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## THE FIRST CONVENTION.\*

MINUTES OF A CONVENTION OF THE  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , HELD AT CINCINNATI,  
DECEMBER 30, 1851.

IN accordance with the action of the several colleges† of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , the convention called to transact certain business pertaining to the order, met at the Woodruff House, Dec. 30th, 1851. Present in convention: Messrs. Anderson, Bonde, Willson, Elliott, Lane, Ross and Harrison.‡ Convention proceeded to

\* Under the caption, "Abstract from the Minutes of the First Phi Delta Theta Convention," an account of the proceedings of a convention held in the Walnut Street House, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 30, 1856, appeared in the SCROLL for May, 1879. Some years ago, while examining the archives of Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha, I ran across frequent references to an earlier convention, and to a higher degree of the Order, which it was proposed to organize among chosen alumni of the Society. Since then I have endeavored to discover some additional facts about this earlier convention, to be used in the History of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  which I have in preparation. I did not expect or hope to find a full account of the proceedings, but most fortunately the very document that I needed was placed in my hands. During the summer I have had considerable correspondence upon historical matters with Rev. Robert Morrison, the venerated brother who took a principal part in the formation of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and, later, has done so much, in so many ways, to benefit the Fraternity. He has followed the excellent plan of preserving his fraternity papers, and out of his collection he sent me what probably was the only copy of the minutes of the Convention of 1851 in existence. Above is printed a verbatim copy of the copy loaned by him and now returned. W. B. PALMER.

† Having seen in old documents chapters alluded to as "colleges," I wrote to brother Morrison for an explanation, and he answered: "Chapters at first were so called, though by some, and for a while, also called colleges." W. B. P.

‡ An examination of the catalogue will show that these were John Alexander Anderson, Ohio Alpha, '53; John Knox Bonde, Ohio Alpha, '52; John McMillan Wilson, Ohio Alpha, '49; Robert Gaston Elliott, Indiana Alpha, '50; Isaac Stanley Lane, Ohio Alpha, '52; Lewis Williams Ross, Ohio Alpha, '52, and Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52. There were several Elliots initiated in earlier years, but the identity of this one is fixed by the following from brother Morrison: "The Elliott at the first convention was Robert G.—, a charter member of Indiana Alpha." Concerning the spelling of Wilson's name, it will be well to notice the following related facts: Wilson died in

organize by calling Mr. Lane to the chair. The report of the committee appointed by the Ohio  $\Delta$  of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , to read before the convention a succinct account of the occasion and nature of the discipline lately imposed by that chapter upon two of its members, James H. Childs and Jos. G. McNutt, was then called for, read, amended and received.\* The report of the Committee

1874. In the fifth edition of the catalogue, published in 1883, I spelled the name "Willson," on the authority of brother Morrison, who wrote that he had stated to him his intention of following that spelling. On receipt recently of the lithographs of the portraits and autographs of the six founders, I saw that only one "l" was used in the name, and called the attention of brother Stearns, Historian of the General Council, to what I supposed to be an error. In return he sent me a late letter from Wilson's brother Mr. Archibald Wilson, of Liberty, Ind. Mr. Wilson signs his name with one "l" only. Brother Stearns also sent me some autographs furnished by Mr. Wilson. One dated 1841, was "John M. M. Wilson;" others dated 1861, 1862 and 1864, were "J. M. M. Wilson." These being forwarded to brother Morrison, he wrote: "I remember well when Wilson told me 'long time ago' that he intended to use two 'll's' in his name, and you see that I use both in the order on our first jeweler August 24, 1849 (I never spell at random). Friends or financial considerations may have induced him to fall back on the one 'l.' Let it go *Wilson*. I have been faithful to his request. That was no mistake of mine, but tally one, if you think best, in this business against me." Brother Morrison adds: "Wilson's name on the Miami University catalogue has two 'll's.'" Having drifted in this footnote beyond subjects directly relating to the convention, I can here opportunely publish the order on the first jeweler to which brother Morrison alludes:

"OXFORD, O., 24th Aug., 1849.

"MESSRS. BEGGS & SMITH, GENTLEMEN:

"Please let the bearer, Mr. John M. M. Willson, or order, have two more pins—the two I ordered sometime since of you—( $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  badges, you know). He will pay you for them on their delivery. Very truly yours,

"ROBERT MORRISON."

Mr. A. Wilson, in writing to brother Stearns, says: "I enclose what you desire, a few autographs of my brother, John M. M. Wilson, hastily culled from a mass of old letters and papers I have in possession; also a small memento (a letter to my brother from Mr. Morrison) of the 'day of small beginnings.'" This little note was sent by brother Stearns to me, and by me to brother Morrison. Its discovery curiously illustrates how important papers of historical interest are often accidentally found. This paper is especially valuable at this time, to disprove the statement made by Dr. Kemper in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for April, 1885 that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had trouble about getting badges made, and did not wear them at Miami before  $\Delta K E$  badged out in 1852. The order on the jeweler proves that our design was adopted and badges worn before August, 1849. I will be able to prove this by other evidence in my history. Since the foregoing was written, the following has been received from brother Morrison: "It is hard to understand what Dr. Kemper means in the  $\Delta K E$  *Quarterly* of April ult., when he says of the  $\Delta K E$  pin, 'It was the first Greek badge displayed at Miami,' for hundreds of times the crescent of  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  and the diamond star of  $B \Phi II$  had been publicly seen at Miami; and the doctor himself, when a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , had a badge, and when he left the Order, at the time Childs and McNutt were turned out he returned the pin to the fraternity and received the cash therefor from L. W. Ross. So says the official minutes of Ohio Alpha, page 65." W. B. P.

\* Unfortunately the report is not given, but I think I have seen it in archives; that I have examined, and I expect to find it. A full review of this case, compiled by brother Morrison from the original minutes of Ohio Alpha,

on Ways and Means of establishing new chapters of the order of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in the various literary institutions of the West and Southwest was called for, and the following submitted :

"In accordance with the action of Ohio  $\Delta$  of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 'that a committee be appointed to report to the convention on the establishment of other chapters of the Order,' the committee would respectfully suggest that the University of Virginia, the University of Nashville, Kenyon, Western Reserve and Jefferson Colleges are suitable places for the establishment of such chapters, the literary character of those institutions being such as would not detract from the acquired reputation of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .\* A chapter may be established at the University of Nashville through the agency of Mr. Robert Morrison ; at Kenyon College, through Messrs. Joseph and John W. Lindley ; at Jefferson College, through Mr. Hugh T. McHatton. We are unable to say at present by what means the University of Virginia and Western Reserve College may be reached. JOHN A. ANDERSON."

On motion, the report of the committee was received and further action indefinitely postponed. The committee appointed by the Ohio  $\Delta$  to draft a plan of organization for a higher order of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , then placed before the convention the following report :†

was published in the SCROLL for March, 1882, and he will give attention in the SCROLL to Dr. Kemper's article concerning the trial of these two men, their expulsion from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for habitual drunkenness (Dr. Kemper says for maintaining their independence), and their subsequent organization of the Miami chapter of  $\Delta K E$ . Childs and McNutt became members of what Dr. Kemper calls the "Immortal Six." Afterwards, according to the same authority, Jacob Cooper, of Yale, "apparently unacquainted with the facts related," approached one of these "upon the subject of a chapter of  $\Delta K E$ , and left the whole matter in their hands." Brother Morrison writes : "Childs and McNutt were expelled six months before they had Deke offers, or about that time." W. B. P.

\* It is interesting to note that the Fraternity has never entered the University of Nashville (now closed), Kenyon or Western Reserve, and did not enter the University of Virginia until 1873, and Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College until 1875. Columbus S. Doolittle and Joseph Lindley—the former a tutor and the latter a student at Kenyon—were initiated to establish a chapter there, but they did not succeed. The course of the Fraternity before the war lay in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas. W. B. P.

† This higher order was a unique thing among college fraternities. It preceded any attempt of any other fraternity to place the power to grant charters and the power of supervision over chapters in the hands of experienced alumni. As yet, however, I have not found out whether the higher order was ever endowed with these powers by a vote of a majority of the chapters, as provided in the resolution concerning the adoption of the constitution. Brother Morrison gives me the following items about the higher order : "It was the plan of Wilson and myself to have a second story to the order, and to be composed of chosen alumni ; and, while the lower and first grade was to be called the ' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society,' the other, selected solely from the first, was to be called the 'Society of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .'" Art. I., Sec. 3 of the constitution (*q. v.*), how-

"The graduate members of the colleges of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , the better to fulfill the pledges of the Bond of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , specially to cultivate its enjoined friendship, to seek its standard of intellectual attainments, to preserve its pledged morality, and to bring to bear its principles upon society, do ordain and establish this constitution for the order of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  :

"ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

"Sec. 1. Every member of any college of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , who has attained the degree of A.B., or its equivalent, and who has, while within his college, fulfilled the obligations of the Board of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , shall be a candidate for admission into the Order.

"Sec. 2. Upon the presentation of a certificate to this effect from their respective colleges, such candidates may receive diplomas of membership.

"Sec. 3. Diplomas of membership may also be conferred on such others of like grade as are contemplated in the Board of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

"ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

"Sec. 1. The officers of the Order of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  shall be a President, one Vice-President for each College of the Order, a Reporting and a Recording Secretary.

"Sec. 2. The President shall preside, decide questions of order, subject to appeal, and appoint committees.

"Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents in the order of age shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his call.

"Sec. 4. The Reporting Secretary shall report the proceedings

ever. allowed membership to be conferred on "others of like grade." With regard to this brother Morrison writes : "It was in my plan, and Wilson's as well, that the 'Society of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ' should be composed solely of the members of the ' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society' or fraternity, and of *chosen* men from that body. That was to be the rule—other cases were to be exceptional, as the convention determined." Referring to Harrison's letter, published in advance, brother Morrison writes : "The 'Society of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ' was what was meant by 'the *real*  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,' and was meant to be 'a *permanent* organization.'" I have in my possession a pamphlet of 23 pages containing an address on "The Proper Method of Conducting the Study of History," "delivered before the Society of the 'Phi Delta Theta,' at the Miami University, June 29, 1853, by the Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D.D., of Louisville, Ky." Brother Morrison has a pamphlet containing a poem by Prof. Charles Elliott, read before the same body, on the same date. Brother Morrison says : "Prof Charles Elliott was then—June, 1853—a member of the fraternity and frequently attended the sessions of the Ohio Alpha," which goes to sustain the statement of the editors of the *Quarterly* in their memorandum to Dr. Kemper's article that, "To control a force which they could not destroy, the faculty encouraged the organization of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ." The result of this ambitious effort to establish a higher order is thus told by brother Morrison : "It was not convenient for me to follow up and complete the plan after 1853, and I thought it best to let things go on for a while in the old grooves until we should have more alumni to aid in the business ; and then, ere long, on came the war, which for the time broke up our Phi work."

W. B. P.

of every meeting of the Order, with all other papers, to the Recording Secretary.

"Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall record all the proceedings, preserve the papers of the Order, and act as its Correspondent and Treasurer.

#### "ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

"Sec. 1. An annual reunion of the Order shall be held at such times and places as it may determine.

"Sec. 2. The Reunion, a quorum of twelve being present, shall have power to elect officers, to confer diplomas of membership, and to transact all the business of the Order.

"Sec. 3. The Reunion shall sit with closed doors, but its private business only shall come within the intent and meaning of the Bond of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

"Sec. 4. The Order, at its reunions, may be represented by a public address or other appropriate exercises.

"Sec. 5. The Order may engage in any enterprise, not involving pecuniary taxation, that will carry out the objects of its organization, but shall create or sustain no party in politics, religion or science.

#### "ARTICLE IV.—POWERS.

Sec. 1. The Order shall have the power of supervision over the colleges of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in all matters pertaining to the common good.

"Sec. 2. It shall have power to grant charters of organization to its colleges, or resume them for sufficient cause.

"Sec. 3. It shall have power to hear and decide finally all appeals or other questions arising in any of its colleges.

"Sec. 4. It shall have power to alter or amend its constitution, but shall not change its relations to its colleges without their consent."

On motion, the above report was received. The convention then proceeded to adopt it article by article, which resulted in its complete adoption, with one dissenting voice. The following resolutions were then presented by Mr. Elliott, and, on motion, were passed by the convention :

"*Resolved*, 1st. That this constitution be transmitted to each college of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

"*Resolved*, 2d. That the fourth article be submitted for their sanction.

"*Resolved*, 3d. That when the fourth article shall have been approved by a majority of the colleges, they shall be required to make such alterations in the Articles of Union as the relations between the colleges and the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  established by the fourth article of the constitution of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  may require."

A committee was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. Harri-

son, Willson and Ross, to transmit the proceedings of the Convention to the several colleges of the Order. On motion the Convention adjourned.

BENJA. HARRISON,  
*Secretary of Convention.\**

## RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALABAMA ALPHA. †

*From Brother Gaston.*

THE dark clouds which have been hanging so heavily over Alabama Alpha have been dispelled and she now basks in the glorious light of freedom. Since 1877 she has withstood the most vigorous attack ever made by trustees against fraternities, and she has continued to prosper until at our last Commencement at the University she presented for the admiration and pride of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  the finest band from Alabama's fine material. Although our chapter was apparently dead after the war made against fraternities in 1877, it was re-organized under favorable circumstances in 1884. The trustees, seeing that it was unreasonable to withstand the pressure brought to bear upon

\* The copy of the minutes in brother Morrison's possession were sent to him by the Secretary of the Convention, with the following letter :

"OXFORD, OHIO, Feb. 19, 1852.

"BROTHER MORRISON :

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

"Yours respectfully,

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

Brother Morrison writes : "In regard to the first convention—it was thinly attended. Those were days before railroads, and much of the travel to the river towns was on the water, and the Ohio river at that time was frozen over." Though the number of delegates was small, and but two chapters were represented, the *personnel* of the convention was remarkably high. Ross is now Chancellor of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa ; Anderson is a Member of Congress from Kansas ; Harrison is a United States Senator from Indiana, and the other members who were present have occupied no unimportant positions in life.

W. B. P.

† In a private letter Glenn Andrews (Tenn. A, '83) writes:

"The restrictions were removed, sure enough, at Tuscaloosa. Of course, Tennessee Alpha had a hand in the affair. Tomlinson (Tenn. A, '82) of Birmingham, went before the Trustees, and brought things to a focus. Le Grand (Tenn. A, '83), of Montgomery, also was on the ground and did good work."

them by the fraternities, proposed that they (the fraternities) send a committee to represent them before their body.

Armed with a plan, suggested by the writer, the following representatives were sent before the board: Mr. H. B. Foster,  $\Sigma N$ ; Mr. J. E. Long,  $K A$ ; and brothers J. W. Tomlinson and M. P. LeGrand,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . In their addresses all of the gentlemen did honor to their fraternities. They stated the facts in a plain, straightforward manner which won the admiration and confidence of the trustees. When it was announced that fraternities had prevailed and the laws were repealed, a shout of joy rang throughout the University halls, a shout which will be taken up and echoed and re-echoed throughout all fraternity circles.

On Wednesday, the 17th, we had a meeting, and initiated the following men:

Class of '85.

W. J. Boothe, Montgomery, Alabama.	
W. M. Browder, Gallion,	"
L. V. Clark, Mobile,	"
H. R. Dawson, Selma,	"
A. A. Evans, Seale,	"
J. W. Gilbert, Gainesville,	"
O. L. Gray, De Sotenville,	"
C. P. Gunter, Montgomery,	"
P. W. Jones, Demopolis,	"
A. L. McLeod, Grove Hill,	"
Daniel Pratt, Prattville,	"
S. S. Pugh, Grove Hill,	"
J. R. Vidmer, Mobile,	"
R. P. Wetmore, Livingston,	"

Class of '86.

W. E. Booker, Uniontown, Alabama.	
W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee,	"
E. B. Cottingham, Six Mile,	"
G. W. Feagin, Midway,	"
A. M. Gasber, Jr., Livingston,	"
T. E. Gary, Selma,	"
F. P. Gibson, Mobile,	"
O. A. Hobdy, Snow Hill,	"
J. L. Horn, Livingston,	"
V. W. Jones, Camden,	"
A. W. Nelson, Selma,	"
A. E. Pace, Geneva,	"
H. A. Sayre, Montgomery,	"
R. A. Wright, Greensboro,	"



## Class of '87.

B. L. Boykin, Selma,	Alabama.
J. M. Dedman, Selma,	"
Reuben Hatter, Eutaw,	"
C. L. Hooton, Pleasant Ridge,	"
S. J. McCoy, Mobile,	"
W. B. Oliver, Eutaw,	"
W. W. Quarles, Selma,	"
W. B. Saffold, Selma,	"
R. M. Searcy, Tuscaloosa,	"
H. P. Williams, Aberdeen,	Mississippi.

## Class of '88.

W. C. Tunstall, Greensboro, Alabama.

Of six Academic prizes  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  took three, also medal for best drilled man, the only military prize offered. Of fourteen commissioned officers just appointed for the session of '85-'86,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has 9.  $\Sigma N 2$ ,  $K A 2$ , Non-Fraternity 1.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has all four captains—brothers Garber, Hobdy, V. W. Jones and Campbell—which are considered the highest honors attainable. Of five editors of the college paper,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has 1,  $\Sigma N 2$ ,  $K A 1$ , Non-Fraternity 1.

We initiated Assistant Professors S. N. Lapsley, of Vinton, Ala., and John Daniel, of Summerfield, Ala., who were graduated with honors in the class of '84. They are from the best young men of Alabama and will do credit to our fraternity. We had 28 men on the honor roll and all the others stood high in their respective classes. Brother P. W. Jones received a very high compliment through the columns of the *Montgomery Daily Advertiser*.

ZELL GASTON.

June 25, 1885.

*From Brother Le Grand.*

For the past eight years there have been at the University of Alabama very stringent restrictions against fraternities, and every effort heretofore to break through or have them modified has been a failure. So, as a last extremity, we had such men as we wished as members to send a petition, signed by the major part of the corps, to the Board of Trustees, which was last spring referred to a committee, with instructions to report at Commencement. This committee was at first disposed to report adversely. Appreciating this fact, Tomlinson, Gaston and myself, as representatives of our fraternity, with representatives from the  $\Sigma N$  and  $K A$  orders, asked a hearing from the Board. This request was granted. The object of our respective fraternities was explained, some lobbying was done, the restrictions were removed, and once more the shackles were lifted from the students and



they walked forth as men. In five minutes after the official announcement was made, I was in one of the society halls, in barracks, with forty-two of the unenlightened around me. But they did not remain barbarians long, for within three and a half hours they had emerged from the darkness into the full light of Grecian culture. They were the cream of the institution in point of scholarship and representatives from the best families in our commonwealth. This number was, of course, of two years' standing and work. Trust us, and we shall have the banner chapter, as well as the best State organization in the fraternity.

July 3, 1885.

M. P. LE GRAND, JR.

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### MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THREE Greek-letter fraternities were founded at Miami—Beta Theta Pi in 1839, Phi Delta Theta in 1848, and Sigma Chi in 1855—and chapters of several other fraternities were established, the first among them—the first Greek-letter chapter in Ohio—being the Miama chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, in 1835. A college paper was started very soon after the opening of school—*The Literary Focus*, in 1827. This was followed by *The Literary Register*, and, later still, by *The Miami Student*, one of the best college papers ever published. Opportunities for further scholastic enterprise were furnished by the establishment, within a mile of the university grounds, of the Oxford Female College, and the Western Female Seminary—opportunities which were promptly embraced.

In the forty-nine years between 1824 and 1873, nearly 1,000 students graduated from Miami, and many who did not graduate received all her college education within her walls. This body of men, scattered through the South and all the West, have accomplished rather more than their share of the world's work. Some, turning their attention to education, established, or helped to establish, other colleges, in widely separated places—Erskine College, in South Carolina; Wabash College, in Indiana; Monmouth College, in Illinois; Westminster College, in Missouri; Farmers' College, in Ohio, and Beyroot College, in Syria. They also furnished a president to each of six other colleges in different States, and taught far and near as professors or school teachers. In public life Miami counts six Governors of five different States, among the number of "War Governors" of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—Dennison, Morton and Yates—a minister to Great Britain, and a minister to Portugal, two United States Senators, several judges, and an unrecorded number of Members of Congress and of the State Legislatures. In a "Roll of Honor," published by the university authorities in 1867, are found the names of six generals, twenty-one colonels, nine majors, thirty captains, and

thirteen surgeons—students of Miami serving in the Union armies during the war. In the Confederate armies also there were many Miami students, some holding important commands, but the writer has not been able to obtain any list of them which is even passably complete. A large proportion of the graduates of Miami—about one-fourth, at the date of the last triennial catalogue, in 1867—have become ministers of the Gospel; not quite so large a number had taken to the law. In both lists are several well-known names.

Surrounded by the stern realities of the West, and by its opportunities of great material prosperity, the students of Western colleges could not fairly have been expected to show much inclination for purely literary pursuits. And, in fact, the professed literary man is hard to find among the graduates of Miami. However, the names of the Rev. Dr. Swing, of Chicago, class of '52, and W. S. Kennedy, of New York, a more recent graduate, and W. M. Thompson, of '28 (*quoad* the author of "The Land and the Book"), occur at the moment. Newspaper men, on the other hand, are found somewhat readily. Prominent among them are J. J. Faran, former editor and proprietor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, and Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*.

The graduates of Miami take no little personal interest in their *Alma Mater*. They themselves had much to do in the work accomplished by the school—the work of education, in the proper sense of the term, as distinguished from mere instruction, and one in which the mutual influence of the students counted for quite as much as the lectures of the professors. This interest manifested itself last June, when, it having been announced that the re-opening of Miami would be celebrated by a "re-union" at Oxford, nearly two hundred of the graduates, representing all but nine of the forty-eight graduating classes, assembled from far and near. It was a pleasant and an auspicious gathering. Many a long-interrupted friendship was re-established under the old oaks of the most beautiful college campus in the country, and college mates who had not met for a quarter of a century or longer found themselves shaking hands with a youthful heartiness that surprised them, or, in the inspiration of the moment, recalling the almost forgotten nicknames of their college days. It was estimated that, by the time the banquet, which the citizens of Oxford spread for the occasion, was served, more than twenty-five hundred venerable college jokes had appeared—none much the worse for age—while, under the influence of their youthful recollections, several gray-haired graduates were seen to grow twenty years younger. The little village of Oxford, too, was looking its prettiest for the occasion—and there are few villages prettier than Oxford—a typical college town; retired, yet easy of access; quiet, yet pros-

perous in business; a place of attractive homes, of well-kept yards, and of wide, clean streets which, with a margin of close turf on each side of the wagon track, stretch away between long rows of shade trees.

There was much besides the enthusiasm of the meeting to encourage the friends of Miami at the reunion. The university, it was announced, was free of debt, the assured income from rents and investments was estimated at \$10,000 a year, the State had just recognized the claims of the institution in a donation of \$20,000 for repairs—the outlook for new students was altogether flattering.

Nor have any clouds overcast this first brightness of the dawn. Indeed, since the reunion the indications have grown more assuring that the revived "Old Miami," all the stronger for the past, is about to begin a new career of prosperity and wide usefulness.  
—CHAS. M. HEPBURN, in the *Beta Theta Pi*.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

$\Sigma A E$  has furnished  $B \Theta \Pi$  what it has long prayed for—a rival chapter at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

$X \Psi$  and  $\Sigma N$  have asked permission of the Trustees of Emory College to establish chapters, and the request has been granted.

MEMBERSHIP in the fraternities at the University of California is as follows:  $Z \Psi$  (1870), 13;  $X \Phi$  (1875), 13;  $\Delta K E$  (1876), 17;  $B \Theta \Pi$  (1879), 18. The *Blue and Gold* reports the establishment of  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$  in the law department, and also the death of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $K K \Gamma$  during the past year.

THE  $\Delta T \Delta$  *Crescent* will be published by Mr. Plummer, of Chicago, as editor-in-chief. The *Crescent* is now in the hands of the alumni.

$\Delta K E$  has been established at Central University, Ky. The other fraternities having chapters there are  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $A T \Omega$ .

$\Psi T$  has intended to issue a supplement to its catalogue of 1879, or a simple list with a few notes, and a residence directory for pocket use, to fill up the long interval between two great catalogues, but we learn that at its recent convention it decided to abandon these plans, and ordered a new, elaborate edition to be prepared by January 1, 1887.

## EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we say welcome to all, bright with hopes and resolutions for the coming year. The work of last year was most earnest and the progress of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  correspondingly satisfactory, and we can reasonably expect that our results in '85-'86 will be even better than those of the year that has just passed.

In many ways has the fraternity been moving forward. The attention paid to internal improvement, the excellent discussion of fraternity questions, the enthusiastic management of the minor conventions have been but a few of the many signs indicating an increased interest in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and general activity no longer confined to a few men. Many efficient workers have left the ranks of active membership and can be no longer looked to for participation in the details of chapter routine. Their loss should be felt temporarily only, and such is the elasticity of our system that their places should be readily filled.

Upon the undergraduates devolves now—as always in the past and as ever in the future—the brunt of the responsibility for success, and we feel assured that not one chapter will be found wanting in the fulfillment of its work. May our expectations not prove vainglorious!

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WITH the initial number of a new volume it may be well to outline the policy of the editors. Some changes in the SCROLL were made last year, and our experience has suggested others.

Chapter letters will be published in full. There will be, if possible, no summarizing. Yet it will be useful to reporters, as well as convenient to the editors, to follow a few suggestions. Reports should be terse, concise. A condensed and succinct style should be cultivated, and diffuseness and cheap metaphor eschewed. There is a tendency in some reporters, not alone of this journal, but of others, to “pad” letters with much verbiage. “The glittering golden weapons” and numerous phrases of the same kind can easily be dispensed with, saving space and improving the literary character of a report. In short, let us have plain, straightforward, pithy records of chapter life.

Under the "Initiates" department are classified the names of new members. Special care should be taken to state the names of initiates in full, their residence and class, and month of initiation. The necessity and benefit of this classifying new names needs no comment. Commencing with the November number, these lists will be published on alternate months. The "Personal" column is of far greater importance than many suppose; for it is often the only source from which old classmates learn of each other's doings; and no items are of more interest to the average alumnus than these. Consequently, we propose to publish at intervals of two or three numbers extensive personal information, if chapter members will furnish us the required aid.

Our review of other fraternities last year was somewhat meagre. We do not believe in following the example of some of our contemporaries, who seem to consider that they have reviewed an exchange when they devote a ten-line paragraph to us, informing us that the SCROLL is still up to its standard and has its usual number of chapter letters. Nor do we believe in total silence. We hope, therefore, to strike the happy mean by devoting—let us say—three full reviews to our contemporaries during the coming year.

We shall expect contributions pertinent to fraternity questions. We cannot agree with those who would have a fraternity organ deal with purely literary subjects. The mission of the Greek press, as we understand it, is limited; and if it does well the work within its own sphere, it need not look beyond for new tasks.

If we shall be able to present articles showing study and thought on fraternity problems, we shall have succeeded admirably.

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SINCERE congratulations must be extended to Alabama Alpha, and the chapters of  $\Sigma N$  and  $K A$ , on their breaking down the barriers which ignorance or distorted information on the part of the authorities had reared up before them for so many years. The success attained by the representatives of the three fraternities is but another proof of the mistaken views which some college faculties hold so long on the fraternity question. In the majority of cases, the professors at anti-fraternity colleges are gentlemen of

liberality and culture, whose aversion to the system arises either from complete ignorance of fraternities and their works, or from confused and absurd notions arising from this ignorance. We feel assured that all that is necessary is a fair hearing in antagonistic institutions, and *sub rosa* chapters would thenceforth be unheard of.

In Alabama Alpha we hope to have a successful and enterprising chapter, and, if beginnings are of significance, we do not fear disappointment.

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It is our great privilege to announce the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha at Miami. Full account of the occasion will be published in our next number.

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“THE Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was founded at Miami University, in the year 1848, by Robert Morrison, Ardivan W. Rodgers, Robert T. Drake, John W. Lindley, John McM. Wilson and Andrew W. Rogers.

“The General Council take pleasure in announcing that in pursuance of an act of the General Convention, the Fraternity has, at the expense of much trouble and patience, secured, as a part of the historical archives of our Fraternity, portraits of the founders of Phi Delta Theta. In several cases, the parties being deceased, great difficulty was encountered in bringing to light the desired portrait, but by the diligent efforts of brothers Robert Morrison, A. G. Foster and W. B. Palmer, they have all been secured, together with the autographs of each, and in two instances we have in our possession the only pictures of these men known to be in existence. It has, therefore, been thought best, in order to preserve these likenesses in a more lasting and durable form, to have them reproduced and enlarged. This work has been done at considerable expense to the Fraternity by W. J. Morgan & Co., lithographers, Cleveland, Ohio. And for the purpose of bringing these portraits within the reach of members and chapters, the General Council have ordered a few hundred sets made, and will be able to furnish the same to those members who may desire it, at a nominal price of sixty cents per set, which, it is expected, will about cover the cost price and expense of forwarding.

The portraits, with autographs, are printed on separate sheets, size 11 by 14, and it is suggested that chapters can secure nothing more appropriate with which to adorn their chapter halls than the pictures of the founders of our Fraternity. The work has been pronounced a very correct representation of the originals, and will form a valuable addition to the collection of Phi pictures, which most members now have."

We can simply reiterate the words of the above extract from the Council's circular. The enterprise demands universal support and the Council has contributed much to the success of the undertaking by placing the cost of the set at such a small sum. Not one chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  should fail to respond to the call.

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WE publish in this number the first of a series of interesting historical articles which brother Palmer purposes compiling.

Particular notice should be taken of the passing remarks upon A. C. Kemper's article in the *\Delta K E Quarterly*, of June, 1884. Further information is to be furnished by brother Robert Morrison, to show how absurd are some of the statements of Mr. Kemper.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

At the beginning of this, another year of College and Fraternity life, it may be opportune for me to call your attention to one point.

At this time, when you are scanning the new class for men fit to become members of Phi Delta Theta, remember this, that one good man is worth any number of weak men. If there is a fault to be found with our Fraternity, it is that the character of some of its chapters is not quite what it should be. Now, it is the character of the individual members that determines the character of the chapter, and hence is the necessity of a very careful selection of new men. Choose such men as are likely to be men of prominence in their college, and in coming to the front themselves, these men will bring their chapter to the front with them.

Then, too, let each member realize the responsibility that rests on him for the progress and growth of his chapter; let each duty be done in the right way and at the right time.

Keep these suggestions in mind, and if, at our next conven-



tion, we can find the chapters of Alpha Province renewed in strength, it will be a matter of greater congratulation than the founding of new chapters.

September 24, 1885.

GEO. E. SAWYER.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

With the beginning of the new college and fraternity year, let us begin anew our fraternity work with revived energies and invigorated spirits. The past years of our work have been wonderfully successful ; let us make this year still more so. Refreshed by the summer's vacation, and rested from college duties for nearly three months, let every member who has returned to his college and his chapter, return with the firm determination to do his part well. The measure of that determination on your part will be the measure of the success of your chapter.

Many of the old comrades and standard-bearers of your chapters will not return, for they have been graduated and have gone out into the struggle of life ; but if you realize your responsibility you can fill their places and put on the fraternity armor, with the shield on your breast and the dagger in your hand, and you can fight as good a battle as they have fought. And these members who have fought their good fight and passed out will yet look longingly and confidently to you to achieve new victories, and to keep the watchfires burning brightly on the altars of the dear old Fraternity.

There is a great responsibility resting upon every active member of our Province, and it is a splendid thing to bear well that responsibility. If you discharge well that duty to your chapter and fraternity, you will benefit yourself and others, and you will be proud of it when you have taken your chapter parole in after years. These college and fraternity years are a fine test of the manly faithfulness of those who belong to the fraternity. To the active members of the Epsilon Province I desire to say that no one can look to you with more confidence and hope, and expectation that your fraternity work will be splendidly done, than I do. I am certain that every member of the province will recognize that the magnificent growth which our fraternity has enjoyed has been the result of *hard* work applied to splendid principles, and that what you expect to accomplish for your chapter and the fraternity must be done by constant and hard work.

Let us turn our efforts to an internal improvement, knowing that if we are internally sound and prosperous, we will be externally sound and prosperous. First, what we have, let us keep in fine condition. If there are any rusty old guns in the regiment, let them be burnished immediately. As you all know, the place for your exertions is in your chapter. Let us try to make each of our chapters the best in the college where it is situated, and



not content with that, let each chapter be made as good as it can possibly be made by constant work. I sincerely hope that your chapter reports may reveal the fact that you have gotten your share of the worthy new men who have entered your college. Let me suggest that you study your men well before "spiking" them.

You are, no doubt, aware that a great deal of our strength and of the good which you can accomplish consist in the regularity and excellence of the chapter meetings. Good chapter meetings are absolutely necessary for chapter and fraternity prosperity. More, they are necessary that the active members may receive the great benefits which the fraternity was designed to and does most abundantly bestow. They should be held as regularly as the evenings for them arrive. Every active member ought to consider it a paramount duty to attend them and take an active part in them as regularly as they are held. It will not do for members to begin to slight their meetings. It is ruinous to any chapter. If one member gets in the habit of staying away from meetings, it has a discouraging effect and others get at it, and then the chapter is in a dangerous condition. In the meetings we get the real benefits of a fraternity. Let them be made interesting with your very best productions, with your finest brain work. Don't go to your chapter meeting unprepared. Let them be harmonious, for harmony is one most essential element of our growth and strength. Our chapters have always been singularly free from dissensions. Our fraternity, which comprises the four geographical sections of this country, is all that could possibly be asked in the way of perfect harmony. Each chapter will certainly put forth an especial effort to profit in this regard by the splendid example which our fraternity at large has set, and to preserve the utmost harmony and accord in the least details of chapter action.

I have been led to speak to you, my dear brothers, of these things at this beginning of a new college year, on account of their importance, and not because there is any doubt of your knowledge and appreciation and your faithful observance of them. I hope to hear from many of the members of the province during the year, to rejoice in your success, and to meet you at our annual Province Convention at Indianapolis, next April.

September 18, 1885.

J. M. GOODWIN.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.\*

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

COLBY is among the first to open in the autumn, and September 4th saw eighteen valiant Phis back to their work, invigorated by the summer's recreation and labor, enthusiastic and brimful of energy. The work of "fishing" for men in the freshman class was immediately and earnestly prosecuted; with what success it is, perhaps, premature to say now. But we hope in the next issue of the SCROLL to report a goodly number of men who are pledged to join us. We were unfortunate in losing two men who were "spiked," and who have decided not to enter college this year.

Our chapter received a very cordial invitation from our sister, Vermont A, to be present on Friday night, September 25, at her invitation, on which occasion a large number of exceptionally fine men are to join her ranks. Unfortunately, none of us could accept. It is encouraging, however, to hear such good reports from other chapters.

Of our '85 men, Fuller is studying law with the well-known firm, Symonds & Libby, Portland; Carroll is engaged in business preparatory to a law course, and Barton, *quondam*, '85, expects to be admitted to the Kennebec bar in a few months.

We all sincerely unite in our wishes that all other chapters may be amply successful in the "fall campaign."

September 24, 1885.

GEORGE E. GOOGINS.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

THE Commencement week just ended has been of unusual interest to Dartmouth College. The dedication of Rollins chapel and Wilson Hall makes a new era in her history, while the addition of several new features to the class-day exercises made that day unusually interesting to the customary crowd of visitors and friends. The new chapel in beauty, symmetry and utility is all that the most critical could desire, and Wilson Hall is a commodious fireproof building, admirably fitted to hold the valuable collection of books belonging to the college library. It has a capacity of 130,000 volumes, and is supplied with reading and consultation rooms and a cosy art gallery.

Our chapter loses no members by the graduation of the class of '85. All things considered, New Hampshire Alpha has made

\* A large number of letters have been received since September 1. It was, however, deemed best to publish those which related to Commencement, and to defer the rest till No. 2.

good progress since her organization last October. Convenient and comfortable apartments have been secured for a hall, which will be furnished and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term.

The chapter has a representative from the class of '86 on *The Dartmouth*, a bi-weekly, edited by members chosen from the Senior class.

Brother Rice also represents the Phis of '87 on the *Ægis*, an annual, published by the Junior class. One desirable man has been pledged and a member "spotted" from the incoming Freshman class. Our members are all enthusiastic, and the prospect for our future prosperity is certainly encouraging.

June 27, '85.

G. E. WHITEHILL.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

ANOTHER college year has dawned upon us and finds twenty of our original number in the ranks, full of Phi spirit and ready for active work.

'89 enters the largest class in the history of the college, and out of the number we selected eight of the choicest and initiated them into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  on Friday evening, Sept. 25. Brothers Sawyer and Hayden, '83, Hoffnagle, '84, and Bigwood, '85, were present on the occasion.

We also had the pleasure of brother G. W. Shaw's company, from New Hampshire Alpha. He gave us a glowing account of the prosperity of our sister chapter, and made us all feel (what we have never doubted) that a good cause is bound to succeed, though it be in the farthest corner of the earth.

Our meetings will be enlivened hereafter by music furnished by our orchestra, consisting of nine pieces. We congratulate ourselves as entering upon one of the most profitable year's work in our chapter's history.

We are pained to announce the indefinite suspension of H. W. Bell.

September 29th, 1885.

F. H. CLAPP.

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

THE N. Y. *Γ* chapter begins this, the third year of its existence, under the most favorable auspices. Excepting the graduates, all our old members are again with us, and we hope soon to add to their number. At Commencement we lost three of our men, brothers Randolph, Devoe and Hicks. This loss we feel keenly, for they had endeared themselves to the chapter by their earnest work in its behalf. Brothers Randolph and Devoe, both charter members, will, however, continue to maintain an active personal

interest, as they will remain in New York, the former to enter Columbia Law School and the latter to teach in the public schools of this city. Brother Hicks will probably attend the Harvard School of Political Economy.

At Commencement this chapter maintained its past high standing, both in respect to the prizes taken and the offices held in the class and committees. Of the college honors awarded, those taken by fraternities were :

$A \Delta \Phi$ , '85, 2; '86, 7; '87, 0; '88, 0; total, 9.  $\Delta K E$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 1; '88, 0; total, 1.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '85, 2; '86, 0; '87, 2; '88, 1; total, 5.  $\Theta \Delta X$ , '85, 0; '86, 0; '87, 0; '88, 0; total, 0.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '85, 3; '86, 1; '87, 1; '88, 0; total, 5.

It may be mentioned that of the nine prizes obtained by  $A \Delta \Phi$ , four were taken by one man. The prize speaking resulted in a victory for brother Randolph from among six competitors, themselves especially chosen to take part.

N. Y.  $\Gamma$  has sent to the chapters of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta$ , and some of  $E$  and  $Z$  provinces a copy of the *Microcosm*, the annual published by the fraternities here, and if more are obtainable, this chapter hopes to send one to each of those remaining. As  $\Gamma$  is desirous of obtaining a collection of college annuals, we would earnestly request sister chapters to exchange.

Our relations with other fraternity chapters are of the most agreeable nature. Both  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$  are in excellent condition, and the make up of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  chapter would indicate a near awakening from the seemingly dormant condition of last year. There are rumors that  $\Theta \Delta X$  is about to make large additions to its present number of one. Such an improvement would have the best wishes of chapters here.

To conclude, the future of the chapter is full of promise and encouragement, to which the warm support of the alumni will prove no small factor.

September 10, '85.

ALBERT SHIELS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

WITH '85's Commencement Pennsylvania Alpha closed a very successful year, but at the same time we lose a number of men who have contributed largely to the success of our work and the strength of the chapter. From '85 we lose six men,—strong, earnest, working Phis. But our loss does not stop here. Brother Frey, '86, and brother Whaley, '88, leave Lafayette and take a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania. Our best wishes go out with these members, who have been so long and so intimately associated with us. Although a large vacancy will be made by those retiring, we have a strong membership left, and

feel confident that we will be able to fill up our ranks with men worthy of membership in our fraternity.

Of the four honorary orations given to the class of '85, two were awarded to Phis. Brother Seal received the Scientific Oration and brother Shaw the chief honor of his class—the Valedictory; brother Ludlow received second honor. Brother Jadwin takes a prize in Biblical studies, but in the Junior Oratorical Contest we fall below last year's record. The first prize was awarded to a *Δ K E*, the second to your reporter, and the third to a non-frat.

The annual banquet was held June 22, and was a grand success. Brother A. C. McCauley, '81, was master of ceremonies. Besides this genial ex-member of our chapter, we were glad to welcome brothers A. M. Lupfer, '80; T. B. Boughton, '81; C. H. Talmage, J. T. Baker, and J. W. Nute, all of '82, and G. G. Earl, '84. An elegant *menu*, good speeches, and the best of feelings made this an occasion long to be remembered.

July 10, '85.

W. H. CAREY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

WE began the year's work with twelve members. In the class of '85 there were three Phis, brothers C. A. Aikens, Charles Rëinewald and E. E. Hoshour, and each one was graduated with credit to himself and the fraternity. They have left college walls, but we often see their familiar faces; all three are studying theology at the Lutheran Seminary located here.

Yet another loss: brother Frank A. Doll, of '87, has given up his college studies to enter business with his father at Frederick City, Md. We wish him success.

But, as has ever been Pennsylvania Beta's history, with all her losses she has had her gains. Brother John Hill, after a year's absence, has returned, and is now a member of the class of '88. *Φ Δ Θ* has been victorious over some of the other fraternities in the initiation of brothers F. D. J. Kaessmann, '87, of Baltimore, Md., and Arthur E. Linhart, '89, of Alleghany, Pa. These brothers are worthy bearers of the "Sword and Shield," and I take pleasure in introducing them to all Phis.

We now number fourteen. Our past history reads well, and our future prospects are very hopeful.

Oct. 5, '85.

T. L. CROUSE.

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

UNUSUAL dignity and eclat, springing mainly from a concurrence of ability and distinguished talents on the side of those who took part in the exercises, marked the eighty-fourth Commence-

ment of Washington and Jefferson, which began June 21st and closed on the 24th, as one of the most successful and brilliant graduations in the history of the institution. Among the many incidents of the closing week that give pleasure to the Phi heart, none will be recalled oftener and with more satisfaction than the visit of our distinguished brother, Hon. Byron K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, who was present on the invitation of the literary societies to deliver before them the annual oration.

In the afternoon of June 22 we tendered brother Elliott a reception in our hall. Indiana Phis who are personally acquainted with the Judge know just what his presence in the circle means, and are therefore prepared to appreciate the enthusiasm awakened in our breasts over our visitor. Judge Elliott's subject was: "THE GREAT AUTOCRAT." He showed that public opinion is the real ruler of the world, and has ruled since men first gathered into communities. Lack of space forbids us giving a comprehensive synopsis of the discourse, which was, in the opinion of the cultured and appreciative audience, one of the ablest and most masterly that has been delivered at this quarter for years. Brother Elliott was compelled to hurry back to his labors, but he left with us happy memories of his short stay that will endure for years.

In the class of '85 we lost four members—Donehoo, McElwaine, Noble, and Scandrett. On Class Day the poem was read by brother W. H. McElwaine; the History, by brother J. D. Donehoo, and brother R. B. Scandrett was class artist. Of all of these performances the dailies of Washington and Pittsburgh speak in flattering terms. At the reunion of the Philo and Union Literary Society, brothers Noble and Scandrett were among the few undergraduates who were called upon for speeches.

At the Commencement proper the Salutatory was pronounced by brother McElwaine, who was graduated *cum laude*. His subject was: "FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW." Brother Donehoo was given an honorary oration, the theme of which was: "THE PESSIMIST." Brother Scandrett secured a Commencement oration; subject: "THE NEXT STATUE." The Valedictory was delivered by brother Noble; subject: "PRACTICAL SENTIMENT." The first honor was awarded brother Noble, "*magna cum laude*;" the second to brother McElwaine, "*cum laude*."

The following is an enumeration of the prizes secured by the chapter: "Samuel Jones Classical Prizes"—First, \$100, to G. W. Fulton, '86. "Samuel Jones Natural Science Prizes"—Second, \$25, to F. C. Noble, '85. "Alex. Reed Mental Science Prize"—\$50, to R. B. Scandrett, '85. "English Literature Prize"—\$50, to J. De Q. Donehoo, '85. "German Prizes"—Only award, \$25, to W. T. Tredway, '86. The foregoing are all the

prizes offered at this college. Brother J. M. McComb, '77, Lodi, Indiana, Punjaub, India, was given the degree of A.M., and also brother Professor W. C. McClelland, '82. In addition to this honor, brother McClelland was chosen to fill the chair of English Language and Literature recently created. At the alumni dinner brother Scandrett delivered the Spoon Oration, to which brother Fulton, on behalf of the class of '86, was respondent. The vacation has rolled away rapidly. College resumed session September 16. On the 15th our brother of Ky. Alpha, Hon. A. E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster-General, made a hurried trip to this place for the purpose of placing in Washington and Jefferson his son, Lewis G. Stevenson, and then hastily returned to his desk at the Capitol. While here, the Phis in the place called upon the distinguished official. Sixteen members have returned. Our "chances" for the ensuing term are ordinarily good. We are ready for fresh honors.

Sept. 17, '85.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

At the close of the college year Pennsylvania Delta has reason to be congratulated upon the results of the year's work. We know that some of the alumni have been disappointed at not seeing more glowing reports in the SCROLL, but they should remember that words are not the only indications of work. At the beginning of the college year only seven members returned; we now number fourteen, the last initiate being Ernest R. Pond, of this city.

At the celebration of the sixth anniversary we received letters from quite a number of correspondent members.

A. J. Loomis is editing the *Headlight* at Deming, N. M.; D. W. Robinson is practising medicine at Pierre, Dakota; D. W. Thayer is a book publisher at Atlanta, Ga.; H. M. Hyde is in business at Clifton Springs, N. Y.; W. G. Warner is preaching in a suburb of Cincinnati, O.; J. W. Kahle is in the oil business at Venus, Pa.; J. A. Vance is studying law at East Liverpool, O.; E. S. Blair and E. H. Pond have been attending Medical College at Michigan University.

W. H. Gallup was the winner of the essay prize in the Philo-Franklin Society; this makes the sixth prize won by our present membership, more than has been taken by the present membership of all the other fraternities combined. We have received a liberal share of the positions on the college papers, and will be represented on the *Campus* by Wells and Lynch during the coming year.

The interest in the extension of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is by no means diminished, and we would be glad to see an Alpha Province conven-



tion, if it was not feared that the distance for the outlying chapters was too great. Possibly a system similar to the one followed by the National Convention might so divide the expense, that it would yet be practicable.

Our scheme for a permanent hall of our own seems nearer consummation than ever before ; it will either be accomplished or abandoned soon.

Our annual banquet will be held Wednesday, June 24, in our hall. We expect one of the most enjoyable times we have ever had.

Brothers Murray, Mason and Drake do not expect to return next year. Brother Murray may, however, return in the spring term. He remains out for the purpose of teaching.

We desire to express through the SCROLL the hope that the alumni correspondent members will keep us posted as to their whereabouts, and neither forget or neglect to write the annual letter to the chapter.

June 16, '85.

C. W. PROCTOR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

THE year just closed was a prosperous one for Pa. *E*; her numbers have increased, her resources have been developed, and fraternity spirit has been quickened. We have had our share of honor: brother Lindsay was valedictorian of the class of '85, brother Wilson led the class of '86, brother W. M. Stine the Latin Science section of same class, and brother Porter the Latin Science section of '87. Brother Clearer took the medal in Sophomore contest of the U. P. Society, and brother Heisse the silver medal in the Junior contest. The above record is a good one.

Since our last report we have initiated brother W. M. Stine, '86.

Brother Stephens, who has been absent a year, will return in September and graduate with '87.

We expect to return to college full of enthusiasm. Never were Pa. *E*'s prospects more encouraging. She struggled hard for position, has secured it, and we mean that she shall hold it in the face of opposition.

July 23, '85.

W. T. GRAHAM.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

OUR session closed on the first of July. The Phis, as usual, came out well in the distribution of degrees, diplomas, and proficiencies. In the department of engineering, two out of three graduates were Phis—brothers Blakey and Guest. We had three



men in law, but only one was an applicant for the B.L., and he was unsuccessful, owing to illness both the night before and the day of the examination. The other two brothers, Fink and Ellis, were proficient in Constitutional and International Law. None of the above five will be with us next year, although we fully expected our two Western brothers would.

The Phis in the Academical School did just as well. Brother Moss was graduated in French, Natural and Moral Philosophy; Thornhill made several tickets in the Medical School; Petrie made Pure Mathematics, Physics, and Intermediate Greek; Patterson made General Chemistry, Early English, and Logic; Hardaway made Applied Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Mineralogy, and finished his drawings; Puryear made Natural Philosophy, Junior, and Intermediate Mathematics and some other tickets in the Engineering Department, besides getting off some of his drawings. Brother Valentine is now a graduate in the entire course of chemistry. I made General Chemistry, Anglo-Saxon, Modern English, History of Literature in the Latin School, and Intermediate Mathematics. No other fraternity here, taken as a whole, did as well as  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother Bohannon acted as assistant to Professor Venable in Pure Mathematics.

We harmonized exceedingly well together. The men were brotherly and companionable, and we only regret that so few of them will be back. Yet we have a bright prospect for next session, and will begin it with about twelve.

Sept. 8, '85.

JOHN D. FLETCHER.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

It gives me very great pleasure to report that our chapter is in a flourishing condition.

Since the opening of this session all of our members have returned except brothers Neal, Marshall and McKinnon, but we expect that brother McKinnon will be with us in a few days.

Thus far we have taken in only one new member, Mr. A. Stronach.

We are quite sorry to announce that we shall soon lose two of our most enthusiastic and talented brothers, Messrs. Hines and White, who will finish their course in law at this institution. Our chapter will sustain a great loss by the absence of these two members, who have been deeply concerned in the welfare and prosperity of our fraternity.

Sept. 28, '85.

A. M. SIMMONS.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA ALPHA began the scholastic year with twelve members. Our initiates for the scholastic year are : J. W. Pate, O. S. Davis, B. F. Hawkins, N. B. Jones, and E. B. Cohen. W. A. Speer, formerly of Ga. B, affiliated with the chapter during the spring term. Brother J. D. Ashton returned to the University during the fall term. During this year we have lost brothers Ashton, Briggs, Clark, Davis and Pate.

Brother M. D. Wright served as anniversarian of the Demosthenian Society, and brother W. K. Stansell was elected a champion debater from the same society. W. B. Powers and W. A. Sheer were elected spring debaters from the Demosthenian Society, and J. D. Ashton was elected a spring debater from the Phi Kappa Society. M. T. Davis and W. A. Speer received Sophomore places. Our prospects for next year are good. We long to see  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  re-enter old Miami, her birth place.

June 20, '85.

W. A. SPEER.

## GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

VARIOUS intervening circumstances have prevented me from writing before, but I am happy to state that I have good news to communicate. We will make the best record at Commencement that has ever been made by any fraternity at this college. We did that last year, but we have beaten our last year's record by several places. The following is a list of our speakers for Commencement : Sub-Freshman Class—J. E. Micler, W. B. Smith. Sophomore Class—H. T. Etheridge, J. P. McRee, W. H. Thomas, W. B. Watkins. Junior Class—W. W. Davis, J. C. Dean, W. B. Griffin, J. C. Speight, W. P. Thomas, R. W. Trimble. Senior Class—E. P. Allen, E. P. Burns, W. T. Hanson, J. Hollingsworth, E. C. Mobley, Jr. Honors Senior Class, four in all were given—1st, E. P. Allen ; 2d, J. Hollingsworth ; 3d, E. P. Burns. Champion Debaters—J. Hollingsworth and E. C. Mobley, Jr.

Speakers' places by classes, as compared with the other fraternities : Sub-F.,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2 ;  $X \Phi$ , 1 ;  $\Sigma A E$ , 1 ;  $K A$ , 1 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 0 ;  $A \Theta \Omega$ , 0. Sophomore :  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 4 ;  $X \Phi$ , 6 ;  $\Sigma A E$ , 1 ;  $K A$ , 1 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 1 ;  $A \Theta \Omega$ , 2. Junior :  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 6 ;  $X \Phi$ , 1 ;  $\Sigma A E$ , 0 ;  $K A$ , 4 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 0 ;  $A \Theta \Omega$ , 1. Senior :  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 5 and 3 honors ;  $X \Phi$ , 1 ;  $\Sigma A E$ , 1 ;  $K A$ , 2 ;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 0 ;  $A \Theta \Omega$ , 2 and 1 honor. This will give an idea of how Phi Delta Theta stands at Emory. At Commencement, when the medals are read out for excellence in text-books and for the best essays, we are expecting to sweep the field. We think we will get 13 out of the 19 given.

Since our last report we have initiated several new members, three students, brothers Jules Ardis, Cal.; W. B. Smith, Cal.; and J. E. Lee, Fla.; and the crowning glory of our "spiking" was the initiation of Rev. M. Callaway, D.D., Vice-President of Emory College.

The following States are represented in our fraternity: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and California.

Number of members—class, '85, 5; '86, 7; '87, 6; '88, 5; '89, 3; total, 26.

Every member of the club is working, and we expect to make as good a record in obtaining medals to be given Commencement as we have already done in getting speakers' places and honors. We will have a banquet during Commencement and will do our best to entertain all visiting Phis.

May 28, '85.

E. C. MOBLEY, JR.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

It affords me much pleasure, as the reporter of Georgia Gamma, to announce our prospects for the ensuing year quite flattering. Last year was one of the most prosperous years Georgia Gamma ever had. We initiated fourteen men, there being only two other chapters initiating more. We kept up a Social Club the whole time, and at Commencement gave a complimentary banquet to the Phi young ladies of the city, which was pronounced by all in attendance one of the most elegant and enjoyable occasions of the kind ever held in Macon. The college paper was run exclusively by our fraternity, and we also took our share of honors. We won a fair number of speakers' places, and out of the six debaters' places we took three. In our societies we ran five candidates and not one of them were defeated. Sixteen of our old members have returned, and we hope to raise our standard still higher.

We have initiated four new men already: W. P. Long, of Leesburg, Ga.; William M. Ross, of Fort Valley, Ga.; W. R. Jennings, of Crawfordville, Ga.; and J. W. Overstreet, of Sylvania, Ga.

Brother A. S. Rhodes, who left us last Christmas to teach, is with us again.

Our class standing this year will be equal, if not superior, to any fraternity in college. No other fraternity will get any honors in the present Senior class.

Oct. 4, '85.

W. B. HARDMAN.

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

HAVING spent a pleasant vacation we return to college with renewed energy and resolutions. College opened unusually well this year.

By graduation we lost three men—Collier, Penn and Thach—and others not returning this year, our number is rather small at present, but I think we will be able to add several new names to our roll in a short time. With the addition of one new man we now number seven.

We are discussing the library now, and if our alumni members will give us a little help we can have a first-class library in a little while.

The other fraternity chapters here are working hard, but we always have led, and will make an effort to sustain our reputation, about which we do not anticipate any trouble. The chapter is very much indebted to our Phi sisters for kindness to us all. I know no other chapter has such loyal sisters as we. It becomes our sad duty to report the death of our beloved brother, Walton T. Penn, of '85, who died at his home in Cusetta, Ala., on the 15th inst.

He was graduated from this college in June with high honors and he was always a true and noble Phi.

September 23, 1885.

L. W. SPRATLING.

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#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

THE beginning of another year of study finds Texas Beta again at the head of fraternities in the university. The doors of the university had scarcely opened when a new knight swore allegiance to the Shield and Dagger. Our new member, Samuel Thompson Camp, although one of the youngest students of the university, has already distinguished himself as a fluent and ready debater, and when here last year excited considerable interest by his youth and eloquence.

Brother James B. Lewright, of Missouri Alpha, has affiliated with us and will lend his genial brightness to grace our meetings.

Brother Swain has added new laurels to our beloved fraternity. He won the highest grade in a competitive examination for a cadetship at West Point and received the appointment. He is now in Oxford, Md., preparing himself for his new duties.

Beta Theta Pi has established a chapter here and it is rumored that another fraternity will shortly establish one. The University of Texas bids fair to become soon one of the largest fraternity centres in the South. The competition for good men is very strong and all honorable means are resorted to to obtain them.

The Second Annual Convention of Texas Phis will be held here on the 14th and 15th of next month. We hope to make the occasion one which will prove long memorable in the annals of the fraternity. The name of brother Drew Pruitt at the head assures the success of the convention.

We enter upon the new year with high hopes, and although our chapter is still young, it is healthy and hardy, and promises continued development and strength.

September 28, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

IN the September number of the *Beta Theta Pi* the editor insinuates that the list of honors taken at Vanderbilt last year and published in the June SCROLL was compiled to show the precedence of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  over its rivals in greater contrast than was deserved. The editor may be ignorant of the fact, but that list of honors includes ALL the honors conferred on fraternity men at Vanderbilt last year. It clearly shows that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  got as many honors of *every* kind as any other fraternity; and in the aggregate many more than any two others received. The editor also sees grammatical mistakes where he should see only typographical errors. Besides, in speaking of the question of taste, it would have been well for him to have noticed that the reply to the Beta, who had boasted through the city papers of how his fraternity came out ahead, was not through a city paper, but through the proper channel—the fraternity journal.

Sept. 26, '85.

PHI.

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

SINCE the last report from our mountain chapter, isolated as it were from the outer world, but none the less active, it is our pleasant duty to introduce to the Phi world brothers B. Jamison and H. R. Bohn from New Orleans, La. Brother J. R. Pearson, Orange Grove, Fla., and Prof. G. White, an M.A., graduate of Harvard, and Professor of English Language and Literature, at the University.

Brother E. U. Western has left our friendly circle to complete his law course at Lebanon.

Brothers V. L. Terrell, E. L. Wells and C. B. Zeilin also left at the closing of last term. We regret exceedingly their departure, but wishing that success may crown their future endeavors, we can only bid them a fond farewell, nothing daunted at the thinning of our ranks, which we hope to close again in no far future. Tenn. *B* is gaining at last as sure a foothold in the University as one or two of our contemporaries held unmolested until two years ago.

We were favored by a visit from brother Palmer a few days since. He was well pleased with our progress and chapter house, which is a marvel of beauty.

We extend our congratulations to all and every one of our sister chapters.

Sept. 6, '85.

D. B. SMITH.

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TENNESSEE BETA sends greeting to all the Phis with best wishes for success.

Last week brother J. R. Pearson gave an elegant entertainment at his grandfather's residence, and the Phis were well represented. This term we have increased the number of our literary exercises, all of which are fulfilled with the highest merit, as has always been the custom of the Phis. It would be hard, indeed, to find a finer set of men, whose interests are so harmoniously blended, as now compose our chapter.

The excitement of "spiking" new students is now at an end, so all that remains for us to do is to rest on our laurels and wait for a new field of work.

We have sent for the photographs and autographs of the founders of the fraternity, and hope soon to see them adorning the walls of our chapter house. Brother S. G. Jones has left for his home at Montgomery, Ala., where he will prepare for West Point; but we hope to have him with us next term before he finally leaves for the academy, and we feel sure that he will do honor to the White and the Blue.

Oct. 5, '85.

H. R. BOHN.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

VACATION has come and gone, and we are once more standing in the arena ready for combat. Time has wrought some changes in our chapter during the few months which have elapsed since last we met. Brothers A. B. Murphy and J. W. Benschoten took passage on the bark of '85; brother Murphy is now a candidate for the Ohio Legislature; brothers McCready, Clark, Lauck and O'Kane did not return to college; brother T. B. Miller affiliated from Indiana Delta, Butler University.

We are at the present time seven in number, with a bright prospect before us of adding to our number several, of whom we shall have just reason to be proud.

We were honored by a visit from brothers J. E. Brown, who was on his way to Ann Arbor, and James F. Steele, both of '84, who gave us words of encouragement which stimulated us to redouble our diligence for  $\Phi \chi \Theta$ . On next Sunday we intend to wear the blue and white as a token of our feelings in being permitted to welcome back home again our mother chapter, Ohio

Alpha, having been reinstated with the good beginning of seven men.

During the summer, at considerable expense, we remodeled one of our rooms. Encouraged by the successes of the past, and seeing that the present is pregnant with victory, we shall endeavor to make the future witness even greater achievements by our chapter than the past has seen.

October 1, 1885.

W. F. MAIR.

#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

VACATION is past, and twelve enthusiastic Phis, reunited, have resolved to hold the standard of Ohio Delta well in the fore-front of the college ranks. We greet our brothers everywhere, trusting that from Maine to Texas our lines remain unbroken, and invoke good cheer and fair fortune upon you all.

The University is apparently entering a very prosperous year with many new students, seemingly of good material. The fraternities are all in good condition and already engaged in friendly rivalry to secure new men. Ohio Delta will not be long in forwarding some names to add to the list of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

The personals of our last year's membership, now absent, will be found elsewhere. There is in preparation now a new hall to be the future headquarters of Ohio Delta. It is undoubtedly the finest hall in the city, and when we get into it, about the 1st of November, we want all Phis who can to come and see us; meanwhile we would be glad to welcome them in our old hall.

Sept. 18, '85.

T. S. ANDERSON.

#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated Fred. S. Ball, '88, of Portsmouth, O.

On May 7th, the Inter-State Oratorical Contest was held in this city (Columbus) at Comstock Opera House. Phis and delegates began to arrive on the day before the contest and continued doing so almost to the hour of contest.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was more largely represented than any other fraternity. The following chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  were represented: Ills.  $\Delta$ , one; Ind.  $\Gamma$ , one; Ohio  $B$ , ten; Ohio  $\Gamma$ , four; Ohio  $\Delta$ , fourteen; Ohio  $E$ , six. These, with the ten Phis of this chapter, made quite an assemblage. On the eve of the contest "we" occupied in the Opera House nearly a whole section of the dress circle, and loud and long were our applauses in appreciation of brother A. G. Greenlee's oration. After the contest about thirty loyal Phis partook of a hastily prepared banquet at the American House. It is needless to say



that full justice was done to the supper and that each one of us spent an enjoyable evening.

The Fraternity Annual of this college will appear some time this week, and we would like to exchange Annuals with our chapters at other colleges.

College closes June 24th and reopens Sept. 17th.

June 15, 1885.

A. C. REEVES.

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#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

OUR chapter rejoices in the possession of a new brother, Mr. T. D. Sparks, who comes to us from the Kentucky Military Institute.

We deeply feel the loss of brother F. M. Wilson, who goes to the law department of the University of Michigan.

At the last Commencement  $\Phi A \Theta$  came off with her usual full share of honors.

Brother W. L. Sumrall covered himself with glory by taking both the Henry Barret Boyle Prize—a very fine gold watch—and the Sophomore English Prize. Brothers Murray Hubbard, G. E. Wiseman, E. D. Martin, W. L. Sumrall, E. B. Nelson, C. D. Grubbs, F. M. Wilson, F. N. Lee, and your reporter were all honorably mentioned on Commencement Day. In last year's graduating class we mourn the loss of three Phis. They stood among the first of a class renowned as being the best in twenty years. We bid them God-speed and urge them to keep bright the fair record of the class of '85.

September 8, 1885.

R. S. DAWSON.

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#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated Henry Ashley Nichols, '89, Wolcottville, Ind., thus making our number at Commencement fifteen. During the year we have enrolled twenty members. Brother Jarrett was called home by sickness during the first term, soon after his initiation. Brother Orchard has completed a course in a commercial school since January 1st. Brothers DuBois, Marsh and Burson have been out of college the last term. We confidently expect, at least, a part of the above to return with us next year. Of those who have formed the chapter during the last term, all expect to return except E. E. Griffith, who was graduated June 10th, receiving the degree A.B., and S. Foster, who will probably go to El Paso, Texas.

Both brothers will be greatly missed. Both were initiated in September, 1881. Brother Griffith has been with the chapter



continuously since then. Brother Foster has taken a vacation of one year in the meantime. Brother Griffith has secured an excellent position in the Indianapolis High School as Professor of Literature for the coming year, but intends to study law. We wish both unmeasured success, which their ability and perseverance will doubtless secure to them.

During the year the members of the chapter have held a reasonable proportion of the positions of honor. There are no honors in the Senior class, and those in the other classes are the class exhibitions, which occur as follows: Junior in the first term; Sophomore in the second term; and Freshman in the third term. Nine best essays are chosen by the faculty from those written by the class and these are read or spoken in public. On Junior exhibition we were represented by brother Alvin Heiney, on Freshman by brother Foster and Shiels. There was no Sophomore exhibition.

Brother Griffith was "Tramp" on class day, June 9th, was an editor-in-chief of the *Indiana Student*, and took a prize on College Temperance Contest.

Brother Foster was, during the year, Philo Contest Declaimer, Philo Spring Speaker, and on Freshman exhibition. Brother Beldon was a Spring Speaker from "Athenian." The reporter read an essay on Scientific Exhibition, June 4th. Brother Fisher was recently elected president of class '88; this position is permanent. Brother Burson also was president of his class. Brother Alvin Heiney was valedictorian of Philo, June 5.

The general summary of our honors for the year is something as follows, with possibly a few minor positions: Two class presidents, one class treasurer, one editor *Indiana Student*, two spring speakers, two contest declaimers, best grade in Freshman class; one on Junior exhibition, two on Freshman exhibition, treasurer of Philomathean Society, one essayist on Scientific exhibition, two representatives on Temperance Contest—one prize, valedictory of Philo, and one representative on class day.

Some of those who left college last year will return next fall or in '86.

The prospects of the University under the new administration and president are most encouraging. The faculty now numbers 22, against 15 as heretofore. The indications are that the Freshman class of '85-'86 will be large. The chapter is harmonious and alive to the importance of a vigorous campaign, with careful selection of those who shall wear the Sword and Shield. Our prospects are decidedly good.

The University catalogue shows:  $\Sigma X$ , 23 enrolled;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 21;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 20;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 19;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 11;  $K A \Theta$ , 28; and  $K K \Gamma$ , 13. None of these have better prospects for next year than  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

June 21, '85.

ROBERT NEWLAND.

## INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

THE Commencement this year has been of unusual interest in many respects. The different exercises were well arranged and full of interest. In the "Ivy Planting" exercises, which were conducted by the Junior class, brother C. F. Coyle took a prominent part. Brothers Stockbarger and Sharpe were also in the class quartette. In the "Class-day" exercises of '85 brother Dukes was prophet and brother Scofield poet. Brother Scofield's poem was the most popular part of the exercises, being received with enthusiastic applause. Our prize record for the third term is as follows: C. M. McDaniel, '85, second prize on Baldwin Oratorical Contest. He was awarded first place in composition.

C. F. Coyle, '86, second prize on Junior Essay.

S. C. Spencer, '89, third prize in Declamation.

O. S. Hoffman, '89, first prize on entrance examination to Freshman class.

S. C. Spencer second prize on entrance examination to Freshman class.

Brother Little, '90, who was one of the contestants for the Preparatory prize in declamation, was called home to Texas by the illness of his mother, and was thus prevented from speaking. We are confident that he would have taken the first prize. In the report to the March SCROLL, which was unavoidably not published, we were under the necessity of reporting the expulsion of J. W. Kieff, '87, for persistent violation of the "Bond."

We think that this has had a good effect on the chapter. We are sorry to report that brother Stockbarger will not return to college next year. He will be missed very much.

June 10, '85.

A. R. MILES.

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INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT week at Butler passed off quite successfully. There are but few prizes and no class honors awarded here, and the exercises of the week are one continuous literary exhibition. In these, Indiana Gamma led the van. In the society exhibitions brother Todd distanced all rivals in his splendid oration on "The God-Idea." Brothers Fall and Kerlin, as orator and essayist respectively, did themselves great credit. On Commencement Day, brother J. A. Kautz, the prize orator of the college, fairly outdid himself in his "Socialism vs. Individualism." All the papers which contained accounts of the exercises praised him in the highest terms. Brother O. M. Pruitt had a finely-written, timely oration on "Moral Politics." These two were our only graduates, but were our strongest men. Every one ad-

mitted that they eclipsed the efforts of  $\Sigma X$ 's men in fine style.  $\Delta T \Delta$  had no graduates this year.

The college year which has just closed has been an unusually busy and prosperous one for Butler and Indiana Gamma. We have, as heretofore, more than held our own against  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

Brother J. A. Kautz won first prize at the college contest in March. Brother O. M. Pruitt was the delegate from Indiana to the Inter-State Oratorical Association. Brother W. W. Buchanan is president of the class of '88. We also have secretary, treasurer, and an orator in that class. Brother Baldridge is captain and pitcher of the college nine.

At the election of a new board of directors, on June 19th, five of the fifteen members chosen were Phis: Rev. J. C. Miller, Ind.  $A$ , '55; Hon. J. C. Robinson, Ind.  $A$ , '61; Jno. S. Duncan, Ind.  $I$ , '65; Hilton U. Brown, Ind.  $I$ , '80; Martin A. Morrison, Ind.  $I$ , '83. Brother T. M. Iden, '83, was re-elected secretary of the institution and treasurer of the faculty, at an increased salary.

Brothers Kerlin, Baldridge, Buchanan and Eliason will not, for various reasons, be with us in the fall. Brother Gilcrest, however, who was out during the spring term, will be with us again. Though we shall miss the absent ones sadly, we hope to begin our work in September with all of Gamma's energy and enthusiasm, and trust we shall meet with corresponding success.

August 17, 1885.

H. T. MILLER.

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#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

COLLEGE examinations are over and Commencement was held on June 11. On last Saturday night, contrary to usual custom, we had a stag banquet. A number of the alumni of the city made this an occasion for a reunion, and a jolly reunion it was.

The past year has been of more than usual prosperity to us. We have initiated five men, now numbering fourteen; have moved into a new hall, which we have elegantly furnished. Our meetings have been such as have made lasting impressions.

Brother R. A. Brown, '84, has been elected principal of the high school of Franklin.

June 19, 1885.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

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#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

HANOVER Commencement is to be on Thursday, June 18th. The graduating class numbers eighteen, of whom five are  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , four are  $\Delta T \Delta$ , two are  $\Sigma X$ , two are  $\Phi I \Delta$ , one is  $B \Theta H$ , and one is  $K A \Theta$ . The other three are non-fraternity. By the loss of our five Seniors our number will be reduced to twelve.

Brother Frank D. Swope stands third in his class and so gets one of the honors. Hanover now gives three scholarship honors. Brother Swope also carried off the palm as an athlete at the recent Hanover College "Field Day." He won four first places, also four second places in a contest of twelve athletic exercises. We have a bright outlook for next year. Of the six of us who are to be Seniors, three are elected for positions on the *Hanover Monthly* for next year. Brother W. T. Morrison will be editor-in-chief. Brothers C. H. McCaslin and J. W. LaGrange are to be co-ordinate editors. The staff of the paper consists of nine members.

Our last meeting this year will be on the 16th of June. The close of the proceedings will be a farewell address to our brothers of '85 by brother W. M. Amsden, of '86.

Of the addresses to be delivered here in connection with Commencement, two will be given by representatives of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother D. B. Banta, of '74, will deliver the Alumni address at the reunion of the Philalathean Society. Brother J. B. Swing, of '76, will deliver the diplomas of the Union Literary Society to the graduates.

Brother Banta is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lebanon, Ind. Brother Swing is Judge of the Probate Court of Clermont county, Ohio.

On Saturday, June 13th, was held the Pan-Hellenic Banquet. From 9 P.M. to 4 A.M. fifty couples made the hours merry. The banquet began at half-past nine and was continued past the midnight hour. The following was the list of toasts: *MAGISTER EPULARUM*, Rev. J. H. Barnard,  $\Delta KE$ . *ALUMNI TOASTS*—The Objects of Fraternities, Rev. W. R. Brown, D.D.,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; Greeks at the Bar, W. L. Fisher, A. B.,  $\Sigma X$ ; College Days, Miss Lillian Thompson,  $\Delta I$ ; Greeks in the Pulpit, F. C. Holliday, D. D.,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; The Greek—Under and Post Graduate, M. C. Garber, Esq.,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; The Province of Ladies' Fraternities, Mrs. Jennie Shaw,  $K \Lambda \Theta$ ; The Conservatism of the Old Greeks, Rev. A. C. Junkin,  $B \Theta II$ ; The Board of Trustees, Hon. J. Y. Allison. *UNDERGRADUATE TOASTS*—College Politics, D. C. Blythe,  $B \Theta II$ ; "Spiking," T. J. Giboney,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; Our Brother Greeks, Miss Annie L. Adams,  $K \Lambda \Theta$ ; Pan-Hellenism, W. C. Covert,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; The Madison Ladies, Chas. Alling,  $\Sigma X$ ; The Fraternity Idea, J. H. Hamilton,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; College Song—a medley. At 12.15 A. M. the banquet and toasts had all been well served, and then

"Through every pulse the music stole,  
And held sublime communion with the soul."

This Pan-Hellenic banquet marks a new era in the social life of Hanover College fraternities, and this first attempt brings such

brilliant success that we may wish for many more in future years. The pleasures of the occasion were such that all departed from the scene resolved to perpetuate Pan-Hellenic banquets.

Phi Delta Theta was represented at the banquet by eleven members and their ladies.

*B & II* at this place are the only ones to hold chapter banquets and invite ladies. Other fraternities will have "stag" reunions.

Brother C. H. McCastin is our reporter-elect for next year.

On the eve of June 11th brother H. M. Swope, '89, was initiated.

June 15, 1885.

J. V. LA GRANGE.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE last days of the year were quiet and enjoyable. Good work has been accomplished. But not all was sunshine. The smooth waters of Indiana Zeta were troubled. She was compelled to expel Mr. W. S. Brown and Mr. Freeman Miller, both of '86, our only Juniors.

June 19th was the occasion of our banquet. A warmer and heartier reception was never tendered, than at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Zeller, Knightsville, Ind., a small town fifteen miles from here. Mr. Zeller is not a Phi, and his son is a Beta. But, whether his very amiable daughter—Miss Minnie—is, we will let you answer.

The early part of the evening was spent in rambling over the large lawns. A few minutes before nine, thirty-two couples entered the dining-room, where the most critical epicure was silenced. After doing justice to the *menu* amid a constant flow of brilliant repartee, we returned to the parlors and listened to the following toasts:

Master of Ceremonies—J. M. Goodwin. Our Host and Hostess, C. H. McAnny; The Shield and Dagger, Byron K. Elliott, LL.D.; Phi Delta Theta, H. W. Bever; "Odyssey," Our William Goat, C. O. Thomas; Indiana Zeta, J. B. Bridges; Our Girls, J. U. Brown; "Ye Olden Days," C. O. Perry, '69; Our Seniors, W. J. Snyder; Our Undergraduates, W. E. Mitchell.

Wit, humor and fraternal love overflowing was characteristic of each.

The remainder of the evening floated away pleasantly with smiles and laughter, while a few courted Terpsichore. Thus ended "the most successful and complete banquet of the college year."

Among the five speakers chosen by the faculty for Commencement, were brothers Goodwin and McAnny. These, with brother Mitchell, gave us three out of the twelve that spoke.

With the loss of eight Seniors and the two Juniors expelled,

we will have for a start : six Juniors, two Sophomores, three Freshmen, and two Senior Preps.

J. M. Goodwin is practising law at Bowling Green, Ky., and is succeeding admirably.

Brother Jordan will practise law at Indianapolis ; brother Mitchell will return and take law ; brother McAnny is preaching at Princeton, N. J. ; brothers Thomas and Christie will teach.

August 12, 1885.

W. J. SNYDER.

#### MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

OUR college year has just opened. Ten loyal Phis gathered around our altar at our first meeting, eager for the work of another year.

We lost five members by graduation.

Brother Case, '87, has returned and will finish with '88. Phi evening was observed by us on August 17, and our chapter hall was filled with ladies and alumni. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The present Freshman class is a very large, and on the whole a fine one, and I hope in my next report to send the names of some new Phis.

September 9, 1885.

NELSON MAYO.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

ANOTHER college year has passed, and as we look over our year's work, we can but say "well done."

At the beginning of the fall term, only eight men answered to the roll call. But those eight Phis were as loyal and energetic as men could possibly be.

Although few in numbers, we had some grand meetings in the rooms of one of our brothers. Our meeting place was a mystery to everybody, and there was much loose speculation as to the Phis habitation. But the Phis were not inactive during this time, they were laying plans for the future, which in the end were eminently successful. During that term we initiated four men, the best in college, two of whom had been vigorously "rushed" by our rivals the spring before. A banquet in their honor would be given, if they would only "go in with them." But they preferred to "unite with Phi Delta Theta." Our initiates became just as loyal as we, and more so, if that were possible. A chapter home was talked of, and after much investigation (in which considerable time was consumed), we finally closed a contract for a hall in J. H. Marvin's magnificent brick block. The hall was in the "rough." According to agreement, the hall was partitioned, plastered, painted and "fixed" to satisfy us, and we took possession about January 1st, 1885. It is now acknowl-

edged by fraternity men and all to be the finest chapter hall in the city. We pressed on and became so enthusiastic that even the word Phi in our Greek became a synonym for inspiration and energy, and to give and receive the Phi "grip" was all the world to us.

We dedicated our new sanctum with the initiation of all of our "pledged men," five in number. That was a meeting that never will be forgotten by those who participated in it.

We were very much grieved because three of our brothers were called from college duties, but we had, nevertheless, a membership of twelve men during the winter and spring terms, and two pledged men, whom we initiated about Commencement time. We do not have as large a chapter as our rivals, but what we do have are the best that the institution affords.

At the anniversaries of the literary societies of Hillsdale College,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was conspicuous, as she had more speakers than any other chapter here, notwithstanding we are smaller in numbers.

In the Alpha Kappa Phi Society,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has three men, and two were chosen for the anniversary programme. In the Amphictyon Society, one-half of the anniversary programme were Phis. In the Theadelphic Society, no fraternity was represented, as that society only enrolls one fraternity man, a  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

They passed an amendment to their constitution, that no member of their society shall join a fraternity, so that gives the fraternity men that are now members their membership, but they are working out of that society very quickly. The amendment was passed out of "chagrin."

Last Commencement we had quite a pleasant little reunion, as brothers H. F. Schunck, L. T. Gould, N. C. Richards, John H. McGill, W. E. Allen and Geo. V. Deal (all but brothers Deal and McGill charter members), spent a few days with us and expressed themselves as very much pleased with our hall and chapter. It encouraged us very much.

Although we lose three men who will not return in September, brothers Herron, Taylor, and your reporter, yet the chapter will be opened with twelve members. Brothers Herron and Taylor took degrees. Your reporter hopes to return and complete his course one year from this fall. And now, when my duties as reporter for Michigan Gamma cease, I can prophesy a bright future for Michigan Gamma and for the fraternity in general. If any Phi wishes to see a lively chapter of his fraternity, let him drop in at Hillsdale College. We assure you all a hearty welcome.

August 8, 1885.

JAS. E. DAVIDSON.

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MICHIGAN GAMMA commences the year with brighter prospects than ever before. Thirteen "jolly Phis" gathered in the chapter rooms the first meeting. We lost two most excellent men by



graduation last year, brothers Herron and Taylor. We also miss from our circle brothers Richardson, Lyons, Duguid and Davidson.

It gave us great pleasure to grasp the hands of brothers Lanford, Garlough and Harris, whom we had not expected to return this year.

Brother Moore, Illinois Delta, is with us. We find him a very congenial brother, and wish that other chapters would send us men of the same kind.

I now wish to introduce to the Phi world our new brothers, M. W. Fisher and C. G. Corey. They are not new men in the college, although neither was present last year. They are men who will do honor to the fraternity at large as well as to their own chapter.

We expect to initiate two more in the near future.

We are at work furnishing our hall, and will soon have it in a fine condition.

We have enthusiastic workers and a larger membership than any other fraternity in college.

September 21, 1885.

