  |

After dinner we attended the clever comedy, "The Private Secretary." Theatre over, we adjourned to the rooms to hold the anniversary exercises. These were of a very earnest and impressive character. An hour or two was spent in conversation and song and then May 12 had merged to May 13. The day and occasion were successes.

On May 30 we adjourn till the first Saturday night in October. We request Phis who are coming to Columbia to communicate with brother Mayer, 2136 7th avenue, New York City, as soon as possible. Otherwise we will not be able to find members of the fraternity on account of the size of the University.

May 8, 1885.

W. R. WHARTON.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON still prospers, although the fact that no report from her has appeared in the last two numbers might lead to a different conclusion.

This year we lose three men—brothers Lamar, Lindsay, and Burns. We have three men—brothers Stein, Cleaver, and Yeager—as contestants in the Sophomore Contest of the Union Philosophical Society.

Brothers Morgan and Hicks will try for the Junior medal, either one with good chances of receiving it.

On the 20th we celebrated the fifth anniversary of the founding of Pennsylvania Epsilon. To say that we had an enjoyable time would be putting the case very mildly. Nothing occurred to detract from the enjoyment except the failure of Pennsylvania Beta's delegates to meet with us. Among the toasts was one to "The Faculty of Pennsylvania College," in which maledictions were heaped on the head of that body, since it was through them that Pennsylvania Beta could not be present with us.

After supper we had music, conducted by brother Lamar; then three hearty cheers for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Then we adjourned, every one more loyal to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and more devoted to her interests than he had been before.

May 12, 1885.

W. T. GRAHAM.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE previous report affairs have taken about their customary quiet course. The State oratorical contest was held with the usual amount of satisfaction and dissatisfaction in regard to the decision of the judges. Though the majority of the audience would probably have given Mr. Beveredge of De Pauw the first place, there was far from general satisfaction with the decision for second honor. A large per cent. of the unbiased hearers

thought that brother Kautz by all means deserved second honor.

It fell to the lot of Indiana Gamma's reporter to be chosen delegate to the meeting of the Inter-State Oratorical Association, held at Columbus, Ohio. The occasion was a very enjoyable one, and the pleasure of our visit was greatly increased by the kindness of the Phi boys at Columbus. Though their chapter is young, they are full of the true Greek spirit. If any Phi wants to be treated with the warmest and most attentive hospitality, let him pay Ohio Zeta a visit. He will not be disappointed. Brother I. B. Miller, contrary to our expectations, could not be with us this term. Brother Eliason, owing to ill health, has been obliged to stay out this term.

May 11, 1885.

O. M. PRUITT.

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INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

ONLY six more weeks and our work is done. Last fall, Indiana Zeta was uneasy. Things looked "blue." But now, when we gather together and look back, we congratulate ourselves. This has been our most prosperous year. We were never stronger. Soon, eight "loyal Phis," of whom Phi Delta Theta can be more than proud, will leave us. No fraternity here will graduate a stronger class. Of this number, five will enter the law, one the ministry, one will farm, and the last will enter business.

Ambitious of making up this loss, of being stronger next year, we under-class-men are now asking—How? We will miss brothers Bridges, Bever and Goodwin. But, our loss means work. The prospects will be good. Our institution is rapidly improving. We have about 675 students, an increase of 175 over last year. Four new buildings have just been completed. The new departments of law, theology, music and art have especially been progressive. De Pauw will soon be second to none in the West.

We will be four years old to-morrow night. Nothing has been withheld to make our anniversary an evening never to be forgotten. The "model" has already procured an extra train of waiters.

Twenty of our number attended the Province Convention, and were more than pleased. "Snipe on Toast," is now a joke. Brother Swope, of Gamma, may know something about it.

Brother McAuny is preaching at Princeton, N. J. If you wish to meet a really jolly Phi, call on him.

Brother Forbs, who was graduated last April in the law, is now practising at Bloomfield, Ind.

Brother O. Kern has left, and will attend Ann Arbor.

May 8th, 1885.

W. J. SNYDER.



## In Memoriam.

FRANK FORESTER BADGER.

*Whereas*, God in his infinite wisdom has called to his long home, from the threshold of a life full of promise, our esteemed and dearly beloved brother, Frank Forester Badger,

*Resolved*, That while we deplore our loss in the death of one, the remembrance of whose kind and open-hearted disposition we shall long cherish; yet we commend his soul to Him who gave it, with the sincere hope that he is now enjoying peace and happiness with his Maker;

*Resolved*, That we forward a copy of these resolutions to the parents and relatives of our deceased brother, expressing our deepest sympathy and sincere condolence for them in their hour of trial and affliction; and also that they be published in the *Dartmouth*.

G. W. SHAW,	}	For Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.
EMERSON RICE,		
F. A. WHITEMORE,		

HANOVER, N. H., April 2, 1885.

JOHN R. BARNES.

*Whereas*, It has pleased the Divine Author of the Universe to remove from his companionship with men our late brother, John R. Barnes; and,

*Whereas*, In view of the loss our fraternity has sustained, and of a still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we bow with humble submission to the decree of Him who doth all things well. We do not the less mourn for our brother and friend, who was in every way worthy of our confidence and esteem,

*Resolved*, That in the death of John R. Barnes this chapter laments the loss of a brother—cheerful, tenderhearted, and kind—who was ever ready to aid us in every loyal cause, and whose utmost endeavors were exerted for our welfare;

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their affliction;

*Resolved*, That in token of our grief our badges be draped in mourning for two weeks;

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother; that they be published in the *SCROLL* of the Phi Delta Theta, *Montgomery Advertiser*, *Columbus Enquirer*, and *Opelika Times*.

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### SOME THOUGHTS ON CHAPTER LIFE.

IN speaking of the benefits of fraternity relationship, the greatest stress is usually made upon the social influence which they exert and the mutual culture which they promote. These, as factors in our chapter life, are by no means to be discredited. In all that rounds the man and gives him his distinctive touches, we see these relationships gradually and effectually working.

But, I take it, to the fraternity man whose affections are deeply rooted in his order, there comes a development which may be higher and better than any mere social polish or mental drill he may receive: I mean the knowledge of affairs, the ability of knowing men, the art of making friends, the discernment by which he may do the best thing for the time and circumstances. I mean the development of the idea of personal judgment and responsibility.

The student, on entering college and cutting loose largely from home influence, is too apt to make a wanton use of license for discretion. In the sense of responsibility, he is only amenable to college regulations for neglect of duty or misconduct, so that his career outside of the class-room must be controlled strictly by himself. He is very likely to regard college requirements as public duties, consequently he has no private ones to perform. He has no affairs of family or business which demand his attention. The consequent outcome of this lack of personal interest has but too often been the ruin of a man. It has doubtless happened in the experience of all college men, that students have followed allurements, have surrendered their manhood, and become debased, only because in the hiatus between study hours and recitations there was nothing to engage their personal attention—nothing to do but to kill time.

Rightly conceived, fraternity membership supplies this deficiency. No sooner does a man connect himself with a good chapter, than a new sense of zeal and duty comes over him. He realizes that he has something very near the heart for which to strive. Something like the family relationship is revived, for he must feel that his neglect, his failures, his shame, must bring

humiliation to his associates, just as his promotion and manliness bring a reward in which they share. His college life assumes a new aspect, and he finds a hundred little missions of love to perform—here a brother to assist, there one to advise, all to exhort and to encourage to the attainment of nobler ends. He finds just such a work to do, that is as indispensable to a broad nature as oxygen is to life. Not long ago, I talked with a brother, the son of a prominent lawyer in a large city, who had always been accustomed to metropolitan life. He told me of his experience at a southern chapter—how he had assisted in fitting up a chapter hall; how his comrades, with hands unused to manual labor, with saw, and ax, and square, had placed the partitions in position; how he himself doffed his coat, and, rolling up his sleeves, helped to paper it with his own hands; how grand the meeting was when they dedicated their little home and sang the good old songs, and how, in their enthusiastic experience talks, they pledged themselves to remain true to one another and the cause they had espoused. Now, this young man, even at home, I doubt not, had not a single care in which he was exercised, or which he felt depended on himself for settlement. What a bursting of sunlight that must have been to him, when he found such a work to do, and realized that he had something to be proud of and to make proud of him, something which, in some degree, depended for success on his personal bearing and effort. To those not sharing the sentiment, it must be a matter of surprise, with what carefulness, what sense of duty, and what enthusiasm the chapter work of an ardent member is performed. He finds that his new duties exactly supplement his college tasks. He has no dangerous intervals of mental voidness. He is always working and looking to some new chapter enterprise in whose performance he is to play a part. The result of all of it is, that he acquires such a sense of personal obligation and accountability, as takes away his erratic sense of liberty resulting from the absence of parental guidance, while it gives him a commendable aim and helps to develop his powers of independent manhood.