W. O. ROBINSON.

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### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE fall term finds Epsilon Chapter in a most flourishing condition. We start out with fifteen attendant members, all very enthusiastic for the success of Phi Delta Theta. No new members have as yet been initiated.

Brother Emmet Higbee, of '83, was with us last week. He is the same enthusiastic Phi. We also have with us this week brother J. F. Wright, of '85. Brother A. J. Barr, of '85, has formed a partnership with J. F. Pollock and is practicing law in this city. We are glad to have with us this year again brothers A. W. Vanneman and R. Criswell, who were absent from college last year.

There is one feature connected with the close of the collegiate year last June which we consider of more than ordinary interest. I refer to the annual banquet and reunion held by us each year during Commencement week. About thirty couples were present and a royal time was had. It was a grand affair. We feel free to say this, as it was pronounced by the city press and those who were present as one of the most successful gatherings of this kind held in the city.

Sept. 30, '85.

W. L. MILLER.



## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

SAD was our last meeting. Although we were all very much pleased to send out two such brothers as Carney and McCarl, yet we feel as though we needed their assistance always. The parting address to the graduates was delivered by brother Fairchild. He spoke very feelingly upon the work they had accomplished for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Both responded in very tender and fitting words, urging those who remained on to do more and greater work for our chapter. Nearly all the members responded when called upon, and every one expected to return in the fall "and bring some good Phi timber" with him.

On the morning of Commencement day we held a short call meeting; there were eight old members present. At this meeting we affiliated Rev. Amos Crum, Pastor of the First Universalist Church, of Dubuque, Iowa. We are, indeed, pleased to introduce him to our brothers. He is a great worker in society and one of the foremost ministers in this section. He was an enthusiastic Phi Sigma. With all his other work he has not outdone his zeal for the Phis. He will make a valuable addition to our Fraternity.

This year has been one of the most prosperous ever in the history of the chapter. We have carpeted our hall, started a library; we have been greatly aided by gifts; the President's and Secretary's desks, elegant window curtains, mantel lambrequins, &c. We have also held two banquets. Many of our chapter have held the highest office in the college. We have taken in eight members, and we close the year with much to encourage us, and we are resolved to do better the coming year.

The Reporter for the coming year is brother L. Ward Brigham.

July 5, 1885.

JNO. R. CARPENTER.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

ONCE more has Missouri Alpha crossed the threshold of a new year in her existence and entered upon her duties with a somewhat diminished number, but eight men responding to the roll call at our first meeting. We are, however, hopeful of a better state of affairs in the near future, and have already begun our canvass among the new students.

We have, as we believe, a splendid opportunity for winning honors during the ensuing scholastic year; we are proud to say that of the unusually small graduating class of '86, which numbers but nine men, that four wear the much-loved sword-shield.

There are four medals and one honor in the senior class; three medals, two prizes and one honor in the junior class, and we confidently expect to carry off our full share.

Our alumni of '85 are located as follows: Brother Roberts is principal of the Public Schools of East Joplin; brother Means is teaching at Stewartville; brother Smith teaches at Hickman Mills, and brother Johnson is in a bank at Lebanon.

Our undergraduate members, who do not return, are: Brothers J. O. Sewright and M. Fink, who will attend Missouri Medical College in St. Louis; brother J. B. Sewright, who attends Texas State University, and whom we cordially commend to Phis there; brother F. N. Peters, who will teach at Shelbyville until the second semester, when he will return; brothers W. P. King and W. W. Mitchell, who are both pursuing the study of law at their respective homes, brother King being at Sedalia and brother Mitchell at Shelbyville; and brother W. F. Knox is still in the East.

Brother Spillman, who was not with us last year, has returned, and Missouri A rejoices at once more being able to grasp him by the hand.

Brother Weed, who was compelled to retire from college at the close of the first semester of last year, has returned.

Brother Wright is studying medicine and completing his academic course *in lo tempore*; brother Jaeger is, in a like manner, finishing engineering in connection with his course in science.

Brother J. S. Snoddy, class of '83, is spoken of very favorably as Assistant Librarian of the University, but until he receives his call, he lives secure in his "Tusculum" at Armstrong.

Our hall of meeting is the same in which we "held forth" last year, we having rented it from the Knights of Pythias.

We wish all sister chapters a happy and prosperous year.

September 16, 1885.

HENRY W. CLARK.

I HAVE the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world the following initiates: R. W. Dooley (Law), class '87; J. B. Lewright, class '86; J. O. Lewright, class '86.

Brothers J. B. and J. O. Lewright were initiated late in the year of '85, and brother Wright did not report their initiation, as they were initiated after his report. Brother J. B. Lewright attends Texas State University at Austin, and we heartily commend him to the Phis of that place. Brother J. O. Lewright is attending Missouri Medical College in St. Louis. We are sorry to lose these brothers.

Oct. 2, '85.

H. W. CLARK.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

IN obedience to the decision of Kansas Alpha, I assume the pleasant duty of reporter. We begin this year with 14 zealous *Φs*. Brother Cook, '85, is principal of the Solomon City schools; brother Caldwell is business manager of the Lawrence *Journal*,

and brother O'Brien will be engaged in teaching during the year. Brother Chace, having been detained from college for the past two years, has returned and entered the Junior law class.

On last Saturday night we initiated William Snyder, in whom we have a noble brother. We enjoyed a visit from brother J. J. Wilson, of Kentucky Alpha, at the beginning of the term. At our first chapter meeting, in response to a short address of welcome, brother Wilson delivered a stirring speech on "Fraternity Spirit," which had the true ring of feeling. This year opens with the most flattering prospects for our chapter, which no longer struggles for existence, but now stands upright in the number and strength of its individual members, and although we are somewhat isolated from the Phi world at large by our western location, we love our fraternity both at home and abroad, and are keeping the fires of devotion constantly burning.

September 28, 1885.

B. P. BLAIR.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Our college year has ended, and, taken as a whole, a very pleasant year it has been. Though during the year the storm of anti-fraternity opposition forced the fraternities to take refuge under the shelter of a new society, yet the success of our venture has been so complete that we are really thankful that we had the chance to leave the barbarian societies.

The Philo exhibition of this Commencement was pronounced the finest ever delivered by the literary societies of the University. Four of the five who were graduated from the academic department yesterday were Philos.

We shall probably have a hall next year. If so, we already have enough pledged to easily furnish it in the finest style.

We are proud of our literary society. But in glorying over her victories we do not forget our fraternity. During the year we have added but two initiates to our ranks; still, as all the charter members were with us, we had a fine chapter of ten men. \*

There are so few honors to be taken at the N. S. U. that we can announce but few victories of that class. Still, to the honors of studying well, of writing and speaking well, of acting well the part of loyal brothers, to such honors each individual of our chapter can justly lay claim. We do not possess an "absent member." In other matters, brothers Frankforter and McMillan represented Phidom in the June class of the Philodecian. Brother McMillan and ye Reporter were of the graduating orators. Brother McMillan's oration received the highest encomiums on the part of the press of the city. Brother Force's company failed to carry off the banner as the best drilled company, owing to inattention on the part of one or two of his men. But his picked squad of gunners

easily won the guidon offered as the prize in the artillery contest. The judges complimented brother Force very highly on his ability as an officer.

On our college paper, brother McMillan is at present managing editor, a position held by ye Reporter during the first semester.

Our boys are an industrious set. To spend the summer vacation in a profitable manner, brother McMillan has obtained the position of Custodian of the Museum of the University; brother Force will probably act as line man on an extension of the B. & M. into Kansas; brothers Gates and Fulmer have obtained positions on the Census Bureau; brother Canaday is local on the *Democrat* of this city; brother Frankforter is book-keeper in a large elevator, and brother Coddington will assist his father in civil engineering.

Our prospects for next year are good. We have pledged two good men, and hope to have a chapter of fifteen before the close of the year.

Nebraska A is greatly pleased to know of the existence of Kansas (?) (Missouri) Alpha alumni. This is a necessary line of extension. Thus only can our fraternity be what it should be, not only a brotherhood of college students, but beyond this, a working organization of cultured men of business throughout the Union. If each Phi does his best, the day is not far distant when each city shall boast of an active and flourishing lodge of Phi Delta Theta.

June 11, 1885.

E. J. CHURCHILL.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA Alpha has been dealing with success this year. The University will be improved by the erection of a fine mechanical hall. Our Commencement exercises were unusually interesting this year. Cyrus Northrop, our new President, was inaugurated. The University's future is bright. Brothers Gray and Abbot go out with the graduating class. Abbot will make his mark at law; Gray will find fame in journalism. Gray performed the office of Valedictorian in a masterly way, and was again highly honored by being the choice of the University for the office of delivering the student's welcome to the new President. The students part with him reluctantly. Brother Hoage, of '84, has accepted the position as instructor in surveying and civil engineering in this University; he fills the place of a graduate of the Boston School of Technology, whose work was unsatisfactory. We occasionally receive a visit from brother Irwin, of Wooster University, Ohio. We wish he would stay with us. We go into better rooms next year. Our number will be eleven.

July 6, 1885.

WILLIAM DONAHOWER.

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### In Memoriam.

HALL OF ALABAMA BETA, CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA.

At a meeting of this Chapter, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

*Whereas*, the unsparing hand of Death has taken from us Walton T. Penn, a beloved brother, a courteous gentleman, and a generous comrade, the Almighty has called him away from the scene of his earthly trials to reward him for the deeds which have marked him so conspicuously among his fellow-men for purity of life and honorable bearing. Be it

*Resolved*, That we truly lament his loss ; that with sorrowing hearts we realize that his voice is hushed to us forever, his genial face hidden from us forevermore. That while with patience we bow to the decree of an all-wise Providence, we sadly record with an unworthy pen the qualities which have endeared him to us, and the deeds which have made him prominent in our fraternity.

*Resolved*, That we beg to offer our heartfelt condolence to his afflicted family in the hour of their bereavement, and express the sympathy we feel for them in their irreparable loss.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his bereaved family, and that they be published in the *Opelika Times* and the SCROLL OF PHI DELTA THETA.

A. J. ALEXANDER,

C. L. NEWMAN,

*Committee.*

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## REORGANIZATION OF OHIO ALPHA.

We are enabled to publish the following just before going to press :

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the fraternity that Ohio Alpha will again appear upon our chapter roll as an active chapter.

We can congratulate ourselves upon having been first upon the field and first to succeed among the fraternities, whose birth-place was Miami, in bringing again into life our parent chapter.

Ohio Alpha was re-established on the night of October 3d, in the presence of and by the aid of eleven loyal Phis, who left their labors behind for a few hours to enjoy a few moments, as it seemed, of college pleasures.

Eight solid men, seven of them new, one—brother Morris, an old Phi—now support the white and blue banners at Miami. Their names, as written on the charter, are: W. E. Morris, Liberty, Ind.; W. H. Foster, Morning Sun, O.; Saml. W. Townsend, W. J. Rusk, Geo. F. Garrod, Jas. R. Mayo, and W. E. Clough, Oxford, O.; Jas. C. Mount, Connerville, Ind.

Of these, one is a Sophomore, one a preparatory student, and the remaining six Freshmen.

To the earnest efforts of brother W. E. O'Kane is due the success which Phi Delta Theta has achieved.

I trust that brother Morris will find a reward for his labors in the fraternal associations of his brothers.

To the presence also of brothers Scott Bonham, George W. Ozias, E. H. Baker, young attorneys of Cincinnati; W. H. Holland, P. W. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Hawley, S. G. Ramsey, W. F. Hurst, Ohio Z; W. E. O'Kane and F. W. Millington, Ohio B, our new brothers may ascribe the thoroughness of their first lessons in Grecian culture.

Oct. 7, '85.

J. E. RANDALL.

## TELEGRAMS.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 3, 1885.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY, OXFORD, OHIO :

May the new Ohio Alpha equal the Ohio Alpha of the olden time.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 3, 1885.

W. E. O'KANE, OXFORD, OHIO :

The Indianapolis Alumni send greeting to the reorganized Ohio Alpha, and regret their inability to be present at the meeting to-night. May the chapter and the University achieve the success that comes from deserving it.

BENJ. HARRISON,  
HILTON U. BROWN,  
C. L. GOODWIN,  
B. K. ELLIOTT.

*From Brother O'Kane.*

DELAWARE, OHIO, Oct. 6, 1885.

MR. H. U. BROWN :

DEAR BROTHER : Ohio Alpha was re-established last Saturday night with eight charter members. Their names are : W. E. Morris (formerly Indiana Beta), '89 ; W. J. Rush, '89 ; Sam'l W. Townsend, '89 ; Geo. F. Garrod, '89 ; Jas. R. Mays, '89 ; Will E. Clough, '89 ; W. H. Foster, '88, and James C. Mount, '90. You will notice that most of them are in the Freshman class. This was necessary, because most of the University are in that class, there being no class higher than Sophomore. I have not heard yet as to the attitude, Dr. McFarland has taken toward the chapter, but think that everything will be all right. By the way, one of our men received a letter from  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  requesting him to get together a crowd for initiation into that fraternity. He answered that he would be pleased to do it, only he thought it hardly right for a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to organize a chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . This letter was the first intimation I had that  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was attempting to enter Miami. I think that  $B \Theta \Pi$  will be the next fraternity to organize, at least they seem to be the most active. In our chapter are four men that were spiked by the Betas, while we were successful in every instance, securing every one we invited. The success of Ohio Alpha, I think, is assured. In the Bond, W. E. O'KANE.

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## THE CRISIS OF 1851.

### SECTION I.

IN the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* of April ult., as republished in the SCROLL of June last, is an article concerning some or all the charter members and the origin of the Kappa Chapter of that fraternity, in Miami University, which deserves some attention. The paper is signed by ANDREW C. KEMPER, one of "the Immortal Six," and is, of course, the best apology possible for the conduct of the "Six," in the business referred to. Dr. Kemper's article is not destitute of literary merit. Its imagination and graceful rhetoric, indeed, constitute its chief excellence. It is further remarkable for its variations from verity and for aspersions cast upon the faculty of his alma mater and the fraternity of which he once was a member and an officer—a shot of Parthian poisoned arrows in soak for more than thirty years!

It is sometimes pleasant to review the past, to fight old battles over again; but such pleasure is sometimes mingled with sadness, as in the case alluded to by Dr. Kemper, for two of the men most conspicuous in his references are dead, and of them we would prefer to say naught but pleasant words, if loyalty to the truth and faithfulness to the living were not paramount to mere sentiment. What, then, are

#### THE FACTS IN THE CASE?

A high degree of prosperity had been given to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity from its origin, during the period—less than three years—under review. Its work had been of such a character as to command the respect of the outside world and to win and retain the whole hearts of the brethren of the mystic tie. Not a man, so far, had refused to join the band when asked to do so. It was a popular institution and its first peril came from its prosperity.

Early in October, 1851, the Alpha Chapter of Miami University had twelve attendant members. Dr. Kemper says "they were divided into sixes," and that in the discussion of the temperance question at the sessions of the chapter, week after week, "the

total abstainers had the advantage of being coached by their friends in the faculty; besides which they adroitly made one of their opponents the presiding officer, thus securing six votes to five."

Before the writer of this paper is the secretary's book of the Ohio Alpha, containing the official records of that eventful time, and in it there is not any mention of such an "edict" compelling total abstinence, nor even an *allusion* to this exciting temperance discussion, that so stirred the minds of the brethren, as claimed by the doctor; and the name of "the presiding officer" of that time happens not to be one of *his* "six." Old records do not always concur with one's memory or imagination. And further, the doctor is slightly inaccurate in his division of the *twelve*, for *his* six seems to be but *five* and the opposing six to have been *seven*. "The temperance men," as Dr. K. calls them, all remained in the good  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  ship after the storm was over. They were *seven* in number, viz.: Anderson, Boude, Lane, Harrison, Holmes, Ross, and Swing. The officers were: Ben. Harrison, Pres.; A. C. Kemper, Warden; I. S. Lane, Sec. The doctor has hardly forgotten that he declined, as warden, to arraign Childs and McNutt for drunkenness, according to his pledged duty, until he was peremptorily ordered to do so by the chapter.

Prominent among the grave charges that bristle up through the doctor's onslaught is, that Alpha Chapter, at the time referred to, "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." Again he alleges that the temperance party was "coached by their friends in the faculty." Their five opponents "were conscious that they were fighting the unnamed members of the faculty;" and the manliness of the five aforesaid "made them revolt against what they considered the mean espionage of faculty control."

Who were the faculty of that time and what sort of men were they? To testify touching three out of *that* five, a satisfactory witness is DR. ANDREW C. KEMPER.

J. C. MOFFAT was then Professor of the Latin Language. Dr. K. speaks of him as "that thorough scholar and rhetorician, the bulwark of  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  at Miami." Of course, for these two reasons, he would not be mean enough to try to control *another* fraternity. Again, Dr. K. declares that "Childs was a favorite of the accomplished linguist and true Christian, CHARLES ELLIOT; he was Professor of the Greek Language. Certainly he, as a "true Christian," would not attempt an underhand and mean effort to compel men to be temperate, especially through his "favorite," James H. Childs.

DR. O. N. STODDARD was Professor of Natural Science, &c. Dr. K. calls him "that venerable and sagacious philosopher."

Does Dr. K., or any other man, think it a "sagacious" thing to be a party to a "mean espionage," or a sneaking and indirect way, even in doing good? If thirty years ago he thought so, he knows better now.

T. J. MATTHEWS was the Mathematical Professor then. His son Samuel R. was at the time a Phi, but went off with the five. No *Deke* ever dreamed that Sam was coached for temperance by his father; Prof. Matthews was amenable to no such charge.

Only one man was left besides as professor in the college proper, W. C. ANDERSON; and though he was a good sized man every way, he was hardly large enough, president though he was, to be a whole *faculty*, even in Dr. Kemper's eyes; and that he was guilty in any sense of such a petty, mean business, is not to be thought of for a moment by any one who knew the whole-hearted, chivalrous, Christian gentleman that he was. Such insinuations against such men need no refutation to those who knew them. They carry absurdity on their face.

And who were the seven tools so skillfully used by such a faculty? Of that little band Holmes and Lane are dead; but they lived long enough to show that they were *men*, men not to be "led about by every wind of doctrine," or to be used by a whole faculty of one or five men.

ANDERSON is a member of Congress and has been a successful college president.

BOUDE is a physician of high standing and great moral worth as a man.

HARRISON is a United States Senator, whose private character is above reproach.

ROSS is a man of decided and sterling character, and an able expounder of law.

SWING needs no word of mine to commend him. As a literary man and an able preacher he has few peers.

Prom what these *men now* are, we know what they *were* in other days. They had too much integrity and honor and brains to be either fools or tools.

Is it not a pitiable condition of things, that makes it seem necessary or desirable to try to besmirch the good name of such men as these, whether the seven Phis or the five professors referred to, in order to apologize for or whitewash some other parties?

Aurora Springs, Mo.

ROBERT MORRISON.

## COLLEGES AND FRATERNITIES IN OHIO.

Two hundred and fifteen years have worked a wonderful change in that country, once a part of the great unexplored northwest Territory, now the State of Ohio. The adventurous La Salle was the first white man to step foot upon the soil which

was then sacred to the aborigines, but which is now in the midst of a civilization, than which no lands can boast a higher.

It was not until 1788, however, that any permanent settlement was made, when at the mouth of the Muskingum River, on the Ohio, Marietta was founded, and perpetuated the name of the beautiful, but extravagant Queen of France, Marie Antoinette. The rapid colonization following was what we would naturally expect in a region of such rich natural resources, and in 1803, fifteen years after the first settlement, Ohio was admitted as a State into the Union.

Three years previous to the admission of the State into the Union, a graduate of Yale College instituted a school for academic instruction in the old Indian fort at Marietta. But the first one opened for regular collegiate instruction was the Ohio University, at Athens, supported partly by land endowment from the Government, and partly by appropriations from the Legislature of the State. Its doors were opened to the public in 1804.

The next institution opened was the Miami University, at Oxford, the *alma mater* of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which was organized in 1809, opened to students in 1819, but not fully equipped until 1824.

These two institutions were the beginning of the educational system in Ohio, and for years they upheld a standard of education which honored themselves and their newly founded State. But the Ohio University no longer holds the same relative standing which she did for the several decades succeeding her founding. Not that her course of study has been materially weakened, but new rivals have appeared on the field and drawn heavily upon the patronage which she once enjoyed, until now her students are drawn principally from a circle whose radius scarcely reaches beyond adjoining counties. Four years ago her campus and buildings would have awakened in the beholder emotions scarcely more tender than the veneration for age and its decay. Recent improvements in the way of repairs and the erection of a new and well appointed building have served to infuse new life into her; and an increased patronage, both financially and in number of students, assures her a future, while not equal to her anti-bellum prominence, of worth and honor.

Miami University, after a too heavy drain upon her resources, closed her doors in 1873. Her record is one of the best, and it was the withdrawal of an important factor from western educational interests when her students left her halls in June, with no call to re-assemble at the Ides of September. The Legislature of 1810 placed the magnificent endowment under such limitations that, while its *value* increased proportionately with the times, the *income* received from it is the same as when the University was founded in the midst of the almost unbroken forest.

In September, the doors that had been closed for over ten

years swung back, and her halls now echo to the tread of students just as ambitious, just as full of hope, as those that came to her years ago. Her patronage, which was dissolved and scattered as the leaves by the wind, has been caught in the whirlwind and returned whence it went forth.

In 1824 Kenyon College was founded, and in 1826 Western Reserve College (now Adelbert). Kenyon is located at Gambier, having a beautiful campus of a hundred acres, sloping from three sides into the valley of the Kokosing, and buildings finely finished and appointed. The traditions of "old Kenyon" are many, and she has made a history which is the pride of her alumni, among whom are some of the most eminent men of the land. Her number of students and size of faculty has been greatly diminished in late years, and for a time led some to question her future, but such fears are groundless. Her class of students is among the best in the State, and she will continue as she has been, a small but leading institution. Western Reserve, a few years ago, was moved to East Cleveland, where, through her benefactor, spacious buildings have been erected, and her endowment increased. Why it is that, with all this, her able faculty and good location, she cannot increase her number of students we cannot say, but it is true that she has not met with the increased attendance which she hoped to gain by her removal from Hudson. But the value of instruction there is in no wise lessened by the small number of students.

These are the institutions that rose and flourished in the State prior to the year 1830. Since then many a one has sprung up, claiming its share of recognition, until now there are nearly half a hundred bearing the name in the State, worthy predecessors of both worthy and unworthy successors! There is no denomination but what has some college under its control, and some have more than one. Many have fine grounds, buildings, and fair equipments, but we have yet to see a true centralized university in Ohio with all the various professional and scientific departments which have made some institutions the pride of their State.

We cannot speak aught against such institutions as those that have been named, and, in addition, Oberlin, Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State, Buckeye, and Denison. They have courses that in literature and arts compare favorably with those of older eastern schools. But limited means, in most cases, has excluded the idea of large and finely equipped laboratories, or costly and complete scientific apparatus. In those courses in which they do give instruction, it is thorough.

The Ohio State University is the best endowed institution in the State, and it is the one exception to the cases mentioned above. Undoubtedly its scientific and engineering courses are equal to



any in the whole West. With an able and constantly increasing faculty, new and extensive laboratories, elaborate physical and chemical apparatus, it has suddenly come into deserved prominence. New courses of study are being introduced and the department of literature strengthened, and a growing determination on the part of the State to support it in a manner as will make it a representative State university.

Of other institutions we will not make particular mention. Some are moderately well known, while others are the subject of a fame which has not gone beyond the confines of their college town. With a few exceptions their instructions is academical rather than collegiate.

When we see that with all her colleges, their total endowment is but a fraction of that of the small number of either New York or Massachusetts, we must realize that something is wrong with the system in Ohio. The less venerable age of the western schools will not alone account for it. The trouble is—their energy is too much diffused, and it should be centralized. As it is now, the scientific and practical education which has come into prominence in many of the wealthier schools is ruled out. It is hard to take care of three State institutions, and have them all flourish as they should. Some claim that denominational schools are necessary for the preservation of our morals. But on this line of argument would it be not better, instead of having creed taught at a dozen small colleges, to have Christianity taught at one large one? Denominations would suffer none, while their believers would be gainers.

In 1835 the fraternity system was introduced into Ohio, when  $\Delta\Delta\Phi$  placed her second chapter at Miami. Prior to 1833 Greek letter societies were unknown outside of Union and Hamilton colleges, N. Y. In that year  $K\Lambda$  entered Williams, in Mass., followed in 1834 by  $\Sigma\Phi$ . Ohio was the third State to shelter the Greeks, and at the time there were but a total of eight chapters in existence \*

Thus we see that the fraternity system is more venerable in the Buckeye than in most Eastern States.

For four years the Miami of  $\Delta\Delta\Phi$ , which had been established under the personal supervision of Samuel Eels, the original founder of that fraternity at Hamilton College, N. Y., was lone pioneer in the State. In 1839 it met a rival by the founding of  $B\Theta\Pi$ . This was the first of the fraternities of western origin, and its organization was suggested to its founders by the presence of Alpha Delta Phi. Since that time extension and multiplica-

\*This does not include the  $\text{I K A}$  (Roman letter society) at Trinity, Conn., (1829), or the Williams chapter of  $\Delta\Gamma$  (1834), which did not go under a Greek name until 1858, although an anti secret confederation was formed in 1847.



tion have gone on until now there has been established in the State a total of over seventy chapters.

Ohio is the third State in the Union as to population ; she was the third one in whose borders fraternities established themselves ; so also she stands third as to numbers of chapters established, New York and Pennsylvania surpassing her in the order named.

Two other fraternities were founded in the State, and they too sprang up at Miami, the mother of the system in the West. These were  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in 1848 ; and later, in 1855,  $\Sigma X$ , whose founders, six in number, withdrew from the chapter of  $\Delta K E$ , which had been established there in '52.

In 1854 and 1860,  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Psi T$ , respectively, entered Kenyon. Until the opening of the war these were the only fraternities represented in the State, although in '55  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , founded at Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College, Pennsylvania, placed her fifth chapter at Marietta College ; but it suspended almost immediately, and was not revived until '79.

During and since the war others have entered the field and garrisoned themselves in the different institutions. Of the seventy chapters established, nearly sixty are active. Among these are seven chapters representing the ladies fraternities,  $K K \Gamma$  (2),  $K A \Theta$  (2), and  $\Delta \Gamma$  (3) ; two prosperous locals,  $A \Sigma \Phi$  and  $A F$ , at Marietta, and two chapters of the sophomore society  $\Theta N E$ .

Of western fraternities all are represented save  $\Phi K \Sigma$ . Of these  $B \Theta \Pi$  has seven chapters,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  six,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  six,  $\Delta T \Delta$  six,  $\Sigma X$  four, and  $\Phi K \Psi$  four ; of eastern,  $A \Delta \Phi$  has two,  $\Delta K E$  two,  $\Theta \Delta X$  one,  $\Psi T$  one,  $Z \Psi$  one ;  $X \Phi$ , of mingled northern, eastern and southern origin, two ; from the south,  $A T \Omega$  two,  $\Sigma A E$  one.

The closing of the Miami brought death in the midst of life to the chapters there, but since the re-opening of the University  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has returned a chapter to the college which gave her birth, and others will probably follow. Her Wittenberg chapter existed only from '52 to '54, and chances to revive have recently been discarded. The parent chapter of  $\Sigma X$  expired after a short existence of three years, while her Gamma (now Alpha), placed in the same year of her birth at Ohio Wesleyan, was last year killed by a decree of the faculty. It had a brilliant career of over twenty years, but is now more honorable in its death than in the character it bore during the last few years of its existence. Western Reserve was not congenial to  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and after a four years existence there, the chapter became defunct in '80. Franklin College, at New Athens, is the unmarked, and almost equally unknown grave of an early chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , while in '84 she withdrew from Mount Union,  $X \Phi$ , established at Kenyon in

'61, has, since '66, existed there only as a tradition. At Ohio Wesleyan *K K Γ* and *K A Θ*, while flourishing, were compelled by an opposing faculty to surrender their charters.

Of the chapters living, most of them are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and seem bound to perpetuate themselves through all the coming generations of students. A few of the recently established chapters, however, have been placed in schools, while perhaps of good standing, yet where most available material had been used, and make it difficult to build up a strong chapter.

At Kenyon one or two of the chapters own lodges in which they meet, while at other schools, some of the chapters which have attained sufficient age are beginning to whisper about chapter houses as not far off things, and we would not be surprised if a move was made in that direction before long. Should any take action it would certainly add a degree of permanence to the chapter that would be commendable, and move others to take active measures towards the establishment of a chapter house fund looking forward ultimately to the same end.

At only one institution are anti-fraternity laws in force, and this at Oberlin, a college of such standing that, were it not for her prejudices, would be a desirable location for a chapter of any fraternity. With this one exception the relations between faculty and fraternities seems to be one of mutual interest. The utopia has not been reached, but many old jealousies have been dropped, and the chapters in the Buckeye State are as near a state of inter-fraternity and fraternito-collegiate amity as any of their sisters in the East, West, North or South.

J. E. BROWN.

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#### OLD OXONIAN ADDRESSES.

It seemed advisable to me when about to leave college to preserve catalogues and addresses, by having them bound up in book form, and now they are of greater interest and value than they were a generation ago—at least so to me.

In the third volume is an address of twenty-three pages, "delivered before the Society of the *PHI DELTA THETA*, at the Miami University, June 29, 1853, by the Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D. D., of Louisville, Ky."

Also a poem of twenty-four pages, entitled *PALESTINE*, "read before the Society of the *PHI DELTA THETA*, at the Miami University, June 30, 1853, by Charles Elliot, A. M., of Miami University."

In the same volume I find an "address delivered before the Alpha Chapter of the *BETA THETA PHI* Society (of Miami University), August 10, 1847, by William Shotwell, Hamilton, Ohio.

Published by the Chapter." I suppose the "Phi" above is a misprint for "Pi."

In the second volume there are three addresses to the oldest fraternity at Miami University; the first of these has for its title-page: "Address delivered at the Second Anniversary Celebration of the ALPHA DELTA PHI SOCIETY, of Miami University, August 10, 1837, by Herman J. Groesbeck. Published by order of the Society."

The next I happen to have, has for its first page: "Of the Inheritance of English Literature; an address delivered before the Miami Chapter of the ALPHA DELTA PHI SOCIETY, on the evening of August 11, 1846, by James C. Moffat. Published by order of the Chapter."

The third of these is entitled: "Address on the progress of Reform; delivered before the Miami Chapter of the ALPHA DELTA PHI SOCIETY, at Miami University, August 9, 1848, by George M. Parsons. Published by request."

The three of these delivered in 1846-48 it was my privilege to hear, and on these occasions the society pins or badges were abundant, as they had been more or less for years.

With such displays and addresses from year to year, at Miami University, is it not certain that the editors of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* of April, 1885, were sadly misinformed by somebody, when they wrote as follows: "The Greek status at Miami at this time (December, 1851) was a peculiarly interesting one.  $\Delta \Phi$  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."

It is a matter of regret that any Greek should be betrayed into making so many blunders, as characterize the article of Doctor Kemper, of which the above is a footnote. At least so thinks

ROBERT MORRISON.

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### KENTUCKY DELTA.

THE record of our fraternal growth for the past three years has added a chapter startling and altogether new to the history of college fraternities. By unparalleled strides of extension we have passed into the forefront of the fraternal world. Nor can I believe, as we sometimes hear, that this rapid extension has occurred at the expense of our internal structure. In no sense would I

undervalue internal solidity, but so long as the General Council secures support and encouragement in this work from the chapters generally; in other words, so long as the vitality of the germ which makes such growth possible remains, so long we are in small danger of internal weakness. The very tone of our success will attract the "uncultured" to chapters already organized, just as volunteers flock about a victorious standard, and will at the same time supply the enthusiasm requisite for full chapter development.

The General Council has never allowed its policy of extension to shade in the least the conditions apparently in accord with internal symmetry. We have held during our administration to two classes or standards in considering applications for charters. First, those from institutions of unquestioned standing and reputation; second, those from institutions of less eminence, but which, in our opinion, made up after careful and thorough examination of the case, evidence a bright future. Where our estimate is correctly formed, these chapters must be all the more healthy for a gradual and symmetrical growth with the institution. Of course, in either case personal merit of the applicants is dominant. If a rigid conservatism would confine us to the first of these classes, the liberal progressive spirit which has ever characterized our order looks into the future, and embraces the second. Our very position as a national fraternity prevents us from clinging to any *one* section of country, or even to any rigid caste of institution. Only where we secure the best in *every* State will we be truly national. Under the head of institutions, whose future we believe will outstrip its past, is Central University of Kentucky, from which we have received an application, and chartered Kentucky  $\Delta$ .

We are so apt to slightly pass the advent of new chapters with only casual mention, and never again recur to the surrounding conditions, that I deem it wise at this time to record a few facts, mostly culled from correspondence received from brothers Palmer, Phister and others relating to the proposed chapter. After the late war, the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky split. The friends of Centre College, at Danville, a church institution, were thus divided, and in 1874, one portion, by far the stronger and wealthier, resolved to establish an institution of their own. Central University, at Richmond, with an endowment of \$360,000, which is rapidly increasing, handsome buildings all paid for, a good faculty, presided over by a Phi, Dr. Logan, and a lengthening roll of students, is thus far the outcome of this separation. Last year, two hundred and fifty students from eighteen States attended in the different departments. The university has literary and medical departments, and a law department will soon be added. The standing of the new chapter I will leave for the

chapter correspondent. Two years ago fraternity restrictions were removed, and since that date the university has been rapidly brightening as a fraternity field. Last year  $\Sigma A E$  had 12 men;  $A T \Omega$  had 10;  $\Delta K E$  had 12, and  $\Sigma N$  had 8; many of the best men remained barbs from choice. The  $\Delta K E$ s entered very recently by swallowing a "local organization."

In connection with these few remarks, I would call the attention of Phis to an article in the SCROLL, January, 1882, page 74, by Robert Morrison, on the Kentucky chapters. The present outlook of Central University seems the best of any institution in the State. Every loyal Phi knows the character of the men produced by Kentucky  $A$  and the record they have made, and if we had no better reasons for establishing Kentucky  $\Delta$ , the precedent of Kentucky  $A$  would certainly warrant us in the undertaking. But we believe the remainder of the century contains material progress for the South; the country, generally, expects this, and any advance of importance in that section must be felt by Kentucky. General and local conditions, therefore, combine to paint in cheerful colors the future of Kentucky  $\Delta$ . "With the best wishes for its success and prosperity, I now commend it to the care and friendship of our brethren."

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT, S. G. C.

#### CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

[From the  $\Delta K E$  Quarterly.]

In 1835 the Synod of Kentucky of the Presbyterian Church established a collegiate institution at Danville, under the name of Centre College. It was distinctively a Presbyterian college, and under synodical control. When the Presbyterian Church divided in 1861, Centre College came under the control of the Northern division of the church, and was distinctively Republican in its tendencies. On the other hand, the large body of Kentucky Presbyterians, and particularly those of the central portion of the State, were Southern and Democratic in their sentiments, and belonged to the Southern branch of the church. It was hence felt that there was a field for an institution of learning of high order, which should perpetuate the design their fathers had in establishing Centre College, and which, at the same time, should secure for the State a university on a broad and Christian basis.

A number of the alumni of Centre College and others assembled in 1872 and organized themselves under the title of Alumni Association of Central University, prepared a plan for the founding of a university, subscribed funds, and presented the plan to the Synod, by whom it was accepted. The university was to be under the control of this Alumni Association, and the Synod was

granted the right to appoint the Professor of Ethics, and to control a theological school, later to be established. By this plan it was believed that the danger of State or church control would be avoided, and yet so much of the instruction as belonged properly to the church would be secured to it. In other words, the institution, while not under Synodical control, is under Synodical patronage. It is the only institution of the character in the State that is not under State or church control. Three years after graduation the alumni of Central University became members of the Alumni Association, which controls the University. It is especially to be noticed that the original Alumni Association is largely composed of the most prominent of the alumni of Centre College.

Richmond, the county-seat of Madison county, was selected as the location of the new university. Richmond is a city of some thirty-five hundred inhabitants, and is situated rather over a hundred miles south of Cincinnati, within and near the eastern border of the famous Blue Grass country. It is within sight of the mountains and well connected in every direction by railroads; elevated and very healthy; in a moral community, local option, in six years, having completely reformed a once lawless county; and prosperous and wealthy, Richmond having four national banks. The county possesses geological resources probably unequalled in any area of similar size in the world, having within its limits the formations from the chazy up to the coal measures, there being coal mines within its eastern border; and all the formations are well represented in fossils.

The University received the gift of a tract, a quarter of a mile square, on the most elevated ground in the Blue Grass region. A large university building and professors' houses were erected, and for a few years the university prospered. Then reverses came, but upon the calling of Rev. L. H. Blanton, D.D., to the Chancellorship, the university began to grow. From that time the attendance has steadily increased from twenty-three to two hundred students. Each year witnesses further development of the University plan. A large dormitory has lately been erected, and other new buildings are shortly to be built. The library of the late Rev. R. W. Landis, D.D., of Danville, of over three thousand volumes, has recently been bequeathed to the University, and consists almost entirely of rare and very valuable books, making a very important addition to the University collection.

The students are not drawn from Kentucky alone, but almost all the Gulf and interior States are represented. The University feature has always been kept prominently in view, the curriculum being divided into ten departments or schools, similar to those of the University of Virginia, diplomas being given in each, while

the requirements for degrees do not differ materially from those of the Eastern colleges.

The Faculty are selected, not from the ranks of superannuated clergymen, as is the case with too many Southern institutions, but from those who have devoted themselves to specialties. In this way the students have themselves the opportunity of following out specialties, and entering upon original work. A good illustration of the intentions of those controlling the University is shown in the recent agitation on the subject of Evolution in the Southern Presbyterian church. The Synods declared very emphatically against the doctrine of Evolution, and the Synod of Kentucky in particular denounced in the strongest terms the teaching of "evolution in any of its forms," aiming a direct blow at Central University. In spite of this, the Board of Curators as emphatically endorsed the Professor of Geology, who had declared himself to them as believing in Evolution.

The Board took the ground that the aim of the institution was, in its scientific departments, to teach, not the science of yesterday, but the science of to-day. This showed in strong contrast with many other Southern institutions, where the professors were obliged either to renounce the teaching of evolution or resign, and in one case, at least, one of our brothers in *A K E* was obliged to give up his position.

One feature of the University, for Kentucky colleges, is the use made of lectures. In several departments the instruction is wholly or in great part given by means of lectures, and a number of the professors offer other optional courses; while in addition, a University lecture course is provided, consisting of lectures by distinguished men on subjects which occupy public attention. The past session these lecture courses included, among others, the subjects of Socialism, Governmental Control of Railroads, the Labor Question, Kentucky's Contributions to Political Science, and the Development of Kentucky's Resources. The aim of the course is to supplement the class-room instruction by discussion of important topics by men who have made a special study of the subjects.

The result is that Central University stands to-day, in standards of scholarship, in advanced methods of instruction, and in point of numbers, the first of Kentucky's collegiate institutions, and has every prospect of great and solid growth.



## EDITORIAL.

WE cannot fail to notice this month the marked progress which our chapters are making. Chapter letters cannot be looked to implicitly for that quiet improvement which every one perceives in an advancing chapter, and so we do not rest our belief in this general movement towards better internal structure on the SCROLL letters alone. But private correspondence, and bits of information picked up in many ways and from many sources, lead us to the conclusion that the fraternity is growing stronger every year, and that this increased strength is owing mainly to the increasing strength of individual chapters and to the definite striving towards the best internal management.

It is, indeed, a pleasure to mark the attention that is being paid to the chapter homes, and to those who fully appreciate this influence it is a sign auguring the brightest results.

Let this work continue, and by zealous guardianship of the chapter interests the fraternity at large will be incalculably benefited.

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IN welcoming Kentucky Delta little more can be added to brother Bassett's words. The younger generation in the South is active and able, and the future of Southern institutions is brighter than a great many uninformed persons imagine. As members of a progressive Southern University, and consequently as representative of the best youth of the South, we congratulate ourselves and Kentucky Delta on our recent acquisition.

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WE must thank the Reporters for their cheerful compliance with our requests. The correspondence thus far received has, in general, been above the usual ability, and is characterized by a straightforward diction which promises to exterminate the traditional superfluous verbiage. In this number we can point to not a few letters which, for want of a better name, we can call model.

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BROTHER MORRISON's article throws light—very searching at that—on many of Dr. Kemper's remarks in the *Δ K E Quarterly*. Those journals which have been so ready to copy these statements would do well to give the facts as seen from the Phi view. Readers may then judge impartially as to the true state of affairs in the "crisis of 1851."



## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

## TO REPORTERS.

REPORTERS must observe the instructions as to initiates. Write the list on a sheet separate from the report. 2. Give the *class, name in full and residence* in the order named. If these instructions are not followed, the list cannot be published till made out properly.

## TO CONTRIBUTORS.

THE editors desire to make No. 3 of special personal interest, and consequently any personal notes of alumni and other Phis, not now undergraduates, will be much appreciated.

J. M. MAYER.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE members of Maine A are now all back—excepting brother Beverage, who is teaching, but soon expects to be with us—and are making  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  “boom” here at Colby, as she never has before.

Though our chapter is situated away down here in the remote corner of the republic, among the “pines,” and separated by many miles of rail from other chapters of the fraternity, yet the climate here seems to be very genial and favorable to the growth and development of the cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We have as yet celebrated but one anniversary, but during our short period of existence we can boast of having acquired an unparalleled strength and perpetuity.

With the close of '85 we completed a very successful year, and everything in the progress of our work thus far bids fair for another no less prosperous.

The loss of brothers Fuller and Carroll we greatly feel, as both had been loyal and active members and had given great support to our chapter. But we have yet a strong membership left, and by working in unison we all feel confident that we shall make our future no less brighter than the past.

Our discouragements are few, while our encouragements are many. Our chapter hall has undergone many satisfactory improvements, so that our meetings are conducted with much greater facility than formerly.

In the southeast corner of the hall hang the photographs of the Phi delegation from '85, nicely framed, which was donated to the chapter by brother Fuller, and by its side will soon hang those from '86.

At our annual initiation, Friday evening, October 9, the following new members were initiated into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ : R. W. Harvey, E. E. Burleigh, '87; N. S. Burbank, P. P. Burleigh, H. E. Farnham, '89. After our initiation the members adjourned to the "Elmwood," where a bountiful supper was awaiting them. Brother Bradbury acted as toastmaster, and officiated in a very able manner. Toasts were responded to by brothers Metcalf, Frentz, Googins, Goodall and Watson. After supper we retired to the parlor, where we made the apartments of the house resound with the songs of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother White, formerly of Ohio Epsilon, was present, and with his pleasant countenance and original jokes contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Our new initiates are all strong men and stand well in their respective classes, and we expect to realize in them the highest qualities of true members.

Our membership by classes now stands: '86, five; '87, eight; '88, three; '89, three; making a total of nineteen active members.

From the assignments of the Junior parts brothers Farr and Bradbury have received the two most honorary, brother Farr receiving the first, brother Bradbury the second. The two remaining parts go to  $Z \Psi$  and C. Z. F. Brother Farr also represents  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  on the *Echo*, as editor of the exchanges. Brother Townsend, '86, who is a representative man, has been elected one of the literary editors of the *Oracle*, our college annual.

Brother Watson, '87, has been chosen poet for Ivy Day, and your reporter historian for next Commencement.

Of our alumni members, brother Tilton, '83, is principal of the Fairfield High School; brother Moulton, '84, is studying medicine at the Harvard Medical School, Boston; brother Cates, '83, is studying medicine in Minneapolis.

We are all glad to hear such favorable reports from other chapters.

November 2, 1885.

GEO. E. GOOGINS.

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

THE term opened with ninety-two (92) Freshmen in the classical and scientific departments, while the other departments of the college had about the usual number of students. The two new buildings which were dedicated last Commencement were opened at the beginning of the term to the students, and in

nearly every way "Old Dartmouth" is in a more prosperous condition than ever before.

J. F. Colby, of New Haven, Ct., who formerly took Minister Phelps's position at Yale, has been appointed Professor of Law and Political Economy, and began his labors at the beginning of the term.

The first Wednesday found New Hampshire Alpha occupying her new hall, which is a great improvement compared with our old quarters, but not so good as we hope to have in a few years. Brothers Shelton and Pendleton were unable to be present, on account of ill health, and at present brother Rice is temporarily absent teaching.

With the beginning of the term "chinning" season opened in real earnest, and as the result of our efforts nine desirable men were pledged, and October 27 they were duly initiated. Brother C. W. Baker, from Burlington, represented Vermont *A* on that occasion. After the initiation a banquet was held at the Dartmouth Hotel, when ample justice was done to the *menu*, and appropriate toasts were responded to by different members present.

October 31st we held our first anniversary and the following programme was carried out :

1. Music.
2. Opening Speech, - - - President C. A. Eastman.
3. Oration, - - - E. E. Chalmers.
4. Cornet Solo, - - - G. W. Shaw.
5. Chapter History,\* - - - E. Rice.
6. Prophecies, - - - B. S. Simons.
7. Music.
8. Remarks by Members.
9. Music.

Thus far all the members have been unusually busy, but our meetings have been well attended and the exercises well sustained. Our chapter now has a membership of twenty-seven (27), and thus far our new members have more than equalled our expectations, and we have no fears that they will make anything but the very best of Phis.

November 2, 1885.

G. E. WHITEHILL.

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#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

OUR chapter is making good progress and the meetings have been very interesting thus far. Brother C. W. Baker represented the chapter at New Hampshire Alpha's initiation last week, and assures us that our sister chapter has secured a fine set of men

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\* Read by H. C. Chamberlain.

from the class of '89. We were sorry that none of us could be present at the anniversary exercises of New Hampshire Alpha's establishment, for there is a great benefit derived from visiting other chapters, in getting new ideas and incorporating them into our own meetings, besides establishing a personal acquaintance among the chapters. Brothers Morse and Paddock, '85, are both engaged in engineering in the West; brother Morse in Minneapolis, Minn., and brother Paddock in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Brother Atwell, formerly of '86, is now in college in Tabor, Iowa. A card from Fort Plain, N. Y., announces that brother Huse was married October 29th. Brother Huse was here but a short time, yet won the confidence of all Phis, who will wish him all happiness in his new state.

Vermont Alpha is just beginning to hear from her great men. The latest is, that brother G. E. Bertrand, '80, has been appointed consul to Ottawa.

November 4, 1885.

F. H. CLAPP.

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

THE hope expressed in a previous letter of soon adding to our number has been fulfilled by the addition of five men, all of whom, both in standing and popularity, are a credit to their fraternity. They are brothers Frederick Joy Greene, '87, Mason Carnes, Thomas Harry Knox, Earl Fenton Palmer and Samuel Whitney Dunscomb, Jr., all of '88. The first four were initiated Oct. 5, and the last Nov. 2. Brother Dunscomb has always held the first position in his class, and has already been the recipient of six medals.

The literary prominence which this chapter has always enjoyed here is still maintained. Of the four debaters for the coming joint debate between the two literary societies of this college, the only fraternity man is a Phi. The position of declaimer at the same exercises is also held by a Phi—brother Schoonmaker. The Eiponian Senior Society, admittance to which is limited, and which requires a high standard of literary excellence, has in its membership the only two members of the chapter who are Seniors.

Other schemes in which the chapter is taking an active part, but mention of which will be made in a later number, attest the enthusiasm and earnestness of the Gamma Chapter.

We have lost two valuable men: brother Hubbell, who has left on account of ill health, but will return next year, and brother Naramore, who has secured a very advantageous position in this city.

Chapters that have not as yet received a *Microcosm*, the fra-

ternity annual, published here, and who are desirous of exchanging, would confer a favor by notifying the reporter.

November 4, 1885.

ALBERT SHIELS.

#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

NEW YORK Delta begins the year with eleven men. Brother Hollis was graduated with '85 and is now in Chicago; brothers Rose and Bacon did not return, and brother Wharton will not be with us till next year.

A valuable addition has been made in brother Zinsser, of the Freshman class, School of Mines, and other men will soon be initiated. Our main attention since the commencement of the term has been directed toward securing suitable apartments, and we have at last succeeded in fitting up an elegant suite of rooms. The location is most convenient and in every way we are pleased. The chapter promises the most desirable future and we have made an important move toward permanent success.

November 9, 1885.

E. P. CALLENDER.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

LAST Saturday night was a red-letter occasion for Pennsylvania Delta. We initiated four excellent men. This is an unusual occurrence at "Allegheny," as there have not been as many initiated at one time for a number of years. Brother Brown is a Sophomore, brothers Howell, Miner and Tibbets Freshmen. We feel confident that they are all good men, and worthy wearers of the Sword and Shield. Brother Payne, our esteemed ex-President of Delta Province, was with us and seemed to enjoy the initiation as much as we did having him with us. Brother Guignon, '83, was with us, also. After adjournment we joined in the enjoyment furnished by oysters, social chats and fraternity songs.

Brother Wells, '86, was chosen Valedictorian in the recent Senior class election.

October 29, 1885.

C. P. LYNCH.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

WITH the month of November Pennsylvania *E* enters the sixth year of her existence. When established there were but six men to watch over the interests of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Dickinson College, now there are twenty.

Brother Hicks, who represented us at the last Convention, did not return to college this fall, and is now reading law in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Since our last report we have initiated

G. W. Babcock and E. H. Garrison, both members of the class of '89.

At the present time we are fixing our hall, refitting it entirely and furnishing it anew ; so far we have expended considerably over \$100; the good work is progressing, and in a few weeks everything will be complete. Our location is the most desirable of all ; the appearance of the room is bright and cheerful, and in every way fitted for a fraternity hall.

Indeed, in every particular, Pennsylvania *E* seems to be advancing, and our hopes and "chances" for the future are encouraging.

October 31, 1885.

W. T. GRAHAM.

## BETA PROVINCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA is on the top rail crowing. Why? Because we are winners in three of the most earnestly contested fights for members that ever occurred at Roanoke. We began the year with nine old members. We soon initiated brother Kuder, of Pennsylvania, whom the other fraternities had no chance to solicit. Then came brother Flasspoller, of Louisiana, whom  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi A X$  had labored for in vain. We next measured strength with  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $A T O$ , and bore away two prizes in brothers Barton and Wheeler, of Maryland. The contest for these last two was probably the warmest that Roanoke has ever seen. We are proud of our victories, but more proud of our new men. Two are Freshmen and two Preparatorians. Our number will be increased at the second term by the return of brother Wolford, and perhaps by that of brother Platt, now at school at Staunton.

We are now furnishing our new hall, and we can assert that when complete it will be the finest fraternity hall here.

Some changes in the administration of our college have been made this season. Recitations are now heard from Monday noon until Saturday noon ; very stringent rules concerning absences, etc., have been adopted ; students sit in chapel by classes. But the most important is the College Council. This is composed of four members of the Faculty, four Seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores, and one each from Freshman and Preparatory classes. The student members of the Council are elected by the various classes. The Council, being an experiment, is but an advisory body to the Faculty, the Trustees promising it more power if the experiment is a success. Brothers Smith, Seig and Kuder are councilmen from Senior, Junior and Freshmen classes respectively.

Our college still grows. Almost as many students are here

now as were catalogued last year. Our oldest member says this is the brightest opening of Virginia *A* that he has yet seen. So may it be with all chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

October 30, 1885.

L. S. HENKEL.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA ALPHA began her fifteenth year at the opening of the University on the 7th inst., with nine old members. To this number have been gradually added six members by initiation, and two by affiliation from Georgia Beta. The affiliating brothers from Emory College are John D. Munnerlyn, Waynesboro, Ga., and Albert J. Tuggle, La Grange, Ga. We are represented in the classes as follows: Senior, 5; Junior, 5, and Sophomore, 7.

All the chapters here have lately bound themselves to enter into no combination for political purposes this collegiate year. The same agreement was entered into last year, and the universal desire that it be renewed demonstrates what benefits were derived last year, and are expected to be derived this year, from the non-existence of combinations.

The Legislature has decided to establish a school of technology, which is to be under the supervision of the Board of Trustees of this University. It is not yet known where it will be located, but strong efforts will be made to have it located here. This University has lately been honored by the appointment of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, class '43, Minister to Spain.

Brother Frank M. Potts, of Atlanta, who has just returned from an extended sojourn in Texas, enlivened our last meeting by his welcome presence.

October 31, 1885.

JAMES J. GILBERT.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

WE, upon the opening of our scholastic term, again stand at the head of all fraternities at this institution, and, in the course of our "spiking," have gained several victories over rival fraternities, and can congratulate ourselves upon the fact that we have failed to get but one man whom we solicited. One of our number was graduated last session, and three others (also brother Stewart, who left in January, 1885), failed to return this term. At the beginning of this session we had but five members, but together with the recent initiates, we, at present, number thirteen.

October 10, 1885.

J. M. OLIVER.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

FIFTEEN This answered to their names at the roll call of the first regular meeting of Tennessee Alpha. This was an excellent be-



ginning. Fifteen true and tried Phis, vigilant and active, is all one can desire at the opening of the session. With no further additions, such a chapter could well hold its own in the face of all opposition. But it is the policy of Tennessee Alpha to neither relinquish her spiking laurels, nor to be satisfied with merely holding her own. This being the case, we looked about; then we "*did about*." As a natural consequence of such action on our part, I am able to report the initiation of six brothers, without doubt the pick of the new boys. They are: N. A. Gibson, Tennessee; J. M. Manier, Tennessee; Thomas Saunders, Alabama; Edward Winfield, Arkansas; E. I. Crockett, Kansas, and R. A. Carter, Kentucky.

Hunter Meriwether and W. R. Simms, as zealous Phis and as excellent students as are to be found anywhere, have at last left Vanderbilt. The former is practicing law in Kansas City; the latter is principal of a school in Mississippi.

Brother Ramsey, of Medical Class of '83, is now practicing in McMinnville, Tenn.

Of brothers Gilmer Meriwether and Cotton, the former is "bossing" his farm near Guthrie, Ky., and the latter is preaching near Nashville.

I have also the pleasure of reporting the return to Tennessee A of Ira Bowman, formerly of the University, and the affiliation of brother B. D. Cooper, of Jackson, Miss., late of Sewanee, who are now attending medical lectures at Vanderbilt.

Nashville is becoming quite popular among fraternities as a place for the assembling of conventions. Both the *K A* and *Σ A E* have lately held their conventions here.

The *K A* decided to publish their official magazine in this city. This is a good move, as the chapter at Vanderbilt is a strong one.

Adopting the suggestion of Tennessee Alpha, the fraternities of Vanderbilt have decided to publish an annual, the compilation of which is now under good headway.

October 28, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

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

WE are now busily employed in setting our house and grounds to rights. A large stone chimney is in the course of construction and we expect to be able to enjoy the warmth of a fire next week, and in two weeks to have our mantelpiece finished.

We introduce as our last initiate Dr. J. W. S. Arnold, who has lately been called to the chair of chemistry and geology at this university. Brother Arnold is a member of the French Academy of Science and also a member of the French Biological Society, being the first and only American ever elected to membership by that body.



Fraternity circles here have been lately very much shaken up by the depredations of several small boys on the chapter houses. Our chapter house was entered and a few things taken. However, we succeeded in recovering everything.

Brother Dowdy returned a few days ago from Aberdeen, Miss., where he acted as judge of the competitive drill lately held at that place.

November 7, 1885.

H. R. BOHN.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

OHIO DELTA has entered upon her year's work with a spirit that assures profit and success. Never was our chapter in better working order. The late successes of the fraternity in general and of Ohio Delta in particular have filled all with enthusiasm. We greet our new brothers of Ohio Alpha and of other sister chapters most heartily, and take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world our late initiates, brothers C. H. Chalfant, W. B. Hoag, and R. E. Esterley. Our number is now 15, with bright prospects of an early increase.

Our meetings are held on Saturday evening of each week, and are attended with great interest. The entertainment is furnished by some brother previously appointed, who is at liberty to introduce what he pleases, provided it is within the bounds of chapter propriety. He may call upon any or all of the boys to help in executing his programme. Our aim is to give different brethren a chance to lead and arrange the entertainments, and thus to vary the monotony of the usual custom. Each gives us something new, and each has a chance to introduce his specialty. All are entertained and benefited, and look forward to each succeeding meeting with expectancy.

November 3, 1885.

J. T. MORRISON.

### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

THE summer vacation has come to a close, and we have assembled again for a year of work.

We lost three men in last year's class : Dukes, McDaniel, and Scofield.

Brother McDaniel is teaching school, brother Scofield is a student at Union Theological Seminary, and brother Dukes is the junior member of the firm of Dukes & Son. We have gained three men this term : brother Burson, from Indiana Alpha, brother Brown, from Indiana Zeta, and brother Harding, an old member

of our chapter, formerly with the class of '85, who has entered '87.

Brother Stockbarger has finally returned. We have twenty-two men now, and have not initiated any new ones yet.

There has not been very much initiating done by any of the fraternities here this term.

Last year Indiana Zeta saw fit to expel Mr. Brown. His offence was a college prank which is practiced almost every year.

We have carefully examined the circumstances of the case. We find that his offence was slight and not against the fraternity, that his expulsion was illegal, he not having had a trial and being out of college at the time, and that he has been exonerated of his guilt by the college faculty.

Without assuming to criticise their action, and with due respect for our sister chapter, after due deliberation we decided to reinstate Mr. Brown as a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . And he has not disappointed our expectations, for he is one of the best men in the class and chapter, and is doing good, honest work.

We are pleased to note the fact of the re-organization of Ohio Alpha, and among the names of the charter members that of brother Morris appears. We remember when we initiated him in the Indiana Beta. He has proved a loyal Phi.

Our number is divided among the different classes as follows : class '86, 7 ; '87, 4 ; '88, 5 ; '89, 2 ; '90, 4. Our chapter is in better condition now than it has been for several years. There is a determination to work for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and make her the champion fraternity here. We have a larger number of members than any other here, and our men are full of earnestness and vim.

October 28, 1885.

JOHN G. LOVELL.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

THE opening of another college year found twelve sturdy Phis ready to take up the work which was so auspiciously carried forward last year. The entrances to the Freshman class were very few this year, and as a college law prevents us going below it for material, our field of labor was not very large.

We made our selections, however, and it is my pleasure to announce, as the result of our investigation, the initiation of Henry C. Johnson and Thomas M. Honan, both of Seymour, Ind. Brother F. D. Swope, '85, has returned, and is pursuing a course of reading, principally law. He also tutors the "Middle Preps" in Latin. Brother L. V. Cravens, '85, is making a handsome record in the law department already, having been admitted to the bar last July, and recently receiving the appointment of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County.

His success is assured in his profession. Brothers E. C. Reel

and L. L. Hennessy, both of '88, have returned, and are now with '89.

Brother J. C. Garritt, '83, is also with us this year, taking some special studies, preparatory to a course in theology next year.

On the other hand, brother T. E. Shaw, '87, has left college, and is going into business in Monmouth, Ill. Brother Shaw has been connected with the chapter for so long, and so thoroughly identified with its work, as to be considered almost indispensable, and we shall miss him very much. The best wishes of Indiana *E* for his prosperity and success go with him. Brother Dunlap, '82, who has been in the village for some time past, has gone to Frankfort, Ky.

The evening of the 27th inst. was one long to be remembered in the annals of our chapter history.

The ceremonies of the evening were begun with the initiation of Mr. James McCormick, '89, of Charleston, Ind., who is the third accession during the term. By virtue of the very great kindness of brother J. C. Garritt and his sister, Miss Lila, we then had the privilege of adjourning to the residence of Professor J. B. Garritt, to enjoy the hospitality of himself and family. The Phis are totally averse to formality, and each one seemed determined to enjoy the occasion to the uttermost.

Although the professor had never been formally initiated, yet he had been near enough across the threshold to enable him to appreciate the spirit of the hour, and he was virtually one of us during the entire evening.

The appearance of the professor's amiable wife in the room later on was the signal for a disappearance from the parlor, but we soon re-assembled around the festal board, where the professor's hospitality was marked. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing brother J. C. Garritt's new song, which he not only composed, but also set to music, and it is excellent.

Our relations with "our friends, the enemy," are of the very best, and nothing seems likely to disturb the serenity of the hour. There being little to attract our attention without, we are turning our efforts towards internal advancement, with every prospect for a successful year.

October 30, 1885.

CHAS. H. McCASLIN.

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#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE "Magic Genii," *alias* Brown and Moore, have been at work during the summer, and we re-assembled this fall in one of the prettiest halls in the State.

One of our graduates of last year, C. H. McAnney, went from

this State at commencement to the State of New Jersey, and thence into the state of matrimony, where he now resides.

While we had eight Seniors last year and none this, we are not discouraged, but have gone to work with an energy and enthusiasm that invites success. We commenced this year with eleven active members, now there are eighteen fraternal Phis assembling weekly in our Athenæum.

October 15, 1885.

T. C. HOPKINS.

### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

A REPORT from our chapter has been due a long time, and your reporter regrets the delay and humbly asks forgiveness. We Phis of the University of Wisconsin are as strong and prosperous as ever, and although our ranks have been thinned by the graduation of '85—of which class nine (9) were members of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and as fine a set of fellows as ever wore a pin—we still feel confident of achievements that will be a credit both to our own and sister chapters.

All the brothers here are imbued with a zeal and good fellowship rarely met with; in this respect we are very far ahead of the other fraternities here, and they know it too.

At our first meeting after the summer vacation there were seven of us in the university; three more were expected, and of these, one has returned, another is coming next term, and the third is not expected back at all. We have already initiated two men this term, both Freshmen. Our first acquisition was George Simpson, of Winona, Minn.; brother Simpson is a leading man in his class, and will make his mark some day; his musical proclivities have secured him a place in the university glee club, and in athletics he also stands high, having been chosen to play behind the bat in our college nine. We had a hard fight with the  $X \Psi$  over him.

Our next man was Robert C. Brown, of Milwaukee. He is an invaluable acquisition, and  $\Sigma X$  is lamenting the fact that she did not win him.

In the attainment of high position in the different phases of college life our chapter is singularly fortunate; we are well represented on all occasions and in all departments. Our younger members, as officers in the University Battalion, sport military insignia; in music we excel; in baseball ditto; and nearly all our men are prominent in the literary societies. In the coming joint debate between two of these, the leading disputant on each side is a Phi.

We have enjoyed the visits of several Wisconsin  $\Delta$  Phis this

term ; among them are brothers John W. Blakey and George A. Buckstaff, '85, both on their way to Columbia College, where they intend to study law. Charles A. Foster, ex-treasurer of the Grand Council, has also graced our hall with his presence and his—funny stories.

Many of our brothers are rising to prominence everywhere about us. M. Updegraff, B. S., B. C. E., '84, is assistant astronomer in the Washburn Observatory, and L. Hoskins, B. S., '83, was lately appointed instructor in civil engineering. Both enjoy the distinction of being first honor men in their classes, and we may well be proud of them. Besides these, Prof. Parker (music), and Prof. Davies, A. M., M. D. (physics), are two other Phis in the faculty.

Below is a list of the fraternities at the university, with the number of members from each class :

	'86.	'87.	88.	'89.	Total.
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,	4	2	2	2	10
$X \Psi$ ,	4	2	1	3	10
$B \Theta \Pi$ ,	2	1	1	1	5
$\Phi K \Psi$ ,	4	3	1	3	11
$\Sigma X$ ,	4	0	0	3	7
$\Delta T$ ,	1	2	1	1	5
$K K \Gamma$ (Ladies),	1	2	1	5	9
$\Delta \Gamma$ (Ladies),	2	3	4	2	11

L. R. ANDERSON.

## ETA PROVINCE.

### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE beginning of the college year found all the charter members of Nebraska Alpha ready for fraternity work. Although we numbered but six students proper, brothers McMillan and Churchill, '85, were on hand to help us look after new men. As the result I now introduce to the Phi world brother Clyde Hamilton Bowman, '89.

Arrangements have been made whereby we now have a suite of rooms which serve very nicely as a hall and fraternity home, in which we shall always be glad to have Phis visit us. The reporter has had the SCROLL nicely bound, and finds it more useful for spiking and reference purposes. It would be well for every member to have bound the SCROLL of at least his college years.

JAMES R. FOREE.

## A NEW YORK REUNION.

A VERY pleasant informal reunion was held at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, on Saturday evening, November 7. There are eight Phis at the seminary, and through brother J. B. Shaw's well known energy, an enjoyable evening of a social character brought all together.

Seminarians present were Shaw, '85, Bird, '84, Walker, '83, Pennsylvania Alpha; Wallace, Pennsylvania Gamma; Scofield, Indiana Beta; Griswold, New York Beta; Herring and Penman, New York Gamma.

W. H. Carey, '86, Pennsylvania Alpha, F. A. Winslow, '87, New York Gamma, and T. H. Baskerville, '86, New York Delta, were delegates from their respective chapters. From the Alumni were Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, Nute, Pennsylvania Alpha, and Secretary Bassett; also, Hines, Pennsylvania Gamma, now attending Bellevue. The new acquaintances were found to be the cordial, cultured men that Phis always are, and a heartiness characterized the evening which only those who have attended true Phi meetings understand. The special feature was that nearly all the men had been graduated from college, and it was a genuine pleasure to note that the old enthusiasm had not diminished in the slightest.

J. M. MAYER.

## SOCIETIES AT HARVARD.

(From the *New York Times*.)

THERE are four societies in Harvard which are entitled to special mention, both from the size of their membership and from the lapse of years since they were founded. These four societies are the Hasty Pudding Club, the Pi Eta Society, the Institute of 1770, and the Everett Athenæum. The two former are Senior societies, the two latter are Sophomore societies. The Sophomore societies are regarded as stepping stones to the societies of the Senior year—the Institute of 1770 to the Hasty Pudding, and the Athenæum to the Pi Eta.

Within the Instituté, as in all controlling inner circles in the *Δ K E*, familiarly known at Harvard as the "Dickey," the members are elected in squads of ten men at a time. The first ten is chosen by the society at the close of the Freshman year, and great is the honor to be one of these ten men, as the start then afforded them makes them prominent for the rest of the college course. When the "first ten" is elected from the Freshman class the election of the rest of the society from their class passes into their hands. At the beginning of the Sophomore year more tens are elected until the membership of the society reaches near-

ly a hundred. The first four or five tens, by virtue of their election into the Institute, become members of the *Δ K E*.

The initiation which these men have to undergo is more curious than any other at Harvard. For five days the members of each ten are dressed up in fancy costumes of the most absurd variety, and are made subject to the beck and call of all members of the "Dickey," past or present. The trials and tribulations which befall them during this brief period of time can well be imagined. A son of a prominent Boston clergyman recently might have been seen slowly wending his way across the athletic field toward the college yard, dressed as an old and decrepit soldier, who, from his appearance, might have been mistaken for a veteran who had gone with Napoleon from Toulon to Waterloo, and lived to the present day to boast of the exploits of his "Little Corporal." His left arm was in a sling; his right side was supported by a crutch; a huge piece of court plaster adorned his face; his right leg was wound up in innumerable folds of red flannel; his clothes were in tatters, and his whole appearance was sufficient to terrify a small child. Another neophyte was seen a few days ago running through Harvard square followed by a howling mob of children. On his back were imitation wings, which flapped and waved as he sped through the crowded streets. A third neophyte was crossing the yard dressed as a lady, with long skirts and flowing hair, surrounded by an admiring crowd of youngsters. A fourth was dressed to represent a coachman; a fifth to represent an old clothes man, and so on as the ingenuity of the members of the society suggested.

Besides this open initiation there is a still more severe secret initiation, in which, among other things, each neophyte is branded a certain number of times on his left arm. The scar of this branding remains for years, and often for a lifetime. It is no uncommon sight to see a number of the oarsmen when stripped for work marked with the six little scars of this lasting memorial of their initiation into the *Δ K E*.

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## INITIATES.

(The lists which have not been published, and some few names in the following lists, are incomplete, either by reason of giving initials instead of names, or of omitting class or residence. Reporters will please send correct lists for No. 3.)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

- '89. Charles Sumner Currier, Barre, Vt.
- '89. Frank Johnson Huguy, Whitefield, N. H.
- '89. Sherman Hobbs, Pelham, N. H.
- '89. George Ephraim Miner, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

- '89. Joseph Morgan, Trinity Mills, Texas.
- '89. Nelson Edwin Baker Morrill, Rochester, N. H.
- '89. Alexander P—— Nelson, Haverhill, N. H.
- '89. Walter Franklin Robie, Bradford, Vt.
- '89. George Francis Sparhawk, W. Rutland, Vt.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '89. Clarence Sumner Brigham, Bakersfield, Vt.
- '89. Delmer Eugene Croft, Enosburg, Vt.
- '89. Harold Murillo Dean, Bakersfield, Vt.
- '89. Arthur Byron Gilbert, Hinesburg, Vt.
- '89. Pliny Corbin Huntington, Craftsbury, Vt.
- '89. Walter Henry Merriam, Malone, N. Y.
- '89. Arthur Frost Newell, Greenfield, Mass.
- '89. Herbert Francis Quimby, West Unity, N. H.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '87. Frederick Joy Greene, New York, N. Y.
- '88. Earl Fenton Palmer, New York, N. Y.
- '88. Thomas Harry Knox, New York, N. Y.
- '88. Mason Carnes, New York, N. Y.
- '88. Samuel Whitney Dunscombe, Jr., New York, N. Y.

## NEW YORK DELTA.

- '89. Frederick George Zinsser, New York, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '87. Andrew G. C. Brown, Fayette City, Pa.
- '89. Francis Tibbets, Geneva, Ohio.
- '89. Daniel W. Howell, New York, N. Y.
- '89. Frank B. Miner, Warren, Ohio.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA.

- '89. Calvin Kuder, Egypt, Penn.
- '89. Henry Hermann Flasspoller, New Orleans, La.
- '90. Harry Barton, Queen Anne, Md.
- '90. Elmer Wheeler, Hillsboro, Md.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '86. John Wright Cox, La Grange, Ga.
- '88. Thomas Walter Reed, Atlanta, Ga.
- '88. Fanning Potts, Atlanta, Ga.
- '88. Reuben Rose Arnold, Atlanta, Ga.
- '88. Thomas Richmond Hardwick, Atlanta, Ga.
- '88. Lamar Cobb, Athens, Ga.



## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

- '88. John Lehman, Memphis, Tenn.
- '88. C. W. Frazer, Memphis, Tenn.
- '88. John M. Oliver, Wesson, Miss.
- '89. David D. McRee, Hazlehurst, Miss.
- '89. Frank Dimmick, Opelousas, La.
- '90. A. S. White, Utica, Miss.
- '90. Joseph C. Higdon, Hazlehurst, Miss.
- '90. Hiram Cassedy, Jr., Brookhaven, Miss.

## OHIO BETA.

- '89. Walter Findlay Mair, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- '89. Harlan Colfax Wykoff, Forest, Ohio.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '87. F. E. Millis, Brushy Prairie, Ind.
- '89. Henry H. Wright, St. Louis, Mo.
- '89. Charles W. Gilbert, St. Louis, Mo.
- '89. Renos H. Richards, Spencer, Ind.
- '89. James H. Wilkerson, Grant City, Mo.
- '90. Charles B. Peterson, Potato Creek, Ind.
- '90. Jesse Martin, Newtown, Ind.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

- '89. Joseph G. McConnel, Italy, N. Y.
- '90. W. Irving Hadley, Pioneer, Ohio.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '86. W. C. Snyder, Belton, Mo.

## OTHER FRATERNITIES.

$\Delta T$  has granted charters at University of Wisconsin, Columbia and Lafayette.

$\Sigma A E$  recently held a very successful convention at Nashville, Tenn.

$\Delta T \Delta$  has withdrawn the charter of its Kenyon chapter.

It is stated by the  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* that the chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , at Lehigh, have handed in its charter and the members have tendered their resignation.

$X \Psi$  has revived her chapter at Cornell.

$\Theta \Delta X$  has entered Amherst.

JUDGE ISAAC H. MAYNARD, Second Comptroller of the Treas-

ury, is a  $\Delta KE$ ; John S. Wise, Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, is a  $B \Theta II$ ; James Q. Chenoweth, First Auditor of the Treasury, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; Charles Kendall Adams, President of Cornell, was once a  $B \Theta II$ , but resigned to join  $\Psi T$ ; ex-Governor William D. Bloxham, Minister to Bolivia, is a  $\Theta \Delta X$ ; Andrew D. White, ex-Minister to Germany and ex-President of Cornell, is a  $\Sigma \Phi$  and a  $\Psi T$ ; J. Walker Fearn, Minister to Roumania, Servia and Greece, is a  $\Delta KE$ ; Theodore Roosevelt, the New York politician, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$  and a  $\Delta KE$ ; Governor George Hoadly, of Ohio, is a  $B \Theta II$ , and Judge Joseph B. Foraker is a  $\Phi K \Psi$ .— $\Delta T \Delta$  *Crescent*.

WILLIAM F. VILAS, Postmaster-General, Adlai E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster-General, and John C. Black, Commissioner of Pensions, are  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s.

THE Forty-sixth Annual Convention of  $B \Theta II$  was held at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., August 26, 27 and 28, 1885, and was the first convention of the fraternity held west of the Mississippi; Ex-Governor B. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, President. The attendance was small, and the *Beta Theta Pi* says, "It was, to a noticeable degree a western convention, both in *personnel* and feeling." Granted a charter to the University of Texas, and refused three other petitions. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati, O., in August, 1886.

THE fraternities at Cornell are  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta KE$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $B \Theta II$ , and  $\Psi T$ . The ladies are represented by  $K A \Theta$  and  $K K \Gamma$ . All seem to be in flourishing condition, though  $Z \Psi$  might seemingly spare a little time from sporting matters with advantage. The Dekes at Cornell are perhaps hardly up to the standard of that worthy fraternity.  $K A$  is composed of wealthy men.  $\Delta T$  and  $\Psi T$  have fine chapters.  $B \Theta II$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$  are well represented by good chapters.—*The Shield of  $\Phi K \Psi$* .

THE recent Convention of Southern  $K A$  placed the control of its journal with the Chi of Vanderbilt, with Prof. J. H. Leigh as editor, and confirmed crimson and gold as the standard colors.

THE fraternities at Wabash College have the following membership and are named in the order of merit;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 22;  $\Sigma X$ , 7;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 6;  $B \Theta II$ , 12;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 4.— $\Delta T \Delta$  *Crescent*.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of  $\Delta KE$  met with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan at Meriden, Conn., October 21 and 22, 1885.

THE Twenty-first Convention of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  met with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885.

THE Fifty-first Annual Convention of  $\Delta \Upsilon$  met October 22 and 23 with the University of Rochester chapter.

THE fraternities at Union are divided as follows :

	'86	'87	'88	'89	Total.
$\Sigma \Phi$	0	2	0	0	2
$\Delta \Phi$	0	5	1	3	9
$A \Delta \Phi$	2	4	0	1	7
$\Delta \Upsilon$	4	3	3	0	10
$\Psi \Upsilon$	4	1	3	3	11
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	5	2	3	0	10
$KA$	2	1	4	1	8
$B \Theta \Pi$	0	3	5	3	11

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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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 Tennessee Beta—University of the South—H. R. Bohn, 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 Alpha—Miami University—W. E. Morris, Oxford, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University—W. F. Mair, Delaware, Ohio.  
 Ohio Gamma—Ohio University—W. E. Bundy, Athens, Ohio.  
 Ohio Delta—University of Wooster—T. S. Anderson, Wooster, Ohio.  
 Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College—E. C. Page, Akron, Ohio.  
 Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University—A. C. Reeves, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Kentucky Alpha—Centre College—R. S. Dawson, Danville, Ky.  
 Kentucky Delta—Central University— —, Richmond, Ky.  
 Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati—Dr. J. A. Thompson, 113 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron—W. J. McCreary, 128 Brown St., Akron, Ohio.  
 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—J. G. Lovell, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
 Indiana Gamma—Butler University—H. T. Miller, Irvington, Ind.  
 Indiana Delta—Franklin College—H. N. Gant, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—C. H. McCaslin, Box 63, Hanover, Ind.  
 Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—T. C. Hopkins, Box 518, Greencastle, Ind.  
 Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—Nelson Mayo, Agricultural College, Mich.  
 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—W. O. Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—C. L. Goodwin, "Indianapolis Times," Indianapolis, Ind.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

- Illinois Gamma—Address Province President.  
 Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—W. L. Miller, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Ward Brigham, 664 Knox St., Galesburg, Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—L. R. Anderson, 535 State 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.

## ETA PROVINCE.

- Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—H. W. Clark, Box 278, Columbia, Mo.  
 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—T. N. Wilkerson, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—B. P. Blair, Box 382, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—J. R. Foree, State Block, Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
 Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—J. H. Dickey, Iowa City, Iowa.  
 Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—William Donahower, Minneapolis, Minn.

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## THE CRISIS OF 1851.

### II.

DR. KEMPER asserts of "the Immortal Six," of whom Childs and McNutt were two, that they were fretted by the petty tyranny of the Faculty, "not that they had transgressed in anything, not that they intended to do anything wrong, not that they would have any duty unfulfilled or slighted, but they had a right to be free in this one particular. \* \* \* \* \* They admitted the importance and duty of temperance in all things. Total abstinence from all that produced intoxication they believed to be essential to the young. They were willing to declare this and to promote it to the best of their ability in every right way."

How well the conduct of these two gentlemen conformed to these fine words the facts in their case will make clear, and fortunately for the cause of truth, the original official records of that eventful period are at hand, thanks to brother Palmer's perseverance and kindness. Further details from private letters in reference to the same sad business confirm the statements of the official records.

After the trial and expulsion of these gentlemen a statement of the case was sent to the convention, whose minutes were published in the last October SCROLL. The paper is drawn with great moderation and kindness to the erring brethren. It is as follows :

#### "REPORT.

"At the meeting of the Ohio Alpha, held on the 17th of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, a committee was appointed to draw up a brief statement of the causes which led to the expulsion of two of its members on the thirtieth day of October, 1851, and to present the same to the order of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; which was to assemble at Cincinnati, on the thirtieth of December, we, the committee appointed at that" (time), "present the following report :

"The committee deem it unnecessary to go into any length-

ened detail of the state of affairs previous to the time of the arraignment, merely stating a few facts by way of introduction. For more than a month before the society took any action upon the case, it had been known to a majority of the members that James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt were pursuing a course of conduct entirely at variance with the pledges they had entered into when they signed the Bond of the Society, and inconsistent with the vows they had taken upon themselves when they had connected themselves with the church, and their promises as members of the Young Men's Temperance Society of Miami University.

"It was not thought best to bring them before the Society, but to deal gently with them, and to try to persuade them to retrace their erring footsteps. Accordingly, Mr. Harrison—being the intimate friend and room-mate of Mr. McNutt—was selected to advise him on the subject; and Mr. Denny, being the confidential friend of Mr. Childs, was chosen to converse with and counsel him. They held several private conversations, and each of the gentlemen acknowledged his faults, and made promises to amend and professed penitence. Mr. McNutt made a resolution on his knees before God never to touch aught that would intoxicate, while to Mr. Childs, he promised to abstain until Christmas. But in a short time it was known to the members that the pledges thus solemnly made had been broken, and that repeatedly. They were again affectionately entreated to desist from the mad course which they were pursuing, and again they promised, and again forfeited their word, until at last it seemed as if their word was not considered binding on their consciences. At first they were very careful to hide their deeds from the eyes of their fellow-students, but soon they grew more careless, and seemed to care little whether they were known or not, and several times appeared in public assemblies in a state of drunkenness. It seemed to be a point of honor for them to be drunk on the night of the temperance meetings, which, considering that Mr. McNutt was prosecutor of the society, was setting a bad example, to say the least of it.

"At last, since the efforts of their friends to win them from their sinful course had proved unavailing, and their solemn vows had been broken repeatedly, it seemed necessary that the society should take a more decided action. A meeting was, therefore, called on the afternoon of the 28th of October. All the members were present, except Childs, McNutt and Denny. Messrs. Childs and McNutt having gone to a circus, could not be informed of the meeting, and the warden was unable to find Mr. Denny. The warden, Mr. Kemper, appearing unwilling to commence a prosecution without a vote of the society, was therefore instructed by a unanimous vote to arraign the gentlemen. The Society



then adjourned until evening, at which time the arraigned members were notified to be present, but they did not attend, and the following letter was received from them, directed thus :

“ ‘ *To the Gentlemen who style themselves the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society :*

“ ‘ MIAMI UNIVERSITY, October 28, 1851.

“ ‘ GENTLEMEN : Whereas, neither the Bond nor the Constitution of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society provide for the arraignment of any member ; and, whereas, did they contain any such clause, it would provide such end, only to be attained by a unanimous vote of all attendant members, and as the vote of such members has not been obtained, we, the undersigned, denying the authority of those gentlemen, who *falsely* style themselves the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society, to make such arraignment, do hereby refuse *most positively* to attend at the time and place specified.

“ ‘ JAMES H. CHILDS,

“ ‘ J. G. McNUTT.’

“ ‘ As this same right was also disputed by some other members, the president, being the expounder of the constitution, gave the following decision : ‘ That such a right inherently belongs to the Society as an organized body, and that in all cases it is the duty of the warden to conduct such arraignments as the Society may order.’ All final action was then postponed until the thirtieth, and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the opinions and feelings of the Society concerning the affair under consideration.

“ ‘ The committee drew up these resolutions, which were adopted unanimously :

“ ‘ WHEREAS, The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society, as such, does not claim special authority for the arraignment of any member within its jurisdiction ; and, whereas, James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt, members of the Ohio Alpha of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , do question the right of said society to summon any member charged with a violation of the Bond, therefore,

“ ‘ *Resolved*, 1st. That the right is inherently in our order to protect itself against internal corruption.

“ ‘ *Resolved*, 2d. That whilst we deprecate the act with which the said James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt are charged, yet we love them as brothers, and fondly hope that they may be led by our kind offices and the blessing of God to covenant anew to fulfill every duty required by the Bond.

“ ‘ *Resolved*, 3d. That we adjourn, to meet in the College Cabinet, on Thursday evening, the 30th instant, at 8 o’clock, and that meanwhile we earnestly invoke the guidance of Almighty God as to the course of action to be pursued.

“ ‘ *Resolved*, 4th. That a copy of the above be submitted to James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt.’

"On the night specified the gentlemen appeared and pleaded guilty to the charges alleged against them. The Society proceeded to the consideration of the penalty to be imposed. Mr. Matthews, in behalf of the guilty members, presented the following proposition, which, he stated, was the only one on which the gentlemen would treat with the Society: That they would renew their bonds to the Society, provided that each individual member would sign the following:

"MIAMI UNIVERSITY, October 30, 1851.

"We, the undersigned, do solemnly pledge ourselves that we will make use of nothing that has happened previous to this time to the disadvantage of either Joseph G. McNutt or James H. Childs, and that we will reveal nothing which will make them arraignable or cause them to be arraigned before either the Young Men's Temperance Society, the Faculty of Miami University, or other body with which they are connected."

"The Society refused to entertain any such proposal, as they had never, either as individuals or as a body, given the gentlemen any reason to suppose that they would make any such use of the knowledge they had obtained. Whereupon Mr. Matthews, who was prepared for such an emergency, offered his resignation, which was received. The names of James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt were then struck from the Bond without a dissenting vote. Messrs. Denny and Kemper then resigned their memberships, which resignations were unanimously accepted, as they were premeditated.

"Such is a brief statement of the causes which led to the expulsion of two members and the withdrawal of three more. The committee cannot but think that to any candid mind reviewing the whole ground, the action of the Society will clearly seem the only course open to them.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"J. K. BOUDE,	} Committee.
"DAVID SWING,	
"JOHN A. ANDERSON,	

"MIAMI UNIVERSITY, December, 1851."

The private conferences and faithful fraternal entreaties and expostulations show clearly that not only was there no spiteful or unkind feeling toward these erring brethren, but that there was a sincere desire by the members generally to retain them in the brotherhood, provided it could be done consistent with the great principles enunciated in the Bond. To the requirements of that Bond those young men had voluntarily pledged their honor as gentlemen, and the seven who meant to keep their word thus pledged, reluctantly surrendered personal friendships for the sake of good morals and an honest compliance with the terms of that—to them—sacred instrument.

Ross, one of the seven faithful attendant members, in a letter of date December 22, '51, says: "Of a truth, Morrison, I never regretted a step so much, but it had to be done. We could not do any other way than to cut them off."

Childs and McNutt were *not unfairly* dealt with. If they were conscious "that they had not transgressed in anything," as Dr. Kemper affirms, why should they have pleaded GUILTY?

Was it the fair thing, then, for these young men, when they admitted their transgression, to require of each of the individual members of the society to sign a written pledge to screen them from meeting their responsibilities in the Church and temperance societies, of which they were members, while the fraternity only required of them for the future an *oral* pledge on their sacred honors? They afterwards, as we shall see, complained of this act of their attorney, Matthews, as not properly representing their views, though they allowed six months to pass ere they said so. The Society had good reason, at the time, to regard this request to agree to accept a dishonorable implication on themselves, and to promise to forestall the possible necessary ends of justice in the unforeseen Providence of God, as coming directly from Childs and McNutt.

But if it was right to expel these men, why did others leave, does a reader ask?

In the course of the trial, it came out in the testimony preliminary to the call upon the defendants "guilty or not guilty," that when McNutt heard that his conduct was in violation of the Magna Charta of the Society, he replied: "Why, then, do they not get after Matthews, for he gets drunk, too?" Matthews had no desire to be called next.

Denny, before he made his final bow, admitted that the society had done rightly in the matter, but that his relation to Childs was such, that Childs and he could not be separated. He soon showed how sincere that statement was by joining the "Alphas," and leaving Childs in the ranks of the "Dekes."

Willson regarded Denny's conduct in his mission for the society to Childs to have been treacherous, and Dr. J. K. Boude says, in a letter to W. B. Palmer, November 10, '85, that in the spring of 1852, when Childs and McNutt applied to the society for a new trial: "We then learned that Denny, who had been selected to talk with them" (Childs and McNutt), "when the charges were first made, and who let us believe that he had done so to no effect, had not performed his duty at all, and led us to believe that they were contumacious." McNutt's petition refers to Denny, though not by name, as one guilty of his troublesome sin, as he had repeatedly charged upon another, to shield his own conduct. Denny now writes after his name the significant letters S. J., and there are other reasons that justify the conclusion that while at

college he was practising considerably in the line of that celebrated order.

Why Kemper left is, perhaps, answered to his own satisfaction in the article in the Quarterly above referred to. He, however, no doubt knew well the characters of those who left, for one reason or another, and went with the company that he most preferred.

Capital punishment for such a reason and upon two such popular young men was a *brave* act, and certainly a painful one. It was regarded as a thing of risk. It was an untried and new condition of things, and they awaited the result with some apprehension. They were in dead earnest, and preferred death to pollution or even dishonor. They, however, feared God and trusted in Him, and this hour of their trouble they remembered the promise of His infallible and blessed word: "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." They were neither ashamed nor afraid to go accordingly to the great Allwise Father for His guidance, and who will say that they went in vain!

Was it fanatical or foolish in that sterling patriot, Samuel Adams, to voice the earnest prayer for his country, that was the most striking feature in the proceedings of the Continental Congress on the first day of July, 1776?

And was it unwise or useless for subscribers to the Bond of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to show their sincerity and earnestness and faith in God, just as they did in this first serious trouble that befel them? The favor of God certainly was upon the work of that day. The fraternity there at once took a higher and firmer stand for morality and truth than it had done. Its spinal column was strengthened. Its members breathed freer and deeper, and trusted in God more than ever. A grand precedent was set that made it easier ever after to say to evil doers in Phi ranks, "We have no room for you." Our order is not a screen to hide transgressors from the penalty of a just law, or to shield the guilty from deserved punishment. Henceforward the words of the Bond were shown to be not empty nor vain, but things of life and power. The need for the white-washing of brethren had come to an end; no good conscience need be strained to say kind words about fellow members. In various ways good results soon began to appear. At the very next meeting after the storm, two grand men came into the ranks—James Carson, whose older brother was a Beta, and Samuel Hibben, the first scholar and one of the best men in the University. Hibben was graduated in the class of '53. He and Holmes, both Phis, took first and second honors in a class of thirty-five. And, by the way, how could it have happened that the eloquent orator, the vanquisher of James G. Birney, Joseph Gideon McNutt, though he belonged to that class, did not even have a

speaker's place on Commencement Day? Was it that class that Samuel F. Hunt had in his eye, when he said in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon* of last April, that "it can well be claimed that the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity received more honors from the literary societies than all the other secret organizations in the University combined?"

James H.—now Rev. Dr.—Brooks was *pledged* soon after, but he was interfered with, and told that the Phis were upstarts and men of no character, whereas the Alphas were an old established fraternity, and had a college professor—Moffat—as a member.

So the Phi boys, anxious to see how men of matured mind and sober views would regard their purposes and plans, elected that "accomplished linguist and true Christian, Charles Elliot," and that "venerable and sagacious philosopher," Dr. O. N. Stoddard. Both of these professors accepted and signed the Bond, and often attended and took part in their meetings. The fraternity having thus been successful, elected Rev. John M. Worrall, then the popular and eloquent pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Ohio; also, Rev. Dr. Claybaugh, of the Theological Seminary, and later, Rev. W. C. Anderson, D.D., President of the University.

J. A. Anderson wrote January 22, '52: "We are looking up; the past is like the moon in a clear night, but the future like the midday sun." Ross wrote about the same time: "Our prospects are brightening; we have received into our fellowship Sam. Hibben, James Carson and E. E. Hutchinson, all young men of undoubted talent and moral worth."

The indirect result of this discipline proved salutary. The young men who were the chief subjects of it were, no doubt, benefited by it to a considerable extent; they were thought to be sufficiently good to be worthy charter members of an incoming and rival fraternity. Would it not be proper for that brotherhood to be generous to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for training such desirable men and furnishing an opportunity for that fraternity to make a start in Miami University?

But the reader's patience and SCROLL space perhaps will hardly allow the remainder of the history to be told in this article. The next section will tell of some change in the character of the correspondence addresses to the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta by some young men heretofore mentioned.

ROBERT MORRISON.

## TENNESSEE BETA'S HOUSE.

WHEN this chapter was opened in the year 1883, the University of the South kindly offered for the meetings of the members a suite of rooms in St. Luke's Hall, which belongs to the theological department. As soon as the chapter was firmly established, it began to look forward to the erection of some local habitation. In the month of May, 1884, the sum of \$500 was given for this purpose by our brother J. H. P. Hodgson (one of the earliest members, and still among our readiest and most active friends), which, added to a subscription previously raised, encouraged the securing of a corner lot and the breaking of the ground for building, in the following month. The chapter-house was finished in the course of the summer, at the cost of \$1,000.

It is a frame building, stands a little back from the street, in the midst of a grove of young oak trees. Passing along a narrow pathway, we reach the piazza, which leads us into the larger room, 32 feet by 18. The centre of this is occupied by a billiard-table, at which members are free to amuse themselves at any time, among themselves, or with invited friends. At the northern end of the room a bow-window opens out, which is to be curtained off by itself, and the window-seat of which will offer a delightful resting-place in the summer months.

Along the eastern wall extend a series of windows, set with colored glass; and the farther end of the room is improved by a great chimney-place, lately finished, which runs up between two little square apertures filled with red panes, thus giving an odd and pleasing effect from without or within.

Thence we pass, through double doors, into the inner sanctum, reserved for the esoteric ceremonies of the fraternity. This is a smaller room, 16 feet by 16; but is enlarged at the outer end by a bay, heavily curtained off with yellow-brown hangings, which contains the presiding officer's desk and chair. Here, too, is the nucleus of a library, for which a substantial book-case is soon to be made.

As before stated, the house is frame, and is weather-boarded with shingles instead of plank. The corners of the weather-ends of the shingles are cut off. The effect is pretty and unique.

Each window sash has a large red pane in the centre, which is surrounded by small square white ones. The effect is very pretty.

The house is almost wholly due to brother Hodgson. His zeal and energy, and his interest in his fraternity are unbounded. The chapter and fraternity owe him a lasting debt of gratitude. He is a true man and a true Phi. ROBERT S. DOWDY.

## KENTUCKY DELTA.\*

A SHORT history of the birth and prospects of Kentucky Delta will no doubt be of interest to the fraternity.

For some time the active alumni had been considering the advisability of planting a chapter at Richmond, Ky. In the summer of this year that indefatigable worker, Walter B. Palmer, of Nashville, Tenn., began a correspondence with Thos. R. Phister, of Maysville, Ky., as to standing of Central University. He at once took hold of the matter, and information as to the standing and future of the college was forwarded to the General Council. It was finally determined to send a man to Richmond as a committee of investigation. Accordingly, brother Phister went to Central University to take notes of the situation, and if the prospects were good for a first-class chapter, to select the requisite number of men to make an application for a charter. He secured the co-operation of brother Geo. B. Thomas, and late in September the two proceeded to Richmond.

Fraternity restrictions had only been removed two years ago, and the Greek world was already represented by  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Sigma N$ , so that great care and caution were necessary.

After receiving the permission of the president, Dr. Logan, an alumnus of Kentucky  $A$  chapter, we proceeded to examine the material for a chapter. Although four fraternities were already established, yet for various reasons many of the best men in college had joined none of them. To select men up to the Phi standard on a short acquaintance is by no means easy. But we started with the determination to have the best men or none, keeping always in view the idea of getting men who would establish Kentucky  $\Delta$  on a broad and firm foundation. The result gratified our most sanguine expectations, and nine men joined in an application for a charter. Two others were afterwards chosen. The application was presented to the General Council, and in due time a charter was forwarded us, with authority to initiate the applicants.

On November 17th we went to Richmond. In response to an invitation to be present at initiation, Kentucky  $A$  sent two men, brothers R. S. Dawson and Frank N. Lee. Bro. Jas. R. Burnam, Kentucky  $A$ , '77, a prominent young lawyer of Richmond and member of the Legislature, took great interest in the cause, and the four made extensive arrangements for the initiation. The new men are thoroughly imbued with the true Phi spirit, and will make our new chapter all we can wish. It is already recognized as a formidable rival by the other fraternities, of which all but one welcomed her with true Grecian courtesy.

THOS. R. PHISTER.

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\* We have received a letter from the Reporter of Kentucky  $\Delta$ , which being also descriptive of the initiation, we do not publish. The lists of new men will be found under INITIATES.



## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND HER FRATERNITIES.

ALTHOUGH New Hampshire can boast of only one college, yet she may well say that she yields to no State in the practical and mental drill which she gives to those who attend this college. Hanover, N. H., the seat of Dartmouth College, lies on the west bank of the Connecticut River, on a slightly elevated plain, some 160 miles north of Boston. West of the town a low range of hills lift their rugged heads, while to the south and north the plain of the beautiful Connecticut valley stretches out in its unbroken beauty.

In describing the village, perhaps we can do no better than to use Willis' description of New Haven: "If it was not for the spires of the churches, a bird, flying over on its autumnal voyage to the Floridas, would never mention having seen it in its travels. The houses are something between an Italian palace and an English cottage built of wood, but in the dim light of those overshadowing trees, as fair to the eyes as marble, with their triennial coat of paint; and each stands in the midst of its own encircling grass plot, half buried in vines and flowers . . . green openings are left throughout the town fringed with intervening elm rows, the long weeping branches sweeping downward to the grass, and with their encircling shadows keeping moist and cool the road they overhang."

It may seem strange to some that the seed from which this knowledge-giving-flower of New Hampshire sprung was first planted in Connecticut, but it is no less the case. In 1757 Eleazor Wheelock, D.D., established a charity school for Indians at Lebanon, Conn. At first this school had but one pupil. In a short time, because of the increase in the number of pupils and the nearness of Yale College, Mr. Wheelock determined to move the school farther north. This he soon did, choosing as the site Hanover, N. H. In 1769, Mr. Wheelock, through Governor John Wentworth, the last royal governor of New Hampshire, succeeded in obtaining a charter for his school as a college, Mr. Wheelock being the first president. Under his excellent management the college grew very rapidly. At the first Commencement four hopeful youths received their A. B., and at the end of ten years the sum total of the graduates was 99. A like period at Harvard produced but 53, and at Yale only 36. The five years from 1841 to 1845, inclusive, added 358 to the alumni of the college. During the war the classes fell to an average of 34, but after 1868 the number began to increase and now the numbers are greater than at any time previous.

The faculty of the college and associate institutions consists of 43 men, all of recognized ability, among them Prof. A. S. Hardy, the author of a treatise on "Quaternions" and the novel "But yet a Woman;" Prof. C. F. Richardson, author of "Choice of



Books," "Primer of American Literature," and several poems of merit; Prof. J. K. Lord, editor of an edition of Cicero's *Lælius*.

The associate institutions are the Medical College, State Agricultural College, Thayer School of Civil Engineering, and the Chandler Scientific School. The latter, Gen. Sherman, U. S. A., has pronounced the most perfect scientific school in America.

Dartmouth is not deficient in the literature of knowledge. In the professions, in practical life, and in scholarship she is represented by such men as Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, Thaddeus Stevens; in divinity by Geo. Bush, Geo. P. Marsh, Jas. Marsh, S. C. Bartlett, the present president of the college; in law by Isaac F. Redfield; in medicine by Mooreland, Durkee, and Ordranax. Besides these, Dartmouth lays claim to 9 governors of the State, one chief justice of the United States; 15 U. S. senators; 70 representatives to Congress; and 9 governors of other States.

Although the college sprung from a high religious tone, yet it is purely unsectarian. Its training is not merely an intellectual one, but the institution realizes that there is something above the intellect which pertains to a higher part of a being, and attention is paid to the morals of those within her halls. The faculty also realize the fact that a father does not send his son to college to be blessed with Latin, Greek, and mathematics simply, but to be built up in integrity and manhood.

But let us come to the subject of fraternities. Prior to 1842 Greek letter societies were unknown at Dartmouth. During this year, 1842, Prof. C. B. Haddock, recognizing the lack of sociality among the students, formed the idea of starting a society. He communicated with the students, and the result was the founding of the Kappa Kappa Kappa. As a local society it is very strong. It has the largest membership of any fraternity at Dartmouth, and its alumni numbers about 630. During the same year  $\Psi T$  entered Dartmouth with four charter members. The society has had continued success. Within the last few years this chapter has introduced the "social element" into the chapter hall to a great degree. Much time is spent by the members in this, perhaps we may call it, too social manner. Without doubt since this element has been introduced so extensively the standing of the chapter has fallen somewhat. The number of alumni reaches 540.

From 1842 to 1845 there was a comparative rest in society matters, both the  $KKK$ s and the  $\Psi T$ s doing their regular work without much rivalry. At this time there was a Senior society, local, known as the  $T \Delta \Theta$ , and in 1844 the subject of applying for a charter to  $A \Delta \Phi$  was agitated and two delegates were sent to Amherst to look the matter up. Nothing definite, however, was done till March, 1846, when the charter was granted, the petition having been signed by 18 men. The society now

numbers about 40 active members, with an alumni of 443. Although Dartmouth was the eleventh college into which  $\Delta \Delta$  entered, yet the Dartmouth chapter has an alumni only exceeded by the Amherst chapter, which has an alumni of 476. The chapter here pays special attention to music, making the literary work secondary to this. It owns its own hall, which was built in 1872. Dartmouth was also the eleventh college into which the  $\Delta K E$ s entered. This fraternity in 1843 granted a charter to 20 petitioners and the  $II$  chapter was founded at Dartmouth. The  $\Delta K E$ s are, at present, probably the strongest society here. They still pay close attention to literary work and have not as yet drifted toward the "social element." The Dartmouth alumni of  $\Delta K E$  numbers about 200.

From 1853 to 1869 the different societies carried out their usual routine of work with more or less contention during the "chinning" seasons. During this interval the monotony was broken by the rising and falling of numerous Freshman societies, the principal ones of which were the  $\Delta K$  and  $K \Sigma E$ .

From 1853 to 1869 there was a great falling off in the number of students, but after '69 the classes began to increase in number and there was a demand for another society. Accordingly about 20 members of the class of '72 applied to  $\Theta \Delta X$  for a charter, which was granted. The chapter is composed of hard-working fraternity men and is in a fair condition.

From this time on the classes continued to grow slowly till '83, when the Freshman class was larger than usual and there were many men who did not join a fraternity. A class society was formed during the winter and meetings held. Finally, it was decided to apply for a charter to some fraternity. After due consideration,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was decided upon as the one offering the greatest advantages. The charter was granted in 1884 to nine charter members. The chapter has had excellent success thus far. It was at once recognized by the other fraternities and admitted to positions upon the college publications and class honors. At present the chapter numbers 25 men; the delegation from the class of '89 consisting of 9 as good men as any society have obtained.

Dartmouth has always been noted among the Eastern Colleges for the number of Western men which she graduates, and it is thought that this new society will be the nucleus for all Western men to gather around. And the New Hampshire Alpha would earnestly ask all Western Phis to keep "an eye out" for all men intending to come to Dartmouth to complete their education, and set them on the correct road to the NATIONAL FRATERNITY.

GEO. W. SHAW, *N. H. Alpha.*

## EDITORIAL.

DURING the year 1883-84, when the *Beta Theta Pi* was under the charge of Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr. (a Harvard man, by the way), it teemed with editorials advocating the decapitation of sundry chapters in weak condition and at poor colleges. So remorseless and relentless was the aforesaid editor in his attacks upon the hapless chapters, that a word of protest was raised by Mr. John J. Covington, the former editor, who attributed to him Herod-like proclivities. Still the war was waged with energy unabated, until the weak chapters fairly quaked in their boots. It was declared most solemnly that their death warrants had been signed, and the decreed execution would take place at the convention of 1884. But mark the change. In spite of the terrible threats *mirabile dictu*, every chapter escaped. The executioners had not a single victim. Evidently a majority of the delegates in the convention of 1884 were not of the Herod kind. Then it was stated editorially that the condemned chapters had been reprieved, and outside spectators thought that the *dies iræ* had only been postponed until the convention of 1885. But with the withdrawal of Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr., from the editorial management of the magazine in the fall of 1884, Mr. W. O. Robb took charge, and thereafter we read no more of executions, etc. During the year 1884-85, there appeared a very significant and weighty contribution from Mr. W. R. Baird upon the extension policy of *B Θ II*. This Mr. Baird is the widely-known author of "American College Fraternities." He urged that the fraternity made a great mistake in bowing down to the standards of *Ψ T*, *Α Δ Φ* and *Δ K E*. He affirmed that the extension policy had become weak and vacillating, and that *B Θ II* ought to have a policy of its own independent of that of the eastern orders. He further declared that the fraternity ought to establish itself in every good institution, and become national in extent. This article was calculated to have a strong influence, and it had. At the convention of 1885, the blood-thirsty Herods suffered another disappointment. Not a head fell in the basket. Instead of withdrawing the charters of chapters in sickly condi-

tion and at sickly colleges, we are told that *the convention was overwhelmingly for further extension*. Finally the fraternity has resolved to break away from the policy of ultra conservatism which it took up several years since in imitation of its then Eastern idols. A chapter at the University of Texas was chartered, and three applications for charters were referred to the chapters to vote upon.

One very curious result followed the agitation of the chapter-killing question. The *Crescent* of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , taking its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi* in 1883-4, also pronounced in favor of an extermination of weak chapters and chapters in insignificant institutions. Strangely enough, while the courage of  $B \Theta \Pi$  failed,  $\Delta T \Delta$  had the nerve to apply the knife, and that vigorously. Chapters at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., Mount Union College, Ohio, Lombard University, Ill., and at some other institutions, have had their charters annulled.  $\Delta T \Delta$  will really be stronger by this heroic piece of work.

Another sign of the times is the change in the policy of  $\Delta K E$ . Though not as conservative as  $\Psi T$  and  $A \Delta \Phi$ , it has since the war been very deliberate and cautious in making extension. Now, however, it is officially announced, through the  *$\Delta K E$  Quarterly*, that the work of reconstruction in the South, begun with the establishment of the chapter at Central University, will be pushed vigorously, until  $\Delta K E$  has reclaimed its *ante bellum* prestige in the South. The *Beta Theta Pi* recently called attention to the fact that twenty of the fifty-six chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are in Southern colleges.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has anticipated the return of  $\Delta K E$  and perhaps other Eastern fraternities to the South, and has prepared itself to meet them. It has been the settled purpose of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to establish chapters in every institution of good standing and prospects, and particularly the State Universities; and now that that object has been attained in the South we know the wisdom of the movement, and the Southern section has no fears of invaders from the East, or from any other direction.

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ONE of the greatest incentives to chapter life is the meeting of men from other chapters. Not only is a chapter's information of the methods of fraternity work increased, but its conceptions of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's extent and aims are enlarged. One of the most im-

portant functions of the work of Province Presidents is the visiting of the chapters within the Province. While this is practicable as to one or two chapters, the expense of visiting all is necessarily large. Our Province Presidents are necessarily young men, and upon them the burden of expense would in that case fall very heavy. If the chapters would contribute in a large degree to the railroad fares of the presidents, the individual expense upon all parties would be small, and the end to be gained would be assured. This is a suggestion which we trust will be acted upon.

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OUR contemporaries and some of our readers have, with good reason, complained of the scarcity of general fraternity news in the SCROLL. We acknowledge this complaint, and consider it necessary for us to offer a word of explanation. We would not wish any one to imply that the absence of fraternity news is an evidence of our disinclination to publish it. If only for the purpose of making this well informed fraternity men, all items of general interest should be classified under the proper head. The SCROLL, however, must, during this year, be conducted with strict economy, and our former 48 pp. will necessarily be limited in some numbers to 40 pp. Our contributions are so numerous and our chapter letters are usually so very full that we must exercise the greatest care in condensation, if we wish to publish only the articles having a primary claim. Our only reason, therefore, for the dearth of items concerning other fraternities is lack of space. We trust, however, in our January number to review the fraternity journals received during this collegiate session.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

ANOTHER step in our fraternal progress has been made in the active Northwest by the organization of Minnesota Alpha Alumni. The chapter as chartered by the General Council comprises members from Minnesota *A*, Wisconsin *A*, Ohio *A* and *A*, Vermont *A*, Pennsylvania *I*, Indiana *E*, and Illinois *Z*. It starts with 16 men, under conditions and with surroundings which remove all uncertainty as to its successful career. It is pleasant to record such interest and activity on the part of our

alumni. They are convincing proof of the correctness of our views on extension, and ample illustration of the fact that a national fraternity means something more than a medley of college "clubs," whose influence does not reach beyond the walls of individual institutions. To the true fraternity man the experiences of college life are but the beginning of the advantages which should—and in some cases do—follow from connection with his order. The man who forgets or ignores these important elements in weighing the merits of different fraternities makes a vital mistake. Whatever advantages, therefore, the so-called "conservative fraternities" lay claim to, they must on this point yield the palm before the progressive, developing organizations which reach out the fraternal hand to every section of the country. We welcome Minnesota Alpha Alumni to a seat about our council fires and bid her God speed!

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT, S. G. C.

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#### LITHOGRAPHS OF FOUNDERS.

THESE should be obtained from the Historian of the General Council, A. A. Stearns. His address is 234 Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio. The cost of a set has been fixed at the nominal price of SIXTY CENTS.

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#### TO REPORTERS.

ALL Chapter reports received after December 1 were retained for January number. Reports for No. 4 should be received by January 1, though possibly, if not later than January 5, they may be published. The editors desire to thank the reporters for their hearty co-operation in their work.

J. M. MAYER.

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#### NEW CUTS.

Two new steel plates have been recently engraved by Dreka for the use of the Fraternity. One is a small engraving of our pin for use on stationery and the like.

The other is a large design of our coat of arms. In designing this, care was taken that it should be an *exact* representation of our arms, as described in detail in the constitution. The existing plates, while artistic in the main, are *not* the true arms of Phi Delta Theta. The cut of E. A. Wright, of Philadelphia, is very far from being correct. The coffin and lamp at the bottom, the owl perched on the shield, and the letters  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  surmounting all, have no place in our true coat of arms, and the sheaves of wheat encircling shield and scroll have been metamorphosed into something else. The position of the helmet and the dimensions

of all are entirely erroneous in this cut. Dreka's old cut approaches much nearer to the proper representation. The chief error in this is the large black letters  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which are so conspicuous in the background, and which, like those at the top of Wright's cut, should have no place there.

In designing the new cut, the description given in the constitution has been *strictly* followed. There are some points in that description which are found to be conflicting when carefully examined. The manner of rolling the scroll—with both ends turned from view—is the manner described in the constitution, and not the method adopted in the other two cuts mentioned. I think this new cut is as near an exact representation of our arms as it is possible to make and reconcile all points. It is undoubtedly a much nearer approach to perfection than any which have hitherto been produced.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

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### A MODEL CHAPTER REPORT.

#### LETTER.

Name of Chapter.

Name of College.

Concise Report.

Date.

Name of Reporter.

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#### PERSONALS.

(on separate sheet.)

Class.

Name.

Note.

'85. John Doe is practising law at Doeville, Cal.

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#### INITIATES.

(on separate sheet.)

Class.

Name in full.

Residence.

'89. John James Doe, Doeville, California.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## NEW YORK BETA.

WE are in first-class condition ; never was the outlook more favorable than at present. To cap the climax, we initiated three new men last Thursday evening, A. E. Phillips and H. McMullan, '87, and A. R. Conover, '89. These, together with brother M. Nolan, '89, whom we received during the first of the term, constitute our initiates up to date for this college year. Our membership is : '86, 5 ; '87, 4 ; '88, 3 : '89, 2 ; total, 14.

Our initiation of Thursday evening was doubly pleasant, as it was the date of our second anniversary. We celebrated it in an interesting literary entertainment, followed by a magnificent spread, at which all were made jubilant by the eloquent responses to the toasts, and by participation in singing.

Although this was only our second anniversary, the spirit shown throughout its commemoration proved that love for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  filled the very soul of every member.

We have as pleasant a society home as any fraternity chapter in Union, and still its attractiveness continues to grow.

We remain as ever loyal Phis and ardent advocates of our beloved fraternity.

December 1, 1885.

T. WARREN ALLEN.

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

THIS chapter has been further strengthened by the addition of brother William Howard Treat, '89, who was initiated the 15th inst. Brother Treat has been president of his class during both terms of the preparatory and the present term of the Freshman year, a retention of office the length of which is not within the memory of the present student generation.

The furnishing of the new rooms of the chapter is nearly completed. They have not as yet been formally opened, but the chapter is unanimous in its expression of satisfaction at their appearance. The location is admirable, they being in one of the most central portions of the metropolis.

The Phrenocosmian Society, one of the two literary organizations here, will celebrate its one hundredth term by a banquet on Friday next. The office of toastmaster is held by a Phi, and it may be remarked that, on a like occasion two years ago, the other literary society gave the same office also to a Phi.

The alumni and two undergraduate chapters will hold their second annual banquet the 11th inst. The large number who



have already promised to attend warrant the belief that this reunion will prove more enjoyable even than that of last year.

The present undergraduate membership of New York Gamma numbers fourteen, divided as follows: '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 6; '89, 1. Of these, six have entered during the present collegiate year. Additions to this number are promised before Commencement.

November 28, 1885.

ALBERT SHIELS.

#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SINCE the last publication of the SCROLL we have been making rapid strides towards fitting up and furnishing our new chapter rooms, which are looking very homelike. At our last meeting we initiated another fine man, brother Miner, of the Law School. After the initiation we were all tendered a Thanksgiving supper by brother Wampold. We had present with us brother W. R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79, brother Paul Jones, Tennessee Alpha, '79, brother J. W. Blakey, Wisconsin Alpha, '85, and brother J. C. Walker, Tennessee Alpha, '83. Brother Mayer was toastmaster.

We have our new piano and are able to make quite a showing in a musical way, as one of our men plays the cornet, one the violin, several the piano, all the banjo, and quite a number have very fine voices.

We have just had a steel die cut, which will appear in the *Columbia Miner* next month, and is now being put on paper and envelopes for chapter use.

December 1, 1885.

ELBERT P. CALLENDER.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

THE ensuing year promises a repetition of our past prosperity. Our meetings are regularly attended and more fraternal interest is manifested than has been for some time heretofore.

We have initiated four excellent men—one from each class. '89 has little good material to select from, so our delegation is naturally small, but we were especially fortunate in securing brother Lenhart and hope for further additions next term.

Brother Ludlow, '85, wrote us in glowing terms of the fraternal reception tendered him by the Minnesota Alpha boys during his short stay in Minneapolis.

More interest has been taken in football this year than ever before, and the number of victories gained over other colleges is very gratifying. Brother Hamme is captain of the college team.

November 25, 1885.

HARRY L. MOORE.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

On October 10th we initiated Arthur H. Ewing, '87, in whom we will have an honor man at graduation. The eleven editors of our annual, the *Pandora*, are apportioned as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2, brothers C. A. Lippincott and J. A. Bell;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 1;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 1;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 1;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 1; and non-fraternity, 6. At a subsequent meeting of the board, brother Lippincott was elected editor-in-chief.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has secured for Class Day, the poet, brother W. T. Tredway, and presenter of honors, brother George W. Fulton.

On November 7th we initiated James P. Blackburn, '89, and expect more from his class. Brother George W. Fulton, '86, is president of the Philo and Union Literary Society.

The decennial of our chapter will be duly celebrated December 4th.

The treasurer of the college has received a check of \$30,306 from the estate of the late Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D., to be applied to endowing a memorial chair in Latin.

Brother Lippincott desires to exchange annuals with reporters at colleges where annuals are published.

November 14, 1885.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Our chapter, I am glad to say, is doing excellent work, and our prospects are very bright.

Since our last report we have initiated brother G. W. Bethell.

We are glad to hear that brothers Hines and White, who left us some time ago, are successful in the practice of law.

November 29, 1885.

A. M. SIMMONS.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

THOUGH beginning the year with only six men, the condition of our chapter is very prosperous. Our college has made the best opening since its reorganization, and the quality of the entering class is unusually good. We have initiated two men, making our present number eight.

Brother Coan, the bearer of the Clariosophic debater's medal, will represent that society as one of its debaters in a contest with the other literary society of the college, to take place in December.

We regret to announce the death of brother William Heath

Massey, a member of South Carolina Alpha. He died at Basconville, S. C., during the month of August.

The projected State Association of the Phis in South Carolina is to be organized in this city on the night of November 11th. Present indications point to a very successful meeting. We congratulate the fraternity on the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha.

November 7, 1885.

W. W. BALL.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

LAST year was a prosperous year with Georgia Beta. She was successful beyond all expectations, making the best record in the history of the chapter. Eighteen of the old boys, who so honored  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  last year, have returned, with the avowed intention of repeating last year's victories.

We have initiated six excellent men, increasing our number to twenty-four.

It becomes our sad duty to report the death of brother E. M. North, of class '80, who died at Hampton, Ga., of which city he was mayor.

November 10, 1885.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report the following men have been initiated : M. B. Campbell, J. W. Ledbetter, Geo. S. Jones, and H. W. Thomas, thus making a total membership of twenty-four. Four of this number are members of the Senior class, ten of the Junior, nine of the Sophomore and one of the Freshman.

Though we have been in our present hall in the college building but a little more than a year, we can now boast of the neatest and best fraternity hall in college.

Brothers J. R. Hodges and F. A. Hooper, members of our last year's graduating class, paid us a visit last week. Brother Hodges has charge of a high school in Cussita, Ga. Brother Hooper is reading law in Cuthbert.

Brother H. R. Harper has been elected one of the associate editors, and the writer one of the editors-in-chief of *The Monochord*, a monthly journal published by the two literary societies.

November 25, 1885.

W. B. HARDMAN.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THOUGH this is the first year of our chapter existence, we are working hard and fully determined to win.

The membership of this chapter now numbers thirty-four—all good, active and ready working men.

We were pleased to have Brother Gibson, of '84, with us a few days ago. I see from the October SCROLL that the name of Brother McCord, one of the number who joined us on June 17, 1885, was omitted by brother Gaston in his letter to you.

November 25, 1885.

W. E. BOOKER.

#### ALPHA BETA, ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE.

It seems too much of a universal sameness to say "we have nothing but continued success to report since our last," etc., but as this is exactly our condition, I do not know how else to put it. Since our last report we have initiated three men.

Brother L. W. Wilkinson has returned to college to fill the chair of assistant chemist in the State Laboratory and complete his regular studies of the Senior class.

Upon his departure Brother Collier presented the chapter with a fine sword, which he won as a prize at Commencement.

The absence of a "Commencement report" from Alabama Beta in the October SCROLL was caused by brother Penn's death.

The fraternities here are:  $\Lambda T \Omega$ , '86, 4; '87, 2; '88, 6; '89, 1; '90, 1. Total, 14.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 2; '89, 2. Total, 11.  $K \Lambda$ , '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 2. Total, 9.

December 1, 1885.

L. W. SPRATLING.

#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

SINCE my last report two more members have been initiated—brothers William Reynolds Edrington, '88, and Osborne Kennedy, '86.

Brother J. M. Green has returned and will complete his course in law. Brother Moran Scott has returned to his home in Gainesville after a pleasant trip to Tennessee, and is now practicing law. Brother G. B. Willett is teaching in Harold, and brother Jackson Willett surveying in the Nation. Brother Hotchkiss was appointed assistant mailing clerk in the Post-office here. Brother John R. Carpenter is in the office of Bradstreet's Agency.

Of course we had a "great" time at the convention. Never was Texas Beta more enthusiastic and active. I wish I could tell you about it, but the duty has been left to others. I can say that the greatest unanimity prevailed, and in every respect the convention was a success. We are all hard at work and striving for success.

November 8, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE expulsion of a member of Tennessee Alpha was considered as merely a local affair, and of not sufficient importance to warrant publication in the SCROLL of more than the mere fact of ex-

pulsion, as required by the constitution. But as some other fraternity journal has seen fit to call the attention of the Greek world to the case, it would, perhaps, be best for us to give the fraternity a statement of the facts surrounding it.

Albert B. Hinkle, of Americus, Ga., became a member of Tennessee Alpha in the fall of 1884, and continued his membership until May last, when, evidence of his cheating during a final examination being produced, he was, by vote of the chapter, requested to resign. Refusing to comply, he was formally tried by the chapter on the charge which was brought against him. He was represented by counsel of his own choosing, and allowed to introduce all the evidence in his favor that he had. After a long and careful trial, he was expelled from the fraternity, as unworthy to be associated with its members. On September 26, 1885, he addressed the following letter :

"To Messrs. Claude Waller, Chambers Kellar, William Witt and William Jack, Jr., Students of Vanderbilt University—Gentlemen : As each and all of you have charged me with cheating in my first college English examination on the 12th of last May, I hereby give you due and timely notice that, unless the charge is unqualifiedly withdrawn, or unless you, or one of you, present charges and specifications for the same to the faculty, as I have been officially informed by Dr. Garland you have been twice invited to do, I will accept it as an acknowledgment on your part that you have perpetrated upon me a deliberate, wilful and malicious slander and libel, and will so publish to the world. Respectfully, A. B. HINKLE.

P. S.—I shall await an answer from you until 7 o'clock this afternoon. If not received by that time, I shall consider that you, and each of you, have failed to present the charges because you know and feel that you have wilfully and maliciously persecuted me before the fraternity, and that you cannot sustain yourself before the faculty. A. B. H."

To which was made the following reply :

"LIBERTY HALL, Sept. 26, 1885.—Mr. A. B. Hinkle—Sir : In reply to your communication of this date, the members of Tennessee Alpha make this reply : The action taken by them last May in regard to this matter is considered by them as final. The trial which was given you was in every respect fair and honest, and we cannot, in justice to ourselves, alter the decision which was then made. TENNESSEE ALPHA."

In the Nashville *Union* of September 27th were reproduced this letter and answer, with added remarks of Mr. Hinkle, among which was the following :

"The above letters speak for themselves, and it will be seen that the members of Tennessee Alpha, Vanderbilt University, are too cowardly to bring these charges before the faculty, as requested in my letter, because they know and feel that they have wilfully misstated the facts."

The following is an extract from the reply of the chapter, which appeared on the 28th :

"The chief ground of Mr. Hinkle's complaint against us seems to be that we did not carry the matter further and prosecute him before the faculty for the offence which caused his expulsion from Phi Delta Theta. In this connection we will state that, on the 18th inst., an official communication from

the chapter was sent to the faculty. The action which we had taken was re-cited, the communication concluding as follows :

"We do not desire to be considered the prosecutors of Mr. Hinkle, but we are willing to furnish all the evidence in our possession. The evidence consists of the testimony of several witnesses whose names we can give, and of the examination papers of Mr. Hinkle and his brother. These papers we believe to be in the possession of Mr. Hinkle. Without presuming to suggest any action to your honorable body, we respectfully submit this statement of the case."

"The idea that we should go before the faculty as the prosecutors of a student is preposterous, and yet this is what Mr. Hinkle complains of us for not doing. With his expulsion from the chapter our relations with him ceased. We are not the *censores morum* of the institution, neither are we charged with the duty of prosecuting offenders against college statutes. If the university has a prosecuting attorney, certainly none of us have been employed, and we decline to be candidates for the office. We are responsible only for the reputation of our chapter, and not for that of the whole student body. Especially would we decline to prosecute this case before the faculty unless we knew that the most important evidence, namely, the examination papers of A. B. Hinkle and his brother, which were so remarkably similar and have been in his possession all summer, had not been tampered with since they were used in the trial before our chapter."

On the 29th Mr. Hinkle published another card, from which the following is taken :

"In reply to their strictures on my examination papers, I make this proposition : I will select one prominent teacher or other gentleman, and the chapter another, and these two to select a third, all from Nashville, but outside of the faculty of Vanderbilt, and none of them to be in sympathy with either party, and these three to be the final arbiters as to whether there is any evidence of cheating in the papers or the slightest possible indication of their having been tampered with. My reasons for suggesting the arbiters outside of Vanderbilt is in no wise intended as any reflection upon the learned and honorable faculty of that institution, but from the fact that I have repeatedly begged and demanded of them an official investigation of the matter and an examination of the papers referred to—all of which has been denied me because, as it is claimed by the faculty, it would be a recognition by them of the secret fraternity."

The following is a portion of what appeared on the 30th, as the reply of the chapter :

"Mr. Hinkle now comes forward with another proposition, that we shall become a party to a commission to examine the examination papers. We have only to say that this proposition is even more absurd than the one he previously made. Of course no other body has any appellate jurisdiction over the decision of our chapter, and no judgment of any such body would affect our decision.

"*When, in a formal communication to the faculty, we laid our action before them, and offered to give them the names of witnesses, we went as far as duty demands of us and as we intend to go.* If they do not choose to grant Mr. Hinkle an investigation, that is a matter between him and them. If he desires to get the opinion of any outside commission, it must be a commission of his own choosing, as we will be no party to it. This matter as concerns his membership in our chapter has been settled. In regard to his being allowed to matriculate in the university, we have no voice."

On October 1st was published "a parting shot from Mr. Hinkle," in which he further denounced the action of the chapter,

attempted to defend himself from the charges on which he had been expelled, and stated that he had made arrangements to leave Nashville. To this the chapter did not deem a reply necessary. We do not wish to add any comment, as the foregoing sufficiently explains, and we consider fully justified, our action. We need only to correct one error of Mr. Hinkle's—namely, that the faculty invited us to present to them our charges against him. *No such invitation was received by us.*

The Messrs. Hinkle, Albert B. and Eugene E., have since matriculated at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. The latter on the expulsion of his brother sent in his resignation, and it was returned with a written request to amend its phraseology. This he refused to do, and he has been expelled for using language with the purpose of casting odium on the fraternity.

December 1, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

On the 3d of October last the Ohio Alpha chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was reorganized, through the able efforts of brothers W. E. O'Kane, W. E. Morris and other Phis mentioned in the last number of the SCROLL. Brother Morris was formerly of Indiana Beta, but now affiliated with us.

Since the last issue of the SCROLL, we have initiated three men, so that we now number eleven with brothers M. W. Lewis, Harry Weidner and K. Prugh, all of high standing in college. Brother Prugh is the finest Greek and Latin scholar in the college.

We have decided on a hall, but have not furnished it as yet. President McFarlan is neutral on fraternity matters, so that we shall have no trouble in that way.

We are working hard and shall try to make new Ohio Alpha approach to something of the grandeur of old Ohio Alpha.

November 23, 1885.

WILLIAM CLOUGH.

### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WHILE we sorely feel the loss of those failing to return who were with us last year, we have started off with a determination to keep our old time standard.

We have not done as many fraternities are wont to do at the opening of each term—pledge a man before they have thoroughly become acquainted with him, and then, often having just reasons, repent of such rashness; but we have entered each race with our eyes wide open, never permitting a spirit of rivalry for numerical strength to take the place of our better judgment,



Feeling that we have done our duty in these particulars, we take great pleasure in announcing as the fruits of our labor the following new initiates: Guy P. Benton, Charles S. Hoskinson and Elmer E. McCammon.

December 1st, 1885.

W. F. MAIR.

#### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

OHIO EPSILON began the year with eleven enthusiastic Phis. Brother Tucker, after a year's absence, returned this fall. We regret very much the loss of brother Roemer, '89, who is in business in Wheeling, W. Virginia. Neither of the fraternities have made any initiations this fall.

At a recent meeting of the Oratorical Association, the election of local contestants resulted in the choice of brothers Page and Tompson and Messrs. Rothrock ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ) and Magnes (Lone Star). Brother A. A. Stearns, '79, will deliver a lecture in the college chapel on the evening of the 13th.

Of our '85 men, Crissinger is attending the Cincinnati Law School; Emery is in the banking house of F. Schumacher; and brother Schumacher has gone into business with his father. Brothers Stearns and Kelly, both of '79, have formed a law partnership, practising in Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Charles B. Wright, '80, was elected to the chair of English Literature at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. Brother Charles Pleasants, '82, is practising law in Minneapolis, Minn.

November 29, 1885.

A. A. KOHLER.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

KENTUCKY ALPHA is all enthusiasm over the good work done by brothers Phister and Burnam in establishing another promising chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Kentucky. Brother F. N. Lee and your reporter were sent to represent our chapter at the initiation.

The prospects of Kentucky  $\Delta$  are very bright, and we feel that our sister chapter will not fail to fulfill the hopes and the wishes expressed in her behalf by Kentucky  $\Delta$ . Being present at the founding of a new chapter is a rare event in the life of a student, and we from Kentucky  $\Delta$  enjoyed it to the utmost.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has had another victory at Centre College. In the contest between the two literary societies, held on November 14th, brothers R. S. Dawson, '87, and C. T. Sparks, '89, were among the contestants. Though the opponents of each were Seniors, the Phis, after a desperate effort, won, the former in debate and the latter in declamation.

Since our last report we have initiated two more good men,



James C. Hamilton, of '87, and Scott Hudson, of '89. They are both additions to our chapter of which we are proud.

The *Shield*, our M. S. paper, has again made its appearance and has proved itself quite as instructive (?) and entertaining as ever.

Of the class of '85, M. R. Hubbard is studying law in Louisville, E. D. Martin is studying medicine in Danville, G. E. Wiseman is in business with his father at Danville, and Howard Tebbetts is studying at Harrodsburg.

Kentucky *A* is strong and united.

December 1, 1885.

R. S. DAWSON.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY opened September 3 with a largely increased number of students, and as a result fraternity work has been livelier than usual. We commenced the year with ten members. These, with the assistance of S. G. Ramsay, '84, added five new men. J. W. Fesler, Indiana *A*, also affiliated.

In the October SCROLL the following mistakes appear concerning members of Indiana *A*: Page 35, line 15, Shiels should be Shields; page 35, line 23, Fisher should be Fesler; page 48, line 25, W. H. Holland, T. W. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Hawley and S. G. Ramsay should be credited to Indiana *A*, and not Ohio *Z*.

H. C. Huffstetter, '82, was expelled by the chapter the last term of last year. On account of the absence of the reporter at the time the action was taken, it was not reported last year.

Indiana *A* sends congratulations to Ohio *A*.

November 9, 1885.

B. FESLER.

### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

OUR chapter has been going on in its old established line of duty, maintaining its vigor and faithfulness in devotion to the cause. There has not been very much to disturb the even tenor of our way. The most important event this month was the initiation of brothers Jones and Ashley. These two brothers are very promising and energetic Phis.

After the ceremonies of initiation, our genial toastmaster, brother Willis, announced that an oyster supper was awaiting us. After a very enjoyable evening, with good wishes for the dear old fraternity and determination to work for her, we separated, as merry a band of Phis as could well be found.

We have now a membership of 23. This is the largest number we have had since the present members have been connected

with Indiana B. We are on very good terms with the other fraternities here.

We will soon bring to a close a term full of success, interest, and work, for our chapter is on a firmer foundation than it has been for a long time.

November 30, 1885.

JOHN G. LOVELL.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE college year has opened very successfully and Gamma is prosperous. When the term began we had ten men; one in '86, one in '87, six in '88, and two in '89. Brothers Kerlin and Gilcrest, of '88, are wielding the pedagogue's birch, but will return. We sustained a very severe loss about six weeks since, when brother Todd, our only Senior, was called to the bedside of his dying father. He has not yet returned and may not do so. Had he remained, he would have been certain of winning the oratorical contest in the spring, and would have ably represented us on Commencement day. At our last meeting before he left, we had a quiet little "spread," and presented him a badge as a slight token of our regard. Brother O. M. Eliason, of '88, who left college last spring, died of consumption, just before the term began. Brother Leland Sulgrove, '77, of Indianapolis, was killed in October by a freight train.

We have initiated only two men, so far: Otto P. Dillon and George B. Davis, both of '90, and both excellent men. We now number eleven, all good workers. Brother O. M. Pruitt, of '85, is principal of the schools here and meets with us often.

$\Sigma X$  has taken two men and does not seem to be very active. Two of their number are trying to run a college paper, *The Butler*, with only moderate success.  $\Delta T \Delta$  has quite awakened from her oldtime lethargy and is now our rival, instead of Sigma Chi. There were only four Deltas at first, but they have lately added 8 very fair men, making their chief onslaught on the Philokurian literary society, a non-fraternity stronghold of former days.  $K A \Theta$  and  $K K I'$  prosper as usual, numbering seven and ten respectively.

November 23, 1885.

H. T. MILLER.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

WE began this year with nine men and have since initiated three, brothers James T. Noe, '87, Edward S. Brown, '90, James V. Deere, '89. In classes we stand as follows: '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 1; '89, 4; '90, 1.

I may truly say that the men in our chapter are among the best students in college, both in college and literary work. We are represented on the *Collegiate* by C. M. Carter as editor-in-

chief, C. S. McCoy, assistant, and E. J. Stalker as editorial editor. We also hold important offices in the literary society.

The only opposition we have is an anti-fraternity society, which is in excellent condition. *K K I'* gave a very pleasant sociable at the residence of the Misses Turner, on Halloween, at which all the Phis were highly entertained.

The members of Indiana Delta wish to thank Miss Emma Turner, through the SCROLL, for the elegant painting presented by her for their new hall. It adds very much to the beauty of our hall. \*

Of the Phis who were with us last year, brother J. C. Williams is teaching at Elwood, Ind.; brother C. D. Randall is connected with the mail service on the J. M. & I. R. R.; brothers W. G. Olwin and W. A. Halteman are engaged in business in Peoria, Illinois.

November 9, 1885.

HARRY N. GANT.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.\*

WITH but little difficulty we have succeeded in adding six new members to our fold, who we consider will reflect credit upon the fraternity wherever they may go. Our new brothers are: Ed. Miles, '90, Friend Brace, '88, Edward Pike McConnell, '89, George Dutton, '89, Loring Trott, '90, David Jaques, '91.

Brother McConnell is from Phi descent, his father being an affiliated Phi Sigma.

A few weeks ago the astonishing news was heard that the chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  Fraternity at this college was no more. The chapter here becoming dissatisfied with the management of the fraternity, bolted, and are now working under the charter of the old fraternity from which they sprung, the  $\Delta \Theta$  (local). This change has been contemplated for some time, but was first announced a few weeks ago. They are now the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Province of  $\Delta \Theta$ .

For the first time, and I hope it will prove the last, I have to announce that a member of this chapter was found guilty of such conduct as was incompatible with the spirit of this Fraternity. In consequence, Samuel L. Kingau, initiated in the fall of 1884, was expelled from the fraternity at our regular meeting held October, 1885.

On the evening of October 31st, Zeta Chapter met to celebrate its seventh anniversary by music and by feasting. Several of our old members and alumni were present. Brothers Sneider, Miles, Swart and Carney helped to make the occasion a pleasant and

\* This report was received too late for classification in No. 2.

profitable one by their reminiscences and witty speeches. The banquet was enjoyed by all and will be held in memory as one of the many pleasant incidents connected with chapter life.

November 7, 1885.

WARD BRIGHAM.

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WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

SINCE our last report nothing of importance in chapter life has occurred. We have not, however, been inactive, and in our next report we hope to be able to give the good results of our work—the acquisition of some excellent men. We have an unusually large field to work in this year—the present Freshman class being the largest that ever entered the university. We exercise corresponding caution in our choice of men and pick our way carefully.

Our chapter meetings are a source of great pleasure to the brothers, and our  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  hall is by far the finest furnished fraternity hall in the city.

Allow me to mention one instance of the ability of our men: At "College Rhetoricals"—on which occasion the best literary production of each class for the term is delivered before the university—the Senior and Freshman classes were each represented by a Phi, brother W. H. Hallam, '86, appearing with a masterly oration, and brother George Simpson, '89, delivering a fine declamation.

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority recently established a chapter here; it starts with eight (8) charter members. This is the third ladies' secret society at the university.

November 23, 1885.

L. R. ANDERSON.

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ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

IN my last report I said that we expected to carry off our share of the honors, and we have already taken some, consisting of the following elections:

W. W. Clendenin for President of Union Literary open session; J. F. Weed for President of Athenaeon open session; R. M. Dooley for Orator of Union Literary open session; W. J. Spillman for Essayist of Union Literary open session, but resigned on account of work.

We have made several excellent initiations since the re-opening of college. The election of contestants for the "Junior Oratorical Contest" for gold medal took place at recent meetings of the literary societies, and three contestants from each of the two societies were elected.

Brother H. R. Williams was elected from the Union Literary Society by over two-thirds vote.

We were somewhat surprised and greatly pleased to meet T. S. Ridge, Missouri *A*, '84, now province president, in town a few days ago. He is as enthusiastic in the welfare of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ , and especially of Eta Province, now as he was in that of Missouri *A*.

We expect no excitement of any kind until after the holidays, when the Junior medal contest takes place, and we rely upon Brother Williams to carry off the honors.

November 11, 1885.

H. W. CLARK.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

As our reporter of last year failed to put in the October SCROLL any report of our successes and honors of June last, I will do so. We took one-half of all the prizes in college, equalling in number the combined trophies of our friends the "Betas" and non-fraternity men. We lost brother L. J. Mitchell by graduation. Brothers Rood, Yantis, Burton and McChesney are teaching, and hence are not with us.

We began this year with eight men. We initiated Matthew Howell Reaser, son of the Potts' Professor of Metaphysics and Sacred Literature, Robert Donnel France and Charles Benjamin France, of St. Joseph, Mo., on the same night. At the initiation were present brothers J. A. McCoy and W. N. Southern, of Independence, Mo., and brothers L. J. Mitchell and J. W. Fincher, of Concord, Mo. After listening to warm and encouraging remarks from these gentlemen, supper was spread. The occasion was highly enjoyable. We have good prospects for a successful year, and hopes for the corresponding welfare of our brothers.

November 10, 1885.

JOHN A. GALLAHER.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

ALL the charter members of Nebraska Alpha were on hand in good season at the beginning of the term, and our work has been fully rewarded. After such thorough investigation of the fraternity system as good men have to make here before they can conscientiously join any chapter, four Freshmen have joined us, notwithstanding much opposition by non-fraternity men. Thus we have not failed to initiate all we have spiked this year. The increase of our number, however, has not so wholly absorbed us as to hinder other work. We have rented a suite of rooms for fraternity purposes, and have taken steps towards furnishing them.

Brother Gates came down from Omaha recently to visit us, and was the occasion of a very pleasant "after-meeting." Each

year's experience endears the fraternity to us, and each advance is a real source of congratulations for us.

November 10, 1885.

JAMES R. FOREE.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It would be impossible to tell all there is and all that is hoped for at the University of Minnesota in regard to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Our success has been boundless. Every man whom we have asked to join has either united with us or pledged himself; and that, too, in spite of the most spirited rivalry.

I have to report the withdrawal of two men, E. A. and E. R. McKinney, who were granted an honorable dismissal. Their reasons for withdrawing were that they desired to devote all their time, money and talents to the work of the church.

Six of the best men entering college this year have joined us. The entering class numbers over a hundred students, many of superior worth and ability. It shows the best record of any entering class in the history of the university.

We now number 14;  $X \Psi$ , 10;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 6, and  $\Theta \Phi$  (local) an indefinite number.

We have had to fight hard with  $X \Psi$ .  $\Delta T \Delta$  is very weak.

A petition has been circulated among the alumni who reside in the city and sent to the General Council, with about sixteen signers. The alumni frequently come to our meetings. We were much pleased to receive a call the other day from brother Ludlow, '85, of Pennsylvania Alpha, who is traveling through the West in search of a suitable location. He expresses himself as much pleased with our beautiful city, as well as Minnesota Alpha, and has settled down to stay with us during the winter. Brother Ludlow, brother Briggs, '85, Wisconsin Alpha, and brother Morse, '85, Vermont Alpha, all were at our last meeting.

The SCROLL has just arrived, and the reports from other chapters are most gratifying. No Phi can help congratulating himself on the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha.

November 2, 1885.

J. C. E. KING.

#### PERSONAL.

##### JACKSONVILLE PHIS.

This visiting Jacksonville, Florida, this winter, should bear in mind that the brothers of that city are always glad to meet them, and their stay in Florida will be all the more pleasant on account of meeting Phis resident there. Call on J. M. Barrs or D. U. Fletcher, of Tennessee Alpha, F. C. Watson, of Virginia,

H. W. Clark, of Iowa Alpha, J. C. Munger, of Ohio Zeta, or Alphonso Fritot or Ernest McGinnis, of Kentucky, and you will receive a real Phi welcome that will do you good. \* \* \*

## MAINE ALPHA.

'83. Horace Cates is studying medicine at the medical college in Minneapolis.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

'80. C. F. B. Haskell is employed in the construction of the new line between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

'83. C. F. Bailey, soon after commencing his labors as principal of the Rouse's Point, N. Y., high school, was taken ill with the small pox and has not yet recovered.

'83. C. H. Hayden has accepted for another year the principalship of the graded school at Essex Junction.

'83. J. C. Turk has charge of the building of the new iron bridge between North Hero and Alburgh. He is employed by the Hawkins Bridge Co., of Springfield, Mass.

'84. E. A. Barnes, M. D., is practising at Schuyler's Falls, N. Y., in partnership with his father.

'84. H. D. Hoffnagle is employed as principal of the Beeman Academy at New Haven, Vt.

'85. F. S. Paddock is engaged in Fond du Lac, Wis., putting in a new system of water-works.

'85. C. E. M. Morse is employed in the construction of the new line between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

'86. F. J. Mills is employed by the United States Coast Survey, and is situated at Machiasport, Me.

'86. E. M. Wilbur is managing editor of the *University Cynic*.

'87. E. C. Morgan is "Science" editor of the *University Cynic*.

## NEW YORK DELTA.

'85. John P. Petty is in the insurance business in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'85. Henry L. Hollis is one of the chemists at the North Chicago Rolling Mills.

'86. W. Radford Wharton is United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor and Assayer at French Gulch, Shasta Co., Colorado.

'86. H. Newton Rose is practising law at Rutland, Vt.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'83. Pond has been appointed assistant in hospital at University of Michigan.

'85. Blystone, formerly of '85, is studying medicine in Chicago.

- '85. Gallup is principal of Brier Hill Schools, Youngstown, Ohio.
- '85. Proctor is a professor in St. Charles College, Missouri.
- '89. Drake has gone to Cornell, to pursue a course in civil engineering.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA,

- '83. W. L. Fink is studying law at his home, Johnstown, Pa.
- '84. J. H. Wyse is at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
- '85. F. L. Baker is at Mt. Olive, Va., teaching school.
- '85. Lewis Griffith is teaching near his home, Gilbert Hollow, S. C.
- '85. H. Hendrix is in business at Leesville, S. C.
- '85. Edgar Bowers is teaching near Gerardstown, W. Va., and will return to college next year.
- '85. L. E. Schoch attends the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '74. Jas. G. Parkes, of Dawson, Ga., was on the Board of Visitors appointed by the governor this year to visit the university.
- '82. Burrus was married last fall. Wynn, Hamilton and Cothran, of Georgia Alpha, and Gilbert, of Tennessee Alpha, were among those present.
- '82. L. C. Adamson is assistant physician at the New York city lunatic asylum, Blackwell's Island.
- '82. A. H. Frazer is now with the Columbus (Ga.) Water Works Co.
- '84. Edgar F. Hinton delivered the Memorial Address on last Decoration Day in Americus, Ga.
- '84. Harry F. Dunwoody is practicing law in Brunswick, Ga.
- '85. S. W. DeWolf is farming in Chattahoochee county, Ga.
- '86. J. M. Briggs is studying dentistry in Baltimore, Md.

## ALABAMA BETA.

- '84. D. D. McLeod is professor in the high school at West Point, Ga.
- '84. J. B. Robinson, Jr., is studying law at Lebanon, Tenn.
- '85. R. H. Thach, Jr., is professor of science and mathematics in Marvin College, Clinton, Ky.
- '85. R. E. L. Collier is a civil engineer in Montana Territory.
- '86. A. F. Whitfield is in the signal service at Fort Meyer, Va.



'87. E. T. Hollingsworth is attending the commercial college at Poughkeepsie.

'87. W. H. Thomas, Georgia Beta, paid us a pleasant visit recently.

'88. J. T. Brown is in business with his father at Dallas, Tex.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA.

'79. Paul Jones is practicing law at 150 Broadway, N. Y.

'81. C. M. Brandon and S. P. Gilbert have formed a law partnership under the name of Gilbert & Brandon at Atlanta, Ga.

'83. John E. Walker has been appointed assistant house physician at the New York State emigrant hospital on Ward's Island, which is the best paid hospital position in the city.

'83. Glenn Andrews is studying medicine at the University Medical School.

#### OHIO ALPHA.

'53. The following clipping gives intelligence of the sorrow which has come to brother Anderson, in which he has the sympathy of all Phis :

MANHATTAN, KAS., November 22.—Mrs. Nannie F. Anderson, the wife of Hon. Jas. A. Anderson, member of Congress from the Fifth District, died to-day after a protracted illness. Burial will occur in Junction City to-morrow afternoon.

#### OHIO BETA.

'60. A. P. Collins, a charter member of Ohio Beta, recently wrote a very interesting letter to one of the members of the chapter, giving an account of the fraternity status at O. W. U. in '58-60, and of the facts leading to the establishment of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ . He is still a member of the Kansas Legislature. His home address is Solomon City.

'76. Geo. S. Hammond, when last heard from, was engaged in the book business at Detroit, Mich.

'78. Cyrus Huling was this fall elected prosecuting attorney for Franklin, a county which neither party can at present claim, but which returned the right kind of a majority for brother H.

'81. In addition to his work as missionary and position as U. S. consular agent, Rev. Lee W. Squier is now publishing agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Japan. His address is 222 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.

'81. Among the recent alumni of Ohio Beta who are now located in Cincinnati are T. H. McConica, D. D. M. Woodmansee, '81, and Scott Bonham, '82, practicing lawyers, and Geo. W. Ozias, '83, as yet a student.

'83. Rush O. Bigley, after having spent a year in Washington C. H., has returned to Degraff, Ohio, and engaged in business

at that place, having formed a partnership with brother Cretcher, of Ohio Z.

'83. J. M. Guy is attending the Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. He has been selected by the faculty to deliver a toast to the alumni at the annual banquet, to be held at the Palmer House, February 16th, 1886.

'84. J. E. Brown, '84, Ann Arbor, Mich., Frank L. Brown, '89, Columbus, Ohio, and W. A. Brown, Ohio T, '71, State Centre, Iowa, will be present at a family gathering at their parents' home in Malta, Ohio, on Christmas.

'84. L. S. Lupton is at present attending medical lectures in Columbus, O.

'85. J. W. Benschoten has a real estate office in Toledo, O.

'85. A. B. Murphy is reading law in the office of Jones & Lytle, Delaware, O.

'87. Joseph Clark, Jr., is in business with his father at Lexington, Ky.

'87. W. E. O'Kane, the prime mover in the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha, is in business with his father at Delaware, and is still regular in his attendance at the meetings of the chapter.

'87. R. L. Thomas has gone into the tobacco business at Lenoxburg, Ky.

'88. R. T. M. McCready did not return to college this year, but is reading medicine with his father at Sewickly, Pa.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'64. Judge W. B. Fleming, of Louisville, Ky., is another Phi who has risen to distinction in the legal fraternity. He was appointed by President Cleveland as Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, a position of honor to any man, and especially so to one not yet 40 years of age. Owing to poor health he resigned after a few months.

'77. Emmet Philips is practising law in Kansas City.

'77. James Rollins Burnam represents Richmond in the Kentucky Legislature.

'79. James Brown Kinnaird, M. D. (College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York), is practising his profession at Lancaster, Ky.

'79. William Simpson Elkin, M. D., is practising in Atlanta, Georgia.

'79. W. C. Read now resides in St. Paul, Minn.

'80. W. T. St. Clair is professor of mathematics at the Boys' High School, Louisville, Ky.

'82. W. T. Overstreet finished the course at Princeton Theological Seminary last June and was ordained a Presbyterian minister.

'82. A. G. C. Collins is a member of the law firm of Craig & Collins, Marysville, Mo.

'82. D. N. Marble received the degree of A. M. from Centre College last June. He is the junior partner in the drug firm of J. P. Barnum & Co., Louisville, Ky.

'82. H. P. Grider is teaching at Barboursville, Ky.

'83. R. F. Alderson is in the Merchants' National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

'83. W. K. Massie is in the Fayette National Bank, Lexington, Ky.

'84. W. E. Knight is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

'84. F. W. Samuel expects to return to Philadelphia this fall and finish his studies at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

'85. M. R. Hubbard expects to attend the Louisville Law School during the coming session.

## OHIO DELTA.

'84. W. J. Boone and J. W. Griswell ('85) are in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa.

'85. J. M. Leonard attended the School of Hebrew at Morgan Park, Chicago, during the summer, and is now a student in the Northwestern Theological Seminary in the same city.

'85. A. G. Greenlee is a professor in the university, and also studying law in the office of brother J. C. McClarran ('77) of this city.

'85. E. R. Strain has a lucrative position as agent for a medical supply house of Fort Wayne, Ind. He expects to enter the medical department of Boston University next fall.

'87. William Miles is principal of the Edison High School, Edison, Ohio.

'87. George Yates has entered Rush Medical College at Chicago.

'89. B. W. Irvin is a prominent member of the class of '89, McAlaster College, St. Paul, Minn.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

'83. Clarence L. Goodwin was married to Miss Haddie A. Kuhns, November 17th, 1885, at Greensburg, Penn.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'81. Charlie Bamford (law) is a journalist at Chicago, Ill.

'81. W. U. Merriam has been spending the summer and fall on the boundary between Minnesota and Canada in the U. S. Geological Survey. He is now at Madison, Wis.

'81. Daniel McArthur is a practicing physician at LaCrosse, Wis.

'81. H. F. Mason is editor of the *Badger State Banner* at Black River Falls, Wis.

'81. A. J. Grover is in the civil engineering business at Omaha, Neb.

'82. Joseph Hallam is one of the prominent lawyers of Sioux City, Iowa.

'82. O. J. Frost, late assayer of a mining company at Argo, Colorado, is at Johns Hopkins, doing advanced work in his specialty.

'82. D. F. Simpson is practicing law at Minneapolis, Minn.

'83. Leander Hoskins is instructor in civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

'83. J. F. Tourtellotte (law) is practicing in Denver, Colorado.

'84. A. J. Hilbert is travelling salesman for a Milwaukee, Wis., wholesale drug firm.

'84. McClellan Dodge can be found in the office of Dodge's coal and wood yard, Madison, Wis.

'84. Milton Updegraff is assistant astronomer at the Washburn Observatory, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

'84. H. H. Beaser is chief clerk at the Indian office at Ashland, Wis.

'84. L. L. Brown is studying law at Winona, Minn.

'84. Herman Fehr is studying law in the office of Cotzhausen, Sylvester, Scheiber & Sloan, Milwaukee, Wis.

'85. A. G. Briggs is studying law at St. Paul, Minn.

'85. C. L. Allen is reading law in the office of J. F. Ellis, Eau Claire, Wis.

'85. J. C. Gaveney is principal of schools at Independence, Wis.

'85. C. F. Niles is teaching at Monroe, Wis.

'85. W. H. Wasweyler is machinist at the establishment of E. P. Allis & Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

'85. G. A. Buckstaff and J. W. Blakey are studying law at Columbia College.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA.

'82. G. R. Henderson is now practicing law in Omaha, Neb.

'83. J. S. Snoddy is assistant librarian in Missouri State University.

'83. J. J. Campbell (law) was elected last year to fill position of city attorney for Kansas City, Mo.

'83. R. T. Sloan is now city chemist for Kansas City, Mo.

'84. E. O. Lewis is principal of Verdon school.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'85. E. J. Churchill is studying law with J. R. Webster, Indiana Beta.

'85. C. G. McMillan attended the meeting of American Scientific Association at Ann Arbor, and was duly elected a member of the same. He is now connected with department of geology in the university.

'85. R. E. Taylor, Michigan Gamma, is in the city, and was present at our initiation.

- '86. G. B. Frankforter is assistant chemist in the university.
- '87. W. F. Bisbee is homesteading at Chadron.
- '88. E. O. Gates is in First National Bank of Omaha.
- '88. C. B. Newcomer is principal of school at Dawson.

## IOWA ALPHA.

- '85. Victor E. Coe is in business at Rock Rapids, Lyon county, Iowa.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '84. Max P. Vander Hock is one of the assistant surgeons in the hospital connected with Washington and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was graduated at that college last year, and won the first prize for the best English essay on Theory and Practice of Medicine.

- '84. Wm. R. Hoag is assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Minnesota.

- '84. Zenas N. Vaughn is professor of Greek at Hauge College, Red Wing, Minn. He was married September 8th, last, to Miss Annie Bonfoy, '84, one of his classmates.

- '85. Arthur G. Holt is engineering for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Co., with headquarters in Minneapolis.

- '85. James Gray is assistant city editor of the Minneapolis *Daily Tribune*.

- '85. Howard A. Abbott is studying law with Jas. D. Springer, general solicitor of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway.

- '87. Donald R. Davidson is the junior member of the firm of Forbes & Davidson, attorneys at law, Marshall, Minn.

## INITIATES.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '89. William Howard Treat, New York, N. Y.

## NEW YORK DELTA.

- '86. Brinton Hamdon Miner, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

- '86. John Martin Hamme, York, Pa.
- '87. Oscar Menton Richards, South Easton, Pa.
- '88. Walter Henry Waygood, Albany, N. Y.
- '89. William Leonard Lenhart, Brownsville, Pa.

## NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

- '89. Alexander Stromach, Raleigh, N. C.
- '89. George Washington Bethell, Danville, Va.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '89. James Edward Curry, Chester, S. C.
- '89. Albert Rhett Nicholson, Edgefield, S. C.

## GEORGIA BETA.

- '87. Julian McCamy, Dalton, Ga.
- '88. Arthur Holmes Merry, Berzelia, Ga.
- '89. Joel Thomas Daves, Tyler, Tex.
- '89. John Wesley Gillespie, Harmony Grove, Ga.
- '90. Frank Phillips, Mariana, Fla.

## GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '87. William Robert Jennings, Crawfordville, Ga.
- '88. Willie M. Ross, Fort Valley, Ga.
- '88. James W. Overstreet, Sylvania, Ga.
- '88. M. Ben. Campbell, Americus, Ga.
- '88. John W. Ledbetter, Rome, Ga.
- '88. George S. Jones, Jr., Macon, Ga.
- '88. Harry Wyche Thomas, Valdosta, Ga.
- '89. Walter Percy Long, Leesburg, Ga.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

- '86. Edward Lee Pinckard, Opelika, Ala.
- '87. Emmet Lee Smith, Prattville, Ala.
- '87. James Oliver Banks, Eutaw, Ala.
- '87. Milton Washington Carothers, Summerfield, Ala.
- '87. James Carter Wright, Tuskegee, Ala.
- '87. William Pem Lockard, Tuskegee, Ala.
- '87. Dyer Findley Talley, Jefferson Co., Ala.
- '88. James LeRoy Purifoy, Camden, Ala.
- '88. James Edwin Dedman, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Robert P—— Roach, DeSotenville, Ala.

## ALABAMA BETA.

- '88. Thaddeus Joseph Partridge, Mobile, Ala.
- '88. Norman R. Weaver, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Henry Lee Brown, Cartersville, Va.
- '89. Robertson Riggs, Selma, Ala.
- '89. Paul Turner Vaughan, Selma, Ala.

## TEXAS BETA.

- '86. Osborne Kennedy, Mexia, Texas.
- '88. William Reynolds Edrington, Fort Worth, Texas.

## OHIO BETA.

- '87. Walter Elsworth Miller (initiated last spring, but not reported), Waterville, O.
- '88. Elmer Elsworth McCammon, Hopewell, O.
- '88. Guy Potter Benton, Kenton, O.
- '89. Charles Silser Hoskinson, Linnville, O.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA.

- '87. James Calhoun Hamilton, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- '89. Scott Hudson, Bryantsville, Ky.

## KENTUCKY DELTA.

- '85. Millard Fillmore Duncan, Grayson, Ky.
- '86. Henry Clay Bedinger, Richwood, Ky.
- '87. Joel Taylor Wade, Campbellsville, Ky.
- '87. Abraham Knobel, Louisville, Ky.
- '88. William Butler Harrison, Lebanon, Ky.
- '88. Edgar Christie Sine, High View, Va.
- '88. John Jordan Crittenden Back, Jackson, Ky.
- '89. Charlie Wilburn Bell, Inman, Tenn.
- '89. Andrew McConnell January, Chicago, Ill.
- '89. John Edwards Park, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- '89. Merritt Earnest Jones, Silver Creek, Ky.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- '89. Charles Ireland, Brownstown, Ind.
- '89. Ulysses Jackson Griffith, Vevay, Ind.
- '89. Frederick Victor Moss, Nobleville, Ind.
- '90. Walter French, Solitude, Ind.
- '90. Frederick Brinton Shields, Bloomington, Ind.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. B. B. Beery, Cameron, Mo.
- '87. J. W. Froley, Mt. Vernon, Mo.
- '88. T. M. Jeffords, Naples, Ill.
- '89. E. W. Watson, Columbia, Mo.
- '89. D. S. McGonigle, Edina, Mo.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '89. Clyde Hamilton Bowman, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. Lucius Almon Chapin, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. George William Gerwig, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. Joseph Reynolds McCauce, Lincoln, Neb.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

- '89. George Thomas Simpson, Winona, Minn.
- '89. Robert Curtis Brown, Milwaukee, Wis.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '89. Edward M. Spaulding, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Edwin W. Spottswood, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Wm. R. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Chas. A. Savage, St. Paul, Minn.
- '90. Henry G. Richardson, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '90. Martin K. Knauff, St. Paul, Minn.

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### In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take from this world Edgar M. North, a former friend and brother, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in his death the Georgia Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta loses one of its most faithful and worthy alumni, and the Fraternity at large one of its most filial and valiant sons.

That society loses one whose character, purpose and talents could but have done good service in elevating life and shaping its conditions to a higher state of happiness and good.

That our loss and our grief be communicated to our brethren everywhere, through the columns of our national organ, the SCROLL.

That a copy of the SCROLL containing this loving tribute to our deceased brother be sent to his bereaved parents.

H. C. CARNEY,	} Committee.
W. P. THOMAS,	
T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH,	

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THE Indianapolis Alumni suffered a severe loss in October. One of their brightest young associates met with a violent death. Brother Leland Sulgrove, son of the veteran journalist, Berry R. Sulgrove, lost his life by being crushed between a moving train and a station platform. As a chemist and mathematician he had no superiors among those of his age, twenty-six. For several years he had charge of the chemical laboratory at Butler University. Compelled by broken health to abandon, temporarily, his profession, he yet employed such hours as were allowed by his physicians to the pursuit of the occult truths of mathematics and chemistry. So far as human foresight may determine, there was a bright and distinguished future before him. We, who knew him well, loved him for his modesty, his persistence, his manly integrity, and his many qualities of mind and heart, which are the foundation of the ideal character. The Indiana Gamma and the Indianapolis Alumni were represented at his funeral by appointed delegates, but the hearts of us all, unsolicited, followed his remains to the grave.

In token of our remembrance of our departed friend and brother, we, his associate alumni, through the undersigned, desire thus to make expression of our bereavement.

HILTON U. BROWN.

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## THE ANNUAL REUNION OF NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI.

THE New York Alpha Alumni chapter of Phi Delta Theta held its second annual reunion at d'Orville's, Mills Building, in New York City, on the evening of December 1881, 15.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of Dudley R. Horton, N. Y. *A*, '75, President; Eugene H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *I*, '85, Secretary, and Paul Jones, Tennessee *A*, '79, Reporter.

Aside from the election of officers, the special feature of the occasion was the elegant and elaborate dinner served in d'Orville's best style. The feast was presided over by Rev. J. M. Worrall, Ohio *A*, '53, whose resources, grace and ease of manner make him a prince of toast-masters.

There were forty-one covers, the places being filled by members of the alumni chapter, and delegates from N. Y. *I*, N. Y. *A* and Pennsylvania *A* chapters, and visiting members from various other chapters well distributed throughout the East, the West and the South, there being fourteen chapters, in all, represented. The representation extended from New York to Georgia, southward, and Wisconsin, westward.

During the evening letters were read from Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, Postmaster-General, Wisconsin *A*, '59; Rev. Robert Morrison, Ohio *A*, '49, C. Ph. Bassett, Pennsylvania *A*, '83, offering congratulations, and expressing regrets at their inability to attend the meeting.

Toasts appropriate to the occasion were heartily responded to in behalf of the various chapters by their representatives and delegates present as follows:

Pennsylvania *A*, H. L. Moore, '85, and J. B. Shaw, '85; Tennessee *A*, Paul Jones, '79; Georgia *B*, G. E. Davenport, '84; Indiana *Z*, R. T. Savin, '86; Illinois *E*, W. M. Carr, '84; New York *B*, H. D. Griswold, '85; Pennsylvania *I*, W. Wallace, '84; New York *A*, T. H. Baskerville, '86; Indiana *B*, W. H. Scofield, '85; Wisconsin *A*, G. A. Buckstaff, '85, P. C. Slaughter, '59, and J. W. Blakey, '85; New York *I*, C. A. Downer, '86; Alabama *A*, Glenn Andrews (Tennessee *A*, '83); New York *A*, W. R. Worrall (Kentucky *A*, '79), now President of Alpha Province; "The SCROLL," J. M. Mayer, New York *A*, '86, and E. H. L. Randolph, New York *I*, '85; Georgia *A*, Dr. L. C. Adamson, '82. Others present were F. A. Winslow, '87; F. J. Greene, '87; M. Carnes, '88; E. F. Palmer, '88; S. W. Dunscomb, '88; T. H. Knox, '88; W. H. Treat, '89, of New York *I*; J. D. Berry, '86; B. H. Miner, '86; R. H. Stodder, '86; W. D. Mahaney, '86; L. Wampold, '87; E. P. Callender, '88, and F. G. Zinsser, '89, of New York *A*; J. W. Nute, '82; C.