As a chapter in a normal condition is a democracy, in which the duties of leadership come to all, no member need complain of an absence of opportunity to exercise his discretion or wield his powers. In the selection of members, for example, every member uses his independent judgment; he will soon learn to exercise his powers of observation and insight, in studying new men, and he will not long content himself with the judgment of another. He finds a work to do in arranging the finances of the chapter, and in keeping them in proper order; in providing and furnishing apartments, in decorating the chapter hall. The value of these minutiae should not be underestimated. They are just such matters as the world is every day requiring of the citi-



zen. They are brakes which check the over-theoretical tendency of text-books.

And it matters not what may be the condition of the chapter, the necessity of individual attention and action of members is very nearly the same ; if in good condition, precautions against a spirit of over-confidence or possible contingency of disruption are to be taken. If the chapter be in bad condition, of course he has all the more scope for exercising his patience, his zeal, and his utmost endeavors. In some respect, if it be the right man, he need never regret that his chapter has had reverses, for he will come out of all of them stronger and manlier. It is the jar and dangers which test the man ; if he is genuine and brave, when he finds an error, he will not throw up his allegiance, but attempt to reform the evil ; he will not pout because he is allotted some arduous task, but rejoice that he has some practical means of testing his worth ; not sulk or despair, but add will and purpose to patience, and wait with Christian faith the reward of his services. The crises of a chapter, if chronicled, would tell the character of the members—the unstable, bartering member, with zeal proportionate to honors received at the hands of the chapter, who is ready to desert when called on for real assistance ; the indifferent man, who must be coaxed and nursed by the milk-bottle, and who is awed by the prospect of real work, and is a neutral quantity, and, therefore, a burden on the chapter ; and the loyal man, whose zeal is measured by the fraternity at large, whose text is the bond, who feels, when anything is wrong, individually responsible until it is righted, whose faith, unshaken by local trouble, looks abroad and receives inspiration from the fraternity's success elsewhere. Such a man loves to talk of the old meetings and the stirring songs. How sweet the recollection that sound of song which first greeted him on his initiation ! He carries forever with him the beautiful ceremony which united him to the brotherhood, and at every repetition the words of the bond grow deeper and brighter, and more tender. How it carries him back to that memorable night when a new world was unfolded to his heart !

The fraternal intercourse of the member with his brother, and their consequent dealings and relations, form interesting features which ought not to be overlooked. College life would be an unbroken desert, were there no close friendship ; were there not social relations of such a nature as to enlist the worthy regard of the student. I do not mean to say that friendships would not be found if fraternities had no existence at a college, but fraternity enlarges the field and knits closer and more lasting relationships. It places brethren in sympathy with one another ; and often, in our college experience, the most serious want is not the want of aid, but of sympathy. A sensitive nature, a soul that is strong, yet refined, will crave for sympathy, and no other balm is

adequate. In periods of mental depression, where some misfortune or little disappointment weighs on you, when the spirits are fallen and life seems dark, there is no voice so cheering, no words so comforting, as those of a trusted brother whose life has been wedded to yours in a common cause. But only the faithful know such pleasure. Such intimacy arises as indeed enables one to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

To an unselfish nature, one of the highest pleasures is to be able to promote the welfare of some one, and to be a means of spreading rather than gathering blessings. A fraternity man who would secure his chapter's patronage for place, and makes it a tool for self-elevation and remains indifferent to those about him, has a faith which may well be questioned. A thousand opportunities present themselves to the man who is willing to aid his brother, and the measure with which he makes use of them and prefers his brethren by his influence, his advice, his criticism and his aid, determines the status of his usefulness.

In the further development of the judgment of this member, there arise conditions and exigencies which require the mind of a statesman in their solution. He must learn to exercise foresight, and to do what is best for existing circumstances. It was a tenet of Edmund Burke that true statesmanship did not consist in adhering to a principle and moving on to its attainment regardless of circumstances; but in selecting the highest model and principle which could be made practical with the condition of the times. In case of a dispute in a chapter between factions, it may be necessary to compromise on some middle grounds, but it is the highest grit to be able to set aside personal preferences for the good of all. I only allude to a few instances in trying to show that the affairs of chapter life and the exigencies which arise in their arrangement, afford the highest means to the member of cultivating his judgment, increasing his patience and developing his sense of personal responsibility. I only regret that a lack of time has not enabled me to arrange my thoughts in such form as my readers deserve.

In conclusion, a young member should not consider the fraternity a rich store-house from which he is to draw but not to contribute; for, while he will receive advantages though he be not thoroughly active, yet the chief advantages are those which come just as he takes advantage of his possibilities and trains himself to be dutiful, loyal, and generous. Let him remember that he is either an aid or a detriment to his chapter, and so be seized with an ambition to be an honor to himself and not a source of regret to his brethren. Let him feel personally interested, responsible, and accountable, within the extent of his powers, for the every act of his chapter, and at every step new beauties will flock to his experience and new purpose will be given to his life.

E. E. GRIFFITH, Ind. A, '85.

## CENTRALIZATION IN THE FRATERNITY.

THE peculiar danger which threatens our Fraternity comes from within. Her rivals and barbarian enemies can injure her no longer. She is too strong to succumb to foreign dangers. The Chapter, the nucleus from which all Fraternity life must emanate, contains the germs of disease. Phi Delta Theta has become a well-organized Fraternity, but it has acquired its organization in spite of, rather than on account of, the general desire of the order. The Grecian independence of the individual chapter has been a drag to the progress of the fraternity from the first. Each chapter, to be sure, is proud of its connection with the society, but this connection is a weak confederation rather than a solid union.

One may find a striking proof of this statement by conversing with the average alumnus.

From his reminiscences one must judge that the friendships and rivalries, the victories and defeats, of his own chapter, have blotted out of his mind every idea of the order of which he has been a member. He is a member of a chapter, but is not a Phi. If this be untrue, if the majority of our brothers do not consider the fraternity as one of the "childish things" which they expect soon to put away, why have we so few alumni chapters? why does the Catalogue fail to account for so many of the quondam Phis? I acknowledge and boast of this, that we are far better off in this regard than the majority of fraternities. We are in the van of the centralizers. "Once a Phi, always a Phi," is not an unheard-of proverb. But does this suffice? A man in the first stages of cholera is no happier because he sees his neighbors dying. We must cure ourselves before we exult over our more unfortunate sister fraternities. The cure is simple. We have only to continue what has already been begun. Our allegiance must be centred on the fraternity. "The Fraternity first, the Chapter after," must replace the old cry for "Independent Chapters." The same plan of work, the same standards of membership, must be employed by each chapter as uniformly as is the Bond. Every Phi should strive to make his fraternity as homogeneous as the individual chapter must be. As men of different tastes cannot think alike, so chapters with dissimilar ends are always at war. Not only quality, but a likeness of quality, is a requisite for the unity of our fraternity.

If all chapters and all Phis become imbued thoroughly with this spirit, our future will be miraculous, even when compared with the brilliant present.

We have already gone far towards the high goal of unity. Our General Council is a vast improvement over the ante-bellum regime. The province government and conventions form a

second step in the right direction. State Associations, Catalogues, General Conventions, and, above all, the SCROLL, all tend to the unification of the fraternity.

If we keep out new elements of discord, by taking care in chartering new chapters and by exercising caution in initiating the Phis of the future, 1900 will behold us a homogeneous power in the land, a secret organization whose membership comprise none but well-educated, well-balanced gentlemen, each one of whom will be a loyal Phi, be he sixteen or sixty.

E. J. CHURCHILL, Nebraska Alpha, '85.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF PHI DELTA THETA IN GEORGIA.

WHILE collecting information to use in compiling the article published under the caption of "Fraternities in Southern Colleges" in the SCROLL for April, I wrote to brother C. B. Gaskill, Georgia Alpha, '72, "the pioneer Phi in Georgia," for a detailed statement of the way in which the fraternity was introduced into the State, and the following very interesting reply was received.

WALTER B. PALMER.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 3, 1885.