A. Walker, '83 ; A. A. Bird, '84 ; W. A. Cattell, '84 ; W. L. Lenhart, '89, of Pennsylvania A ; J. Hines, Pennsylvania I, '82,

Withal, the second annual reunion of the New York Alpha Alumni was an enjoyable and enthusiastic affair, surpassing all previous meetings of a similar character held by the Fraternity in the city of New York.

The large representation from the various chapters showed, in the speeches made, the progress of the Fraternity, and its healthy and prosperous condition throughout the country.

PAUL JONES, *Reporter*.

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#### NOTE.

WE have been compelled to hold over many letters and contributions received after December 1, for No. 4, and to omit the Directory, owing to limited space.

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## THE CRISIS OF 1851.

### III.

To complete the history of the case, the word for word papers of McNutt and Childs are here given, so that every reader of these sections can have the case in full before him, and judge understandingly for himself.

The first is from McNutt, and is as follows :

“ OXFORD, April 8, 1852.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  SOCIETY :

“ WHEREAS, On the 30th day of October, 1851, I, Joseph G. McNutt, was arraigned before your Society on charge of violating the Bond of said Society ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Through mutual misunderstanding and misrepresentation of my views and desires by my agent then employed ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Under the circumstances, I do consider that the trial then and there had was not such an one as would best secure the ends of justice, therefore,

“ I do hereby petition your honorable body to grant me a new trial. Your petitioner has long deeply deplored the unfortunate circumstances which led to his separation from you, and has always been most desirous to effect some amicable and satisfactory adjustment of difficulties. On account of the ill-feeling which was, for a long time, felt towards you by your petitioner, and the cordial reciprocation of the same feeling by yourselves, such an arrangement was, on your part, undesirable, and on both impracticable. These differences have been happily removed, and the time has now come when your petitioner can expect to be heard in his defence, and hope for satisfactory settlement of every difficulty.

“ The action providing for the expulsion of your petitioner, although not intentionally so, was undoubtedly hasty, owing, no doubt, to the ill-management of the defence. The act of the

agent of your petitioner, by which he urged the absolute necessity of your signing the Bond then and there presented, was not in accordance with the instructions of your petitioner, and by him is entirely repudiated. Your petitioner sinned in ignorance; he was never aware until the time of his arraignment that the act for which he was arraigned was such an one as called for action by the Society, or which was intended in the Bond. Had your petitioner so known, he would not so have done. The fact that the same act had been done by other and older members of the Society time and again, and that without arraignment, led your petitioner to suppose the Bond of the Society did not include such offences. What your petitioner now desires is this: That you grant him a new trial, and if the decision should be in his favor, that you then allow him to withdraw.

“The reasons of your petitioner for requesting a privilege to withdraw are as follows:

“Your petitioner, although not a member of any society which would prevent him from becoming a member of any other, is, nevertheless, under promise to a society—which society is not the Alpha Delta Phi—that should he connect himself with any association, that association shall be theirs. At the present time your petitioner has no thought of becoming a member of said society, but he holds himself bound to connect himself with said society, if with any. For this your petitioner is sorry; for if such a thing could have been by any means effected, your petitioner would have gladly returned into your Society and shared its benefits. There are those of your Society whom your petitioner cherishes as good friends, and although he has at times nurtured and frequently expressed hostility to them, he has now seen the injustice of the suspicions that caused such enmity, and now is and ever shall be a firm, devoted friend. The fact of your petitioner having been expelled from your body will always prove an impediment to his connection with any other—indeed, it has proved so already. Your petitioner has refused good offers, being unwilling to connect himself with any other society while such action remains valid. Your petitioner now prays that you will grant him a new trial, while all is calm, and the ends of justice can be secured, and that then, provided the trial is in his favor, he may be (without attending any secret meetings of the Society) permitted to withdraw. If such a request be granted, your petitioner is willing to give to your body any assurances that all proceedings shall be ever held as secret, and the same friendly feeling which now exists shall always so remain. But whether you grant the prayer or not, your petitioner will always be pleased to see your success, and shall never willingly or intentionally do anything to the injury of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Society.

“Respectfully yours,

“JOSEPH G. McNUTT.”

Five days later, the following communication was received by the Society :

“ OXFORD, April 13, 1852.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  SOCIETY :

“ WHEREAS, On the 30th day of October, 1851, I, James H. Childs, was arraigned before your Society on charge of violating the Bond of said Society ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Through mutual misunderstanding and misrepresentation of my views and desires by my agent then employed ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Under the circumstances, I do consider that the trial then and there had, was not such an one as would best secure the ends of justice, therefore, I do hereby petition your honorable body to grant me a new trial, for the following reasons :

“ 1st. That in accordance with the regulations of the Bond of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , it was made the duty of the members of the Society to consult and advise with each other in regard to their true interests, and that your petitioner does not believe that this duty was adequately performed by them, but that proceedings were instituted against him without due notice or counsel.

“ 2d. That your petitioner believes from recent explanations that he misunderstood the motives and intentions of the Society in commencing and prosecuting his arraignment, and further believes that his agent at that time misunderstood and misrepresented his intentions on the trial.

“ 3d. That your petitioner believes that the decision then given does not in the best manner secure the ends of justice ; that while it is admitted that a continued and flagrant violation of the Bond of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , coupled with a contumacious disregard of the counsels and authority of the Society, would furnish sufficient cause for dismissal, yet your petitioner believes that he did not so offend ; and that farther, he believes that it unnecessarily affects his good name, and will prevent his connecting himself with any other society of like grade on such terms as he would wish—results which your petitioner believes your Society does not desire.

“ 4th. Your petitioner desires to frankly explain the reasons which induce him at this time to ask you to reverse your decision. He has been led to believe, in consideration of the mutual explanations that have taken place, that his feelings and intentions at the time of the trial are now more favorably regarded, and while he, under other circumstances, would be gratified to be able to return and enjoy again the benefits of your Society, he is now under the obligation of a promise made to another—and he particularly desires that such a review of your decision as you may see proper to make should be had before he connects himself with it.

"The favor which your petitioner now asks is one which, while the granting of it can have no evil effect upon your Society, will have the greatest effect upon the well-being of your petitioner, for should he—your decision standing, as it now does, upon your minutes—ever hereafter return to Oxford, or visit any place where your Society may be established, and when such decision, but not the facts of the case, may be known, he will be looked upon by members of your Society as one who is criminal and unworthy of all respect, and as such will be treated. This your petitioner cannot but think to be a result of which your" (Society?) "are not desirous.

"Your petitioner feels, as he has above said, very sorry that he is unable to return into your Society and take part with those for whom he holds, and with the exception of a short interval on the part of some, always has held, feelings of the greatest friendship and esteem; and did he think that by becoming connected with another society he would lose any part of the friendship of many of your members, he would utterly refuse to become so connected, but he thinks that this will not result; that it is possible for the best of friends to be members of different societies, and that such societies need not necessarily be opposed to each other.

"With whatever society your petitioner may be connected, however, he will never at any time do anything to injure your Society, with which so many of his most pleasant reminiscences are identified. He believes every member—as far as his knowledge of them goes—to hold towards him feelings of personal friendship, as he certainly does toward them.

"Hoping that you may see fit to grant his petition, he remains with all good wishes for your prosperity and success,

"Yours respectfully,

"JAMES H. CHILDS."

At a meeting of the Society, on the 13th of April, 1852, these communications were presented, and though McNutt's paper contained reflections on the Society and objectionable phraseology, both were received, both requests were granted, and the 20th of April next set as the time for the trial. It is worthy of remark that the same meeting that agreed to a new trial for these gentlemen, granted a petition for a new chapter of the Order in Miami University, so great had been the prosperity of the Society in the six months after the loss of the five men above referred to.

The time for trial came, there was a full attendance, though the Beta swarm had gone off. The case was called, and J. M. M. Wilson appeared for Childs, and Harrison for McNutt.

Both Childs and McNutt took pains to strongly repudiate the work of their attorney in their former trial, while they were thus getting ready to go with him as a brother charter member of

another fraternity. Childs denied emphatically that Denny had ever talked with him, as Denny claimed he had done in the previous trial.

After the trial was ended, the vote of the Society on the case was called, and resulted as follows :

To remove the sentence of expulsion—*Yeas* : Swing, Ross, Anderson, Holmes, McLean and Harrison. *Nays* : Boude, Brown, Carson, Hutchinson and Lane.

A close vote, and one of the yeas was counsel of one of the parties.

A committee, consisting of Willson, Ross and Harrison, was appointed to express the intent of the Society by this vote. Their report, subsequently presented, was adopted, and is as follows :

#### REPORT.

1. *Resolved*, That the Society reaffirms its action in the case of Messrs. Childs and McNutt, on the 30th day of October, 1851, as under the then existing circumstances, just and righteous.

2. That in view of the considerations urged by the gentlemen in their petitions to this Society—in the belief that the ends of justice have been attained—with the assurance that the action of the Society in the case was impelled by a sense of duty, the resolution of the Society passed October 30, 1851—that the names of James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt be stricken from the roll of the Society—be and hereby is rescinded.

3. That at their request, Messrs. Childs and McNutt are permitted to withdraw from the Society.

4. That the good feelings professed by the gentlemen in their communication to the Society are cordially reciprocated.

J. M. M. WILLSON,	} Committee.
LEWIS W. ROSS,	
BENJAMIN HARRISON,	

My work in this matter is done. The case is submitted to all fair-minded readers of the SCROLL, whether inside the mystic circle of the Fraternity or not, with confidence that a righteous verdict will be given, and no other is expected or desired by

ROBERT MORRISON.

#### THE TEXAS STATE CONVENTION.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PHI DELTA THETA STATE CONVENTION,  
HELD AT AUSTIN, TEX., NOVEMBER 15, 1885.

PURSUANT to a call of the Executive Committee, the second State Convention of Texas met at Austin, November 15th. The Convention was called to order in the Knights of Pythias Hall (Texas Beta Chapter-room), by brother Drew Pruit, of Ft. Worth, President.



On motion, the following committee was appointed to present order of business for the Convention, and to draft by-laws for its government :

Brothers Hawthorne, of Austin ; Onsley, of Waxahachie ; Raymond and Bradshaw, of Austin ; supplemented by the chair, brother Fruit.

After adopting the order of business recommended, the committee was granted further time to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The Grand Treasurer made a report, estimating the expenses of this convention at \$100. On motion, the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee, consisting of brothers Bryant, Smith and Hawthorne.

Brother Terrell, of Dallas, moved that Austin be the place of holding the next convention. Motion was carried unanimously.

Brother Hawthorne, of Austin, moved the next convention be held in June, 1887. Brother Bryant, of Austin, amended to June, 1886. Amendment was carried.

Brother Bradshaw, of Austin, offered to amend the original motion, by substituting "annually," instead of bi-ennially. The amendment was carried, with a further amendment that the time be the day after the University Commencement.

On motion of brother Pessels, the convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 P. M., by the president.

Brother Hotchkiss, of Austin, moved that one hundred and fifty copies of the SCROLL, containing these proceedings, be purchased by the convention. Brother Mayes, of Brownwood, as an amendment, that as many be purchased as the secretary thought necessary. Amendment carried.

Brother Onsley, of Waxahachie, moved that we establish a query box, in which any one might place questions he wished answered concerning the fraternity, and that some one be appointed to discuss these questions at the next convention. Motion carried.

The following questions were propounded : "The propriety of holding a general convention of all the Greek Fraternities in the United States ?" "The propriety of building a chapter hall at the University of Texas ?" "The propriety of the extension of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  in Texas ?"

It being declared by the President that nominations for officers of the ensuing year were in order, brother Bryant, of Austin, and brother Onsley, of Waxahachie, were put in nomination for President. Brother Onsley was elected.

On motion, brother Bryant was unanimously elected Vice-President.



For Grand Secretary, the names of brothers Hawthorne and Smith, of Austin, and brother Mayes, of Brownwood, were placed in nomination. Brother Smith was elected.

Brother D. H. Hotchkiss, of Austin, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

The President declared the next business to be the election of Speakers for the third State Convention, June 16, 1886.

Brother Bryant moved we elect three speakers. Brother Smith amended by adding a poet. Amendment and motion carried.

Nominations being declared in order, brothers P. W. Gardener, of Gainesville, and C. J. Bradshaw, of Austin, were nominated for Orator. Brother Gardener was elected.

For Historian, brother I. R. Dean, of Huntsville, was unanimously elected.

Brother W. H. Mayes, of Brownwood, was elected Prophet.

Brother Pessels nominated brother A. Gwynn Foster, of El Paso, as Poet. Brother Foster was elected by acclamation.

Brother Mayes moved to reconsider the appointment of the committee to draft by-laws. Motion carried.

Brother Hawthorne, of Austin, offered the following :

*"Resolved,* That this convention ask of brother C. N. Onsley, permission to have published in the SCROLL the prophecy delivered by him at the public exercises of this convention ; and, furthermore, be it

*"Resolved,* That in the event the SCROLL declines publishing the said address, this convention have the same published in pamphlet form for distribution."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Brother Mayes further moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to frame the constitution and by-laws for the convention, and report the same to the next convention. Carried.

Brother Hawthorne moved that an Assistant Grand Secretary be elected and added to the Executive Committee. Motion adopted.

Brother Bryant nominated brother J. C. Terrell, Jr., of Dallas, who was unanimously elected.

Brother Hotchkiss moved that two members be appointed by the Executive Committee, to discuss, at the next convention, the question, "Whether there was any advantage to be derived from the extension of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Texas?" Carried.

There being no further business, on motion of brother Green the convention adjourned until June 16, 1886.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

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#### THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

A FEW words as to our Convention Banquet, may not be inappropriate. The newspaper representatives pronounced it the most elaborate affair of the kind ever seen in Austin. But we

must make allowances for the newspaper men. They dote on hyperbole, and always try to please.

We assembled in our chapter hall and spent an hour in hearing old college yarns. Old Phi warriors, with their swords dulled by time, but their hearts warm as ever, told of how "boldly they fought, and well," in the days gone by.

At 9.30 we proceeded to Simon's Restaurant, where the repast was spread. A large table, extending the length of the hall, was crowded with the Phis and their guests. The seven fraternities at the university were represented as follows:  $\Sigma A E$ , Mr. Easley;  $K \Sigma$ , Mr. Astin;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Mr. Wm. Sleicher;  $B \Theta II$ , Mr. C. H. Miller;  $K A$ , Mr. A. L. Jackson; Rainbow, Mr. R. W. Hall.

The supper was all that could be expected. Everybody praised it and did it full justice.

Brother Drew Pruitt was toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to: The Texas University, by brother J. M. Green; Our Visiting Brethren, by brother J. C. Terrell, Jr.; The Ladies, by brother R. W. Smith; The Austin Bar, by brother A. H. Graham; Texas Beta—Her Individuality, by brother C. J. Bradshaw; The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, by brother W. H. Mayes; The Second State Convention of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , by brother J. H. Bryant; Our Sister Fraternities, by Mr. C. H. Miller, of  $B \Theta II$ ; The Young Ladies of the University, by brother P. A. Hawthorne; The Barbarians, by brother C. N. Onslley; The Press, by Mr. Ennis, of the *Galveston News*; Austin City, by Mr. T. W. Gregory, of the *Austin Statesman*. The responses were both eloquent and witty, as the occasion demanded. All went merry as a marriage bell. At a late hour the company dispersed, all pleased and happy.

Taking it all in all, the convention was a great success. It aroused all the enthusiasm of the young Texan Phis, and rekindled that of their older brethren. It has placed fraternities on a firmer basis in the university, if that were possible. It has shown our alumni brethren scattered throughout the State, a hundred and fifty in number, that true Phis still keep the fire burning on the altar, and that here they can make yearly pilgrimages and meet brothers.

To our Texan brethren who were unable to be with us, we extend our regrets, and to them and every other Phi we extend a cordial invitation to be with us at our next convention in Austin, June 16th, 1886.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION.

THE first State Convention was held on the evening of October 11th, 1885, and the organization of a State Association was begun with the following officers: President, Dr. J. O. Wilhite, Ander-

son, S. C.; 1st Vice-President, F. H. Hendrix, Leesville, S. C.; 2d Vice-President, Dr. J. S. Garner, Darlington, S. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. W. Ball, Columbia, S. C.; Warden, J. E. Curry, Columbia, S. C. An Executive Committee of five active members of South Carolina Beta was appointed to transact the business of the Convention until its next meeting.

The convention was well attended by the alumni residing in the State and we are assured of its future success. The chapters represented were Virginia Alpha, Georgia Beta, South Carolina Alpha and Beta.

W. W. BALL.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is with sincere pleasure that we announce the appointment of brother William R. Worrall, Kentucky A, '79, to the Presidency of Alpha Province. Brother Worrall brings into his work the experience of nearly ten years' service in Phi ranks. His management of Province matters will be systematic and energetic.

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ONE of the first enterprises of the new President of Alpha Province has been to take steps toward a Province Convention, to be held in New York on Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13. A convention has been highly necessary for the last two years, and is more so now than ever. It is mandatory that the work of the Province be systematized, and that plans and methods of internal government be discussed. Many questions of the utmost importance will come before the Convention, and call for careful consideration. The time is happily chosen, and the expense has been placed at the lowest figures. We look for a large delegation from all the chapters, and particularly from those near New York. Each chapter, individually, should answer all correspondence promptly, and feel that it must co-operate in the undertaking, and by earnest efforts on all sides success will be assured.

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WE notice, with much delight, the very marked progress of alumni interest, as evidenced by numerous occasions of late occurrence. The organization of the Kansas City and Minneapolis alumni, the brilliant banquet of the New York Alumni, the unbounded success of the Texas State Convention, the form-

ing of the South Carolina State Association, the prospective Alpha Province Convention, and the proposed meeting of the Chicago alumni, show an activity and enthusiasm that is as remarkable as it is gratifying. On the lists of these organizations are the names of men representing many different chapters—a proof of the extensive field of the associations. These are signs of energy and enterprise, which clearly show more than ever the rapid advances of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and the broad extent of her work is but another proof of her growing nationality.

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BROTHER MORRISON concludes, in this number, the series of articles contributed on "The Crisis of 1851." There can be but one conclusion upon the questions at issue, and we thank brother Morrison for so kindly writing, as he has, such a detailed and clear statement of the facts under discussion.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

### FROM THE EDITORS OF THE SONG BOOK.

THE undersigned now constitute the committee having in charge the publication of a new Song Book, two members of the original committee appointed at the Nashville Convention having resigned, and the second named below having been appointed by the General Council to fill the vacancy. The work of the entire committee having devolved upon one man, progress in the matter has necessarily been very slow. The committee, however, is now prepared to push the matter with vigor; but success cannot be assured without the co operation of the chapters and individuals appealed to.

That most desired is new and original songs set to new and original music, and old Phi songs set to new airs. New songs set to old airs will also, if highly meritorious, be very acceptable. The committee is amply supplied with songs set to the airs of "Home, Sweet Home," "Auld Lang Syne," "Son of a Gambolier," and others equally time-worn. The committee must urgently insist, as an invaluable assistance in their labor, upon the prompt reply to correspondence addressed to chapters and individuals.

FRANK D. SWOPE,  
EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

## MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA.

By the departure of brother Palmer for Europe, the progress of the work on the Manual has been somewhat delayed. However, we shall be enabled to publish at an early date, if reporters will send us the aid asked for. Many have not yet answered the circulars sent them, and we have depended upon their prompt attention. Further, 300 subscriptions must be received, or we cannot publish. Our only purpose is to supply a much needed pamphlet to our active workers. We have no desire to make a personal profit, and shall be well satisfied if there are enough subscriptions to enable us to take the risk. We acknowledge, among others, letters from brothers Olwin, Cone, Goodale and Pessels, and Mr. Matson,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and thank them for their kindness. As yet, but 38 are on the subscription list.

J. M. MAYER.

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 PERSONAL.

BROTHER PALMER, together with brothers Goodpasture, Campbell and Jackson, of Tennessee Alpha, has gone on a three months trip to Europe, and desires the indulgence of his many correspondents for unanswered letters.

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 FROM THE EDITORS.

COPY for the February number should be received by February 2. We repeat our request for systematically arranged reports and lists. The many friends of brother Randolph will be glad to know that he is steadily recovering from his serious illness.

J. M. MAYER.

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 TO CHICAGO PHIS.

At a meeting of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, soon to be held, it is desired to have present, as nearly as possible, every resident Phi of Chicago, and to accomplish this we must learn their names and address. Will all the brothers who know of Phis in Chicago send their names and address to T. H. Simmons, Room 47, 115 Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill.

T. H. SIMMONS.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

WE regret very much that we were not represented by a chapter report in the last SCROLL, for we consider the monthly report very important in fraternity life. The work of the chapter during the last term has been the best of any since its founding. Although the chapter lost two of its best men this year, brothers Pendleton and Shelton, both being obliged to leave on account of poor health, yet the other members have seemed to work with renewed vigor. The other fraternities have all done their usual amount of work, and still show a friendly feeling.

We learn that brother Pendleton, formerly of '87, has gone to California. An unusual number of Phis are acting the pedagogue this winter—seven in all.

Brother Nelson, '89, has been elected class poet. The *Aegis*, '87, our annual, has made its appearance, and we would be pleased to exchange with all chapters. Any who may desire to exchange annuals will please address the undersigned.

January 2, 1886.

GEO. W. SHAW.

## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

SINCE our last report we have initiated brother Morgan, '89, who entered college the last of the term. Brother Turk, '83, was present at our last meeting. Brother Brooks, '87, took his leave, at the close of last term, for Geneva, Nebraska, where he has a good position with the B. & M. R. R. R. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from brother Schumacher, Ohio E, a short time since.

It is reported that a new fraternity is to establish a chapter here. The number of barbarians is increasing yearly, and without doubt such a movement would be successful, and yet would meet with not a few difficulties. Upon the whole, we would be glad to see the chapter established.

Our winter term opens January 7th, when we shall enter upon our work with 27 men. Brother Gilbert, '89, who is teaching, will return later in the term.

January 2, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

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

THE events of the past month have been of such a character as to realize the hopes expressed in a previous letter. The joint debate between the two literary societies resulted in a victory for

brother Shiels, the only fraternity man who took part. On the same occasion brother Schoonmaker delivered his declamation with such effect as to attract general remark. On the same day the chairmanship of the *Microcosm* (the C. C. N. Y. annual) was given to a Phi. The *Microcosm* will this year be published by  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , the remaining two fraternities,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Theta \Delta X$ , having refused to agree with a majority of the board. The defection of  $\Theta \Delta X$  is not a matter of regret, as the chapter here is in a very low condition, and although the action of  $\Delta K E$  is to be regretted, the fact that it is due to the unauthorized action of its representative and is privately opposed by some of its members, is an index of the true position of the present publishing board.

On the 29th inst. the board of editors of the *College Mercury* was increased by the addition of brother Carnes and another gentleman, who will be initiated at the next meeting. These two, with brother Winslow, already an editor, form exactly half the full number of editors.

The choice of brother Worrall (Kentucky  $\Delta$ ), by the General Council for Province President, is a source of great satisfaction to this chapter, and the wisdom of the choice is shown by the fact that he is making arrangements for the first Alpha Province Convention, to be held in this city during February next.

The second annual banquet of the Phis of New York was well attended by the members of New York  $\Gamma$ , and the pleasures of the month have been further increased by visits from brothers Stearns (Historian G. C.), Ohio  $E$ ; Campbell, Goodpasture, Jackson, and Palmer, Tennessee  $\Delta$ ; Carr, of Illinois  $E$ , and Wallace and McClelland, of Pennsylvania  $\Gamma$ .

We have six men pledged—at least two of whom will be initiated during the coming term.

December 31, 1885.

ALBERT SHIELS.

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#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THOSE members of Delta who remained in town enjoyed many pleasant hours at the rooms. Everything has been made so comfortable, and the location is so convenient, that some one is sure to be at the rooms at any time up to midnight. The consequence is that the men are thrown much together, and do not see each other merely on the weekly meeting night.

We had many visitors during the Christmas week—brothers Palmer, Campbell, Jackson, and Goodpasture, of Tennessee  $\Delta$ ; Stearns, Historian G. C., Carr, Illinois  $E$ ; Shaw, Pennsylvania  $\Delta$ ; Horton, New York  $\Delta$ ; Worrall, Province President; Wallace and McClelland, Pennsylvania  $\Gamma$ . Preparations have already begun for the Province Convention.

January 2, 1886.

E. P. CALLENDER.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA has no new accessions to report, but pursues the quiet tenor of her way. Three of us have been chosen by Phrenokosmian Society to represent her in the bi-ennial exercises to take place February 22d. This is always an occasion of interest. The exercises consist of six orations, interspersed with music.

Gettysburg, historically renowned, is being more and more every year visited by strangers from all parts of our country ; and as the number of visitors increases, so seems to increase the number of students in our college, and likewise we hope to increase our interest and love in Pennsylvania Beta.

Dec. 20, 1885.

T. L. CROUSE.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

SINCE our last report we have met regularly, and are now well organized and doing good work.

Our chapter takes great pleasure in introducing Fielding P. Miles, of Goochland, Va., and Fielding L. Taylor, of Richmond, Va. F. P. Miles is a brother of our honored Phi, G. W. Miles, who was a member of the Virginia Beta for several years.

We are now ten in number—*i. e.*, J. H. Moss, J. D. Fletcher, George Petrie, F. P. Miles, J. H. Moore, F. T. Loftin, M. A. Morrison, F. L. Taylor, C. H. Jones and H. Hardaway. Everything moves along smoothly and pleasantly to us all. We are prepared and expect to spend this session with great profit. From the present outlook everything will continue as serene as a May day.

After our first meeting we adjourned to a well loaded table, and there amidst congenial chat the moments swiftly sped away. When the hour of parting came sweet strains of Phi music, borne on the midnight zephyrs, long linked us together, till in the distance the last chords faded into silence.

December 8, 1885.

H. HARDAWAY.

## VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA DELTA has not as good a report to make as she could wish. Several members unexpectedly failed to return, and brother O. L. Stearnes and myself are the only ones left. Not only have we been unfortunate in being so few in numbers, but the fraternity material this year has been, we think, inferior to



what it usually is. The number of fraternities represented here has in three years increased from three, with a membership of about twenty-five, to eight, with a membership of nearly half the enrolled students of the college.

We remember very well our first session here ; what an honor it was considered to be asked to join any of our fraternities ! In contrast to the old state of things, fresh accessions appear almost daily, which, by virtue of their frequency, produce hardly a ripple of comment. Indeed, we have heard it remarked by several members of our best fraternities that the honor attached to belonging to a fraternity here has in a great measure passed away. Some of our members of last year expect to return next, when we hope under more favorable conditions our chapter will regain its old time prosperity.

December 5, 1885.

WM. H. LYONS.

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### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

WITHIN the past month Georgia Alpha has lost two members, brothers Fanning Potts and J. W. Cox, by their withdrawal from college, and gained one member by initiation. Brother Potts was compelled to return to his home in Atlanta on account of his health, and brother Cox, of La Grange, left college to engage in the practice of law with his brother in Atlanta. Brother Cox graduated in the law class of '85, and was this year pursuing an elective course. Brother E. E. Kimbrough, recently with Tennessee Alpha, is now in business in this city, and sometimes adds to the pleasure of our meetings by his presence.

On the afternoon of November 20th the Senior class planted its class-tree. The exercises were pronounced far better than any similar exercises that have ever occurred here. The present Senior class is the largest the university has had in many years ; it has forty-nine members. Of these forty-nine, forty are fraternity men. It may be interesting to know that, while the members of our fraternity are elsewhere known as *Phis*, here they are generally called *Thetas*. It is quite probable that the fraternities here will soon decide to issue an annual some time during the year.

December 11, 1885.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

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#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

ON the eve of December 4th, Mississippi A gave a banquet at the Mackie House. We extended an invitation to one member of each fraternity represented in this college. All the toasts were

responded to excellently. Much is due to our "sister" Phis. One of their many beautiful pieces of handiwork was a Phi Delta Theta badge, made of the choicest roses and geraniums, which was suspended in the banquet hall. The jewels of our badge were represented by roses, red and white alternating, inlaid in the border. The scroll was represented by a solid cluster of pure white roses in the centre—with the letters  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  interwoven with red and white roses and geraniums. The dagger was made of roses, geraniums and ivy, and I must say that it was most artistically made. The banquet was set in the shape of a dagger, which added much beauty to the occasion, and everything connected with it was a complete success. All present seemed to enjoy themselves most heartily. After the banquet we adjourned to the dancing parlors.

Our brother, S. F. Hampton, '84, acquitted himself very eloquently in delivering a toast to "The Guests," in behalf of the grand old  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and we are proud to know that we have in him a whole-souled Phi. Our brother J. W. Yates, '87, delivered a toast to "The Ladies," in behalf of our Mississippi Alpha Chapter. In addition were the following toasts: Mr. W. H. Maybin, "Our Hosts;" Mr. Whilis, "The Ladies of  $\Delta \Gamma$  and  $A B T$ ." Our banquet was undoubtedly the grandest ever given here and will be remembered for many a day.

December 5, 1885.

JOHN M. OLIVER.

#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

OUR State Convention was eminently a success. Great enthusiasm was aroused and much good done. We of Beta liked the idea so much that we proposed to have one every year, immediately after Commencement.

The public literary exercises of the convention were held the evening preceding the 15th, in the State capitol. The large hall was full. There were present the élite of the city and the cream of the university. Most of the professors honored us with their presence. At eight o'clock the Phi phalanx marched in. Verily, it was a goodly sight, and one long to be remembered. The exercises of the evening were opened by Dr. A. E. Goodwyn, of Austin, with prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by brother P. A. Hawthorne, of Texas Beta. Brother Drew Pruitt, of Fort Worth, on behalf of the visiting members, thanked the chapter for their cordial reception. He bespoke a bright future for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Texas.

Brother A. H. Graham, of Austin (Georgia  $A$ , '74), the orator of the evening, delivered an eloquent address on "The Spirit and Tendency of the Times." The oration was warmly ap-

plauded, and competent judges pronounced it the best heard in Austin for some time.

Brother J. H. Bryant, of Austin (Tennessee A, '80), was the historian. Brother C. N. Onsley, of Waxahachie, delivered the prophecy.

We think we do not exaggerate in saying it was the most enjoyable event of the kind ever seen in Austin. Its benefits will be lasting.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

Since writing my last letter Texas Beta has received a large addition to its ranks, and has regained the front rank among chapters in the University of Texas. Those readers of the SCROLL who have kept abreast of fraternity news are aware that for the last year or more rumors of the consolidation of W. W. W. (Rainbows) and Delta Tau Delta have been circulated. Several chapters of W. W. W. refused to enter Delta Tau Delta. Among these was the D. V. chapter of the University of Texas. The members of D. V. chapter surrendered their charter, and being no longer Romans, were anxious to become Greeks. They solicited admission into Phi Delta Theta, and as they numbered some of the best and most prominent students of the university, were duly admitted and initiated. The following are the whilom Rainbows, now true and loyal Phis: Goodrich, '86; Lenox, Templeton, Hall, Gilson, Lee, '87.

At the same time we initiated Robert Burns Halley, '88, of Salado, Texas.

Brothers Lenox, Hall and Halley are on the editorial staff of the *Texas University*, our new journal, thus giving the Phis a larger representation on the journal than any other fraternity.

At the last meeting, held just prior to the Christmas holiday, Franz Fiset, '86, of Austin, Texas, was initiated. Brother Fiset is taking both courses in law, and will be one of our graduates next Commencement. He is a native of Germany, but in his two years residence in this country has thoroughly mastered the language.

The students are already returning to their studies, and with renewed energy after their Christmas pleasures.

December 31, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

BROTHERS Rusk, Mayo, Garrod, Townsend and myself have spent a large portion of our vacation in fixing up our new hall, and hope to surprise our brother Phis, on their return after the holidays, by its improved appearance.

We have decided to have literary exercises extempore, from which we may learn a good deal and not have to make preparation. Our college building has been undergoing repairs, during which we have occupied the dormitories. The college is being nicely fitted up. The heating apparatus has just been put in and the frescoers have begun work, so that we will return to the building in a few weeks. Prof. Sterret, who has been in Athens, Greece, for the past twelve years, and understands both ancient and modern Greek, has been elected to fill that chair. We have not been "spiking" much lately, but have under consideration one or two men. It is not very hard to get the men we wish, as there is not much opposition yet, hence things are not very exciting. The *B Θ II* were talking of organizing, but we have not heard much about it lately. Ohio Alpha returns thanks to Indiana Alpha for her kindly wishes.

January 1st, 1886.

W. E. CLOUGH.

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OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

In these, the closing, days of the term, we can look over our work and say that it has been very fair. We have had our victories and defeats. In the former we rejoice, and in the latter we have experiments in human nature which, at present writing, are abundantly satisfactory to us. Our new men, four in number, are proving themselves excellent Phis. Our special pride is the good reputation of all our men, and the harmonious and earnest character of our internal work.

In the October number of the *Sigma Chi*, Mr. Kellog, reporter from Wooster, kindly mentions us as "Our strongest rival." We beg to return the compliment, and would add that the gentleman stretched the point when he included "all" as victims in their late victory. We were the "single exception."

At the recent election of inter-society contestants, four of our men were elected. Brother T. G. Anderson's, '86, poem, "Al-leonia, Star of the Morning," published in the *Wooster Collegian*, has received many favorable comments. Brother W. J. Boon, of the Western Theological Seminary, spent his Thanksgiving vacation with us. He takes an active interest in fraternity work, and while here gave us substantial evidence of his interest in our welfare. We wish to return our thanks to brother Boon and to others of our alumni who are generously helping us to get into our new hall. We hope to be able to receive our friends in the finest fraternity hall in Wooster by the first of next term. The latest confusion in fraternity circles here is between the *Δ T Δ* and the *B Θ II*. Mr. T. P. Berry, with the Delts since '83, has been transferred to the Betas. This was the only alternative.

December 3, 1885.

J. T. MORRISON.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

WE begin the new year with sixteen members, classed: '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 3; '89, 7; '90, 3. We are well pleased with our own condition and that of the other fraternities here. In the election of the class of '89 we accepted two of the four offices. All the Phis, except two, hold honor positions in the literary societies. Brother A. Heiney was chosen as a delegate to the Indiana State Oratorical Association at the meeting of the local organization here last term. During the term several Phis visited us, among them being Prof. J. W. Moncrief, of Franklin College, who lectured to the students in November. There were also some in the city, who did not visit us or even let us know they had been here. All Phis have a special invitation to visit our chapter when in the city.

January 2, 1886.

BERT FESLER.

## INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

WE began the year with nine royal men, and have since increased our number to thirteen. Our meetings the whole year have been very interesting, and a great deal of fraternity spirit has been shown at most of them. We have one of the finest halls in the State, and its appearance has been added to greatly by an exquisite oil painting presented to us by Miss Emma Turner, a member of the *K K T* fraternity. We gave a reception a short time ago which was a success and a credit to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We are well represented in the literary departments of our college—on the staff of *The Collegiate*, by C. M. Carter, as editor-in-chief, C. S. McCoy as assistant, and E. J. Stalker as editorial editor; while in our literary society we hold the principal offices. We are represented in classes as follows: Seniors, 1; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 1; Freshmen, 3; Third Preps, 3. Total, 13. Brother Deere, who has been sick for some time, will be with us again next term. Brother W. G. Olivin, of Peoria, Ill., Treasurer of the Oratorical Association, visited us the first of last month.

December 20, 1885.

H. N. GANT.

## INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA ZETA is evincing a deep, earnest, fraternal spirit that is enjoyable and profitable. We have not yet reached our ideal fraternity life, but are approaching it. The *Δ K E* boys have our sympathy in the loss of their noble brother, H. E. Moll, recently deceased. We are glad to have with us brother Locke, of the

Ohio Beta. Sister Beta, accept the thanks of Indiana Zeta. If you want to send out any more such noble fellows to study law, send them to DePauw.

It was a pleasure to us to receive hasty visits from brothers Bridges, Christie, Jordan, Bever, and Goodwin ; also brother Elrod, of Indiana Alpha, and our old, ever-welcome brother Perry, of Chicago.

Epsilon Province will no doubt hear with interest that our president, brother Goodwin, has gone to Texas to practice law. May success attend him.

December 26, 1885.

T. C. HOPKINS.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

WE still number nineteen attendant members. Brother Fisher was called home, but brother Davidson, who so faithfully performed the duties of reporter last year and was absent from us during the fall term, has taken his place.

We are having a short vacation during holidays, but expect all back at the commencement of college again.

Brother Woodman, '83, left us about two weeks ago for Kansas, where he will make his home. Before he went away he was made the recipient of a very pleasant reception, whither the Phis in truly chivalric spirit gathered together with the fair ladies politically inclined toward Phidom.

Brother Taylor, '84, is with us on a visit. He has made his home at Lincoln, Nebraska, since his graduation. He reports warm-hearted and social brothers in Nebraska Alpha, and was agreeably surprised at the improvement in our hall since last spring.

We hold our third anniversary on the evening of January 13th, to which occasion we look forward with expectations of an especially fine time, when all the Alumni, who are within a reasonable distance, will doubtless be present.

At the Junior oratorical contests, during fall term, Φ Δ Θ took first and second honors on Amphictyon stage, and at the other two contests, where we were represented by only one man in each, the honors were carried off by the non-fraternity men.

We are doing some good literary work in our chapter meetings.

January 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

ALMOST three months have passed since Epsilon first met this fall term, and she now looks back with considerable pleasure on

this much of her year's doings. Although nothing of a startling nature has occurred, yet our meetings have been well attended and our senate sessions have resulted in much good in a literary way.

We have thus far found only one new man whom we thought desirable, and we introduce brother Robert A. Eaton, '89, who is a brother of J. B. Eaton, formerly one of Epsilon's best men.

The *K K I'* fraternity celebrated their 13th anniversary here on November 24, and our members were there in full force and enjoyed the occasion very much. That which is receiving the most attention at our hands at present is our open session and anniversary exercises to be held in January, which promise now to be of much interest in college circles.

December 3, 1885.

W. L. MILLER.

### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING of startling interest has occurred since my last report, but we still continue to obtain honors, our latest being the appointment of Phis to rank in the military department. There are three companies, but officers for only two have been appointed, and in that appointment were brother Dooley, 1st lieutenant of Company B, and brother Hinton, 2d lieutenant of Company A. We soon leave for the holidays, and after our return the grand fight for honors commences, and we feel confident that we will not come out behind.

December 4, 1885.

H. W. CLARK.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

NEARLY all the Phis are at their homes spending the Christmas holidays. We now number sixteen active members. In the initiation of our three new members this year we congratulate ourselves upon the brilliant victory over other fraternities, and above all upon the prizes we have won in the new accessions. Brother Julius Leipman, our last initiate, was "spiked" by three other fraternities, also by the chapter (?) of  $\Sigma N$ . We deeply regret the departure of brother Le Suer, of the class of '86, who has accepted a position on the Santa Fe Railroad, as civil engineer. The prospects for K. S. U. are very bright, although the attendance is a little less than expected. The quality of students surpasses any preceding year in excellence.

The new Natural History Building will be ready for occupancy by September, 1886. Our local Oratorical Contest will take



place in a few weeks. The Inter-State Contest will be held here next May, at which time we hope to meet many Phis. We are always glad to welcome any Phis who happen this way.

December 31, 1885.

B. P. BLAIR.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA has added five men to its number since the opening of the term. Notwithstanding the personal attention volunteered to new students by the non-fraternity element, and their "unanswerable objections to the fraternity system," we have initiated all whom we have spiked this year.

Literary work and the cultivation of genuine friendship have further engaged the chapter.

December 10th is our anniversary, and arrangements had been so made that the Kappas united with us in celebrating it. Literary exercises, songs and piano and orchestra music, with so much of sociability as an informal meeting of Kappas and Phis always occasions, made the evening enjoyable.

Miss Lantz declaimed "Past, Present and Future," and added to our pride previously taken in that masterly poem which must exalt brother Jones in the estimation of every appreciative Phi. The Kappas were unanimous in approving of the pains we have taken to fit up our new hall.

The Sigma Chis are taking preparatory steps toward furnishing some rooms.

The three fraternities desire Kappa Alpha Theta to establish a chapter here. There is quite a list of ladies from which a fraternity could select charter members for a chapter which would be a credit to its fraternity and welcomed by the chapters already here.

December 11, 1885.

J. R. FOREE.

#### IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE year has opened with flattering prospects of success in all departments of college work. Fraternity matters are in good condition, some desirable accessions having been made in both  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $B \Theta II$ . We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brothers H. C. Smith, C. G. Coddington and W. H. Spurgeon. These three were all invited into  $B \Theta II$ , but decided to join us. They are valuable men and we congratulate ourselves on securing them.

Our number is not large, but we consider unity strength and are as one. Brothers Miller and Carver are teaching; brothers Daisy and Blakeney are at home this year; and brother Gray is in St. Paul. The absentees are missed in all our gatherings—social and fraternal. One of the most pleasant social events of



the term was a small party at brother Gray's, while he was at home for a Thanksgiving visit. There were twelve couples present, and a jollier time is not often experienced.

In the contest in this county last fall between J. B. Traxler,  $B \Theta II$ , and J. F. Riggs,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  ('85), for county superintendent of schools, the latter was elected by a large majority. Thus, in outside affairs, as well as college honorary positions, we claim our share.

December 28, 1885.

H. E. WILCOX.

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

ALTHOUGH Iowa  $B$  has not occupied her accustomed place in the SCROLL for some time, she is still active and takes pleasure in introducing into the Phi world six excellent and popular men—Aby, Nichols, Lovell and McClure, initiated last year, and Bacon and Fowler, members of the Freshman class.

Last year our parlors were refitted, and to celebrate the graduation of our six Seniors, we closed with a real Phi banquet that eclipsed all previous efforts in that direction.

V. R. Lovell won first prize in the Junior Oratorical Contest last year, competing with a  $\Sigma X$ , a  $B \Theta II$ , a  $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$ , and two non-fraternity men. This year he is leader of the S. U. I. band, with J. N. Dickey and F. S. Aby as musical director and treasurer respectively.

B. D. Connelly did honor to Iowa  $B$  on the Sophomore Declamatory Contest and was elected one of the editors of the college paper. We very much regret his inability to return this year, and to fill his vacancy brother Dart was elected. Our roll at present numbers ten, but we will report several additions soon. Arthur J. Irwin was expelled from Iowa  $B$  chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  fraternity, June 2d, 1885.

Of our alumni, Charles M. Robertson, '86, is studying medicine at the university; H. W. Clark, '86, stenographer, Jacksonville, Fla.; W. L. Park, '86, cashier, at Grand Junction, Iowa; R. A. Greene, civil engineer, in Wyoming Territory; L. C. Blanding is studying law in Rock Island, Illinois; Chas. S. Magowan, '84, civil engineer on the Union Pacific Railway; O. D. Wheeler, '84, studying law at S. U. I.; A. H. Gale, '84, mail agent, Mason City, Iowa; P. L. Sever, '83, attorney, Stuart, Iowa; L. G. Weld, '83, professor of mathematics in the high school, Burlington, Iowa; C. L. Gillis, '84, merchant, Grundy Centre, Iowa.

December 9, 1885.

O. R. YOUNG.

## PERSONAL.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

'87. H. W. C. Shelton is teaching in the National Male Seminary, Tahleghnah, Indian Territory.

'87. A. E. Pendleton has recently been employed in connection with the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., as stenographer, and is stationed at Gloucester, Mass.

'87. G. W. Shaw is employed upon The Aldrich Street Directory at Springfield and Worcester, Mass.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

'72. Benj. P. Gailliard is occupying the chair of Latin and Ancient History at the North Georgia Agricultural College, Dahlonega, Ga.

'73. C. M. Beckwith is an Episcopal minister in Atlanta, Ga.

'74. James G. Parkes, Dawson, Ga., was last year appointed by the Governor on the Board of Visitors to the University of Georgia.

'81. W. W. Hardy is practicing law at Senoia, Ga.

'82. P. H. Burrus is engaged in the cotton business in Columbus, Ga.

'82. A. H. Frazer is on the surveying corps of a proposed railroad between Columbus, Ga., and Athens, Ga.

'84. A. C. Blain is studying medicine in New York.

'84. H. F. Dunwoody is practicing law at Brunswick, Ga.

'84. P. D. Pollock is editing the *Senoia Sentinel* at Senoia, Ga.

'84. Edgar F. Hinton is practicing law at Americus, Ga. He delivered the Memorial Address there last April on Decoration Day.

'85. Wallace K. Stansell is assistant principal of Hilliard Institute, at Forsyth, Ga.

'85. S. W. DeWolf is farming near Columbus, Ga.

'85. Jas. H. Smith is engaged in business at Hogansville, Ga.

## INDIANA ZETA.

'83. Chas. Bridges is teller in Central National Bank, Greencastle, Ind.

'85. Jno. M. Goodwin is practicing law at Fort Worth, Texas.

'85. Chas. H. McAnney is preaching at Princeton, N. J.

'85. Jesse Bridges and Wm. Jordan are reading law at Indianapolis.

'85. Geo. Christie is teaching at Danville, Ind.

'85. H. W. Bever is teaching at Danville, Ind.

'85. W. E. Mitchel is County Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sidney, Iowa.

'87. Chas. Rice is a civil engineer on Pennsylvania Railroad at Indianapolis, Ind.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'84. E. O. Lewis is principal of the Verdon school.

'85. E. J. Churchill is correspondence clerk for Hugus & Co., Rawlins, Wyoming.

'85. C. G. McMillan reported for the *Daily State Journal* the proceedings of the National Scientific Association when in session at Ann Arbor. He was also elected member of the same, and now has charge of the museum in this university.

'85. Wm. F. Bisbee is in the post-office at Chadron.

'85. E. O. Gates is in the First National Bank at Omaha.

'85. C. B. Newcomer is principal of the Dawson school.

## INITIATES.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

'89. Frank Johnson *Hazen*, Whitfield, Vt.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

'89. John Clifford Morgan, Morrisville, Vt.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

'87. William Clayton Humphries, Chamblee, Ga.

## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

'90. J. G. Couillard, Natchez, Miss.

## TEXAS BETA.

'86. Robert Walker Hall, Jr., Henderson, Tex.

'86. William Franklin Goodrich, Milam, Tex.

'86. Franz Fiset, Austin, Tex.

'87. Henry Harrison Lenox, Bennetts, Tex.

'87. Charles Vannoy Templeton, Winsboro, Tex.

'87. Harry Wilson Gilson, Calvert, Tex.

'87. Charles Kleber Lee, Colorado City, Tex.

'88. Robert Burns Halley, Salado, Tex.

## OHIO ALPHA.

'88. Harry Weidner, Dayton, Ohio.

'88. Marc W. Lewis, New Trenton, Ind.

'88. Kearney Prugh, Gratis, Ohio.

## OHIO DELTA.

'87. Charles Latta Chalfant, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'87. Robert Ernest Esterly, Columbiana, Ohio.

'89. William Boyd Hoag, Allegheny, Pa.

'89. William Oscar Gilbert, Hesperia, Mich.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

- '90. Otto Paul Dillon, Knightstown, Ind.  
'90. George Burgess Davis, New Salem, Ind.

## INDIANA DELTA.

- '87. James Thomas Noe, Springfield, Ky.  
'89. James Virgil Deere, Franklin, Ind.  
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'90. Francis Grant Howard, Clermont, Ind.

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- '88. Friend Burt Brace, Minneapolis, Minn.  
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'89. Edward Pike McConnell, Girard, Ill.  
'90. Edward Halsey Miles, Galesburg, Ill.  
'90. Loring Pratt, Junction City, Kan.  
'91. David Alvah Jaques, Elmore, Ill.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. Richard Morris Dooley, Columbia, Mo.  
'87. *Byron Buckingham Beery, Cameron, Mo.*  
'87. *John William Frole, Mount Vernon, Mo.*  
'88. *Thomas Miles Jeffords, Naples, Ill.*  
'90. *David Samuel McGonigle, Edina, Mo.*  
'90. *Edwin Moss Watson, Columbia, Mo.*

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- '89. Verney Kellogg, Emporia, Kan.  
'89. Julius Leipman, Fort Scott, Kan.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '89. Lucius Almon Chapin, *Decatur, Neb.*  
'89. George William Gerwig, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
'89. Joseph Reynolds McCance, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
'91. William James Taylor, Lincoln, Neb.

## IOWA ALPHA.

- '88. H. C. Smith, Bloomfield, Iowa.  
'89. C. G. Coddington, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.  
'89. W. H. Spurgeon, Nevinville, Iowa.

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- '86. Verner R. Lovell, Garner, Iowa.  
'86. Samuel A. McClure, Knoxville, Iowa.  
'88. Frank S. Aby, Galva, Ill.  
'88. Elmer C. Nichols, West Liberty, Iowa.  
'89. John E. Bacon, Wilton, Iowa.  
'89. Ernest M. Fowler, Trenton, Mo.

## FRATERNITY NEWS.

IN March last the consolidation of  $\Delta T \Delta$  with W. W. W., or Rainbow, was announced in the Nashville *American*, and this announcement was *ex cathedra* from the Rainbow side, as one of the most prominent leaders of W. W. W. is on the staff of that paper. It was declared that the name of the combined fraternity should be " $\Delta T \Delta$  and Rainbow," and that the Deltas would wear a  $\Delta T \Delta$  badge with a W. W. W. guard pin, and the Rainbows a W. W. W. badge with a  $\Delta T \Delta$  guard pin. It was further claimed that this organization was "entering upon a career which was surely going to startle the fraternity world." The members in Nashville, where the headquarters of W. W. W. have been, said that the terms of agreement had been settled, and that the formal union would take place at the convention of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Detroit in August. During the meeting of the State Oratorical Association and at Commencement in June they wore Delta badges loaned by members of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  chapter at Sevanee. It turns out that the Rainbows were a little premature. The consolidation did not follow the Detroit convention. It appears that  $\Delta T \Delta$  objects to the Græco-Roman name, to the combination badge, and perhaps to one or two of the Rainbow chapters. W. W. W. has six or seven chapters in the South, composed generally of men of excellent standing.  $\Delta T \Delta$  has but three Southern chapters, all recently established, and it would be glad to have more, but W. W. W. is disposed to insist on the conditions. In October, Mr. H. W. Plummer, of Chicago, editor of the  *$\Delta T \Delta$  Crescent*, paid an official visit to Nashville, and several meetings were held with the Rainbow officials at the Maxwell House. The result of the negotiations is unknown. The *Crescent* has always been as dumb as an oyster about the matter, and the Rainbows are more reticent in talking about it than they were some time ago.

THE Wabash correspondent of the *Sigma Chi* for October says: "The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s have brought no new men into the fold as yet—a very unusual thing for them. We do not know whether it is because they have room for no more in their hall, or because they have failed to find men that are good enough." In the same connection it will be profitable to read the following from the October  *$\Delta T \Delta$  Crescent*: "The fraternities of Wabash College have the following membership, and are named in the order of merit:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 22;  $\Sigma X$ , 7;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 6;  $B \Theta II$ , 12;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 4." Whatever may have been the animus of *Sigma Chi's* Wabash correspondent, its Wooster correspondent is well enough disposed to say: "Among the other chapters here,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is our strongest rival as well as our best friend;  $B \Theta II$  suffered by graduation and is only fairly prosperous;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , which

became nearly extinct here, is making a good effort to recover lost ground;  $\Delta T \Delta$  is good and as quiet as usual, nothing occurring to disturb the even tenor of her way;  $\Phi T \Delta$  has several members."

EMORY COLLEGE has been a popular place for the establishment of chapters. In 1869,  $K \Delta$  entered there, followed by  $X \Phi$  in 1870. Then the trustees made a by-law that no student should be allowed to join any but those two fraternities. The rule was modified in 1871 to admit  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . This was accomplished through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. A. Means. For ten years these three fraternities had the whole field to themselves, but in 1881 the trustees were prevailed upon to admit  $\Delta T \Omega$ . Then they seemed to have removed all restraint, it being apparently necessary only for a fraternity to make application in order to receive official recognition. In 1882  $\Sigma \Delta E$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  were admitted, and in 1885  $\Sigma N$  and  $X \Psi$ .

THE Lehigh chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  was composed of ten men, all of fine standing. They in a body attended the convention of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Detroit in August, and it is stated that their dissatisfaction with the convention caused the rupture. They have formed a local society styled  $B B$ , but whether they are seeking to obtain a charter from some other fraternity we are unable to say.

"THE squabble between  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  over the honors taken by each at Vanderbilt continues with unabated vigor."—*Sigma Chi*. As  $\Sigma X$  and  $K \Delta$  are still carrying on a wordy war in their respective organs, to decide which won the most honors last year at Randolph, Macon, with no sign of an early cessation of hostilities between the journalistic belligerents, it is hard to understand why the  $\Sigma X$  editor should take up outside discussions.

IN every Monday's edition of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* are published two columns of "College News," edited by J. E. Bruce. In the issue of November 23 is the following:

"THE SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta contains an article by J. E. Brown, on 'Colleges and Fraternities in Ohio.' We should be glad to reproduce it entire, as we consider it a valuable and unprejudiced review, but we can only take portions, on account of lack of space."

THE Senior class of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy has organized a society, to be known as the Omega Pi Society. The purpose of the society is to promote friendship among the students and advance their interests, both as students and as pharmacists. The members will wear a badge bearing the words Omega Pi.

THE prominent Phis at Vice-President Hendricks' funeral were the Rev. Dr. Jenckes, one of the officiating clergymen; Vilas,

of the Cabinet; Senator Harrison, Congressman Ward, and Judge Woods, one of the pall bearers.

REFERENCE to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is made occasionally in the December number of the *Beta Theta Pi*. We clip some statements both interesting and amusing:

"I notice a remarkable error in the last journal, which I beg leave to correct. 'C. K.,' in his letter on the initiation of preps, says he is informed by a rival fraternity having no chapter in Wabash, that, named in order of merit, the Wabash fraternities stand thus: Phi Delta Theta, 22; Sigma Chi, 7; Phi Gamma Delta, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 12; and Phi Kappa Psi, 4. Now, I am a member of Tau, having spent two years in the halls of old Wabash, and as to fraternity standing there I know whereof I speak. Tau chapter is at least up to the average of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is excelled by none in the State of Indiana. In Wabash she is acknowledged to be (or was last June) several lengths in the van of all rivals by members of the other fraternities in the college. John W. Kieff, a man of mature age and judgment, and who stands head and shoulders above any Phi Delta Theta in his class, last May became disgusted with the ways of Phi Delta Theta, then his fraternity, resigned, and was chosen to wear a Beta badge, which he does with honor to the fraternity at large as well as to himself. I write this fact in order to show how Tau is regarded at home. By the way, Kieff is not a prep."—*John W. Doak*.

"Having explained circumstances, we now desire to say that any man who places Phi Delta Theta at Wabash above or equal to the Tau of Beta Theta Pi does not prevaricate, neither does he equivocate, nor yet is he laboring under a delusion; but he does much worse, very much worse."—*Wabash Correspondent*.

THE active members [at Hanover College] are as follows: Beta Theta Pi, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 11; Delta Tau Delta, 2; Sigma Chi, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Delta Gamma, 5; Kappa Alpha Theta, 7.

"BERRY's introduction into the mystic realms of Betadom was an occasion of no little interest in Wooster fraternity circles; as up to the time of his initiation into Beta Theta Pi he had worn the badge of Delta Tau Delta, thus making his route from the barbarian to the Beta world rather indirect and somewhat novel."—*Wooster Correspondent*.

It would seem that  $B \Theta II$  was growing proficient in the art of lifting.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about withdrawing charters. According to our own judgment, most of what has been said is wholly worthless, because it has dealt with vaporous gen-

eralities, and has not made the slightest attempt to found itself on distinct principles or on known facts. As to this, however, there may be some difference of opinion, and, for aught we know, some persons may consider the current allusions to killing chapters both witty and wise. Let that be as it may. There is one point on which we all ought to agree. We insist that the brethren who wish to revoke charters ought to adopt one of three courses: they ought to formulate clearly the reasons for withdrawing charters; or they ought to name the chapters whose charters, according to such theories as they have succeeded in devising, deserve to be revoked; or, in case they are unable to follow one or the other of those two courses, in short, if they are unable to tell what they want or why, they should keep quiet.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

THE authorities of Virginia Military Institute have commenced a war on fraternities. The *Sigma Chi* correspondent at Washington and Lee says: "Alpha Mu chapter, Sigma Chi, at the Virginia Military Institute, will, her members fear, be compelled to return her charter. Some of the fraternities there last year acted in so disgraceful a manner as to cause the authorities of the institution to take steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay; so of course the fraternities are gone up, or will be so in a year or two."—*Φ K Ψ Shield.*

THE Delta Tau Delta chapter at Hanover is reduced to three men, all Sophomores, and owing to the scarcity of eligible men, will probably remain so during the year.—*Φ K Ψ Shield.*

PHI DELTA THETA and Phi Kappa Psi [Wooster] are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central.—*Crescent.*

IN the Scientific School [at Yale] there are five societies, of which Berzelius, with seventeen members, and Sigma Delta Chi, with fourteen members, are local. The Beta chapter of Theta Xi, is one of the three chapters of that organization, the Alpha being at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Gamma at Stevens' Institute of Technology. It has a membership of thirteen. The regular college fraternities having chapters are Delta Psi and Chi Phi.

THE Sigma chapter of Delta Psi has a membership of sixteen. On account of the resemblance of the St. Anthony cross of the badge to the letter T, the chapter is popularly alluded to here as the "Tea Company." It is, at present, about completing a very beautiful brown-stone chapter hall. The Omicron chapter of the Chi Phi has an active membership of twelve.

You note the absence, in the society system at Yale, except



perhaps, in the two chapters of the general college fraternities in the Scientific School, of anything like what constitutes fraternity life in most colleges. You are apt to conclude that the system lacks what is essential to the true secret society system—the element of perfect congeniality. The limitation of the two Junior societies in the academic department to the two upper classes, and the large number of members work against a sympathetic brotherhood.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

OF what shall these [literary] exercises consist? First, they should be aimed to educate the members in matters relating to Phi Kappa Psi. At each meeting, for example, let the committee on literary exercises assign one brother to give, at a stated meeting, a list of our chapters. Let another brother be assigned to give facts about the constitution, history, and distinguished members of our fraternity. Second, the exercises should encourage the study of other fraternities—especially their system of government—in connection with our own. This comparative Pan Hellenic study could not fail to be profitable. Third, it would be well to introduce the reading of articles in the magazines of our leading rivals. A number of the best journals can be obtained by any person at a small expense. They abound in interesting, instructive articles, and their perusal will soon give the reader a broader idea of fraternity life and policy. Fourth, essays upon topics relating to the principles and management of chapters could be introduced at times.

Experience would suggest other exercises, and I am unable to see why this could not be made one of the best features of a meeting. The exercises, at least when introduced, ought not to occupy more than half an hour. The programmes should be prepared by a committee, and those for four or five meetings in advance, should be always tacked up in the chapter hall.

If these exercises could be introduced throughout our fraternity, and if the brothers would persevere until they were permanently established, I believe we should not only be better Phi Psis while in college, but also be far more likely to continue our interest after leaving. Too often those who have been separated for a number of years from their chapters, come to regard the fraternity as an indefinite something, good enough for boys, but not worthy the time and attention of men. Let us realize now that our fraternity is not a juvenile fancy, and that all our actions do not constitute merely boyish pleasantry, and let us appreciate the importance of our position in that grand Greek galaxy that is so powerful in molding the characters of thousands of the best young men of the land. Fraternities demand, in addition to youthful energy, intelligence and enthusiasm, the co-operation of those who, understanding their own fraternity and the Greek system when young, are now, in mature years, able to render valuable assistance. GEORGE SMART, in *Φ K Ψ Shield*.

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## ZETA PROVINCE.

Illinois Gamma—Address Province President.  
 Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—W. L. Miller, Bloom-  
 ington, Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Ward Brigham, 664 Knox St., Gales-  
 burg, Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—L. R. Anderson, 535 State  
 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.

## ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—H. W. Clark, Box 278, Col-  
 umbia, Mo.  
 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—J. A. Gallaher, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—B. P. Blair, Box 382, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—J. R. Foree, State Block,  
 Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
 Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—O. R. Young, Iowa City, Iowa  
 Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—J. C. E. King, Minneapolis,  
 Minn.  
 Kansas Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.  
 Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Mo.

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### THE MIAMI TRIAD IN EXTENSION.

THE revival of Miami University, after its inactivity of over half a score of years, has turned to this historic ground the attention of the several fraternities who were connected with its history—memorable no less in fraternity than in college annals. The journals of the different fraternities who have thus been connected with her career have contained articles valuable from a historical as well as a literary point of view. They have told of the rise and fall of one of the most renowned institutions of learning west of the Alleghenies; how her fame spread, bringing students from many States; of the work they did; of the statesmen, scholars, and professional men she has sent out; how she became the pioneer of the fraternity system in the West; how three of these societies were founded there, and the story of their fortunes, until the closing of her doors in 1873.

In speaking of Miami, the fraternity man almost invariably refers to it as the birthplace of the three powerful fraternities,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ , giving them in the order of their birth.

When we reflect that among the fraternities of Western origin, there are but three others, namely,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,\* which have developed a strength by any means proportional to these; a comparison of statistics between them, and their standing, as a group, in the fraternity world, is strongly suggested. What makes the idea still more striking is the fact that the three not of Miami origin are themselves closely related in their beginnings.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was founded at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1848.  $\Phi K \Psi$  at the same place, in 1852.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , the young-

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\* Whatever of merit may attach to the individual chapters of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , she has not exhibited that enterprise as a general fraternity which characterized the others. Hence her omission from this list.

est of the Western fraternities, originated at Bethany College, West Virginia, in 1859.

The civil war was disastrous to Bethany; the college closed its doors, and the reins of authority which had been with the parent chapter of the new fraternity were turned over to the chapter at Jefferson, where they remained until 1869. Thus this chapter in reality exercised the influence of the parent during the formative period of that fraternity.

So this group of six, making up what are called the "Western Fraternities," is divided into threes, one trio of which were nursed in the western borders of the Keystone State, while the other, which we shall here designate as the Miami Triad, came to light at the honored university of that name, in the southwestern borders of the Buckeye State.

Fraternities have been classed as Eastern, Western and Southern, not only because they originated in a particular section, but because their main development has been in that section in which they originated. Those of eastern origin are strongest in the East, the western in the West, and the southern in the South.  $\Delta K E$  at one time came nearer being an exception than has any other fraternity. Originating at Yale, in 1844, ten years later she had eighteen chapters, of which only eight were Eastern, the rest having been established in the more promising schools of the South and West. All these Southern branches were killed by the war, of which only two were revived at its close—those at the universities of Virginia and Mississippi; but the lately expressed plan of again entering the South has been vouched for by the appearance of chapters at Central and Alabama.

As the fraternities stand to-day, the preponderance of strength in each is in and about the section of their origin. The ultra-conservative policy of a few has limited them entirely to a single section, but with these exceptions, the rest have a few chapters in colleges which are at quite a distance from their main body.  $\Delta K E$ , the most democratic of Eastern fraternities, alone has a number of chapters equal to that of any of the Western, her roll excelling that of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  by two, and of  $\Delta T \Delta$  by three. With this exception, the Western have for a long time surpassed all others in that respect.

The fact that Miami gave rise to three societies which have taken high rank in the fraternity world, has moved some to call her the "Union" of the West. Union College gave rise to six fraternities, yet there is a marked difference existing between the two sets. While we see the even and marked development of those of Miami, those of Union are of an entirely different type. We may call them conservative and ultra-conservative. Of the latter,  $K A$ ,  $\Sigma \Phi$  and  $\Delta \Phi$  are types, each having limited themselves to a number of chapters, expressed by one figure alone.

While  $\Psi T$ ,  $X \Psi$  and  $\Theta \Delta X$  have not been so conservative as the other trio, their policy has been such as has excluded from their list many colleges of equal rank with those they have entered. Whether the policy of the Eastern or the Western has been the wiser, time will prove. The latter have always been democratic in contra-distinction from a real conservatism on the part of some Eastern, and a pseudo conservatism on the part of others. They have placed chapters in the colleges of better grade throughout the West, and these schools, though some of them are limited in endowment and attendance, pursue a far more thorough course of instruction than some rivals who have not aspired to them, or having aspired to have not entered, are willing to admit. Their courses for the most part are simply those leading to the degree of B.A. and B.S. Hitherto, for a great part in the denominational schools, the classical has been the only course of thoroughness, and the one mostly pursued by students. The scientific was a compromise between an academical and collegiate course, and its degree was not considered as a great *desideratum* by students. There has been manifested of late in many of these schools a disposition to make this course as thorough as the one in arts. Where preparatory schools are in connection with the college proper, a three years' course of preparation is maintained, and the entrance to the college is subject to equally rigid examinations, no matter which course is pursued. The modern languages are insisted upon, and are even gaining favor over Greek. In some of these colleges now the scientific course is fully as thorough as the classical; its degree is sought by almost as many students as that of arts, and is yearly becoming more popular, as it more nearly meets the demand for a "practical" education.

As regards extension among fraternities, there are none which can lay claim to as wide or as symmetrical a development as that of those of the Miami Triad. Founded as they were in the West, when it was enjoying a vigorous growth, they developed with it, occupied its territory, and together with the Jefferson Triad, went beyond it in the direction most natural—South, where were unoccupied the flourishing State universities and a few other schools which had attained prominence. At that time the now typical Southern fraternities had not made their appearance, but the ground became none the less well occupied, for both Eastern and Western began to push themselves into these schools of the South, making, as Mr. Baird has said in his "American College Fraternities," often the first meeting place of the Eastern and the Western fraternities in some college of the South.

On the rolls of the Western fraternities at the beginning of the war, we find a goodly number of chapters had been established in the South, and, as has been mentioned in the case of  $\Delta K E$ , a preponderance of chapters was in that section.

That conflict made a change, and at its close fraternities had



again to go forth from their original starting points. We are inclined to believe that it was the war that brought much of that element, conservatism, into the fraternity world. During its progress extension was necessarily stopped, and at its close they were loath to push it. No college has been added to the roll of  $\Sigma \Phi$  since '58, and but one to that of  $K \Lambda$ . Up to '59  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$  had steadily extended her borders, without indiscretion, too, and since then she has entered but two colleges. A cursory glance at the roll of  $\Psi T$  may give the impression that her course was not altered; but it is interesting to know that of the six chapters admitted to worship at her shrine since '60, all were organized before becoming chapters of  $\Psi T$ . Three had been established as local societies, while the three others, in which taste was displayed at the expense of courtesy, were lifted from other fraternities, namely, the Michigan chapter from  $B \Theta II$ ; Chicago from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and the Cornell from  $\Phi K \Psi$ .  $\Delta K E$ , which at one time bid most fair to become the national fraternity, for some restraining cause has for many years refused to avail herself of the vantage ground she once held in the South. Now, realizing that the colleges on that side of Mason and Dixon's line are as worthy as any, and influenced, no doubt, by the able article of Senator Butler in a preceding volume of the *Quarterly*, she is endeavoring to regain the prestige she once so honorably held there.

We find the Western fraternities leading in extension, as to number of chapters, as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 58;  $B \Theta II$ , 47;  $\Sigma X$ , 35.  $\Phi K \Psi$  follows with 35,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  29, and  $\Delta T \Delta$  28. As to number of States entered,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with 24, the others following:  $B \Theta II$ , 21;  $\Sigma X$ , 16;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 16;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 12, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 12. Thus we see that not only does the Miami Triad lead all others in number of chapters, but in number of States entered, showing that their roll is not the result of unscrupulous crowding into any and all colleges of a particular section, but by outreaching into different States.

It is well to notice also that the only Western fraternities represented in New England are those of the Miami Triad. Not only are they represented there, but these chapters are among the most active and prosperous of these fraternities.  $B \Theta II$  entered Boston University in '76, which was followed by the revival of her long dead chapters at Harvard and Brown, and establishment at Maine State and Amherst. In '79  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  entered the University of Vermont, the success of which chapter demonstrated that the East was available territory. Since then she has established herself at Colby, Dartmouth and Williams.  $\Sigma X$  has been represented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1882. Neither  $\Phi K \Psi$  nor  $\Delta T \Delta$  were ever established east of New York.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has twice entered New England, but has not suc-



ceeded in retaining her ground. The chapter at Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) did not prosper, and died. A chapter established at Williams, in '80, had scarcely been chartered, when, owing to some dissatisfaction, it deserted to  $Z \Psi$ .

The success of these New England chapters of the Miami fraternities has proven that they are able to cope favorably with longer established rivals, brought the Eastern and Western fraternities into closer contact, and created a more friendly relation between them than existed before. We hardly think the present able editors of the *Diamond* of  $\Psi T$  would call upon her friends "to create a healthy public sentiment" against societies which are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least precarious, existence," but would be more likely to "welcome the new chapters in direct proportion to the strength they manifest."

Another respect in which we find the Miami fraternities excelling, is in the number of chapters located at State universities. Mr. W. R. Baird, who until recently has been largely identified with the progressive moves of  $B \Theta II$ , urges upon that fraternity the advisability of establishing herself in the State universities west of the Mississippi, in which she is not now represented. These institutions, from the very system of education throughout the West and South, are placed at the head of the college system. With scarcely an exception, in every Western and Southern State you will find the State university to be in the forefront, and in many cases, owing to liberal recognition, far in advance of competitors. They are bound to remain at the front as long as the demand for education exists. The wisdom and advantage of placing chapters in these institutions cannot be questioned, and it is pleasing to see how thoroughly this has been appreciated in certain quarters. In State universities  $B \Theta II$  has 12 chapters,  $\Sigma X$ , 10,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 10,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 8, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 6.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with eighteen on her list, and the circle made by her chapters in universities of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, is one of which every Phi Delta Theta can well be proud, and one that gives a broad and firm support on which can be built the NATIONAL fraternity.

There are forty-six colleges in which one or more of the Miami Triad meets  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , or  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and in twenty-six they precede them. Of these twenty-six  $B \Theta II$  comes first at fifteen;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  precedes at eight;  $\Sigma X$  at three. In the remaining twenty  $\Phi K \Psi$  precedes at eleven;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  at six; and  $\Delta T \Delta$  at three. While speaking of the colleges in which the Western fraternities meet each other, it is natural to wonder in how many they come in contact with the Eastern. Such a comparison would be too lengthy here, but we can say that most all

meet at some college on their list. Northern Kappa Alpha is the only exception.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma X$  are not brought into contact with her at any college whatever. We would think that two fraternities, both claiming to be Eastern, would meet at one school, at least, but at the present time  $X \Phi$  is not known in the colleges where  $\Sigma \Phi$  is represented.

Some have tried to use the fact of the wide extension of the Western fraternities as an argument against them, asserting the long roll to arise from a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions." We have clearly shown this not to be the case, the acquisition of new chapters being the result of the acquisition of new territory. Were it the case we would find that the average number of rival chapters would be proportionately less. But this is not so; the number in all the Western fraternities is nearly the same, being about four and a half to each chapter. The question is not one as to how large a list can be built up, but how can the idea of a fraternity that shall bind together the sympathies of students, East, West, South and North, be realized. In so far as a fraternity approaches a national type, so all the more shall its strength be manifest, and its field of usefulness enlarged beyond that to which any provincial brotherhood can lay claim.

It is with this aim in view that the leading colleges of different sections have been entered; not those whose future alone augured well, but whose present standing and work commended itself. The present justifies this policy, and the future will make its wisdom more manifest. A half or even a quarter of a century ago the liveliest imagination would not have foretold such a growth in fraternity intelligence and recognition as exists to-day. Is the future to be less than the past?

We do not believe that the system will retrograde; we believe that the code of fraternity ethics will mould itself perfectly to its environs; that fraternities will be as lasting as the colleges that shelter them.

Then we have to build not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. The future has its demands, as well as the present. The Western fraternities have more nearly met these demands than have their ultra-conservative rivals.

Those who are interested in the fortunes of the fraternities whose *alma mater* is Miami, are gratified to know that in their success of the present, they have laid good foundations for that of the future, and every Phi, as he looks from ocean to ocean, can well be proud of the nationality of his order.

J. E. BROWN.

## A PHI LETTER.

[The editor had the pleasure recently of receiving the following, which shows the strength of alumni interest. This letter is but one of many of like tenor.]

YOUR recent kind letter was in some manner delayed in reaching me; and since its reception I have been kept so busy with my routine duties that, until this evening, I was unable to find time to answer it.

For your kind invitation I sincerely thank you, and deeply regret that, owing to the nature of my present occupation—that of a pedagogue—I am unable to accept your hospitality. It would have been a great pleasure to attend the Alpha Province Convention. Nevertheless, I appreciate your proffered kindness as an illustration of the meaning of that bond which unites Phi hearts and hands in the lasting chain of brotherhood.

There are a great many of us Phis who are unable to do active work, who can seldom be present in the convention halls, and whose situation and occupation give us few opportunities to show our fidelity to the grand order to which we belong. But the enthusiasm and love for the fraternity are with us as living and undying as when we met in the chapter-hall with our brothers. Our joys when  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  prospers are as real as when we were numbered among the active members; and the dearest memories of our college days are those associated with our beloved fraternity.

In this particular—that of retaining the well-wishes and love of her members—our order is far more successful than other fraternities. I do not write this as a mere patriotic opinion, but from experience. Since leaving college I have met a number of men from other fraternities, and, with one exception, these men had lost all interest in their different fraternities; and many of them have even expressed their surprise that any one should be interested in such matters after leaving a college town. I have never heard a Phi even remotely hint at such lukewarmness.

But I must stop—and it is difficult to stop, too, when each line I write brings back more vividly than ever the old scenes in the halls of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and the pleasant memories of those who wore the shield and dagger.

If I can at any time be of service to the fraternity in any way you will confer a great favor by informing me.

M. L. H.

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THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW YORK ALPHA.

ABOUT ten years ago New York Alpha returned its charter. On the 6th of this month seven men from the best material in Cornell University took upon themselves the ties of Phi Delta Theta, and the white and blue again waves at our first chapter in

the East. The week was a memorable one in our fraternity, with Massachusetts Alpha founded at Williams College on Monday and New York Alpha instituted on Saturday.

The New York Alpha measure was projected by brother W. R. Worrall, Alpha Province president, who delegated to Dudley R. Horton (New York Alpha, '75), the authority to move in the matter.

Brother Horton knew Charles A. McAllister, a Junior in Cornell, and discovering at the Christmas holidays that he was a non-fraternity man, and not averse to fraternities, proceeded to give him all necessary information about our noble fraternity in the best approved Sophomoric rushing method. The result was that brother McAllister took hold of the work with spirit, and six men made application for the reissuing of the charter. The application was granted by the General Council on February 6th. Brothers Worrall and Horton went to Ithaca and instituted the chapter by initiating Charles A. McAllister, E. C. Boynton, Jr., G. W. Stephens, F. F. Lawrence, H. Snyder, C. M. Vreeland, and E. H. Bennett. After the initiation brother Horton, on behalf of the New York Alumni, Gamma and Delta chapters, presented brother McAllister with a badge and sword, as a recognition on their part of the ability he had displayed in founding the chapter. The brothers all live together in fine quarters in a beautiful Queen Anne cottage on the corner of Mill and Linn streets, in the heart of Ithaca. No chapter could have been started under more favorable conditions, and the enthusiasm is a guaranty that they will not fail in taking advantage of their opportunities. Brother Horton deserves special praise for his labors, and we congratulate him heartily on the successful outcome of the project.

God-speed to New York Alpha !

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### CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA was one week old on Saturday last, and on that evening we held a rousing meeting at the residence of brother Rodolph. Our six active members are brothers Morgan, Parcells, Norris, Halladay, Rodolph, and Melvin. We were initiated on the evening of the 6th inst. by brother Adams, of the old California Alpha, and brothers Dewing and C. S. Melvin, of Pennsylvania Alpha. More brethren could not be present on account of the short notice we gave them ; but we received many assurances of warm sympathy and a liberal supply of badges from the alumni Phis.

We have met with considerable opposition in our efforts to form a chapter, especially from the members of *B @ II*, who have resorted to all kinds of trickery in order to harrass us ; but

we *have* started in spite of them, and we flatter ourselves that we shall be able, in a short time, to surpass them in *numbers*, as we do already in the quality of our men.

We have more *fratres in facultate* than any other of the fraternities represented here, Prof. Christy and instructors Jones and Jackson being members of old California Alpha.

Brother Morgan has been business manager of the *Berkeleyan* for the past term, and brother Melvin has just been appointed on the local staff. There is much good material in the University of California for a chapter, and we feel confident of success.

HARRY A. MELVIN.

## EDITORIAL.

THE record of the past two months in Phi Delta Theta work is remarkable. It is not a platitude to say that words fail to express our enthusiasm at the brilliant results accomplished so early in the new year. The establishment of Massachusetts Alpha, the awakening of New York Alpha and California Alpha, and the holding of the first convention of Alpha Province, is a record unrivalled in brilliancy. Rightly may we propose the toast, "Phi Delta Theta from ocean to ocean. The National Fraternity;" and it will be responded to in every chapter-hall that rejoices in the advance of our beloved brotherhood.

THE establishment of the chapter at Williams was accomplished under unusually favorable circumstances, and the new chapter bids fair to rank high in the roll. Many have been instrumental in accomplishing this result, but none more persistently than brother W. S. Ferris, '85, whose uphill work did much in assuring ultimate success.

THE reorganization of New York Alpha and California Alpha has been effected under very encouraging auspices, and we may feel fortified in the belief that they will never again be numbered among the dead.

In both these cases much of the work was done by loyal alumni whose love for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  never diminishes. Brother Horton, New York Alpha, '75, and brother Melvin, Pennsylvania Alpha, '82 (assisted by resident alumni), have each rendered valuable aid

in the re-establishment of the chapters at Cornell and the University of California, respectively, and the fraternity extends to them sincere appreciation of their labors.

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THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION demonstrated very clearly all the advantages accruing from gatherings of this kind. Much earnest discussion was engaged in, and the interchange of information and ideas was valuable to every delegate. At the banquet enthusiasm was rampant, and no speaker could refrain from commenting on the unparalleled progress of the fraternity in the East—a field which a few years ago was unknown to us. The convention proved conclusively the growing strength of the new chapters, and everyone departed with the greatest confidence in Alpha Province and her work.

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THIS number has been unusually late in order to make the many important announcements. The next number will be issued early in March, and contributors are requested to send "copy" immediately.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

It is with genuine pleasure and pride that I greet the chapters of Gamma Province for the first time during the present college year. Many reasons have prevented the performance of this pleasant duty heretofore. The chapters are all in such satisfactory condition that they have needed no words from me to urge them in the work before them. I could see no point upon which any of them needed to be urged, and truly it "does me proud" to make such a statement. They have won my highest encomiums, and "grappled me to their souls with hooks of steel." Again, having changed my home and located in Atlanta permanently, it has been necessary to be constantly engaged in preparation for a prolonged siege.

Reports from all directions with one accord report good cheer and successful work among the chapters. And in this connection I take occasion to congratulate the fraternity, and particularly Gamma Province, upon the acquisition of such a promising chapter as Alabama Alpha. We welcome it back within our

folds and bestow upon it our sincerest blessings. It was crushed beneath the iron heel of injustice, and while seemingly lifeless its flame but smouldered beneath the ashes of many winters, and, like "truth crushed to earth," it "sprang full-armed" into the sunlight of prosperity.

S. P. GILBERT.

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TO CHAPTER HISTORIANS.