DEAR BROTHER—Your letter dated February 23d. reached me the day after it was written. It gives me pleasure to comply with your request. Since receiving your letter I have been searching extensively for some information. You ask what prompted me to invite  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to Georgia. I cannot tell you without beginning with my entrance into Emory College. I was taken there in March, 1870, by my father, and remained during my Sophomore year. There I first saw students wearing badges, and they called themselves secret society men. I returned home the following July. I next went to the University of Georgia, and was there one week. I thought it best for me to enter Oglethorpe. The first term passed, and at its close four *K As* shot forth. I saw that there was a good opening for another society. Watching my chance, one Sunday in December, 1870, I stated to W. R. Brown, of  $\Sigma A E$ , that I would help him establish a chapter of his fraternity at Oglethorpe if desirable. He returned to Athens. I wrote him two letters, asking him to reply at once. My first letter has no date recorded; the second to him was dated January 26, 1871. I received a letter from him dated January 28, 1871. Listen to a few things from it: "Your two letters relative to establishing our society at Oglethorpe University have been duly received." "Sad as it is to me, duty and friendship towards you compel me to say that our society will not be established in Atlanta for the present." "I most sincerely trust that you may be a great ornament and one of the guiding stars of the society of which you may chance to be a member." The  $\Sigma A Es$  thought that would be the end of me, but they were much mistaken. Here comes the next step.

The literary societies of Oglethorpe had received a number of invitations to literary exercises in other colleges; among them was one from Roanoke College, Va. I picked up that one, and looking over it carefully, took from the committee the address of Norman Hale. I wrote to him February 2, 1871, and asked him if there were any secret societies in his college, and if so, to give me their names and a description of their badges. He answered me Feb-

ruary 10, fully as requested, and sent me the "Microcosm," a secret society catalogue, and commended  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  very highly. I soon discovered he was a member of that fraternity.

No one can tell what I had to contend against unless he has engaged in the same undertaking. I began to study the students of Oglethorpe closely. There was a good man, I thought, in the Sophomore class, named W. A. McDowell. I made an engagement to meet him on Friday night, February 17, 1871, which you may mark as the first conversation upon  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Georgia. He agreed that night to go into the work with me. I selected the name of F. H. Terrill and wrote to him February 24, 1871. The first Phi letter ever received in Georgia arrived on March 6, 1871, addressed to Gaskill and McDowell, as I had gotten McD. to sign my letter. Listen to a line from Terrill: "Your letter dated February 24 was duly received. As we are in duty bound to inquire *diligently* into the *merits* of all candidates for membership, I wrote immediately on the reception of your letter to Dr. Wills, your President (of course without stating to him my object), from whom I am happy to say I received the highest recommendations as to moral character, etc."

On March 12, 1871, the first Phi letter arrived in Georgia from the Grand Alpha of Miami University, written by D. E. Platter.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was now to take another step forward. The Bond came, but I could not persuade McDowell to sign it. I got him in my room one night, after going to his house for him, and I argued with him until midnight, yet he stubbornly refused to sign the Bond. I became demoralized, discouraged, and extremely worried. What should I do? I had picked up a partner ignoble, unmanly and unworthy to engage in a great work. Must I give up? No, I selected other men. They requested me to call a meeting to organize. The Oglethorpe chapter met for the first time on April 4, 1871. I produced the Bond, and four others signed it. That made five Georgia Phis. Our second meeting occurred on April 10, 1871. We initiated three more, and in all numbered eight. At that second meeting a resolution was passed declaring McDowell unworthy of any further notice.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was then out of the woods in Georgia, and that band of brothers went to work. There is nothing on earth dearer to my heart than that chapter. The reward due them has not been paid yet. They turned the key to success in the South. The first  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  badges ever seen on Georgia soil were worn by the Oglethorpe Phi Sunday night April 9, 1871, and they caused a sensation.

In your reference to the University of Georgia chapter, it is due to say that Charles M. Beckwith hit the first licks there, in 1871. He never knew how to make a mistake. Prudent, wise, and gallant, he led his men in their beginning. William R. Foote deserves ten thousand thanks for his loyalty to the chapter at Emory College. He was just the kind of a Phi for starting a chapter. In Mercer University we found Alexander A. Marshall. A truer Phi the world never saw. He went into the work with his whole soul.

I think I hear you say, where is your  $\Sigma A E$  friend Brown, and what has he done? Well, he is the best man that the  $\Sigma A E$ s ever had or ever will have. He is their giant. Also you may ask, and where is your partner, McDowell? Poor fellow, he managed to get into  $X \Phi$ , but was worthless to them, and as a fraternity man, no song will ever sing of him having existed. What a crown was offered him! Your brother in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,

CHARLES B. GASKILL.

# PHI DELTA THETA RECORDS,

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.

Compiled from the Reports of Chapter Historians.

CHAPTER.	Founded.	College.	Location.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Historian.
Maine Alpha.....	1884	Colby Univ.....	Waterville....	9	0	4	0	18	2	G. E. Googins.
N. H. Alpha.....	1884	Dartmouth.....	Hanover....	19	0	0	0	19	0	Emerson Rice.
Vermont Alpha....	1879	Univ. of Vermont.....	Burlington...	9	1	6	0	25	2	E. M. Wilbur.
New York Beta.....	1884	Union College.....	Schenectady..	4	1	1	1	13	1	L. C. Felthousen.
New York Gamma...	1884	College of City of N. Y.	New York....	4	0	7	1	13	5	Albert Shields.
New York Delta....	1884	Columbia.....	New York....	12	1	0	0	14	0	J. M. Mayer.
Penn. Alpha.....	1873	Lafayette.....	Easton.....	6	0	6	1	18	6	H. C. Reeder.
Penn. Beta.....	1875	Penn. College.....	Gettysburg...	3	0	3	0	15	6	Charles Reinewald.
Penn. Gamma.....	1876	W. & J. College.....	Washington...	8	0	3	0	16	3	A. J. Montgomery.
Penn. Delta.....	1879	Allegheny.....	Meadville....	5	0	4	0	13	3	W. H. Gallup.
Penn. Epsilon.....	1880	Dickinson.....	Carlisle.....	6	0	4	0	21	2	E. J. Lindsey.
Penn. Zeta.....	1883	Univ. of Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia...	12	0	12	5	19	3	No report.
Virginia Alpha.....	1869	Roanoke.....	Salem.....	12	0	12	5	19	3	F. H. Hendrix.
Virginia Beta.....	1873	Univ. of Virginia.....	Univ. of Va..	1	2	0	0	14	0	M. C. Patterson.
Virginia Gamma....	1874	R. M. College.....	Ashland.....	1	0	2	0	1	0	J. T. Barham.
Virginia Delta.....	1875	Richmond.....	Richmond....	2	0	5	0	8	2	H. DeB. Burwell.
Virginia Epsilon...	1878	Virginia M. I.....	Lexington....	2	0	4	0	4	2	H. Marshall.
N. C. Alpha.....	1885	N. C. University.....	Chapel Hill...	12	1	0	1	12	0	R. S. Neal.
S. C. Beta.....	1882	S. C. College.....	Columbia.....	4	1	5	0	7	2	J. B. Patton.
Georgia Alpha.....	1871	Univ. of Georgia.....	Athens.....	4	1	15	0	15	4	W. K. Stausell.
Georgia Beta.....	1871	Emory.....	Oxford.....	11	0	3	0	26	1	James C. Dean.
Georgia Gamma...	1871	Mercer.....	Macon.....	14	2	1	0	22	3	F. A. Hooper.
Ala. Alpha.....	1877	Sub Rosa.....	.....	7	0	7	0	35	6	.....

Ala. Beta .....	1877	State College of Ala.	Auburn.....	3	0	4	0	13	2	C. L. Newman.
Miss. Alpha .....	1877	Univ. of Mississippi...	Oxford .....	4	1	9	0	9	3	A. H. Yates.
Texas Beta .....	1883	Univ. of Texas.....	Austin .....	5	0	4	0	16	4	G. A. Hawthorne.
Tenn. Alpha .....	1876	Vanderbilt.....	Nashville ..	10	0	6	0	26	0	George J. Stubblefield.
Tenn. Beta .....	1883	Univ. of South.....	Sewanee.....	10	0	5	0	12	0	R. M. Dubose.
Ohio Beta .....	1860	O. W. University.....	Delaware....	7	1	8	0	10	5	W. E. O'Kane.
Ohio Gamma .....	1869	Ohio University.....	Athens.....	6	0	8	0	5	3	L. R. De Steigner.
Ohio Delta .....	1872	Univ. of Wooster.....	Wooster.....	2	0	4	0	21	1	J. W. Crisswell.
Ohio Epsilon .....	1875	Buchtel .....	Akron.....	1	0	4	0	13	0	Cary Jones.
Ohio Zeta .....	1883	Ohio State University..	Columbus....	7	1	5	0	10	1	A. C. Reeves.
Kentucky Alpha .....	1850	Centre .....	Danville....	4	0	6	0	10	3	M. R. Hubbard.
Indiana Alpha .....	1849	Indiana University .....	Bloomington.	8	0	13	1	16	3	William H. Holland.
Indiana Beta .....	1852	Wabash.....	Crawfordsville	6	0	3	0	19	2	A. R. Miles.
Indiana Gamma .....	1859	Butler .....	Irvington....	8	0	12	1	14	5	E. M. Todd.
Indiana Delta .....	1860	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	6	1	4	0	12	0	Grafton Johnson.
Indiana Epsilon .....	1865	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	3	0	2	1	18	1	L. V. Cravens.
Indiana Zeta .....	1868	De Pauw University.....	Greencastle..	8	2	9	0	25	2	M. J. F. Morse.
Michigan Beta .....	1873	State College of Mich.	Agri. College.	6	0	0	0	16	0	Charles H. Hoyt.
Michigan Gamma .....	1883	Hillsdale .....	Hillsdale'...	9	2	4	0	14	4	A. R. Heckman.
Illinois Gamma .....	.....	Sub Rosa .....	.....	3	0	1	0	2	1	.....
Illinois Delta .....	1871	Knox .....	Galesburg....	15	4	9	1	11	9	T. H. Broadbent.
Illinois Epsilon .....	1878	I. W. University .....	Bloomington	6	0	2	0	15	0	Arthur Jordan.
Illinois Zeta .....	1878	Lombard .....	Galesburg....	6	0	10	0	13	1	Lyman McCarl.
Wisconsin Alpha .....	1857	Univ. of Wisconsin .....	Madison.....	8	1	10	0	18	7	G. A. Buckstaff.
Missouri Alpha .....	1870	Univ. of Missouri .....	Columbia .....	10	1	6	2	15	6	Willis P. King.
Missouri Beta .....	1880	Westminster .....	Fulton .....	5	0	4	0	14	1	T. N. Wilkerson.
Kansas Alpha .....	1882	Univ. of Kansas .....	Lawrence....	6	0	6	0	15	1	J. D. Davis.
Iowa Alpha .....	1871	I. W. University .....	Mt. Pleasant	7	0	6	0	10	1	J. C. Willis.
Iowa Beta .....	1882	State Univ. of Iowa....	Iowa City .....	6	0	8	0	14	5	Wm. H. Dart.
Nebraska Alpha .....	1883	Univ. of Nebraska .....	Lincoln .....	4	0	3	0	9	1	G. B. Frankforter.
Minnesota Alpha .....	1881	Univ. of Minnesota .....	Minneapolis..	6	0	5	1	13	2	H. S. Abbott.

## SUMMARY.

PROVINCES.	No. Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned.	ATTENDANT MEMBERS, By Classes.					Degrees taken in 1884.	Alumni Chapters.	PROVINCE PRESIDENTS.		
					'85.	'86.	'87.	'88.	Un. Cl.					
Alpha .....	12	85	43	2	29	61	50	41	3	1	1	George E. Sawyer, Burlington, Vt.		
Beta .....	7	34	28	6	7	11	12	11	1	23	3	Owen L. Stearns, Richmond, Va.		
Gamma .....	9	68	54	0	33	39	37	20	5	40	3	S. P. Gilbert, 90 Wall Street, New Haven, Conn.		
Delta .....	6	27	35	0	12	12	27	14	3	1	3	J. E. Randall, Columbus, O.		
Epsilon .....	8	54	47	3	26	26	29	35	18	0	17	J. M. Goodwin, Greencastle, Ind.		
Zeta .....	5	38	32	1	17	11	13	9	7	2	2	T. H. Simmons, Ridge Farm, Ill.		
Eta .....	7	44	38	3	22	18	20	21	7	2	17	T. S. Ridge, Kansas City, Mo.		
7	54	350	277	15	146	178	188	151	44	69	127	14	Total attendant members .....	776

## Attendant Members--States Represented.

Alabama .....	14	Kentucky .....	21	Tennessee .....	21
Arizona .....	1	Louisiana .....	5	Texas .....	23
Arkansas .....	1	Maine .....	17	Vermont .....	23
California .....	3	Maryland .....	12	Virginia .....	31
Colorado .....	1	Massachusetts .....	5	Wisconsin .....	17
Connecticut .....	1	Michigan .....	21	Bulgaria .....	1
Dakota .....	2	Minnesota .....	14	Canada .....	1
Delaware .....	3	Mississippi .....	9	New Jersey .....	3
District of Columbia .....	10	Missouri .....	33	China .....	1
Florida .....	54	Nebraska .....	9	New Brunswick .....	1
Georgia .....	57	New Hampshire .....	4	England .....	1
Illinois .....	83	New York .....	44	Sub Rosa .....	37
Indiana .....	1	North Carolina .....	13		
Indian Territory .....	1	Ohio .....	56		
Iowa .....	25	Pennsylvania .....	66		
Kansas .....	15	South Carolina .....	10		
				Total .....	776



## EDITORIAL.

ANOTHER year has passed, and we close volume nine of the SCROLL. The policy of the journal has, at times, been modified as the opinions of the editors and of old fraternity workers have suggested. How far the SCROLL has been acceptable to each individual it would be difficult to determine. Mingled praise and censure have been meted out to us; and we close the year not without the conventional editorial experiences. Respecting many differences of opinion, we cannot be our own judges, but must leave that office to others.

On one point, however, we cannot submit to any fault-finding. Some complaints have been made on the score of the SCROLL's irregularity. In answer, we call attention to the fact that the SCROLL has not for two or three years appeared so regularly; that, depending as we do on correspondence and contribution, which are, of course, never received on time, we have been as prompt in publication as possible.

In all, we have endeavored to serve the fraternity by earnestness in our work and sincerity in our views. The year has been a prosperous one, and Phi Delta Theta's progress phenomenal.

We wish a merry and recreative vacation to all; and we trust that the undergraduates will return to their duties armed with health and vigor.

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WE publish in this issue the long-looked-for statistics, compiled at much expense of time and labor by the Historian of the General Council. By means of these tables, the numerical strength of the active membership, and many other interesting points of information, have been ascertained. We extend to brother Stearns the sincere thanks of the fraternity in recognition of his energetic efforts.

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THE reduced number of pages in this number is owing to the expense incurred in publishing the statistical tables. We have also issued the number earlier than intended, in order to reach the students before returning to their homes. Accounts of the various Commencements will, therefore, be published in Vol. X, No. 1.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

No DOUBT this has been one of the most prosperous years our fraternity has ever had. Its prosperity has consisted not only in extending itself to new fields, but in being strengthened where it was already established.

Beta Province can lay claim to improvement in both these ways. The year began with a majority of its chapters in a very feeble condition. Three chapters—Virginia Alpha, Virginia Beta and Virginia Delta—were strong and prosperous. Virginia Epsilon and South Carolina Beta were in a weak and struggling condition. Both, I am glad to say, are well on their feet again, and will, no doubt, by next session be strong and prosperous. Virginia Gamma and South Carolina Alpha began the year with only one man each. Our brother at South Carolina Alpha (G. W. Hodges, of Hodges, South Carolina), was compelled to leave college on account of sickness. He expects to return next session, I am informed, and will, it is hoped, form a good chapter there. Brother J. T. Barham, of Virginia Gamma, says he expects brothers Moss and Wadenbusch both to return next year, and thinks they can establish a good chapter at Randolph, Macon College.

This province has been especially strengthened by the addition of North Carolina Alpha to its ranks. The fine stand it has taken and its prosperous beginning bespeak for it a bright future. May success attend it. Instead of three we have now six active, prosperous chapters, and close the year with bright prospects for the coming session.

A move is on foot to establish a State Association in South Carolina. There are about sixty-five Phis in that State, and the suggesters of the move hope to effect an organization at the State Fair next fall. What think the Phis of Virginia of a similar step?

Allow me to express my high appreciation of the efforts of those brothers who have labored so earnestly for the cause in this province.

May 16, 1885.

ORREN L. STEARNES.