I wish to call attention to the annual report of chapters which, under the Constitution, are due April 1st. Blanks will be mailed to each chapter by the 20th of March, which should be filled out and returned to the H. G. C. not later than April 1st. The work of filling the blanks is so very simple and requires so little time, that there would seem to be no reason why this duty should not be promptly attended to. The period to be covered by the report is from April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886. The reports for the most part were in early last year, but a number were delayed till May, and some till June; and in a number of these cases the Historian would make the mistake of filling in the blanks up to the date of sending, instead of April 1st. The confusion which would result from this method of compiling statistics is readily seen. The column marked "attendant members" should contain the names only of those in attendance April 1, 1886, and not all who may have been in attendance during the year; and special attention should be given to the changes of correspondent members, as this information will be of great value to future compilers of the catalogue. Last year a number of Historians failed to give the full name of members, and in some instances the class was omitted, although the blanks plainly indicate that these things should be done.

I hope these requirements will be more closely observed this year. The blanks will be sent in care of the Reporter, as the Chapter Historian names are not known to me.

A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C.

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FROM ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

It is with no little pleasure I am privileged to announce to the fraters the establishment of our Massachusetts Alpha Chapter at Williams College, February 1, 1886, and the re-establishment of our New York Alpha at Cornell University. Both these chapters start off with men in every way satisfactory to all of us who have been brought into contact with them, and our work is much encouraged by the hearty way in which they take hold to help. Our Province Convention was in every way a success. Fourteen chapters were represented, and a great deal of important business was



transacted. Reports from the two new chapters will be found in their places in this issue, as also a short résumé of the proceedings of the convention, the minutes of which will be printed in pamphlet form. Hoping that Phi Delta Theta's success in the East will add greater zest and love for all our works, I am fraternally yours,  
W. R. Worrall, Pres. Alpha Province.

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BETA PROVINCE.

BROTHER GEO. W. CONE, of Riverton, Warren county, Va., has consented to assume, for the present at least, the presidency of Beta Province. He makes a personal sacrifice in attempting this work, as he is an alumnus in charge of a vigorous and pushing business which demands his time. But the condition of the Province affairs and his loyalty to the cause have urged him to accept. Please aid and encourage him so far as possible. Announce his acceptance.

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FROM PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

THE EPSILON PROVINCE will hold its second annual convention at Indianapolis during the time of the State Oratorical Association meeting and contest on April the 8th. The convention last year was so pleasant, so profitable and promising as to foretell nothing but the utmost good and benefit to accrue from its continuance. Last year there were some seventy-five delegates and visiting brothers present, and while enjoying a most wholesome fraternal communion, we transacted much interesting and important business, and had many expressions and manifestations of enlarged fraternity views. This year we will have a feature of much additional interest in the way of a fraternity literary performance on the evening before the oratorical contest. Brother W. J. Snyder, of DePauw University, Indiana Zeta, will deliver an address; brother Bert Fisher, of Indiana State University, Indiana Alpha, will read a history of Epsilon Province; brother Chas. McCaslin, of Hanover College, Indiana Epsilon, will read an original prophecy, and some one of our brothers with the poetic fancy will read a poem. All these productions will relate to fraternity affairs and fraternity thought.

On the next day two or three sessions of the convention will be held for the transaction of business which will come before the convention. At night, after the oratorical contest, a banquet will be spread as the happy consummation of a royal meeting. The literary performance, the meeting of the convention, and the banquet, will be held in the Grand Hotel. The success of the convention will depend upon the interest and attendance of the brothers of the Province. It is earnestly hoped that every one



who possibly can attend will do so. Let each come prepared to promulgate and discuss measures of interest to the fraternity, and to the internal improvement of the chapters and the Province. But to those who have attended one of these conventions it is unnecessary to say a word, while those who have not attended such a convention have not enjoyed fraternity life with fulness and beauty. From such a communion and meeting of brother with brother, each member returns to his own chapter home refreshed and invigorated with a newness of fraternity zeal and enthusiasm which it is worth a good deal to possess. Let each member be on hand and feel that the success of the convention depends largely on his individual efforts.

A cordial and earnest invitation is extended to every brother in the fraternity to give us his presence on this gala occasion to the Epsilon Province and to the entire fraternity.

JNO. M. GOODWIN.

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter is in its usual good trim. Many of our brothers are absent this winter teaching, but our meetings are well attended and the usual Phi spirit manifested.

Our highest hopes are about to be realized. The long-hoped-for Province Convention is to take place and Maine Alpha has thrown herself, body and soul, into the work for its success.

At our regular meeting, January 13th, a unanimous manifestation was given in favor of the convention, also as to the time and place of holding it. What more suitable place could be chosen for holding a province, or even a national, convention, than the great metropolis of America?

Brother Metcalf and your corresponding secretary have been chosen to represent Maine Alpha at the convention. Our hearts, one and all, go out with our sister chapters for its success. May it prove satisfactory to all and shed honor upon our national fraternity.

January 18th, 1886.

GEO. E. GOOGINS.

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

OUR work this term has been excellent. A very marked improvement can be seen by any one who looks back over the last year. New Hampshire Alpha is very much interested in the Alpha Province Convention and will send two delegates. But

the event which has pleased us most during the last month is the establishment of Massachusetts Alpha. It shows that our fraternity is becoming more and more a national fraternity. Let the good work of establishing chapters in the eastern colleges go on. We hope at the Province Convention the matter of extension will be discussed fully.

February 1, 1886.

G. W. SHAW.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

NOTHING of unusual interest has happened since our last report, yet everything is moving along in a very satisfactory manner. Our meetings this term are proving very interesting. They are in charge of two leaders, who choose their sides and furnish the exercises alternately. There is a banquet awaiting the victorious side, at the close of the term, at the expense of the side that "gets left." This gives life to our meetings and spurs the boys on to do their best. In the January 2d number of *Engineering News*, Brother C. W. Baker has a paper on Steam Engineering, which was very highly complimented. Brothers Jeffords and Chase are our delegates to the convention at New York.

February 1, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

"THEY say there is a new fraternity in college. Do you know anything about it?" is what they are saying all over Williams this week. But the curiosity of our friends is still unsatisfied, as far as anything definite is concerned. The readers of the SCROLL shall be more fortunate.

There was a pleasant little gathering in a set of rooms in Williamstown last Monday night. Brother Worrall, of New York, was there, and brothers Skinner and Harris, from our neighbor, New York Beta, and before the evening was over fourteen men—one alumnus, the others undergraduates of Williams—had been admitted to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and the Massachusetts Alpha Chapter had become no longer a hope, but an existing fact.

There has been some delay about getting the pins, but when they arrive we shall come out openly as a chapter. We make no pretensions and no boasts, but we hope and intend to make our chapter a success and a benefit to every one of us.

The following is our list of members: W. A. Ferris, '85, W. D. Mapes, '86, S. Abbott, '87, T. E. Haven, '87, H. R. Platt, '87, H. J. Wells, '87, S. H. Seeley, '88, G. L. Richardson, '88, J. A. Young, '88, H. P. Woodward, '88, R. M. Blackburn, '89, G. R. Herrick, '89, C. T. Terry, '89, C. H. Frasell, '89.

February 4, 1886.

GEO. L. RICHARDSON.

BROTHERS SKINNER AND HARRIS represented New York Beta at the culmination of our first victory in Massachusetts, and assisted Province President Worrall in the initiation, which was successful in every way. It is with great pleasure that they report the initiation of fourteen noble fellows who are able in every respect to sustain the Phi standard. It was particularly pleasing to notice the evident congeniality of disposition and harmony of action which, added to the earnestness and activity of the members, bids well to make Massachusetts Alpha one of the best chapters in the fraternity.

The members of Massachusetts Alpha hold many important positions in college, and are of acknowledged ability.

Credit is due brother Worrall for the thorough manner in which he explained the work and objects of Phi Delta Theta, and for his thoughtful suggestions in regard to the starting of the work which will enable them to guard against many errors.

On the whole, our fraternity is to be very much congratulated upon its successful entrance into a college of such high standing as Williams.

E. S. C. HARRIS, N. Y. Beta, '86.

February 9, 1886.

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

THE preparations for the Alpha Province Convention have busied this chapter to the exclusion of other business, the only event of importance being the initiation of brother Franklin I. Brown on the 25th ult. The delegates from New York Gamma are brothers Shiels and Winslow.

We have suffered severely in the loss of brothers Schoonmaker, '87, and Orcutt, '88, both of whom have taken an extended leave of absence. Brother Schoonmaker will make a trip to Europe, and brother Orcutt will for the present remain in the city.

The *Microcosm* will be published some time in April, and we would be glad to exchange with any chapter, as the limited number will render it impossible for this chapter to send one to each of the others, as has been done in the past.

February 2, 1886.

CHAS. A. DOWNER.

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#### NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

NEW YORK BETA is still flourishing. A chapter of 14 men imbued with true Phi spirit can do little else. Our hearts were gladdened a few days ago by a visit from Province President Worrall, who made a short stop on the return trip from the establishment of Massachusetts Alpha, at which we were represented by

brothers Harris and Skinner. We have also been favored with a visit from brother Ferris, one of the members of our new sister chapter. Many of our members expect to attend the Province Convention. Our delegates to that gathering are Harris and Felthousen.

February 9, 1886.

T. WARREN ALLEN.

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PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE opening of the term finds us all back again, with the exception of brother Tibbitts. We began the work of the term by initiating Ralph B. Reitz, whom we are proud to introduce to the Phi world. We now number 16.

We are jubilant over the prospect of moving into our new fraternity hall, in the new Phoenix block, built on the site of the Opera block, which was destroyed by fire two years ago. We have leased the rooms for five years, and the comparative permanence thus secured is second only to that of a chapter house. The fraternity room and two ante-rooms are carpeted alike with Brussels. One ante-room will be used as a reading room, the other for reception room. The walls and ceilings of all are richly papered, especially the fraternity room, and the panel designs and gilt mouldings make its appearance very beautiful. Furniture upholstered in plush and leather, the chandeliers and gas fixtures, steam heaters, all contribute to the comfort and cheerfulness of our new "Phi home."

Brother Murray has been elected orator, and brother Lynch, essayist, on the Philo team, to contest with the Allegheny Society, on one of the evenings of Commencement week.

Brother Murray took the prize in the recent declamation contest of the Philo Franklin Society.

January 20, 1886.

C. P. LYNCH.

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BETA PROVINCE.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OUR members have cause for congratulating themselves on their success in the recent society elections for Commencement officers. Brothers McDonald and Bethell were elected to first and third Marshalships, respectively, and your Reporter was chosen Representative, brother Shaw being appointed Marshal for Exercises on Washington's birthday.

Recently our hall has been elegantly furnished, and its walls adorned with appropriate portraits.

Brother Neal, we are glad to learn, has a flourishing school in Bertie county, and brother Marshall is successful as a druggist in Wadesboro.

January 30, 1886.

A. M. SIMMONS.

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

It is understood that  $\Sigma N$  has recently placed a chapter here, though its members have not yet announced themselves. This multiplication of chapters necessarily lowers the fraternity standard of membership; and if the evil continues the chapters here will soon be in the condition described by the Reporter of Virginia  $\Delta$ .

The only first-class non-fraternity men in college now are those that remain so from choice, and it is needless to say that they constitute an exceedingly small minority.

Brother Coan has been compelled to leave college on account of his ill-health. Brother M. L. Copeland, B.A., '84, one of our charter members, has returned to college, and is now in the Law department.

January 25, 1886.

W. W. BALL.

#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

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

Two weeks ago Georgia Alpha received into membership Mr. F. S. Stone, of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. J. E. Foy, of Egypt, Ga. Both brothers have already shown themselves enthusiastic Phis. Brother Foy is a member of the Sophomore class; brother Stone is in the Law department. He graduated four years ago at the University of Alabama.

The eight fraternities here have decided to publish an annual, and arrangements are now being made for its appearance about June. It will be called the *Pandora*. Brothers F. S. Stone and W. A. Speer will represent Phi Delta Theta on the editorial staff. We are looking forward with pleasure to a visit next week from brother S. P. Gilbert, our Province President.

January 30, 1886.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

GEORGIA ALPHA has eighteen men. She will lose four this year by graduation; so she will start next year with fourteen. She has initiated seven and affiliated two (from Georgia Beta) since last October. We contemplate organizing an alumni chapter at Atlanta during next summer.

February 18, 1886.

W. A. SPEER.

## GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

DURING the last month we have lost and we have won. In the elections in the literary societies for champion debaters, we were badly beaten by a clique, merit being utterly disregarded. For several years past  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has usually been represented in the champion debate, and her representatives have never failed to rank among the first, and in not a few instances they have been the best. This year our men are the best in college, and are so recognized, but owing to the corrupt state of our college politics they were defeated. It is against our principles to enter into schemes for society positions, though we lose them by so doing. But we certainly held winning hands in class standing. We have twenty-four members, and twenty-one of them are "inside of a speaker's place," as the announcement, recently, of the class standing of the students of the college for fall term, '85, showed. Junior and Senior classes have twelve places each every Commencement; and, according to the marks so far, we will get six of the Seniors and four of the Junior places this year. In the lower classes we are represented equally as well relatively. Two of our men led their classes, brother Daves the Senior, and brother J. E. McKee the Sophomore. We are represented in the different classes as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 6; Sophomore, 6; Freshman, 6, and Sub-Fresh, 1.

January 25, 1886.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

## GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

At the time of our last report we were on the verge of the annual college election. We are glad to state that it passed off quietly, but the Phis were defeated on every hand. All the other fraternities here, except the  $\Sigma \Delta E$ , combined against us; we could expect nothing but defeat. Envy was the principal cause of the clique to beat us.

We begin the work of the new year with renewed energy. All of the old members have returned but brothers Rhodes and Thomas. Brother Rhodes is teaching near Columbus, Ga. He will return and graduate with the present Junior class. Including our last initiate, brother George M. Overstreet, we have still a membership of twenty-three. We are taking some steps toward erecting a chapter-house. We hope to be successful.

We have just received a letter from brother S. P. Gilbert, our Province President, stating that he will visit us on Saturday, the 30th inst. Georgia Gamma is much attached to brother Gilbert, and is always delighted to see him.

January 28, 1886.

W. B. HARDMAN.

## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA is still in the path of success and prosperity. We have just suffered the loss of brother T. W. Yates by his withdrawal from the University. Mississippi Alpha has sustained the loss of a true, noble, and generous brother, one who has always looked to the interests of our chapter and fraternity. Brother Yates was First Fresh Medalist, '84, and Second Medalman, Sophomore class, '85, and Salutatorian of Phi Sigma Literary Society in '85. Brother C. W. Frazer, who was unavoidably compelled to return home on account of severe illness, will return to college in a very short time. He will be quite an acquisition. Our intermediate examinations are rapidly approaching, and all are busy. Brother Mayo paid us a short visit in the commencement of the session.

January 27, 1886.

JNO. M. OLIVER.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The new term opened under very unfavorable circumstances for us, on account of having to lose some of the brothers.

Brother Foster has not yet returned, and probably will not this year. We are afraid we will also have to part with Brother Lewis for a while.

Mr. W. E. Morris, we are sorry to say, has been expelled. We followed out the constitution strictly in all the proceedings, and gave the defendant a fair and impartial trial. The trial was held on Friday afternoon, January 22d. The accused was found guilty, and the penalty had to be expulsion.

February 1st, 1886.

WILLIAM CLOUGH.

## OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE new calendar year finds us, as a college, prosperous, but not without those changes incident to college life. Nine of the senior class, who differed with the faculty as to the practicability of a certain rule prohibiting the students from attending any theatrical performance, decided to receive their diplomas elsewhere—eight going to De Pauw, one to Harvard.

While some of the other fraternities have suffered by this change, our ranks are unbroken. We, as a fraternity, can congratulate ourselves upon the fraternal feeling and unity of action which characterize our every movement.

On the evening of the 22d, at the elegant residence of Dr. J. B. Hunt, the active and resident members of Phi Delta Theta were highly honored by a reception tendered them, at which

social gathering there were fourteen couples in all who can testify to the fact that the host and hostess spared no pains to make the evening most enjoyable.

The number of men initiated by the different fraternities thus far during the year is as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 5;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 4;  $X \Phi$ , 4;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 2;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 2;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 2.

Since our last report we have initiated H. V. Stevens, '88.  
January 25, 1886. W. F. MAI

#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OHIO ZETA's silence in the columns of the SCROLL for several months past has not been due to any lack of interest on the part of the members, but to the individual neglect of the reporter, for which he asks forgiveness, with the promise of better attention to the matter in future.

Ohio State University now ranks with any other similar institution of the State in regard to the number of fraternities represented in it. Since the establishment of the Betas here in December there are, besides our own, chapters of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $X \Phi$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$ , all of which are prosperous.

At the request of our Province President, we have already elected our delegate and alternate to the Delta Province Convention to be held at Delaware next May. Preparations for this event cannot begin too early if the Convention is to be a thorough success. We are especially anxious that the Kentucky chapters shall be represented there. Brother McPherson, '87, will be our delegate, and Brother Reeves, '87, the alternate.

Brother McPherson was to-day elected one of the three delegates who are to represent our university at the meeting of the Ohio Oratorical Association at Denison University, Granville, on February 18th next.

Our chapter is small but prosperous, and we contemplate making accessions to our number in a short time.

February 1, 1886.

W. F. HUNT.

#### KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

SINCE you last heard from us through Brother Phister we have been energetic and thoughtful. Our men are all hard workers, and are reaping for their labor the richest harvests. The intermediate examinations are just over, and we rejoice that we can truly say that we have the brightest record of any fraternity in college. Our men stand high in the literary societies also, and are sharing in the places of honor and trust whenever such places are presented. In the election of June orators, December 25th, your reporter was unanimously elected to the first speakership.



Brother Back is now an efficient president of our literary society. One of our members, Brother January, has returned to his home in Chicago to recruit his health. We regret his absence very much, and hope that he will be able to return to the university next year to enjoy with us the happy life of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We have secured a very handsome room in which to meet. We are constantly gaining strength, and we hope to prove ourselves worthy of the high organization of which we are members.

February 1, 1886.

J. T. WADE.

### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

THE active members of Indiana Alpha desire all of her alumni members to forward to the chapter framed likenesses of themselves which were taken at the time of their graduation, or as near that time as possible. When it is convenient we would like all the members of the same class to be framed in a group. All whom we have written to have complied with our request, and we hope the others will.

At the meeting of the class of '86, last week, brother A. C. Heiney was elected Historian for the class day exercises. We also had two Representatives—brothers Beldon and Shields—on the contest between the literary societies January 29th.

On the evening of January 21 brother Wat. Bradfute, editor of the Bloomington *Telephone*, met with us and gave a much appreciated talk on his fraternity experience.

January 30, 1886.

BERT FESLER.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have had the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world brother Emerson W. Matthews, '90, of Orange, Ind. College and fraternity circles are very quiet now. The  $\Sigma X$  paper has been swallowed up by a college magazine, *The Butler Collegian*, conducted by the literary societies, on the editorial board of which  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is represented by the Reporter.

We begin the year with eleven men. Two more, now out of college, will be with us next term.  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $K \Delta \Theta$  are very quiet.  $K K \Gamma$  has made the only initiation of the term. The Reporter of Rho chapter, in the last *Sigma Chi*, declares that, though the Phis claim all the college honors, the Sigs carry off quite a share. He instances being on the Governor's staff, having the best voice in college for singing, and skill in bicycling as "college honors!" His ideas on the subject are peculiar, to say the least. We have the grades.

January 28, 1886.

HUGH T. MILLER.

## INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report we have initiated one man—W. G. McColley, '91. There has been an unusual amount of fraternity spirit manifested this term, owing somewhat to the elections in the oratorical association.

Brother W. W. Israel has been compelled to leave college on account of his health, but we hope he may be with us again soon. Brother J. V. Deere, who was compelled to leave college last term, is with us again. Rev. J. K. Howard, of '64, and a member of our chapter, visited here a short time ago.

Brother W. G. Olwin, Treasurer of the Oratorical Association, visited friends and Phis the 28th and 29th. We are always glad to meet and entertain any Phis when they come to our city, and hope none will pass without calling upon us.

The *KKΓ* fraternity is in an excellent condition, and also the literary societies of the college.

The strong "barb" society split last fall, part of its members organizing a local fraternity—the Epsilon Kappa Epsilon. They have eight men, and are proving themselves very energetic. They have a very favorably located hall, which is being elegantly and tastefully furnished. Their work in college and society is of a high order, and their standing as an organization is of the highest character, although they are so young. Their relations to the other fraternities have been of the friendliest character, yet they hold to an independent policy, and have secured the approval of the faculty and students in their course.

Franklin College is growing rapidly, and a good field for fraternity work is being developed, and the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  desire some good fraternity to establish a chapter here.

January 28, 1886.

HARRY GANT.

## INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

DURING the latter part of last term our college president spent two weeks visiting Princeton, Williams, Brown, Amherst, Yale, and Harvard. His object, in part, was to investigate their methods of study, marking, and of bestowing honors. In consequence, several marked changes were made at the beginning of the present term. The passing grade has been placed at 5 instead of 7, as heretofore, and the whole marking system reduced. Graduation honors have also been changed. Any student having a grade of 9.5 during the Junior and Senior years is graduated *summa cum laude*. Those with a grade of 9 receive *magna cum laude*. Those with a grade of 8 receive *cum laude*, while all below simply graduate. The exemption grades formerly allowed in the Junior and Senior classes have also been withdrawn, and all classes are examined alike. Any student is permitted to be

absent two days during the term without any excuse. These changes were very favorably received by the students, and are indicative of the progress of our school.

As to the chapter, there is not much to report. We have been devoting a large part of our time to literary work of various kinds, all of which has been exceedingly pleasant and profitable.

We are gratified to announce the return of brother H. L. Moore, formerly of '85. Brother H. C. Johnson, '89, did not return after the holidays. He intends trying to enter West Point this spring.

The chapter is deeply grateful to brother J. V. LaGrange, '86, who attested his liberality by the handsome present he made to her. His genuine love for the cause prompted him to make a Christmas present to the chapter of \$50 cash, "to be used as the chapter deemed best," and in consequence of this his praise is still sung at every meeting, and we desire to express our thanks for his generosity.

We can supply the following copies of the SCROLL to any chapters wishing to complete their files, which we should be glad to do, in exchange for others. We can supply one set of Vol. 6 complete, which we will exchange for a set of either Vol. 1, 2, 3, or 4; also one set of Vol. 7, complete, in exchange for any of the above. Also Vol. 8, 1-6 inclusive, to exchange as above. Then we have these extra copies which we can supply singly: Vol. 5, No. 2, 2 copies; No. 3, 2 copies; No. 6, 5 copies; No. 7, 1 copy; No. 8, 3 copies; Vol. 6, No. 7, 2 copies; No. 8, 3 copies; Vol. 5, Nos. 2-8, inclusive, complete, save the first number. We want No. 1, Vol. 5, No. 7, Vol. 8, No. 9, Vol. 9, to make our file complete from Vol. 5.

January 22, 1886.

CHAS. H. McCASLIN.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN GAMMA can still report progress. Our anniversary was unavoidably postponed until the evening of January 23d. The programme was excellent. The Prophecy was given by brother W. H. P. Smith, the History by brother J. E. Davidson, the Poem by brother J. N. Greene, and the Oration by "ye Reporter." It was one of the most enjoyable events in our fraternity history, and seemed to put renewed vigor and enthusiasm into each one of us.

Brother R. E. Taylor, who made us a visit during the holidays, left us as a memento of his loyalty and interest in us a fine secretary-stand. The chapter return to him a hearty vote of thanks.

Since our last report we have been deprived of the presence of brother Harris, '87, who was called to his home at Richmond, Va.

Sleighting is especially fine at present in our region of Michi-

gan, and as the Phis are not the class of fellows that let good opportunities pass them unimproved, they availed themselves of the chance of participating in the delightful sport. On the evening of January 30th a party of Phis, with ladies—thirty-two in all—visited the very pleasant home of brother Barker, a distance of eight miles from Hillsdale. It is needless to say that we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Brother M. W. Fisher, one of our initiates during last fall term, is now in business in Grand Rapids, Mich. Brother Schunck, one of our charter members, paid us a visit last week. He is reading law in Toledo, Ohio.

February 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

OUR chapter lost eight royal good men at the close of the last collegiate year, viz. : brothers Broadbent, F. Brown, George, McClaughry, Miller, F. Moore, W. Moore, and Becker, the first five being graduated. The blow was a severe one to the chapter, but it has rallied and is again as strong as ever, with bright prospects for the future. The six lonely Phis who rekindled the fire on the fraternity hearth at the beginning of this scholastic year soon found the circle swelled to thirteen ; but at the close of last term we were doomed to say farewell to two more of our old members—brothers Bressler and Hinckley. At present writing we number eleven men, but before this letter is in type new additions are to be made to the chapter.

At the recent appointments for the annual contest in oratory two of the six contestants chosen by the faculty are  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  men—brother J. B. Brown, '86, and brother J. H. Hopkins, '87. It is universally acknowledged that they are the two strongest men in the race. We will not be surprised if they take both the prizes.

At the recent appointments for the annual Colton Prize Debate the chapter was honored by your Reporter being chosen Orator for that occasion.

Our sister  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  chapter at Lombard University, in this city, is enjoying a period of great prosperity. The two chapters frequently hold union hops and banquets. The plan is an admirable one.

There is a new Greek letter brotherhood at Knox. It is the  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$ . It numbers eight men. We anticipate more benefit than harm from it.

Brother John Porter was recently promoted from the ranks to the position of First Sergeant, Co. A., Knox College Cadets. The promotion was due to his proficiency in drill, and was a deserved one.

February 3, 1886.

W. J. BYRNES.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

VIEWS in a general sense, this has been a very active year thus far among the students of our college, especially in college politics, and the Phis are found in the front ranks. The editor-in-chief of the college paper is from our ranks, as is also the business manager. They are assisted by one from each of the other fraternities.

The oratorical contestants this year are two Phis, two  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , one from the  $\Sigma X$ , one from each of the two lady fraternities.

We present to the brethren at large W. L. Wilson. '89.

The eighth anniversary of Epsilon was happily celebrated last Saturday night. It was one of the most successful gatherings given here for some time. Contrary to the usual custom, we held the exercises in our own hall, there being present our lady friends to the number of eighteen, and several members of the faculty. Excellent music was furnished by the fraternity and visitors. The refreshments were greatly enjoyed, being served by a well-known caterer. Toasts to the faculty and ladies were responded to in a happy vein, and speeches by the faculty and visiting brothers were not completed until a late hour. The secret exercises were greatly enjoyed in the afternoon. Brothers J. B. Eaton, of Devil's Lake, D. T., and Joseph Sterling were with us.

It is my painful duty to record the sad death of the first one from our ranks—brother Walter A. Ramsdell, who graduated in law here in '83, and for the past year has been city attorney at Havana, Ill. He was a highly respected member, and his death is greatly mourned. Ten members of this chapter attended his funeral in a body.

February 2, 1886.

W. L. MILLER.

## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of the term all our members made their reappearance, rested and ready for another lift. There are several new students in attendance, and we are in hopes of securing one or two of these; but of this later.

Last term three prizes were offered for the best declamations, including both serious and comic pieces. Of the six chosen for the final contest, four were Phis; the two others were non-fraternity. Owing to the sickness of brother Fairchild a Delta Theta (local), formerly  $\Delta T \Delta$ , was given his place. We obtained one prize, through brother McConnell; the two others were taken by "barbs." We were, as was also the audience, very much surprised at the announcement of the judges, nearly all being dissatisfied, more or less, with their decision.

Allow me to correct a mistake. Under initiates of Illinois Zeta, January, Loring Pratt should be Loring Trott.  
 February 6, 1886. L. WARD BRIGHAM.

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#### WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

THE new year has opened with bright prospects for Wisconsin Alpha. Brother Hover, who was away from college during the fall term, is with us again, and all our other men are here. We have also initiated F. E. Bamford, of the class of '87. All speak well of brother Bamford, and we think he is a very valuable addition to our number. He is senior captain in the University battalion.

The chief topic of conversation in fraternity circles here at present is the proposed establishment of a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi. The applicants are twelve in number. Their names have leaked out, and have been published, together with their intentions. No result has as yet been reached.

January 29, 1886.

L. R. ANDERSON.

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#### ETA PROVINCE.

##### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last report, the elections of the following Phis have taken place: Brother W. W. Clendenin, Sergeant in Mil. Co.; brother W. J. Spillman, Pres. Union Literary Society, and Essayist from same society for the "Inter-Society" Contest; brother R. M. Dooley, Orator from Union Literary Society for "Inter-Society" Contest.

Just before leaving for the holidays, one of the pleasant events of our chapter life occurred, in the shape of an informal "Open Session," whereat were gathered about 45 or 50 of the young ladies of the town, representing both beauty and culture, and also three or four of the older and influential gentlemen who have aided us by kind words and deeds at the right time. Our programme consisted of an essay, oration, two declamations, an original poem, and a discourse on "Objects and Aims of Fraternities," by brother C. B. Sebastian, '76. After the literary exercises we enjoyed an elegant supper, gotten up by the ladies of one of the churches here. Altogether, it was an event long to be remembered by the Phis present and, we hope, by the invited guests.

Province President T. S. Ridge was here before the holidays in the interest of a Province Conventon, to be held at Lawrence, Kansas, during a week of our Christmas vacation, and had Missouri Alpha wrought up to so high a pitch over the matter, that,

before he had left town, we had elected our delegate and had made up a party of five or six visiting Phis. The convention has, however, been postponed indefinitely, but we hope that Eta Province may meet in convention in June, when Missouri Alpha will surely be represented.

Brother F. N. Peters has returned, for this semester's work, from his home at Shelbina, where he has been teaching, and also brother W. F. Knox, who has been travelling for the past year, has returned for the work of the semester and he wears an elegant diamond badge.

The long expected contest for the "Junior Oratorical Medal" resulted in the victory of brother H. R. Williams.

We have just completed our semi-annual examinations, and consequently feel much relieved and are now ready to start in the new semester with renewed ardor.

$\Sigma N$  has been established here with five men. We wish her success.

January 25, 1886.

H. W. CLARK.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report the continued growth in strength and influence of Missouri *B*.

At the recent contest in reading, the two contestants from the Philologic Society were Phis, brothers Young and Reaser, as also brother Wilkerson, of the Philalethian Society, thus giving us three out of the four contestants elected.

We are justly proud of the splendid performance of these brothers. The first prize, a handsome silver water set, consisting of pitcher, goblets, tray, &c., was awarded to brother Howell Reaser, the second, to brother S. Ed. Young.

We seldom think of mentioning honors and offices of the literary societies, they seem to be ours as a matter of course. I hope this will be in time for the February SCROLL.

JOHN GALLAHER.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

ALTHOUGH the members of Kansas Alpha are very busy this year, yet the fraternity spirit does not diminish. Our meetings are enlivened by more music than formerly, and the boys come early and stay late—a proof of the chapter's attractions. Not only is there harmony within, but also  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is at peace with her rivals. There has been considerable wrangling over the two college *Couriers*, weeklies, but the chapter has contrived to keep out of the fight. In such matters it has been our policy to let the members act as *individuals*, to do as they choose, and the result has been very satisfactory.



Two weeks ago we received an invitation from the  $B \Theta \Pi$ , to carve a "dorg" with them, and the two chapters spent a very pleasant evening together. We do not regret our lesson in anatomy.

On January 23d, brother E. F. Caldwell, '85, was with us, making it seem like old times. Brother S. M. Cook, "Uncle Sam," has married, and he and his wife are at home in Solomon City, Kas. Last Saturday, brother J. W. O'Bryon, '88, was in town. He is teaching with great success.

February 1, 1886.

W. E. HIGGINS.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE winter term opened with about the usual number of students. All the Phis who were here during the fall term have again returned.

The Senior Class has arranged with the Faculty to shorten Commencement Exercises by cutting the number of speakers down to four. Brother G. B. Frankforter has been elected to represent the graduates of the Scientific Department on that day.

Letters from brother A. A. Brooks, at Geneva, and brother H. C. Atwell (Tabor, Ia.), who expects to come here in a year or two, manifest an interest in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  which speaks well for Vermont Alpha.

January 31st, 1886.

JAMES R. FOREE.

The following were received too late for classification :

#### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report nothing of special importance has occurred in this part of the fraternity world. Elections are all past and nothing demands the attention of fraternity men, except the regular college work.

On the 13th inst. Georgia Beta lost one of her best members, brother J. E. Lee, of Leesburg, Fla., who died of pneumonia, after an illness of about three weeks. Brother Lee was in the Freshman class, and had already distinguished himself by his scholarship, and had he lived he would have won the highest honors. Phi Delta Theta never lost a more valiant son.

February 25, 1886.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION has occupied our attention for the past month, and we have very little chapter news to report, except the initiation of Mr. Edward F. McCaskie, '86, and Mr.



John B. A. Mullaly, '87. Mr. McCaskie is the editor of the *Columbia Jurist*, and both have already shown themselves to be valuable fraternity men.

February 27, 1886.

E. P. COLLENDER.

### MINNEAPOLIS ALUMNI.

At a meeting of the resident alumni Phi Delta Thetas, held at the Nicollet House, December 11, 1885, an alumni chapter was formed, of which the following officers were elected: E. Junius Edwards, President; H. S. Abbott, Secretary; Jas. Gray, Reporter; Chas. Gould, Warden.

There are upwards of thirty Phis now in business and professional work in the city. Last evening (January 8th) the college and alumni chapters held a joint banquet at the West Hotel, of which the following newspaper clippings will give you an idea:

#### PHI DELTA THETA.

The banquet given by the Minneapolis alumni chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the West, last evening, was attended by twenty-eight members of that fraternity resident in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The following were present:

Prof. H. L. Moore, Dartmouth College; H. G. Cates, Colby University; E. J. Edwards, Lombard; Max Vander Horck, James Gray and H. S. Abbott, University of Minnesota; W. R. Grey, University of Iowa; A. G. Briggs and D. F. Simpson, University of Wisconsin; Rev. T. B. Greenlee, Miami College; J. L. Ludlow, Lafayette; W. M. Irving, Butler University (at present of Macalester College); Lieut. C. C. Tidd, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, U. S. A., Fort Snelling; J. C. E. King, George E. Burnell, J. M. Anderson, Luther Twitchell, H. W. Thompson, W. W. Sargent, W. J. Donahower, R. L. Moffit, E. M. Spaulding, E. W. Spottswood, Charles A. Savage, H. G. Richardson, M. K. Knauff, W. R. Brown, and C. A. Gould.

At the conclusion of the feasting the toast-master, D. F. Simpson, read a brief letter of regret from ex-Gov. Ramsey, an honored member of the fraternity. A similar letter was read from Post-master-General Vilas. A number of toasts were informally responded to as follows:

"Greek Letter Societies," H. S. Abbott; "The Alumni Chapter," E. Junius Edwards; "The Local Chapter," George E. Burnell; "The Maids of Athens," J. C. E. King.

Brief remarks were also made by James Gray, Max Vander Horck, of Fort Sisseton, A. G. Briggs, of St. Paul, J. Lott Ludlow, W. R. Brown, R. M. Knauff, E. M. Spottswood, and H. S. Abbott. At the conclusion of the speaking the alumni members

held their annual meeting, and the preceding officers were re-elected, as follows :

President, E. J. Edwards ; Secretary and Treasurer, H. S. Abbott ; Historian, James Gray ; Warden, C. A. Gould.

The Phi Delta Theta is one of the strong Greek letter chapters at the State University. A chapter-house is being talked of.—*St. Paul and Minneapolis Pioneer Press.*

#### A PHI DELTA THETA REUNION.

The first annual joint banquet of the Phi Delta Theta college and alumni chapters of Minnesota was held at the West Hotel last evening. The gentlemen of the fraternity, which ranks as one of the most prosperous of the Greek letter organizations known to college days, were present in numbers gratifying to those interested in it in Minnesota. Previous to the supper a meeting of the alumni chapter was held in the parlors for the election of officers and the completion of its organization. Mr. E. J. Edwards, Jr., was chosen president ; Mr. H. S. Abbott, secretary, and Charles Gould, warden. The banquet came next, to which the following gentlemen sat down : Messrs. J. M. Anderson, Max Vander Horck, George E. Burnell, Howard Abbott, Luther Twitchell, F. Gray, E. J. Edwards, J. C. King, E. Spottswood, Horace Cates, D. F. Simpson, W. W. Sargeant, R. L. Moffett, W. R. Brown, M. K. Knauff, W. J. Donahower, H. W. Thompson, James Gray, E. M. Spaulding, A. W. Briggs, J. L. Ludlow, and C. A. Savage.

After doing full justice to the several courses, which were interspersed with enlivening college songs, Mr. D. F. Simpson, acting as toast-master, introduced the speakers, who occupied the balance of the evening with speeches and reminiscences interesting to the initiated and humorous in the measure of innocent personalities. Mr. Edwards spoke for the alumni chapter, and Mr. Burnell for the Minnesota Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta, while Mr. Abbott responded to Greek letter fraternities in general.

Mr. J. C. E. King spoke for the ladies under the caption, "The Maids of Athens," and Messrs. Ludlow and Cates made some extemporaneous remarks upon their native States of New Jersey and Maine, respectively. A letter was read from ex-Gov. A. Ramsey, who was once a member of the organization, regretting his inability to be present at this meeting. The evening was whiled away to a late hour with songs and other exercises incident to banquets. Several resident members, and among others Prof. H. L. Moore, Rev. T. B. Greenlee, and Mr. A. M. Shuey, of this city, could not be present on account of other engagements.—*Minneapolis Daily Tribune.*

January 9, 1886.

JAS. GRAY.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

## MARRIED.

FOSTER—HATHAWAY.—February 17th, at the residence of the bride's father, Madison, Wisconsin, C. A. Foster to Florence Hathaway. Our worthy T. G. C. was a member of the class of '81, University of Wisconsin, and the bride a member of the class of '85 of the same institution, and also a member of the Oota chapter of the Delta Gamma Society. The happy couple will reside at Trenton, Mo., where brother Foster is engaged in the drug business.

A MATRIMONIAL epidemic seems to have attacked our Wisconsin Phis. In the past month D. F. Simpson, of '82, was married to Miss Josephine Sarles, of '83, a first honor student and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. D. S. McArthur, '81, was married to Miss Johnson, also of '81, and a Delta Gamma; McClellan Dodge, of '84, to Miss Lizzie Only.

## INITIATES.

## MAINE ALPHA.

- '86. Irving La Forrest Townsend, Waterville, Me.
- '87. Orris Lyford Beverage, North Haven, Me.
- '87. Fred Raymond Bowman, Sidney, Me.
- '87. Everett Edwin Burleigh, Houlton, Me.
- '87. Roscoe William Harvey, Readfield, Me.
- '89. Parker Prescott Burleigh, Houlton, Me.
- '89. Hiram Everett Farnham, Belgrade, Me.
- '89. Nelson Sinclair Burbank, Jefferson, Me.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '89. Franklin I. Brown, New York, N. Y.

## NEW YORK DELTA.

- '86. Edward Francis McCaskie, Sing Sing, N. Y.
- '87. John B. Adgar Mullaly, Charleston, S. C.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

- '87. James Miller Hill, Thompsonville, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '87. James Ross Bell, Idlewood, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '87. Arthur Henry Ewing, Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pa.
- '89. James Powers Blackburn, Jacobs Creek, Pa.

- '89. George Robinson Edmundson, Remington, Pa.
- '89. William Seward Hamilton Haymaker, Monroesville, Pa.
- '90. Walter Guitteau Hays, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- '90. John Biddle Clark, Washington, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '90. Charles Gaston Hindman Williams, Monongahela City, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '89. Ralph B. Reitz, Stanton, Pa.
- '90. Edwin P. Crousse, Shakleville, Pa.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '86. Frank Singleton Stone, Mobile, Ala.
- '88. John Ellison Foy, Egypt, Ga.

## GEORGIA BETA.

- '88. Edgar Stamps Kelley, Palmetto, Ga.
- '88. *Claude Nathaniel Bennett.*
- '89. Charles Thurston Roan, Fairburn, Ga.

## GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '88. George Mills Overstreet, Mitchelton, Ga.

## OHIO BETA.

- '88. Henry Vergil Stevens, Delaware, Ohio.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- '90. Frederick *Bruce* Shields, Bloomington, Ind.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

- '90. *George Burgess Davis, North Salem, Ind.*
- '90. Emerson Waldo Matthews, Orange, Ind.

## INDIANA DELTA.

- '91. Wm. Grant McColley, White Lake, Ind.

## MICHIGAN GAMMA.

- '87. William Hawley Perry Smith, Dale, N. Y.
- '88. Erastus Devillo Palmer, Clare, Mich.
- '88. Milan Wright Fisher, Rome City, Ind.
- '89. Clark Gilbert Corey, Money Creek, Minn.
- '89. Oliver Willard Pierce, Hillsdale, Mich.

## OHIO ALPHA OF PHI KAPPA PSI.

THE RECORD | OF THE | OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER | PHI KAPPA PSI. | Com-  
 piled and edited | by W. H. Gamble, '88, O. W. U., | Registrar of the  
 Chapter, | E. M. Van Cleve, '86, O. W. U., | Delaware, Ohio, | Ohio  
 Wesleyan University, | 1885 ;—16mo, pp. 216.

It is with sincere pleasure that we congratulate the editors of this modest little book. We welcome all efforts to preserve the history of chapters and chapter members as valuable contributions to fraternity literature. The greater portion of the work is devoted to the biography of the members of the chapter. We note, among other names of less prominence, those of Professors Dolbear, of Tufts, and White, of Harvard, and Governor Foraker, of Ohio. *THE HISTORY OF OHIO ALPHA, OHIO ALPHA REMINISCENCES, AND OHIO ALPHA'S INFANCY*, are all well told ; and the poem, *A SONG OF PHI KAPPA PSI*, is of unusual merit. Limited space prevents as extended a notice as we would wish. The book is one which should be a source of pride to its editors, the chapter, and the fraternity.

## THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The first convention of Alpha Province was held in New York on February 12th and 13th, 1886, under the auspices of the local alumni and chapters. Three secret business sessions were held, and many questions of moment to the fraternity and the Province were discussed. A permanent organization was effected by the election of W. R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79, President ; T. M. B. Hicks, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '85, First Vice-President ; T. L. Jeffords, Vermont Alpha, '86, Second Vice-President ; A. J. Montgomery, Jr., Pennsylvania Gamma, '86, Secretary ; L. C. Felthousen, New York Beta, '86, Treasurer ; W. H. Carey, Pennsylvania Alpha, '88, Historian ; W. S. Ferris, Massachusetts Alpha, '85, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The local alumni were represented through their delegates, D. R. Horton, New York Alpha, '75, and J. B. Shaw, Pennsylvania Alpha, '85, and took an active interest in the proceedings. Dr. J. M. Worrall, Ohio Alpha, '48, was present to aid in many valuable suggestions. A motion was carried providing for the printing of the minutes of the convention, and it therefore will not be necessary in this notice to go into details.

The delegates were as follows :

Maine Alpha, I. L. Townsend and R. A. Metcalfe ; New Hampshire Alpha, G. E. Whitehill and G. W. Shaw ; Vermont Alpha, T. L. Jeffords and H. C. Chase ; Massachusetts Alpha, W. S. Ferris and W. D. Mapes ; New York Alpha, G. W. Stephens and E. C. Boynton, Jr. ; New York Beta, L. C. Felt-

housen and E. S. C. Harris; New York Gamma, A. Shiels and F. A. Winslow (B. S. Orcutt, alternate); New York Delta, T. H. Baskerville and J. B. Kerfoot; (Alternates, L. Wampold, Jr., and R. H. Stodder); Pennsylvania Alpha, W. H. Carey and A. H. Cleveland; Pennsylvania Beta, C. T. Aikens and T. M. Culver (proxy); Pennsylvania Gamma, A. J. Montgomery, Jr., and W. Wallace; Pennsylvania Delta, F. L. Wells and W. P. Murray; Pennsylvania Epsilon, T. M. B. Hicks and J. B. Stein; New York Alpha Alumni, D. R. Horton and J. B. Shaw.

Visiting members were: Maine Alpha, H. A. Smith; New York Beta, F. W. Skinner, J. E. Swanker, H. McMillan and T. W. Allen; New York Gamma, C. A. Downer, F. J. Greene, B. S. Orcutt, E. F. Palmer, S. W. Dunscombe, Jr., M. Carnes, F. I. Brown, J. W. Naramore, and Howard Treat; New York Delta, J. B. A. Mullally, R. H. Stodder, F. Zinsser, E. P. Calender, J. M. Mayer, E. F. McCaskie, W. D. Mahaney, H. L. Hollis, and B. H. Miner; Pennsylvania Alpha, H. L. Moore, Edgar Jadwin, and W. L. Lenhart; Pennsylvania Gamma, J. L. Hines; Pennsylvania Epsilon, T. M. Culver; Wisconsin Alpha, J. W. Blakey and G. A. Buckstaff; New York Alpha Alumni, L. C. Adamson (Georgia Alpha, '82), Glenn Andrews (Tennessee Alpha, '83), C. P. Bassett (Pennsylvania Alpha, '83), A. A. Bird (Pennsylvania Alpha, '84), Paul Jones (Tennessee Alpha, '79), J. S. Penman (New York Gamma, '86), Dr. J. M. Worrall (Ohio Alpha, '48), C. A. Walker (Pennsylvania Alpha, '83), F. M. Devoe, Jr. (New York Gamma, '85), P. C. Slaughter (Wisconsin Alpha, '79), E. C. Blain (Georgia Alpha, '84), M. R. Earl (Pennsylvania Alpha, '84).

At the banquet at Morelli's, on Friday evening, February 12, enthusiasm reigned supreme. The toast card ran as follows:

Toastmaster, CARROLL P. BASSETT.

"The Fraternity," WILLIAM R. WORRALL, Kentucky Alpha.

"The Alpha Province," J. B. SHAW, Pennsylvania Alpha.

"The National Convention," A. J. MONTGOMERY, Jr., Pennsylvania Gamma, and WILLIAM D. MAPES, Massachusetts Alpha.

"Our Babies," E. C. BOYNTON, JR., New York Alpha.

"From Ocean to Ocean," R. A. METCALFE, Maine Alpha.

Brother Hicks responded to brother Shaw's toast, owing to the latter's illness, and brother Whitehill, New Hampshire Alpha, to brother Metcalfe's.

The speakers spoke ably upon the subjects allotted to them, and the regular responses were supplemented by impromptu remarks.

Dr. Worrall, when called upon for "Ohio Alpha," spoke with eloquence indeed. The fraternity, as he viewed it, was the link which bound the old days with the present. The great problem in life was how to keep alive the enthusiasm of youth. As men

grew older, as business cares weighed heavily and anxieties were pressing, the old love for better things was lost. Yet  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  kept awake the old memories, brought together the old companions at occasions of this kind, and thus ever and anon brought many joyful hours, even in manhood.

The doctor's speech expressed those indefinable pleasures of Phi life, which seemed incapable of being put into words.

Letters from John C. Black, Wm. F. Vilas, J. C. S. Blackburn, Dr. Charles Elliot and Robert Morrison were full of kind wishes and hopes for the occasion.

Many other letters were read and their writers cheered to the echo, and in all the banquet was a brilliant success.

In the course of the convention, a meeting was held by the Pennsylvania delegates, and a State association organized, with T. M. B. Hicks (Pa. E), President, and A. H. Cleveland (Pa. A) Vice-President.

The delegates gave full attention to the question of Eastern Extension, the Extension Fund, and other points of equal importance.

The next convention will be held in April, 1886 or 1887, at Easton, Pa.

### In Memoriam.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Jan. 16, 1886.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at a session of Epsilon Chapter at its regular session :

*Whereas*, It has pleased God in his all wise providence to remove from his labors on this earth our beloved brother, J. Walter Ramsdell ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Illinois Epsilon chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity has lost, in the death of brother Ramsdell, a devoted brother, a worthy alumnus, and the fraternity at large a valued and honored member ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we express our sympathy with the bereaved family of our deceased brother by forwarding to them a copy of these resolutions, and communicate the grief and loss to the fraternity at large by having them published in our national organ, the SCROLL.

R. E. WILLIAMS, JR.,	} Committee.
A. W. VANNEMAN,	
W. L. MILLER.	

At a special meeting of Pennsylvania Alpha of Phi Delta Theta the following resolutions were adopted :

*Whereas*, It has pleased God in his almighty providence to

take from us our former friend and brother, Forrest Hulings ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in his death Pennsylvania Alpha of Phi Delta Theta loses a faithful and worthy alumnus, and the fraternity at large an ardent supporter.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, and that they be published in the SCROLL.

A. F. CLEVELAND, }  
E. JADWIN. } Committee.

#### HALL OF GEORGIA BETA CHAPTER, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

WHEREAS, In His wisdom, God has seen fit to take from us our brother and companion, Jason E. Lee ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in his death our chapter has lost one of its brightest and most faithful members, the fraternity at large a loyal son, and the world one in whom the right always found a defender, and who was, and would, had he lived, have ever been a blessing to society.

*Resolved*, That these expressions of our grief be communicated to our brethren elsewhere through our organ, the SCROLL.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the SCROLL containing these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family.

W. W. DAVES, }  
W. P. THOMAS, } Committee.  
R. W. TRIMBLE, }

## NOTICES.

### THE MANUAL.

OWING to brother Palmer's return from abroad, the publication of the MANUAL will be hastened. The editors hope to have it in press at an early date. Reporters who have not sent in data will do so at once to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., in whose hands the manuscript now is.

WALTER B. PALMER,  
J. M. MAYER.

BROTHER RANDOLPH desires to thank, through the SCROLL, the many brothers who have shown their solicitude for him in numerous kind ways. I regret to announce that he has not as yet recovered.

J. M. MAYER.



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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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Next Convention at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday and Friday following Commencement.

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 Indiana Gamma—Butler University—H. T. Miller, Irvington, Ind.  
 Indiana Delta—Franklin College—H. N. Gant, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—C. H. McCaslin, Box 63, Hanover, Ind.  
 Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—T. C. Hopkins, Box 518, Greencastle,  
 Ind.  
 Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—Nelson Mayo, Agricultural  
 College, Mich.  
 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—W. O. Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—C. L. Goodwin, "Indianapolis  
 Times," Indianapolis, Ind.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

Illinois Gamma—Address Province President.  
 Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—W. L. Miller, Bloomington,  
 Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Ward Brigham, 664 Knox St., Galesburg,  
 Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—L. R. Anderson, 535 State  
 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.

## ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—H. W. Clark, Box 278, Columbia,  
 Mo.  
 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—J. A. Gallaher, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—B. P. Blair, Box 382, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—J. R. Foree, State Block,  
 Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
 Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—O. R. Young, Iowa City, Iowa  
 Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—J. C. E. King, Minneapolis,  
 Minn.  
 Kansas Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.  
 Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Mo.

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## *The SCROLL of PHI DELTA THETA.*

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### THE QUESTION OF ALUMNI INTEREST.\*

I ENJOY the visits of the SCROLL very much, as they are now almost the only reminders of a very pleasant college life. You speak of the importance of alumni support to the SCROLL. I recognize and appreciate it, but it seems to me that within the past year or two I have struck the keynote of the manifest lack of interest among alumni of our grand fraternity, over which I used to wonder while in college, and about which our brothers have oft debated and written, and that is this: The active members neglect their duty in communicating with the correspondent members of their chapter. Whether it be true with regard to other chapters I do not know; but true it is (if you will pardon personal mention) that I have not heard one word from my chapter since last spring—nearly a year ago—though I have once or twice written members of that body. Was asked shortly before their anniversary last winter to contribute my mite in the way of something to be read at their private exercises, which I did to the best of my poor ability, and have to this day not even heard whether their anniversary exercises were held at all, except through the meagre account in the SCROLL correspondence. Now I do not complain about this nor feel hard over it, and should you see fit to mention it, would not care to have you locate either the writer or the chapter, but simply mention it to show what to me seems *the* cause of the existing lack of interest among our alumni, over which so much thought has been expended. And I firmly believe that if you can instil into the minds of the boys the duty of looking up and writing to their “elder brothers”—not too often, but sufficiently often to recall their thoughts to Alma Mater and the dear old chapter-hall—that this difficulty will be largely overcome, and our alumni will soon be seen as a noble army of active workers for Phi Delta Theta’s success and glory.

Yours in the bond, \* \* \*

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\* Extracts from a personal letter.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WELL, here we are after a very long absence, and what an array of periodicals not yet commented upon! The *Beta Theta Pi* (now a monthly), of October to January inclusive, the *Crescent*, from No. 1 to No. 5, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, and the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*. Then the quarterlies—the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* (Nos. 1 and 2), the *Chi Phi Quarterly* (No. 1), the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* (November and February), the *A T Ω Palm* (September), the *Sigma Chi* (December), the *Sigma Nu Delta* (December and March) the *Purple and Gold* (Nos. 1 and 2), and last, that charming quartet—the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, the *Golden Key*, and *The Arrow*.

Chivalry demands that the last shall be first in order of review. The *Arrow* is a very neat little quarterly, in its second volume, the official organ of the *I. C. Sorosis*. The *I. C.* is a dangerous Order, as a careful perusal of the rhymed version of her founding will demonstrate:

Would you like to know the story  
Of the founding of *I. C.* ?  
Then listen closely to this song,  
Of how it came to be.  
While walking in the garden,  
Before the sun was up,  
A maid found Cupid sleeping there,  
Within a lily's cup.

She knew 'twas Cupid by the bow  
And arrow by his side,  
And as she closed the leaves so white  
His eyes he opened wide.  
And quickly then he promised,  
If she would let him go,  
An arrow he would give to her,  
Its secrets she should know.

To make it speed the faster,  
And touch a heart if cold,  
He made this little arrow  
All out of shining gold.  
He put two letters on it,  
One on either hand,  
"Infantes Cupidonis" are  
The words for which they stand.

To show that he had yielded  
Unto this maiden's power,  
He hung a tiny chain across  
To remind us of that hour.

Then is it any wonder  
 We're happy as can be,  
 When Cupid was the founder  
 Of our dear old I. C. ?

The deep designs of the Order are not the creatures of mere theorizing. A very striking illustration is this extract from Miss Lulu Ambler's report of the chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University, where also our Iowa Alpha is situated :

"One of our '85 girls has been one of two to tie the mystic knot of matrimony—it was her Arrow that did it, for it pierced the shield of a Phi Delta Theta, who fell a willing victim "

This, no doubt, was the result of the entertainment thus referred to :

"The Phi Delta Theta's gave an elegant banquet during Commencement, nineteen of the thirty ladies present being I. C.s. The evening was one of the most enjoyable and one ever to be remembered. The gentlemen spared nothing in making it a perfect success."

In truth, we tremble for the safety of our Iowa brethren. Those arrows seem to strike home, and we fear there are many victims.

THE PORTRAITURE OF WOMEN IN POETRY is well written, but what justification there is for remarks in a fraternity journal on THE PRACTICAL USE OF SPIDERS, we have as yet failed to discover. Possibly the spider is valuable for his suggestions. He spins his web and has numerous diabolic designs for entrapping happy-go-lucky flies, and mayhap the web method is offered as superior to the Parthian shaft idea, but we can hardly believe that of the "Infantes Cupidonis."

The account of the Convention at Lawrence, Kansas, is highly inspiring. At the banquet  $B \ominus II$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$  did the honors, and the girls separated at a late hour, "all voting it a perfectly jolly evening."

We are led to the conclusion that the I. C. Sorosis is a flourishing Order, and its journal is most assuredly a credit to it.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* is a little more sombre and dignified.

OUR JOURNAL discusses ably the question of purely literary efforts in fraternity journalism.

Our own views could not be more tersely expressed than the following words :

"I notice in reading the Chapter Correspondence in the last issue, that Iota thought the journal ought not to attempt becoming a literary organ. In a certain way I have great sympathy with that opinion. It brings us down to the question—what is the object of this journal, and how is that object to be attained?

"To the first we have the familiar answers : Mutual acquaintance, mutual interests, mutual improvement. Regard part of

the journal as a literary organ, in the sense in which I suppose the expression was used, and we might have readable articles on various subjects, from the connection between Russian and Sanscrit to a dissertation on drainage; articles good for the writer to write, as interesting as the general run of college essays, and well enough written to make the chapter represented justly proud of its members.

"But probably no one will suppose that the members of *K A Θ* need the journal as a means of improvement in writing. As students in college they all have ample opportunity for such work in their regular collegiate course, in the college papers where such articles are expected, in the literary societies expressly for such purposes, and in the ordinary society work carried on by each chapter.

"Nor will one suppose that the journal is meant to improve the minds of the society in general by a series of such articles. The magazines of the day are too plenty in our colleges for that.

"The object of the journal is to bring all the chapters closer together—to give us common aims. Every article should be one to be read with interest by all. What will interest all is what we know to be occupying the attention of a sister chapter. We all have sufficient sympathy and friendly feeling to make her interests ours. One chapter, through a variety of circumstances, may be especially engaged in some one subject. It may be connected with society matters, it may be a popular question, it may be some theory debated in chapter meetings or discussed in the college. Write about it. Say that it is of importance to you, that you Theta girls are thinking of it, and the other chapters reading it will at once gain some idea of your chapter, of you girls, and of your ways of thinking, and perhaps find a new topic of thought. In such a way as this there might even arise a question of such importance to all, that all our chapters would be thinking and talking of the same subject. There is something pleasant about that. It would be like an electric current."

Such a policy is far better than that of printing essays on WASHINGTON AND LONDON, THE WOMEN OF SHAKESPEARE, and the like.

The bright little *Anchora* of Delta Gamma frightens us with its familiar legend, "The Union of Souls is an Anchor in Storms." We look on page 95, and—we felt it—we find that a Phi of Wisconsin Alpha was "anchored" by a Delta Gamma, on January 12, 1886. For all practical purposes the anchor seems as efficacious as the arrow.

We didn't mind that. But we do protest against the extravagant use made of the old "sea" metaphor by "Lambda."

Lambda is very brave. She lives in Minneapolis. "The winds may beat upon Lambda's sails and waves may dash over them, but never fear, sisters, Lambda is a sturdy, well built vessel, able,



we believe, to plough her way through storms, and destined, we hope, to pursue her onward course until, with her sisters, she casts her trusty anchor in that beautiful harbor where the voyage of this life is completed." We would like to take Lambda out in a cat-boat on Long Island Sound. We are sure she is very courageous, but we hope she won't reach the beautiful harbor just yet.

Notwithstanding these briny allusions, the *Anchora* is a well edited exponent of Delta Gamma thoughts.

We positively tremble when we must take the *Golden Key* in hand. We resemble those happy gentlemen who also tremble in their proverbial struggle with the door-key in the "wee sma' hours."

What can we say to escape the caustic and—even though she forbids it—the fair editress?

She threatens to hail us as gentle youth, fair sir, or pretty Mr. Editor, but we can address her only as fair editress. We can't call her journal names—that would be bad form. We can't praise highly, for her keenness would discover flattery. We must speak the truth—a strange experience, but we will try our utmost. She will bear with us if at first, &c., for we shall try, try again.

In the number before us (December, 1885) the chapter letters are concise—a merit which seems characteristic of the *Key*. EPICURES is rythmical, but out of place. EDITORIAL STANZAS are clever, and EXCHANGES is the department *par excellence*, and truly brilliant.

We have been wondering how the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* man and Mr. Fisher lived through the terrible ordeal of the severely sarcastic rebuke administered to them.

EXCHANGES and CHAPTER LETTERS are the main features of the *Key*. We hope we haven't said too much. We shall be obliged if the *Key* girl will "go it light" on us, as our health is delicate.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* has improved materially under the new management. The first number of volume 11 opens with a thoughtful article on THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY, delivered at the last convention. In the chapter letters little reference is made to other fraternities, and the letters are better arranged and written than heretofore.

In CHI PHI CHAKET the question is asked, "What has become of that fond desire to be a 'National' fraternity which so crazed some of the Greeks not long since?" If we are classed with those "some," we might remark that "the fond desire" is rapidly ripening into a reality. That is distinctly and unequivocally our policy. Nor has the reorganization of our old chapter at the University of California been a slow step in that direction.

The kindly, good-natured *Palm* has only visited us once, and that was last September. As customary, much space is devoted

to other fraternities and judicious clipping. Its editorials are strong and its comments on exchanges tolerant. We should be delighted to see more of the *Palm* than we do.

Sigma Nu is as yet a young order, and the *Sigma Nu Delta* has not made a very important place for itself. It is improving steadily, and no doubt as the fraternity advances will advance with it. Each number usually contains one or two eminently appropriate and one or two eminently inappropriate articles.

DE FRATERNITATE is worthy of notice, and A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FRATERNITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA is very interesting. Such essays as that on JAMES FENNIMORE COOPER are, of course, *malapropos* in a fraternity journal.

Occasionally the reporters wax eloquent, as this burst of brilliant metaphor may attest: "It is our aim to make Sigma Nu a star of sparkling lustre, shooting forth its silvery rays through the mist of obscurity which has kept our way and future results darkened." We think this equals the *Anchora* one about the storms.

The *Sigma Chi* has been dilatory. The December number is the only one we have received, and that came behind time. SOME CHAPTER HISTORIES, extracts from the manuscript of the forthcoming catalogue, are interesting and statistical. The chapter letters are, at times, humorous. "We were rather surprised," observes the Dickinson correspondent, "to find that the last-named [ $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ] had taken in so few men this year, for it seems to be a characteristic of them to excel in numbers. We have determined to be careful in the choice of our members, and quality, not quantity, will be our motto." We were not at all surprised to notice in the same report that "towards the end of last year there was reason to think that she [Omicron chapter of  $\Sigma X$ ] would soon die out."

Perhaps the Omicron was not seriously troubled with this danger of quantity against which she inveighs.

The Illinois Wesleyan correspondent is delightfully frank. "We have," writes he, "the smallest membership of any fraternity here. Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta each have about eighteen. We only have thirteen, and we do not care for more, unless they be of an extra quality. Though only two and a half years old, I can frankly say, with an impartial spirit, that our chapter is superior to that of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which has been established seven years." For ingeniousness and consistency, commend us to a chapter correspondent of the *Sigma Chi*.

The correspondence is offset by the editorials, which are usually well written when on *Sigma Chi* topics.

The *Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi is typographically very attractive. "Old Union in the '40's" is entertaining in its description of a college town of ye olden days.

The instructions to correspondents are concise, and show what

is requisite in the truly interesting chapter report, and the editorials are excellent.

The letters are, for the most part, creditable to the chapters and reporters. One insinuation we must repudiate. In writing of the annual inter-fraternity hop at the University of Wisconsin, Phi Delta Theta is spoken of as "being excluded on general principles." This exclusion (?)—so-called—is notoriously unjustifiable, and is owing to the fact that Wisconsin Alpha has claimed her right to the date of 1859 and the corresponding rank in the annuals. In direct violation of fraternity precedent she has been deprived of that right, and has had the strength and grit to defend it.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for November contains the oration delivered before the convention by the Rev. Orrin P. Gifford. This is an able address and well worth reading. It is impossible to pick portions from it for quotation to do justice to its literary excellence. The chapter reports and fraternity news fill the rest of this number.

The February number contains an account of How J. and I. Outwitted the Freshman. At what place and for what reason we are left to imagine. Following a brief review of *LE CHANSON DE ROLAND*, we find a pathetic song in two verses, in which the writer bewails the extravagances of youth, and avows what course he would take if he hadn't raised "Old Harry." Chapter reports, good-natured Greek gossip, with an additional pun on Sigma Nu, and numerous snaps at *Ψ T*, and occasionally *Δ K E*, follow, and the number closes with an article descriptive of a Pan-Hellenic ball, and bewails the "Might have been."

All the Greek journals are put to flight by the little coquette in blue, the *Δ Γ Anchora*, which the *Quarterly* had taken under its wing in its infancy and which now for some unaccountable reason turns and shows base ingratitude (?).

The *Kappa Alpha Journal* joined the monthly magazines last October. Since then its regularity has augured well for the success which we among others wish for it. It is conducted on the principle of a semi-literary journal, and following that principle publishes two or three articles in each number, which, as we think, should have no place in a fraternity organ. Who wants to read seventeen pages on *POETRY*, no matter how well written? Have not the members of *Kappa Alpha* access to enough purely literary matter without such articles in their fraternity journals?

The exchange department is the best feature of the *Journal*. News of other fraternities is very full, and occasional clippings are well selected.

We should, however, advise our young friend to use care in the publication of its Hellenic news. The first observation made on us runs as follows :

"Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon continue to initiate all the college professors who are kind enough to humor them in their ridiculous fancy. It is becoming almost impossible to separate the honorary from the collegiate members in some fraternities. Alpha Tau Omega allows each chapter to initiate one 'big man' a year. Some fraternities, however, need 'big guns' with which to defend themselves. They are not able to stand alone, but must be bolstered up by outside help."

This is based on the fact of the initiation of two instructors at the University of the South.

In institutions of this kind, where the relation between student and professor is entirely different from that in large colleges or universities, the professors of their own wish—and if acceptable to the chapter—join the ranks of active membership, and are not honorary members. The generalization as to the difficulty of distinguishing collegiate from honorary members is, of course, amusing. True, Phi Delta Theta "cannot stand alone." If she keeps on at the rate of two professors a year she will be magnificently "bolstered up."

This, however, is serious :

"Phi Delta Theta, in following the phantom of northern extension, has neglected her southern interests, which are at this juncture clearly in the wane. The chapters at Randolph-Macon, Wofford and the V. M. I. are dead, the one at Richmond College is *in articulo mortis*, while the chapter at the South Carolina College is far inferior to most of the chapters at that institution. The chapters at Vanderbilt University, Emory College, and the University of Alabama constitute the back-bone of Phi Delta Theta influence in the South, though even at the last-named institution the southern characteristic of Phi Delta Theta of preferring quantity to quality seems to prevail to too great an extent to give the chapter the influence it should wield. The other chapters are generally full ones, but heterogenous in composition and weak in local influence."

To begin, the Randolph-Macon and Wofford chapters have not been depended upon by us for some time, and anti-Greek laws have been enacted at V. M. I. The chapter at Richmond needs no praise from us. This year, by the graduation of a large number of members and the failure to return of others, the membership is small—an accident that has happened to the best of chapters. The insinuation as to S. C. Beta is best dispelled by the *Journal* itself. It says :

"In our editorial notice of *Phi Delta Theta* in last issue we stated that the chapter at South Carolina College was far inferior to most of the chapters at that institution. We are unwilling to do any one an injustice, and it gives us pleasure to state that the information upon which the above statement was based was, to

that extent, erroneous. We are glad to have learned recently, from Mr. Lewis W. Parker, South Carolina College, that *Phi Delta Theta* ranks exceedingly high at that institution."

As to our other chapters in the South, it is unnecessary for us to defend them against the charge of heterogeneity. We have noticed frequently that when our exchanges charge us with chapters of that kind that those chapters are "full ones." It is a curious coincidence that every prosperous chapter is, in the eyes of our exchanges, "too large." As to the phantom of Northern extension, it seems hardly worth while to discuss the subject. If *K A* will send a representative North, we will take pleasure in showing him a few of the phantom chapters. Some of these ghostly figures are fairly healthy and lively. We never took them for phantoms till the *Journal* told us so.

Notwithstanding these occasional lapses, the *Journal* is ably conducted.

The *Crescent of Delta Tau Delta* is characteristic for its excellent news of the Greek world, its terse editorials, and its poor chapter-letters. The January number is mainly taken up with clippings from the *Anchora*, *Shield*, *SCROLL*, and *New York Times*. GOOD-NIGHT AND JOY BE WITH YOU ALL is as good a fraternity song as we have read in some time. The ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION (November) is brief and wholesome. The chapter correspondence is usually weak, and needs much improvement.

The *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* has struggled bravely from the typographical standpoint, and under the management of the Kansas Alpha chapter is improving. Its pages are devoted, for the most part, to its own news and to discussions of Phi Kappa Psi questions. A very sensible editorial on the subject of extension observes: "If the policy suits Phi Delta Theta, the rest of us cannot complain. Their business is their business. This is the day of extension and growth."

With more care in the arrangement and mechanical work the *Shield* will be entitled to hold a good rank in fraternity journalism.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* and the *Beta Theta Pi* will be reviewed in No. 7. The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly*, *Zeta Psi Quarterly*, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, and the *Star and Crescent* have not been received by us.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS IN CHAPTERS.

*From the Sigma Chi.*

THE question of the financial conduct of chapters has not received the attention and study that it deserves. The members have been absorbed in discussions of the apparently weightier matters of the fraternity, and have endeavored to promote its advancement and enjoyment through other channels. Outside

of the chapter meetings it has not received the notice or prominence which is deserving of the dignity of discussion. It has generally assumed this abbreviated and sharp expression : "You owe so much, please pay at once." (We are referring to individual chapters). The form of having a treasurer is gone through with, and he collects the assessments, pays the bills, and closes the accounts with, "spent it all." If one should endeavor to find how much had been paid for the chapter house, general fraternity expenses, for the magazine, for furniture, running expenses and banquets, he would in all probability find the items of expenses and disbursements so thoroughly mixed that it would require a professional bookkeeper to solve the problem.

Where there is carelessness in keeping accounts, one will find general neglect in collecting money and paying bills. Individuals and chapters will be in debt, and when the thumb-screws of authority are put on there will be general dissatisfaction, and to raise the amount of indebtedness will require heroic and sometimes painful measures. There is no reason for having any such experience if proper care and attention is given to the finances of the individual. I say of the individual, for in matters of this kind one deals with units, or a person at a time. When each member has done his part, there is no question of a chapter's insolvency. If there is any deficiency it occurs through the negligence of the treasurer or the indifference of one or two members of the chapter whose resources have been diminished by needless and thoughtless expenditures. There are persons, it would seem, whose conduct of their money affairs would indicate a sort of financial obliquity. They can scarcely get a dollar without wasting it or spending it foolishly. There is a noted author who has written some excellent books, and some of his descriptions are worthy to be named with the modern classics, whose financial obliquity was something marvelous. He was a man of family, and had barely enough to eat or drink, let alone indulging in luxuries. One day, he saw a beautiful horse. It was such a fine trotter, and so perfect, as horses always are which are offered for sale. He inquired the price, and without further parley bought the animal—on trust. How that poor family suffered to pay for that horse, until the original owner, weary of waiting and "dunning," took him back at a greatly reduced price. There are persons, too, who have a grammatical obliquity, who cannot speak or write a sentence without committing some grammatical blunder. It would be charitable, no doubt, to think these bad qualities are inherited, and, therefore, excusable. If there were no means of remedy at hand it would be pardonable; but with all the modern advantages of books innumerable on these subjects, of newspapers, magazines and teachers, it would seem almost a sin and crime against oneself not to be able to cast up one's own



account correctly, as it is not to be able to deliver a correct English sentence.

In the matter of financial accounts there are two elements required—*system* and *carefulness*. One is dependent on the other. One may possess a perfect system, but unless care and attention are given to the items and units, it will avail nothing. No business man should ever expect success until he has mastered the principles of book-keeping. The principles for classifying and arranging accounts in books are so few that one can easily master them in a comparatively short time. A college man should make sure of this one accomplishment, even at the expense of Greek or Latin.

The position of treasurer is one of the most important in society. The first essential characteristic of a treasurer is honesty. If he borrows from his friend and classmate and says he will repay on such a day, and does not, and offers no excuse or explanation, there is "one nail in his coffin" sure.

The treasurer should never pay out money without a proper voucher, duly authorized by the society or power that created him. All vouchers should be certified to by the president and secretary, and should be carefully preserved,—at least until he has made his final report and his successor is appointed. A receipt should be given by the treasurer for all money received, stating from whom, the amount, and the purpose. In this manner, in case of error or dispute, the mistake may be found and corrected.

Before giving a form and method for keeping the chapter books, I wish to call attention to another point, which is too often overlooked as something of no great importance. It is the matter of auditing the treasurer's accounts. No one should accept the office of treasurer unless he can have his books and money verified by an auditor, or an examining committee. Far from casting any reflection on his integrity, it rather increases confidence in him to insist on having his accounts examined. He should never turn over the books and papers to his successor until he is fully and honorably discharged, and his accounts are properly attested by the auditor.

The books recommended to be used by the chapter are as follows :

1. Cash-book, with debit account on one and credit account on the opposite page. Nothing but cash items should go into the book. All cash received should be placed on the debit side, stating "To" whose credit or fund it is to be credited. All cash paid out should go on the credit side, stating the account and for what the money is paid.

2. A Journal, in which all accounts not strictly cash should be kept. For instance, a transcript of the secretary's minutes which relate to the appropriation of certain moneys, or resolutions which

are passed affecting the conduct of the treasurer; bills receivable and payable; and sundry accounts which should be journalized in order to post them into the ledger.

3. A Ledger, in which are posted the cash and journal items. There should be a page given to each member of the chapter; a page given for each of the following accounts: fuel and light, rent, library, chapter-house, magazine, Grand Treasurer, catalogue, history account, etc. In this way, by turning to the ledger account of any fund, one can tell the exact condition of it. The money given for any particular fund should never be used for any purpose other than the one to which it belongs. It would be a gross dereliction of duty for a treasurer to assume to appropriate money from one fund to apply on another, unless suitable action had been taken by the chapter directing him to do so. A set of books, such as is recommended, is inexpensive, and when properly kept, will give an exact history of the financial growth and development of the chapter, its resources and liabilities.

In order that each one may know how much his share or assessment will be per month, the officers of the chapter should arrange an appropriation bill or list of expenditures which will be necessary to be paid during the year. This list should be brought before the chapter and its vote passed on each item. The treasurer will then know just how much money he will have to raise, and it will then be an easy matter for him to adjust an assessment on the members. The assessment will of course vary, according to the number of men in the chapter, and the new appropriations which will be made during the year, and which were not included in the original financial budget. If there are new members, they will be assessed their share at the beginning of the month following their entrance to the chapter. The assessment should be made out and paid promptly, *in advance*. It is the custom of some people never to pay for anything unless they are requested to do so. It is a selfish and unprofitable habit, and should be avoided, and an effort made to correct it. Go to the one who receives the money and tender your dues, and do not allow him to be embarrassed by "dunning" you for them. The treasurer has quite enough to do without being obliged to run after the members to make them pay. If there is a disposition on the part of some one to be slow and careless in the payment of dues, it might be corrected by adopting a system of fines, such as increasing the dues 25 per cent. if they are not paid on time. Make the dues payable on the first of each month, and if they are not paid within five days after that date, impose the fine. Another way, and one perhaps as good, if not better, is to add 25 per cent. to the original appropriation, and if the assessment is paid before the fifth of each month, in advance, deduct 25 per cent. from the amount, otherwise collect the full amount. In this manner it will



be an object to be prompt, and those who adhere to the rule will be properly rewarded.

The matter of debt has been mentioned. Its pernicious influence is so demoralizing to the growth and welfare of the chapter, as well as to the individual, that I cannot let the opportunity pass without one more word of comment. It is claimed by some persons that they never saved money or property till they went in debt for it,—that it compelled them to work. If a man wants to enter a tread-mill of this kind and be whipped up every few months or weeks by creditors, he should run in debt. He must take all the chances—sickness, fluctuations of trade, financial depression, robbery, fire and death—all of these or any one of them may sweep in and destroy hope and make him a bankrupt. Do you say that it is safe to go in debt then, when by careful industry and strict integrity you can accomplish a happier end? Surely not. The idea of debt is a deception, especially to the debtor. It is received as a sweet morsel under the tongue, but how often does it turn to gall and wormwood. In the larger transactions of life the system of credit is necessary. It is based on confidence, and is the result of long and tried experience. The business of a college student does not need it. No one in college should attempt it unless through absolute necessity. If you do borrow, be prompt to pay. Remember the little financial obligations to discharge them. It will help you to discharge the larger ones. It is related of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas that, before going into battle, it was his custom to go among his men inspecting their fire-arms and equipments, and giving them words of advice. The smallest detail did not escape his notice. One of his artillery men has told how he examined every strap and buckle, and once he gave instructions “to keep everything in order; the fate of a battle may turn on a buckle or a linch-pin.” The habits formed by a young man in college will in a large measure determine his success in life. It is seldom that really great events disturb the serenity of a college life. They are the little things that spring up and adjust themselves according to the wisdom and judgment exercised in directing them. Protecting one’s financial credit and integrity should be the aim of every student, both in college and in the world. Looking back over your short experience in college life, the real accomplishments you have acquired have come through hard work. Others may not know it or credit it, but you know how you worked and what it all cost. The same will be true in life. The prizes won in life are the result of labor, of thought and action crystalized. There is no luck, except it be bought with labor. The most humble disciple of chance must follow the Biblical injunction: “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.”

## EDITORIAL.

THE question has been much discussed by members of all Greek orders, as to what the true fraternity journal should be. We have watched the criticisms and noted the different views both within and without our own fraternity, and we have definitely reached conclusions which we think will be those of the majority of Phi Delta Theta.

A fraternity journal, as we hold, should be devoted to fraternity topics exclusively. First and foremost should be the chapter news. Our experiment of summarizing reporters' letters convinced us of that very decidedly. Discussions of chapter life, fraternity management, short stories, songs and observations pertinent to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  interests should supplement the news department, and then, if space allows, reviews of exchanges or Greek world items. This is the clearly determined policy of the SCROLL, and where our friends observe that the SCROLL is interesting mainly to Phi Delta Theta, they are paying us the compliment we prize most. Of course if it were possible we should devote more pages to other fraternities; for every Phi should be a well informed fraternity man, but when we are pressed, we never fail to give Phi subjects the preference over anything else.

This is our view of a fraternity journal.

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THE review of the fraternity journals commenced in this number will be completed in No. 7. The article on FINANCIAL MATTERS IN CHAPTERS clipped by us is well worth a careful reading. It is an excellent survey of a subject highly important to chapter welfare, but one that has absorbed very little attention.

Mr. Elliot, the author, is perhaps a little too exact, but the necessity for a systematized management of money matters is unfortunately not sufficiently recognized.

Our chapter treasurers will find some good suggestions on the question of chapter finances.

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\* A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know why our editorials are so brief. They are designedly so. What we find necessary to say can be said concisely, and we have always believed that short editorials are surer to be read and remembered, when long ones

may not be. As a certain New York editor would say, short editorials are the equals of long editorials, only they are much superior to them.

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Our extension policy seems to bother some of our contemporaries. Brother Bassett, in the February SCROLL, well outlined it. If repetition is necessary, we might say that Phi Delta Theta is striving to build up a national order, and will take such steps as may best accomplish that end.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

### FROM THE EDITORS.

OCCASIONALLY reporters will be very unfortunate in sending reports just too late for a number and too early for the next. A report that might have been interesting in February might need rewriting for March. No fault has been found by us, and unless we inform reporters to that effect, they may be assured that the only cause of non publication was the late date of receiving reports.

Reports for April should be sent immediately. Our February number put us a little behind, and we are trying to regain lost time.

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### FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Correspondents will please forward all payments of SCROLL taxes and individual subscriptions to the business manager. addressed "P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.," and make all P. O. money orders, checks, drafts, etc., payable to "order of E. H. L. Randolph." The business department of the SCROLL is concerned merely with the financial management and the distribution of the SCROLLS after printed. In regard to either of these matters communicate with the business manager direct at the address above given. Otherwise prompt attention cannot be guaranteed. I cannot refrain from adding that the many kind expressions and attentions have served in great measure to lighten the burden of my continued illness, and are but another evidence of that true fraternity which is the not vain boast of  
 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

WE open our term with our ranks refilled by those of our numbers who have been teaching during the winter.

Our delegates to the Province Convention returned filled with the true spirit of Phi, overflowing with enthusiasm and deeply impressed with the results of this our first convention.

Our outlook for new men is very favorable, and our "spikers" are armed and in the field ready for the coming conflict.

Brother Beverage, '87, who has been away for the last two terms, will be with us again.