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

THE success of the SCROLL in all respects, but especially financially, depends in great measure upon the interest manifested in it, and through it, in the Fraternity, by our Alumni. There is no doubt that the number of Alumni subscribers might be many times multiplied were it not for mere thoughtlessness. Refusals are never made when individuals are reached, but it is beyond

the limits of possibility to reach all of our graduates, even those of recent years. The best time to subscribe, before forgetfulness can prevent, is *before you graduate*. Let every Eighty-five man *now* send at least One Dollar as his subscription for the coming year ; or, far better, send Five Dollars in payment of subscription to July 1, 1895, and thus save the trouble of annual renewals.

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I wish that every chapter would send me the name of some one of their undergraduate members (omitting '85) to whom the SCROLLS of next October may be sent, and also the number of copies they will then desire. By so doing, they will greatly favor the Business Manager and insure for themselves the prompt and safe delivery of the first number of Vol. X. Otherwise it *cannot be guaranteed*.

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

A PROSPEROUS year for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  closes at Roanoke, and next session promises to be more prosperous. Twelve or thirteen of our members will return, five of whom will be Seniors. We shall then enter our new hall, a fine room in a building recently erected.

Of college honors we have secured none so far, but stand a good chance for the two remaining ones, the orator's medal and English scholarship. In the literary societies we have maintained our usual position, having had several presidents and speakers at the society anniversaries. Four of the best ball players in college are Phis, brother Du Shane being captain of the present college nine. It is hardly necessary to say that we have been first among the young ladies of town.

We wish a vacation of enjoyment to all Phis.

June 2, 1885.

LUTE S. HENKEL.

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### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE membership of Phi Delta Theta at Vanderbilt for the past term is shown by the following table :

Assistant in English—W. R. Simms.

Graduate Fellows—C. T. Cole, Claude Waller, J. L. Sheorer.

Assistant Instructor in Physical Diagnosis—J. L. Watkins, M.D.

Academic Department—A. R. Carter, Waller Deering, John Ellett, W. F. Harris, W. H. Harris, E. E. Hinkle, William

Jack, Jr., Chambers Kellar, Gilmer Meriwether, Geo. J. Stubblefield, J. W. Sewall, Marvin West, Stewart Brooks, Billie Witt, Leigh Thompson, John Boddie.

Biblical Department—W. H. Cotton, J. E. Stovall.

Law Department—Hunter Meriwether.

Pharmacy Department—R. S. Wardin.

Medical Department—S. S. Crockett.

The Phis still hold the front at Vanderbilt, though this year the fight has been a tough one. At Christmas the outlook for White and Blue was not the most hopeful. We had only one graduate in the Medical Department, one in the Law Department, only one contestant for the oratorical medal, and one graduate in the Academical Department who had any chance of the medal. But Phi grit and Phi encouragement were backing these color-bearers of the White and Blue, and when the pinch came they did not fail us. Three Founders medals fell, as last year, to Tennessee *A*.

It would be useless to say that the banquet was a joyful reunion after these brilliant successes. It was entirely a Phi "consarn," and the boys felt that they were in "unrestrained pleasure free." The alumnis, as usual, were out in force with their hearty congratulations for our successes, and when the hour of parting came there were few who did not long for the return of September.

The unpleasant as well as the pleasant enters into the history of Tennessee *A*. It has been the painful duty of Tennessee *A* to expel from her midst Mr. A. B. Hinkle, of Americus, Ga., for conduct unworthy a member of Phi Delta Theta.

It also becomes my duty to take notice of a very small and apparently inoffensive article, headed "Beta Theta Pi," which appeared a day or two since in the Nashville *Union*. The unknown (?) author, for it is unsigned, begins with this astounding assertion: "This chapter (Beta Theta Pi), though scarcely a year old, acknowledges no *equal* in scholarship among the Vanderbilt fraternities, though *some* of these have had chapters at the university for *ten* years."

Now, in the first place, to anyone not perfectly familiar with fraternity history at Vanderbilt, this statement makes the impression that just about nine months ago the first poor, little, unaided, unassisted Beta made his appearance at Vanderbilt, and by his own magnificent and individual efforts, collected a chapter of 22 members, with which five fellowships were captured. The truth of the affair is, that Beta Theta Pi has been at Vanderbilt for at least four years; it is true they have had no charter until recently, but nevertheless they have been at work taking in men and trying to take in honors just as much before as after they obtained their charter. And for anyone to try and make the impression

which is evidently made by the above statement, proves that he is either utterly ignorant of the history of his own fraternity (and I hate to think this of the gentleman) or that he *purposely misrepresents*. Now let us see upon what he bases his demand for pre-eminence of the Betas in scholarship. The medal in the Academic Department for the best average scholarship has gone to the Phis for the last four years. The greater portion by far of the fellowships have fallen to the Phis, and the remainder have been divided among the Betas, Kappa Alphas, and Chi Phis, with the Betas by no means ahead. Compare our record for the last three years, or take that of last year, and compare it with that of our colossal antagonist, and draw your conclusions. Last year the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had 6 graduates,  $B \Theta \Pi$  3;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  7 to  $B \Theta \Pi$  5, distinguished proficiencies;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  3 Founders medals,  $B \Theta \Pi$  0;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  4 fellowships,  $B \Theta \Pi$  1. These are the main points, but if the record will be taken and examined, even greater discrepancies will be found. Let us compare the record of this Beta paragon with "some of those which have been here ten years," and see if there is not at least an equality. We take this year's record:

$B \Theta \Pi$ , 1st college honor certificates,	14
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , do do	19

$B \Theta \Pi$ , 2d do do	19
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And this is including 5 certificates of Brahnam, who was not a member of the Betas until after the examinations had taken place, and should really not be counted.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2d college honor certificates,	22
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$B \Theta \Pi$ , 1st university do	10
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , do do	7

$B \Theta \Pi$ , 2d do do	17
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , do do	9

And here we come to a skip—yes, a very suspicious skip. Up to this point the energetic compiler of Beta Theta Pi statistics had followed unerringly the Vanderbilt University programme of honors. But here the poor compiler finds no consolation for his booming chapter. Four school graduates, one a  $K \Delta$  and the other three  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . No Beta. Put this down so: School Graduates— $B \Theta \Pi$ , 0;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 3.

The Betas had 6 graduates, 4 of whom were in the academic and took B.A.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had 5 graduates, two of whom carried off the medals for the best scholarship in their respective departments, academic and law. These statistics show how the wind blows—and also how the Betas blow.

After this long list of honors, the writer of this little piece in the *Union* thus closes : "Mention is made of these facts only for the benefit of those members of the fraternity under whose observation this article may fall. Beta Theta Pi is too old, too reputable, to need to publish to the world the honors which any one of its chapters may have taken. This it leaves to smaller and less significant fraternities." He should have written "to smaller and *more insignificant* fraternities," when he would at least have implied *one truth*, whether he openly expressed it or not. Is this not a most intensely absurd ending for such a fire-eating beginning? We slander other fraternities, we name every little honor we got our hands on, and then we piously exclaim : "*No*, it is not for *us* to brag, we will leave that to others. We carried off honors upon honors in back years (last year, for instance, and the year before, and the year before), and we *must* not let these fellowships turn our heads ; there is some little chance even yet for these poor, downtrodden, medal-less, prize-less (priceless) chapters who in vain try to rival us."

The following is a report of the honors of the several fraternities for the past year :

Φ Δ Θ.

- One Public Debater—Stovall.
- Hospital Position in Medical Department—Crockett.
- Medal in Obstetrics—Crockett.
- One contestant for Founder's Oratorical Medal—Stokes.
- Founder's Oratorical Medal—Stokes.
- Two contestants for Dialectic Declaimer's Medal—Carter and Clary.
- Founder's Medal in Law Department—Hunter Meriwether.
- One Moot Court Speaker—Hunter Meriwether.
- Faculty Representative Academic Department—Deering.
- Fellowship in Latin—Cole.
- Fellowship in Mathematics—Waller.
- Fellowship in German—Deering.
- Assistant in English—Simms.
- Founder's Medal in Academical Department for Highest Grade—Deering.
- Anniversarian—Clary.
- Editor *Vanderbilt Observer*, 1st half term—Stovall.
- Business Manager *Observer*, 2d half term—Thompson.
- One contestant State Oratorical Medal—Cotton
- Three School Graduates—Simms in French and English, Waller in Mathematics.
- Degrees—M. D., Crockett ; B. A., Cotton ; B. S., Gilmer Meriwether ; B. L., Hunter Meriwether ; M. A., Deering.

*B Θ Π* (22 members).

Assistant in Engineering, Assistant in Chemistry, Fellowships in English, History, Natural History, and Geo.—6 degrees.

*Δ Τ Δ* (12 members).

Two Public Debaters.

Two contestants for Founder's Oratorical Medal.

One contestant for Young's Oratorical Medal.

One Moot Court Speaker.

Declaimer's Medal, Philosophic Society.

One contestant for State Oratorical Medal.—5 degrees.

*K Α* (15 members).

Owen Prize Medal in Biblical Department.

Fellowship in Greek.

Two contestants for Declaimer's Medal.

One Moot Court Speaker.

One graduate in School of Greek.—2 degrees

*X Φ* (14 members).

Three contestants for Young's Oratorical Medal.

Young's Oratorical Medal.

One contestant for Founder's Oratorical Medal.

One Public Debater.

Editor *Vanderbilt Observer*, 2d half term.

Business Manager *Observer*, 1st half term.

June 2, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLOR.

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TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

As the close of the session draws near and the work of the year is being summed up, the Phi Delta Theta takes a prominent rank among the fraternities, and its members the same position in the lecture room. Numerically, we are head and shoulders above any other fraternity, while our men are second to none in the university. Brother Lane has left us to take charge of a ranche near San Antonio, but will probably return next session. In the Athenæum, the principal of the two literary societies here, we have held three presidencies. Brother Hawthorne, who was very prominently spoken of for society orator, will be the most prominent man next year. There is still much discussion about the coming State Convention, and we would be pleased to hear expressions of opinion on the subject from resident Texan brethren or any others who may expect to attend. Fraternities will be next session a most prominent feature of the university. At the close of the second year there are seven fraternities, with a membership of about 70, the very choice of the university. We

are encouraged by the faculty, some of whom are members and attend meetings. We look forward to the time when Texas University will be a fraternity stronghold, and we'll make Texas Beta hold strong. We have two law graduates this year, brothers Scott and Hale. Following are new initiates: J. M. Green, W. D. C. Jones, John Willett, brother of brother G. B. Willett, of last year, and T. C. Bell.

Statistics:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , Law, 6; Academic, 12; Alumni, 3; total, 21. W. W. W. or Rainbow, Law, 10; Academic, 3; total, 13.  $K \Lambda$ , Law, 7; Academic, 5; total, 12.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Law, 3; Academic, 5; total, 8.  $\Sigma X$ , Law, 1; Academic, 7; total, 8.  $K \Sigma$ , Law, 2; Academic, 4; total, 6.  $\Sigma A E$ , Law, 0; Academic, 6; total, 6.

June 1, 1885.

HUGH SWAIN.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA AND ZETA BANQUET.

THE union banquet was a great success, as may be gathered from the following:

The Illinois Delta and Zeta Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, located at Knox and Lombard, held a grand union banquet last Friday evening, at Brown's Hotel. Between thirty and forty couples were present, about evenly divided between the members and alumni of the two chapters. After a short period spent in social and conversational recreation, an eloquent welcome address to the alumni was delivered by Lyman McCarl, president of Illinois Zeta. Mr. McCarl spoke of the great and rapidly increasing strength of the fraternity, which is represented by chapters in over fifty of the best colleges of our land, distributed in all parts of the Union, from Maine to Texas and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. He spoke of the great good which the fraternity is accomplishing by uniting this great mass of students in one common brotherhood, with a common bond of fraternal feeling, and a common regard for truth, justice and honor. At the close of the welcome address, the company adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous supper was served by "mine host" Case. After the inner man had been fully satisfied, "The White and the Blue" was toasted by Lee Fairchild, "The Anti-Fraternity Man," by Rev. S. Crane, "The Phi Goat," by C. C. McClaughry, and "The Ladies," by John B. Brown. Mr. Brown, who was evidently in love with his charming subject, related how royally he and his fellow delegates had been entertained by the ladies of Nashville at the time of the National Convention of the fraternity, last November. The speech-making was followed by the pleasures of the dance, commencing with the Grand Phi March. At an early hour in the morning the banqueters separated, feeling that the banquet had



been one of the most brilliant and successful in the history of the fraternity.—*Galesburg Plaindealer*.

The union Phi Delta Theta banquet of the Delta Chapter of Knox, and Zeta Chapter of Lombard, held at Brown's Hotel, on Friday evening of last week, was a most elegant and happy affair. About 7:30 o'clock the guests began to assemble, and by nine o'clock upwards of sixty young people, representing the beauty and chivalry of Knox and Lombard, had assembled in the handsomely furnished parlors. Of course, we include in this list of young people Rev. Mr. Crane and wife, Mr. E. L. Conger and wife, with others whose hearts are perennially young, despite the flight of years.

A few minutes after nine o'clock, the guests descended to the dining hall, to partake of a supper well calculated to delight the eye and tickle the palate of the most critical epicure. No one can do better justice to such a repast than a hungry college student, and the uninterrupted flow of sparkling repartee and rippling laughter displayed spirits unappalled by the rare profusion of dainties. While the tables were being cleared away, the guests reassembled in the parlors, to listen to the toasts. Mr. Lee Fairchild waxed eloquent on "The White and the Blue," the colors of the fraternity. Rev. Mr. Crane next followed with an amusing method of treating that anomalous curiosity, "The Anti-Fraternity man." Next, Mr. C. C. McClaughry, in a happy manner, gave the interesting history of "The Phi Goat," and a hint of his present proclivities. Mr. J. B. Brown ended the toasts with "The Ladies," doing honor to the ladies and himself. The responses were all brief, witty and brimful of love for the fraternal cause. Each speaker was interrupted by frequent bursts of laughter and greeted by applause at the close of his speech.

After a few minutes spent in social chat, the guests again repaired to the dining hall, where Terpsichore now held sway, and the remainder of the evening rapidly slipped away in that most fascinating and graceful of all social pleasures, the dance. Thus ended the banquet. But to look into the happy faces, to see the warm and hearty grasp of welcome between Knox and Lombard boys—many previously strangers, and to observe the unruffled flow of pleasure, one cannot help but admire the manly, fraternal feeling that prompted this social gathering, and realize the force of Rev. Mr. Crane's remark: "Love for humanity in general is but the natural outgrowth of love for individuals." Long live the jolly Phi!"—*Republican Register*. J. B. BROWN.

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The following were received too late for classification:

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

NOTHING of importance has occurred during the last month. The work of the societies here is done mostly in the fall and

winter terms. We still have very interesting meetings. Our prospects for next year are very good. We shall have a hall fitted especially for us—arrangements are already made. It is one of the pleasantest rooms in the village.

Brother Pendleton has left for the remainder of the term, on account of poor health. Brother Rice is teaching at Bethlehem, N. H. Brother Shelton intends to visit his Western home during the summer vacation, and is in hopes of meeting some of the Western Phis. We will now bid you all adieu till the beginning of our fall term, in September.

June 9, 1885.

G. W. SHAW.

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PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report to the SCROLL we have initiated Thomas W. Byerly. We were glad to have a number of our brothers from Pennsylvania Epsilon with us on the night of our decennial anniversary. Pennsylvania Beta was very glad to see brothers W. F. Vilas and J. C. Black, from Washington, on the 4th of May. We have just finished adorning our hall. We have expended about one hundred dollars in pictures, desks and other articles. It is a perfect beauty, and the pride of each one of us. We lose four men at the end of this year, three by graduation, and one will leave college. We were sorry to lose brother Smyser this term, but hope to see him back next September.

Brother Diehl has just received a beautiful badge from Burgess. Brother H. H. Rouzer was elected editor of the *College Monthly*, at the last election of Phrena. Society.

On the 5th of May, Pennsylvania Beta celebrated her decennial anniversary. Only ten years old, but second to none in Pennsylvania College. It was one of the pleasantest occasions that we have ever witnessed, and was a perfect success in every respect. The address of welcome was delivered by brother H. H. Rouzer, the prophecy by brother C. T. Aikens, the history by brother Chas. Reinwald, poem by brother T. L. Crouse, and the oration by brother Smyser. After the anniversary exercises, the chapter adjourned for the banquet. A magnificent table was spread, which groaned with the weight of edibles too numerous to mention. Brother H. H. Rouzer was toastmaster. We partook of the bounties set before us, and, listening to the strains of music from the orchestra, we wished that morning would never come; but in the wee hours of the morning we adjourned, with stronger and renewed love for Phi Delta Theta, and with a determination to place Pennsylvania Beta head and shoulders above any of our rivals. The memories of that night are so deeply rooted in our hearts, that they shall never be forgotten.