March 16, 1886.

GEO. E. GOOGINS.

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

THE Nu chapter of  $\Delta K E$  has sent a committee to your late Reporter requesting a retraction of two charges which appeared in the January SCROLL, viz.: that the withdrawal of their representatives from the Microcosm Board was unauthorized, and that this action was privately opposed by some members.

As regards the first, although it was generally believed that the charge was true and circumstances so led me to think, yet as they affirm such is not the fact, I hereby withdraw what I have said. As regards the second charge, I cannot as yet do likewise. To disprove information the origin of which is clear and unequivocal I must receive more than a mere assurance to the contrary.

ALBERT SHIELS.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Our delegates returned from the Province Convention with the determination to do more vigorous work in the future, and with the sincere conviction that Phi Delta Theta is to be the fraternity of the future.

We have increased our chapter property by the purchase of a handsome book-case. Brother Carey, '86, is in the West acting as salesman for a well known Eastern manufacturing company; will return, however, to take his examination and to graduate.

Brother Jadwin, '88, is no longer with us. He received an appointment to West Point, which he accepted, to our sincere regret. The best wishes of Pa. Alpha go with him.

We have initiated two more men from '89, whose names will be found in the list of initiates.

So the good work goes on.

March 15, 1886.

HARRY L. MOORE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

It was with regret that Pennsylvania Beta could send but one delegate to the Alpha Province Convention. Our duties were such that we could not have a larger representation.

The report of our delegate, brother Charles T. Aikens, has fanned anew the sparks of our love and ardor for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Certainly the convention was in all respects a success; and we have good reason to congratulate ourselves as Phis.

Since my last report we have added another name to our roll, and in brother Miller we now have a representative in the Preparatory Department.

On the evening of the 22d of February, the Phrenakosmian Literary Society celebrated her "biennial exercises." The exercises consisted of six orations, interspersed with appropriate music. Of the six speakers,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had three, namely, brothers H. H. Rouzer, T. B. Seigle, and your Reporter.

March 3, 1886.

T. L. CROUSE.

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

The work of Alpha Province Convention has roused up our isolated chapter to a greater interest than ever in our great Brotherhood. As a chapter we were never before in better working trim. Our membership is twenty-three (23), a greater number than at any time since our founding ten years ago, and there may be several accessions before commencement.

March 13, Charles Wherry Hays, '88, a brother of Walter G. Hays, whose initiation was reported in last SCROLL, joined our ranks. These gentlemen are sons of Rev. Dr. George P. Hays, formerly President of Washington and Jefferson, and late Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America.

The management of the *Washington Jeffersonian* was recently placed in the hands of the literary societies. At the first election for constituting the editorial force, brother Henry T. Stewart, '87, was elected local editor by the Philo and Union Society. His election was a veritable Waterloo over his competitor.

All interest is now centering in the sixteenth annual contest between the literary societies March 24. Brother W. A. Kinter is the orator of the Franklin and Washington Society. For the last three contests Phi Delta Theta has had the successful orator, and it is our hope that the line of succession will not be broken this

time. The alumni Phis of Pittsburgh and Allegheny are coming over in full force contest night. We are making preparations to receive them, perhaps, in the form of a reunion, with the inevitable banquet.

"And brother, had you known our hall within."

At all events we will see to it that the old boys taste once again of the sweets of fraternal life.

We would like to complete our files of the SCROLL. Beginning with volume 6 we can exchange any or all numbers. We want numbers from volume 1 through volume 5.

March 16.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE opening of our new fraternity rooms was the event of the season in fraternity circles at Allegheny. A reception was given the ladies of *K A Θ* and *K K Γ*. Enough can scarcely be said of the beautiful appearance of the rooms, made particularly attractive and cheerful by the presence of about forty happy "Greeks." Those who have seen the other fraternity halls of the college pronounce Phi Delta Theta's the finest in the city.

The early part of the evening was spent in social chat and in singing Phi and Kappa songs, much to the amusement of all. The Kappa's musical talent added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Refreshments were served by Cary, one of Meadville's most popular caterers. Taken all in all, the occasion may well be remembered as marking an epoch in the history of Penna Delta. Brother Case, '83, was present.

Brothers Wells and Murray gave glowing reports of the convention of Alpha Province.

Brothers Kerr and Murray have been sick for several days, but are now improving and hope to be in college in a few days.

March 15, 1886.

C. P. LYNCH.

Brother Lynch was the successful competitor in the oration contest of Philo Franklin Literary Society on Friday evening, the 12th.

#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

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

OUR impatience occasioned by the late appearance of the February SCROLL, was equalled only by the joyous emotions produced on reading its contents. We congratulate the Alpha chapters of New York, California and Massachusetts, upon their accession to our noble and beloved fraternity, and extend to them the right hand of fellowship and fidelity.

We have lately lost two good Phis, brothers Humphries and Reynolds, by their withdrawal from the university. Brother Reynolds withdrew to go into business, and brother Humphries on account of his health. Brothers Arnold and Reed were recently elected Spring Debaters in the Phi Kappa Literary Society. We have now two representatives on the staff of the *Reporter*, the journal of the university. We have been represented on the staff since the beginning of the session. Several of our men hold important class offices, and others occupy prominent positions in the University Athletic Association.

The class of '86 will probably visit Luray Caverns in Virginia, about the first of May.

We had an exceedingly pleasant visit from brother S. P. Gilbert, our Providence President, the first week in February.

March 18, 1886.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

#### ALABAMA BETA, STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The second term has just begun, with brighter prospects for the college than for several years.

We had initiated eight men up to the beginning of the present term, and on the night of February 13th another worthy man was transported from the darkness of barbarism to the light of Grecian culture upon the "William Goat" of Phi Delta Theta.

Brother B. L. Boykin, '87, Alabama Alpha, has recently withdrawn from the university, and entered this college.

We now number sixteen.

L. W. SPRATLING.

March 1st, 1886.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Our chapter is in a most prosperous condition, and we are still in the "road of success." The thirty-seventh anniversary of the Hermean Society was celebrated on the 26th ult. H. M. Quinn was the anniversarian, and I am happy to say that he acquitted himself with much honor, as well as the Hermean Society, which showed their true appreciation of him by selecting him to fill the highest position that the society can bestow upon any one, and it is with pleasure that I state that the society could have bestowed this honor on no one more deserving or more worthy of it than Mr. H. M. Quinn.

Brother T. W. Yates leaves to-morrow, en route for Birmingham, Ala., at which place he has accepted a lucrative position. Brother Yates has ever been a most zealous and devoted Phi since his connection with us. He has always looked to the interest of Phi Delta Theta in every way, and it is with much regret that we have to part with one who has been with us so long,



and for whom we have the strongest ties of affection. We wish him much success and prosperity at his new home.

Brother J. G. Couillard was compelled to return home on account of illness, though we hope to see him back again at an early day. Brother Couillard is one of our most promising members, and it was with much regret that we bade him "farewell."

Brother C. W. Frazer is still at his home in Memphis, Tenn. He was compelled to return home on account of sickness, and we are expecting him to return to us soon, though as yet he has not entirely recovered. Our number, fourteen, has dwindled to eleven members, still we are not at all discouraged, but are working our best. There is not much "material" to secure this session.

JOHN M. OLIVER.

March 7th, 1886.

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#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

"They kept the even tenor of their way," gives a very full and trustworthy account of the doings of the members of Tennessee Alpha for the past few months.

Intermediate examinations have come and gone, and as usual have left not a few discontented beings behind who are now engaged in bewailing their "rock-bottom" grades. They will nurse their discontent until finally, when if luck and close application favor the studious, all will go well.

Intermediate is a godsend to the boys. It acts as a most powerful stimulant to their lagging efforts, and thus preserves a good average for the ten months.

The beginning of the new term was celebrated by the initiation of four excellent men, all of whom are still living.

Our success in the selection of Phis has been exceptionally fine this scholastic year. Five in the former, four in the latter half. The names of the brethren are: Charles Humphreys Wyche, North Carolina, Theological, '88; Fennel Parrish Turner, Tennessee, A. B., '89; Robert Ernest Crockett, Tennessee, A. B., '87; Pope Taylor, Tennessee, B. S., '89.

Three brethren have lately slipped from the protecting care of our fraternal band, into the comparatively hostile midst of the outer barbarians. They have our good wishes, and will no doubt succeed in their future life, as Tennessee Alpha is just superstitious enough to put faith in the old shoe doctrine. These three wanderers were hit in the back with an old shoe, accompanied by the friendly exhortation of "go it, boots," from the president.

These brethren are: Ira Bowman, M. D., who has not yet selected a place wherein to plant himself; Ralph Worden, Ph G., who will locate in Nevada, Mo., and Will Jack, who has returned to his home in Memphis.



Four of Tennessee Alpha's alumni have lately "trod the planks." That's what it is said they did. It's an idiomatic expression for sailing the briny deep, and has completely usurped the place of the latter expression, in the tourist's language. Brothers Jackson, Palmer and Campbell have returned. Good-pasture is still in Spain.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

March 1, 1886.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The Primary oratorical contest, which has been looked forward to with great interest, was held in the college chapel on the evening of February 3. Phi Delta Theta was represented by two of the four contestants. Brother Page, '86, spoke on *The Spirits of Phillips and Webster*, and brother Thompson, '86, on *Emerson*. Phi Delta Theta secured first and second honors, and the contest was very close and exciting, brother Page winning by one-third per cent. over brother Thompson, the average being respectively 91 5-6 and 91 1-2.

Brother Pixley, '87, has assumed the editorship of the leading weekly paper of the county, *The Akron City Times*. He still pursues his college studies.

Brother I. C. Tomlinson, '80, who has for a long time resided in the city, and who was a member of the Alumni chapter here, has gone to Tuft's Divinity School to study for the ministry.

On the evening of February 12, brother H. A. Keeley, '79, of the Cleveland bar, delivered one of the most interesting lectures of this year's course. His subject was *Pompeii*.

For representing the senior class at the Commencement in June, the Faculty chose five, of which two are Phis, Brothers Thompson and Page.

Ohio Epsilon has enjoyed two recent visits from brother A. A. Stearns, '79, of the G. C.

Brother Oliver M. Pleasants, formerly of '87, paid us a visit about the 18th.

Brother F. N. Slade, '87, visited us on his way to New York City, where he expects to remain for some time.

Brother J. H. Aydelott, '80, is teaching in California, near San Francisco.

Fraternalities here are as follows:

$\Delta T \Delta$ —'86, 2; '87, 3; '88, 1; '89, 1—7.

Lone Star (local)—'86, 1; '87, 3; '88, 2; '89, 1—7.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —'86, 4; '87, 5; '88, 0; '89, 1; '90, 1—11.

$K K \Gamma$ —'86, 4; '87, 1; '88, 5; '89, 3; unclassified, 2—15.

$\Delta \Gamma$ —'86, 0; '87, 4; '88, 0; '89, 3; '90, 1; '91, 1; unclassified 3—12

March 4, 1886.

A. A. KOHLER.

P. S.—March 6, '86.—This morning, at two o'clock, Akron saw the worst fire ever known in her history. Ferdinand Schumacher's great oat meal mills, with the exception of one, together with his beautiful and costly office, burned to the ground. Ohio Epsilon's beautiful hall was in this office. We always boasted of having one of the finest halls in the fraternity, but now it is no more. By the hard work and sacrifice of our boys, and by the kindness of a few other fellow Greeks, all our valuables, including carpet and furniture, were saved. Although we can never expect to have as beautiful a room as that one was, yet we shall get the best we can, and move in by the next term. A. A. K.

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#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

On the 26th of February the Chamberlain Society elected their representatives to speak in 1887 at the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The *K A's* put up a man—a sophomore—for the much coveted position of first speaker, who, besides an oration, delivers an address to the members of the society.

They confidently expected to elect their man, but brother F. N. Lee, '87, was the winning man.

After the election the Society was invited to an oyster supper at the expense of the successful candidates.

The election in the Demologian Society does not come off until the 7th of May.

The twenty-second celebration, which is the great event of the year after Commencement here, passed off very well this year. The bogus programme contained some very good hits.

In the afternoon the senior class buried Butler's Analogy with imposing ceremonies.

We are happy to see brothers Vaughn and W. E. Knight in Danville occasionally, though it looks as though the latter was making preparations to take away one of our true Phi girls forever.

At the recent examinations not a Phi failed to pass in any study. This cannot be said of any other fraternity in Centre College.

We have been having very regular meetings this year. Some of them very interesting ones.

Brother J. C. Hamilton, who is now at home at Flat Creek, Ky., has the deepest sympathy of the whole chapter in his loss of a brother who, though not a Phi, was a brother of two Phis, and so was almost one of us.

R. S. DAWSON.

March 3, 1886.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

WE have not initiated any men this term yet, because we have twenty-three members already, and also because we do not see any one whom we want. The other fraternities here occasionally take in a new man, but we have nothing to fear from them, for we are so much stronger than they.

Brother Harding, of '87, was appointed a representative in the annual contest between the literary societies on February 22.

Hymen has been doing his work among the alumni of Indiana Beta. Brother Walter C. Sivyver, '83, who is practising law in Dakota, was recently married to Miss Effie Lucas, of Crawfordsville, Indiana. The best wishes of all Phis go with them for a happy and prosperous life.

We notice in the January SCROLL some remarks taken from correspondents to Beta Theta Pi, concerning our chapter here. That article has been read by all of us in their own magazine. We wish merely to defend ourselves and correct some errors.

Both these correspondents have not only used the truth with astonishing economy, but the statements they make are undeniably false. Both of them were laboring under the difficulty of vindicating their chapter in the eyes of their offended and reforming brothers, and were trying to establish a record of superiority by sullyng the good record of another fraternity. One of them says, "Beta Theta Pi is acknowledged to be several lengths in the van of all rivals by the other fraternities." That statement is an unvarnished falsification. I have been in college longer than either of the correspondents; and since I have been here  $B \Theta II$ , is not now, nor never has been, in the van. The average scholarship of their chapter is poor, and all know it. In every class in college our men have a higher standard than they. In the last examination the grades which were highest were carried by our men. I do not want this to be taken on my authority, but the records of the college will show this, and it cannot be denied by any one.

As for Mr. Kieff, whom they call "a man of mature age and judgment" and "their best man," he was expelled from our chapter for "persistent violation of the bond," and was afterwards taken in by the Betas. The whole college knew he had been expelled, and the Betas did not raise themselves in the estimation of the college by this action. The statement of his being "head and shoulders above any  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in his class" is entirely untrue. We have four men in his class, and every one has a higher scholarship than he has.

The words written about us by the correspondent are what we should expect from him. He professes to be a friend of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , but is really a bitter enemy, doing everything in his power to in-

jure us. While we have friends among the Betas we expect nothing but scheming enmity from him.

We have said these things not to injure *B Θ II*, because we do not wish to do it, but to maintain our position, to defend ourselves before the fraternity, and to answer some of the false insinuations of the two correspondents.

Jan. 28, 1886.

JOHN G. LOVELL.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA Zeta still moves grandly onward in spite of a few losses. One of our number, brother Gahring, '87, has gone home to York, Pa., on account of weak eyes, but we expect him back next year.

Probably before this number reaches us we shall be compelled to part with two of our active members in the Law School, viz.: brother Locke, of the Junior Class, whom we hope will return next year, and brother Brown, of the Senior Class. Brother Brown, our jolly, active, earnest, faithful brother, although he has been with us scarcely a year, cannot depart without leaving many friends and a good record behind him.

One of our resident alumni members recently made a bold plunge into matrimony, and the reception the Phi boys and Mrs. Bridge's Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters gave the happy couple in our hall can be mentioned but not described.

We have recently added to our chapter another noble member of '89, brother Allen. Next term we hope to have with us again brother James Kern.

We were pleased to receive calls from our old brothers Bever and Christie.

March 6, 1886.

T. C. HOPKINS.

#### ETA PROVINCE.

##### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING has occurred of late to disturb the equanimity of Missouri Alpha, and we are anxious to have something of unusual interest occur.

On last Saturday morning brother H. R. Williams was presented with the gold medal lately awarded to him in the Junior oratorical contest. The presentation was made by our honored Professor of Physics, Dr. W. B. Smith, who, in most beautiful and elegant language, spoke of Brother Williams' late victory, &c., and then in the name of the literary societies, presented to him the medal.

Brother R. M. Dooley, of the Law Class, has gone to Benkle-

man, Nebraska, for his health, where he will remain until October and then enter the St. Louis Law School.

Brother Geo. W. Coffman, '84, who has been attending the College of Homœopathic Medicine, in Chicago, paid us a short visit a few days ago *en route* for his home at Carrollton.

We hear occasionally of the triumphs of our brothers elsewhere, and one of the most pleasing of these is an honor gained by one of Missouri Alpha's men of last year. Brother J. D. Lewright, who attended our school last year and who is at Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, this year, was awarded first prize in Chemistry, his grade being 98.5, while the grade that gained second prize was 80, and in a contest to which over 200 were eligible and in which 40 competed.

An Inter-Collegiate contest in oratory has been established between the University and Westminster College at Fulton, in which the University is to be represented by four men, two of whom are Phis.

On Saturday night next, the annual Inter-Society contest takes place, and the Phis have two men on, both representing the Union Literary Society.

The  $\Sigma N$  fraternity established a chapter here a few days ago, as I have already reported, with five men, and has now reached the number of ten, and is in a most excellent and prosperous condition.

March 2, 1886.

H. W. CLARK.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE celebration of Charter day was the only thing which broke into the regular university work during last month. The 15th of February was observed by us as a holiday, and in the evening students, faculty and friends of the university met in the chapel to hear short speeches suitable to the occasion.

Brother Frankforter was one of four chosen by the students to represent them. The faculty alumni and first board of regents were also represented, and Prof. Sherman composed a song, and Prof. Edgren a poem for the occasion.

On the 13th of February, we initiated W. L. Stephens, who has been here since the first of this college year. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi at Northwestern University, and as he is a strong fraternity man, but saw no prospect of founding a chapter here, he received an honorable dismissal from his fraternity and joined us, although the Sigma Chis "spiked" him.

Nebraska Alpha feels that Phi Kappa Psi treated brother Stevens' case with great consideration, and we appreciate the spirit which volunteers a "friendly interest" in him after their fraternity tie is severed.

March 3, 1886.

J. R. FOREE.

## INITIATES.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '88. John Campbell, New York, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

- '89. Albert Hunt Welles, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
'89. Harry Smith Robinson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## ALABAMA BETA.

- '87. Burwell Lee Boykin, (by affiliation), Selma, Ala.  
'88. George Fleming Broun, Auburn, Ala.  
'88. Britain Dixon Armstrong, Auburn, Ala.  
'88. Edward Hunter Cobb, Tuskegee, Ala.  
'88. Henry Lee *Broun*, Cartersville, Va.  
'89. Thomas Morgan Watlington, Dayton, Ala.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

- '90. Charles Albert Miller, Shrewsbury, Pa.

## INDIANA BETA.

- Special. Frank Collet Jones, Terre Haute, Ind.  
'90. Edgar Ashby, Ladoga, Ind.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '89 Joseph Allen, Linnedale, Ind.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '89. William Logan Stephens.

## PERSONALS.

MARRIED.—In East Oakland, Cal., at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Melvin (formerly of Springfield, Ill.), Miss Mary Lincoln Melvin, to A. A. Dewing, exchange teller in the Pacific Bank, of San Francisco. Brother Dewing, of Pennsylvania Alpha, '80, is a true and loyal Phi, and was instrumental in re-organizing California Alpha at the beginning of the present year.

Brother Charles S. Melvin, of Pennsylvania Alpha, '82, acted as best man at the wedding, and brothers Harry A. Melvin and George W. Rodolph, California Alpha, '89, were two of the four ushers. It was a brilliant event, the happy couple receiving presents and congratulations from a host of friends. Miss Melvin is well known as the leading soprano in the choir of the Howard Street Presbyterian Church, San Francisco (Dr. Mackenzie's), and possesses a voice of great purity and sweetness. Our best wishes attend them.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

'84. Frank G. Mason is in the custom house.

'85. E. H. L. Randolph is slowly recovering from his late dangerous illness.

'85. Franklin M. Devoe is vice-principal of a large school at Brighton, S. I.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

'85. Charles C. McLaughry, the god-father of Illinois Delta, is now a mechanical engineer in the Joliet rolling mills. He was recently elected adjutant of the Sixth Regiment, I. N. G.

'85. Thomas Broadbent is studying dental surgery in Chicago.

'85. Charles C. George is now a real estate agent at Omaha, Nebraska.

'85. Grant Newell is studying law in Chicago.

'86. Lewis Becker is studying medicine at Michigan University.

'87. Frank B. Bressler is now preparing himself for the medical profession.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

'80. Fred. H. Austin, who has been editor of the DeKalb County *Oracle*, has been appointed special pension examiner, United States Pension Department.

## MAINE ALPHA.

'83. Brother Hinds is teaching at the high school in Belfast, Maine.

'85. Brother Barton is studying law at Haverhill, Mass.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

'85. G. S. Leavenworth has gone to Lincoln, Nebraska, and is engaged in railroad engineering.

'86. H. C. Atwell has recently been appointed private secretary to Congressman Struble of Iowa, with whom he formerly studied law.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

'85. C. A. Durham has lately moved from Charleston, South Carolina, to Athens, Georgia. He is now in the cotton business.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

'71. Ed. K. Lumpkin is a prominent lawyer in Athens, Georgia.

'85. N. B. Jones is practicing law in Athens, Georgia.

'86. B. B. Evans is with the Southern Express Company in Augusta, Georgia.

## GEORGIA BETA.

'75 and '81. C. C. Cody, '75, and Morgan Callaway, Jr., '81, are professors in the Southwestern University of Texas.

'80. J. G. Lee is doing an extensive hardware business at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

'84. C. J. Winn was married, not long since, to Miss Thomas, of Atlanta. He is practicing law at Lawrenceville, Georgia.

'84. R. O. Howard is in the drug business at Columbus, Georgia.

'85. C. P. Marchman, who left college at the end of the junior year, is riding a circuit somewhere in North Georgia.

'85. E. P. Allen is taking a course at Johns Hopkins.

'85. E. P. Burns is connected with the W. and A. R. R. at Atlanta, Georgia.

'85. W. T. Hanson is with the Bibb Manufacturing Company, Macon, Georgia.

'85. J. Hollingsworth is teaching at Belton, Missouri.

'87. T. E. Hollingsworth, of Florida, who "dropped out" a year, has returned, and will graduate with the present junior class.

'89. D. A. Greene, who went through the preparatory department here, has gone to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and entered the Freshman class.

## GEORGIA GAMMA.

'83. E. F. Hinton is practicing law in Americus, Georgia. He is also one of the editors of the *American Recorder*.

'84. W. L. Y. Pickard is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

'84. T. E. Fletcher is merchandizing in Forsyth, Georgia. He was married last November.

'84. E. G. Bassett is farming near Fort Valley, Georgia.

'85. J. R. Hodges is reporter for the *Telegraph and Messenger*, Macon, Georgia.

'85. F. A. Hooper is reading law under Judge Clarke, of Cuthbert, Georgia.

'85. W. T. McKee is farming near Upatoi, Georgia.

## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

'81. James Gimrall is practicing law at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

'82. W. Lock Chew is at the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, and will take his degrees next March. He delivered the annual oration before the Students' Medical Society in March, '85.

'84. J. R. Dominick is at Mass Point, Mississippi.

'84. W. J. Mayo is practicing law at Clarendon, Arkansas.

'87. Berkeley Carter is now at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

'87. L. M. Southworth is a representative of Carroll County, Mississippi, in the State Legislature.



## INDIANA ALPHA.

'31. Judge George A. Bicknell, of New Albany, formerly member of Congress and judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana, has been asked by the board of trustees of Indiana University to fill the position of dean of the law school about to be established here.

'78. We congratulate our talented and popular young friend, Mr. A. G. Foster, on his marriage to Miss Fannie C. Baylor. The wedding took place Wednesday, December 30, at the homestead of the bride's father in Uvalde County. Mrs. Foster is the daughter of General Baylor, formerly of the Baylor Rangers, and niece of Colonel Baylor of Yselta, and is a young lady of most amiable disposition and beauty. The groom is a partner in the well known law firm of Messrs. Bailey, Hunter & Foster, and is a native of Indiana; his father is now located in Louisiana. Mr. Foster is the nephew of the American Minister to Spain, Hon. John W. Foster. May success attend them.—*El Paso, Texas, Bulletin of Jan. 1, '86.*

## MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

- '82. W. B. C. Brown is studying law at Harvard.
- '82. Joseph A. McCoy is studying law at Independence, Mo.
- '82. L. B. Holmes is in business at Portland, Oregon.
- '82. David McClanahan is deputy circuit clerk at Kansas City, Missouri.
- '83. Zachariah Lillard is practicing medicine at Tyler, Texas.
- '84. S. W. Yantis is in business at Buffalo, New York.
- '85. L. J. Mitchell is at Concord, Missouri.
- '85. Albert M. Ott is studying law at the University of Pennsylvania.
- '85. W. W. Southern is editor of the *Independence Progress*, of Independence, Missouri.
- '85. E. F. Holmes is in the internal revenue office at Cairo, Illinois.
- '85. Floyd McChesney is in business at Odessa, Missouri.
- '85. Aaron Yantis is teaching at McKinney, Texas.
- '85. D. P. Bartley is in the Callaway County Savings Bank, Fulton, Missouri.
- '85. Edward Robnett is in business in Fulton, Missouri.
- '85. Nicholas Pemberton is studying law at Fulton, Missouri.
- '88. Brother George F. Burton is teaching school at Strother, Missouri. He will return next year.

## INDIANA DELTA.

'78. D. G. Fenton was married to Miss Anna McKee, of Hanover, Indiana, on December 23, '85. He is President of the Female Seminary at Columbia, Kentucky.

'80. S. E. M. Coulter is an electrician and general manager of the Muncie telephone lines.

'80. H. C. Montgomery is principal of the Seymour high school.

'85. W. C. Covert is attending the Northwestern Theological Seminary, Chicago.

'85. Ed. Johnson graduates from the naval academy this year.

'85. C. A. Swope is stenographer for the Pettibone Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati.

'86. John A. Crowe is in Kansas City, Missouri.

'87. T. E. Shaw is attending Water's Business College, Cincinnati.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON.

'80. W. Amoyl Jones was married to Miss Carrie J. Post, March 10, '86, at Earlville, Ill.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'74. C. A. Atkinson, Ohio Gamma, has recently moved to this city from Jackson, Ohio, and attests his loyalty to Phi Delta Theta by still wearing his old-fashioned pin.

'78. J. S. Bitler, Ohio Beta, is now holding revival meetings in the M. E. Church, and 350 conversions are reported. From here he will go to Omaha.

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## FRATERNITY NEWS.

$\Sigma A E$  recently created a council of five members, to whom is entrusted the entire executive power formerly vested in an undergraduate chapter.

THE next annual convention of  $X \Phi$  will meet in Louisville on the third Wednesday in November, 1886.

THE first convention of the Fourth Province of  $\Sigma X$  was held with the  $Xi$  chapter of De Pauw University, January 29, 1886.

DR. PHILLIPS BROOKS, the rector of Trinity Church, Boston, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$ .

CHI PSI is represented in the present (Forty-ninth) Congress by one Senator and four Representatives.

ONLY four men have been initiated this year by the fraternities at Hanover College.

$\Sigma A E$  has established a chapter at Wofford College.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has revived several of her old Southern chapters. As we never heard of the colleges before, and do not know now where they are situated, we are unable to give particulars to an anxious multitude.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Ever busy *Quarterly*, always ready, even at a great personal in-

convenience, to search for particulars to enlighten an anxious and waiting multitude. Thanks, dear *Quarterly*, but we will put you out of suspense and furnish you on application with all points of information as to location, endowment, number of students, etc., etc., of the colleges you speak of.

It is said that the charter of the Chicago University of  $\Psi T$  has been withdrawn.—*Crescent*.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Zeta Psi have chapters at the University of North Carolina.

NORTHERN KAPPA ALPHA had a chapter at the University of Virginia from 1857 to 1861. The chapter had forty-seven members, and is the only chapter the fraternity has ever had in the South.

CHI PHI has now only six chapters in the South—at Wofford College, University of Virginia, University of Georgia, Emory College, Hampden, Sidney College, and Vanderbilt University.

CHI PSI has chapters in the South at Furman University, South Carolina College, Wofford College, and the University of Mississippi. This fraternity has defunct chapters at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN J. FIELD, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is a  $\Delta T$ .

At Portland, Oregon, a movement started by W. F. Hume ( $B \Theta II$ ), and E. D. Curtis ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ), prominent business men, is on foot to organize the Greeks of the city into a Pan-Hellenic chapter, admitting all Greeks who stand well in the front of life, of whatever fraternity who wish to join it.

$A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $B \Theta II$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ , and  $\Delta K E$  have chapters in Harvard College.

$\Delta \Phi$  recently organized at Johns Hopkins.

DELTA TAU DELTA has three chapters in the South—at the University of Georgia, Emory College, and the University of the South.

THE forty-fifth annual convention of Chi Psi will be held in New York city, April 7th and 8th, 1886.

THE Virginia Military Institute has prohibited secret fraternities.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has established a chapter at Lehigh University. Lehigh has now ten fraternities.

$\Phi K \Psi$  convention will be held at Indianapolis April 7, 1886.

THERE are nine fraternities here [University of Mississippi], besides two of the ladies—namely:  $X \Psi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and  $\Sigma A E$ . Of these, perhaps the best are  $X \Psi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ , and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .—*Purple and Gold*.

IN 1877 Phi Delta Theta made a rather abortive effort to establish, and after initiating six members, returned the charter of Alabama Alpha. There was scarcely a year, however, that there was not a Phi Delta Theta at the University, and in 1881 an effort was made by Alabama Beta to establish a *sub-rosa* chapter, but a panic ensued, and, of the four proposed charter members, one joined Phi Delta Theta at another college, one joined a fraternity at the university, and the other two have been gathered in the band of untutored barbarians. In 1884 the chapter was revived, mainly through the instrumentality of members from Alabama Beta then in the university, and since that time it has flourished, and will compare very favorably with any of her fifty odd sister chapters. In '84 she held first and fourth captains and several lieutenants and non-commissioned officers, and carried off the second prize of the Shakespeare Society of Great Britain. In '85 she still held first and fourth captains, and a fair share of the other officers, and took first and second prizes of the Early English Text Society of Great Britain, and the Carnahan Essay Prize. Suffice it to say, that, since her re-establishment in 1884, Phi Delta Theta has always maintained a high position at the University of Alabama.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

LAMBDA CHAPTER is a source of much grief to us. The University of Virginia is the place for the banner chapter in Virginia. The  $K A$ s rarely meet in session, and we hear that they affiliate more with men of other fraternities than they do with each other. We have written to them several times, but as yet have received no reply.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON is the weakest of all fraternities here [Cornell]. Zeta Psi is growing in numbers and in standing. Beta Theta Pi is trying hard to regain the place which she has been steadily losing for two years. Alpha Delta Phi continues to maintain her numerical strength and popularity. Kappa Alpha is, as usual, resplendent in fine clothes. Chi Psi is doing fairly well, but Phi Kappa Psi gets on but poorly. Theta Delta Chi is one of the popular societies here.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

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#### NOTES.

The minutes of the Alpha Province Convention will be ready in about ten days.

Since "OUR CONTEMPORARIES" went to press, the *Sigma Chi* for February and *A T \Omega Palm* for January have been received.

The following were received too late for classification.

FROM BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

IN looking over the field occupied by Beta Province we find many causes for rejoicing, which, however, will take care of themselves while we turn to those cases which demand prompt action on the part of the fraternity.

In order that we may be the better prepared for a wise course of procedure, I will submit, briefly, a plain statement of facts.

Virginia Gamma has for years merely existed, and at present is composed of a solitary member, who finds little encouragement in the fact that Randolph-Macon is overcrowded with fraternities, good, bad and indifferent.

The same circumstances surround Virginia Delta, except that the chapter consists of two members, and that we have in Richmond a strong alumni, who should see to it that the present condition of things should not be permitted to exist. I know of no finer body of men than the Virginia Alpha alumni, and if they will but make the effort they can save the chapter, to which many of them owe their connection with our order.

The trustees of the Virginia Military Institute having adopted a law that each cadet on entering must pledge himself to join no secret order, our chapter has, in the natural order of events, been reduced to two members, one of whom is an assistant professor. Whether it is wiser to yield the charter and thus cease to exist, or to continue in the hope that the obnoxious rule may be repealed, is a question now under consideration.

While other chapters in Beta Province report progress, it is readily seen that earnest work is necessary. I shall gladly do all in my power, but would be gratified and encouraged if some of the noble men who have helped bear the burdens of days gone by would come again to the front with their hearty assistance. We're men now, weighted with the cares of business and domestic life; but what a wonderful impetus we could give the cause if we would all "turn to" and give the boys a lift.

GEO. WM. CONE, President Beta Province.

Riverton, Va., March 29, 1886.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO DELTA PROVINCE.

THE chapters composing Delta Province are notified that the Convention will be held in Delaware, Ohio, the 13th and 14th of May. The province constitution now provides that each chapter shall be entitled to *two* delegates to this convention, and not one, as formerly. There are eleven chapters in the province, and there should be twenty-two official delegates, as alumni chapters are entitled to equal representation with the others.

Every chapter that has not already attended to this matter should elect *two* delegates and two alternates at once. All brothers in

this province, and all other Phis, are cordially invited to attend this bi-ennial reunion of Delta Province.

W. E. BUNDY, Province Secretary.

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

THE Alpha Province Convention, as may be imagined, was the occasion of great enthusiasm among the boys of New York Gamma. The value of such gatherings in keeping up the Phi spirit cannot be overstated.

The elections of the Senior Class for the last term took place recently. Our chapter has the Chairman of the Class Day Committee, a member of the Commencement Committee, the Prophet and the Orator for Class Day. Brother Shiels has also been elected President of the Phrenocosmian Society.

Province President Worrall frequently brightens our meetings with his presence. The chapter finds this a great honor and privilege.

At our last meeting we initiated Brother Campbell, '88.

To repeat an announcement in our last letter, I would say that we shall be glad to exchange copies of *Microcosm* (to be published in April), with any chapter for its College Annual.

March 23d, 1886.

C. A. DOWNER.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

It is with pleasure that I undertake the duty of writing a report to SCROLL from the lately almost dormant chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. From my doing so I do not wish you to suppose that I have the honor to be the Reporter of Pennsylvania Zeta. But as that worthy functionary is at present buried under an immense number of pressing duties incident to examination time, I have been requested to fulfill his duties for the time being.

Our condition was not over flattering till brother Prince, of Illinois Epsilon, came among us, whose ardor and enthusiasm placed the chapter again on a firm basis. To brother Prince, indeed, is due this honor, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon his untiring efforts in her behalf.

At a meeting of the chapter on March 7th brother Leonard M. Prince spoke earnestly and zealously. His words did not fall on barren soil, for at our next meeting two members were initiated into the fraternity—brothers Andrew Jackson Plumer, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, post-graduate, and Charles McKenzie Hay, Woodstock, N. B., class '88, medical department. Both gentlemen are certain to do honor to old  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Several very desirous names were under consideration, and we hope, in a short time, to number them among our members.

It is always pleasant to record the honors obtained by our men

in college, especially as it is a more or less correct index as to the material of which a chapter is composed. Pennsylvania Zeta has not been wanting in this regard. At our last Commencement brother Chas. S. Potts received Distinguished Merit, and brothers Fred. M. Strouse and A. E. Geissel, Honorable Mention for their graduation theses.

In the competitive examination for resident physicians to the University and Philadelphia Hospitals, brothers A. J. Plumer, Chas. S. Potts and G. M. Guit ras were among the successful candidates. Brother Thos. G. Lee, although still an undergraduate, has been appointed as Assistant Demonstrator to the Professor of Histology, and brother Jos. Otto has been acting during the winter as Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy.

We number, at present, thirteen members, and we hope that by next fall we shall be able to present the fraternity with a chapter in every way worthy of this ancient institution of learning.

March 26, 1886.

G. M. GUITERAS.

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

THE past month has been one of considerable interest here at Dartmouth; not that it is the season for initiating new members, but that it is a time of interest to every fraternity here, for during this month the editors of the college paper and the editors of the college annual are chosen by the Junior class. In the choice of editors for *The Dartmouth* much feeling was aroused, and the delegations of a few of the fraternities were considerably divided, but in all matters the brothers in the bond of Phi Delta Theta stand hand in hand, and are of one mind. The Phi Delta Theta editor on *The Dartmouth* board for the year 1886-7 will be brother E. E. Chalmers. By the Junior class brother B. F. Simonds was chosen as a member of the *Aegis* board for next year. At the Freshman class supper brother A. P. Nelson acted as class Poet, and brother F. J. Hazen responded to a toast, which was well received.

Every man, except one, of the chapter is now at his accustomed college work, brother French having returned last week. Our meetings are very regular and are well attended.

March 29, 1886.

G. W. SHAW.

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#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

WE are now in our new hall, and the brothers are all enthusiastic over the superior advantages. The hall is central and the most commanding in the city. From its windows we have a good view of the square and the principal streets, and, as well, of the college buildings and the most beautiful part of Wooster. Our chapter meetings are attended with increased interest and profit. The mode of entertainment at regular meetings is the



same as reported in the November number. We find this method the most satisfactory ever adopted. The Phi Delta skirmish line is formed for an engagement, and we hope to report a new success in our next.

March 1, 1886.

J. T. MORRISON.

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THE SCROLL was the first fraternity journal to announce the consolidation of W. W. W. or Rainbow with  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and now it can state positively that the negotiations which have been in progress for fifteen months are finally completed. The Rainbow chapters have accepted the name and badge of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , but the journal after the next issue is to be the *Rainbow* instead of the *Crescent*. The chapters which  $\Delta T \Delta$  gains are those at Vanderbilt, University of Mississippi, and Emory and Henry (Va.). We are credibly informed that  $\Delta T \Delta$  did not want the Emory and Henry chapter, but the Rainbows would not listen to consolidation without it. The Vanderbilt chapter was initiated by a delegate from Sewanee, March 27th, and it is to be the grand chapter of the Southern Division. The defection of the chapters at University of Texas and Southwestern University (the former to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ) is admitted with regret by the Rainbows, who explain the matter by saying that as the Texas chapters were about to give up the name of Rainbow, they desired to enter a fraternity which they knew something about.

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 Tennessee Alpha Alumni—Nashville—R. F. Jackson, 56½ N. Cherry St., Nashville, Tenn.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

- Ohio Alpha—Miami University—W. E. Clough, Oxford, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University—W. F. Mair, Delaware, Ohio.  
 Ohio Gamma—Ohio University—W. E. Bundy, Athens, Ohio.  
 Ohio Delta—University of Wooster—J. T. Morrison, Wooster, Ohio.  
 Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College—A. A. Kohler, Akron, Ohio.  
 Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University—W. L. Hunt, 62 Starr Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Kentucky Alpha—Centre College—R. S. Dawson, Danville, Ky.  
 Kentucky Delta—Central University— ———, Richmond, Ky.  
 Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati—Dr. J. A. Thompson, 113 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron—W. J. McCreary, 128 Brown St., Akron, Ohio.  
 Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av., Louisville, Ky.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

- Indiana Alpha—Indiana University—B. Fesler, Bloomington, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta—Wabash College—J. G. Lovell, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
 Indiana Gamma—Butler University—H. T. Miller, Irvington, Ind.  
 Indiana Delta—Franklin College—H. N. Gant, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—C. H. McCaslin, Box 63, Hanover, Ind.  
 Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—T. C. Hopkins, Box 518, Greencastle, Ind.  
 Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—Nelson Mayo, Agricultural College, Mich.  
 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—W. O. Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—C. L. Goodwin, "Indianapolis Times," Indianapolis, Ind.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

- Illinois Gamma—Address Province President.  
 Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—W. L. Miller, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Ward Brigham, 664 Knox St., Galesburg, Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—L. R. Anderson, 535 State 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.

## ETA PROVINCE.

- Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—H. W. Clark, Box 278, Columbia, Mo.  
 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—J. A. Gallaher, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—B. P. Blair, Box 382, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—J. R. Foree, State Block, Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
 Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—O. R. Young, Iowa City, Iowa.  
 Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—J. C. E. King, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Kansas Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.  
 Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Mo.

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### THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

THE State University of Wisconsin is at Madison, the capital of the State. It would hardly be possible to find a more fitting place for such an institution. The beauties of the city of Madison are widely known. It is the brightest and cleanest of cities, full of broad streets and avenues, lined with shade trees, which all lead to the heart of the city, where, in a spacious park, "sits the State House like a small Greek temple surrounded by trees." The city is built between two beautiful lakes, the largest of a chain of four, whose clear waters, jutting points and rugged picturesque banks rival in scenery the celebrated Delles of the Wisconsin River. An eminent New York divine says of his first sight of the city: "There, nestling among trees, between two beautiful lakes, like a rose on a fair maiden's bosom, was Madison." Longfellow, enamored of these "four Niads," has sung their praises in modest verse. On the suburbs of the city, on the banks of Lake Mendota, are the University grounds, consisting of some 240 acres, parts of which are heavily wooded, lined and cross-lined, with shady drives. Much of the land is under cultivation for the benefit of the agricultural students and the Wisconsin Experiment Station. The "Main Building" is situated at the top of a long hill and faces the city. The broad, rounded hillside is the campus and ends at the bottom in a terrace. On either side of the campus is a large walk, shaded by two rows of trees. The other buildings consist of two large stone buildings, one on each side of the campus, near the "Main Building," which are used for drawing and recitation rooms and laboratories; near the bottom of the campus, on one side, is Library Hall, a large stone and marble building, erected a few years ago, containing library, reading-room and large assembly hall; near by is Ladies' Hall, a large four-story stone structure, containing accommodations for sixty young ladies; directly across the campus is a new laboratory and a machine-shop, and Science Hall, which was destroyed a year and a half ago by fire,

now in a state of reconstruction. This building, when finished, will have cost \$150,000. All these buildings are of stone, granite and brick. Back of the "Main Building," on another eminence, is the Washburn Observatory, which in completeness of apparatus and size of telescope is one of the foremost in the United States. This building was erected in 1880, and for it the institution is indebted to ex-Governor Washburn, whose name it bears.

The University was chartered in 1848. Having overcome the obstacles of a new institution in a new country, it struggled through the difficulties of the war, which took away many of its students, and the financial straits which followed close after, and took a new lease of life late in the sixties. In 1874 Dr. John Bascom, of Williams College, was called to the Presidency. Dr. Bascom needs no introduction to scholars East or West. He is well known by his psychology, science of mind, ethics, magazine articles, reviews, etc., and his lecture on English literature delivered before the Lowell Institute. He soon made his energy and strength felt in the institution, whose growth for the past twelve years has been strong, steady and permanent. The departments consist of College of Letters and Arts, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture and Law, which latter department holds its sessions in the Capitol building. The law department, under the present faculty, is of especially high grade. There is no preparatory department connected with the University, and the number of students at present is 470, 88 of whom are ladies. The faculty consists of 42 professors and instructors, whose abilities are unquestioned, and many of whom have a national reputation. Last year President Cleveland appointed two of its members to high official positions: Prof. Wm. F. Vilas to the United States Postmaster-Generalship and Prof. R. B. Anderson as United States Minister to Denmark. Prof. R. D. Irving, of the United States Geological Survey, has charge of the University Geological department.

The first college fraternity to enter the University was Phi Delta Theta, in 1857. At the breaking out of the war all the members left college to enter the army, and Wm. F. Vilas took the books, charter, etc., into his possession, where they remained until 1880, when he initiated a member and revived the chapter under the old charter. By a right well settled in the East this gives the chapter the old date of establishment, but the Wisconsin chapters of these same fraternities refuse to recognize the right or even arbitrate the question. Led by Chi Psi, they proceed on the rude ethics of that fraternity's piratical ancestors—"might makes right." Beta Theta Pi was established in the institution in 1873, Phi Kappa Psi in 1875, Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) in 1875, Chi Psi in 1878, Delta Gamma (ladies) in 1881, Sigma Chi 1884, Delta Upsilon 1885, Phi Gamma Beta (ladies) 1885.

Alpha Delta Phi is now endeavoring to establish a chapter there. The average number of members in the chapters varies from 9 to 13. Less than one-third of the students are members of fraternities, and the fraternities are not such a ruling element as in Eastern colleges.

The different chapters seem to have widely different objects in view as the goal of their endeavors, *i. e.*, to be leaders in society, to rule the college association, or to excel in scholarship, which last is the aim of the strongest chapters. Some chapters successfully combine several of these ambitions. Within itself each chapter is almost wholly of a social character, very little or no literary work being done. Several of the chapters are among the very strongest of their respective fraternities. On the whole the chapters are stronger than in most colleges, but are looked upon with disfavor by most non-fraternity students as well as by some members of the faculty.

GEORGE A. BUCKSTAFF,  
Wisconsin Alpha, '85.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PHI DELTA THETA.

HELD AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 18,  
1886.

At the request of several members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a number of members of the Order met at the law office of D. U. Fletcher, Thursday evening, March 18th, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a State Association.

There were present J. M. Barrs, Tennessee Alpha, '80; D. U. Fletcher, Tennessee Alpha, '81; H. W. Clark, Iowa Beta, '85; S. A. Hoover, Indiana Alpha, '56; J. C. Munger, Ohio Zeta, '87; F. C. Watson, Nebraska Gamma, '83; B. B. Evans, Georgia Alpha, '86, and Robert W. Givin, Pennsylvania Alpha, '82.

The meeting was called to order by J. M. Barrs, who explained the object for which it was called.

D. U. Fletcher was chosen temporary president, and J. M. Barrs temporary secretary.

"The Florida State Association of Phi Delta Theta" was adopted as the name of the organization.

D. U. Fletcher was chosen president, and Robert W. Givin secretary, to serve until the next meeting of the Association.

The president was authorized to appoint three members of an executive committee, who should have authority to elect two other members of that committee.

The executive committee was authorized to name a time and place for the next meeting of the association, and call the same and take such action as they might deem for the best interests of the association until the next meeting.

After a hearty exchange of Phi greetings and wishes for the success of the association and the fraternity, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the executive committee. The president the next day named as executive committee: J. M. Barrs, S. A. Hoover, and F. C. Watson.

ROBERT W. GIVIN, Secretary.

The secretary takes advantage of the columns of the SCROLL, and asks all members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity resident in Florida desiring to place themselves on the membership roll of "The Florida State Association of Phi Delta Theta," to forward to his address, Sanford, Florida, their full name, chapter and class.

### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

THE October and January numbers of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* follow in the well-beaten path of their predecessors from a literary point of view. In fact, the high aim with which the Quarterly started out has been monotonously adhered to. They abound in matter interesting to the Greek reader, whether he be  $\Delta K E$  or not, and continue to formulate matter in literary articles and chapter letters which are to show the wary Freshman of coming generations how  $\Delta K E$  in every particular stands far ahead of her pretentious (?) rivals. The October number has for a frontispiece an engraving of the house of the Tau chapter at Hamilton College, which is supplemented by a well written history of the chapter by one of its early alumni. The leading article of this number is entitled " $\Delta K E$  IN LITERATURE," which aims to show what distinction her sons have gained in the field of writing. In general literature such names as those of Theodore Winthrop, Robert Grant, and Julian Hawthorne appear. George Ticknor Curtis is a representative legal writer, and Whitelaw Reid, of the New York *Tribune*, the best known journalist.

The "Revival of Iota" is quoted in part in November SCROLL. A welcome is given in the Editorial Department to the new chapter.

"\* \* \* Deep-rooted in the Blue grass country, may the chapter long prosper, and at Central University may the sons of Southern  $\Delta K E$ s, and worthy adopted brethren, prove chivalrous knights of the Blue grass girls, bold riders of the Blue grass steeds, and deep drinkers of the Blue grass learning. For to such a conclusion hath local option at Richmond brought the Blue grass trinity." \* \* \*

Under the head of VERBUM SAP the editorial mantle of charity is thrown over the Amherst chapter's plan of raising votes for a  $\Delta K E$  candidate for an Alumni Trusteeship. The *Quarterly*



says: "The whole affair bore testimony to the warm-heartedness and frankness—and freshness?—of the boys who had thus rushed into print." The circular was perfectly legitimate, had laudable aims, and was issued, no doubt, to the aid of a deserving candidate, but coming from the source it did, it was the result of an enthusiastic quality which certainly was not discretion. The article concludes with the advice, "There is none the less a lesson to be learned—that political work should be left by  $\Delta K E$  chapters to others better fitted to shine in that regard. It's all very well to show one's innocence. It's a great deal better to keep well inside of one's own business."

The discussion on the future of Yale shows  $\Delta K E$ 's interest in her *Alma Mater*.

The Greek annuals of  $\Delta K E$  colleges are ably reviewed, many quotations being made, of which none are better than this from the University of Michigan.

*Palladium's* prize song:

"Here's to the college whose colors we wear,  
Here's to the hearts that are true;  
Here's to the maid of the golden hair,  
And eyes that are brimming with blue!  
Garlands of blue-bells and maize intertwine,  
And hearts that are true and voices combine—  
Hail!

"Hail to the college whose colors we wear,  
Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue!"

We also learn that  $B \Theta \Pi$  has again gone astray after  $\Psi T$ , as in the Beta chapter list from the *Reserve* is—

"88.—Edgar S. Wells, *died before initiation*."

Chapter letters are uniformly good, and in the same style. Chi, at University of Mississippi, wants advice—(and money?)—so she can build a lodge. The Harvard chapter reports forty-three A. B. graduates in '85. The DePauw chapter glories (excusably) in the success of her orator in the Inter-State contest, which reminds us that DePauw and  $\Delta K E$  again have been successful in the Indiana contest this year. The letter from the University of Chicago chapter verifies the reports in the journals of our sister Greeks represented there, that "the college's prospects are still brightening," and considering how long we have read these reports, "prospects" at University of Chicago must by this time have assumed a double distilled, electric-light brilliancy. We hope "prospects" are in the shape of present peace and prosperity for that long and much harassed institution. The January number opens with an article, "DECORATION OF GREEK LODGES," the result of much labor and research, and which is a

most valuable one, giving as it does so many instructive points to those contemplating the securing and furnishing of chapter homes. Good descriptions are given of the work that has been done among the various chapters, while general plans, interiors, decorations, views, etc., are well brought out. The description of the entrance to the *K A* house at Williams is worthy of a place here.

"From the spacious piazza, passing through the outer doors, one meets the inner doors. They are of stained glass, each displaying the *K A* key, and bearing the legends, the one to the right 'Welcome,' and the one to the left 'Farewell.' Facing these doors, at the opposite end of the hall, is the heavy staircase, with landing half way up, over which pours the light from a great window of cathedral stained glass which fairly floods the hall with rich colors."

Memorials now furnish some of the best examples in decorations. The Carl memorial mantel in the  $\Phi K \Psi$  lodge at Gettysburg, bearing the legend, "GOOD FIRE—GOOD FRIENDS—GOOD CHEER," and the rich windows in the  $\Sigma \Phi$  house at Williams, commemorating  $\Sigma \Phi$ 's dead chapters, are good examples. Billiard tables are said to be becoming numerous as an article of furniture, and since the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South presented one to our Tennessee Beta lodge at Sewanee, it is considered that they are ecclesiastically approved. A description is given of the library pieces, represented in frontispiece, given the  $\Delta K E$  club of New York by an alumnus of the Miami chapter, and which in design and execution are, we doubt not, worthy of the prominence given them. The article is an honor to the men whose names are subscribed to it.

A well-written account is given of the XXXIX Convention held last October with the Wesleyan chapter, and if we mistake not, from its tenor, the chief interest centered in the subject of Southern extension. Following in the spirit of the convention is the account of the revival of their old Psi chapter at the University of Alabama, the home of our own prosperous Alabama Alpha, making the twelfth college in which  $\Delta K E$  now meets  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The resources of the university, interesting to Phis, are given in a committee report, which reads :

"Suspended by the war, bedeviled during reconstruction, it is now again on its ancient footing, so far as its prospects and support are concerned, and certain to continue a leading institution of the South. The recognition of the awakening state has already been enjoyed for years. The liberal policy of the State has been confirmed by the grants of successive legislatures, and the university has fairly entered upon its new career with ample buildings, growing libraries, extensive collections, large annual appropriations, and liberal extraordinary grants. \* \* \* The

alumni have been organized, and their active co-operation secured for their Alma Mater. \* \* \* The permanent annual appropriation is \$24,000, and the extraordinary grants during 1884 amounted to \$60,000, most of which has been expended in the erection of additional buildings."

Under "EXCHANGES" we find the usual amount of interesting reading, made so by copious and appropriate quotations. Reference is made to brother Morrison's late articles in the SCROLL upon "THE CRISIS OF 1851," in which we learn that the article on Miami in the *Quarterly* for April, '85, had the effect of putting  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in a "fine frenzy rolling,"—all of which is interesting none the less because surprising. We do not desire that  $\Delta K E$  should misunderstand us. Neither  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  nor brother Morrison cast aspersions upon  $\Delta K E$  or any of her members at Miami after her founding. Her Kappa chapter speaks for itself an honorable record in the sons who succeeded her founders. What brother Morrison denied, and most successfully, too, was that any of the "Immortal six" became disaffected from our parent chapter through the abstract debate of a principle. No issue was raised, save that of deeds. Two members were suspended for an offense which was obnoxious to a majority of the chapter; a minority who sympathized with them had their resignations accepted. The qualities which made them uncongenial in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and caused their exodus therefrom, did not reflect on their ability to harmonize elsewhere, as they did in  $\Delta K E$ . Prosperous rivals are often composed of opposites. Brother Morrison's articles were *history*, made up for the greater part of extracts from the official records of Ohio Alpha, and in the compiling of them and many other notes, he has rendered valuable service to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , for which he receives her most earnest thanks. Neither he nor the records of Ohio Alpha varnish the word which expressed the misdemeanor of Childs and McNutt to the men of '51; he did not call it "independence," and that, perhaps, was the fling made at the "two noble fellows long since sleeping in honored graves." As for the feelings which followed Childs and McNutt after their withdrawal from Ohio Alpha, they are expressed in a quotation at the close of brother Morrison's article: "That the good feelings professed by the gentlemen in their communication to the society are cordially reciprocated." That was the sentiment uttered by our members of '51; it is the one which  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to-day accepts, for none other would be true to our heritage.

This number closes with a list of initiates, from which we learn that at Yale thirty-nine men from the class of '87 have assumed the duties of the  $\Phi$  chapter, and this we believe is a somewhat smaller number than usual for her there. At Harvard fraternity material must be scarce (for other chapters), since sixty men from

'88 have been initiated by her *A* chapter there. We trust that the members become acquainted with one another before graduation.

After having tried the bi-monthly plan for a year, the *Beta Theta Pi*, with volume XIII., once more enrolls herself among the monthlies, and in the transformation loses her old dress, coming to us now in a plain blue, dragon-less, dog-less, owl-less cover. Inside we learn how Betas have been "painting things red" in a successful summer season at "Wooglen on Chataqua," in a small but enthusiastic convention at St. Louis, and later at the Ohio reunion in Columbus, making a veritable "pink and blue" magazine with which the "trooly loil" may well be satisfied. We are even favored with an *editor*-less September number, and, by-the-way, it was a good number to have no editor. However, to make up for this autumn kindness, no number has appeared since January, it being designed to publish in the stead of the February, March, and April numbers the *Beta Theta Pi Hand-book of 1886*. This, in effect, will be a supplement to their catalogue of '81, and will comprise the recent history of the fraternity, a list of members initiated since the publishing of the catalogue, together with a geographical and alphabetical index; and a short account of the colleges and fraternities where their chapters are located. The book promises to be a valuable and interesting one, especially to Betas, and we await its publication with interest. It will, perhaps, obviate the necessity for the more immediate publication of a new catalogue, which the addition of twelve hundred names to her rolls would have called for. This, no doubt, will be acceptable, as from a recent article in the January number we are led to believe that *B Θ Π* is no exception to other fraternities, catalogue, history, and song-book troubles being the common lot of all. The writer says: "I had a letter from John S. Goodwin not long since, who said he had manuscript for a history somewhere in the 'mythical mystical archives of Beta Theta Pi,' to use his phrase. That word 'archives' is a great invention. All an editor has to do in order to get a fine fraternity library is to call for contributions to the archives, and lo! the books come rolling in, to be 'salted down' by the particular editor in charge; and I guess the history is in pickle, waiting until we get our catalogue and song-book paid for."

The literary excellence of the journal has been well kept up in the editorials, these sometimes prolix, and in contributed articles, none of which are worthier of mention than "A PRODIGAL," a story appearing in the January number.

The chapter letters are uniformly good, have a good amount of college information, and are aided here and there by a stroke of the editor's pen, but not to that sameness to which it seems those of *Σ X* and *Δ K E* are reduced in the editorial moulds.

Two things, however, seem to trouble our friend, and they have been freely discussed in a department of "Open Letters." The first is—preps; the second—an extension policy which will fit all parts of her body politic equally well. The first has received attention from a lively correspondent over the signature "C. K.," known to some as "chapter-killer," and to the proposed victims as "chronic kicker." He uttered his protests against the initiation of preps, and proposed to hang the sword of Damocles over the heads of such as persisted in the habit. This question is not a new one to *B Θ II*, but its disposal seems not much nearer at hand. Among the offending chapters, ten in number, are some of her best ones. This defender of the faith, however, is told that he "doesn't know what he is talking about," and suffers a martyr's death, fatally prostrated by the blasts he received from all quarters. A card from his family physician gives his dying testimony. "'I pray you bear to 'Herod' my dying request that he see to it that the fight fail not till the preps and combinations are no more.' I told him that 'Herod' had gone West to a distant land, and that the whole tribe of chapter-killers had been extinguished in the war raged by the extension enthusiasts and their allies, the Beta preps, and that he veritably was the last of the Wekickems. When the old man heard that he gave a groan, \* \* and fell back dead."

Her extension policy took a different complexion at the St. Louis convention, and a charter was granted to the University of Texas; the petition from Ohio State University was referred to the chapters and favorably acted upon, an account of its founding, in connection with the Third Ohio Reunion of Betas, appearing in the December issue. The chapter has been organized for a year or so, starts out well, and, being in Ohio, the corporate home of Beta Theta Pi, will prosper. The former chapter, at University of Texas, although located at a fine institution, was not founded under the most favorable surroundings, has but four names on its list, and its name has not yet appeared in the Directory. So long as *B Θ II* confines her extension to such institutions as Ohio State University and University of Texas, she will have no reason to be ashamed of her policy. Both institutions are an honor to her, and we hope her chapters will prove such to their institutions.

The January number reviews the "December Semi-annual Circular Letters." This system of circular letters issued by the chapters to their alumni and to sister chapters continues to be a most excellent one, and is an admirable feature in Beta Theta Pi's government. The letters show most of the chapters to be in good condition, and contain many interesting fraternity and college items. Of the chapters having reported, Michigan, Johns Hopkins, and Vanderbilt, with twenty members each, are the

largest. Dickinson and University of Pennsylvania, with six each, are the smallest. Had Amherst and Kenyon reported, the limits would have been changed, as the former has about thirty members, while Kenyon is reduced to three or four.

A summary of the reports shows that in college honors, and in representation on college journals, *B Θ II* has had her share.

### CHANGES IN LISTS OF FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

THE following list is intended to show where suspended chapters of the various fraternities have been revived, where new chapters have been established, and where chapters have died since the last edition of "Baird's American College Fraternities" was published in 1883. In the preparation of the list I have had much assistance from brother J. E. Brown, and I have made use of files of all fraternity journals, and also of data derived from answers to circulars recently sent out for the purpose of procuring information for the "Manual of Phi Delta Theta." The list shows in a striking way that many of the fraternities have made wonderful progress of late in the way of extension.

W. B. PALMER.

#### REVIVED.

- $\Delta K E$ , University of Alabama, '85.
- $\Delta T$ , Williams, '83.
- $\Delta \Phi$ , Harvard, '85.
- $Z \Psi$ , University of North Carolina, '85; Brown, '85.
- $\Theta \Delta X$ , Rensselaer, '83; Brown, '85.
- $K \Gamma$ , Missouri University, '85.
- $K \Sigma$ , died, Vanderbilt, '78, and revived, '85.
- $\Sigma A E$ , University of Virginia, '84; Cumberland, '85; University of North Carolina, '85; University of Alabama, '86.
- $\Sigma N$ , University of Alabama, '84.
- $\Sigma X$ , University of Pennsylvania, '83.
- $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , University of Georgia, '84; Knox, '85.
- $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , University of Nebraska, '83; Knox, '84; University of Alabama, '84; Miami, '85; Cornell, '86; University of California, '86.
- $\Phi K \Sigma$ , Richmond, '85.
- $\Phi K \Psi$ , South Carolina, '84; State University of Iowa, '85; Cornell, '85.
- $X \Psi$ , Cornell, '85; omitted from "directory of chapters" under Williams; in "directory of chapters" incorrectly stated as inactive at South Carolina.

#### ESTABLISHED.

- $A T \Omega$ , Wittenberg, '83; Central University, '83; West Florida Seminary, '84; Southern University, '85; Massachusetts Institute

of Technology, '85; Simpson Centenary, '85; University of Alabama, '85.

$B \odot II$ , Vanderbilt, '84; University of Texas, '85; Ohio State, '85.

$I \Phi B$ , University of Wisconsin, '85.

$\Delta I$ , University of Mississippi, '83; St. Lawrence, '84; Adelbert, '84; University of Michigan, '85; Cornell, '86.

$\Delta K E$ , Central University, '85.

$\Delta T \Delta$ , University of Colorado, '83; University of Minnesota, '83; Vanderbilt, '86; University of Mississippi, '86; Emory and Henry, '86.

$\Delta T$ , Columbia, '85; Lafayette, '85; University of Wisconsin, '85; Lehigh, '85.

$\Delta \Phi$ , Johns Hopkins, '85.

$Z \Psi$ , Case School of Science, '84.

$\odot \Delta X$ , Amherst, '85.

$\odot \Xi$ , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '85.

$K A$  (Southern), South Carolina Military Academy, '83; Alabama Polytechnic, '83; Centre, '83; University of Texas, '83; Southwestern, '83; University of Tennessee, '84; Erskine, '84; University of the South, '84; University of Alabama, '85; Tulane, established, '82—suspended, '83—revived, '86.

$K K I$ , Cornell, '82; University of Kansas, '83; University of Nebraska, '84; Allegheny, '86.

$K \Sigma$ , University of Texas, '84; Perdue, '84; Maine Agricultural, '85; Hampden Sidney, '85; Centenary, '85; North Georgia Agricultural, '85.

$K \geq K$ , University of Louisiana, '84.

$II B \Phi$  or I. C. Sorosis (not mentioned by Baird), Monmouth, '67; Iowa Wesleyan, '68; Lombard, '72; University of Kansas, '73; Simpson Centenary, '74; Carthage, '82; Knox, '84; York Methodist, '84; Cincinnati Wesleyan, '85; University of Denver, '85; State Iowa Normal, State University of Iowa, Iowa Agricultural, University of Colorado.

$II K A$ , Hampden Sidney, '85.

$\Sigma A E$ , West Florida Seminary, '83; Davidson, '84; Missouri University, '84; University of Texas, '84; Erskine, '84; Richmond, '84; Mount Union, '85; Wofford, '85; South Kentucky, '85.

$\Sigma N$ , established, '83, at Bethel, instead of Betheny, as stated by Baird; Mercer, '83; University of Georgia, '84; Emory '85; University of Kansas, '85; Lehigh, '85; Vanderbilt, '86; South Carolina, '86; Missouri University, '86.

$\Sigma X$ , V. M. I., '84; University of Wisconsin, '84; University of Texas, '84; University of Kansas, '84.

$\Phi A X$  (founded since last edition of Baird), Virginia Agricultural, '83; Roanoke, '85; Randolph Macon, '85.

$\Phi I \Delta$ , University of Texas, '83; Wittenberg, '84; Denison, '85; University of Michigan, '85; Lehigh, '85.



$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , Ohio State, '83; University of Texas, '83; University of Pennsylvania, '83; Union, '83; College of the City of New York, '84; Colby, '84; Columbia, '84; Dartmouth, '84; University of North Carolina, '85; Central University, '85; Williams, '86; Southwestern, '86.

$\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , Albany Law School, '84; Boston University, '85; Cincinnati Law School, '86; University of Pennsylvania, '86.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , Carleton, '83; Syracuse, '84.

$X \Phi$ , Ohio State, '83; Vanderbilt, '83; Stevens, '83; Harvard, '85.

$X \Psi$ , Rochester, '84.

$\Psi \Upsilon$ , Lehigh, '84.

Rainbow, or W. W. W., University of Texas, '83; Southwestern, '83; Emory and Henry, '84; University of Tennessee, '84.

#### SUSPENDED.

$A T \Omega$ , Muhlenberg, '84; Columbia, '84; Arkansas Industrial, '84; Washington and Jefferson, '84; Oregon Agricultural, '84; V. M. I., '85; Stevens, '86.

$\Delta B \Phi$ , College of the City of New York, '84.

$\Delta T \Delta$ , Mount Union, '84; Adrian, '84; Lombard, '85; Franklin and Marshall, '85; Lehigh, '85.

$\Delta T$ , should be marked, suspended, '73, at Miami, in "directory of chapters."

$\Theta \Delta X$ , Columbia, '84.

$K A$  (Southern), University of Mississippi, '84; Wake Forest, '84; V. M. I., '85.

$K A \Theta$ , University of Michigan, '85.

$K K \Gamma$ , University of California, '85.

$K \Sigma$ , University of Colorado, '85; V. M. I., '85.

$K \Sigma K$ , University of Virginia, '84; V. M. I., '85.

$\Pi B \Phi$ , Monmouth, '84.

$\Sigma A E$ , West Florida Seminary, '85; North Georgia Agricultural, '85; Furman, '85; Pennsylvania, '85; Charleston, '85; Vanderbilt, '86.

$\Sigma N$ , University of Virginia, '84; V. M. I., '85.

$\Sigma X$ , Ohio Wesleyan, '83; Howard, '84; University of Louisiana, '84; Illinois Industrial, '85; V. M. I., '85.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Bethel, '84; University of Pennsylvania, '84; University of California, '84; University of Virginia, '84.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , Wofford, '84; Monmouth, '84; V. M. I., '85; Randolph Macon, '86.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ , Long Island Medical, '84.

$\Phi K \Psi$ , University of Georgia, '83; Bethany, '83; Monmouth, '84.

$X \Phi$ , Muhlenberg, '84; K. M. I., '84; University of Michigan, '84; University of Pennsylvania, '85.



Rainbow, University of Texas, '86; Southwestern, '86; University of Mississippi, '86; Vanderbilt, '86; Emory and Henry, '86; University of Tennessee, '86.

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A | MANUAL | OF | PHI DELTA THETA | BY | WALTER B. PALMER | NASHVILLE | SOUTHERN METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE | PRINTED FOR THE AUTHOR | 1886 | 16 mo. | 60 pp.

UNDER this title comes to us a little work which will take a more prominent place in growing fraternity literature, than at first sight its size might lead us to think. It is modest as to size, being only of 60 pp., but never were sixty pages filled with more solid material than are those of the "MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA." It comes from the same printing-house as did our complete catalogue of 1883, which is the assurance of a good typographical make up, and is neatly bound in tan-colored cloth covers, which bear in gilt the title, "A MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA." As to mechanical execution its appearance speaks for itself all that could be asked; as to contents, they are vouched for by the name of the author, brother Walter B. Palmer. Phi Delta Theta can rest assured that whatever comes from his hands bears the stamp of worth. As an official in our fraternity government, as Editor and contributor to the SCROLL, as connected with that most difficult and yet most successful enterprise of publishing the catalogue, and as connected with innumerable plans for the advancement of our beloved fraternity, he has ever shown himself a most efficient and earnest worker. In this work he has given us valuable information, and in a most compact form. Its contents are :

1. SKETCH OF THE FRATERNITY.
2. PROMINENT MEMBERS.
3. STATISTICS OF FRATERNITIES.
4. STATISTICS OF COLLEGES.

Long has the need of just such information as this been felt among the members of our fraternity. The author states this in the preface :

"The information concerning the origin, progress and present standing of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  which this work presents is such as the members of the fraternity by all means should possess, but which heretofore has been very difficult for them to obtain. The book certainly has the merit of novelty, being the first of its kind ever issued, and I am of the belief that it will supply a long-felt want, and that the fraternity will profit by its publication."

And later on states that the idea of a book of this character was first suggested by the Managing Editor of the SCROLL.

The book is especially valuable in two ways. First, as a

means of furnishing *inter* and *intra* fraternity intelligence ; secondly, as a "spiking" instrument. Both points are equally vital, and in the MANUAL we have the best solution that we have yet had of them. In the elaborate history of the fraternity which the same author has in compilation we will have an exhaustive recital of the life of the fraternity and its chapters, upon whose territory this one in no wise encroaches. It is a supplement sent out in advance.

The SKETCH OF THE FRATERNITY, which occupies the first thirty pages, includes an account of the founding of the fraternity at Miami; a brief history of the college and parent chapter; the extension of the fraternity up to the present time; the convention and governmental development, and closes with an enumeration of the various publications of the fraternity. The author's text is supplemented by copious foot-notes, which enlarge upon points mentioned and furnish many references. In the succeeding division are grouped and classified the names of such members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  as have attained prominence in public life, including only those who were regularly initiated and not those having received honorary election. This list occupies three pages and is one of which Phi Delta Theta can well be proud. The names of many men of equal note with those mentioned are necessarily absent, since it would require a universal acquaintance with the membership to enable the author to select all such.

The remainder of the book is more purely statistical, and since "in statistics there is strength" they form a valuable part of the book. The STATISTICS OF FRATERNITIES comprises a list of all the general fraternities extant, named in the order of their founding,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  coming thirteen on this list. Under each such information is given as may be seen from this :

" $A \Delta \Phi$ , founded in 1832 at Hamilton; 13 chapters in 8 States; *Star and Crescent*, 1880; green and white."

The last division, that of STATISTICS OF COLLEGES, gives some entirely new information concerning the income, number of instructors, students, etc., at the institutions where  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is represented and will be of exceeding interest. The first on the list is,

"Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, 1872; income from endowment (\$253,000), \$20,160; faculty, 13; students: collegiate, 97. sub-class, 23—total, 120; tuition free; library, 2,000; collegian;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 1879,  $A T \Omega$ , 1879;  $K A$  (S. O.), 1883."

It is to be regretted that in many cases where the annual income is derived chiefly from legislative appropriations, or fees, only the income from the permanent endowment is given, which diminishes the figures greatly, otherwise the information is exact.

With all this at hand there is no reason why chapter workers, energetic and enthusiastic enough, should be handicapped for the lack of it. The means of acquainting them with their organization is before them; spikers can now arm themselves with something besides love and enthusiasm for the fraternity,—and the duty is imperative to profit by these advantages. Every chapter should see to it that each member has one, and that there is another for chapter use. The small outlay they will take, will be more than repaid. There is a power in the knowledge of these affairs, and having it at command, it will render inestimable service.

J. E. B.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

OUR winter term closed on the 23d inst., brother Hyde being one of the chosen speakers at the Sophomore exhibition. Since our last report we have received calls from brothers Hoffnagle, '84, Bigwood and Leavenworth, '85, both of whom have since left for the West, where they are engaged in civil engineering.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brother Beebe, '89, whom we initiated March 13th. Brother Clark's side came out ahead on literary work at the close of the term, and enjoyed the banquet at the expense of the vanquished.

Brothers Jeffords and Chase stirred us all with glowing accounts of the Province Convention.

At the opening of the spring term we enter into possession of our new rooms in one of the best blocks in the city. We have the use of two floors, and the rooms are fitted up to perfection. Call and see us in our new quarters.

March 30, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

NEW YORK ALPHA CHAPTER, though only organized for two months, has not been idle by any means. We have initiated two men into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta, and expect soon to initiate as many more. Our new members are Messrs. J. S. Dieffendorf, '89, and H. H. Williams, '89. We have already leased one of the finest houses in Ithaca as a chapter house. It is a fine Queen Anne cottage, containing all the modern conveniences, and situated in a very pleasant locality. The lease extends for three years. Seven of us are at present occupying the house.

April 14, 1886.

C. A. McALLISTER.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Our chapter begins the work of the term with its forces reduced from sixteen to twelve. Brothers Murray and Wells, '86, having finished their college work last term, did not return. Brother Murray is teaching at Mitchell's Mills, Pa., and Brother Wells is study law with his father, Judge Wells, at New Lisbon, Ohio. They will return for Commencement. Brother Brown is at home sick, and Newkirk is in his father's store. Our chapter is in excellent condition, and promises a pleasant and profitable term's work, in spite of our diminution in numbers and the natural tendencies to "shirk" with which students generally are acquainted in the work of the spring term.

Our hall is so attractive and the fraternity associations so pleasant that we feel that we cannot afford to miss one of the meetings.

We are pleased with the interest which Brother Worrall manifests in the growth and welfare of Alpha Province, also that of brother Hicks as President of Pennsylvania State Association. The Editor's views of the scope of our fraternity journal are eminently sound.

April 12, 1886.

CHAS. P. LYNCH.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Epsilon has not been heard from officially for two months. Let not this be taken as an indication of lack of fraternity interest. Never, since her establishment, has she been in a more healthy condition or her members shown a more hearty sympathy with her workings. The effect of Alpha Province Convention on our delegates seems to have been, in a measure, imparted to the individual, and that, too, with good results.

Although we will lose eight men this year, enough are left to watch Phi Delta Theta's interest.

Brother Schorpflin, cwing to ill health, was compelled to leave college for the remainder of the year.

Brother Porter, '84, recently graduated from University of Maryland as M. D.

At the anniversary of the Union Philosophical Society of the college, held on the evening of April 2d, brothers Morgan, Stein and Heisse were our representatives, the first-named being Anniversaryarian.

April 6, 1886.

W. T. GRAHAM.

## PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I AM sure you will be glad to hear that Pennsylvania Zeta is once more on its feet. With the aid of men from other chapters now at the university, we have been enabled to start anew,

Can you send us the SCROLLS for the past year? If you cannot send all, send as many as possible, as the men know little of fraternity history, and I see the SCROLL is unusually good in that regard. We now have thirteen men in the chapter, and will soon take in more. I will send to the business manager in a few days, as soon as I get it all collected, our SCROLL tax for 1885-6.

Send the SCROLLS as soon as possible to my address. Can you tell us when the Manual will be out?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, yours in the bond,

LEONARD M. PRINCE,  
President Pennsylvania Zeta.

Since the above has been received we have been notified of the election of brother Prince to the editorial staff of *The Pennsylvanian*.—[EDS.]

## BETA PROVINCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

A REPORT from our chapter has been due for some time. Since our last Messrs. H. L. Keen and R. Ney Williams have become active Phis. We have a right to be proud of these excellent men. Brother Keen will take the mathematical medal this year and graduate with honors in the class of '87. Of brother Williams, we hope and believe we will record as favorably in the future.

On the Junior Debate we are represented by brothers Sieg, Myers and Keen, no other fraternities being represented. For the Orators' Medal we will have two, if not three, contestants, and one each for the Greek Medal and English Scholarship. In all we have a bright prospect and bid fair to outstrip all other fraternities here. Socially we hold our popularity as of yore.

J. R. HANCHER.

### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

OUR chapter is enjoying its usual prosperity. On the night of April 7th we initiated Mr. D. F. Houston, one of the three "honor men" of '87. He is assistant editor of the *Collegian*, and altogether one of the most prominent men in college.

$\Sigma N$  has placed a chapter of seven men here. While the quality of this chapter is not objectionable, it is unfortunate that the number of fraternities should be increased.

Chairs of Assistant Mathematics and Agriculture have recently been added to the faculty of our college. We welcome the new chapters.

April 7, 1886.

W. W. BALL.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

A VEIL of the deepest sadness was cast over our chapter and over the whole college last Wednesday morning (March 31st) by the death of brother Percy Long, a most worthy member of class '89. Brother Long was initiated the first week of this collegiate year, and from that time until his death he showed himself a true and loyal Phi. His character is almost unimpeachable. He received the highest mark of his class, and in every respect was recognized both by the students and faculty as one well worthy of initiation. He was sick only a short time, and his death was quite unexpected. A party, consisting of eight Phis, one *K A*, and one *A T O*, accompanied the remains to his home at Leesburg, Ga., for interment.

The Sophomore class is so large this year that the faculty have decided to select, first, the best twenty-four speakers of the class, and then from this number the best twelve to declaim at Commencement. The first trial came off about two weeks ago, and out of eight Phis who contended seven received places. The second trial will take place in about a week.

February 6, 1886.

W. B. HARDMAN.

## ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

WE can look back with pride upon the success of Alabama Alpha during the past six months—the time of our new existence as a chapter. We have won many victories, and have also tasted of defeat. Well can we boast of the good reputation of all our men, and dwell with pride upon the harmony that characterizes our internal work.

At the Sophomore exhibition brothers Compton and Roach represented  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and creditably did they acquit themselves.

We congratulate the  $\Sigma A E$ s upon their establishing here, and give them a cordial welcome into fraternity circles.

In the next issue of the SCROLL I desire to correct several mis-statements that have lately been made in some fraternity journals in reference to Alabama Alpha.

April 7, 1886.

W. E. BOOKER.

## ALABAMA BETA, STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

It becomes our duty to report the withdrawal of T. J. Partidge, '88, from our fraternity. When admitted to the loyal Phi band he was unaware of the fact that his church (Catholic) prohibited his becoming a member of a college fraternity, but since then he has been advised by the bishop to withdraw. Being

earnest and strictly conscientious in his religious vows, he chose to hold them sacred above all others. He was a most worthy member, is an excellent student, and a praiseworthy young man.

We are making preparations for our annual picnic, which will be about May 1st, in honor of the Phi sisters.

For the next SCROLL we would like to review briefly our year's work.

April 15, 1886.

L. W. SPRATLING.

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TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

THOUGH we have kept silent for some time we have not been idle, but, on the contrary, have been working hard, and with good results.

The first honor of the year was bestowed on brother Hall, who was elected Orator of the Rusk Literary Society on Commencement. Brother Hall is reputed to be a fine orator, and in honoring him the Rusk has done honor to itself.

The great event of the month was the prize debate of the Athenaeum, contested for by eight of the ablest debaters of the society, and continuing for two nights. There were fine, eloquent and logical speeches made by the contestants, but by universal consent the finest, the most eloquent, and most logical was made by brother Percy A. Hawthorne, to whom the medal was awarded. The *Statesman*, commenting on the debate, says: "The debate throughout was remarkably well contested, and some doubt was left as to where the honor would fall; but all commend the wisdom of the judges, and on all sides the comment was that he deserved it. Mr. Hawthorne is an academic student in his Junior year. He has, since the opening of the university, been a zealous member of the Athenaeum, and has been among its most prominent members. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and a representative man of the university. The medal is of solid gold, almost as large as the palm of your hand. On one side is an engraving of the university building, and on the other, 'Best debater, 1886,' with room for name."

The contest in the Rusk Society has not yet taken place, but we believe the Phis in that society will show themselves worthy of their brethren in the sister society.

Brother Bradshaw has chosen as representative of the Law department at Commencement. He has since, for private reasons, declined the honor, but we cannot forego quoting this handsome tribute to him in which the *Statesman* mentioned his election:

"Saturday afternoon (27th inst.) an election for law representative was held by the Senior law class of the University of Texas. This position is more sought after than any within the gifts of the students, and much interest has been manifested in the result.



Mr. C. J. Bradshaw, of La Grange, was unanimously elected. Mr. Bradshaw represented the Dialectic Society of the Vanderbilt University in 1884, and was most highly complimented by the Tennessee papers. He is one of the best men in the graduating class, and will no doubt deliver a fine address."