June 9, 1885.

T. B. SEIGLE.

## OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

OHIO DELTA looks back over a year distinguished beyond all others of its history for prosperity and honors. We rejoice together in the bond of what we feel to be a great and glorious organization. We emulate each other in whatever tends to bring harmony, fidelity and honor to our chapter and to the fraternity at large. We greet the sister chapters laboring in the same cause, wishing them a delightful summer vacation, a happy reunion in the fall, and bidding God speed whatever tends to strengthen the ties which bind, establish a more perfect union and bring about more abundant good results in the bond of Phi Delta Theta.

We regret to lose by graduation this year brothers Criswell, Greenlee, Leonard and Strain. May success attend them all. Brother Greenlee, accustomed to honors in the past, was given the valedictory, and brother Leonard the third honorary oration, for Commencement. The second and fourth places are held by Beta Theta Pi.

Brothers Palmer and G. A. Yates, both of '87 (the latter we take pride in introducing to the Phi world), divided the first prize in the recent declamation contest of the Athanean Society. Brother W. J. Morrison, '87, was given first prize as best all-around athlete field day, having won five first prizes and one second. Brother J. T. Morrison, '87, took first prize in the collegian essay contest and second prize in Athanean Society contest. Brothers Bradt and Calder will represent Phi Delta Theta in the Junior Oratorical contest Commencement week, nor fear we for Phi honors in such hands. The *Commencement Herald* will be published by brothers C. G. Miller, editor-in-chief of *Collegian*, and C. E. Bradt, both of '86. The *Phoenix*, a substitute for the annual *Index*, will be edited by  $A \Sigma X$ , and your reporter.

So we close the year brilliantly, as we began it, yet more so, and expect to reassemble in the fall, 12 or 14 strong.

June 9, 1885.

T. S. ANDERSON.

## THE KAPPA CHAPTER.

[The following will be read with combined interest, surprise, and amusement by members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .]

It was about thirty years ago Kappa was organized. Miami University was then in her palmy days. Her halls were full of choice men. Her renown was never more honorable. Alas! that to-day, for the lack of adequate endowment, the institution has fallen into desuetude. Then her praise fell fluently from every tongue, and has been justified by the history of her sons.

There was but one Greek fraternity, so far as we then knew, at

that time, in the institution.\* Its existence was unknown except to its members and a portion of the faculty. It was the parent chapter, and therefore of conspicuous importance. Some of its members were too much imbued with a sense of this importance. It was understood to be controlled by members of the faculty who did not belong to the fraternity, through the instrumentality of certain of its members.

Those to whom this dominance was disagreeable, were disinclined to resign their places. They were attached to the chapter and hoped to attain better things by patient waiting. And yet they were fretted more and more by the petty tyranny. Not that they had transgressed in anything; not that they intended to do anything wrong; not that they would leave any duty unfulfilled

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\* The Greek Status at Miami at this time (December, 1851) was a peculiarly interesting one.  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  had a *sub rosa* chapter which had waxed and waned for eighteen years, but had long been so far underground that its existence was unknown except to its members, and of late a comatose one, even to them.  $B \Theta II$  had, for twelve years, led a similar existence. No badge had been regularly worn, but occasional revelations of a pin, and the surprises of open literary society elections occasionally reminded students and faculty that the Greeks were about. To control a force which they could not destroy, the faculty encouraged the organization of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , to which reference is above made. The split in that organization became so prominent, and the certainty that one, and probably two, fraternities would soon "swing" so great, that the older organizations were forced to take action themselves. So "the  $\Phi$  war" developed four organizations which, though their names and exact membership were not known outside, became recognized and were disclosed and known as follows: 1st, the " $\Phi$ s" ( $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ); 2d, the " $\Delta$ s" ( $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ); 3d, the " $B$ s" ( $B \Theta II$ ); 4th, the "Number Fours" ("Immortal Six"). It was in March, 1852, that the open existence of fraternities at Miami was inaugurated by the "swing" of  $K$  of  $\Delta K E$ . Thus early Miami—the earliest Western station of  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$ , the birthplace of three great Western fraternities,  $B \Theta II$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and  $\Sigma X$ —took the place in the Greek history of the West that Union had held in the East. The number twelve, divided equally into sixes, seems to have been a fateful one for Kappa. She owed her existence to such a situation when, as described by brother Kemper, her founders left  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; and the great crisis of her history was another such division when, a few years later, six of her then twelve left her hall to found  $\Sigma X$ , as referred to by brother Hunt. When to this is added the building of a chapter hall upon such a foundation as, it is presumable, no other Greeks will use—the two completed stories of the building beneath, it seems as though  $K$  at Miami has left peculiar guarantees that she will be remembered. Not merely this, but to-day, at the old university town, the blazons on the windows of  $\Delta K E$ 's closed hall are the only relics of the abiding places of the once numerous chapters at Miami; so that when lately a correspondent of the *Sigma Chi* visited Oxford, he found that no vestige of that fraternity's residence remained, and that the only remaining evidence of a Greek habitation was the hall of the  $\Delta K E$  chapter, from which his own fraternity ancestors had emigrated. And as this note is being written, there comes another noteworthy coincidence. For when, on the 18th inst., the Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati celebrated its semi-centennial with fitting honor, the poet and orator of the occasion, selected from the literati of that city, were the gentlemen respectively who were already the authors of the two divisions of this article—Dr. Andrew C. Kemper and Samuel F. Hunt. — *Mem. by Eds. Quarterly.*

or slighted. But they felt they had a right to be free in this one particular. It seemed to them necessary for their best interests, of which they felt themselves competent to judge, that there should be some field in which they could exercise their mental and moral faculties untrammelled by governing guidance. How could they ever become independent actors in life unless they made a beginning? This was their opportunity to essay their powers without incurring hurt from failure. They were not recreant to the vow sealed by a mother's parting kiss ; they were not unmindful of their pledged word to an honored father. The very manliness that sprang full armed into being at the recollection of these tokens, the loadstones of their lives, was what made them revolt against what they considered the mean espionage of faculty control. They were honorable ; why should they be smirched by suspicion? They were true ; why should their veracity be doubted? They were loyal ; why could they not be trusted? Their rectitude was unimpeachable ; why might they not freely exercise their individual judgment on this one point?

Under such influence, such feelings must soon culminate in some decisive action.

They were twelve in number. They were divided into sixes. An issue was soon made. The dominant party, instigated, as was supposed, by their governors in the faculty, proposed to enact total abstinence. The discussion of the temperance question that followed was unparalleled. The audience was indeed small, but the exhaustion of the subject, discussed night after night and week after week, was complete. The total abstainers had the advantage of being coached by their friends in the faculty ; besides which, they had adroitly made one of their opponents the presiding officer, thus securing six votes to five. The five were conscious that they were fighting the unnamed members of the faculty. They admitted the importance and duty of temperance in all things. Total abstinence from all that produced intoxication, they believed to be essential for the young. They were willing to declare all this, and to promote it to the best of their ability in every right way. But they denied both the right and the efficacy of a force bill to accomplish it. "God does not attempt to, and in the nature of things could not if he would, make Christians by force," exclaimed the youngest of them. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Springfield, Illinois, nearly thirty years afterward, took about the same ground on the temperance question that these young men did, of their own motion, in the simple-hearted and true wisdom of their dawning manhood. They were disposed to do the right thing in the right way. To do it in a wrong way would certainly do more harm than good. Moral suasion, acting upon the heart and mind, producing permanent convictions and the courage to

assert them in habitual conduct, makes a man temperate by nature. His nature must change before he can be habitually in-temperate. Compulsory temperance is simply unnatural temperance. From unnatural restraint every one will revolt whenever there is opportunity. And, alas! when the revolt comes in the case of one who is a total abstainer from alcohol by compulsion, there is every tendency and no barrier to utter ruin.

Their arguments were accompanied with never-to-be-forgotten eloquence in appeals of the most tender affection. But even tears pleaded in vain. The edict was passed.