From brother Raymond, than whom there is no more loyal Phi, the chapter received a beautiful silk banner of blue and white, painted by the skilful brush of his talented sister, Miss Mary. I need not say we were delighted at receiving such an appropriate present from brother Raymond, to whom it was, if possible, more pleasure to give it.

The spirit of Phidom burns brightly in our chapter, and we feel that under the impulse of its ennobling influence nothing is impossible.

We hail with joy Massachusetts Alpha, New York Alpha, California Alpha, and last, but by no means least, our neighbor—Texas Gamma.

March 31, 1886.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SPRING vacation finds us all back and ready to work for the interests of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Brother Mair left us last term, having accepted a call to preach at Pella, Ia. In brother Mair's absence we lose one of our most active workers.

Since our last report we have initiated A. R. Cecil (formerly an  $A T \Omega$ ), a member of the class of '88.

The annual Pan Hellenic banquet occurred March 6th. This was one of the most pleasant features of the college year, doing much to promote good feeling among the different fraternities.

Delta Province of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  meets here May 16th, and we want every Phi in the Province to attend. Many Phis from other provinces will try to be present.

April 6, 1886.

H. C. WIKOFF.

SINCE you last heard from us in the SCROLL our chapter has had several changes—losses and gains. Brother W. F. Mair, who has been our Reporter, in February left college, going to Pella, Iowa, where he enters the ministry. It was with regret that we saw him leave, for although one of our youngest, he was one of our most earnest and enthusiastic workers. His numerical loss has been off-set by the addition of brother Cecil, whom we initiated in March, and who promises to be a loyal and enthusiastic Phi in



the fullest sense of the word. Brother Cecil was formerly a student at Wittenberg College, and a charter member of the chapter of  $A T \Omega$  there. He entered Ohio Wesleyan University last September, and after dissolving his relations with  $A T \Omega$  united with  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , although the bait of other fraternities was offered him. He comes, therefore, with fraternity experience, and we hope to profit by it.

Some of our members who have been out during the preceding term are with us again, so our ranks are not thinned. At the end of the year we will lose brothers Seeds and Millington by graduation, but their places will be filled by members of the incoming Freshman class. And right here we can say that we take pardonable pride in our pledged men, for a finer set could not be picked out of '90.

During the spring vacation the "Pan-Hellenic Glee Club" made a short trip, taking in four cities in the southwestern part of the State, and had a most enjoyable trip. What most surprised us was that they got back without getting in debt; but they did it.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is represented in the organization by brothers O'Kane, Barkdull, and Millington.

The spring term opened with a few new students and most of the old ones back. The faculty have announced speakers for Commencement, only one of whom is a fraternity man, he being a  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

Several of our old members have been in the city from time to time during the year, and we are always glad to welcome visiting Phis. Brother Geo. H. Van Fleet, of Marion, dropped in on us last week for a few hours.

Our interest now is centered in the Delta Province Convention, which will meet with our chapter Thursday and Friday, May 13th and 14th. We are making all the efforts in our power to make it a successful and pleasant gathering of the Phis of this Province. There will be business sessions, and the Convention will close with a gathering around the banquet board, where every man is expected to have as good a time as his hilarity and appetite will allow. The success of the Convention depends much upon our sister chapters in the Province. We are relying upon each of you to turn out full delegations. Come one, come all! We want to welcome to our council fire some new tribes. Ohio Alpha, the mother of us all, you are especially invited. The Buckeye boys want to make the acquaintance of the chivalrous Phis of the Blue grass State. You, Kentucky Alpha, our oldest chapter, and you, Kentucky Delta, our youngest, are especially invited. Athens, Wooster, Akron, Columbus, and all of you, are expected. Let every chapter be represented. All the alumni to whom these greetings may come, and any Phis who can get in the neighborhood of Delaware at that time, are most cordially invited.

April 19, 1886.

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## OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The present year is a prosperous one in Ohio Gamma's history. Everything is progressive and harmonious. Actuated by the true Phi spirit, our members are ever zealous in advancing the highest interests of our chapter. We now enroll a dozen active members, representing the highest scholarship in the University. Five members have been added this year, all of whom give evidence of proving genuine Phis. The Ohio University is noted for its high grade of scholarship, and our aim is to select only such men as give promise of good scholarship and true manhood. Brains and character constitute a student's passport to the privileges of Ohio Gamma.

Fraternity circles here have been slightly moved by the action of the recent Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta in withdrawing the charter from Zeta Chapter of the Ohio University. The action occasioned all the more surprise from the high standing of the young ladies composing Zeta Chapter. This Chapter, like the Ohio Gamma, was considered an honor to the University, as it was composed of ladies of the highest intelligence and culture. Their work in the University was at all times of the most satisfactory nature. It seems strange that the Convention should in so summary a manner withdraw the charter from a chapter that for character and intelligence had no rival in the Theta Fraternity. It is your reporter's unbiassed opinion that Zeta Chapter of the Ohio University represents more thorough scholarship and genuine womanly worth than the whole Wooster Convention. This is not a quarrel of the Phis, but we at all times are warmly in favor of fairness in all things, and cannot but denounce the action of the Wooster Convention. We have heard it intimated that the Thetas do not wish chapters in "obscure" colleges. If the Ohio University is regarded as an "obscure" college by the young ladies composing the Theta Fraternity, it argues a lamentable ignorance of college matters on their part.

Several of our members besides the delegates will attend the Delta Province Convention to be held at Delaware in May.

March 28, 1886.

ALBERT LEONARD.

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At a regular meeting of this chapter, held in Phi Delta Theta Hall, Saturday, March 6th, a committee of three was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions in regard to the alleged withdrawal of the charter of Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, of this university.

The recent Wooster convention of the Thetas decided that this chapter of "girls" was not good enough to be classed with the other "girls" for some reason unknown to or imagined by sensible Greeks. The only necessity for this absurd and inexcusable

action grows out of the fertile imagination of some of the Eastern "grand ladies" and the important delegate from the little Cornell bakers' dozen chapter.

The committee reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were enthusiastically and unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, The recent national convention of the thirteen chapters of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity has withdrawn the charter from Zeta chapter, and,

*Whereas*, The charter was removed without any previous intimation whatever being given to the accused chapter, and in *direct violation* of all the recognized laws of deliberative assemblies ; and

*Whereas*, The Greek world does not recognize such partisan, revolutionary measures as subject to obedience and in accordance with the proper fraternal spirit ; and,

*Whereas*, The active members and the alumnae of Zeta chapter are now and have always been in high standing, and are well-known as ladies of superior culture and intellectual ability ;

Therefore, be it resolved by Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, That the remaining chapters composing the other branch of Kappa Alpha Theta are to be commiserated in the loss of so important a chapter ; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Theta advises Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to reorganize as Alpha chapter ; to sever all connection with the other branch, and to assume the power to issue charters to other applying institutions, and to establish a fraternity journal.

W. E. BUNDY,	} Committee.
E. A. DENT,	
W. W. MARTIN.	

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#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OHIO ZETA takes more than ordinary pleasure in introducing to the Phi world Brother Homer C. Johnston, of Marion, Ohio, her latest initiate. He was sought by four of the six fraternities here—good evidence to all that he is considered a valuable man and is popular. In him the Blue and White has a devoted and enthusiastic worker

Brother Coe, owing to the illness of his father, will not return this term. We regret to lose from active membership with this chapter Brother J. E. Randall, Delta Province President, who has removed to Lynn, Mass., where he has a responsible position with the Thomson-Houston Electric Co. His wise counsels will be greatly missed in the chapter. Our best wishes go with him. The Province Convention, to be held at Delaware, May 13 and 14, is just now the absorbing topic of fraternity interest. We expect to be there in a body.

The *Makio*, published by the fraternities of the University annually, will be ready in a short time. We would greatly like to exchange it with chapters at colleges where similar volumes are published.

April 17, 1886.

W. F. HUNT.

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### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have had no initiations. The term opened with its usual interest, and there are a few new men to work upon, but as yet we have done nothing, as I think it is not well to be too hasty in such matters. We have a good chapter, but, at the same time, we, as all others, have room for improvement, and we are doing so to a great extent in some directions.

Several of our members attended the Province Convention, and seem to have derived a great deal of fraternity spirit and information from it.

Brother Johnson was elected President of the State Oratorical Association at the convention April 8th; also, Miss Martha Noble, of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, was elected corresponding secretary.

We have received visits lately from brothers Olwin, Williams, Ransdell, and Mugg, all of Indiana Delta, and brothers Shaw, LaGrange, Montgomery, and McCaslin, of Indiana Epsilon.

April 14, 1886.

HARRY GANT.

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#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

OUR chapter was unusually well represented at the Province Convention, held in Indianapolis April 7th and 8th, and all were enthused and energized by their attendance. Already arrangements are beginning to be talked of for another Pan Hellenic banquet, to be given in Madison in June. The occasion last year was all that could be desired, and this bids fair to be even more successful. While we always keep fraternity distinction fairly in mind, yet we are convinced that this commingling of spirits just at the close of the year is healthful and beneficial to us all. Perhaps never before has there been a friendlier feeling between the fraternities than during the present year, and this we believe to be owing not only to the pleasant memories of last year's banquet, but also to the anticipation of a similar occasion this year.

We still have several of the SCROLLS on hand, as indicated in the former report, and solicit correspondence in regard to an exchange.

Brother F. D. Swope, '85, who spent most of the year with us,

has gone to Seymour, where he goes into the shoe business. We miss brother Swope very much, as he has been one of our most enthusiastic workers for four or five years. The best wishes of the chapter attend him in his new departure.

Brother Reel was called home at the close of last term by the sickness of his parents. Brother T. E. Shaw, having finished his course in the business college at Cincinnati, has returned to his home here where he will remain for the present.

We are much gratified to have brother C. O. Shirey with us again. He has been away all year teaching, but will proceed with his old class, '87.

All the personals in the March SCROLL credited to Indiana Delta belong to Indiana Epsilon.

Brother C. A. Swope, who is now employed as stenographer at the general office of the L. & N. R. R. at Louisville, paid us a short visit in March.

April 15, 1886.

CHAS. H. McCASLIN.

#### MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN BETA has sixteen loyal members and more to follow. This term we have initiated the following: Orla J. Root, '89; Will S. Morrison, '88. Brother De Gormo has returned to college. Brother Stanley, our delegate to Epsilon Province Convention, gave us a fine report.

On May 2, 1885, Charles F. Lawson and Guy B. Thompson were expelled from the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  fraternity for disloyalty to Phi honor. Perhaps this should have been reported before, but under the circumstances it was thought best not to report it at the time.

Will try and be more regular in our reports in the future.

In the bond,

April 11, 1886.

NED S. MAYO.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

EVERYTHING is at present very quiet here. The spring term opened March 16.

All the Phis were found at their post, excepting brother C. G. Corey, who has gone to his home, Money Creek, Minnesota. He expects to return in the fall.

Michigan Gamma is to be represented at the coming Province Convention, at Indianapolis, by brother J. E. Davidson.

We graduate two men this year, brothers Heckman and Prince.

April 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

IN and about Wisconsin Alpha everything is in prime order; we are getting along in excellent harmony, both as regards internal and external affairs. We are twelve in number and have weekly meetings. Our hall is the most tasty and spacious of all the fraternity halls in the city; we have it very well furnished, and, among other things, a piano and billiard-table help to while away leisure hours. We have had a coal-fire all winter, so we could go there at any time and find the hall at a comfortable temperature.

Brother Bennett, Class of '86 (Pharmacy), leaves us at the end of this term, having finished his course; he is one of our oldest members, and we are sorry to see him go.

In the joint debate between the two leading literary societies of the University, which took place a short time ago after one year's preparation, brothers Spencer and Hallam delivered powerful speeches. Our members are very prominent in these societies.

We lately had a pleasant call from brother A. J. Hilbert, of Milwaukee. He is partner in a wholesale firm dealing in drugs, chemicals, extracts, etc.

We are always glad to see old Phis, and extend invitation to all to come and see us.

March 30, 1886.

L. R. ANDERSON.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

I HAVE the pleasure of introducing in this report R. P. Barse and T. J. J. See, both of whom are loyal Phis now and as enthusiastic as could be desired. One day, in the month of March, the Phis, the  $\Sigma$  Ns and the *K K I's en masse*, together with representatives from the other two fraternities here,  $Z \Phi$  and  $\Sigma A E$ , assembled at the Depot to bid our brother Clendenin "good-bye," as he was on the eve of departing for Europe.

Brother H. R. Williams, in a few appropriate words, expressive of our love and admiration for our brother, delivered in the name of Missouri Alpha a very beautiful Phi badge to him. Brother Clendenin responded, delineating what had been his object and course he pursued in his endeavors to raise Phi Delta Theta far beyond her rivals, and with words of thanks for the badge, and, although somewhat low and nearly inaudible, yet *we* Phis heard them; then, after shaking us by the hand, he boarded the train

*en route* for New York. He belongs to this year's graduating class, and was allowed, by the Faculty, to pass his examinations, etc., before starting, so that when he returns his diploma will be here for him.

Talmage lectured here a few nights ago, and we had the pleasure of seeing some of our brothers from Missouri Beta, who were here for the lecture.

The Θ Chapter of *K K Γ* of this place are highly elated over the success of one of their members who received one of the "Prang Prizes" for the best Essay on Christmas Cards, and which was open to the whole United States.

The inter-collegiate contest in Oratory between Missouri State University and Westminster College of Fulton comes off on May 10, and out of the four representatives who are from here two are Phis, brothers Williams and Weed. Brothers Ayers, McChesney, Young and Bartley, from Missouri Beta, were here for a short time a few days ago.

We are all happy over the additions made to our list of chapters by the revival of New York Alpha and California Alpha, and the establishment of Massachusetts Alpha, and we wish them all "God-speed."

I also have the pleasure of noticing the marriage of one of our members to a lady who belongs to a local organization of Iowa.

Brother J. S. Snoddy, '83, has just received, from Newman, a very handsome badge.

Brother Knox has been appointed Essayist for the Exhibition of the Athenæum Literary Society.

A part of the military companies have been sworn in as State Militia, and now brother Ned Hinton holds a commission as a Quartermaster, bearing the Great Seal of Missouri.

Brother Geo. W. Coffman, '84, who has been attending the College of Homœopathy in Chicago, paid us a visit, a few days ago, on his way home.

April 1, 1886.

H. W. CLARK.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Missouri Beta is full to the brim of genuine Phi spirit, and fearing there would be an overflow, we called to our aid three sturdy men and instructed them in the mysteries. Their names will be found in the list of initiates, together with those of three former, whose names have never been placed in that list of honor.

Missouri Beta enjoyed the company of brother Frank Weed, of Missouri Alpha, some days ago.

We, of Missouri Beta, hope to meet Missouri Alpha soon at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest to be held in the first part of May.



I would call the attention of the editors of the SCROLL to what appears to me to be a typographical error in the directory. Should not *Kansas* Alpha Alumni, of Kansas City, Missouri, read *Missouri* Alpha Alumni, of Kansas City, Missouri?

I hope that the prospects of all chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are as flourishing as Missouri Beta.

Brother Charles B. France has left for his home in St. Joseph, Missouri, owing to being unwell; we hope to have him with us again soon. The resignation of Mr. A. S. C. Clarke was accepted by the chapter some time ago. Brothers G. F. Ayers, S. E. Young, W. Y. McChesney and D. P. Bartley enjoyed the hospitality and good-fellowship of Missouri Alpha, and with her members attended the lecture delivered before the students of Missouri State University by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, of Brooklyn. We are looking forward to the great Phi banquets four weeks from now.

March 28, 1886.

JOHN A. GALLAHER.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE spring term opened on the 1st of April, but nothing was done for two days in the line of regular work. The State Teachers' Association was then holding three daily sessions in chapel, and many of the Professors and students attended. W. F. Ringland, '77 (Indiana Beta), now President of Hastings College, delivered an excellent address on "The Antagonism of Religion and Culture," and made us a short call. C. L. Herron, '85, Michigan Gamma, has been in the city a few days with his chapter brother, R. E. Taylor, '85, and will become a Nebraska teacher. E. E. Woodman, '84, Michigan Gamma, recently passed through this city on his way from Chicago to his home in Kansas. He found his chapter brothers Taylor and Herron, and was escorted to the Phi hall, where several of us met him. Our chapter will greatly miss brothers Coddington and Chapin. Brother Coddington has gone to his home in Kansas, and brother Chapin is teaching at the Omaha Indian Agency, where his father is Superintendent. During examination week brother Clyde Bowman, '89, gave a tea party to the chapter and company. All enjoyed the evening and spoke highly of the real hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Bowman.

April 6, 1886.

JAMES R. FOREE.

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

SINCE our last report little has occurred that is of general interest, except the accession to the Phi world viewed from a matrimonial standpoint. On the 10th of February last W. S. Hos-



ford was married to Miss Nettie Morrow, of Iowa City. Brother Hosford, '83, is engaged in the wholesale and retail hardware business at Davenport, Iowa. We thus record the first departure of Iowa Beta in this line.

Our members have recently been increased by the addition of Arthur Cobb, a worthy member of the Sophomore Class.

Brother V. R. Lovell, as Orator, represented the State University of Iowa in the State Oratorical contest held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and there received the honor of Delegate to the the inter-State Oratorical contest. Considerable excitement of late has been manifested over college politics, out of it all Iowa Beta received her portion.

April 1, 1886.

O. R. YOUNG.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA initiated three men of the Class of '88, brothers M. S. Woodhams, C. F. Allardt and F. A. Allardt, on the evening of March 22. The initiation was held at the offices of Dr. C. T. Rodolph, a brother of one of our members in Oakland. Brothers Burchard and Henderson, of the Classes of '75 and '80, University of California, respectively, were present at the initiation, and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the ceremony.

March 23 was Charter Day of the University of California, and our new members made their first public appearance as Phis on that occasion. It is the custom here to hold literary exercises on the morning of Charter Day and to devote the afternoon to dancing. During the brief intermission between the morning and afternoon exercises, each of the fraternities give a lunch, to which they invite their friends.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  gave her "spread" at I. O. O. F. Hall, about sixty guests being present. All seemed well pleased with our good cheer, and the compliments we received assured us that California Alpha lunch was a success. The Phi sisters gained our everlasting gratitude by decorating the tables with floral designs, prominent among which was a large and exquisitely beautiful  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  badge.

Brother Western, Tennessee Beta, and Brothers McCracken and Morse, California Alpha, were with us on Charter Day.

Brother Morgan, '87, holds a position as Sergeant in the Battalion, while brother Woodhams, '88, is our gallant Color Sergeant.

On the evening of March 11 there occurred, in East Oakland, a ceremony which, although not an initiation of our dear  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , was nevertheless quite a Phi affair. Brother A. A. Dewing, Pennsylvania Alpha, and Miss Mary L. Melvin were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. Brother C. S. Melvin, Penn-

sylvania Alpha, acted as groomsman, while two of the four ushers were brothers Rodolph and Melvin, of our chapter.  
 March 27, 1886. H. A. MELVIN.

## INITIATES.

### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '87. David Frank Houston, Darlington, S. C.

### OHIO BETA.

- '88. Alphaeus Reid Cecil.

### MICHIGAN GAMMA.

- '88. *Marlin Palmer*, Ridgeway, Mich.

### IOWA BETA.

- '88. Arthur Cobb, Tipton, Ia.

### MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '88. Thos. Jefferson Jackson See, Montgomery City, Mo.  
 '90. Robert Pieronnet Barse, Kansas City, Mo.

### CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

- '87. William Owen Morgan, Oakland, Cal.  
 '88. Charles Ferdinand Allardt, Oakland, Cal.  
 '88. Frederick Adolphus Allardt, Oakland, Cal.  
 '88. Maurice Sullivan Woodhams, La Honda, Cal.  
 '89. Daniel Sawyer Holladay, Santa Ana, Cal.  
 '89. Harry Alexander Melvin, Oakland, Cal.  
 '89. Joseph Alonzo Norris, Pleasant Valley, Cal.  
 '89. Frank Mershon Parcells, Oakland, Cal.  
 '89. George Walter Rodolph, Oakland, Cal.

### OHIO GAMMA.

- '89. Edward Guy Welch, Athens, Ohio.  
 '89. Dudley W. Welch, Athens, Ohio.  
 '89. Sidney H. Johnson, Trimble, Ohio.  
 '89. Lucius N. Henry, Berlin, Ohio.  
 '88. W. W. Martin, Columbus, Ohio.

### MISSOURI BETA.

- '89. Charles Benjamin France, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 '89. Robert Donnel France, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 '87. Matthew Howell Reaser, Fulton, Mo.  
 '88. William Marion Duffy, Concord, Mo.  
 '88. Landon Owen Rodes, Fulton, Mo.  
 '88. James Long Sloss, St. Louis, Mo.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

- '88. William Norvell Compton, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Lloyd McKee Hooper, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Charleton Green Smith, Centreville, Ala.
- '89. Mortimer Jordan McAdory, Jonesboro, Ala.
- '88. Willie Eugene Holloway, Geneva, Ala.
- '89. Walter Ross Searcy, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '89. William Asahel Beebie.

## PROGRAMME FOR PROVINCE CONVENTION.

THE *Sigma Chi* publishes the following schedule of topics discussed at a recent province convention. We think that such a schedule was published in the *Shield* of  $\Phi K \Psi$  two or three years since, when Mr. Van Cleve was editor. We recommend these topics for consideration at future State and province conventions of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The only alteration we have made in the list is changing  $\Sigma X$  to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

1. Division Conferences.
  - (a) General—Their methods and scope.
  - (b) Special—Matters pertaining to each Grand Division.
2. The Fraternity Magazine.
  - (a) Financial.
    - (1) Subscriptions of Active Members.
    - (2) Alumni circulation.
  - (b) Editorial.
    - (1) General literary support and management.
    - (2) The work of Chapter Correspondents.
3. Financial Matters.
  - (a) General Fraternity finance.
  - (c) Individual chapter finances.
4. The Fraternity Catalogue.
  - (a) Matters of Publication and Finance.
  - (b) Historical Material.
  - (c) Biographical Material.
5. Alumni Relations to the Fraternity.
  - (a) Alumni Chapters.
  - (b) Alumni and the Active Chapters.
6. Inter-Chapter Relations.
  - (a) Acquaintance.
  - (b) Correspondence.
7. Chapter Records.
  - (a) Minutes.
  - (b) Other Records.

8. Chapter Libraries.
  - (a) Contents.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
9. The General Fraternity Library.
  - (a) Contents.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
10. Chapter Houses.
  - (a) Advantages and Management.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
11. Extension.
  - (a) Eastern.
  - (b) Western.
  - (c) Southern.
12. Nature of the Secrecy of the Fraternity.
13. Extended Chapter Histories.
14. The next Annual Convention.
  - (a) Place.
  - (b) Time.
  - (c) Questions for Debate and Decision.
    - (1) The Prep. Question.
    - (2) Constitutional Amendments.
    - (3) The Withdrawal of Charters.
    - (4) Regulation of Taxes and Assessments.
    - (5) Miscellaneous Subjects.
15. Character and Methods of Individual Chapter Work.
  - (a) Character of the meetings.
  - (b) General standard of membership.
  - (c) Numbers.
  - (d) Methods of solicitation.
  - (e) Ritualistic observance and knowledge.
  - (f) Constitutional observance and knowledge.
  - (g) General knowledge of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  matters and history.
  - (h) General knowledge of Greek-Letter Society matters and history.
  - (i) Songs and song-book.
16. Honorary Members.
17. The Expulsion of Members.

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## PERSONALS.

### ALABAMA ALPHA.

'84. M. Graham is teaching a flourishing school in Franklin, La.

'84. C. B. Gibson, Senior Captain of '84, is teaching in Jacksonville, Ala.

'84. C. Harding is at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

'85. L. V. Clark, who had charge of the victorious Cadet team at New Orleans and Mobile last May, is reading law in Mobile.

'85. W. M. Browder is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

'85. A. L. McLeod is teaching in Selma, Ala.

'85. O. L. Gray is teaching at Mulberry, Ala.

'85. J. W. Gilbert is assistant Professor of English in University of Alabama.

'84. John Daniel is assistant Professor of Natural Philosophy in University of Alabama.

### OHIO DELTA.

'87. W. Z. Morrison has entered the Junior Class at Cornell University, and reports himself well pleased with the change which he has made. He and J. R. Calder, '86, are two of Wooster's prominent Phis, now at Cornell.

'77. J. C. McClarren, a prominent lawyer of the city, is soon

to take his departure for the West. Brother McClarren was married last summer to Miss Lizzie Deer, one of Wooster's most popular ladies, and it is with great regret that the boys of Ohio Delta loose this couple from their social circle.

## ALABAMA BETA.

'82. F. J. Dudley is an architect at Columbus, Ga. We are glad to see him in our city occasionally.

'83. C. L. Gay is a merchant at Montgomery, Ala.

'85. T. Trammell is general agent for the Chess Corley Co., Vicksburg, Miss.

'86. A. F. Whitfield was with us not long since. He has completed his course at Fort Meyer, Va., and is now stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

'88. J. D. Stubbs is taking a special course in chemistry under W. C. Stubbs, of New Orleans.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

MARRIED.—On Monday, March 1, 1886, Lanius Duane Evans, of Columbia, Mo., to Miss Kate G. Griffith, of Keokuk, Ia. L. D. Evans is a member of Missouri Alpha, and Mrs. Evans is a member of the "M. C.s," a local organization of Iowa.

*In Memoriam.*

HALL OF MICHIGAN GAMMA, April 1, 1886.

*Whereas*, The Omnipotent Creator, in his *Divine* wisdom, has removed from our midst brother T. M. Greenman, a diligent and faithful student, a cheerful and active member of society, a worthy and loyal brother, and a warm and hearty friend to all who knew him ;

*Whereas*, His home has been bereft of his cheerful presence and his friends of a noble example of manhood, and as our fraternal circle has, for the first time, been invaded by that dread messenger death ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That by this deeply afflictive stroke we are again impressively reminded that death is the solemn and inevitable experience awaiting all.

*Resolved*, That we tender to his mourning friends our heartfelt sympathies.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and hung in the hall, that a copy be sent to his parents, and one to the SCROLL.

A. R. HECKMAN,	} Committee.
W. O. ROBINSON,	
H. A. SANFORD,	

HALL OF NORTH CAROLINA BETA CHAPTER, }  
 Φ Δ Θ, April 3, 1886. }

At its regular session our chapter adopted the following resolutions :

*Whereas*, Our Heavenly Father has been pleased to remove from his earthly labors our beloved brother Philemon Holland, jr., of Fayetteville, North Carolina ; be it

*Resolved*, That in his death North Carolina Beta Chapter of Φ Δ Θ loses an honored alumnus and a faithful friend, and the fraternity at large a loyal and enthusiastic member.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family by forwarding them a copy of these resolutions, published in the SCROLL.

WM. H. CARROLL, }  
 GRAHAM MCKINNON, } Committee.  
 W. H. McDONALD, }

HALL OF GEORGIA GAMMA.

*Whereas*, It has pleased the Allwise God to take from this band of brothers, in the vigor and pride of his young manhood, brother W. P. Long ; *be it resolved*,

That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father who doeth all things well, believing that in time of sorrow and bereavement His love and mercy is most bountifully extended us to comfort us and to strengthen us.

That in the death of brother Long our chapter lost one of its noblest and most loyal members, and his removal will deprive us of the love and sweet influences of one of the gentlest and most beautiful characters ever associated with us.

That we extend our loving sympathy to his bereaved family, and point them for comfort to the blessed Jesus in whom our brother trusted, who will "wipe all tears away," and heal their wounded hearts.

That though there is a vacant chair in our fraternal circle now, we will strive to become one united bond "eternal in the heavens."

That we wear crape for thirty days.

That we request the *Monochord* and the SCROLL to publish these resolutions ; that the family be furnished with a copy of them, and that they be copied in the Record Book of our chapter.

B. D. RAGSDALE, }  
 W. B. HARDMAN, } Committee.  
 L. M. NUMRALLY. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from us our beloved brother George Richards Herrick, be it

*Resolved*, That Massachusetts Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta loses in him a noble and Christian brother. To each and all of us he was a true friend, and so long as we are united by

these bonds of brotherhood, his memory among us will not die; and

*Resolved*, That in his death the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity loses a member worthy of its high privileges and one who had been, and we feel confident always would have been, had God spared him, faithful to its highest principles and teachings; and

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family, and that they be published in the SCROLL.

H. R. PLATT,	} Committee.
H. J. WELLS,	
G. L. RICHARDSON,	

Williamstown, Massachusetts, 1886.

### NOTICE.

WE have been compelled to omit editorials owing to press of matter. The next number will be issued about May 25th.

The address of Brother Frank D. Swope, of the Song Book Committee, has been changed to Seymour, Indiana.

THE Delta Province Convention will take place at Delaware, Ohio, under the auspices of Ohio Beta, on May 13th and 14th. Delegates from eight active and three alumni chapters are expected. The Convention will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall. The officers of the Province are as follows:

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 Vermont Alpha—University of Vermont—F. H. Clapp, 32 Grant St., Burlington, Vt.  
 Massachusetts Alpha—Williams College—George L. Richardson, Williamstown, Mass.  
 New York Alpha—Cornell University—Charles A. McAllister, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 New York Beta—Union College—T. W. Allen, Box 461, Schenectady, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma—College of the City of New York—C. A. Downer, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Delta—Columbia College—Elbert P. Callender, 354 W. 58th Street, New York, N. Y.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha—Lafayette College—Harry L. Moore, Easton, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Beta—Pennsylvania College—T. L. Crouse, Gettysburg, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Gamma—Washington and Jefferson College—A. J. Montgomery, Jr., Box 602, Washington, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Delta—Allegheny College—C. P. Lynch, Meadville, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Epsilon—Dickinson College—W. T. Graham, Carlisle, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Zeta—University of Pennsylvania—E. H. Small, 3348 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 New York Alpha Alumni—New York, N. Y., Paul Jones, 150 Broadway.

## BETA PROVINCE.

- Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College—Furmin J. Smith, Roanoke, Va.  
 Virginia Beta—University of Virginia—H. Hardaway, University of Virginia, Va.  
 Virginia Gamma—Randolph-Macon College—T. J. Barham, Ashland, Va.  
 Virginia Delta—Richmond College—W. H. Lyons, Richmond, Va.  
 Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute—G. B. Miller, Lexington, Va.  
 North Carolina Beta—University of North Carolina—A. M. Simmons, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.  
 South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College—W. W. Ball, Columbia, S. C.  
 Virginia Alpha Alumni—Richmond—Dr. C. M. Shields, 119 N. Fifth St., Richmond, Va.  
 District of Columbia Alpha Alumni—Washington—S. H. Kelley, 608 12th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
 Maryland Alpha Alumni—Baltimore—W. H. H. Raleigh, 23 Hanover St., Baltimore, Md.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

- Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia—J. J. Gilbert, Athens, Ga.  
 Georgia Beta—Emory College—W. R. Trimble, Oxford, Ga.  
 Georgia Gamma—Mercer University—W. B. Hardman, Macon, Ga.  
 Alabama Alpha—University of Alabama—W. E. Booker, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
 Alabama Beta—State College of Alabama—L. W. Spratling, Auburn, Ala.  
 Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi—J. M. Oliver, Oxford, Miss.  
 Texas Beta—University of Texas—Constance Pessels, Austin, Tex.  
 Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University—Chambers Kellar, Liberty Hall, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Tennessee Beta—University of the South—H. R. Bohn, 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 Alpha—Miami University—W. E. Clough, Oxford, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University—W. F. Mair, Delaware, Ohio.  
 Ohio Gamma—Ohio University—W. E. Bundy, Athens, Ohio.  
 Ohio Delta—University of Wooster—J. T. Morrison, Wooster, Ohio.  
 Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College—A. A. Kohler, Akron, Ohio.  
 Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University—W. L. Hunt, 62 Starr Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Kentucky Alpha—Centre College—R. S. Dawson, Danville, Ky.  
 Kentucky Delta—Central University— ———, Richmond, Ky.  
 Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati—Dr. J. A. Thompson, 113 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron—W. J. McCreary, 128 Brown St., Akron, Ohio.  
 Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av., Louisville, Ky.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

- Indiana Alpha—Indiana University—B. Fesler, Bloomington, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta—Wabash College—J. G. Lovell, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
 Indiana Gamma—Butler University—H. T. Miller, Irvington, Ind.  
 Indiana Delta—Franklin College—H. N. Gant, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College—C. H. McCaslin, Box 63, Hanover, Ind.  
 Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University—T. C. Hopkins, Box 518, Greencastle, Ind.  
 Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan—Nelson Mayo, Agricultural College, Mich.  
 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—W. O. Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis—C. L. Goodwin, "Indianapolis Times," Indianapolis, Ind.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

- Illinois Gamma—Address Province President.  
 Illinois Delta—Knox College—J. B. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Illinois Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University—W. L. Miller, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University—Ward Brigham, 664 Knox St., Galesburg, Ill.  
 Wisconsin Alpha—University of Wisconsin—L. R. Anderson, 535 State 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.

## ETA PROVINCE.

- Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri—H. W. Clark, Box 278, Columbia, Mo.  
 Missouri Beta—Westminster College—J. A. Gallaher, Fulton, Mo.  
 Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas—B. P. Blair, Box 382, Lawrence, Kan.  
 Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska—J. R. Foree, State Block, Lincoln, Neb.  
 Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University—J. F. Riggs, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.  
 Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa—O. R. Young, Iowa City, Iowa.  
 Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota—J. C. E. King, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Kansas Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.  
 Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Mo.  
 California Alpha—University of California—Harry A. Melvin, Oakland, Cal.

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# *The SCROLL of PHI DELTA THETA.*

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## DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

### OPENING SESSION.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL, DELAWARE, O., }  
THURSDAY, May 13th, 1886. }

THE Third Bi-ennial Convention of Delta Province of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was called to order at 3 P.M., by President Morrison, of Ohio Delta chapter, who explained appropriately the objects and importance of the Convention.

In the absence of the Chaplain and Treasurer, the President appointed brother F. S. Ball, Ohio Z, and brother Seeds, Ohio B, to these respective offices; and the former opened the session by asking the blessing of God upon the deliberations.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

On Order of Business—W. E. O'Kane, Ohio B, A. C. Reeves, Ohio Z, and C. G. Miller, Ohio A.

On Credentials—F. S. Ball, Ohio Z, E. A. Dent, Ohio I, and W. E. Miller, Ohio B.

On Place of Holding Next Convention—W. J. Rusk, Ohio A, John Francis, Ohio A, and J. M. Higgins, Ohio I.

On Officers—A. A. Kohler, Ohio E, F. M. Millington, Ohio B, and W. F. Hunt, Ohio Z.

After a short recess, the Committee on Business reported essentially the same order suggested in the April number of the SCROLL, with the addition of some matters of especial interest to the Province. On motion, the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was postponed until the next meeting, or later.

At 4 o'clock the convention adjourned, to meet in the hall of Ohio Beta, at 8 o'clock.

### EVENING SESSION.

HALL OF OHIO BETA, May 13, 1886.

The delegates were called to order by the President, at 8 P.M. After the religious exercises, the Chair ordered the Secretary to read the Province constitution, which was followed by brother

Robert Seeds in the discussion of the first subject on the programme, "Chapter Finances," and the debate was ably continued by several others.

Brother W. E. Bundy led in discussing "Alumni Interests," and, on motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions in regard to the same, with instructions to report on the following day. Brothers E. A. Dent, J. E. Brown and A. A. Kohler were chosen as such committee.

At this point brother A. P. Collins, '59, of Kansas, one of the charter members of Ohio Beta, made his appearance in the hall, and was immediately called upon to discuss the alumni question. After an effective speech from this veteran Phi, and a hearty fraternity song, the Convention adjourned to meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

#### MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 14, 1886.

The Convention met at 10 A.M., the President in the chair. After the opening prayer by the chaplain, the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates as present and entitled to vote :

Ohio Alpha, W. J. Rusk ; Ohio Beta, F. M. Millington and W. E. Miller ; Ohio Gamma, A. E. Price and E. A. Dent ; Ohio Delta, John Francis and C. G. Miller ; Ohio Epsilon, A. A. Kohler and F. S. Pixley ; Ohio Zeta, A. C. Reeves and F. S. Ball ; Ohio Beta Alumni, W. J. McCreary.

The reports of the delegates were next in order. They reported various success and fair prospects in the several chapters of the Province.

The Historian, brother W. F. Hunt, delivered an elaborate report as to the standing of the several chapters and the general condition of the Province. The report shows a membership of 86 in the active chapters at the present time. Since the last convention, 72 candidates have been initiated and 61 have left college.

The regular programme was again taken up at this point, and the subject, "Inter-chapter Relations," was well discussed by brother E. A. Dent and others.

The special committee on "Alumni Interests" submitted the following plan and resolutions :

*Whereas*, It has become apparent that the present relation of the alumni of Phi Delta Theta fraternity to the active chapters is of a latent rather than of an active interest, and

*Whereas*, There is no efficient medium of correspondence between the active and alumni members, by which the latter can be generally and regularly informed of the actual workings and condition of the chapters ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Delta Province, in convention assembled, advise the several chapters of Delta Province to take such measures as shall lead to regular communication between them and their alumni; and that it recommend that this be done by the issuing of semi-annual circular letters, each chapter to send a copy to each of its alumni and each chapter of the fraternity, and to the members of the General Council.

These circular letters to consist of—

1. Full name, class and home address of each active member of the chapter.
2. Full names and addresses of initiates since last report.
3. Full names, addresses and occupations of members who have been graduated or left college since last report.
4. Changes in addresses and occupations of alumni which have been made known or reported since last circular letter.
5. All fraternity news, both in chapter and in college at large. The first to include all enterprises and matters of interest in which the chapter or its individual members may have been engaged. The second to include rival fraternities, their membership and their general standing in college.
6. All college news, such as gifts to university or any of its departments; any improvements made; in short, everything that would be of interest to the alumni who have gone out from the chapter. (In order to be interesting this must contain news, not general statements.)
7. Any incidents of interest concerning members of chapters, whether active or alumni.
8. The duty of compiling this report to devolve upon the historian of the chapter, who, before sending it out, shall submit it to the chapter for criticism, revision or additions.
9. These circular letters to be issued regularly upon December 1st and May 1st of each year.

Lastly, that it not only recommends this plan to be immediately adopted by the chapters of Delta Province, but that it request the delegates who may represent the several chapters of Delta Province at the coming National Convention, to use all honorable means to secure the adoption of such a plan as an integral part of our fraternity government.

J. E. BROWN,	} Committee.
E. A. DENT,	
A. A. KOHLER,	

After some debate, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Brother J. E. Brown next discussed, in a thorough manner, the topic, "Chapter Records."

Brother F. S. Pixley followed on the subject of "Extension," and, by unanimous consent, the Secretary was ordered by the

President to record that the sense of this Convention is opposed for the present to further extension in Delta Province.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 1:30 P.M., President Morrison in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

"Methods of Solicitation" was ably discussed by L. S. Lupton and A. E. Price.

The discussions of "Ritualistic Observances," "Constitutional Observances," "Fraternity Knowledge," and "Songs and Song Books," were next taken up in order, and opened respectively by brothers E. S. Barkdull, W. E. Bundy, W. F. Hunt and W. E. O'Kane.

Brother J. E. Brown followed on the subject, "Ritual and Constitution," and read to the convention the draft of the new ritual now being prepared by the committee to report at the coming National Convention.

The questions of "Fraternity Entertainment" and "College Cliques" were next opened for discussion by brothers C. G. Miller and R. L. Seeds respectively.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee to draft resolutions in regard to "College Cliques," and brothers W. E. Bundy, Rush O. Bigley and F. S. Pixley were appointed.

After the Committee on Officers reported the staff for the next Convention, the Convention adjourned.

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#### EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION.

MINUTES of the second annual Convention of Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 7th and 8th, 1886.

#### EVENING SESSION, APRIL 7TH.

The Convention was called to order in the parlors of the Grand Hotel by brother W. J. Snyder, of Greencastle, in the absence of the President.

Brother C. H. McCaslin, of Franklin, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The following committees were appointed: On Credentials—J. E. Davidson, Grafton Johnson, and A. H. Moore. On Officers—C. H. McCaslin, G. C. Stanley, and Albert Heiney.

Resolutions were introduced by brother H. U. Brown, President G. C., deprecating combinations, which, after a short discussion, were laid upon the table.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., April 8th.



## MORNING SESSION, APRIL 8TH.

Convention called to order by brother W. J. Snyder, President *pro tem*.

President *pro tem* read the letter of greeting from Province President J. M. Goodwin.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials reported over fifty brethren present.

Committee on Officers reported the following nominations : Secretary—Chas. S. McCoy, Indiana Delta ; Treasurer—T. G. Brashear ; Warden—J. B. Bates, Michigan Beta ; Orator—J. E. Davidson, Michigan Gamma ; Historian—J. E. Newland ; Poet—H. T. Miller, Indiana Gamma ; Prophet—W. C. Harding, Indiana Beta. Report was adopted.

Reports were received from the chapters of the Province showing them all to be in excellent condition, with a total membership of 141, an increase of 13 during the year.

The report of the Province Treasurer was received and adopted. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the President *pro tem*.

After a general discussion of the interests of Phi Delta Theta, the following literary exercises were rendered :

Prophecy—Chas. H. McCaslin ; Oration—W. J. Snyder.

On motion, the reading of the History of the Province was deferred till the banquet.

The following resolutions were introduced by President H. U. Brown in place of those tabled the evening before :

*Whereas*, The political methods which have been introduced into the management of the Indiana State Oratorical Association, and in other college organizations, have resulted perniciously ; and,

*Whereas*, The Oratorical Association has been brought to the verge of dissolution by the application of the "Spoils System,"

*Resolved*, By the Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta, that it deprecates such practices ; and,

*Resolved*, That the delegates to this convention be instructed to bring the matters herein mentioned to the attention and consideration of their respective chapters, and urge the purification and eventual abolition of the combination system ; and, further

*Resolved*, That the chairman be and hereby is instructed to appoint a committee of one from each of the Indiana chapters to bring this matter to the attention of each of the other fraternities in their respective colleges, and ask their co-operation in these purposes ; and,

*Resolved*, That we instruct this committee to obtain the con-

sent of the various fraternities to appoint delegates to meet to consider these matters and to arrange for the amicable rotation of the offices of Oratorical Association among the colleges represented.

The resolutions, after a full discussion, were adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by brother Jesse Bridges, of Indianapolis :

Inasmuch as the chapters of Phi Delta Theta of this State are equal, and feeling that the offices should be equally divided,

*Resolved*, That the offices that may hereafter fall to the lot of Phi Delta Theta in the Indiana Oratorical Association shall be distributed by rotation, irrespective of the delegates sent by the chapters. Adopted.

There being no further business to come before the convention, it adjourned.

W. J. SNYDER, President *pro tem*.

CHAS. S. MCCOY, Secretary.

The banquet was very pleasant and enjoyable. About seventy were present.

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#### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEXAS GAMMA.

THE dissolution of the W. W. W. or Rainbow fraternity and the amalgamation of a greater part of its chapters with the  $\Delta T \Delta$  calls for an explanation from the members of the late L. S. chapter of that fraternity, which now mainly composes the Texas Gamma of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Our previous history is about this : The first chapter of the Rainbow fraternity in the State of Texas was established at the Southwestern University by Geo. H. Lee and W. G. Sears, formerly of the University of Mississippi, in the year 1882. The charter was granted by the mother chapter, or head of the order, then at the latter university, and the young sprout was dubbed the D. V. chapter. The sentiment of both faculty and students was then strongly opposed to secret societies, and after a year of feeble existence the chapter faded into a shadow, and our name was given to a chapter established at the University of Texas. In 1884 M. K. Bateman, R. E. L. Knight and myself made application to the head chapter, then transferred from the University of Mississippi to Vanderbilt University for re-establishment, and were duly chartered and recognized under the new name of the L. S. chapter. As such the W. W. W. fraternity actively and avowedly existed until the recent union with the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , making our reports and communicating to our head, the Rainbow chapter at Vanderbilt.

Sometime in May, 1885, we were informed that negotiations had been opened between the  $\Delta T \Delta$  and our fraternity with a view to a consolidation. At the opening of our college session,

in the fall of 1885, our head chapter informed us that the hybrid would be called the " $\Delta T \Delta$  Rainbow," with an union constitution, an union badge, and an union ritual—in other words, a new fraternity, half Greek and half Roman, would be built on the wreck of both. Internally the W. W. W. was a weak organization; it lacked ritual, it taught doctrines that the war had settled, and was distasteful to true republican spirit. Hoping to better and strengthen our organization, our L. S. chapter of the South-western University telegraphed the I. P. chapter at Vanderbilt that we would accept those conditions of consolidation. Upon the heels of this we received from Nashville the following official communication:

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 13, 1885. }  
L. S. CHAPTER RAINBOW FRATERNITY, }

*Brothers in the Rainbow Fraternity:*

DEAR SIRS:—Find within terms of consolidation between the W. W. W.s and the Delta Tau Deltas, all of which articles have been ratified by the  $\Delta T \Delta$  except the last one, which will undoubtedly be ratified by them very soon, "as we were informed by their committee." These articles have been agreed to by the I. P. chapter of Vanderbilt University, and in behalf of the I. P. I ask you to take action upon them as soon as possible and let us hear the result. By so doing you will greatly oblige

Your brother in W. W. W.,

PRESTON VAUGHAN, D. V.

The terms of consolidation were as follows, to wit:

"Terms of consolidation of the Rainbow and  $\Delta T \Delta$  Fraternities.

"ARTICLE 1. The name of the consolidated fraternities shall be  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

"ART. 2. The fraternity shall be divided into four grand divisions, the first of which shall be known as the Rainbow division, and this shall be perpetual and shall include *all the original chapters* of the Rainbow fraternity.

"ART. 3. The Grand Chapter of the Rainbow division shall be located with Vanderbilt University chapter, unless ordered elsewhere by a vote of said Rainbow division, and then shall go only to an old Rainbow chapter.

"ART. 4. The original Rainbow chapters shall always have at least one representative in the executive council.

"ART. 5. The name of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  Journal shall be changed from the *Crescent* to the *Rainbow*. This is to take effect upon the consolidation of the two fraternities, and to be perpetual."

These terms were diametrically opposed to those we were led to expect would be made, and of such humiliating nature that our chapter determined that it could with more credit to itself "swap"

our Romanism to better advantage and treat with a Grecian order more congenial to Texas soil than the  $\Delta T \Delta$ . If we were to surrender the old obsolete order of W. W. W. unconditionally, we claimed the right to say to whom of the conquering host it should be. We learned about this time that the Rainbow members at Vanderbilt wore  $\Delta T \Delta$  badges and colors. Our Austin chapter came to our rescue and suggested the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . This fraternity was the largest in Texas; two of our faculty were loyal Phis, and we had been told it was second to none in the United States. On the other hand, the  $\Delta T \Delta$  was unknown to us, there being no chapter in the State and very few in the South. Our decision was unanimous. We wrote to the I. P. chapter to withdraw our charter; this was treated with silence. We then bundled charter and paraphernalia up in a little brown package and mailed it to Nashville, and sent in our petition to the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for charter. Our reason for joining the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is plainly this: we preferred it to any other. We meant no discourtesy to  $\Delta T \Delta$ . Their merits were unknown to us—this may argue ourselves unknown. But as it was a choice of Greek letters, we chose the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and have been signally converted, since joining her, to the precept and practices of our present order. We wish success to all the  $\Delta T \Delta$ s, whether old Rainbows or not. We will try to win success for ourselves as  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s. *Te deum laudamus.*

ROBERT A. JOHN.

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#### THAT PAMPHLET.

A copy of a pamphlet headed "An exposure of Waller, Kellar, Jack and Will, the 'Thugs' of Tennessee Alpha," lies on the desk of the undersigned. It would, in our opinion, be the most effective policy of the SCROLL as a periodical to entirely ignore the pamphlet and the charges therein made, which policy would render this matter unfit for publication therein; but justice to the members of the Tennessee Alpha chapter, whose organ the SCROLL is, as well as of every chapter of our loved fraternity, demands that these charges should be refuted.

Those who were with me at the Nashville convention in 1884, and who became acquainted with the boys composing the chapter at the University, will not hesitate to approve of whatever action that chapter sees fit to make its own. The authors of the scurrilous pamphlet referred to, which brands four of the members of Tennessee  $\Delta$  as "thugs," is a member expelled, according to his own statement, after a fair trial by the chapter, and even refused to defend himself. It is therefore the duty of the fraternity and of its organ, the SCROLL, to uphold without question the action of one of her chapters, and that too a chapter in whose halls has been born so many sons of whom Phi Delta Theta has cause to

be proud. We do not believe that any four men would be crafty enough to hoodwink the remainder of a chapter such as we know Tennessee Alpha is, and we say to our friends, the members of said chapter: "You have done well to expel such dangerous characters as E. Hinkle and brother from your fold, and we glory in your spunk."

WM. N. SOUTHERN.

Mo. B., '84.

### ALUMNI SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SCROLL.

No one doubts the wisdom of the plan which  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  adopted in 1878 requiring attendant members to subscribe for the SCROLL. Nearly every other fraternity that publishes a journal has made a similar requirement. Still the question of *alumni support* of the SCROLL remains unsolved. At the convention of 1882 H. C. Carney offered the following resolution, which, excepting the compulsory feature, had first been suggested by J. M. Barrs:

"*Resolved*, That each member of the fraternity at the expiration of his attendant membership, either by graduation or otherwise, shall pay into the treasury \$5.00, which shall entitle him to a life subscription to the SCROLL."

The convention was not prepared to adopt the plan without more consideration, and the matter was referred to the committee on constitution to report at the next convention. The idea grew in favor, and the committee recommended the plan, leaving out the compulsory feature, and making the time, for which the payment of \$5.00 should entitle an alumnus, ten years instead of for life. With these changes, the convention of 1884, by unanimous vote, incorporated the plan into the constitution. But as yet no considerable number of alumni have subscribed under this arrangement. Something else must be done to make the alumni become regular readers of the SCROLL. The necessity of keeping alumni constantly interested in fraternity affairs through the medium of the fraternity journal, is impressed so strongly in the *Sigma Chi* for December, that I quote here its remarks in abridged form:

"That a journal of the character of the *Sigma Chi* is issued at its present cost of time, talent and money to reach the mere handful of alumni members who are at present on its rolls, is a shameful waste of power and valuable material. Every effort of the general management has failed to reach the alumni of the order, and must fail. Every conceivable consideration of self-interest, of fraternity pride, and of the future strength and progress of the order demand that the increased alumni circulation of the magazine be made the object of immediate and untiring effort on the part of each and every active chapter. It is *the* question of the

hour, involving almost every other ; for the whole future of the fraternity depends upon its success in securing and holding the personal interest of its scattered membership ; and interest is commensurate with information. Given an alumnus who does not receive the magazine, and in a few years the fraternity will have passed out of his thoughts. He cannot be interested in its plans, for he will not understand the things that engross its attention. He is stranded on the shore, out of the current of fraternity life, and out of harmony with its rapidly progressing development. Given an alumnus who reads the magazine, and he is interested because he is kept informed. He has seen the struggles of the organization. He is alive to its needs and in sympathy with its plans ; and to him and to his fellow subscribers the fraternity must look for practical support, and from them alone can it hope to receive it. For every practical purpose, the three hundred who read the fraternity journal are in fact the  $\Sigma X$  fraternity. Out of the two hundred and odd members who leave the active membership every year, less than a score continue their subscriptions to the *Sigma Chi*, while the remainder are lost to the fraternity and to their chapters by an unconscious relapse into practical "barbarism," that is not the less fatal because gradual and natural. To remedy this, and to stop at least any further increase of indifferent alumni, it has been urged that each chapter adopt and enforce a by-law requiring all future members to continue their magazine subscriptions after leaving the active chapter. So far as the present and future members of the fraternity are concerned, such a law could be in a large measure enforced without great difficulty, and it is certainly worthy of a serious trial. If such an opinion should prove well founded, it would involve the successful solution of the alumni problem, and would result in untold advantages to the fraternity and its chapters."

The following extract from the January *Shield* of  $\Phi K \Psi$  is to the same effect :

"Subscriptions to the fraternity organ should be obligatory after as before graduation. There must be some link to bind those who are out of college to the old days—some serious and constant reminder. If reached at all they will be reached through the fraternity journal. We believe that it would be wise to make it a rule that all future initiates should subscribe and pay for the *Shield* the first five years they are out of college. Such a tax would be a great aid to the *Shield* and not too heavy to be fair."

If the convention of  $\Phi A \Theta$  which meets in October shall enact a law requiring every member upon leaving college to subscribe under the \$5.00 plan, the result will be that in a few years the SCROLL will have a large number of subscribers among the alumni. And why not? Why should a member upon graduation more object to paying \$5.00 for the SCROLL ten years in ad-

vance than to paying his diploma fee? It would not be unjust to him, for he would secure the SCROLL at half the price that attendant members pay. Such a law of course could not be enforced against those who have already passed out, but only from the time of its passage. On the first day of April of each year the treasurer of the General Council should assess each chapter \$5.00 for every Senior and for every member who leaves college that year, and the chapter should require them to pay it. With our plan for requiring attendant members to subscribe for the SCROLL, and for prorating the expenses of convention delegates, we may well be proud of our financial economy. Let us take one more step in advance, and enact a measure which eventually will make every living member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  a reader of the SCROLL.

WALTER B. PALMER.

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## EDITORIAL.

WE have purposely delayed this number in order to report the Province Conventions, and in consequence of the publication later on of No. 9 for a special purpose. This, therefore, may be our last words of reflection and greeting during this collegiate year. We may be pardoned, therefore, if we indulge in a brief retrospect and a few observations, the result of direct personal experience.

The past year has been, indeed, a remarkable one in the fraternity's progress. The advance we have made is truly astonishing, and some day, when the full history of the fraternity is written, 1885-1886 will be written down as a banner year.

With chapters established at Williams, Southwestern and Central, reorganized at Cornell and the University of California, and revived at the University of Pennsylvania, our roll has become stronger and more complete than it ever was.

All of these chapters have many hard fights ahead, but they have undergraduates energetic and plucky, and alumni interested and enthusiastic, in their support.

Dudley R. Horton, '75, of New York Alpha, has been and is aiding the Cornell Phis in their battle for a rock foundation. Charles S. Melvin, of Pennsylvania Alpha, has taken such an active hand in the efforts of California Alpha, that that chapter will soon be in a position which cannot be disturbed. Kentucky



Delta and Texas Gamma are already powerful in universities whose future is capable of the greatest possibilities. Massachusetts Alpha and Pennsylvania Zeta, though established in the college with many old fraternities as rivals, need only a little to season them. Assuredly these are prospects very pleasing to contemplate at the end of our work this year.

A further step forward has been the increased communication between chapters. It was our privilege to attend the Alpha Province Convention, and we realized, as a matter of fact for the first time, the indescribable advantages of a local convention. Our Province Conventions this year have been more largely attended than heretofore, the attendance at none of them being less than seventy. Three years ago, half a dozen Phis could not have been gathered together in the metropolis. On the occasion of the Alpha Province Convention, eighty were present, of whom over sixty sat down to the banquet.

Alumni chapters in fact, and not in name, have held meetings in many of the greater cities, and it will not be long before we will have a large number of organized alumni in New York, Washington, Columbus, Louisville, Indianapolis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and San Francisco, as we have already in the principal cities of the South.

Our alumni, too, are gaining recognition. As yet, the great majority of them are young men, but it will be a matter of but a few years when many of them will gain places in the community. The present administration demonstrates the number of Phis that have come to the front.

The SCROLL, also, while pursuing its well-known policy, has at times found space for articles which have been recognized as valuable additions to fraternity literature.

Some of our contributions, notably those of W. B. Palmer and J. E. Brown, have been noticeably thorough and able.

The MANUAL has been a unique book, which will cast much credit on our work, and be of great service to the undergraduates.

We cannot help priding ourselves a little upon the successful publication of what was a new departure in Greek journalism.

Many other sources of congratulation could be enlarged upon—internal improvement, increased enthusiasm, permanent chap-



ter houses—but we content ourselves with mentioning these only.

We look back on the year with conscious satisfaction, and we anticipate the future with well-earned confidence.

May you all enjoy a summer of recreation and happiness, and return to the fall campaign with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

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THE pamphlet published by two expelled members of Phi Delta Theta is really unworthy of notice, and we begrudge the space for this notice. Tennessee Alpha, however, in view of the numberless questions with which she has been bothered, has decided to publish a pamphlet containing a reply of the four gentlemen composing the Committee on Expulsion. It can be obtained by addressing W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.

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DURING the past year we have received a large number of addresses and poems delivered or read by Phis before various assemblies—some collegiate, others public. They have been without exception of the highest literary merit, and we should have published them had our space permitted. We find, however, so much difficulty in printing the absolutely essential portions of the SCROLL, that we never have room for anything else. We can give the chapters who desire to see these efforts in print the advantage of low rates, if they wish them in pamphlet form, and will be pleased to superintend their publication, or contribute any help personally in our power; but our limited space in the SCROLL prevents their appearing in that organ.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE General Council takes pleasure in announcing the addition of another chapter to our present lengthy roll. In my letter on Kentucky Delta to the SCROLL in November last I outlined the policy of extension to which the General Council has held in considering all applications for charters. That policy has met not only with success in its practical working, but has been received with expressions of favor by our most loyal Phis. We have, therefore, seen no reason to deviate from it. Its applica-

tion involves a consideration of the prospects for the future, as well as of present conditions. Last December an application for a charter was signed by nine men attending Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. As soon as this application reached the Grand Council we at once began a careful and complete examination. As a result of our investigations, we have chartered Texas Gamma. Several names have since been added to the list of charter members. I deem that the facts obtained will be of interest to the fraternity at large, and that the present is a peculiarly appropriate time to present them while introducing the intraut.

February 5th, 1840, the Congress of the Republic of Texas approved the charter of Ruterville College, and January 16th, 1844, the charter of Wesleyan College, San Augustine. In 1856 the legislature of the State of Texas approved the charter of Soule University, Chappell Hill, and in 1860 the charter of McKenzie College, Clarksville. The disasters of the war and the development of the upper and western portions of the State prompted, in 1869, a call throughout the State for a convention under the auspices of the Methodist Church to consider the question of unification, reorganization and endowment of these colleges. The convention met at Galveston, April 20th, 1870. A central institution was established, and commissioners were appointed and entrusted with the questions of location and endowment. As a result, Southwestern University, at Georgetown, was opened October 6th, 1873.

As has been indicated, the institution thus formed is under the control of the Methodist Church in Texas. No other sect has so large a following in the State; it has 7 conferences, about 1,200 ministers, and 100,000 members. The members yearly assess upon themselves a tax to increase the permanent endowment of the institution. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is said on good authority to have been added in the past year to its endowment. Its location is especially attractive, buildings good, 361 students at present in all the departments, growth rapid and substantial, and future at least as bright as that of Methodism in Texas.

The institution is well-known in the South, and is admitted to be second in Texas only to the State University at Austin—the home of Texas Beta.

Considering the present standing of Texas as a State, her most rapid growth and development, and her certain future, the field opened by the application presents many strong attractions. In our deliberations we were reminded that the advantages to Texas Beta of a chapter at Georgetown were very powerful. The State University draws many of its students in the law and similar courses from other institutions in the State, and Beta has had to

compete, single-handed, not only against rivals, but rivals constantly drawing recruits from other institutions of the State, notably Southwestern University. Her substantial success in the face of this disadvantage inclines us to favor an increase in such material. The Phis of Texas seemed unanimously and enthusiastically in favor of the new chapter; we received strong letters from brothers John M. McCoy, Indiana Alpha, '60, at Dallas, J. H. Bryant, Tennessee Alpha, '79, Professor in university at Austin, J. E. Stovall, a graduate of Southwestern University and now in Theological Seminary at Vanderbilt University, and a number of others, including brothers Cone and Palmer. We had feared that anti-fraternal laws would prevent our introduction at Southwestern University, but a close examination assures us that the law on this point now on the statute books of the institution is a dead letter. Two fraternities, *K A* and the Rainbows, have existed openly for a number of years. The president of the university is a fraternity man, and Professors Cody and Callaway are Phis.

The nine original applicants for a charter are ex-members of the Rainbow fraternity, and are heartily endorsed by Texas Beta.

It will be remembered that *A T A* absorbed the Vanderbilt, University of Mississippi, and Emory and Henry chapters of Rainbow. The Texas chapters of Rainbow have fared better. Members at the State University at Austin had previously made application and been received into our order by Texas Beta. A kindred feeling prompted the members of the old Rainbow chapter at Georgetown to follow their brothers into the fold. Accompanying the application they made casual but flattering reference to the attractions of our order, which induced them to apply for admission.

Texas, an empire in itself, has unquestionably a brilliant future before it in our national history. If Southwestern University continues to hold among the institutions of the State the same relative position she now bears to number one, we will find her before many years a well-fought battle-ground of the frats.

For the present we welcome some of the picked men of the university; we congratulate Texas Beta on securing so efficient a helpmeet, and we commend the new chapter to the welcome and cheer of our entire order.

C. PH. BASSETT, S. G. C.

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#### A WORD TO GAMMA PROVINCE.

NEXT October Phi Delta Theta will hold a national convention. There is none too much time for preparation. At our last convention in Nashville Gamma Province cleared herself of debt by a hard struggle. This struggle would never have been

necessary had the chapters been careful to balance their cash books at the end of each collegiate year. Upon the contrary, many chapter treasurers allowed members to leave while in debt to the chapter. Few men will fail to pay their chapter dues, even if their own wants are unsatisfied. A man who can and will not pay, lays himself liable to the chapter, who should do their duty.

Let us have a clean report that every chapter is represented in the convention, and not one in debt.

May 15th, 1886.

S. P. GILBERT.

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#### TO CHAPTER REPORTERS AND HISTORIANS.

I AM preparing a supplement to the Catalogue issued by brother Palmer in 1883. All chapter lists will be brought down to the close of the current college year (1885-1886), and all errors and imperfections which exist in the 1883 Catalogue will be corrected as far as possible. The earnest co-operation of the chapters is necessary in order to obtain a perfect catalogue of their members. Please appoint some competent and active member of your chapter to send to me, *as soon as possible*, information on the following points. If the work cannot be done before the close of the year, please place it in the hands of some member who will be able to do the work quickly, but, above all, *thoroughly*, and who shall furnish the desired information without unnecessary delay. If such member be appointed to do the work after the close of college, please send me his name and home address in full at once. The catalogue will be published as early as possible after the opening of the colleges in the fall.

Please give FULL INFORMATION on the following points :

1. State in full all errors which exist in your chapter list in the Catalogue of 1883. Give full correction of all. State all changes, whether of occupation or address, of older members. Where initial only is given, ascertain, if possible, the FULL first, middle and surname.

2. If any member whose name appears in the 1883 Catalogue has since died, state date and place of death, with cause.

3. State all honors, whether in church, State, business or professional life, which have been conferred on older men since 1883.

4. If you have not or cannot obtain a copy of the 1883 Catalogue, please inform me at once, and I will send you unbound sheets containing your chapter lists.

5. State the FULL name, including FIRST, MIDDLE and SURNAME, unabbreviated, of every member initiated since or whose name does not appear in the Catalogue of 1883.

6. Give the date of their initiation, as nearly as possible, and

if any afterwards affiliated with any other chapter, state what and when.

7. State the college course of each.

8. State whether they completed course or not. If they graduated, state in what year and with what baccalaureate degree. If they did not graduate, state when they WOULD HAVE GRADUATED had they continued with their class. If the university or no-class system prevails, give instead the year and month when each retired from college.

9. If any have since attended any other college, state what, and course and class.

10. State, giving years, all honors and distinctions conferred on each while in college, either by the fraternity, literary societies, faculty or otherwise.

11. Give present occupation of each, with present address in full. If any have had former occupations, state them.

12. Mention all instances of relationship between members newly initiated. State also all cases where the son or brother of an older member has been initiated. Give chapter and class of each.

13. State all cases of business partners, with business, chapter, and class of each.

14. Be very CLEAR and THOROUGH, and write on legal or foolscap paper.

15. Please give this matter prompt attention, for it is of great importance to the Fraternity. Address all communications to P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

#### CONVENTION TAX.

THE General Council begs leave to announce to the fraternity at large an assessment of \$3 per capita upon the members of the order to defray the expenses of the National Convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, commencing at 10 A. M., Monday, October 18th, 1886, and closing the following Friday.

May 24, 1886.

C. PH. BASSETT,

Secretary General Council.

THE editors beg leave to apologize and ask the indulgence of many correspondents for neglect during the past month. Circumstances combined to render their time extremely limited, and to make it impossible to watch our correspondence as diligently as is proper. Those who desire to write us now upon any subject will be answered fully and promptly.

J. M. MAYER,  
T. H. BASKERVILLE,  
L. WAMPOLD, JR.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last correspondence we have been strengthened by the addition of a new member to our chapter. Mr. D. V. L. Bennett, '87, is our new initiate. Brother Bennett has held several important class offices, and is at present one of the editors of the *Cornellian* (our annual publication), and a captain in the Cornell Battalion.

Brother T. F. Lawrence, '87, has been compelled to leave his work this term on account of ill-health. Brother W. Z. Morrison, '87, who recently came here from the University of Wooster, was elected one of the three editors of the *Cornell Era*. He received a larger number of votes than any of his competitors.

Now that we are fairly started, we look forward to the time when Phi Delta Theta will regain her former prominence here at Cornell.

May 22, 1886.

C. A. McALLISTER.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON has not been heard from among the chapter reports for several months. Reports have been sent, but whether they arrived in time or not is a different matter.

Nothing unusual has occurred in our chapter. We have a strong force working for Phi Delta Theta's interests, and feel confident of the future. Our chances for additions from the preparatory students are encouraging; already we have two pledged, and are working with encouraging prospects on others.

The present Senior class contains 8 Phis. When they are graduated we will still have 11 men, every one of whom is an ardent and energetic Phi. While none of our 5 rivals lose so many as we, yet all will be left with fewer men.

Phi Delta Theta has taken a position and means to hold it. As she is the youngest fraternity at Dickinson, we mean that her life shall be the brightest and the longest continued.

Since the above report was written a matter of a serious character has occurred in our fraternity. I am sorry to state that, at a regular meeting of the fraternity last evening, charges of conduct unworthy a member of Phi Delta Theta were preferred against A. J. H. Frank, and a trial given him according to the requirements of the constitution of Phi Delta Theta. The result of his trial was expulsion.

The charges, in particular, were insubordination and refusal to submit to the decision of the chapter in regard to a contest speech which the gentleman named intended to deliver in public and

which each individual member of the chapter thought would be harmful to the fraternity's interests, if spoken in public.

While grieved at being compelled to use such severe measures, the gentleman's spirit of defiance to the fraternity and the language used by him left us no alternative but to expel him from our brotherhood.

June 1, 1886.

W. T. GRAHAM.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HAVING recently been honored by the members of the chapter in my election to the position of Reporter, it is with very great pleasure that I forward these initial words of greeting to the SCROLL, and through it to the membership of Phi Delta Theta.

After a smoldering existence embracing about eighteen months, our altar fires have again begun to burn brightly, and an awakening interest seems to herald a new era in the history of our chapter. Our members are representatives that reflect credit upon the university, and in the record of their successes we have a just, and, we think, a pardonable pride.

Brother Thos. G. Lee was recently elected Lecturer upon Normal Histology in the medical department of Harvard College.

Brother Damaso T. Lainé received prizes aggregating \$150 at the recent Commencement of the medical department, and successfully passed the competitive examination for resident physician to the University Hospital.

Brothers Joseph Otto, Jr., and J. Luis Hoffman, also recent graduates, have been elected resident physicians after having passed most searching examinations at the hospital at Bethlehem, Pa.

Since the last report to the SCROLL brother A. E. Geissel, M. D., has taken unto himself a wife, and is delightfully located in our city.

A number of our members are about to return to their homes for the summer, and with a modest setout on Saturday evening, June 5th, our meetings will close until September.

June 1, 1886.

G. ORAM RING.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA hopes to be more punctual in the future. Senior examinations are over, and brother Smith has received first distinction. We have men contesting for all the medals, and prospects are favorable. Brothers Brand and Myers were



among the successful contestants in the primary contest for Orator's Medal. The final contest is to be June 14.

About six weeks ago brother Hancher was called home on account of his father's sickness, and after his arrival he was taken sick, and is still confined to his bed. He would have been graduated in about three weeks from the time he was called home.

Since last report we have initiated Mr. T. M. Moorman, '89. We feel that we can congratulate ourselves over our success this session.

June 1, '86.

D. BRECKINRIDGE MYERS.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

IN this report we will give Georgia Beta's record for this college year. The Senior class has just finished the final examinations, and the honors and speakers' places have been announced. Twelve places are given, inclusive of the honors, and six of them were awarded to Phis. Brother W. W. Daves, of Tyler, Texas, received first honor. The other Phi speakers are : J. C. Dean, W. B. Griffin, J. C. Speight, Wm. P. Thomas, and R. W. Trimble.

Among the Junior speakers are four Phis—H. L. Gray, T. E. Hollingsworth, Julian McCarny, and W. B. Watkins.

In the Sub-Freshman department brother Frank Phillips represents us at Commencement.

We have done a good year's work, and have fourteen Commencement places and the first honor as the fruits of their labors. We fell short of our record last year by only two places.

Every member of Georgia Beta feels an individual responsibility for the chapter's success and welfare, and all are doing faithful work.

Our Commencement will take place about the 20th of June. We are expecting a good many of our alumni to be with us at that time, so an enjoyable time is anticipated.

May 21, 1886.

W. B. WATKINS.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

GEORGIA GAMMA is making all necessary preparations to have a most enjoyable time at the banquet, which will take place on the evening of the 22d of this month. Last year our banquet was pronounced by all in attendance one of the rarest occasions of the kind ever held in Macon ; but we are confident of being even more successful this year, if such be possible. We are glad to state that our alumni of the city are taking a great deal of in-



terest in the matter, and are doing all in their power to aid us in making it a grand success.

Our college has been somewhat demoralized for the past month and a half because of sickness among the students. Four or five have died. Everything, however, is now moving on smoothly.

About two months ago Messrs. Eugene and A. B. Hinkle, who were expelled from Tennessee Alpha last year, circulated a pamphlet here and in other portions of the country, defending the latter, principally, from the charges brought against him by his prosecutors. The pamphlet was signed by Eugene only. I have not mentioned it in my letters heretofore, because I did not think it necessary. I learn that Tennessee Alpha will answer it. This, perhaps, will be beneficial to those of our chapters that do not fully understand the matter; but in this section it made not the slightest rebuff.

We lose three members this year by graduation. They are brothers B. D. Ragsdale, S. W. Durham, and the writer.

The honors and speakers' places of the Senior class were given out about a week ago. Brother Ragsdale shared first honor with a non-fraternity man, myself receiving second.

June 7, 1886.

W. B. HARDMAN.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA failed to render a report for last issue of SCROLL, owing to my absence from college, though 'tis useless to assert that Mississippi Alpha is still on the "boom."

Our "little sister" fraternity, the Delta Gamma, gave an elegant and most enjoyable entertainment or banquet at the residence of Mr. W. S. Neilson last night. Phi Delta Theta is never slighted by the fair sex, and in honor of us Delta Gamma extended "bids" to three Phis (C. F. Smith, Hiram Cassedy, Jr., and —(!) your obedient servant). It is unnecessary to say that all who received a "bid" spent a delightful time, as those can testify who have ever been present at one of Delta Gamma's banquets. May Delta Gamma long live and prosper, is the sincere wish of Mississippi Alpha.

The debate for Anniversarian of Phi Sigma Society came off to-day, and Walter Malone (the poet of our university), wore the honors of the occasion. The judges rendered a unanimous decision in favor of Mr. Walter Malone. There were only two speakers—W. H. Maybin ( $\Sigma X$ ) and Walter (also a  $\Sigma X$ ). Each of these young men acquitted themselves most creditably, but Mr. Malone took the house with the greatest applause, and the "boys" were enthusiastic at the decision. Those who have

heard him debate know his powers. He is the best debater in college.

Since my last report seven (7) of our Phis have returned home. Our chapter is still in a fine condition.

May 22, 1886.

J. M. OLIVER.

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TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

On the 8th inst. the Essayists' Contest of the Rusk Literary Society was held in the English room of the university, and on the 14th the Orators' Contest at Turners' Hall, at the end of which there was a ball, and the devotees of terpsichore tripped the light fantastic till the "wee sma' hours" of the morning. In this contest the Phis divided honors with the "barbs," brother Templeton winning the Essayist's medal and a barbarian the Orator's. So far we have taken more honors than all the other Greeks and the "barbs" together, and feel justly proud of this year's record of Texas Beta.

Mr. Hillyer, a photographer of Austin, has taken a group of the chapter, which we have hung in our hall. Some of the boys have broken their mirrors, believing their photographs truer likenesses of their pretty selves.

Mr. W. R. Edmington sent in his resignation from the fraternity, which was accepted. He had excited the dislike of some members, and it was thought best, for the sake of harmony, that he should resign.

Brothers Bateman and Perkins, of Texas Gamma, were in town a short time since making the acquaintance of their brother Phis.

May 19, 1886.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

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TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING of very great interest has occurred at Vanderbilt since my last letter. The final examinations commence in a few days, and the boys are now preparing for them. Athletics have taken a spurt, and the organization of Athletic Association upon a firm basis has been accomplished. This is a great move for the University, as athletics have been rather below par heretofore.

The Phis have been very successful in the primary oratorical contests, brothers E. J. Crockett and J. L. Watkins obtaining two of the four Founder's Places, and brothers R. E. Crockett and Thos. Sanders two of the four Young Places. These speakers are selected by the faculty from the twenty or more contestants, and the honor is by no means a small one. We are satisfied with our work thus far.

I take great pleasure in reporting the initiation of Mr. J. L.

Watkins, B.S., '88, from whom we expect great things. Our chapter is now remarkably strong in young timber, and our future correspondingly bright.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

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TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

ALTHOUGH Tennessee Beta has not been heard from for a long while, still I hope this will not be taken as an indication of a lack of fraternity interest, for such is by no means the case. We opened this term with a full list of thirteen old brothers in the bond, but at the end of a few weeks we had increased to fifteen, having initiated Messrs. R. A. Armstead, of Nashville, and Devereux Shields, of Natchez, Miss., both of whom are as fine men as ever bore the name of Phi, and we take great pride in introducing them to the Phi world.

Last week we gave a banquet to our neighbors, the  $K \Sigma$ s, in welcome to their having moved into our lot, and it is needless to say that the evening passed off most enjoyably.

We also can say, with Pennsylvania Delta, that our hall is so attractive and the fraternity associations so pleasant that we feel that we cannot afford to miss one of the meetings.

May 15, 1886.

H. R. BOHN.

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DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THERE has been nothing of importance to report from Ohio Alpha for several months—not, however, from a lack of enthusiasm on the part of its members. When Miami was reopened last fall, it was deemed advisable to form no classes higher than the Sophomore, hence there will be no Commencement exercises this year. In the meantime an entire collegiate course has been adopted, differing but little from that formerly pursued.

On Friday, April 16th, the Miami Union and Erodolphian Literary Societies, founded at Miami in 1825, were reorganized. These societies, undoubtedly, have done much to fit the graduates of Miami for positions of public trust, which many of them now occupy.

Since my last report, Oliver Holben, A.M., was elected Professor of German and French, and Joseph F. James, Professor of Geology and Botany.

We are making an effort to find the exact place (room) where Phi Delta Theta was born, so to speak, and desire to keep that spot sacred by getting it into our possession.

Our delegate, brother W. J. Rusk, to the Delta Province Convention at Delaware, gave us a glowing description of the general

good time, and spoke in high terms of his reception there. Thanks to our worthy brothers of Ohio Beta.

Before many days we expect to have a rival in the shape of *B @ II*. Perhaps opposition will strengthen us. At any rate we welcome them.

We expect brothers Foster, of Morning Sun, O., and Mayo, of Chillicothe, O., to return to us next year.

Brother M. W. Lewis, having completed his course in civil engineering, will accept a position as draughtsman on a railroad to be built from Duluth, Minn., to Denver, Col. Brother Lewis is thoroughly competent for the position.

Ohio Alpha extends greeting to all and wishes them success during the coming collegiate year.

June 1, 1886.

W. CLOUGH.

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#### OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have received two valuable accessions to our chapter, and now number fifteen good men—all staunch and true to Phi Delta Theta. Within the last year our active and alumni members have been showered with many honors, collegiate, political and social, and Ohio Gamma feels that she is about to close a very profitable and successful year. Many of our old members have been elected and chosen to positions of great prominence, and among our active brothers, Price and Dent represent the Athenian Society in the annual contest, Dick retains his position as imperator of the base ball and musical interests, Martin has just retired from a successful term as president of the Philo Society, and Bundy, our only Senior, for the past year the managing editor of the *Wellston Argus*, has recently been elected captain by his camp of the Sons of Veterans.

A letter from Will Morgan, for two years an honored member of this chapter, but now of Hamline University, Minneapolis, brings the news that he is captain of the University nine, and has been chosen to represent his college in the State Oratorical contest next year. Morgan was a great bass singer during his stay in Athens, led in every musical entertainment given by the students, the church or the townspeople, and was a universal favorite. He is married now, and his wife is as loyal a Phi as himself.

George E. de Steiguer, class of '84, was graduated last week from the Cincinnati Law School, standing eighth in a class of more than a hundred. He will practice law in Athens, and is bound to succeed.

Emmett Tompkins, alias "Captain Jack," and Calvin S. Welch are members of the Ohio Legislature, and "Tom" Jones, class of '81, has been recently elected Mayor of Jackson.

Score us still another victory. In a series of match games of ball between the Phi Delta Theta club and the best players of both the Betas and Deltas, with a few Barbarians to help them out, we were victors in two games out of three. Brothers A. E. Price, E. A. Dent, George Welch, J. M. Higgins and W. E. Bundy represented this chapter at the recent Province Convention held in Delaware, and all report an enjoyable and a useful convention.

The General Assembly, during the closing days of its session, voted an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Ohio University, for the establishment of a State Normal School, the first venture of the kind in the Buckeye State. Next fall a corps of Normal Professors will be employed, and a large number of village and prospective pedagogues are expected to attend.

Our local chapter of *K A Θ* is still flourishing and happy, notwithstanding its forced separation from the other branch of the sorority.

What our glorious fraternity needs is a more active interest among our Alumni.

June 5, 1886.

REPORTER.

#### KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

It affords us much pleasure to recount the success which we, as a fraternity, have experienced since our last report. Of those who spoke in the February celebration, it was pretty generally conceded that our representative (brother Sine) displayed greatest talent. In a preliminary contest, which took place March 12th, for the purpose of electing declaimers for the annual declaimers' contest of April 30th, brothers Harrison and Sine represented us, and, out of the number who spoke, they were elected by the judges to head the list.

Recently we have added one more to our little band—Dr. A. Wilkes Smith, the lecturer on Physiology and Hygiene in the university. He is a man of great enthusiasm, and we are sure that he will make us a valuable acquisition.

Brother W. Crowe, of this place, was with us at the initiation, and conducted the religious exercises. After the ceremony was over, we were highly entertained for about an hour by the rich jokes of brother Crowe and our newly initiated member.

April 28, 1886.

J. T. WADE.

#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report the chapter has been going on in the line of progress and advancement in fraternity matters. Our ranks have been marked by a slow but steady growth in Phi spirit.

About half of our boys attended the Epsilon Province Convention at Indianapolis April 8th. Each one's love for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was strengthened, and we came home with a better idea of the fraternity and its purposes.

In our ranks there has been activity. We have left our old quarters and are fitting up a new hall which will be very attractive, as we are spending a great deal of labor and money upon it. When this hall is finished we shall have a place to meet that will do us proud, and one that will bind us close together and increase our loyalty to the fraternity, for we think it is the same with a fraternity as with other things. If there is a pleasant and attractive place to meet, there the boys will want to be often, and will enjoy being there with one another.