Without concert of action, one after another of the opposition left the scene of their contest with a regretful "Good-by, boys!" Under an elm in the campus they collected and waited until the advent of the presiding officer completed their number. Did they shout? They did, for a fact! Yet they felt they had challenged the criticism and displeasure of the faculty, and their future college career would be difficult. They, however, pledged their loyalty to truth and rectitude, and, as if in the shadow of the coming event, vowed to be comrades and "friends from the heart always." Enthusiastically resolving to meet the future, whatever it might be, in this spirit, they that night, somewhat grandiloquently, as boys will, christened themselves "The Immortal Six."

The slavery question was at this time filling the people with alarm. Calhoun was still vigorously forcing the issue upon the North. He was practically and plainly declaring in the Senate of the United States that the North must consent to have the Union controlled by the South, or that the government should be broken up. Secession was industriously strengthening itself for a supreme effort. The excitement was scarcely less than that which immediately preceded the war. The Fire-eaters of the South, instigated and encouraged by Calhoun, were rampant. The Abolitionists were unusually active. The Conservatives were more steadfast and outspoken than ever. All, perhaps, of the students were Conservatives.

James G. Birney, one of the most able and eloquent of the Abolitionists, announced himself to speak at the University. "The Immortal Six" were just then anxious for an opportunity for display. The existence of the Greeks had been discovered. The barbarians, both in and out of the University, were eager to know all about them. "The Immortal Six" were supposed to be Greeks. "The Faculty Six" were hastening their preparations to prove their identity by putting on their pins. An opportunity for the former to show themselves the better men was especially agreeable. They arranged to have their champion statesman reply to Mr. Birney. The other party were compelled to accept the challenge, and were adroitly allowed to lead the way.

Mr. Birney spoke in the Town Hall to a large audience. As was his custom, he boldly challenged discussion. The Faculty men's champion confidently arose to reply. Mr. Birney invited him to the platform; he was vain enough to go. The grizzled old man measured his youthful antagonist instantly. He allowed him to fairly begin his disrespectful assault. Then asking him a few questions, laughed him to scorn. The townsfolk jeered him. He quitted the stage, in a few minutes, crestfallen, as his friends in the faculty were the next morning, when they were apprised of the occurrence. There were calls for the next speaker by name. He stood upon his chair, and refused to leave it. He apologized for his youth and inexperience. He complimented the sincerity and manliness of Mr. Birney. He won the hearts of all his hearers. He retained it while he poured a fearful broadside into the Fire-eaters. Courteously recognizing the high character of the distinguished gentleman present, he was none the less severe upon the Abolitionists. Then he broke forth into an impassioned plea for the Union and self-government. For nearly two hours he held his audience spell-bound with his logic, pathos, and humor. From Corwin and Kossuth down, there has been no finer specimen of telling oratory than that of Joseph Gideon McNutt beneath the glare of the candles in that old Town Hall. He died long ago. Death loves a shining mark. Mr. Birney candidly acknowledged that he was taken by surprise, and as the hour was late, requested time to prepare a reply. He proposed to continue the discussion the next evening. He left the place immediately after an early breakfast. It was a genuine Appomattox.

The next morning "The Immortal Six," two and two, with "Gid" on the right in front, somewhat in advance of the Faculty, marched into the chapel for prayers through a storm of applause from their already assembled fellow students. The other fellows found unexpected hindrances in obtaining their pins, and so postponed their full-dress parade.

A few weeks afterward, Jacob Cooper, then at Yale, now at Rutgers, visited his home in the neighborhood. Apparently unacquainted with the facts related, he approached the founder of Kappa upon the subject of a chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and left the whole matter in his hands. The result was that "The Immortal Six" became charter members of Kappa, with one exception. That exception at once acknowledged that he had obligated himself to the  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ , then understood to be organizing. He protested against the institution of Kappa, feeling sure he could take the whole party into the new Alpha chapter, as he had already proposed to do. So pure and gentle, noble, good, and lovable, it was a sore trial to part with so refined a gentleman as Harmar Denny, of Pittsburgh. That thor-

ough scholar and rhetorician, James Moffatt, now of Princeton, the bulwark of  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  at Miami, became enamored of him, and would not release him. So Kappa was organized without him. It was a proud day when the diamond badge, with the word Miami beautifully inlaid in the lower corner, made its appearance. It was the first Greek badge displayed at Miami. Sporadic badges may have had a jack-o'-lantern existence before it, but the "Dicky" was the first habitually worn by every member. The badge honored the man, and the man was a credit to the fraternity. Neither the fraternity nor the individual had anything to conceal. Their independence had been fairly won. There is not a living teacher of that little band who is not proud of their manliness.

Some personal mention ought to be made of two others, who are dead. One had a large, strong body, the fit habitation of his great heart. He was generous, impulsive, true, companionable, brave as a lion, tender as a woman, the idol of his friends. He would give his life for his friend. He nearly lost it in rescuing the writer from drowning. He finally sacrificed it for his country. James Harvey Childs promptly attained distinction in the war, and fell leading his brigade to the charge at Gettysburg. He was a favorite of the accomplished linguist and true Christian, Charles Elliott, now at Lafayette. That for which such lives are the price paid is of inestimable value.

The other, William Steele McNair, was never robust. He died before his theological studies were completed. A diligent student, an excellent scholar, a charming and accurate writer, an agreeable companion and a reliable friend, he gave promise of marked distinction. Only those who knew him and loved him for his worth, can realize how sad it was to see his brilliant capacities sink to an untimely grave. That venerable and sagacious philosopher, O. N. Stoddard, now of Wooster, pronounced him an ideal Christian gentleman.

Those who kindled the fire upon the altar of Kappa were worthy of the trust committed to them, and of the lasting esteem of all Greeks. Their most useful immediate successor was Whitelaw Reid. His letters, written at the time, are still available to show how manfully and discreetly he guided Kappa into the highway of a prosperous career that was honorable to the fraternity, and the mere mention of which now calls up in the memory of many distinguished men charming reminiscences of the most delightful and profitable feature of their college days, developing, as it did, in its own magnetic way, the finer qualities of their mental, moral, and social nature.

ANDREW C. KEMPER,  
*in  $\Delta K E$  Quarterly.*



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OHIO DELTA.

'87. George A. Yates, Shreve. Ohio.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

'89. E. C. Williams, Dexter, Ia.

'90. C. J. Mortimer, Chicago, Ill.

PERSONAL.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'84. F. W. Samuel, who has been attending medical lectures at Philadelphia, has returned.

INDIANA EPSILON.

'83. J. C. Garrett is professor of languages in the American Normal College, Logansport, Ind.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

'85. R. L. Brown is visiting the New Orleans Exposition.

'86. James Iredell is in the Commercial Bank.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

'58. Anson L. Clark is president of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, Ill.

'76. W. B. Conger is treasurer of the Security, Loan and Trust Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

'75. L. J. Dinsmore is pastor of First Universalist Church, Columbus, Wis.

'75. C. E. Nash is pastor of First Universalist Church, Akron, Ohio.

'62. E. H. Conger is the representative from the 7th Congressional District of Iowa.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'58. The literary societies of the University of Virginia have invited Postmaster-General Vilas to address them at their joint celebration at Commencement.

KANSAS ALPHA.

'85. B. T. Chace is now engaged in teaching at Rosedale. He will attend law school next year.

'84. W. T. Finley completes the first year of his study at the Chicago Theological Seminary this month.

INDIANA BETA.

75. Rev. J. P. Roth attended the Baldwin contest, in which he took first prize in '75.

'65. Rev. J. R. Mitchell was stated clerk of the Indianapolis Presbytery, which recently met at Indianapolis.

'84. Jas. T. Coster, a theological student at Princeton, is the assistant librarian of the Princeton library.

## ALABAMA BETA.

'80. Alva Fitzpatrick delivered the Memorial Address on 27th April, in West Point, Ga. He has been selected, and accepted, to deliver the address before the literary societies of the A. & M. C., at Auburn, on 23d June.

'84. W. R. Martin delivered the address on Decoration Day in Tuscaloosa, Ala. His speech was highly complimented.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

'80. Webb Wood died at his home in Selma, Ala., on March 5th, 1885. The deceased was doing a fine practice in law, and was a promising young man.

'81. T. T. Cotnam, Jr., is with the banking house of Bonner & Bonner, at Tyler, Texas.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

'84. John H. McGill is studying law at Grand Rapids, Mich.

'84. E. E. Woodman is winning success as a professor, in Illinois.

'84. C. J. Olmstead is teaching in the far West.

'84. N. C. Richards is in Nebraska, teaching.

'84. H. F. Schunck is reading law in Toledo, O.

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