We are pleased to report the fact of the marriage of brother E. J. Dukes, '85, and Miss Ruth Baldwin, on Thursday, March 4. We have always predicted that our "genial Jim" would soon enter the state of matrimony. They will reside in Peru, Indiana. Indiana Beta extends them their best wishes for a long and happy voyage through life.

Brother Willis, '88, has gone home, owing to ill health, but expects to return next year.

The Phis have not been altogether without honors this year. Brother Coyle, '86, tied with a man for the Greek prize of \$40. Two of the six appointed for the Baldwin contest were Phis, brother Brown and the reporter. In the election of officers for the next Province Convention brother W. T. Harding, '87, was elected as prophet.

We have initiated no new men this term. Nevertheless, we are holding our ground against any of the other fraternities. Our relations with them are very good. Our outlook is very pleasing for a prosperous future.

April 21, 1886.

JOHN G. LOVELL.

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#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

We have two more initiates to report. It would seem superfluous, perhaps, to say they are particularly fine fellows. Our chapter has reason to congratulate itself on the fine addition it has made this year. As we lose no men by graduation this year, we can commence next year with all the accumulated force of this, and we expect "to make things hum."

To-day  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  acknowledges no superior in De Pauw University. The  $\Delta K E$ s have hitherto claimed the lead in the number of prizes taken, but that is for the past and not the future. Nearly all the fraternities established here have strong chapters. We hope that the present pleasant inter-fraternity spirit here now may continue long into the future.

Our anniversary exercises on the 7th inst. were interesting to all present. Several of our resident members were with us, and brother C. O. Perry, of Chicago, one of the founders of our chapter, was with us, and his jolly good humor and fatherly advice was relished by us all. After two or three hours of a literary feast, we adjourned to a more substantial feast.

Brother Gahring has returned to us again, jolly as ever. Brother Brown has gone to the frontier, and is now "fitin' Injuns" in the far West.

Sickness has called brothers Martin and Jenne from us, but we expect them back next year.

May 22, 1886.

T. C. HOPKINS.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

OUR collegiate year closes June 16, and opens again September 14. The society anniversaries last from June 8 to 12 inclusive. We are represented by six out of the twenty-one anniversary orators.

During the year we have made all the advancement that the most sanguine expectation might have hoped for. We have, by the aid of our alumni, furnished our hall to a considerable extent. Our harmony and brotherly feeling have become proverbial in the institution. Under such circumstances, and inspired with enthusiasm, the prospects for future prosperity are certainly flattering.

Two of our brothers take degrees this year, and some will not return in September; but we are expecting the return of brothers Duguid and Richardson, who are teaching this year, and it is not probable that our number will fall below fifteen at the opening of the next year.

Decoration Day was celebrated by the college in the City Opera House. Brother J. J. Heckman delivered the oration, "Our Flag." It was a masterly production and called forth repeated applause from the audience.

Again we wish to thank our friends and well-wishers, through the columns of the SCROLL, for their remembrances to us.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of a most beautiful stand scarf. The donor and artist, Miss Libbie Eastman, of Republic, O., is a member of K K Γ of Hillsdale College.

June 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE spring term at the Illinois Wesleyan finds us in excellent condition. We have sixteen regular attendant members, besides brothers Barr and Dr. McCormack, alumni members, now residing in the city, who meet with us nearly every week. Our sessions



have of late been of unusual interest. From fifteen to nineteen Phis have been in attendance at our recent meetings.

We have been slow to take in new members this year, but feel that this was a good move, for while we have initiated only three this year, yet they are good material—a fact which we waited to ascertain with certainty. Our last initiate is Julius M. Miller, of the law school.

Brother Frank Warner is again a welcome attendant, after an absence of four years. Brother J. M. Pollock is teaching this spring, and brother W. F. Scott has departed for the West.

The extract in the last SCROLL, taken from the December *Wesleyan*, corresponding in number of the *Sigma Chi*, was the occasion of much merriment among our boys, and would doubtless be to a large majority of our college students had they had the opportunity of reading it. Every now and then, the assumed earnestness and enthusiasm of our friend, Mr. Woodruff, gets the better of him, and might cause more serious trouble were it used in a more harmful way. We can only think of two or three special points by which a college fraternity can be said to excel, and we are willing to let the students judge in those.

The five spiked men whom Illinois Epsilon foiled them in getting the last year and a half, and the one who joined their fraternity because he could be a leader with them and not with us, goes to show what some of the best students think of the two fraternities.

May 15, 1886.

W. L. MILLER.

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#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH it is sometime since Zeta has been heard from, yet she, by no means, has been sleeping. We are all kept busy as the "end draweth nigh." But few of the boys remain to the last, as they are anxious to begin the work of vacation.

A short time ago Delta chapter, of Knox College, and Zeta, had a union meeting, in which the chapter "goat" was paraded with his usual activity. Refreshments were partaken of, after which the Phi boys separated in their accustomed jollity.

On the 21st of May occurred the second annual union banquet of Illinois Delta and Zeta, held at the Union Hotel. All who were present unite in declaring it a "fine affair." After doing ample justice to the banquet, and before the dancing, the following toasts were responded to:

"In Medias Res," Prof. J. V. N. Standish.

"From Ocean to Ocean," John R. Carpenter.

"The Maids of Athens," W. J. Byrnes.

"There are Times to be Silent, but this is Not One of Them,"

A. T. Wing.

May 28, 1886.

WARD BRIGHAM.



## WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

FRATERNITY matters are quiet at the University of Wisconsin this term; each fraternity seems to have reached its ultimate strength for the season, and no initiations have taken place for some time. On the whole the fraternities are stronger than ever before, and especially is this the case with the ladies' societies—*K K Γ*, *Δ Γ*, *Γ Φ Β*.

A short time ago the class of '88 voted to issue an annual in 1887, and the old feud between the fraternities as to time of establishment was, naturally enough, revived.

Wisconsin Alpha's date of establishment is 1857, and our charter is here to substantiate it; and never having been considered dead by the General Council, we would be doing ourselves and the rest of *Φ Δ Θ* an injustice did we not assert that as our year of birth. The time that our chapter did remain inactive was the years of the late war and those immediately subsequent; and it must be remembered that Wisconsin Alpha fell into inactivity, not for the reason that she was lacking in strength, but because her sons, obedient to their country's summons, left their chapter hall for the field of battle. On resuming activity, things went on in the old way, as though no time had been lost. Everything was taken up where it had been left, and even to-day our secretary writes the minutes of our meetings in the same book as did Wm. F. Vilas twenty-five years ago.

In 1885, the *Trochos*, the first annual at the University of Wisconsin, was issued. It was done by the Junior Class, and all matters were to be settled by the class. Nevertheless, *B Θ Π*, grieved at not being placed first on the list, assisted by *Φ K Ψ* and *X Ψ*, the last named taking the lead, proceeded to make trouble; and when they found themselves baffled in their little scheme, they went so far as to get in their possession some manuscript matter which was intended for the annual; this they doggedly kept, thinking thereby to prevent the issue of the annual. This was more than the class of '85 could endure; the resignation of those members of *B Θ Π*, *Φ K Ψ* and *X Ψ*, which had been elected to places on the annual boards, were in an unmistakable manner sought for by the class, and *Trochos* successfully appeared without the support of these societies.

When this question arose in the class of '88 a short time ago, *B Θ Π*, *Φ K Ψ* and *X Ψ* in a body would listen to no honorable means of settlement, and they fared no better in the hands of that class than they did in '85. On the board of editors elected by '88, brother A. B. Winegar holds a position.

From the very beginning of this feud, *Φ Δ Θ* has maintained a steady, conservative position, and has always been victorious. We are even at this time willing to have the difficulty settled by

arbitration ; we know we are in the right, and are upheld in our position by all unprejudiced observers.

Wisconsin Alpha graduates three men this year ; if no initiations are made before the end of the year, she will start next fall with nine very strong men.

May 24, 1886.

L. R. ANDERSON.

### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

It becomes my pleasant duty to report another brilliant victory for Mo. *B.*, achieved by brother M. Howell Reaser.

On last Monday evening was held the annual "Harrison-Patton" Declamatory contest, in which we were represented by brothers Ayres and Reaser. Brother Ayres was surpassed only by brother Reaser, to whom the prize was awarded. This is brother Reaser's second prize this year. This is the only event of general interest which has occurred lately.

We are soon to have a game of baseball with our friends of *B @ II*.

The chapters here are represented as follows : *B @ II*, '86, 3 ; '87, 4 ; '88, 3 ; '89, 1. Total, 11. *Φ Δ Θ*, '86, 4 ; '87, 3 ; '88, 6 ; '89, 3. Total, 16.

May 15, '86.

J. A. GALLAHER.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

KANSAS ALPHA is still enjoying a reasonable amount of prosperity. The Inter-State Oratorical Contest was held here May 6th, to which we were glad to welcome brothers Shaw, of Illinois Epsilon, Stockbarger, of Indiana Beta, Lovell, of Iowa Beta, Anderson and Gerwig, of Nebraska Alpha.

The first three came as delegates to the contest, and Anderson and Gerwig to visit us and hear the orations. We have been aching for three years for some one to come out and visit us, and though these brothers did as much as mortals could, yet the "void" is not yet filled. We have a ravenous appetite for visitors, moreover our "bear" is in good trim. Kansas Alpha would like to see more Phis.

The contest came off on Thursday night, and on Friday night the Phis entertained the Kappa Kappa Gammas. Our brothers from abroad were present, with the exception of brother Lovell, who was called home that morning. We were sorry to see him go.

Brother Graham, our only Senior, has been selected by the faculty to speak on Commencement Day.

After a connection with the chapter since its founding, brother B. P. Blair has been compelled to leave college. His address is now Wakeeney, Kans. He is an earnest, whole-souled Phi, and we lose in him a true brother. His departure leaves us without a second tenor in our quartette. He was appointed to contest for the oratorical prize in June, but resigned.

Brother W. C. Snider is preaching in Independence, Mo., but intends to return next April and graduate.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new chapters, and to Penn. Zeta our congratulations.

May 25, '86.

W. E. HIGGINS.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA numbers only ten members this term. Brother Foree is engaged in business at Tekamah, Nebraska, but will return and graduate in June. Brother Coddington is holding down his claim in Western Kansas, and brother Chapin is teaching in the Indian School of the Omaha Agency. Brother Heron, Michigan Gamma, has been spending a few weeks in the city, and is now engaged in teaching about fifteen miles from Lincoln. Brother McMillan, '85, is at present teaching entomology in the university.

The  $\Sigma$  Xs have just initiated a new man, causing great consternation in the barbarian ranks. "Death to the fraternities" is still their watchword; but we are yet alive, with no symptoms of approaching dissolution. The cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is enthusiastically supported by Nebraska Alpha.

May 1, 1886.

ELTON FULMER.

#### IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Our college year is drawing rapidly to a close. Ye luckless Senior now prepareth for flights of oratory, and the under Classmen trembleth at the prospects.

No great demonstrations have disturbed "the even tenor of our way" since last we greeted you in these columns. The most important occasions were those at which we led from darkness into light brothers Weir and Havighorst, the latter being our third initiate from the same family.

Brother Weir lives near the city, and soon after his initiation our chapter, with the  $B \Theta \Pi$ s, were entertained at his pleasant home. A very enjoyable evening was passed and an elegant supper highly relished. We all declare brother Weir and his amiable sister the very best of entertainers. We feel proud of both of our new members.

The Betas have succeeded in capturing one man, there being no opposition by us.

Your Reporter enjoyed a short visit at Knox College and Lombard University—Illinois Delta and Zeta—a few weeks ago. Our enthusiasm for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  went up one hundred per cent. while meeting “the boys” and talking over matters of mutual interest, and we became impressed with the idea that there is not sufficient inter-chapter visiting. It would benefit us in many ways, besides rousing us to greater enthusiasm and love for all features of fraternity work, were we occasionally to meet our neighboring chapters.

Brother C. O. Thomas, DePauw University, '85, has been in the city this spring on business, and has met with us a few times. We are always glad to welcome such visitors.

A sociable was indulged in not long ago by “us boys” and our fair companions. In the serenade that followed Phi songs were as loudly sung by soft voices as any one could desire.

May 14, 1886.

H. E. WILCOX.

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

IOWA BETA made another conquest a short time ago in Mr. Chas. C. Clark, of Iowa City, a member of the Senior law class of Iowa University. Mr. Clark is a leading member of the law department, and his popularity is attested by his election, a few days since, to the position of permanent secretary of the graduating class, after an exciting contest. Mr. Clark also has a State reputation as a vocalist.

Mr. Hugh Clemens, of Manchester, Iowa, has also donned the “golden sword and shield.” Mr. Clemens became a member of the Junior law class at the beginning of the winter term, and at once took a position among the foremost of the strong men of the class. He is winning universal esteem, also, for his brilliant social qualities.

Our chapter has been very successful in the matter of college honors during the past year, and now holds more than her proportion of the desirable and responsible positions in school.

Brother Jas. H. Dickey is president of the Zetagathian Literary Society, and brother Will H. Dart was recently elected secretary of the same society for the next fall term. Brother E. C. Nichols holds a like position in Irving Institute. Brother Dart is also a member of the editorial staff of the weekly college paper. Brother O. D. Wheeler filled the much sought position of president of the law class for one term with universal satisfaction. Brother Frank S. Aby, though only a Sophomore, is rapidly acquiring an enviable local reputation as musical director of the University band. Of the Senior Phis, two brothers, Dickey and Lovell,

were chosen by the faculty out of a graduating class of over fifty, to represent their class on the Commencement Day programme. Brother O. R. Young was chosen to represent the School of Science upon Class Day, but unavoidable absence compelled his resignation.

Those who are not intending to be in college next year are fast securing lucrative situations. Brother Young was recently appointed to take charge of a corps of engineers in Wyoming. Brother Dickey has engaged to superintend important lumbering interests in northwestern Iowa. Brother Wheeler has taken a position in the land department of the Union Pacific Railroad, but will return next year to the law.

The enthusiasm of our chapter is running quite high just at the present time, in consequence of the prospective reunion of a large number of alumni who will be here during Commencement. The principal topic of discussion at our last meeting was a "Big Phi banquet two weeks away."

June 5, 1886.

V. R. LOVELL.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

APPLICATION for an alumni chapter has been made by some of the brothers on this coast. California Alpha anticipates much hearty encouragement from the organization of such a body of alumni brothers.

On the evening of Friday, April 16th, our chapter held a social reunion at the residence of brothers C. S. and H. A. Melvin, in East Oakland. The Phi "sisters" were present in force, and, of course, contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Brother Western, of Tennessee Beta, a genial, whole-souled fellow, and a very enthusiastic Phi, was with us on this occasion. During the evening the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  March, composed by brother J. N. E. Wilson, '76, was charmingly rendered by one of the young ladies. At a late hour the guests departed to their homes in Berkeley and Oakland, seemingly well pleased with an evening of brotherly (and sisterly) association.

Brother G. E. DeGolia, '77, Deputy District Attorney of Alameda county, has gone to Mexico on business. Brother Morgan, '87, who injured his foot while training for Field Day, now progresses with the aid of a large, healthy cane.

Football is now very popular. Yesterday the U. C. team beat the Orions of Oakland by a score of 29 to 2. Brother Woodhams, one of the university's best players, did some brilliant playing, notwithstanding the fact that he was still suffering from a sprain received some days ago.

There is talk of a big  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  banquet in San Francisco soon.  
May 2, 1886.

H. A. MELVIN.

The following were received too late for classification :

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

In the last report of the year I can say that Missouri *B* has had a year of continued success. Brother M. H. Reaser has crowned the chapter with glory by winning first prize in reading, then first in declamation, then first in the Inter-collegiate contest in oratory with Missouri State University. Brother S. E. Young won second prize in reading; second prize in Inter-collegiate oratorical coming to Westminster in the hands of one of our Beta friends.

At the annual exhibition of the Philalethian Society, two of five orators were Phis, brothers Rodes and Dalton, and in Philologic exhibition two of five were Phis, brothers Young and Reaser. The Betas had four orators and took one prize, and that a second. Brothers Wilkerson, C. B. and R. D. France attended the Phi banquet at Columbia (Mo. *A*), and report a fine time.

Our banquet of last night was a dazzling success. Brothers C. B. Sebastian and H. R. Williams, of Missouri *A*, and brother W. G. Craig, D.D., of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago (Ky. *A*). were with us, and the last named addressed us, to our great delight and edification.

Missouri *B* loses by graduation this year, four loyal men and true—C. F. Richmond, T. N. Wilkerson, W. Y. McChesney and J. A. Gallaher—but a sufficient number will remain to make a fair opening next year. Hope all chapters may have been as prosperous as Missouri *B*.

June 3, 1886.

J. A. GALLAHER.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report, college affairs have been very lively here. Considerable factional spirit has been aroused, but our chapter escaped the heat of the local fight and suffered no evil consequences. Two oratorical contests were held the latter part of last term, one of which was taken by brother J. W. Fesler, '87. In a contest between the preparatory department and the high school, we had two representatives, brother C. F. Hope, orator, and brother W. W. French, debater. Brother French was successful, having received the unanimous vote of the judges.

On the evening of April 5, we initiated E. E. Tyner, class of '89. Brother Tyner had been attending Franklin College for two years past, and while there was a member of the best organized "barb" association in the State. He is a good student and a solid man. Brothers L. D. Rogers and W. S. Bradfute, resident alumni, were present at the initiation.

We now enroll seventeen members, classed '86, 1; '87, 2; '88,

3 ; '89, 8 ; '90, 3. No one has left college during the year, and only one fraternity has a larger membership than we at the present time. Our literary exercises are better this year than they have been at any time since my initiation.

Brother W. G. Ballentine, professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at Oberlin College, Ohio, is here attending the funeral of his father, Dr. Elisha Ballentine. Dr. Ballentine has been connected with educational work for half a century. He has been professor of Greek, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in I. U., and was president for a short time last year.

Several additional prizes have been offered this year for excellence in literary and class work. We now have the Cobden Club silver medal for best work in Political Economy ; Civil Service essay prizes, \$40 ; "Corner" Tariff prizes, \$40 ; Woman Suffrage essay prizes, \$40 ; Temperance essay prizes, \$30 ; Baldwin prize, \$25, and several other prizes for excellence in class work. Next year we will also probably have two \$50 prizes, one in oratory and one for best essay on an assigned subject. All these prizes, amounting to over \$300, are open to all students.

There is a movement on foot to organize a chapter of a prominent Western fraternity here. The work is now progressing. The charter members have not all been selected yet, but it is very probable that at the beginning of next year there will be eight fraternities instead of seven at I. U.

June 5, 1886.

BERT FESLER.

#### EXTENSION FUND.

THE Extension Fund Tax, as levied by the last Convention, was due on April 1st, for 1886. The tax is 25c. per capita for each and every active member of the chapter on that date.

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

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 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College—W. O. Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin—T. C. Donnell, Franklin, Ind.  
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## THE FIRST TEN VOLUMES OF THE SCROLL.

### I. HISTORICAL REVIEW.

THE close of the tenth volume is a particularly appropriate time to furnish a history of the SCROLL during the successive years of its publication. When the first number appeared, over eleven years ago, there were but two fraternity organs—viz., the *Beta Theta Pi*, and the *Chi Phi Quarterly*. Since then nearly all fraternities have ventured upon the journalistic field. The life of the SCROLL has been full of vicissitudes, but the journal has steadily increased in favor with Phis, and its usefulness has increased *pari passu* with the remarkable growth of the Fraternity. The SCROLL has really been the most important factor in the Fraternity's development, and its continuance is absolutely essential to the maintenance of the present gratifying state of prosperity of Phi Delta Theta. During the period embraced by the first ten volumes it has been published in six different places. It was first issued as a quarterly, and after a suspension of two years it reappeared as a monthly paper, subsequently to take on the magazine form. The staff of editors has changed often. The ten volumes contain nearly 2,500 pages, and include many articles on fraternity subjects of no small literary merit, and many more of great historical interest. The labor of reviewing this large amount of printed matter, and of preparing a table of contents, list of titles and subjects, and index of contributors has been onerous, but the importance of the completed work and the uses to which it can be applied have been sufficient incentive. It is doubtful whether there exists another complete set of the SCROLL besides that used in this compilation. In fact, the completion of this set required several years of search; and the difficulty which was experienced suggests the advice that each chapter (not to speak of individual members doing likewise) should exert itself to make its files as perfect as possible, and have each volume bound separately. This much they owe to Phi posterity, who will thus be provided with a repository of information concerning the past history of the Fraternity.

## PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

The first proposition to establish a journal devoted to Phi Delta Theta of which any record has been found originated in 1865, with R. A. D. Wilbanks, the most active Phi of that time. The following extract from one of his letters of that date explains the plan:

What will the members of Grand Chapter think when they learn that the chapter of Phis at this University (Chicago) are conducting a *magazine*? Well, you shall be made apprised of the fact. It is to be a *quarterly*, the first number to appear the first of next January. It is designed as the organ of our Fraternity, and our corps of editors will cheerfully insert after the first number articles from the pen of any Phi. We so solicit, and shall expect it. It will contain over one hundred and fifty pages of purely literary matter, and as our design is not to accumulate funds, but to promote the best interests of our brotherhood in general, we shall charge only enough to pay expenses, and nothing more. The price will not exceed \$1 per year. How many copies will your chapter take, provided, of course, you approve of the merits of the *Quarterly* after you have examined the first number? We may have touched on a lofty strain in thus giving publication to our effusions, but we trust to gain the approbation of a large circle of friends. We have poets, historians, and biographers, classical and scientific writers among us. We shall not challenge criticism, yet will not avoid it if it is thrust at us. There is no telling what may be done when a unity of purpose guides every movement. I do not know what the feeling is that pervades the members of Grand Chapter, but with us it is to raise our Society to a level with the highest, and to make the *Quarterly* our chief pillar. We will, however, be liberal, and share our laurels with all the chapters of our noble brotherhood. Will you not give us an encouraging word? \*

In the fall of 1865, after two years of useful fraternity work in Indiana University, Wilbanks went to the University of Chicago, where he succeeded in organizing a chapter, the formal installation of which, however, was postponed until the following January, when the exercises were really imposing. He suggested the features of the coat of arms (including the sword addition to the shield), and J. F. Gookins, who was of an artistic turn, arranged the details of the design. Wilbanks was nothing if not enthusiastic, of which no better evidence is needed than his proposition to publish at that time a fraternity quarterly aggregating over six hundred pages a year. Only six chapters were then in operation (Indiana, Centre, Wabash, Butler, Michigan, and Chicago), and it is small wonder that this ambitious project failed. However, the zealous projector is entitled to admiration and praise, and his enthusiasm is worthy of emulation.

In the SCROLL for April, 1875, H. C. Jones writes: "If I mistake not, the SCROLL owes its existence to a suggestion from the Ohio Beta (then the Ohio University chapter), which was made at the Danville convention in 1872, by our delegate, Brother P. S. Goodwin." The minutes of the 1872 convention show

\* R. A. D. Wilbanks to John St. John Boyle, Oct. 17, 1865: archives of Kentucky Alpha.



that Goodwin was a delegate, but make no mention of him or any one else proposing to establish a fraternity journal. Whether the establishment of a journal was then discussed, and the secretary failed to record the fact, is a question that probably will remain unanswered, as the following letter from E. H. Baker, will explain:

I received a few days ago from you a letter addressed to P. S. Goodwin, inquiring as to the origin of the SCROLL. I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Goodwin has been dead for over a year, and that your letter came into my hands as the administrator of his estate. However, Mr. G. and I were old business associates, and both members of the Ohio Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta. I know that he was a delegate to the Danville convention, but whether or not he made any suggestion as to the SCROLL I cannot say, as I was not in college with him, and I never heard him mention the matter. Mr. H. C. Jones, of whom you speak, was, however, in college at the time, and knows more about it than I. Possibly Emmett Tompkins, of Athens, Ohio, could give you the desired information.\*

In the minutes of the National Convention of 1873 (the first ever printed) we read that "on motion of D. B. Floyd a committee was appointed to devise some means of publishing a Phi paper." Floyd was one of the charter members of the Indiana Asbury (De Pauw) chapter, and he organized the Roanoke and Pennsylvania College chapters. The committee, composed of V. C. Stiers, W. N. Pickerill, and D. B. Floyd, made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the publication of a periodical to represent the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, would recommend the project of publishing a monthly organ; but, mindful of the unfortunate experience of the literary newspaper enterprises in the past, and the danger such enterprises are likely to encounter in the future when unsupported by sufficient capital, your committee would recommend the appointment of a committee of three, consisting of at least one practical newspaper man, and centrally situated, to which committee shall be referred the work of ascertaining the amount of patronage from subscriptions and advertisements that can be obtained in support of the periodical; and to enter into and have power to close an arrangement with some publishing house, upon which said committee can agree for the publishing and circulation of the same, providing always that the cost of such periodical shall receive its support from subscriptions, advertisements, and voluntary donations. Your committee would also recommend that the committee on publication also have power to select editors for such paper, to be selected from the Fraternity, and to retain their editorship until the next annual convention, at which time the editors for the ensuing year shall be selected by the convention.

On motion, the report was adopted; and in accordance therewith, W. N. Pickerill, R. S. Blount, and Harry Jones were appointed as a committee. To the convention of 1874 the first-named member of the committee sent a lengthy communication, of which this is an extract:

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\* E. H. Baker to W. B. Palmer, July 16, 1886.

The financial crisis has made the publication of a Phi monthly, at any time since the meeting of the last convention, an utterly futile project, and the undersigned does not believe the time has yet arrived for the successful carrying out of such work, unless there is guaranteed at least eight hundred paid up subscribers at two dollars per copy.

It will be seen that Pickerill, like Wilbanks, did not believe in the day of small things. Of course the Fraternity at that time was not able to support a journal at a cost of \$1,600 a year. But though we can see now that it was idle to talk about such large plans as those suggested by Wilbanks and Pickerill, we must remember that they did not have the benefit of experience in fraternity journalism. On motion of S. W. Carpenter, Pickerill's report was laid on the table to be taken up again. Two days later the following resolution offered by Carpenter was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Brothers A. B. Thrasher and S. J. Tomlinson, of the Indiana Gamma, and W. O. Bates, of the New York Alpha, be hereby authorized to act as a board of editors in the issuing of a quarterly paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; that the management of the paper be left in their hands exclusively, as a purely business transaction, they to decide on the size and style of the paper, and then find out what can be raised by advertisements and subscriptions, and then to use their own judgment in regard to whether the paper will succeed or not, assuming the pecuniary responsibility of its success or failure if they decide to issue it. If one of the board appointed refuse to serve, the other two shall have power to choose some other one to serve with them; and if two or three refuse to serve, the President of the Fraternity shall have power to appoint editors to the vacancy.

This was getting down to something practical. Carpenter's plan was put into operation. This convention was held in May, 1874. In five months from that time the following prospectus was issued :

#### PROSPECTUS

OF THE

#### PHI DELTA THETA QUARTERLY.

(*Cut of Arms.*)

INDIANAPOLIS, October 17th, 1874.

*To all Phi Delta Thetas, greeting :*

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

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

The subject-matter will be divided into three departments: First, the literary department proper, which will include editorials on literary mat-

ters, discussions and correspondence on general interests of the Fraternity, and miscellaneous literary articles. This department will be edited by Brothers S. J. Tomlinson and W. O. Bates. Second, the alumni department, under the supervision of Brother A. B. Thrasher, A.B. In it will be found correspondence from old members, notices of changes of residence or occupation, marriages, deaths, etc. It is hoped to make this an important feature, forming, as it will, a pleasant means of intercommunication for our alumni with each other and with the working members. Correspondence is earnestly solicited from old members in regard to their present doings and whereabouts, and reminiscences of the good old days when they tread the secret chambers of the classic walls. The third department will be devoted to the active workings of the Fraternity, and will contain reports of conventions, hints from the Grand Banker, all business and financial communications not necessarily *sub rosa*, a quarterly report from each chapter of its workings and general welfare, with such news from the different colleges and fraternities as may be considered of general interest. This will, in a measure, obviate the necessity for the laborious and insufficient correspondence hitherto employed and preserve in a permanent form a history of the Fraternity. Each chapter should elect its local correspondent, and at once send in its report. These reports should be brief, spicy, and not private, as we shall aim to publish a magazine which shall be of interest to the public.

A peculiar feature will be the "business directory," in which business and address cards will be inserted at \$1 per year. Such a magazine will cost your committee yearly about \$400. To defray this expense they have placed the subscription at the low rate of \$1 per year, with 10 cents additional to prepaid postage.

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

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Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Chapters west of said line,

S. J. TOMLINSON,

N. W. C. University, Indianapolis, Ind.

*To the Members of the Phi Delta Theta :*

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

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

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

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

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

I am, with much hope, your obedient servant,  
C. D. WHITEHEAD, President,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 1, 1874.

*To the Brothers in the Bond, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity :*

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

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

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

### VOLUME I., 1875.

The first number of the SCROLL, dated January, 1875, was issued according to the plan announced in the prospectus. The

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\* Perhaps the only copy of the prospectus extant is that in the possession of A. G. Foster. His kind loan of it makes possible its republication here.

cover bore the inscription: "The SCROLL: (*cut of arms*) A Quarterly Magazine Devoted to the Interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," with "Table of Contents" beneath. As there were three departments, so there was the unusual circumstance of three salutations. From the first of these, presumably written by S. J. Tomlinson, editor of the literary department, the following is taken:

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

In the salutatory of the alumni department, A. B. Thrasher wrote:

Had it not been for the unbounded enthusiasm of the other members of the committee, and the generous assistance which they so kindly rendered me, I should have been loath to have undertaken this publication. But now that we have undertaken it, I unite with them in saying that it must not fail. I conceive that it would have been better never to have started this magazine than, having started it, to let it die.

W. O. Bates, who presided over the fraternity department, wrote:

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

He promised that "the SCROLL will be published for at least one year." Editorial heroism was evinced in the following:

Correspondents will notice that, in a few instances, we have taken the editorial privilege of abridging articles and changing their form. There have been thus pruned away the address, introduction, and closing formula, "Yours in the bond," etc., general reflections on the magnitude and excellence of the Fraternity, and whatever pertained to the formality of a private letter without giving any definite information.

The following shows that the delusive hope that the SCROLL would be kept *sub rosa* was entertained:

As this department is intended to entirely supersede the laborious and insufficient correspondence previously carried on, the reports should approximate newsy, gossiping letters between old friends in different chapters. The entire privacy of the publication allows this friendly freedom, as, from its very nature, it will be held as sacred from outside perusal as a private letter.

Since the prospectus was issued the views of the staff about the propriety of keeping the SCROLL *sub rosa* had changed, as stated in this announcement:

STRICTLY SUB ROSA.—After reconsidering their first decision, the

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

Thus the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL was established, a character which adhered to it for many years. The division into three departments was not closely adhered to. Throughout the volume the literary department contained a number of articles on fraternity subjects exclusively, and the alumni department had articles which, by strict classification, would fall under the literary department. The minutes of the 1875 convention appear in the July number. On motion of G. E. Patterson, it was

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

Upon which resolution Bates remarked editorially:

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

On motion of W. E. Keener, it was

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

This exactly suited Bates, as the following shows:

The action of the convention making it pecuniarily painful for those chapters not handing in reports meets our heartiest approval. Notice is hereby given that the laws of the Medes and Persians will withdraw abashed in presence of the mathematical inflexibility with which these fines will be collected.

However, an instance of the infliction of these severe penalties probably never occurred, though the November number contained the following notice to delinquents:

Those chapters not having reports in this issue will find authority on page 130 of last number for remitting \$5 each to His Financial Highness, the Grand Banker. Told you so.

The following paragraphs, the first from the July and the second from the November number, show that Bates had an eye to business as well as to furnishing the Fraternity with literary pabulum:

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

With an organization second to none in the South; undeniably the most powerful Fraternity in the vast region drained by the Ohio, while our chapters in New York, Pennsylvania, and Old Virginia send words of

welcome three thousand miles across the continent to their sister on the shores of the peaceful Pacific; with the zeal of a Cæsar for conquest, and the strength and energy of a youthful giant awakened from refreshing sleep—who shall say that our influence is limited, and that our quarter century is not the opening chorus of a symphony that shall ring down the ages with the inspiring melody of fraternal song? Notwithstanding all this glory, the SCROLL will still be sold at the old price, \$1.10.

And on the cover of the November number was displayed the following humorous advertisement:

# TAKE THE CENTENNIAL SCROLL!

## IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Warranted to stand in any climate, free from blemishes, sound and kind, costs nothing to run it, and a sure cure for chilblains and blasted hopes.

OBSERVE ITS EFFECTS: Before taking (*cut of a Chinaman*); after taking (*cut of a Caucasian*).

### TESTIMONIALS OF PRESS AND PLATFORM:

"Your sheat is a blessin in disgize."—*Petroleum V. Nasby*.

"It's better than a third term or a war with Spain. What is \$1.10 beside the happiness of my relations?"—*U. S. G.*

Brace yourself, and look at our magnificent

### LIST OF PREMIUMS!

To any one sending us the *money* for 1,000 subscriptions, we will give

#### A FARM OF 100,000 ACRES!

Located fifty miles west of San Francisco. It is well watered and rolling, commanding a fine view of the surrounding scenery. For 500 subscribers,

#### A DELIGHTFUL SUBURBAN RESIDENCE!

in Alaska. Street-cars pass the door every two minutes, and palm-leaf fans very cheap.

For 100 subscriptions, one of our patent, XXX, chain-stitch and double feed Oreide Watches, of the Big Bonanza pattern, and warranted full of insides. Sporting men admit its time to be the fastest on record.

For 25 subscribers we will send one copy of our Editorial Autographs in a sealed envelope. It is a great curiosity, being often taken for a Chinese monogram. Send early, as the supply will be strictly limited to the demand.

For one subscription and a genuine rag dollar we will send the

#### BEST QUARTERLY

Published on the upper surface of the crust.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO GET UP CLUBS!

Bates proved that he was a born journalist; he had the instinct which tells what is proper to print, and he combined wit and literary taste.\* In July he fell into the bad way of not getting out on time, but many of his successors have been guilty of the same sin. He apologized as follows:

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

\*After leaving college he adopted journalism as a profession, and he has attained enviable distinction.



Many fraternity editors who have racked their brains to frame plausible excuses for delays will heartily sympathize with the following bit of humor in the November number, which was probably a month or so late:

An impatient subscriber asks if we are waiting to get out a Christmas number. This is the November number, sir, no matter *when* you get it. Owing to the general debility of our printers, etc.

The following extract from a letter written by Thrasher shows that to Bates is due the credit of suggesting the eminently appropriate name of the SCROLL, instead of the commonplace name of the *Quarterly*, as the proposed publication was called in the prospectus:

On my return from Europe, in 1874, I found that S. J. Tomlinson, W. O. Bates, and myself had been elected to edit a quarterly journal of Phi Delta Theta. Bates and I did not like the name of *Quarterly*, and he suggested the name of SCROLL. Bates and Thrasher voted for and Tomlinson against, so it carried. We then mutually agreed on the division of work: Tomlinson, literary department; Bates, fraternity department; and I the alumni department. The matter ran thus for a year, when we shoved the whole affair off on Bates.\*

The plan of having three editors did not work well. The following extract is from an announcement published over the signature of Tomlinson in the November number:

At my instance the publishing board has decided to concentrate its power in the fraternity department. The experience of the last year has taught us that this department is the one in which the interest of the members centers; and by a united effort of the brotherhood this can be made just the thing the Fraternity needs.

Under the heading "A Change of Base," Thrasher made the following statement:

When we began to work as editor of the alumni department of the SCROLL we enthusiastically wrote fifty or sixty letters to alumni of our acquaintance, and those of whom we could hear. The answer to this deluge of letters came pouring in to the tune of three or four lame excuses. Our ardor cooled. But it would never do to quit that way, so we wrote again.

The Government was growing opulent at our expense. The P. M. of our quiet village talked of higher wages, as the amount of mail-matter had increased so rapidly. Our philanthropical friend Stanley took pity on us, and furnished a very readable article. Brother Pickerill, ditto. Brother Norris, with a zeal worthy of better pay, kept sending us personals. Our spirits revived, and we scraped up enough "stuff" for the first issue.

Our experience with the April number was a repetition of that of the first. It then began to dawn upon our mind that perhaps there was not such a *pressing* demand for an alumni department as we had supposed. Possibly the *live* part of our Fraternity is all we care about hearing from any way. Pardon us for our vanity in forcing this department upon you, and we will quietly take it back.

Seriously, brethren of the Phi Delta Theta, the burden of issuing a

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\*A. B. Thrasher to W. B. Palmer, May 18, 1886.



magazine is a heavy one, unless the Fraternity as a whole puts its shoulder to the wheel. We editors have about concluded that one of us can run the whole of the business about as easily as one-third of it. With *one* at the head, the SCROLL can come out when advertised, the contents can be more methodically arranged, and the whole paper will be better worthy of your support and approval. Brother Bates, a practical printer, a thorough literary gentleman, and a whole-souled Phi, is just the man for the place.

The gist, then, of the whole matter is this: Brother Tomlinson and myself have concluded to hand over the whole editorial control of the SCROLL to Brother Bates, and ask your hearty support and coöperation for the SCROLL with its single editor. Whether it will continue to be published is owing to how promptly and how liberally you support it.

Bates wrote that their experience had taught them that alumni were "too much absorbed in the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches to take any active part in our enterprise," that "the working members have given the SCROLL a hearty but disorganized support," that "it has been found practically impossible to make the magazine entirely *sub rosa*," and he concluded an account of editorial trials and vexations as follows:

And now a parting, it may be a last, word. One end of the SCROLL has been unrolled before you; we have tried to predict what the other may contain. We have not hesitated to darken its folds with censure when censure seemed to be needed; nor shall we in the future. Yet, in the main, the task has been most pleasant and congenial. Our best reward for all labor and anxiety is the feeling that though we may never meet and clasp hands with our little band of readers, a bond of sympathy has been established utterly independent of the weary miles that roll between.

The first volume of the SCROLL would be a credit to any fraternity, even at this date. It contained much valuable matter. Chapter reports were well pruned, and all articles had good literary finish. The typography was excellent, and the general appearance was very handsome—so much so that even after other volumes had appeared the first volume was much used for "spiking" purpose. The printers were Joseph B. Wells & Co., 41 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis.

#### VOLUME II., 1876.

In accordance with the announcements in the November number, the first number of the second volume appeared with Bates as the sole presiding genius of the editorial tripod. Norris continued as publisher. Volume II., in every respect, fell far short of the first volume. Owing to a lack of proper financial support, it was very much reduced in size, the March number containing thirty-two pages, the June number the same, and the September number only twenty. In the latter appeared the following piteous appeal:

Can our complacent subscribers watch the SCROLL getting thinner and thinner, like a sick calf in a snow-storm, and not remember that some of them owe us for two years' subscription, and most of them for one?

News and comment were thrown together under the heading "Editorial Free Lunch." The following "rattling" paragraphs were the first offered:

Walk right up, gentlemen, and help yourselves to any thing that suits your fancy. It's all free—to our patrons. Does n't cost you a cent, and is worth every cent it costs. That bologna is from Cat-alon-ia, and the cheese has a mite-y nice flavor. This hash has been manufactured expressly for your trade, and contains ingredients from every table in the city. Any gentleman finding a chromo in his soup will confer a favor by furnishing a written testimonial thereof for publication. We respectfully request that all complaints of the pabulum provided, or of inattention on the part of the waiters, be reported at the desk, and the plaintiff will be kicked out at once. . . . Well, the SCROLL is out again, making one of its "angelic visits," as a brother in the Bond had the kindness to denominate them. Perhaps he intended a sly allusion to their tardy coming; and if so, he will please "report at the desk," as above. The fact is, we have been waiting for the thews and sinews of war before beginning the campaign, but the three following numbers will be issued promptly on or about the first of June, September, and December.

In the editorial part of the June number the following appeared:

The convention will be asked to take some definite action in regard to the future of the SCROLL. The present board hardly feel willing to continue its publication longer than for the present year. Having developed the idea of the magazine, and established it on a firm footing, it would seem but simple justice to all parties concerned that they be allowed to retire and active members take their places. It undoubtedly requires some work to issue such a publication—work which active members have more time and interest for performing, and which, coming as it does within the scope of their literary training, might be made the means of much valuable culture. There is also another change which should be made. The publishers have assumed the pecuniary responsibility of the magazine so far, and any one who has had much experience with college publications will not need to be told that the work is far from light, and the excess of assets over liabilities at the end of the year is not enormous. A much more satisfactory arrangement, and one calculated to extend the field of its usefulness, would be for the Fraternity to subsidize the SCROLL and send it to all members. With its present size the cost of publication is quite moderate, and the undoubted benefit of such a magazine would seem sufficient inducement to expend the amount required. It is, therefore, requested that a new board of publication be appointed, and recommended that a change be made in the financial basis. As to the number to be appointed on such a board, the convention must decide for itself, only remembering that sad experience teaches that the amount and quality of work vary inversely with the number of workers.

At the convention in July a committee was appointed to devise means for the support of the SCROLL. The committee appointed, on motion of J. C. Norris, consisted of J. C. Norris, J. E. Eggert, and J. W. Wylie. Their report, as follows, was adopted:

First. We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a quarterly magazine, to be known as the SCROLL.

Second. That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an

annual tax of one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the first day of November, and to pay the same to the publisher of the SCROLL in quarterly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on January 1 of each year.

Third. At each convention of the Fraternity there shall be elected an editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers for the SCROLL, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Fourth. The publishers shall be required to expend the whole amount of the tax in the publication of the SCROLL, and at the end of each quarter they shall be required to make a full report of the cost to the Grand Banker.

Fifth. Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of the SCROLL without further expense.

Sixth. Each chapter shall elect a sub-editor, whose duty it shall be, (a) to make a full report of the condition and standing of his chapter for each issue of the SCROLL; (b) to solicit and forward to the editor-in-chief literary articles, discussions of questions of interest to the Fraternity, and any items he may think of interest to the Fraternity; (c) he shall be required to send to the publishers the number of active members in his chapter, and shall notify them of every new addition.

Seventh. The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from alumni members, and advertisements, to compensate them for their labor.

Bates and Norris were nominated respectively for editor and publisher; but both declining, M. F. Parrish was elected editor, and J. B. Pomeroy publisher. The plan of making subscriptions to the Fraternity journal compulsory on attendant members thus originated with Phi Delta Theta, and most other fraternities have found it wisdom to adopt the same plan. However, after the September number, the SCROLL appeared no more for two years. Undoubtedly the Fraternity lost much from this long lapse. Bates and Norris had done their duty, though they had not received the support they deserved. They merit the gratitude of the whole Fraternity. Volume II., except in size, was, typographically considered, about as handsome as Volume I. It was printed by Baker, Schmidlap & Co., 33 and 35 S. Illinois street, Indianapolis.

#### VOLUME III., 1878-9.

At the convention held in May, 1879, a committee on SCROLL, appointed on motion of G. W. Cone, and consisting of G. W. Cone, W. M. Evans, and J. C. Norris, made the following report, which, presumably, though not so stated in the minutes, was adopted:

First. We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a *sub rosa* newspaper during the nine school months, which shall be called the SCROLL.

Second. That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an annual tax of one dollar per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the 10th of September, and to pay the necessary part of the same to the publishers of the SCROLL in monthly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on the 10th of September of each year.

Third. At each convention of the Fraternity there shall be elected an

editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers of the SCROLL, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

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Sixth. The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from alumni members, and advertisements, to compensate them for their labor.

Seventh. In each issue shall be a list of officers and trustees of the Fraternity, and the corresponding secretary of each chapter.

On recommendation of the committee, M. F. Parrish was elected editor, and George Banta business manager. In September the first number of the revived SCROLL came out as a small eight-page newspaper, three columns to the page. Under the principal title appears for the first time the words "*sub rosa*." Under the title of the editorial page is the explanation, "A monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity." From this time the directory of general officers and chapters was a regular feature. The first three numbers were printed at Franklin, Ind., and it cannot be said that typographically, especially as regards the quality of paper, they were superior. Commencing with the December number, the place of publication was changed to Gettysburg, Pa., and M. F. Troxell became business manager, vice George Banta resigned. J. E. Wible was the printer, and he succeeded in making a handsome paper. The Fraternity was much pleased with the successful management of the SCROLL, and many expressions of approval were bestowed upon it. All of the departments were well sustained. The principal subjects discussed during the year were extension, catalogue, and abolition of the permanent fund. In May was published for the first time the minutes of the convention of 1856. Nine numbers were issued during the year. It was proved that, with good management, the Fraternity could successfully maintain a journal, and a monthly at that. The revival of the SCROLL had a marked effect upon the Fraternity. Weak chapters were inspired with fresh ardor, new chapters were founded, and the general interchange of ideas encouraged many enterprises which resulted in Phi Delta Theta's material welfare.

#### VOLUME IV., 1879-80.

This volume was published at the same place, in the same form, and by the same management as the last six numbers of Volume III. It was, of course, therefore, no less successful. The economical management is shown by the statement in the

October number that the cost of printing and mailing was less than \$25 per issue. Nearly four hundred copies were sent out at that time. As in the last volume, the chief topics of discussion were extension, catalogue, and permanent fund. The articles on extension directed attention to desirable institutions to enter, and they undoubtedly had a telling effect in shaping the policy of the Fraternity. Abstracts of the minutes of several old conventions were published during the year.

The *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL was a source of much disquietude to some of its contemporaries. For reasons satisfactory to Phi Delta Theta, it was *sub rosa*; and what right others had to complain of its policy is not obvious. It had never exchanged with other journals, or received subscriptions from any persons but Phis. Its contents were intended for the benefit of Phis only, but other journals managed, by some means, to procure it, and they had no regard for its private nature. In the June number the following comment was made by C. L. Goodwin upon the subject of journalistic morality:

Do not some of the fraternity journals, in finding fault with the SCROLL for speaking in detrimental terms of the action of some rival, compromise their honor a trifle? They must forget that the SCROLL is published by Phi Delta Theta for Phi Delta Theta; and "*sub rosa*," a warning that in the days of chivalry would have kept the pages of our organ unsullied by the touch of profane hands, is prominently displayed on every issue. Alas that those days are folded with the past!

The SCROLL is as sacred as a personal letter. In such a letter would not the rival who especially delights in saying unkind things of the SCROLL on this score state its opinion candidly of some move or project of a rival? Most certainly! They surely discuss fraternity matters among themselves, and just so surely they have the prerogative to do so and the right to their opinions. Have they not the charity to give the same liberty and freedom of thought to Phi Delta Theta? We do not publish our opinions to the world any more than they; and if, by unfair means, they learn our opinions, to discuss them openly requires, to say the least, an inordinate amount of pure cheek.

This is written in the most charitable spirit. Phi Delta Theta has malice for none, and, personally, I have many noble friends who are members of rival fraternities of whom I would not speak unkindly. If our paper were published to the world, perhaps other fraternities would have a right to complain if we express our opinions too freely, but the SCROLL is simply a means of communication between the members of our Order. The seal of *sub rosa* is placed upon it, and a true standard of honor will allow no outside hand to break it. When, however, it is broken, the act applauded, and the contents of the SCROLL discussed openly, then honor has sunk so low that we dislike to notice the matter even as briefly as we have. Soon we shall have to cover with seals a personal letter, and write thereon, in plainest characters, "*Procul, O procul este, profani!*"

The SCROLL continued to please the Fraternity, and was the recipient of much praise. One admirer, G. W. Cone, expressed his adulation in poetic form in the June issue as follows:

## THE SCROLL.

We've chanted the praises of loved white and blue,  
Of dear sword and shield of Phis brave and true,  
The Bond and our sweethearts: but never a soul  
Was inspired by the Muses to sing of the SCROLL!

And so please allow me, a singer uncouth,  
To sing of our organ, the organ of truth,  
That, Samaritan-like, lives to cheer, to console  
The knights of Phi Delta, our own cherished SCROLL.

The *life* of our Order, its counsel and guide,  
Its kind elder brother, a friend true and tried!  
Mind its precepts, my brother; it points to the goal  
Where are love, joy, and peace! Let us prize, then, the SCROLL.

It will build up and strengthen, and spread far the name,  
And give to our Order a national fame;  
'T will remain stanch and steadfast while years o'er us roll:  
Then support and sustain it, our treasure, the SCROLL.

In the editorial column of the April number were made the following practical and valuable suggestions with regard to the SCROLL:

Without presuming to dictate the future policy of the Fraternity, we venture a few suggestions which seem, in the light of our experience, to be practical and sensible. We think, in the first place, that the present provision for SCROLL management is a mistake. One man, both editor and business manager—or, if two, both situated in the same town—would have much better facilities for performing the work, and the whole machinery would doubtless run smoother. The present method is necessarily heavy, and conduces to delay, as all matter must be sent to the editor, and then to the business manager. Many secretaries, however, habitually, and others in their haste at the last moment, send their reports directly to the business manager (although distinctly requested to send them to the editor), and thus deprive the editor of the very matter he needs in preparing his editorial page. . . . The editor should be centrally located. He should be a wide-awake, thorough-going newspaper man, one who has had experience with the quill, and who appreciates the wants of the Fraternity, and withal a man of nerve and independence to stand by the right and fight against the wrong, and to pursue the even tenor of his way, regardless of the many whimpering objections and impractical suggestions which will constantly come to his ears. He should at the same time be a mild and patient man, whose influence would tend to heal all wounds, cement all fractures, harmonize all discordant elements, and unify and strengthen the whole Fraternity.

It will be seen that these suggestions were adopted at the next convention.

## VOLUME V., 1880-1.

Number 1 of Volume V. was published in the same form as the last volume, but it had a convention supplement containing articles proposing legislation for the coming convention. One of these articles advocated a semi-monthly SCROLL. The number contained a highly interesting letter from Alston Ellis concerning



Phi Delta Theta at Miami during the period from its establishment there in 1865 to the suspension of the university in 1873. At the convention in October the committee on SCROLL, composed of M. F. Troxell, C. L. Goodwin, and W. B. Sullivan, recommended the following changes:

1. That the words "*sub rosa*" be removed from the title-page—this not to affect the secret nature of the journal, which shall be as heretofore.

2. That the form be changed to that of a magazine of about twenty-four pages, with title-cover: *provided*, that the cost of issuing shall not exceed the amount of SCROLL assessments and alumni subscriptions per annum.

A motion to table the report until the settlement of the financial policy was carried. The minutes do not show that the report was ever adopted, but the constitution, then introduced by W. B. Palmer, and adopted, contains the following article relating to the SCROLL:

#### ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. A journal to be called the SCROLL, and devoted entirely to articles and news concerning the Fraternity, shall be published monthly during nine collegiate months of the year, and its circulation shall be confined to members of the Fraternity.

SEC. 2. Each National Convention shall elect an editor for the SCROLL, and the editor shall choose an assistant, and they shall perform the editorial work and attend to the publishing and mailing.

SEC. 3. The price of the SCROLL shall be one dollar a volume, and every attendant member shall be furnished with it and be required to pay for it.

SEC. 4. All money received from subscriptions to the SCROLL shall be expended in payment of the expenses connected with its publication; but the editor shall have the benefit of all advertisements. Each month the editor shall send to the treasurer of the General Council a statement of all the expenses connected with issuing the SCROLL, and give an account of all money received from subscriptions of correspondent members. The treasurer of the General Council shall pay to the editor, in monthly payments, in advance, the necessary part of the money he has received as SCROLL dues from the chapters, the first payment of each collegiate year to be made on the tenth day of September.

The same constitution has the two following sections in an article on dues:

#### ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. The reporter of each chapter, on the opening of each collegiate year, shall forward to the treasurer of the General Council one dollar for each attendant member of the chapter in payment for the SCROLL.

SEC. 2. On the initiation of a member in any chapter, the reporter shall forward his name, class, address, the date of his initiation, and one dollar to the treasurer of the General Council. The part of the amount proportional to the length of the remaining part of the collegiate year, after the initiation, shall be used in the publication of the SCROLL, and the member shall be entitled to the SCROLL for the remainder of the collegiate year. The remainder of the amount shall be applied to the other general expenses of the Fraternity.

On motion, it was ordered that

Any member who shall furnish the SCROLL to a member of another

Fraternity, or who shall carelessly leave it where it shall fall into the hands of a member of any other fraternity, shall be considered as having violated the Bond, and he shall be brought before his chapter for the same; but the SCROLL may be used in soliciting persons to become members.

M. F. Troxell was elected editor. On motion, it was ordered that the SCROLL be sent free for life to the surviving founders of the Fraternity, as a mark of esteem and gratitude. H. H. Weber was chosen as assistant editor, and the SCROLL continued to be printed at the same place. The form was changed to that of a magazine, two columns to the page. The cover was printed in blue on white paper; though in December it seems that the white paper gave out, and yellow was substituted. On the cover appeared, "The SCROLL: (*cut of arms*) Published by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," with the names of the editor and assistant, etc. Under the title, on the first page, were the Greek words, "Πρόθυμος ἐν Φι Δέλτα Θῆτα." The inscription "*sub rosa*" had disappeared, though the SCROLL was considered to be still of a *sub rosa* character.

The contents of the volume were varied and interesting. An idea of their scope may be had by reference to the "Table of Contents," in another part of this number. Of course it is impossible even to mention in this place all the meritorious contributions and editorial articles; and this remark applies as well to the other volumes as to this.

#### VOLUME VI., 1881-2.

The management of the SCROLL continued unchanged during this volume. Its established excellent standard was maintained. Among many articles of note, most conspicuous and valuable were a series of historical sketches by Robert Morrison and some reminiscences of chapter life by D. D. Banta. The following important announcement was made in the February number:

The SCROLL finally yields to the exchange system common to all fraternity journals, and will endeavor to deal honorably and fairly with all. We have hitherto doubted the expediency of exchanging on the one hand, and on the other have not done so because the SCROLL is devoted to the interests of Phi Delta Theta, and to absolutely nothing else. And this latter ought to be the case with each Greek paper with respect to its fraternity. Facts being as they are, it is unfair and unjust to ourselves not to exchange. The SCROLL has been the subject of a good deal of ungentlemanly, as well as undignified, comment in the past on account of its strictly family nature and straight line of comment. We aim to get at the truth always, and shall always be glad to tell the truth concerning others. We trust the feeling will be reciprocal.

Which was followed in March by the additional statement:

It seems necessary to explain further with regard to exchanging the SCROLL with the journals of other fraternities. We have been asked from several directions if this invalidated the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.



Most certainly not. Our monthly is no more to be shown to outside parties now than it ever was. The exchange is made not with the whole fraternity world in the exchange system, but with the editor or editors of the different Greek journals. It is altogether an affair of honor with the editors, and no unfair use is to be made of any of the journals; such being the agreement accepted by all who have consented to exchange with us, with the added stipulation that no purely private fraternity business be copied by another journal.

As intimated a month ago, the SCROLL has yielded to the exchange system more to prevent ungentlemanly fraud, and to conduce to fairness all around, than from any strong belief in the expediency of the custom. It is certain that at least two journals have been using the SCROLL for some time—viz., . . . How these journals procured it we do not know. Whether honorably or dishonorably, the matter may be decided by each one for himself. . . . Well, to be brief, the General Council, months ago, authorized the editor of the SCROLL to exchange or not as his judgment might dictate. The matter has not been decided hastily, and we trust it has been decided at last for the best. But the exchange with the editors of other journals does not make the SCROLL any the less secret as to the outside world.

In April appeared the following acknowledgment:

Our journal has been courteously and generously received by the other fraternity organs with which we exchange—this, too, notwithstanding the by no means enviable reputation which the SCROLL has enjoyed for several years because it did not yield to the system; and notwithstanding, too, the fact that the sympathy usually extended to a fledgeling journal as a new venture could not be given us because of our age. We beg to acknowledge with gratitude the kindly reception which has been accorded us by one and all of the Greek journals.

In May the editor came out vigorously against the "Pan-Hellenic Council," a scheme which had been proposed by the *Beta Theta Pi*.

VOLUME VII., 1882-3.

In the October number Troxell published his valedictory. During the time of his connection with the SCROLL its circulation, he said, had doubled. At the convention in October the committee on SCROLL, consisting of T. H. Simmons, R. F. Jackson, and M. W. Hutto, made the following report:

We recommend, first, a more suitable cover, such as the taste and judgment of the editor shall suggest. Second, that the number of pages be enlarged from twenty-four to thirty-two. We believe that the present interests of the Fraternity demand this enlargement. The present size does not admit of the reports of the different chapters being printed at all in many cases, and in others they have to be cut down. The cost of the proposed enlargement would be about one-fourth more than the present cost. This additional amount we believe can be raised without increasing the SCROLL tax. The Phi Delta Theta is the only Fraternity which requires its attendant members to take its paper. Hence, with this requirement and our increasing membership, we think the receipts for subscriptions will be ample for all expenses of said enlargement and improvement. Third, that the SCROLL be issued promptly between the first and tenth days of each month, excepting the months of July, August, and

September. Fourth, that each chapter keep a file of the SCROLL, and have the same bound for future reference.

The following addendum to the committee's report was submitted:

T. H. Simmons, of the committee, recommends that the obligatory *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL be removed, but that it still be considered a private journal, and that it be exchanged with other fraternity papers, for the following reasons: It is better not to publish secret matter than to have the same made public when published. Since the SCROLL is distributed so widely, it is bound to fall into the hands of many careless Phis. It is not often that we have secret matters to communicate, and in important cases it could be done by circulars. This change would necessitate a little more care on the part of the chapter Reporters and the editor. We should exchange with fraternity papers for the information we would derive from them; but it is inconsistent to send our *sub rosa* papers to the head-quarters of information of other fraternities. We cannot keep it strictly *sub rosa*, and, therefore, had better not pretend to. *Sub rosa* chapters, by omitting to mention in their reports the places of their location and the names of their members, can escape inconvenience from the change. M. W. Hutto concurs in this, that a *sub rosa* paper should not be exchanged, but opposes the removal of the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.

The minutes say:

The majority report was adopted; and while the paper is not to be marked "*sub rosa*," the editor was directed to take such precautionary measures as he may think necessary to keep the magazine from falling into alien hands.

On recommendation of the committee, G. B. Thomas was elected editor. On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the printing establishment at Maysville, Ky., of which G. B. Thomas is manager, shall be called the "Phi Delta Theta Publishing House," and that the official printing of the Fraternity be done there, and that all chapters and members be urged to give it the benefit of their patronage.

The following resolution, which, less the compulsory feature, was originated by J. M. Barrs, was introduced by H. C. Carney:

*Resolved*, That each member of the Fraternity, at the expiration of his attendant membership, either by graduation or otherwise, shall pay into the treasury \$5, which shall entitle him to a life subscription to the SCROLL.

This matter coming up on the last afternoon of the convention, it was thought unadvisable to act upon it without more consideration, and it was referred to the committee on constitution, to report at the next convention.

In November the SCROLL came out from the "Press of the Phi Delta Theta Publishing House, Maysville, Ky." Otherwise the title-page was similar to what it had been before. On the inside, however, the Greek inscription was taken down. The volume presents fair press-work and paper, but evidently the

proof-reading was not done by a professional. The cover was printed in blue ink on yellow paper, and in one instance on red, neither of which combinations made the Fraternity colors, if that was the object.

The foregoing statement of the action of the convention in regard to keeping the SCROLL *sub rosa*, quoted from the minutes, does not exactly represent the true action of the convention on the subject, as the secretary was not accurate in keeping the record; but the effect of the action was to prohibit exchanges with other journals. This caused much dissatisfaction inside the Fraternity. The chapter at Indiana University petitioned the General Council to submit the question of reconsideration to the vote of the various chapters. The petition was published in the December number, and also an extended and conclusive editorial favoring a reconsideration, which closed with this announcement: "The General Council have directed us to state that they desire all the chapters to take this question under consideration, and give a free expression of their opinion in next issue." No authority whatever was contained in the constitution for the repeal of an act of a convention except by a subsequent convention. The constitution had no "general welfare" clause which might be construed to allow any thing. The question of reconsideration was put to the vote of the chapters, and the constitution overridden. However, except as to setting a bad precedent, it was wisely done. In the January-February number the editor wrote:

As each report came in we scanned it closely to ascertain what was the desire of the majority of units which compose the grand total of Phi Delta Theta, as to the advisability of again placing the SCROLL on the exchange list with other fraternity journals.

They are nearly all in at the present writing, and, although some chapters have not given their views, the greater number have spoken emphatically in favor of it, and there is only one dissenting vote.

We do not wish to be understood as posing as an amateur prophet, but must say that we foresaw the ultimate result of the action of the convention in this matter; and before the convention adjourned we had determined to exert our humble efforts to the utmost to again enter the friendly circle of exchange as soon as possible.

Thanks to the energy and good sense of Indiana Alpha, our object *in prospectu* was accomplished sooner than we expected, and without any effort on our part; so we are again happy.

This finally settled the question of exchange. The constitution suffered another slight and, perhaps, harmless shock. It allowed the appointment of only one assistant editor. In the January-February number the editor said that he could not make the SCROLL what it ought to be without more assistants, and he petitioned the General Council to allow him to appoint more. In March he gave a list of half a dozen assistants, and in an editorial note said that the General Council had notified him

that their appointment would be confirmed. Before Thomas was much older, however, he doubtless learned that assistant editors on a fraternity journal do not amount to much. The more there are, the less probability that they will render any assistance.

It is hard to understand why Thomas considered that he needed help when he was such a prolific writer himself. Never before had the editorial department been so full, or embraced such a variety of subjects, or (it may be truly said) reached such a high standard of excellence. Never before had the exchange department been so extended and so witty. Thomas and the *D. K. E. Quarterly* established a mutual admiration society, though between themselves they had several spirited discussions. While he never descended to coarse expression, he seized upon the conceits of the fraternity press, and with powerful sarcasm exhibited them in their most ridiculous forms. In April he had a cutting article on the *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon, whose editors he styled "journalistic lapidaries," and which had "a playful little way" of ignoring the existence of all fraternities except two—Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. In the May-June issue was a terrific comment on the *Chi Phi Quarterly* and the action of Chi Phi's representatives in the meeting of fraternity editors in Philadelphia. It began: "The high and mighty, great and only original 'I AM' comes to us in the person of the April number of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*." This was followed by a most scathing review. Nothing finer in the way of caustic criticism than these two pieces ever appeared in a fraternity journal; but Thomas was general in his attentions, and paid his compliments to all of his editorial friends.

The above reference to the meeting of fraternity editors requires an explanation. A year or two before, a Pan-Hellenic Council had been proposed in the *Beta Theta Pi*. The scheme was much discussed by all of the fraternity organs, but no practical suggestions were offered as to the meeting or the scope of its jurisdiction. Then the *Chi Phi Quarterly* suggested a meeting of fraternity editors, whereupon the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* sent to the other editors a communication submitting a plan for a meeting of editors of fraternity journals on February 22, 1883, at New York, Philadelphia, or Washington, as the majority should determine. It was stated that the object of the meeting was primarily to adopt ways and means for the advancement of fraternity journalism; and secondly, to take some definite action in regard to the meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council, or the Pan-Hellenic Conference, as it was subsequently called. On February 22 representatives of ten fraternity papers met in Philadelphia, and formed the "Inter-Fraternity Press Association." Thomas was chosen as one of the two secretaries. The meeting included a number of members of different fraternities

not associated with journals. It was decided that there should be a Pan-Hellenic Conference in New York, July 4, 1884, provided that ten fraternities would signify their intention to participate by January 1, 1884. The objects were stated, and a programme suggested. Thomas was a member of the committee of six which reported the plan. However, the Pan-Hellenic Conference never materialized, and the Inter-Fraternity Press Association has not come together again.

Although Thomas took up much room for editorial and exchanges, he always had room for chapter letters, and, in fact, always published a great many. In the editorial department of the January-February number this paragraph is found:

We started out with the intention of having this issue contain reports from every chapter in the Fraternity; so about two weeks ago, on account of the rapid manner in which reports failed to come in, we laid aside our editorial dignity, and rushing into the composing-room seized a printer's stick and put in type the "Important Notice" that about half of our chapters received. In most cases it had the desired effect, and we have received, so far, forty-four reports. We hope the others will be in before we put our chapter correspondence forms to press.

The success of this extraordinary attempt was announced as follows at the close of the number:

The SCROLL, for the first time, contains reports from *every chapter in the Fraternity*, but it required hard work to get them. As we had started out with the determination of having communications from each chapter in this issue, we did not entertain for a moment the idea of a failure. Some chapters had to be importuned two, and even three, times before they could be induced to report; and, in some cases, letters had no effect, so we resorted to the Western Union, and our "Special Telegrams" is the result. . . . This issue contains reports from *forty-three* active and *nine* alumni chapters, making a total of *fifty-two*: a larger number, by two, than any other fraternity possesses.

This unexampled feat created amazement throughout the world of fraternity journalism. In March the *Beta Theta Pi* was moved to remark:

The January-February SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta is a magazine of forty-six pages, remarkable for excellent typography, and for the additional extraordinary fact that it contains a letter (or, in two instances, a telegram) from each of forty-four active and nine alumni chapters, making a total of fifty-three chapter letters. If the effort does not kill some of those chapters, the Phi Delta Theta is tougher than most other orders. We will go a supper that friend Thomas does n't live long enough to repeat the exploit.

In April Thomas notified the *Beta* editor that he would lose the supper, as the same thing would be repeated in the next issue of the SCROLL. The editorial department contained the following observation:

The *Beta Theta Pi*, in venturing the prediction that it will be long before another number of the SCROLL will contain a letter from every chapter in our Fraternity, forgets that what has been accomplished once can be

done again, and also that the SCROLL stands preëminent as regards the number of chapter letters which it publishes. For several years each number contained from twenty to thirty-five reports, or about three times as many as are given by any other monthly fraternity paper. Our chapters like for the Fraternity at large to know what they are doing, and as a result of publishing so many letters the standing of the Fraternity in every section of the country is very accurately known at all times to all readers of our journal.

Sure enough, the May-June SCROLL came out calling attention to the fact that

This number of the SCROLL is the most valuable one ever issued, from the fact that it contains reports from every chapter in the Fraternity, the majority of which contain a great deal of interesting historical data. A careful perusal of these reports will give a better idea of the history and present general standing of our Fraternity than could be acquired by several years of investigation without the aid of them.

Several new features were introduced in this volume. A list of fraternities represented in colleges where Phi Delta Theta was established, and a list of the times and places of meeting of the different fraternity conventions, began in the January-February number. A calendar showing chapter anniversaries and other important days began in March. These were prepared by W. B. Palmer. In March a wood-cut of Hon. J. W. Foster was given as a frontispiece, which was the first time a portrait was printed in the SCROLL. Senator Harrison's picture was given in the May-June number. Sample pages of the forth-coming catalogue were included in the March issue. In March it was stated that the circulation of the SCROLL was seven hundred and twenty-one, "probably a larger number than is issued by any other fraternity journal." Of that number six hundred and fourteen went to attendant members, ten to exchanges, eighty-four to correspondent members, and thirteen "D. H." The May-June issue contained eighty-five pages, and as a large part of it was set in nonpareil, it has more matter than any single number of any fraternity journal published before or since. The volume as a whole is a very valuable one; and Thomas, in some respects, certainly was a picturesque editor.

#### VOLUME VIII., 1883-4.

Thomas resigning, W. B. Palmer was chosen editor by the General Council. The place of publication was changed to Nashville, Tenn., and the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House did the printing. In the first number the editor stated that his assistants had been selected from Nashville, as he was convinced that the plan would be better than having them distributed around the country. The following announcement was made:

The SCROLL has gone back to its original size. Over eight years ago—it will be nine years next January—the SCROLL first made its appearance in the world. It was issued as a quarterly, with forty-eight pages in each



number. The typographical execution was first-class. We are convinced now that the initial number of the SCROLL was a good model, and that the size which it had makes a handsomer magazine than any other we could adopt. The SCROLL will now be much more convenient for binding, and will make a much more dignified-looking volume when bound.

Old-style type and uncalendered paper were used. The cover bore the words "The SCROLL. Devoted to the interests of Phi Delta Theta. Published by the Fraternity." In the number for March-April the SCROLL, for the first time, wore an engraved cover. The design is a large scroll, having across it, in two lines, the words "The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta;" above, the triangular banner, bearing the title-letters and year of the Fraternity's birth; beneath, a blazing altar, having a wreath on its side; beneath the whole, an elongated scroll carrying the words "Published by the Fraternity." The design was made by the editor and executed by Dreka. The cost of engraving was met by contributions from the various chapters, collected by S. P. Gilbert. So far as known the design was approved by the Fraternity. The only unfavorable criticism from outside was that of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, which averred that the scroll was dangerously near the flame. To this criticism, however, it has been replied that the scroll is protected by "Phi Delta Theta" running across its lower edge.

Chapter letters continued to be a prominent feature. The following explanation appeared in November:

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

In the January-February number the boasted leadership of the SCROLL, in the matter of publishing letters from chapters, was demonstrated by a statistical table included in an editorial article, from which the following extracts are taken:

There is one department of our journal which does reflect much credit on Phi Delta Theta. We refer to the chapter correspondence. The SCROLL has long been noted for this excellent feature. Other fraternity journals have frequently expressed surprise at the number of chapter letters which it has published in each monthly issue. Last year the SCROLL published in one issue a letter from every active chapter; and the feat was repeated later. This was not very hard to do in Phi Delta Theta, but perhaps could not have been accomplished by any other monthly fraternity journal. The other editors were very much astonished. Mainly to amuse ourselves, and to see how far the facts substantiated this distinction of the SCROLL, we have compiled a comparative table showing the number of chapter letters published by each of the fraternity journals during the fall term of 1883-4. . . . This exhibit is very gratifying to us, and we feel proud of our chapter reporters. It will be seen that during the four months the SCROLL published considerably over twice as many letters as any two other journals; also that during that time every chapter in Phi Delta

Theta was heard from, which was not the case in any other fraternity. This result was brought about not by any special exertion on our part. Other journals, it seems, find it very difficult to get communications. The ——— has made several requests of its chapters, naming some in particular, from which it desired letters, and has expressed disappointment at not receiving responses. The ——— has been calling loudly for contributions, and complaining that the editor has to do all the writing. This sounds very strange to the editor of the SCROLL, who has a portfolio overflowing with contributions he cannot publish, and who has to cut down every chapter letter to the shortest limit in order to publish the gist of all he receives. Our chapter letters are of great value to the body of the Fraternity in furnishing accurate and frequent reports of the condition of every chapter. . . . This comparative showing, we think, is conclusive in proving the statement we have before ventured to make: that in intelligence of its actual condition, and in activity and enthusiasm of its chapters, Phi Delta Theta stands above all of its rivals.

The comments of the other journals on this showing would have been entertaining, but they did not comment. Perhaps, as they could not gainsay the accuracy of the statistics, they deemed it policy not to notice them.

Among the contributions published in this volume the most excellent were two by the brothers, J. M. Goodwin and C. L. Goodwin. In the January-February number the former had an article on "Fraternity Combinations," which attracted general attention. In the March-April number the latter had an article called "An Unanswered Question," describing the reveries of an alumnus over his experiences in the Fraternity. It was more widely copied in the fraternity press than any article that has ever appeared. A wood-cut of Senator Blackburn was given in the number for March-April. Lists of fraternity chapters, fraternity conventions, and fraternity journals were furnished again, as in the last volume. These articles, while calculated to increase fraternity intelligence—a very desirable end—took up too much space to warrant their publication every month. They appeared in the March-April number for the last time. On account of financial reasons two double numbers had to be issued, and only six numbers in all were published during the year. In the January-February number a table of contents was given for the first time since Volume II., which feature has continued through later volumes. At the end of the volume a list of titles and subjects was published for the first time since the SCROLL was established.

#### VOLUME IX., 1884-5.

At the suggestion of W. B. Palmer, the place of publication of the SCROLL was changed to New York. Desiring to be relieved of the duties of editor, he corresponded with members in several cities, but New York seemed to be the most suitable place. The General Council approved of the arrangement by which he should remain nominally editor until the convention. J. M.



Mayer and J. B. Shaw were selected as assistants, the principal duties falling upon the former. Robert Morrison wrote: "If our Order is ready for it, I think New York is the best place on the continent for the publication of our literature."\*

The form was left unchanged. The printing of the cover was much improved, brighter and smoother paper being used, together with more suitable ink. The publication was from the house of Vanden, Houten & Co., 47 and 49 Liberty street, New York. Since then no typographical change has been made. At the convention in October the following article on the SCROLL was, on motion of W. B. Palmer, adopted to supersede the article on SCROLL in the constitution adopted by the convention of 1880.

#### ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. A journal to be called the SCROLL, and devoted entirely to articles and news concerning the Fraternity, shall be published monthly during nine collegiate months of the year.

SEC. 2. The National Convention shall elect biennially a managing editor and a business manager of the SCROLL, who shall choose the remainder of the staff, consisting of not more than two associate editors and two assistant business managers.

SEC. 3. The price of the SCROLL shall be one dollar a year, but it shall be furnished to correspondent members ten years for five dollars. At the end of each collegiate year the amount received from those who have paid five dollars for ten years shall be invested by the business manager as the General Council shall approve, and only the interest and one-tenth part of the principal shall be expended each year.

SEC. 4. All money collected from subscriptions for the SCROLL shall be expended in payment of the expenses connected with its publication; but the managing editor and business manager shall have the equal benefit of all advertisements.

On motion of W. B. Palmer, the following sections were adopted, to supersede the correspondingly numbered sections of the article on dues in the 1880 constitution:

#### ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. The reporter of each chapter, on the opening of each collegiate year, shall forward to the business manager one dollar for each attendant member of the chapter, in payment for the SCROLL.

SEC. 2. On the initiation of any member in any chapter, the reporter shall forward one dollar to the business manager, which shall entitle the member to the SCROLL for the remaining part of the collegiate year.

The effects of these new constitutional enactments were:

1. The clause restricting the circulation to members of the Fraternity was repealed. This was demanded by the sentiment of the whole Fraternity.

2. Providing in the constitution for a business manager as well as an editor. Experience had shown the duties of both positions to be too great for one person.

3. Allowing alumni to subscribe ten years for five dollars. It had been originally suggested by J. M. Barrs, in private cor-

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\* Robert Morrison to W. B. Palmer, July 24, 1884: SCROLL, Oct., 1884.

respondence, previous to the convention of 1882, that upon payment of five dollars an alumnus be furnished the SCROLL for ten years or for life. At the 1882 convention H. C. Carney introduced a resolution requiring each member, upon leaving college, to pay five dollars, which would entitle him to the SCROLL for life. The matter was deferred until 1884, and Section 3 of Article VII. shows how it was acted upon. The provision that only one-tenth of the principal should be used yearly was suggested by W. B. Palmer.

4. Persons initiated after the opening of the college year should each pay one dollar, all of which should go to the SCROLL, and not part into the general fund.

5. All money collected for the SCROLL was ordered to be forwarded to the business manager direct, instead of being sent to the treasurer of the General Council, and by him to the business manager. This plan, suggested by W. R. Manier, business manager of Volume VIII., avoids much inconvenience in keeping accounts with chapters.

J. M. Mayer was elected editor and E. H. L. Randolph business manager. In the January number a new policy was thus announced :

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 fullness of this department. But the editors long for words with which to express their thanks and admiration for the active coöperation 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.

But this radical change was not popular, as indicated by the following paragraph in the February number :

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.

In the April number the editor comes out in a card, from which the following is taken :

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. . . . The SCROLL is the largest monthly journal published by a fraternity ; and yet if all chapter letters are pub-

lished in full every month, the space remaining for articles of interest, outside of chapter correspondence, is comparatively small. . . . 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.'

A great deal of valuable matter was published in this volume. Among the most meritorious articles are: "The Ides of November," by Emmett Tompkins, in the October number; "The Art of Spiking," by J. M. Goodwin, in the April number; "That Chapter" and "The Absent Member," both unsigned, but written by the editor—the former appearing in January and the latter in April. In March a wood-cut of Postmaster-general Vilas was printed. The volume contains 426 pages, besides a thirty-two-page supplement and an eight-page list of titles and subjects. One peculiarity is the brevity of editorial articles. Few of them exceed the length of paragraphs.

#### VOLUME X., 1885-6.

As the management, form, and policy of the SCROLL remained unchanged, there is but little to record about Volume X. Though not complete in all its departments, it maintained a uniform excellence. Several of the contributions are exceedingly valuable. In October appeared the resurrected minutes of "The First Convention" (1851), annotated by W. B. Palmer. The November, December, and January numbers contained articles by Robert Morrison on "The Crisis of 1851." This true account of a serious trouble that arose in Ohio Alpha in its early years is worth much to the Fraternity. Two very notable articles from the pen of J. E. Brown were published. One, "Colleges and Fraternities in Ohio," appeared in November; the other, "The Miami Triad in Extension," in February. These articles evinced thorough information and keen comparison, and though Phi Delta Theta was naturally made conspicuous, they were so free from prejudice and bias that they attracted much favorable outside comment.

A list of titles and subjects accompanies the last number of the volume. Of this number twelve hundred copies are printed, which is now about the average circulation of the SCROLL. By special arrangement, this number is prepared by W. B. Palmer, and is printed at the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

## CONCLUSION.

A few suggestions, perhaps, are in order, by way of conclusion. It has always been regretted that the SCROLL has not had a larger circulation among alumni. Some improvement must be made, as it is vitally important that the active interest of members be retained after graduation; and there is hardly any way of accomplishing this without making them readers of the SCROLL. But experience has shown that, if left alone, no great proportion of them will subscribe. The only practicable way of getting them to subscribe is to require them, before leaving college, to pay five dollars for ten years. Perhaps such a rule could not be enforced in all cases, but a great many would pay from a sense of duty, if for no other reason; and thus would be built up a large alumni list, the benefits of which would be seen in innumerable ways.

While New York is not the only suitable place of publication, it is, perhaps, for several reasons, the best place. At any rate, it is necessary that the publishing be done in a large city, in order that good printing facilities may be obtained; and certainly it is greatly to be desired that the place of publication hereafter be more permanent than it has been heretofore. The SCROLL should have a home, and should not be moved about.

Upon the present plan of the convention electing an editor and a business manager biennially, the following is offered as an improvement: The convention to elect a board of publication of five alumni, all residents of New York (assuming that that city will remain the place of publication), to whose care the management of the SCROLL is committed. The editor and business manager to be elected by the board, but nothing to prevent a member of the board from filling either of those positions. The board to have power to fill vacancies in the staff and to remove for incompetency or neglect. All acts of the board to be valid unless vetoed by the General Council.

The advantages of this arrangement are that such a board could make better selections, because of better acquaintance, than can the convention. Unless the delegates from the city where the SCROLL is published are chosen for editor and business manager (and they may be wholly unsuitable, or may decline to serve), the convention is compelled to select members for those positions whom most of the delegates have never even seen. But it is easy to learn who are the five most zealous Philis in any city, and in their hands the SCROLL might be safely intrusted. They would select a staff known to each of them personally. If they should make a mistake in their choice, and get an incompetent editor or business manager, or one who would wear out after the first year, they could make it known to him that his resignation would be acceptable. Then a successor could be chosen, and the interests of the SCROLL would not be allowed to suffer. These suggestions are left to the convention.

## II. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

As the SCROLL has been somewhat intermittent, collectors of volumes for binding may be in doubt as to what numbers are necessary to make their lists complete. Following is a list of every number that has been published, and it can be relied upon as correct. In a few cases the titles of articles have been slightly changed to make them more intelligible, and in some instances the order of articles has been changed to make the arrangement of the several departments appear right. As there has been much mutation in the names of chapters, the names of the colleges are used instead, under chapter correspondence.

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